



LAKE ROTOMĀ SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

He Kura Tangata – A School of the People

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai tātou

Term 2 | Weeks 7–10 | June 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

I would like to acknowledge our students, staff, Board members, whānau, and wider community for the support you continue to provide our kura. We have had a few incidents in our kura around vandalism, but with such an awesome community we have been able to keep progressing forward and making do with what we have in our kura to make things awesome for our tamariki.

The past four weeks have continued to be all about learning and achievement, sporting success, cultural experiences, and opportunities for our tamariki to strengthen their connections to each other and their community.

Our school values of Respect, Ownership, Community, and Kindness continue to shine through in all aspects of school life. We are proud of the resilience, determination, and mana our tamariki demonstrate every day.

🌟 Student & Staff Successes

Matawhaura Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Matawhaura Cross Country event. We are incredibly proud of the determination and perseverance shown by every runner.

A huge thank you to:

- Whānau volunteers
- Marshals
- Our staff
- Rotoma No. 1 for allowing access to the farm
- All supporters who helped make the day successful

Events like these showcase the strength of our community and provide valuable opportunities for our tamariki to challenge themselves and support one another.

While we all enjoy watching our tamariki run in the cross country for participation, we also have to find place getters for the BOP regional cross country.



Bay of Plenty Cross Country Qualifiers

Congratulations to our tamariki who have qualified to represent Lake Rotomā School at the Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships following their outstanding performances at the Matawhaura Cross Country.



Zarkaayis

Year 7 | Age 12



1st Place – Year 7 & 8 Boys (3.0km)



Keila

Year 7 | Age 11



2nd Place – Year 7 & 8 Girls (3.0km)



Shayne

Year 5 | Age 9



1st Place – Year 5 & 6 Girls (2.0km)



Blessing

Year 3 | Age 8



1st Place – Year 3 & 4 Boys (1.5km)



Jesse

Year 3 | Age 8



2nd Place – Year 3 & 4 Boys (1.5km)

We are incredibly proud of these students for their commitment, determination, and perseverance. They have represented our kura with pride and mana and will now go on to represent Lake Rotomā School at the Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships.

Ka mau te wehi! E whakahīhī ana mātou ki a koutou katoa.

PB4L – Mana Way

Our students continue to demonstrate our Mana Way values through their actions both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to all students who have received Mana Way certificates this month for:

- ✓ Respecting others
- ✓ Showing kindness
- ✓ Taking ownership of their learning
- ✓ Supporting their peers

We are incredibly proud of the positive culture our students help create every day.

Staff Acknowledgement

A special thank you to our teaching staff, support staff, administration team, Board members, and parent volunteers who continue to go above and beyond for our tamariki. Your dedication helps ensure Lake Rotomā School remains a place where every child can thrive.



School Life & Curriculum

Waitangi Class (Years 5–8)

Our senior students have continued their learning journey through a variety of engaging programmes.

Highlights include:

- Cross Country preparation and participation
- Financial Literacy learning
- Algebra and Number investigations
- PB4L Leadership opportunities
- Structured Literacy and writing development
- Digital learning and research projects

Students have been learning how mathematics connects to real life through budgeting, percentages, spending, saving, and financial decision making.

Ōtari Class (Years 1–4)

Our junior students have continued developing strong foundations in literacy and numeracy while exploring learning through play, creativity, and hands-on experiences.

Highlights include:

- Structured Literacy activities
- Oral language development
- Creative arts projects
- Outdoor learning opportunities
- Positive behaviour learning through Mana Way

We are proud of the confidence and growth our youngest learners continue to demonstrate.

Classroom Learning Focus

Across the school, students have been exploring:

Literacy	Mathematics	Health & PE	Cultural Learning
• Reading for meaning • Vocabulary development • Writing explanations • Oral language skills	• Number knowledge • Problem solving • Financial literacy • Algebraic thinking	• Large ball skills • Teamwork • Relationships • Te Whare Tapa Whā	• Te Reo Māori • Whakapapa • Identity • Connections to place and community



Assemblies & Celebrations

Our weekly assemblies continue to provide opportunities to celebrate:

- ☀ Student success
- ☀ Academic achievement
- ☀ Attendance
- ☀ Positive behaviour
- ☀ Leadership

These gatherings help strengthen our sense of belonging and community.

Birthday Celebrations 🎂

Birthday Celebrations for Uenuku this week! A big mihi to his papa who brought a beautiful birthday cake to share with the tamariki.



Attendance & Well-being

Attendance Matters

Every day counts.

Regular attendance is one of the strongest indicators of educational success. When students attend school consistently they:

- ✅ Build stronger friendships
- ✅ Make greater academic progress
- ✅ Develop positive learning habits
- ✅ Feel more connected to school

We encourage all whānau to support regular attendance wherever possible.

Is My Child Well Enough for School?

Children should attend school if they:

- ✓ Have mild cold symptoms
- ✓ Are eating and drinking normally
- ✓ Are able to participate in learning

Children should remain home if they:

- ✗ Have vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ Have a fever
- ✗ Have a contagious illness

If you are unsure, please contact the school office.



Looking Ahead – Term 3

Whakatipuranga – Growth & Development

Our kaupapa for Term 3 is **Whakatipuranga – Māori Innovation Through Time**. Students will explore growth through time, Māori innovation, science and innovation, leadership, future-focused learning, and identity and aspirations.

Learning will connect the achievements of our tūpuna with modern innovations and future possibilities.

Teacher Only Days

Any upcoming Teacher Only Days for Term 3 will be communicated to whānau as soon as dates are confirmed.



Welcome

A warm Lake Rotomā School welcome to George Cullen TeKawa — what a great start to Term 2 for him!

We are delighted to have you as part of our school whānau.



Community Panui

Māra Kai – Community Garden

Would you like to be involved in supporting our school community to grow a Māra Kai (food garden)? This meeting has been postponed to **Wednesday 17 June at 3pm**.

We would love to meet and see who would like to be involved. Come along even if it's just for a cup of tea and to share your ideas. It would be greatly appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui

Thank you for your continued support of our kura.

Together we are creating a school where every child is known, valued, and supported to succeed.

Nāku noa, nā

Te Aroha Wihapi

Principal / Tumuaki

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