



# Lake Rotomā School NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term 2 – 2026

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**"NA TŌ ROUROU, NA TĀKU ROUROU, KA ORA AI TĀTOU"**

WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND OUR KNOWLEDGE WE WILL FLOURISH

*He kura tangata – A school that values people first*

## Principal's Pānui

*Tēnā koutou e te whānau,*

The last two weeks at Lake Rotomā School have been full of learning, culture, outdoor experiences, and whakawhanaungatanga. It has been wonderful seeing our tamariki continuing to grow in confidence, resilience, and pride in who they are.

Every week our tamariki continue to show us what is possible when they are supported, encouraged, and given the opportunity to shine. Thank you for the incredible support of our whānau community we could not do this without you.

*Ngā mihi nui,*

**Te Aroha Wihapi**

*Tumuaki / Principal | Lake Rotomā School*

## Attendance Matters

Thank you to all our whānau who continue to support regular attendance at kura. Every day at school counts, and we are seeing positive improvements when tamariki are attending consistently.

As a kura, we continue to strengthen attendance and work alongside whānau to ensure our tamariki are present and engaged every day. Strong attendance habits support:

- Academic success
- Social development
- Confidence and wellbeing

Please continue to communicate with kura if your child is away so we can continue supporting our whānau together.

## Taurua Marae Noho



One of the highlights over the past two weeks was our noho marae experience at Taurua Marae.

Our tamariki had the opportunity to strengthen their understanding of:

- Tikanga Māori
- Manaakitanga
- Whakawhanaungatanga
- Marae kawa
- Teamwork and responsibility

A huge thank you to all whānau, staff, and supporters who helped make this special opportunity possible.

*Throughout the noho, students participated in shared kai preparation, group responsibilities, cultural learning, games, storytelling, and relationship building. We are incredibly proud of how our tamariki represented our kura with respect, kindness, and leadership.*

## Cross Country Training & Hinehopu Track

Over the last two weeks our tamariki have been participating in cross country preparation and fitness activities around our local area. A highlight was our hikoi and training along the beautiful Hinehopu Track.

Our Waitangi students challenged themselves running sections of the track, while Ōtari focused on participation, perseverance, and enjoying the experience together. We are incredibly proud of the manaakitanga shown between our older and younger tamariki.

These experiences continue to strengthen:

- Resilience
- Physical wellbeing
- Teamwork
- Connection to our local environment



### Maths — Algebra & Number

Waitangi Class has begun their algebra and number learning. Tamariki are exploring:

- Repeating & growing patterns
- Rules in number sequences
- Balancing equations
- Explaining mathematical thinking

Addition and subtraction strategies remain a major focus across the kura.

*The I DO → WE DO → YOU DO explicit teaching model is supporting confidence and independence.*

### Structured Literacy

We continue to strengthen our Structured Literacy approach through explicit teaching of:

- Phonics & decoding
- Spelling patterns
- Vocabulary
- Oral language & writing

Our younger tamariki are making excellent progress with sound recognition and blending, while older students are building stronger writing structure and comprehension.

*Thank you to whānau for supporting reading at home — it truly makes a difference.*

## Manaake Programme — Starting Friday 29 May 2026

We are excited to announce that our kura will begin implementing the **Manaake Programme** every Friday starting from **29 May 2026**. Whaea Chevita will be coming to our kura to support and co-ordinate this program.

The programme is designed to support the overall wellbeing of our tamariki by focusing on:

- Positive relationships & emotional wellbeing
- Confidence building & resilience
- Identity and belonging
- Social and life skills

Through hands-on activities, group discussions, teamwork, mentoring, and wellbeing-focused learning, students will be encouraged to strengthen their sense of self while building healthy relationships with others.

*The programme aligns closely with our kura values and our commitment to supporting the whole child — academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and culturally. We look forward to sharing more with whānau as it begins.*

### PB4L / Mana Way Focus

Our Mana Way focus: **Whanaungatanga & Respect.**

We have been reinforcing:

### Kai & Tikanga Learning

Students recently participated in preparing and making their own lunches as part of learning around:

- Speaking kindly to others
- Including everyone
- Showing care for our learning spaces
- Taking responsibility for our actions



*It has been awesome seeing students earning recognition for demonstrating our ROCK values consistently.*

- Independence & cooperation
- Kai tikanga
- Patience & wellbeing

*A great opportunity for tamariki to practise life skills while strengthening whakawhanaungatanga within their groups.*

## 3-Way Student Conferences

Last week we held our **3-Way Student Conferences** with students, parents, and kaiako. This was a fantastic opportunity for our whānau to hear directly from their tamaiti about their learning journey, achievements, goals, and next steps.

We were incredibly proud of the confidence many of our tamariki showed while sharing their learning and talking about their progress.

The strong turnout and positive kōrero highlighted the importance of whānau, kura, and tamariki working together to support success.

Thank you to all whānau who attended and contributed to such positive and meaningful conversations.

### Property Updates

Over this coming week, whānau may notice changes around the kura grounds with the removal of old buildings at the back and front of the school.

This work is part of ongoing efforts to improve the safety, appearance, and overall learning environment of our kura. We appreciate your patience while this work is carried out.

### Board Notice — ERO Feedback

The Board would like to thank our whānau and community for their ongoing support during our recent ERO visit.

We welcome feedback from our community regarding the ERO process and your experiences with our kura. Your voice is important as we continue working together to strengthen teaching, learning, wellbeing, and outcomes for our tamariki.

Further information regarding how feedback can be shared will be communicated soon.

### Thank You Whānau 🙏

A huge thank you to all our whānau who continue to support:

- Transport arrangements
- School events
- Attendance
- Communication with kura
- Our tamariki every day

*Your support allows us to continue creating meaningful opportunities for our students.*

### ❄️ Winter Weather Reminder

As the colder weather settles in, please ensure tamariki come to kura with:

- Warm clothing
- Jackets
- Appropriate footwear

*Keeping warm and dry helps our tamariki stay focused, comfortable, and ready to learn!*



### Follow Us on Facebook!

For photos and updates from all our school activities, sports days, cultural events, and day-to-day learning — visit and follow our Facebook page. We love sharing the amazing moments happening across our kura!

🔍 Search [Lake Rotomā School](#) on Facebook

At Lake Rotomā School we continue to focus on growing confident learners who know who they are, where they come from, and how to support one another.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside us in the learning journey of our tamariki.

*Ngā mihi nui,*

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