

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, Cìào, おはよう (Ohayou), 안녕 Ahn Nyeong, Olá, Privet!, Xin Chào, Salam, Goedendag, Chom Reap Sour, සුඳු Suosdei, Ayubowan, Էրևո

To those celebrating Diwali, Happy Diwali to you and your loved ones. May light guide your path, kindness fill your heart, and abundance bless your home. Over the past two weeks we have been enjoying learning about Diwali and taking part in related experiences. Thank you to the staff, parents and whanau who have helped make this possible.

Recently we were privileged to host Catherine Gallagher, Clinical Psychologist, to speak to both staff and parents around Understanding and Managing Children's Anxiety.

Some key messages from Catherine:

- Feeling some anxiety is a normal and necessary part of life that we need to support tamariki to be ok with feeling.
- It's important to understand it and know how to handle anxiety and not let it get in the way of living life
- Anxiety can look like a range of behaviors such as stubbornness, tears, clinginess, angry, withdrawing and it's useful to help tamariki to identify when their worry brain is kicking off
- Tamariki take their lead from us - they do what they see and feel what others feel
- Avoiding something that causes anxiety is natural but it's not helpful in the long term, we get less anxious about something by experiencing that thing. Support your child to be brave - this stretching them out of their comfort zone.
- We need to be the calm and not join their 'storm', this often means we as adults need to regulate ourselves first.
- Help tamariki to identify what's within their influence, focusing on what we can't control can feed our anxiety and that feeling of 'what if..'

Thank you to those parents who came along to our evening with Catherine, we hope you felt empowered and left feeling more confident in supporting your child when anxiety shows up.

Julie Cowan
Principal
Learn Grow Succeed

**HAPPY
Diwali**

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Kia hora te marino,
Kia whakapapa
pounamu te
moana, kia tere te
Kārohirohi i mua i
tōu huarahi



*May the calm be
widespread, May the
ocean glisten as
greenstone, May the
shimmer of light
ever dance across
your pathway.*



Curriculum Update

As you are aware from these newsletter updates, this year new maths (Year 0-8) and English (Year 0-6) curricula were mandated for use this year. Our teachers and leaders have spent many, many hours undertaking professional development to unpack them and become familiar what they need to teach at each year level. It has required new systems and reporting frameworks, and new assessment tools. On Sunday 19th, unexpectedly, new maths and English curricula (for Year 0-10) for use from the start of 2026 were published on the Ministry of Education website. While there had been rumours and indications that some 'tweaks' would be made, we were in no way prepared for the changes that have taken place without notice or consultation.

The framework of 'Understand, Know, Do' that the draft refreshed curriculum AND the 2025 maths and English curricula were based on has been removed and the content is now arranged under Knowledge and Practices.

The content of what is to be taught at each year has also been changed considerably, particularly in the maths curriculum. Educators, professional development providers and educational experts are all now scrambling to unpack this latest curriculum and develop an understanding of exactly what and how things have changed. The information I've received so far indicates content to be taught has been moved further down, for example some maths concepts that were previously Year 9 objectives are now being introduced in Year 6. There are also considerably more objectives to be taught at each year level in maths. This will mean that student achievement data from this year will have limited ability to be compared to data from next year, and that children who are meeting this year's expectations may not be meeting expectations under the 2026 curriculum.

We know it has been as frustrating for you, as it has been for us, as teachers teach a curriculum this year at the same time they are learning it and therefore haven't been able to answer some of your questions. We will continue to use our BSLA (structured literacy) teaching approaches and we know the BSLA team will be revisiting and making required changes. We will continue to work with professional learning facilitators both those provided by the Ministry of Education as well as those we contract as a school. Much of the work we have done this year will need to be redone and we appreciate your understanding.

As a team of experienced and dedicated teachers and leaders, we will also continue to advocate for research informed teaching and learning practice and what we know is important for children's learning and development.

Julie Cowan

Senior Athletics

It was disappointing for all to have to call off Tuesday's athletics due to the weather. As mentioned in the information shared on Monday, we are working with the council to try and secure another date. We will let you know as soon as we can, if we are successful in this venture.



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Diwali Celebration!

🌟 Diwali Celebration – Friday 31st October 🌟

Tomorrow, Friday, 31st October, we'll be celebrating Diwali – the Festival of Lights – at school. Diwali is a special festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. It symbolises the victory of light over darkness and good over evil, and is a time for families to come together, share sweets, decorate their homes with lamps (diyas), and celebrate love, kindness, and hope.

To mark this joyful occasion, children are encouraged to come dressed in traditional Indian attire or wear something bright and colourful to celebrate the spirit of Diwali. We'll also be holding a Diwali Assembly on the day to share performances, music, and the story of Diwali with our school community.

