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# PĀNUI

Term 4, Week 3, 2026
Thursday October 29
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Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Nǐ hǎo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Goeie Dag, Shalom, Cześć, Hello, Ciào, おはよう (Ohayoou), 안녕 Ahn Nyeong, Olá, Privet!, Xin Chào, Salam, Goedendag, Chom Reap Sour, ស្ួស្ Suosdei, Ayubowan, Ẹnlẹ́ó

***We have a couple of exciting community events coming up in the next fortnight!***

Kia Ora Ake is a joint Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education initiative to support the mental health of primary school aged children. Kia Ora Ake provides support to children/tamariki in Counties Manukau, from when they start primary school, to the end of the intermediate years. It aims to promote wellbeing, improve hinengaro and provide a range of interventions for positive mental health at the earliest opportunity. Each school in Counties Manukau has an Kia Ora Ake provider; ours is the awesome team at Mapu Maia. This year Mapu Maia have run a number of small group support interventions as well as providing some individual support. Mapu Maia also provides other services outside of their Kia Ora Ake work, such as public health services.

**Together We Thrive & Scholastic Book Fair**

We are excited to be hosting the Mapu Maia team next week with their health service, (as well as their Kia Ora Ake team) for a *"Together We Thrive"* community event alongside our Scholastic Book Fair. This event is open to the wider Wattle Downs community.
The Mapu Maia team will be here from 2-5pm offering free wellness checks such as blood pressure, breast screening etc, as well as activities for children such as face painting and games and giveaways. The Scholastic book fair will be open from 3-5pm.
Our Reremoana Friends of the School will have a sausage sizzle (chicken sausages) and pizza slices for sale as well as 'Freezing Friday' being open selling treats. The Friends of the School will also be selling raffle tickets for some very cool prizes!

**Diwali/Indian Cultural Celebration**

For the last few years we have learnt about and celebrated Diwali as a school during the school day. This year, with the support of our parent community and some of our teachers, we are taking the next step to an after school community celebration! Food, performances and activities celebrating Diwali and Indian culture - this event is open to the community so please come along and join in the fun from 4-6pm on Thursday 12 November. Food will be for sale from food vendors and we ask for gold coin donations for activities such as henna and painting diya.

See further in this newsletter for more information on both these community events - we hope to see you there!

*Julie Cowan*
*Principal*
*Learn Grow Succeed*

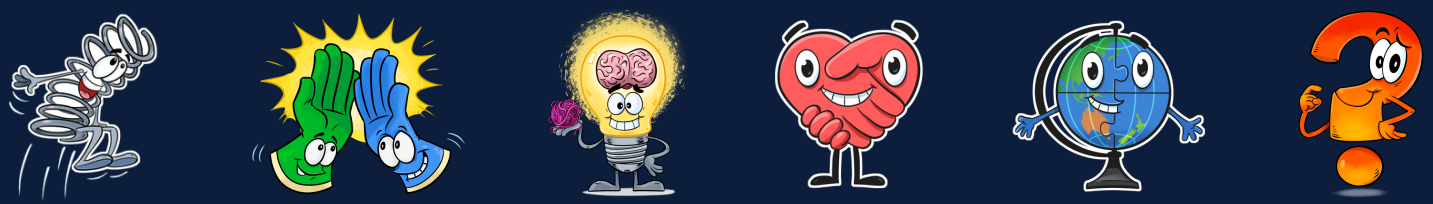


**"Na te puna ko te awa. Na te awa ko te moana. Ka rere te moana, he ara ki te ao. " Reremoana Kura.**
***"From the spring comes the river. From the river comes the sea. The sea flows as a pathway to the world. " Reremoana School.***

