

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Nī 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, ស្អុន Suosdei, Ayubowan, Էրևո

Over the weekend the Prime Minister and Education Minister made a big announcement around education and the implementation of their 'Make it Count' policy which introduces a new maths curriculum from the start of 2025. You may be aware that they are also introducing a new literacy curriculum. We have not yet seen any of these documents.

We do know that the literacy curriculum is based on a structured literacy approach. We have been using the University of Canterbury's structured literacy approach - Better Start Literacy Approach - for the past 3 years and this now goes up to including most of our Year 3 students (as well as Year 0, 1 & 2). We don't yet have any information around what this curriculum will look like in the senior school. It is important to us at Reremoana School that our teaching practices are research and evidence based and relevant to our New Zealand context.

Under the previous government, schools were unpacking and working to understand a new 'refreshed' curriculum, and we are unsure if any of the English/Literacy and Mathematics areas are remaining under the new government's curriculum, or if the recent announcements mean a totally different set of progressions and expectations. We are also unsure so far what research has been used in the development of this new maths curriculum.

The data being discussed in the media and by the government paints an alarming story. The figure of 22% meeting expectation refers to some benchmarking work done against the refreshed curriculum, this is not the curriculum schools are currently using and as already noted I'm not sure if how much of this will be retained by the current government in their 'Make It Count' curriculum.

You may have also heard another study showed only 42% of Year 8s achieving at curriculum expectation; this figure is also concerning and does relate to our current curriculum being used in schools. I want to give some reassurance to our community - using our mid year 2024 data at Reremoana School we have over 80% of Year 8 students achieving at the curriculum expectation for mid Year 8. This is a credit to our students, our teachers and our community. I also want to reassure you that for those children who aren't achieving at expectation through our school they are closely monitored by teachers and leaders and supported by interventions such as small group teaching.

As leaders and teachers we are taking every opportunity to keep up to date with developments and to seek further information. We are concerned about the very short timeframes for teachers to come to sound understandings of what and how they are going to be expected to teach from 2025.

We also will be ensuring that the things we know are important to our school and community are maintained. We know how highly valued (and research based) our Language of Learning is. We know that as well as wanting people who are literate and numerate, our society needs people who are respectful, resilient, creative and collaborative. We need people who are contributors and thinkers. We know our community values a holistic approach to education, that's not all about academic learning but about hauora/wellbeing, social skills and cultural identity and belonging. We know you value a wide variety of rich experiences and learning contexts for your children. We will be ensuring that throughout these curriculum changes we do not lose what is important to Reremoana School and our community as we 'Learn, Grow, Succeed'.

Julie Cowan
Principal
Learn Grow Succeed

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- Health Survey
- Move-athon
- School Keys
- T3 Lunches
- Student Council Update
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Mauri mahi,
mauri ora



"Do the mahi, get the treats"
(through work, we prosper)

TE RA O TUMEKE TUMUAKI

Last week we celebrated our wonderful Principal Julie Cowan, on Te Ra o Tumeke Tumuaiki. Children were able to apply to be the Principal and the winners were Izaak from Te Moana, Chloe from Te Awa and Margaux and Richelle from Te Puna. All of the winners helped Mrs Cowan with some of her jobs, and then they shared lunch together in her office. Classes also made 'flower bouquets' for Mrs Cowan.



KEY FOR THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Would you like to be able to bring your children to use the school playground, turf and grounds outside of school hours? Would you like to come and practice your hockey, football or tennis skills during the weekend? We are offering families of our school the opportunity to hire a gate key for \$50 a year (plus bond). If you would like further information please contact Cheryl at the office:

cherylw@reremoana.school.nz



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CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so proud of these three rangitahi, who have been selected for the Counties Keas U13 representative hockey squad! Ka Rawe Cooper, Vereniki and Lachlan! Proof that hard work brings reward.



A set of robust, warm jackets has been purchased for staff to wear in these cold winter months when on road patrol, active supervision and at sports events. They are awesome!

