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Principal Report

Term 1 2025
Week 4

CHANGE OF DATE

Parent Evening Tuesday 25th March 7.00pm

Due to a change of date for the Board meeting we have had to alter the date for our Parent Evening to the 25th March. This evening is to update everyone on the New Curriculum, the new structured maths and the resources that come with it and also the structured literacy.

Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.

We are currently sitting at 77% of students at 90% attendance or above

This year we are having a competition within the classes for the best attendance rate each week. Last weeks absentees:

- o Tupu 1%
- o Mahuri 4.9%
- o Rakau 1.8%

Well done to Tupu who were last weeks winners!!

We have 42.8% of our students who have a 100% attendance rate. Well done to those children, and caregivers for ensuring your tamariki are attending school :)

We have been very fortunate to have the amazing ladies from Lakes Health Teeth-dental therapist, Rebecca and assistant, Janine, at our school over the last couple of weeks. They have been busy checking and treating students to help all those beautiful smiles shine. They will be wrapping up next week, but have absolutely enjoyed their time here, commenting on our wonderful and welcoming school. We love sharing our kura and community :)

On Tuesday, we held our first Board meeting for 2025.

Congratulations to Bianca Sterkenburg who is this year's Presiding Member.

This year is the School Board election year, so start thinking about running for election., you are welcome to speak to one of our current board members or come along to a meeting and see what it's all about.

Some helpful material to support your decision: [Becoming a board member](https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/)

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Cluster Swimming Sports - Tuesday 4th March - Reporoa College

Next Tuesday is the Cluster Swimming for those children that qualify from our Swimming Sports. We will advise these students on Monday morning. Note that if your child places on the day, this doesn't necessarily mean that they qualify, as there are other factors that allow a qualification. Transport and parent help will be required for students to attend this event.



Tarawera Ultra-Trail New Zealand

BY **UTMB**

The Lake Rerewhakaaitu aid station was in action again this year

What an amazing day... the vibe from the runners doing the miler (165km) is ecstatic when they spot us all dressed up and ready to help

Our PTA would like to thank everyone that was able to help us make this event a success. Thank you to our PTA volunteers, children and grandparents, as well as a few of our amazing community members helping on the day, also to the O'Donnells for allowing us to access water.



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Office Hours

- Monday: 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Tuesday: 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Thursday: 9.00am - 12.30pm
- Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Important dates

- February**
- Fri 28 LRS Swimming Sports
- March**
- Tues 4 Cluster Swimming
 - Fri 14 & 21 Making the Difference Swimming programme
 - Wed 19 Waimangu Volcanic Trip, PTA Meeting 7pm
 - Tue 25 Parent Curriculum Evening
 - Wed 26 Board Meeting 7pm
- April**
- Mon 7 Photolife
 - Wed 9 Cluster Summer Sports
 - Fri 11 Term 1 Ends
 - Mon 28 Term 2 Starts
- May**
- 2 - 7 Life Education
 - Wed 7 Board Meeting 7pm
 - Fri 23 LRS Cross Country
 - Tue 27 Cluster Cross Country

Parent help required

Swimming Sports & Cluster
Waimangu Volcanic Valley trip
Cluster Summer Sports
Cross Country & Cluster

Hello Summer

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Kei te whakatakataka a matou akounga mo nga ahei a tonu wa
Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

This week in Tupu we have been hard at work on our writing goal: We are learning to write one or more sentences sharing information we have learned about rocks.

We have started our new Pr1me maths programme and are enjoying the big books and the counting activities. We have learned that the number of objects in a set stays the same even if you change how they are arranged. We've learned that it's much easier to count when the objects are arranged in a row instead of scattered or piled.

We are looking forward to showing our parents what we can do in the pool at swimming sports on Friday.

Kia pai tō ra,
Tupu Class.

MAHURI

This week, Mahuri has been putting in a lot of effort in preparation for our upcoming school swimming sports. Our students have been practising a range of skills, including front and back gliding, flutterboard kicking, and various strokes such as freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke, depending on their age group.