# Term 4 Important Dates

Updated Weekly

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| **Week 3<br>26-30 Oct** | LABOUR DAY | TEACHER ONLY DAY | | | Te Awa Swimming<br>Pizza Orders Close 11am |
| **Week 4<br>2-6 Nov<br>CM Games<br>Scholastic Book Fair** | BOT Meeting | Pizza Fundraiser | Waste Free Wednesday | Book Week PJ Day "Together we Thrive" event - Mapu Maia 2-5pm<br>CM Games | Calendar Art orders close<br>Te Awa Swimming<br>CM Games |
| **Week 5<br>9-13 Nov** | | | Waste Free Wednesday<br>CCSA Athletics<br>CU Graduation | Diwali Celebration 4-6pm | Last day for Yearbook orders (on HERO)<br>Yearbook Cover Competition closes<br>Te Awa Swimming |
| **Week 6<br>16-20 Nov** | | Counties Athletics | Waste Free Wednesday | | MPSSA Athletics<br>Te Awa Swimming |
| **Week 7<br>23-27 Nov** | Rainbow's End Care Day | | Waste Free Wednesday | | Road Safety Team Training<br>Te Awa Swimming |
| **Week 8<br>30 Nov-4 Dec** | | | Waste Free Wednesday<br>Te Awa Camp | Te Awa Camp | Te Awa Camp |
| **Week 9<br>7-11 Dec** | School Athletics Day | | Waste Free Wednesday<br>Y8 Grad Dinner TBC | | Reports Released<br>Te Awa Swimming |
| **Week 10<br>14-18 Dec** | Celebration of Learning | School finishes 1pm | | | |



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# Quick Reads

- Student information medical and contact forms are coming home today for Te Awa and Te Puna students. Please check and update as required.
- Read all about Athletics Day on Dec 7 on the poster included in the newsletter
- If you can help with Athletics Day, please email traceya@reremoana.school.nz
- Order your 2026 Yearbook on HERO - $25
- If your child wants to enter the Yearbook Cover Competition, see the info further on in the newsletter. Closes Nov 13.
- "Together we Thrive" Mapu Maia event 2-5pm next Thhursday in the courtyard; free health checks for all
- Scholastic Book Fair is coming up next week (Nov 2-6).
- If you want to take part in "Run Rewa" through Wattle Downs on Sat 21 Nov, register here: https://events.barefootsport.co.nz/event/2764
- Make your order for Calendar Art on KINDO
- Pizza fundraiser Tuesday next week - order on KINDO by 11am tomorrow, Friday
- Swimming every Friday for Te Awa
- Reremoana School Hats are compulsory this term, and can be purchased from the office



# From the Board - Strategic Planning

**Looking Ahead: Our School's Strategic Direction for 2027-2029**
This week, our Board and Senior Leadership team came together for a strategic planning workshop to help shape the direction of our school over the next 3 years. Building on the valuable feedback gathered through our community consultation, alongside student achievement information and reflections on our current strategic plan, we explored an important question:

**What do we want for our learners by 2029,**
**and what should we prioritise to help them get there?**

Our discussions centred on the aspirations we hold for our students, the learning experiences and opportunities we want to provide and how we can best prepare our children for an ever-changing world. The insights from this workshop will inform the development of our 2027-2029 strategic plan which will be finalised by the end of this year and will be shared with our school community.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our community consultation. Your feedback has been an important part of this process, helping ensure our future direction reflects the aspirations of our school community. We look forward to sharing our strategic plan with you as it takes shape.

Emma Saxon
Presiding Member | Reremoana School Board of Trustees

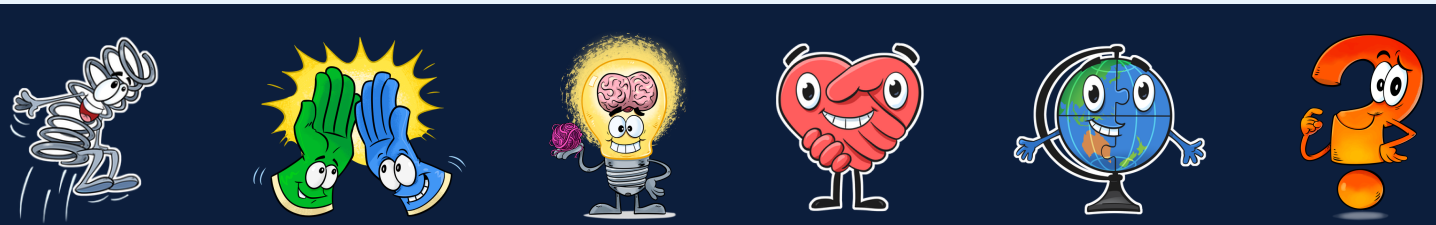
# Congratulations, Newly Weds!



Last week one of our Te Puna teachers, Miss Katja Sixt, married her beau Tim in her dream fairytale wedding!

Formally she is now Mrs Brichau-Sixt, although she is happy to be known as Miss S for the rest of the year to the children.

Congratulations, Katja and Tim! Thank you for letting us share one of your gorgeous pictures!



