

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, សួស្តី Suosdei, Ayubowan, Էրևո

Please Join Us!

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Titiro
whakamuri.
Kokiri
whamamua



Look back and
reflect so you
can move
forward

We are getting excited about our upcoming end of year event, our **Summer Showcase!** Each year our groups such as choir and cultural groups want to perform and show what they have worked on over the year so this year we are having a Summer Showcase so we can 'showcase' all the amazing work and talent of our ākonga.

Our Summer Showcase will have performances from cultural groups such as our **Kapa Haka, Indian and Pasifika** groups, each team has items to share as well as our talented **choir** performing. Even the staff are working on a very special item I'm sure will be the stand out performance! Every child in the school has the opportunity to be on stage at least once during the evening and we'd love to see everyone there! Performances will be on the courtyard; the order of events is on the next page.

There will be food trucks, rides and face painting. While some food trucks etc will have eftpos I recommend bringing some cash to be on the safe side. You are welcome of course to bring your own picnic and enjoy it on the field or courtyard.

Classes and teams are also working on 'Christmas around the World' window displays. I'm sure Smith and Caughey's famous windows are in for some competition! Please come and vote for your favourite window display.

Starting at 6pm our Summer Showcase will be a couple of hours of having our talents on display and celebrating all the hard work throughout the year. This event is open to the whole community, bring along your extended family or friends. There is no charge to attend and watch the performances although any koha is welcome and appreciated.

Hope to see you there!

Julie Cowan
Principal
Learn Grow Succeed

Confirmed Food Options:



Made by May
Grayze
Mummas Dumplings
Donut Waka
Sausage sizzle
Candy floss
Ice cream guy!

SUMMER SHOWCASE – ORDER OF EVENTS

Start time is 6pm – other times are approximate only	
6pm	Junior Kapa Haka
6:10	Indian group
6:15	Te Puna iti
6:20	Te Puna Hub 1
6:25	Senior Pasifika group
6:40	Te Moana
6:45	Staff item
6:50	Te Puna Hub 2
6:55	K Pop Group
7:05	Te Awa
7:15	Te Roopu ō Hinemoana
7:25	Choir/Guest group



CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

As advertised all term in our calendar, we will hold two Celebrations of Learning on Friday December 13th.

The Junior Celebration of Learning is for students in Te Puna Iti, Te Puna 1 and Te Puna 2. It will begin at 9:45am. The hall will be open for guests at 9:30.

The Senior Celebration of Learning is for students in Te Awa and Te Moana. It will begin at 11:15am. The hall will be open for guests at 11:00.

Whānau are welcome to attend. If your child is being acknowledged in some way, you will shortly receive a message via HERO.

CHROMEBOOKS Y4-8

We encourage all families to purchase a chromebook for their child in Years 4-8 (Te Awa and Te Moana). The school does have some chromebooks in each class for student who do not have their own, to use. Students do prefer to have their own, which they can also take home.

When purchasing, please ensure the device is a Chromebook (as opposed to a laptop or tablet).

UNIFORM UPDATE

Due to the difficulty in sourcing price equivalent fabric, our bone/sand coloured polo shirts are being phased out. Students will continue to be able to wear them if they have them, and to purchase the sizes that are still available via Uniform Works. We just won't be replenishing supplies of sizes as they become sold out, as to do so would have meant a significant price increase for this item.

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

At the end of the year we say a sad goodbye to three much loved Reremoana staff members, all of whom have taken positions closer to home.

Mrs Amy Muir, who has been with us for 9 years, will be teaching at Opaheke School, closer to where her own children will attend high school.

Mrs Claire Bastiaanse has recently moved to Pukekohe, and will take up a teaching position at Tamaoho School. Claire has been at Reremoana since coming to New Zealand 6 years ago.

Mrs Bonnie Crane has moved house and secured a position at The Gardens School.

These amazing women have all left an indelible mark on our school and will surely be missed. We wish them all the best.

Arohanui!

We are delighted to welcome the following new staff to Reremoana in 2025:

Hi, I'm **Jasvinder Kaur**, but most people just call me Jazz. I'm thrilled to be part of the incredible team here at Reremoana School!

I moved to New Zealand in 2017 to pursue my postgraduate diploma in education and have since enjoyed every moment of this journey. With 6 years of experience in early childhood education and 8 years of primary teaching experience overseas, I've had the privilege of working with children from diverse backgrounds.

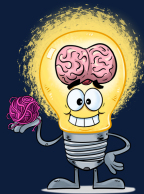
Teaching has always been my passion—it's what inspires me every day. I love seeing children grow, learn, and discover their potential, and I feel lucky to support them on their path.

I'm a simple and friendly person who loves exploring new things. In my spare time, you'll often find me singing and dancing—activities that bring me so much joy and energy.

Looking forward to many exciting adventures at Reremoana!