It's a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to celebrate culture, colour, and togetherness.

Jasmine Kaur

Friends of the School

Attention: Parents & Guardians

Want to be more involved in school life? We're looking for awesome parents to join our "Friends of the School" team – our go-to team for helping with events, fundraisers, and more!

Whether you have a little time or a lot, your energy and ideas can make a big difference. It's fun, flexible, and a great way to be part of the action!

At this stage we are taking expressions of interest, with a view to getting together in the new year.

Interested? Please [complete this form](#) or email

lynnf@reremoana.school.nz.



Junior Production – Letters to my Dad

We are very excited to announce our **Term 4 school production – "Letters to My Dad!"**

Please save the dates – **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December 2025** – as this will be a show not to be missed!

Letters to My Dad is a moving and uplifting musical production that takes a proactive, entertaining approach to empowering children and reminding us all that there is much more to a person's character than what we see on the outside. Through inspiring songs, collaboration, and peer-to-peer influence, this production provides a platform for students to explore and address important social themes positively and creatively.

All of our Te Puna and Te Puna Iti students will be performing, proudly representing their kaitiaki classes in the beautiful ensemble songs. The **main cast features a number of our talented choir members** and soloists who will bring the story to life.

Further details about **tickets and production day arrangements** will be shared soon. We can't wait to celebrate our students' creativity and hard work with you!



YEARBOOK 2025 Cover Competition

Want to be remembered as the creative face of our 2025 Yearbook? Create a cover on A4 sized paper. Use the success criteria below to help you.

Hand your design in to Ms Fothergill by Monday 10th 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 2025
- 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

2025 YEARBOOK



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 14th November

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

ORDER VIA
HERO
\$25

\$20
Freezing
Friday
Cards
available
from the
office.

\$50 notes and Eftpos for individual sales are no longer accepted.

Card values must be used within the school year - all unused credit expires on the last Friday of term 4. No refunds for unused credit.



CHRISTMAS COOKIES

SINCE 1985

40TH

BIRTH DAY!

FUND RAISER!



COOKIES FOR OUR GOOD CAUSE!

It's a special milestone this year – 40 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES. And we're part of THE CELEBRATION with a fantastic festive fundraiser. HELP US reach our goals by ordering YOUR FAVOURITE FLAVOURS. PROUDLY NZ MADE, from a FAMILY OWNED business.

★ \$23 per 2L bucket, \$21 for Gluten Free

★ We get cash for each bucket sold, increasing the more we sell – up to \$5 per bucket

★ Plus, we'll be in the running for a \$1000 cash prize to the group that sells the most buckets

You can order on Kindo or an order form will come home with your student in Week 5

Close Date: 12pm 18 Nov

Term 4 Important Dates

Updated Weekly

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 27-31 Oct					Wear Indian Cultural dress Diwali Celebration Assembly 2pm
Week 5 3-7 Nov	MPSSA Athletics		CM Games	CM Games	CM Games
Week 6 10-14 Nov Scholastic Book fair	Yearbook Cover Comp closes	CCSA Athletics			Yearbook Orders Close
Week 7 17-21 Nov		Counties Athletics Christmas Cookies orders close	Te Awa Mahi not the Money day		
Week 8 24-28 Nov				Student Council Elections	Te Puna Trip - Wizard of Oz
Week 9 1-5 Dec		Rainbows End Care Day	Jnr Musical "Letters to my Dad" aftn	Jnr Musical "Letters to my Dad" evening	
Week 10 8-12 Dec		Te Moana Ballet Trip	CU Graduation		Jnr Athletics Day Reports released
Week 11 15-17 Dec	Jnr and Snr Celebrations of Learning	Meet new Teacher Y8 Graduation	Last day - Final Assembly 12pm, school ends 1pm		

2026 start and finish dates:

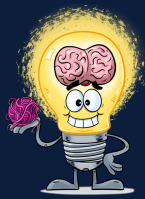
Monday 2 Feb – Tues 15 Dec

Term 1 ends on April 2nd.

Term 2 runs from April 20th to July 3rd.

Term 3 is from July 20th to September 25th.

Term 4 begins on October 12th



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CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH 2025
FROM 10AM TO 2PM

**CASH PREFERRED, BUT EFTPOS CASH OUT
AVAILABLE (MAXIMUM \$80)
SOME STALLS DO HAVE EFTPOS**

OVER 20 STALLS TO TEMPT YOU

**PROCEEDS FROM THE WHITE ELEPHANT
AND THE BBQ ARE BEING DONATED
TO KIDZ FIRST**