

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Nǎ hǎo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Goeie Dag, Shalom, Cześć, Hello, Cìào, おはよう (Ohayoou), 안녕 Ahn Nyeong, Olá, Privet!, Xin Chào, Salam, Goedendag, Chom Reap Sour, සුභ්භ් Suosdei, Ayubowan, Էլնլեօ

I've just returned from the New Zealand Principals Federation conference which is always a time for reflection.

We started with a presentation from our current president, Leanne Otene, around the purpose of schooling and formal education who reminded us that education is not about filling a bucket, it's about lighting a fire. She referred to the work of Professor Gert Biesta who talks of 3 pillars or purposes of education, that are all equally important and need to be in balance.

1. We want children to develop knowledge and skills for success, to gain qualification and be able to go on and gain vocational or professional roles.

2. Children also need to learn how to understand and adhere to the community rules, values, customs/traditions and to contribute to these as they evolve. Socialisation is a valuable part of education.

3. Finally education needs to be around personal growth and development, the development of a unique, autonomous person able to think critically and form their own opinions with a strong sense of self.

Obviously the first one is the easiest to measure and monitor the development of and therefore tends to be what we focus on, however Leanne urged us to dig deeper and consider how we might monitor the development of things like critical thinking, creativity and empathy. This fits very well with our Language of Learning that is at the heart of our teaching and learning at Reremoana.

We live in a world facing complex challenges like climate change, the impact of social media, and artificial intelligence. Those who lack critical thinking skills are vulnerable to being exploited. We need creative thinking to problem solve the increasingly complex issues society faces. In a world of AI and evolving technology, we need to focus on what makes us uniquely human.

Following on from Leanne, we also heard from the futurist Gihan Perera around how we need to lead in these times and the impact of AI in schooling. He referred to John Tan from the Obama Institute, who says that instead of asking children what they want to be when they grow up, ask them "what problem do you want to solve?"

He also referenced Albert Einstein's famous quote about imagination: *"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand"*. While knowledge has its boundaries based on what is known, imagination is boundless, enabling the discovery of new ideas and progress. Again Gihan's talk showed the value of our Reremoana School Language of Learning and how it's important for the focus of our tamariki.

Gihan explored the shifting of global power and emerging economies and New Zealand's and Australia's places in the world. Did you know that now more people live inside the green circle in the image above, than outside it? The previous powerhouses of Europe and America are now outweighed by the people power of Asia, where New Zealand and Australia sit just outside but have close links.

While change is inevitable and can feel scary, there is a lot to be optimistic about and I believe that at Reremoana School we are educating our tamariki for the future.

Julie Cowan

Principal

Learn Grow Succeed



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He ua ki te pō,  
he paewai ki te  
ao



Rain at night,  
eels at dawn

# Bake Sale - Monday 15 September

**Please bring some baked goodies and a gold coin or two for our Bake Sale on Monday!  
Stickers sent home today!**

We ask all families to provide some baking e.g. cookies, slice, cupcakes. These get dropped to the hall before school and children receive house points. Extra house points for using a reusable plate/container - we will send home stickers in the week prior but also recommend additional naming of your container to ensure it gets home again.

On Monday 15th each hub will come over to the hall prior to morning tea to purchase some yummy items - which are normally sold for around \$2 per item (some items may be \$1, some may be \$3).

We understand this can be challenging for children with allergies, intolerances or other dietary requirements and parents may want to pack an extra treat in their lunchbox if they are unable to buy a treat.

There is often baking for sale after school so when picking your child up on Monday 15th, make sure you come past the hall and check it out!

Helpers - if you can spare some time on Monday 15th - either before school, in the morning or after school please let the office know - [office@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:office@reremoana.school.nz)

Our thanks to Amelia Feldon, Liz Feldon and some of our other ex-students for offering to organise this fabulous fundraising event.



# Junior Poetry Winners



## Good Luck, Whaea Shannon!

At the end of the term we wave good bye to Whaea Shannon for a wee while, as she takes leave to have her first baby. We wish you all the best!



We welcome back Whaea Brooke Thomas, who will be the teacher in Whaea Shannon's kaitiaki from next term. Whaea Brooke is already back doing some relieving work for us, having taken a term away travelling around Europe.

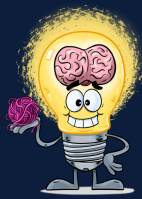
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# AIMS Report!