Kia Ora. My name is **Brooke Thomas**, and I'm very excited to join Te Awa next year! In 2024, I completed my postgraduate diploma in teaching and learning and completed my last practicum at Reremoana School in Te Awa hub 2. I loved the experience and am happy to start my teaching career at this school. I enjoy spending my time going for walks with my friends, watching sunsets and spending time with my family. These personal interests are a big part of who I am, and I look forward to sharing more about them with everyone. I am passionate about working with children, nurturing their development and creating a positive and inspiring learning environment. I grew up as a competitive dancer and love to be creative and lively in the classroom. I'm looking forward to being a part of the Reremoana community!



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Kia ora, namaste, hola, konnichiwa, bula and good day to you. My name is **Jason Bailey** and I'm excited to be joining Reremoana at the start of 2025. I live in Wattle Downs - a few of you have probably noticed me on morning walks wearing garish shorts of various descriptions - and have spent the last couple of years teaching in the senior school at Clayton Park.

Prior to that I spent a while working on law and policy in Washington DC, had a dalliance with civil rights advocacy and outreach for a few years, and found an opportunity to dip my toe into legal practice here and there. Which is a long winded way of saying that the path to Reremoana has been a winding one, but a destination like your school deserves the gravitas only a proper odyssey offers.

I'll bore you in future with stories of my triumphant athletic achievements - a silver medal when competing against only myself hints at my prowess - and any other subject you care to know about, so feel free to start a chat with me whenever and wherever. I'm particularly thrilled by the prospect of being the defacto winner of both Best Beard and Smoothest Cranium.



2025 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 1 – MONDAY 3 FEB TO FRI 11 APR

Public holiday: Waitangi – Thurs 6 Feb.

TERM 2 – MON 28 APR TO FRI– 27 JUNE

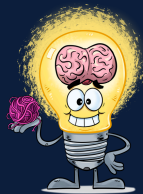
Public holidays: King's Birthday – Mon 2 June and Matariki Fri – 20 June.

TERM 3 – MON 14 JUL TO FRI 19 SEPT

TERM 4 – MON 6 OCT TO WED 17 DEC

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: LABOUR DAY – MON 27 OCT

3 teacher only days will be added when confirmed - 2 have been provided by MoE for maths We are working with the Ministry of Education around the professional development they are providing schools for the updated maths and English curriculum and waiting to hear what dates we have been allocated. As soon as they let us know we will advise our community.



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SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2025



Te Puna Iti - New Entrant/Y1 - Sarah Hutchinson (Te Puna Team Leader; Hauora)

Te Puna 1 - Y1 - Jazz Kaur

Te Puna 1 - Y2/3 - Katja Sixt

Te Puna 1 - Y2/3 - Shannon Gugich-McKenzie

Te Puna 2 - Y1/2 - Jasmine Kaur

Te Puna 2 - Y2/3 - Krysten Schroeder (Te Puna Team Leader; Ako)

Te Puna 2 - Y2/3 - Alisha Hunter



Te Awa 1 - Y4 - Braxton Murray

Te Awa 1 - Y4/5 - Courtney White (Acting Team Leader Hauora, with Lynn Fothergill)

Te Awa 2 - Y 4/5 - Kristie Knauf (Te Awa Team Leader; Ako)

Te Awa 2 - Y5/6 - Brooke Thomas*

Te Awa 3 - Y5/6 - Melissa Ward

Te Awa 3 - Y6 - Nikki Vaai

*Brooke Thomas is with us for 6 months until Mrs Nathana Wickman returns from parental leave to teach this kaitiaki. Nathana will then also take over as Hauora Team Leader. Mrs Wickman will teach in Te Awa 2 on Tuesdays in Terms 1 and 2 as well.



Te Moana - Y 7/8 - Lisa Thomson (Acting Team Leader, with Marama O'Reilly)

Te Moana - Y 7/8 - Del Young

Te Moana - Y 7/8 - Jason Bailey

Release teachers - Mrs Katie Jenkins Martin, Mrs Prem Swami, Mrs Gloria Cowan. Mrs Sharren Bailey.

Parents sometimes wonder why some years we have composite (more than one class level) in a hub and some years we do not. It is all dependent on numbers in each year level cohort. Composites allow a balance of number of students in classes.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY TOMORROW

29 November 2024

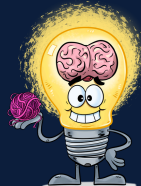
Venue - Reremoana School

Important Information

- School rolls at 09:00 am, please be at school by 8:50 am
- A cancellation decision will be posted on all available media by 8 am.
- Students are encouraged to wear their house t-shirts or house colours. Please make sure what is worn is appropriate for all events.
- For safety reasons, it is recommended that athletes competing in throwing events wear covered shoes.
- Please pack a change of clothes in case they get wet in the afternoon with the water play.
- Don't forget to pack a sun hat, jumper, plenty of food and a water bottle. If they cannot wear our school sunblock please provide your own.
- Spectators are to stay in the designated spectator areas at all times. (see map on the following page),
- All children are to stay with their age group at all times.
- THANK YOU to all our volunteers for helping make our athletics day possible!



We will end the day with a
WHOLE SCHOOL HOUSE CHANT OFF
ALL STUDENTS are invited to wear house colours
tomorrow!