Our akonga are excited to showcase their newly developed or refined skills in the pool. We're especially hopeful that some of our eight-year-olds will have the opportunity to represent our kura at the cluster swimming event next week.

Keep up the great work, Mahuri!

Whaea Kylie

RAKAU

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

What an awesome week of learning Rakau students have had this week! We have jumped into Pr1me maths, are on a road trip around New Zealand looking at the geographical layout of different landmarks for reading and have been exploring volcanoes for writing! We have really been embracing this terms inquiry topic of 'Our Place'.

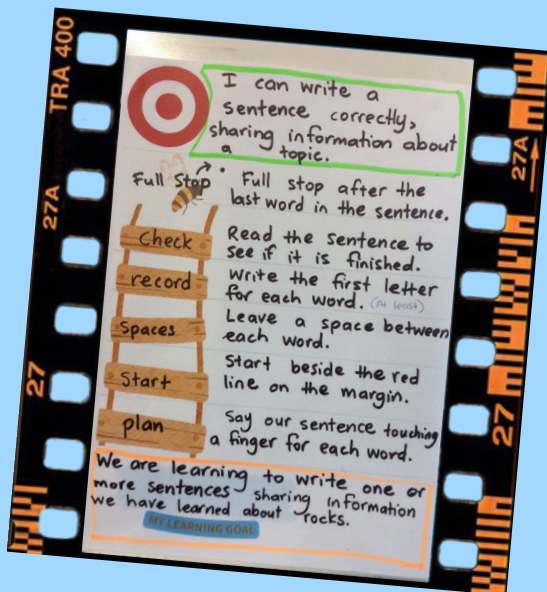
It has been awesome to see so many water bottles in class this week and really cuts down on students time out of class not having to walk to the water fountain! So please keep reminding your children to make sure they are packing one everyday.

If you have any school library books or readers at home could you please send them back to school. Especially if these have a Rotorua library sticker on them, Rakau class has misplaced eight Rotorua Library books and they may have accidentally come home!

Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Miss Gow

CLASS Snippets



ROTORUA Pacific Islands Development CHARITABLE TRUST TALANOA AKO

Join Our Talanoa Ako Programme – Empowering Pacific Parents in Rotorua

Are you a Pacific parent or caregiver eager to support your child's learning and future success? The Talanoa Ako Programme, delivered by the Rotorua Pacific Islands Development Charitable Trust (RPIDCT), is designed to help you navigate your child's educational journey with confidence.

What is Talanoa Ako?

A community-based programme where Pacific parents come together to:

- Understand how the NZ education system works
- Learn how to support your child through NCEA and other key learning milestones
- Build stronger connections with teachers and schools
- Share experiences and learn from other families

Why Attend?

- Gain the knowledge and tools to help your child thrive academically
- Learn how to have effective conversations with teachers about your child's progress
- Connect with other Pacific families in a supportive, cultural environment

When: Wednesdays, 29 January to 2 April 2025, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Where: Rotorua Methodist Church, 187 Old Taupo Road, Utuhina, Rotorua, 3015

Light refreshments provided

This is your opportunity to be an active part of your child's educational success while celebrating our Pacific values of family, culture, and community.

Spaces are limited! Register [here](#)
Email: admin@rpict.nz
Phone: 07 347 7217

Let's talanoa together and ensure our children reach their full potential!

#TalanoaAko #RPIDCT #PasifikaEducation #Rotorua #SupportingOurFuture

Let's Celebrate with our neighbours

Neighbours Aotearoa 1-31 March 2025

Neighbours Aotearoa is about creating stronger, more connected neighbourhoods across the country

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Locals supporting Locals

Waiariki Football Club Youth and Juniors 2025

The Beautiful Game Football School.
Training with Sergio has started up again for 2025 Term 1.

This happens at Neil Hunt Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.15pm – 5.45pm.
Contact Sergio on 021 116 9547 to be added to the WhatsApp group for updates and

2025 Winter Season
Registration of Interest

www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220128

SATURDAY PRESEASON FUN DAYS

Scheduled to start March 2025, come down for a brief warm-up and skills sessions followed by age graded games. All welcome.

