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LAKE ROTOMA SCHOOL

Week 3 Term 1 - 2025

PRINCIPAL'S PANUI

Celebrating Learning and Community

Tena Koutou Ngā maatua, Ngā kaitiaki o tātou tamariki,

As we dive into another awesome term at Lake Rotoma School, I am thrilled to share some updates and initiatives that are shaping our students' learning experiences.

AI Conference Insights Exploring the Future of Education

Recently, our dedicated teaching staff attended an AI conference in Hamilton. This event provided an incredible opportunity to explore the latest advancements in AI technology tailored for schools. We are committed to integrating these insights into our curriculum to enhance student learning. I have encouraged our teachers to start incorporating AI into their planning and program development. For our students, this could mean more personalised learning experiences, greater engagement, and innovative teaching methods that harness the power of technology.

Structured Literacy for Our Juniors Building Strong Foundations

We will be starting back at our professional learning and development (PLD) focused on Structured Literacy for Years 0-3 will resume online this Thursday, February 13, from 3:30-4:30 pm. While our junior students have made significant strides in this area, continuous development is crucial for sustaining their progress.

In addition, we have received our new "Maths - No Problem!" books as we embark on implementing the Structured Numeracy program across our classes. Our teachers are currently engaging with webinars and extensive reading to ensure we establish a robust math curriculum, leading up to our first Teacher Only Day on Friday, March 21, dedicated to structured numeracy.

Cultural and Community Connection Embracing Identity through Art

In the first few weeks of this term, we have been focusing on welcoming our tamariki back to school and reinforcing our kaupapa - Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This exploration includes learning about our identity, writing our own class Tiriti, creating visual pepeha, setting class routines, and reinforcing our Mana Way through our school values.

To deepen our understanding of self-identity, we are studying the self-portrait art of Frida Kahlo. Known for her vivid and deeply personal paintings, Kahlo often incorporated elements of her own life experiences, culture, and identity into her work. This term, our students will explore her techniques and the different ideas she used to create her self-portraits. Inspired by her style, each student will create their own self-portrait, allowing them to express their individuality and story through art. We are excited to see how their creativity unfolds!

Upcoming Events Join Us for Exciting Activities!

We're looking forward to our trip to **Manupirua on Thursday, February 13**, as part of our local curriculum learning. We warmly welcome parents and caregivers to join us, though **please note there is a cost of \$70 per person**. Arohama! for the expense, but as a small school, we operate within a limited budget.

Moreover, we invite all parents and whānau to a **meet-and-greet afternoon** with our staff on **Wednesday, February 19, at 5 pm**. This hui will also provide an opportunity to discuss the possibility of an end-of-year trip to the South Island. Enjoy a sausage sizzle, patties, and light refreshments while getting to know our team and sharing ideas.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible learning environment for our tamariki. We are not even halfway through the term, and there's so much more to come!

Ngā mihi nui,
TeAroha Wihapi
Principal,
Lake Rotoma School

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ATTENDANCE

Please continue to prioritise school attendance. Most of our Tamariki are doing exceptionally well, and we want to keep that momentum going.

Ways to let us know your child is absent



ADD AN ABSENTEE ON THE **SKOOL LOOP** APP



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THANK
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*Nga Mihi to all our Tamariki, Whanau
and wider community for your ongoing
support towards our Kura.*