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Principal Report

Term 1 2025
Week 3

Get ready, next Friday is our annual school swimming sports!

The schedule is as follows:

- 10.30am - 11.30am Juniors (5 - 8 year olds)
- 11.30am - 12.30pm Lunch
- 12.30pm - 2.00pm Seniors (9 year olds and above)

There will also be a parent/staff v students relay race so bring your togs and towels! A reminder to ensure everyone keeps sun smart.. SLIP, SLOP, SLAP :)

- Children are swimming at their age as of 31 January 2025
- All children aged 9 yrs and over will be swimming 2 lengths

It would be marvellous to see you all there!



On the 19th March we will be going on a whole school trip to Waimangu Volcanic Valley to support our topic focus. We will require parent help for this trip, so if you are interested and available for the whole school day, please contact the school. There are a limited number of spaces for adults. We will be travelling by bus, departing school at 9.10am.

Parent Evening 26th March 7.00pm

We will be holding a parent evening on the 26th March to update everyone on the New Curriculum, the new structured maths and the resources that come with it and also the structured literacy. This is a very hectic time within education with many changes all happening at once. Our teachers have been working diligently over the holidays to ensure everything is ready to go and we are in a great position to make sure our children are receiving the best education possible.

Have a great weekend, and see you next week at swimming sports!



Neighbours Aotearoa 1-31 March 2025
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- Soul - Looking out for others and doing the right thing.
- Materia - A great attitude to learning in Rakau today.
- Lachlan & Emily for adjusting and settling into class well.
- Loki, Hades & Aaliyana - Welcome to Rakau Class.
- Te Ngahere - An amazing attitude towards learning.
- Monique - A fabulous attitude towards learning.

KAPA!
Keep it up!



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

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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

- Tue 25 Board Meeting 7pm
- 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 Board Meeting 7pm
- Wed 26 Parent Curriculum Evening

April

- Mon 7 Photolife
- Wed 9 Cluster Summer Sports
- Fri 11 Term 1 Ends
- Mon 28 Term 2 Starts

May

- 2 - 7 Life Education
- 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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THE SKOOL LOOP APP



Dear Rerewhakaaitu Community,
I know I have spoken to many of you about this face to face but wanted to explain a bit further and reach those that I haven't seen.
Our Playcentre has been in the community for over 50 years now and provided many of us happy memories. Sadly, it closed its doors back in 2021 due to low numbers and increasing compliance requirements from Ministry of Education.

It was decided between Playcentre Aotearoa and locals that it would remain a community building and so it stayed, looking exactly as it did when we walked out and shut the doors.

Playcentre Aotearoa was working through the lease process with key stakeholders and the Council and was nearing completion to hand it over to the guardianship of the community through the Hall Committee.

Unfortunately, as it was falling back into the hands of the Council, it became clear that they were not keen on keeping the building.

Playcentre Aotearoa has been told by the Council that the building needs to be removed and returned to original state. This isn't something that can be argued further or changed, as I am sure you agree, it's vital that we keep the Hall open and in use for everyone. This would be under threat if we were to argue the demolition further.

We are all really disappointed.

I have been working through distributing equipment to other local Playcentres and Lake Rerewhakaaitu School so that it's back in use for kids again. It's very strange to see the place empty.

The building will be demolished in time and the land reinstated to the condition the Council require us to do so.

Given the importance of some of the items, I have been kindly donated a large dresser which can be in the hall supper room to contain the plaques, korowai and memories that have been stored for so long, for the community to see. The playhouse and fort will hopefully move across to the school to keep providing joy for the children.

I know this will be hard on many of us. There are so many in this community who fought to keep it going and are passionate about the place and all it meant to many. The memories will go on in our hearts.

Feel free to contact me with any questions and anything I can't answer I will forward to Playcentre Aotearoa management.

Jo Rogers 027 880 5223 / 0220 890 441
jo.rogers@playcentre.org.nz

"Kia ora! Lakes FC is excited to welcome players for the 2025 football season. If you'd like to register and join one of our awesome teams, you can do so [here](#).
Registrations close on March 28th!"



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



- 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, Stenbridge Rd
7th March Otonga School
14th March Lynmore School
21st March Selwyn School
28th March Puaenga 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



Waiariki Football Club Youth and Juniors 2025

The Beautiful Game Football School. Training with Sergio has started up again for 2025 Term1.

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.



BAKE WITH ME IS PROUD TO PRESENT... KIWI KIDS BAKE-OFF



13TH APRIL 2025
TOI OHOMAI CAMPUS, TAURANGA

AGES 7-12
FREE ENTRY!

HAVE YOU GOT
WHAT IT BAKES?

COMPETITION DETAILS:

★ Bake cupcakes or a cake within the theme "my edible story" to enter. Submit a photo and get your friends to vote!

★ 10 finalists will be chosen to recreate their entry LIVE in the Toi Ohomai kitchen and be in to win massive prizes!

Registration deadline on
5TH APRIL 2025

FOR MORE INFO
& ENTER HERE:



bakewithme.co.nz www.bakewithme.co.nz hello@bakewithme.co.nz

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!