TUPU MAIA PROGRAMME

Reremoana School has been provided with the opportunity for students to take part in the Tupu Māia programme. The Warriors Community Foundation have created this programme for Wāhine Toa, Tupu Māia.

Tupu Māia is a girls only health and wellbeing programme for students Year 7-8.

Tupu (grow, foster) Māia – (confidence, bravery, boldness).

Tupu Māia is specifically targeted at Year 7-8 girls to focus on:

- confidence
- participation
- enjoyment of sport
- wellbeing
- keeping physically and mentally active with their peers

Key Measures for Tupu Māia

- Increase confidence in girls playing sport aged 11-12 years of age
- Increase participation in girls aged 11-12 years of age, including links to clubs
- Increase the “fun” element

Research has shown that there are many reasons for young wāhine to drop out of sport and physical recreation. Tupu Māia aims to create a positive environment for young women. The programme is underpinned by Te Whare Tapa Whā,

The students who are taking part in this opportunity will have several sessions at school, with the experience culminating in a Festival Day at school on Monday 2nd September.



PŌWHIRI

Last week we held our termly Pōwhiri, to welcome new members of our school community. Thanks to our senior kapa haka for your awesome welcome! Thanks also to our Student Council, for providing kai for our new Reremoana friends to share after the Pōwhiri.



WE WILL BE CELEBRATING TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK THROUGHOUT WEEK 5 THIS TERM. HOWEVER, OUR PASIFIKA GROUP JOINT PERFORMANCE WILL BE DURING THE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 6.

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

THIS IS DUE TO SOME KEY MEMBERS OF OUR PASIFIKA TEAM BEING AWAY AT SPORTS CAMP IN WEEK 5 AND A WIFI UPGRADE ACROSS THE WHOLE SCHOOL IN WEEK 5, RESULTING IN THE HALL SOUND SYSTEM BEING UNAVAILABLE.

CHILDREN ARE STILL INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE END OF TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK BY WEARING THEIR CULTURAL ATTIRE ON FRIDAY WEEK 5.

HEALTH SURVEY

Every two years schools are required to consult with the community in regard to the Health Curriculum.

Please take this opportunity to provide input into the future planning of the Health Curriculum at Reremoana School. Under the four learning areas specifically related to Health as part of the Health Education Curriculum, you will be asked to identify what specifics are important for you and your Whānau to be taught at Reremoana School.

The link to complete the survey has been shared via the newsletter and via HERO. Please complete it once only.

You can complete the survey by [clicking here](#).

**WE REALLY VALUE YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK.
TO ENCOURAGE AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE,
WE WILL BE DRAWING THREE NAMES AT RANDOM TO WIN
A \$100 GROCERY VOUCHER.**



A celebratory graphic with a light blue background. It features two large, irregular yellow shapes. The top shape is surrounded by colorful confetti (squares, rectangles, and streamers) in shades of purple, green, yellow, and pink. The text 'Move-athon Update' is written in a purple, cursive font across the middle. Below it, in a smaller purple font, is 'As at Wednesday 7th August: 129 registered fundraisers so far - thank you!'. The bottom shape is also surrounded by colorful confetti and streamers. The text '\$4770 raised so far...!' is written in a purple, cursive font above this shape.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES AT REREMOANA SCHOOL

If our current families know of any out of zone students wishing to apply for a place at Reremoana School, please pass on the following information:

The board has determined that Reremoana School has the following spaces available for Out of Zone enrolments for children TO ENROL AND START IN 2024

- 4 spaces for new entrant/Year 0
- 5 spaces at Year 3
- 15 spaces at Year 4 or 5

Applications for these out of zone spaces close on 15 August, 3pm. If more applications are received than places a ballot will be held on August 22nd. 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](#)

Please email katrinal@reremoana.school.nz to request an enrolment pack or if you have any questions.

Please note: We will shortly be looking at spaces for 2025 and advising accordingly.