What an incredible week it was at the NZ AIMS Games!

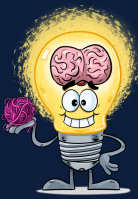
Our talented hockey team had a fantastic tournament. They started strong, finishing at the top of their pool in the opening days and earning a place in the top half of the competition. They narrowly missed out on a top-16 playoff by just one goal – against the team that ultimately went on to win the tournament. Despite this, they secured an impressive place in the top 20 out of 60 teams. Over nine games, the team recorded six wins, one draw, and only two very close one-goal losses. We are exceptionally proud of their growth, determination, and, above all, their outstanding team spirit.

Our golfers also had a great tournament, with both boys improving on last year's results. In gymnastics, congratulations go to Ariel for finishing 5th overall, and to Julius Guffens who shone with a brilliant silver medal.

We are proud of every one of our students who displayed resilience, positivity, and represented Reremoana School as wonderful ambassadors.

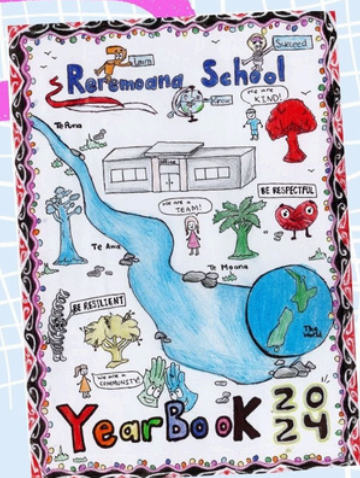
A sincere thank you to all parents who supported our AIMS athletes through fundraising, transport and encouragement, and a massive acknowledgement to our coaches who dedicated countless hours preparing our students for this success.

*Jorien Fourie*





# 2025 YEARBOOK



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This year, we will again produce the Reremoana Yearbook, the yearly school magazine.

The Yearbook is printed in full colour, and includes class pages, various school events and student contributions. There are many photos within the yearbook and your child is bound to be in some of them. Having your own copy is a great way to remember what your child's schooling was like. You can look back in years to come and the memories will come flooding back for you and your child.

Just order and pay via HERO. The cost of the magazine is \$25.

To ensure you don't miss out please order now to avoid disappointment. We don't hold additional copies for sale - they must be pre-ordered. Pre-orders close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Yearbooks will be given out in the last week of school.

## Out of Zone Spaces 2026

The board has determined that Reremoana School has the following spaces available for Out of Zone enrolments for children to start in 2026:

3 places for Year 4  
4 places for Year 6  
3 places for 7/8

Applications for these out of zone spaces close on 8 October, 3pm. If more applications are received than places a ballot will be held on 15 October. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within 3 school days of the ballot being held.

Our enrolment scheme can be found on our website  
<https://www.reremoana.school.nz/page/information/>

Please email [katrinal@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:katrinal@reremoana.school.nz) to request an enrolment pack or if you have any questions.

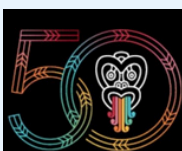
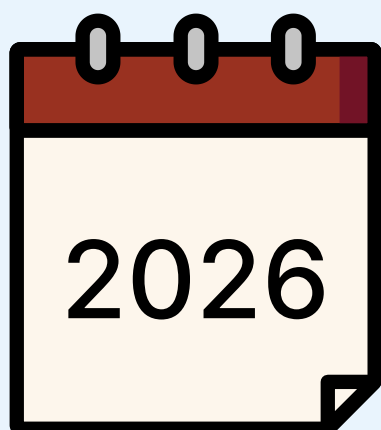


## 2026 Return Survey

Thanks so much to those of you who have already indicated whether or not their child/ren is/are returning to Reremoana in 2026.

It is really helpful to know this for our planning.

The survey is on HERO.



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI  
**AKE AKE AKE**  
A FOREVER LANGUAGE

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori  
14-20 o Hepetema 2025

## TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

We would like to invite our whānau to our whole-school celebration for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



When: Week 10, Thursday 18th September

Where: Reremoana School Hall

Time: Seated at 1:50pm, for a 2pm start



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# Loose Parts Play

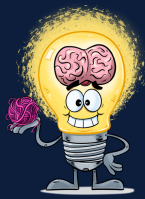
On Fridays, Te Puna has Discovery Time. Each teacher offers a different activity for the kids to choose from. One activity we bring out every week, because it's always such a hit, is our large loose parts. Inspired by our visit from Junky Monkeys last year, the kids' creativity really shines. I love hearing their amazing and imaginative ideas as they play.