TUPU

Kia ora koutou,

This week in Tupu we have continued learning our alphabet letter sounds. We have added a, f, e, and c to our collection. We have been writing sentences describing the rocks we have been studying in class. Here are some of our sentences:

The rock is big. The rock is sharp. – Soul

The rock is white. – Luke

The rock is sparkly. The rock is stripey. – Morris

The rock is colourful. The rock is heavy. – Materia

The rock is smooth. – Athena-Rose

The rock has got sparkles and a little bit of green. – Johnny

We are reading every day and bringing a book home to read, and we're learning to bring our book bags every day!

Have a great weekend.



A WARM
WELCOME

A warm welcome to
**Aaliyana, Emily, Hunter,
Hajes, Loki & Regan**
who are new to our school
community.
We wish you all a wonderful
new journey here at Lake
Rerewhakaaitu School

MAHURI

This week, the Mahuri class has been on an exciting journey of exploration and discovery, diving into the natural wonders surrounding our area. We've focused on understanding and describing the unique natural features and resources found in and around Our Place, Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

Our study has taken us through some incredible local landmarks, including:

- Mount Tarawera: Exploring the volcanic history and significance of this mighty mountain.
- Kakaramea: Learning about the environmental features and ecosystems in this area.
- Kaingaroa Forest: Investigating the importance of the forest and its role in the environment.
- Waiotapu Geothermal Area: Understanding the geothermal activity that shapes our region.
- Lake Rerewhakaaitu: Discovering how the lake and its surroundings contribute to our local environment.

Through this study, students have been developing their ability to communicate how these natural features shape the environment around us.

Looking ahead, we will be moving into a new topic where we will study the impact of natural events and human actions on the environment. This will build on our current knowledge and help students understand the delicate balance between nature and human influence.

We are excited about the learning ahead and encourage you to ask your child about what they've been discovering in the classroom!

RAKAU

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Rakau have had a fantastic week. On Friday we learnt a really cool Māori action game with Tupu and Whaea Adelaide called Ha, He, Hi. We also had a kōrero about our own whakapapa and the whakapapa of our kura.

Swimming sports is fast approaching and this week we have been focusing on breaststroke and backstroke legs. Students have been doing amazing and have showed some great perseverance.

Have a relaxed, calm and safe weekend.

Ngā mihi, Miss Gow





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@ripdct.nz

Phone: 07 347 7217

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

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14th-17th April, 2025



We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, high rope activities, swimming, eeling, night activities and much more!

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- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Ngamuwahine Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges (off SH29) in the beautiful Bay of Plenty

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Mon-Thu

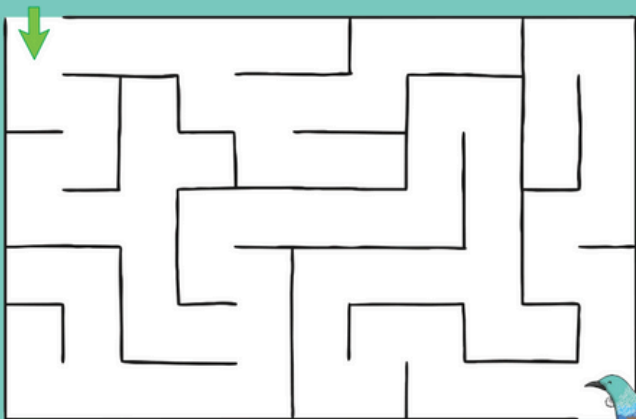
MORE INFO :

- Facebook: [Adventure Tauranga](#)
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WEEK ONE OF THE APRIL HOLIDAYS!

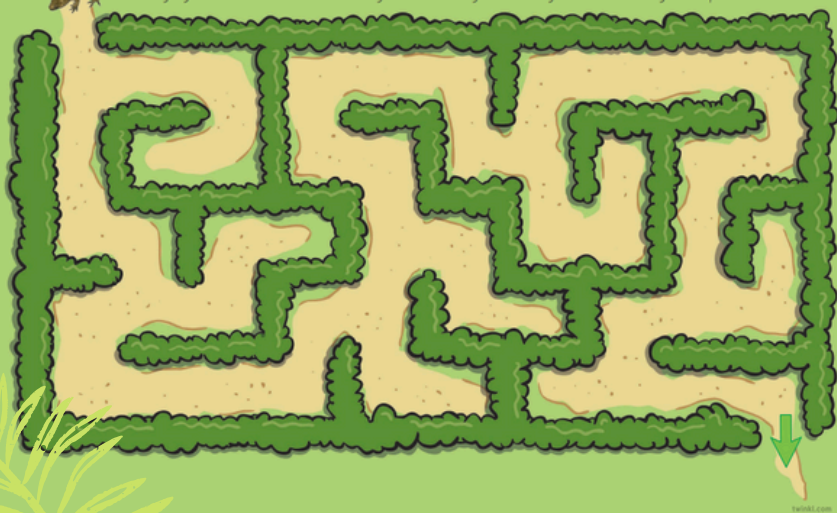
Tui Maze

Ben wants to take a photo of a tui for his school project. Can you help him find one?



Gecko Hedge Maze

Gregory Gecko can't find his way home through the hedge maze. Can you help him?



Waist Management

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Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai.
Year 3 ✨ at the hall from 6.30-7.15 pm tues
& thurs until the end of November 2025 ✨

\$ 10 each

Bring a mat towel and water bottle
All updates & feedback will be posted on
messenger page or Msg me at
0274485756 if you prefer text message
updates.

Stay well. Hope to see you soon
Warm regards
Christine