2025 in zone enrolments

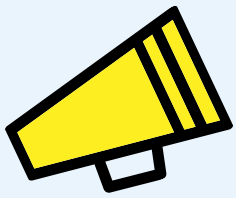
2025 in zone enrolments

Do you live in Reremoana School zone and have a child starting school in 2025?

Please let us know by contacting katrinal@reremoana.school.nz

If you have a child starting in the 2nd half of this year (2024) and haven't already enrolled please urgently contact katrinal@reremoana.school.nz





RS Sports



UPDATE

MPSSA NETBALL

We had a fantastic day out at the MPSSA Netball tournament on Monday! A huge congratulations to the girls team who won 1st place in their competition, playing their hearts out to beat St Annes 14-8. Our boys team improved every game and played so well as a team.

I'm so proud of how both teams played with mana and displayed excellent sportsmanship. They should be so proud of themselves too!

We are so grateful to Eden and Sienna from Te Moana for coming along to umpire for us. You did an amazing job! Also to our parent helpers, Allison, Charlotte (who also umpired), Brent and Bree - the girls team coach for the day, we thank you for driving our teams and helping out with supervision. You guys are awesome!

P.S. Thanks also to Whaea Kristie for being the teacher in charge!



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

TERM THREE

Week 5

Sports Camp

Week 6

Friday 30th August - CCSA Basketball

Week 7

Monday 2nd September - MPSSA Cross Country

Week 8

AIMS Week

Week 10

Wednesday 25th September - MPSSA Basketball



TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

UPDATED WEEKLY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 5 Aug - 9 Aug Cook Is Language Week				Full School Newsletter AIMS Fundraiser lunch	CCSA Cross Country Choir Competition (evg)
Week 4 12 Aug - 16 Aug	Move-athon logging continues	Te Moana Rehu Tai Finals	MPSSA Girls Football	School Reminders Te Awa Rehu Tai Finals	Move-athon finishes
Week 5 19 Aug - 23 Aug SPORTS CAMP Tongan Language Week				Full School Newsletter	Counties Cross Country
Week 6 26 Aug - 30 Aug				School Reminders	Fathers Breakfast
Week 7 2 Sept - 6 Sept	MPSSA Cross Country			Full School Newsletter Te Puna Poetry Finals	Camp Fundraiser Lunch
Week 8 9 Sept - 13 Sept AIMS Games				School Reminders	Te Puna "Whānau Time" afternoon
Week 9 16 Sept - 20 Sept Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori	BOT Meeting			Full School Newsletter	
Week 10 23 Sept - 27 Sept			MPSSA Basketball		

TERM 4 MONDAY 14 OCTOBER – TUESDAY 17TH DEC (LABOUR DAY 28 OCT, TOD 29 OCT)



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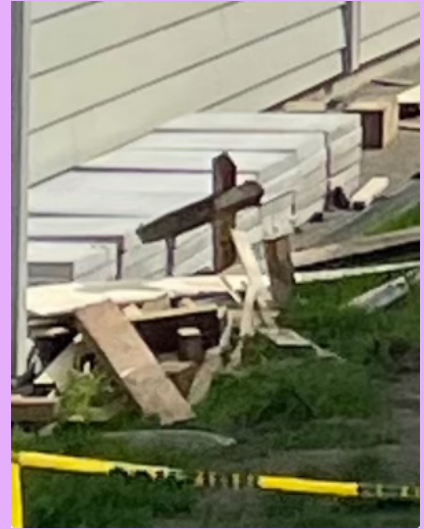
SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

Support Team Shed - Can you help?

A small but dedicated group of parents have been working hard on the Support Team shed behind our hall. They now require assistance for someone from our community who can assist to lay 35 pavers (450mmx450mm) to complete the shed project.

Metal has been laid but needs expertise and assistance with levelling and compacting with proper equipment and/or additional materials (that the school will purchase).

Please contact Merv on 022 460 2428 to discuss and arrange a weekend (Sat or Sun) to complete the project.



COMMUNITY NEWS