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# Book Week - Scholastic Book Fair




## OPENING HOURS

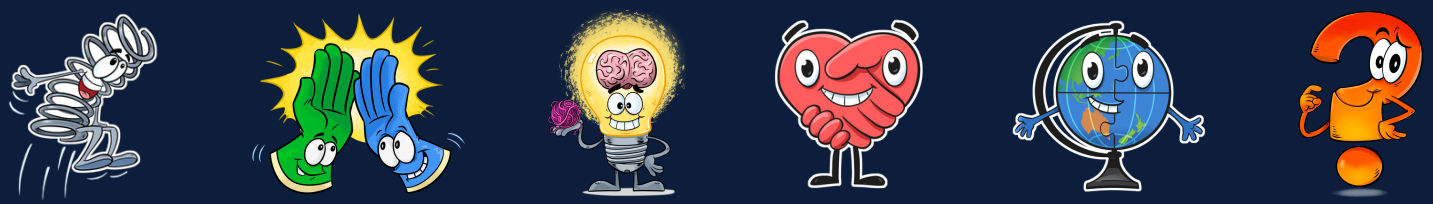
- Every Day 8:30-9am
- Lunch Times (12:30-1pm)
- Mon, Tue, Wed after school till 3:30pm
- Thursday after school till 5pm
- Final spot will be Friday, at Lunch Time

**Week 4, 2 - 6 November**
**Theme: Snuggle Up With a Good Book**

Get ready to celebrate this year's Book Week: the time of year when we make a special effort to encourage, share, and showcase the joy of reading! During Week 4 (Nov 2-6) our school library will play host to a Scholastic Book Fair, giving tamariki the chance to discover new stories, explore exciting new books, and maybe even find their next favourite read.
Even more excitingly, every purchase helps support our school library with a portion of the proceeds going directly towards our book budget, helping us refresh and restock our shelves, and ensuring our readers have a steady supply of new, engaging, adventures to embark upon.
Whether your child is a budding bookworm, a fledgling page turner, or simply looking for their next great read, the Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to nurture a lifelong love of reading while supporting our school community.
All week: Book Fair sales will be open before school, during school lunch, and after school (until 3:30) every day of Week 4.
Thursday of Week 4 Mapu Maia will host a "Together we Thrive" event in the hall from 2-6pm which will include Public Health and Kia Ora Team stalls, Health and Wellbeing checks for whanau, Kids activations utilising Mapu Maia Kia Ora Ake team (i.e arts/crafts, games, face painting...), and giveaways. More information about this to come. The library will be open for book sales until 5pm. There will also be sausage sizzle. And more.... Come along, enjoy the good weather, engage in some activities, and maybe even buy a book or two.
Thursday will also be Pyjama day, a non-school uniform day with a focus on our theme of snuggling up with a good book.

*We'll be running 2 competitions over the week:*
**Whanau Competition**: send in a picture of your child reading a book at home, in strange or unusual places, in pjs. Most creative submissions will win book vouchers. We will advise when to start sending these in.
**School Competition**: complete a book review. Most compelling reviews will win book vouchers.

*Jason Bailey*



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# Te Moana Camp!

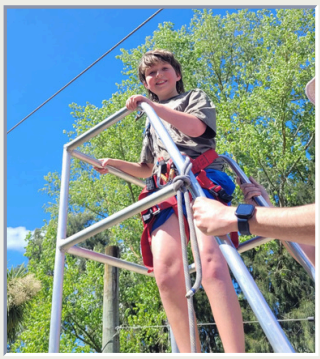
Last Tuesday, the Te Moana team headed to Lakewood Lodge for our Year 7/8 camp. We had the chance to try so many fun activities, including kayaking, archery, low ropes, a climbing wall, horse riding, and the flying fox. We also got to feed all the farm animals: horses, pigs, chickens, and cows.

As part of our survival camp, we spent a night in tents, learning how to make SOS signs, start a fire, and build sturdy shelters. We also experienced nature's alarm: a rooster that woke all of us at the crack of dawn.

A massive thank you to all the parent helpers and teachers for making this happen; we truly couldn't have done it without you.

*Chloe L*

























# CALENDAR ART

## OPENS FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

GET YOUR ORDERS IN!

ART CAN BE VIEWED ON YOUR CHILDS HUB FACEBOOK PAGE

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ON **KINDO**

ORDERS CLOSE 8TH NOVEMBER



# 2026 YEARBOOK

## YEARBOOK 2026
## Cover Competition

Want to be remembered as the creative face of our 2026 Yearbook? Create a cover on A4 sized paper. Use the success criteria below to help you. Hand your design in to Ms Fothergill by Friday 13th November.