Follow the Waiariki FC facebook page for updates and Junior registration details.

YOUTH FOOTBALL:

We are seeking expressions of interest to play the 2025 season in an U16 or U14 squad.

We have a number of talented and dedicated players seeking teammates for the upcoming season.

Come along to any of the club days and have a chat with the team about how we can support you this season or contact Angela on 0274397885 to receive any new information.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FUN FOR THE GIRLS!

Celebrate the launch of a new U8 and U10 GIRLS' ONLY Football competition in Rotorua by joining us on our Friday Football Fun Roadshow!

- Have a go at football
- Learn some new skills
- Bring your friends and have fun!
- Its FREE!

All PRIMARY SCHOOL aged Girls welcome.

Fridays 3.45pm - 4.45pm
28th February Ngongotaha Football Club, Stemberidge Rd
7th March Otonga School
14th March Lynmore School
21st March Selwyn School
28th March Puarenga Park

COME TO ONE, OR COME TO THEM ALL!

To register Txt your name, age and email address to Catherine 021 634 807, or just come along on the day. For updates and cancellations visit www.facebook.com/lakesfcgirls



2025 WINTER REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Lakes Football Club

We're a whanau-friendly club offering football and futsal for all ages, from kids to adults, in our community.

Our focus is on having fun, fostering a love for football, and growing together.

Winter Season: Open to players 5th grade and up (turning 5 this year).

Training Locations: We have teams from all over Rotorua, we can put your Tamariki in a team near you.

Girls' Pathway: Dedicated programs to grow female participation.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram: Lakes Football Club

Email us for more info: office@lakesfc.co.nz

Junior Open Day
March 22
Follow us for more details

www.lakesfc.com



AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 14TH –FRIDAY 25TH APRIL
8AM TO 6PM

JUNIORS: 5-9 YEARS

SENIORS: 10-13 YEARS

BOOK NOW!
SPACES ARE LIMITED!

WAIMARINO PARK DAY OPERATES DAILY* ONLY \$55

Our Holiday programme provides ample entertainment for children during the school holidays. We have a mixture of onsite- activities here at the Waimarino Adventure Park, and off site activities making the most of the attractions in our region.

"Highly recommend Waimarino Afterschool and Holiday Care. My kids do both and have such a great time. Fishing, after-school kayaking, learning to swim confidently. Its great for the active kids who love to be outdoors. Staff are great and take good care of all the kids." - Rochelle

BUS SERVICE

We offer a morning and evening bus service from Otumotai and downtown Tauranga. Turn over for pricing and bus schedule!
WINZ subsidies available.

ADD LUNCH \$23

Lunch options are available to be included in your booking. For an additional NZ\$23 per day include a nutritious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea! This can be booked as a once a week treat, or for every day!

OUR ACTIVITIES

Priced from \$55 per day
Turn over to see this holiday's activity schedule along with pricing and add ons!



🌟 Caught being Awesome 🌟

"Caught Being Awesome" awards are given out to students of Lake Rerewhakaaitu School at playtime. Students can earn them by following our school values, being a good friend and following the school rules. These awards then go into either the senior or junior bucket, then at Fridays assemblies all get read out and one from each drawn out as our super star recipient.

This week our Caught Being Awesome recipients are...



Junior



Senior

Congratulations to our
2025 House Captains



Ryan & Taituha



Chase & Jonty

CONGRATULATIONS

LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Morris for learning to look closely at words while reading.

Johnny for writing more sentences.

Evelyn for being such a fantastic leader in Mahuri.

Stella-Maree for showing courage during our swimming lessons.

Hunter - Welcome to Mahuri.

Toby for showing great confidence and perseverance during swimming lessons.

Taituha for a great attitude towards learning and making progress.

KAPAI
Keep it up!

GOOD JOB

Principals award

Chase Roberts for Whanaungatanga

HOUSE POINTS



Each week we give out a house cup to the house that's in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our school rules, values, being on task and even when they get caught being awesome.

House Captains are;

Tarawera - Chase & Jonty
Kakaramea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week