Our tamariki can turn nearly anything into something amazing so if you think you might have some 'junk' at home that might be of use just get in touch and let me know!

[krystens@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:krystens@reremoana.school.nz)



Whaea Krysten has also left the loose parts put at Friday lunchtimes, for our older students to experiment with. This has been such a hit! We are rotating the hubs through so the number of students engaging is manageable (it's very popular!)



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# Patu with Keira Motutara

## *Reremoana past student*



= PATU =

### KAIWHAKAIRO: ANTHONY WEIJERMARS

Last term, ākonga from Te Roopu ō Hinemoana attended their first noho marae at Pūtake ki James Cook, where they were inspired by skilled kaihaka using patu. This interest led us to connect with a kaiwhakairo, Matua Anthony (Mrs Weijermars' husband), who crafted brand new school patu for our tamariki, purchased with the koha collected during Matariki and performances. Below is a picture of them being crafted!

Ngā mihi Matua Anthony.

### LEARNING THE PATU

During our visit to Pūtake, we reconnected with a former student, Keira (McKenzie's sister). We invited her to join our Monday practices to teach our ākonga how to use the patu, and she has been coming to support us throughout this term. We feel so fortunate to have her sharing her skills, and our tamariki look forward to her sessions each week.

Tēnā Koe Keira!

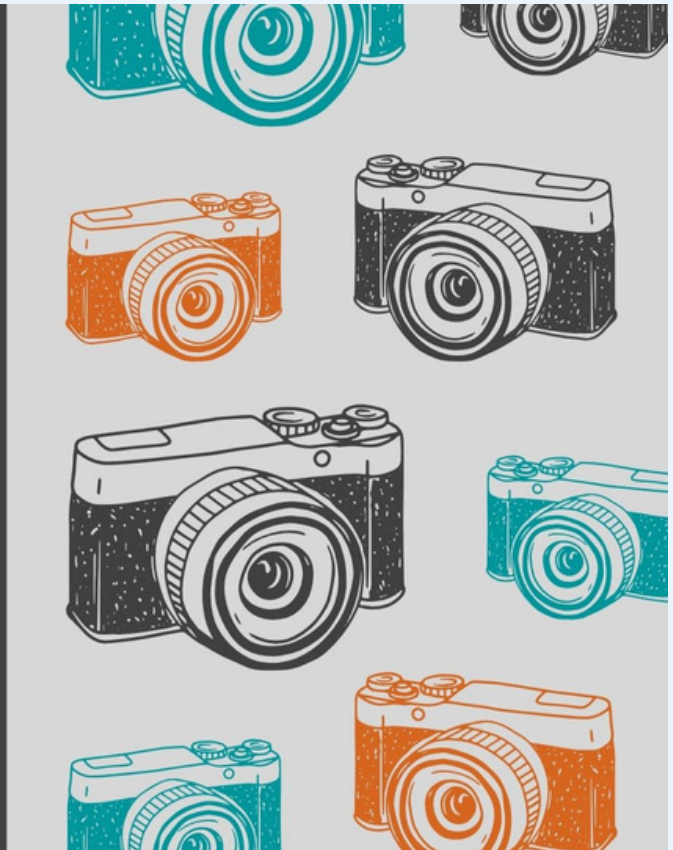




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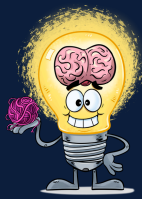
# SCHOOL PHOTOS

- We have no schedule – if your child isn't here when they are called – they won't be photographed.
- Students are to be in Uniform (no sports kits on for photos)
- Sibling consent forms have gone home – these have to be completed.



## Term 3 Important Dates

Week 10 15-19 Sept Te Wiki o te reo Māori	MPSSA Basketball	School photos	CCSA Volleyball	Y7/8 Tech Te wiki o Te Reo Māori Celebration	Te Awa Swimming
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# Community News



## Nathan Homestead Pukepuke holiday programmes

Find out about the Nathan Homestead Pukepuke school holiday programmes.

 govt.nz

[Click here](#) for the Nathan Homestead Pukepuke programme and information

**WATTLE DOWNS CAFÉ, BAR & RESTAURANT**  
PRESENTS

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**2025**

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