*Please include your full name and year level on the back*




**Success Criteria**

- Include the school name and/or logo
- Include the words Yearbook 2026
- Include a border
- Easy to read font
- Include CURRENT design elements which reflect our school
- Well laid out
- Colour choices that make the reader want to pick it up
- Carefully and effectively coloured
- Displays some originality

**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.**

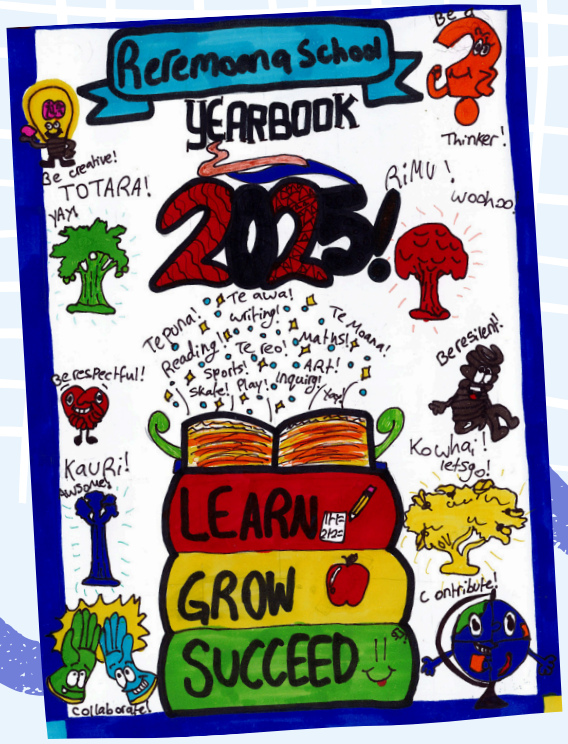
**Just order and pay via HERO. The cost of the magazine is $25.**

**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 13th November**

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

**ORDER VIA HERO**

**$25**



Be Respectful
Consider My Choices

Be Collaborative
Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Be a Thinker
Thoughtfully Critical

Be Resilient
Keep Going

Whole School Together!

# REREMOANA SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Together • Active • Stronger

Be a Contributor
Make a Positive Difference

Be Creative
Think of New Possibilities



SAVE THE DATE!
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2026
MASSEY PARK PAPAKURA

A day to celebrate our students, our learning and our community!

## BACK TOGETHER!

We are excited to have the **whole school back at our Reremoana School Athletics Day** this year, with that **real community feel back!**

## SKILLS FOR LIFE

Our students are being explicitly taught athletic skills as well as important general skills like resilience, collaboration, communication and more.

*Our athletics day will be a celebration of this learning!*

## ALL STUDENTS, ALL EVENTS

This year we encourage all our students to participate in **all** events. Some will be doing so in a social capacity, while others will do that in a real competitive way, depending on the children and their needs.

## IT'S A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY!

All children will take part in the athletics day events unless they have a medical certificate or a real valid reason where they physically can not compete.

*We have enough differentiation in the programme to cater for all our students.*

## BUS TRAVEL

All students will have to take the bus to and from the event, which makes the organisation and safety of all students early to manage.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The best way to support your child would be to help us out as an age-group **coordinator** on the day. We also won't be able to have the day without some **volunteers** that act as officials.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you know any family members, ex-students or friends that could help us out on the day please email **traceya@reremoana.school.nz**

## GAZEBOS NEEDED

At this stage we are also desperately looking for gazebos on the day to make sure our volunteers and students have shade at most times.

*If you have a business with gazebos that are printed where you can advertise your business, we are welcoming that!*

## $15 PER STUDENT

We ask for a donation of $15 per student that can be paid from now on via **Kindo**.

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Let's make Reremoana Athletics Day an unforgettable celebration!

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RESPECT • EFFORT • EXCELLENCE • TOGETHER

# COMING HOME TODAY

Student Medical & Contact Information sheets will be coming home with all Te Puna/Te Awa students in Term 4.

Please take the time to review the documents and ensure the information that we hold is current, relevant and acurate.

Ensure we hold up to date contact information (inc. current address – if you have moved out of zone since enroling, this will not effect your childs enrollment status at Reremoana), medical/allergy information and any access or alergy information (please include as much detail as you can).

All information held is treated as confidential and should you wish to discuss this information please see Helen or Katrina in the office.

Return completed sheets to the office.