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Event Details:

Long Jump

Overview: Children will jump for a distance with a soft landing area.

Format: Each child gets 2 jumps, and potentially a third if time allows.

Awards: All jumps are measured, and ribbons will be awarded to the 3 students with the farthest jumps.

Chicken Throw

Overview: Children will throw a light, soft object, like a “chicken,” in a style similar to a discus throw.

Format: Throws will not be individually measured. Instead, students aim to throw farther than a set marker.

Awards: Only the student who achieves the farthest throw will receive a ribbon.

Special Note for 7-Year-Olds: 7-year-old boys and girls will use a softer discus for their throws.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place based on distance.

Shot Put

Overview: Children will use a small, soft shot put for safety, with a focus on learning correct throwing technique.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded to the 3 students who achieve the farthest throws.

Hurdle Race

Overview: A low-hurdle course suitable for younger children, with cones marking boundaries.

Awards: The first 3 students to cross the finish line in the final race will receive ribbons.

Sprint Race

Overview: A 50-metre sprint, with a shorter 30-metre race available if time permits.

Awards: Ribbons will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in the final sprint race.

Moon hopper race

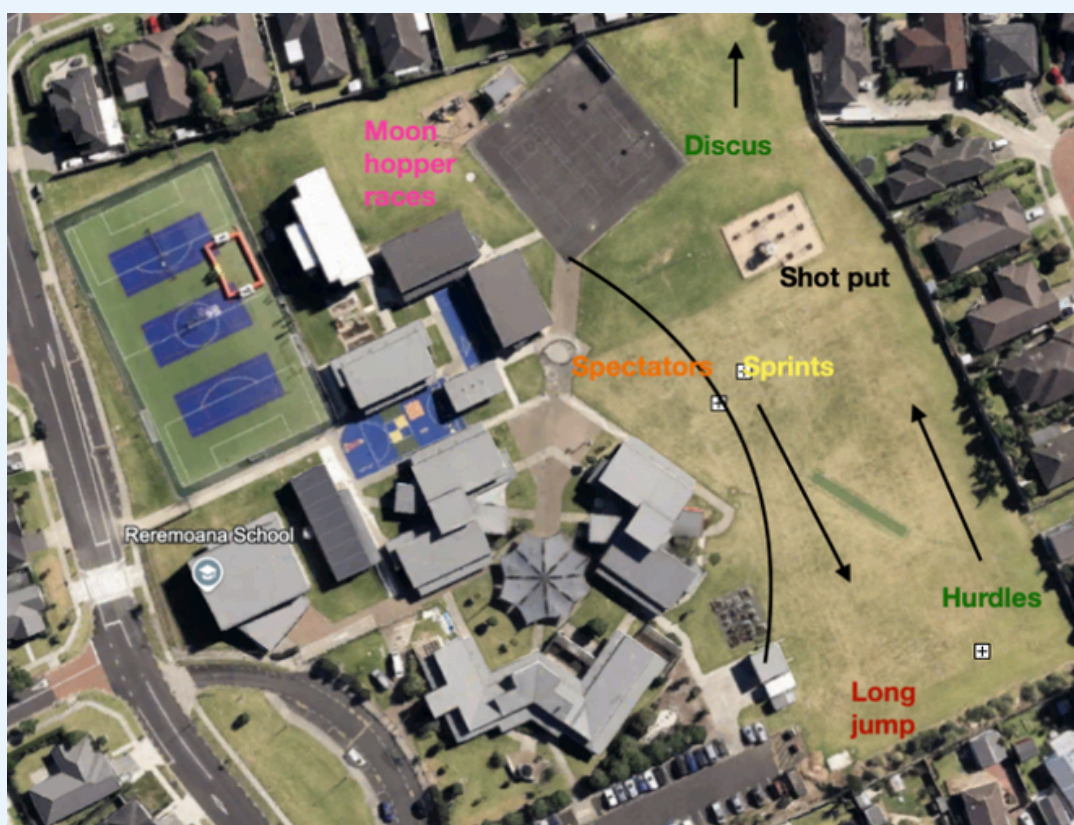
This will be a fun event only - no ribbons allocated. Other ball games will also be included here.

Afternoon Fun Rotation

After the main events, students will enjoy a relaxed and fun rotation, which may include:

- A bouncy castle
- Water play activities
- Arts and crafts
- A special surprise with stories and an ice-block treat for all!

We look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled day celebrating our young athletes!



DOG SAFETY

This week we had visit from the Dog Safety team from the Animal Management. Animal Management contacted us as they frequently patrol area in the interest of reducing harm and nuisance caused by roaming dogs, and to proactively engage with the community around dog safety and responsible dog ownership.

Having some Animal Management Officers visit our kura and delivering dog safety talks to tamariki and/or kaimahi on how to stay safe around kurī, is one of the many community engagement initiatives offer by the Proactive Animal Management Team. It forms part of their campaign to reduce dog attacks around Tāmaki Makaurau, particularly on tamariki.

Helping the Animal Management officers were Rupert the beagle, Lola the griffon/pug cross and Koda, the cavoodle cross.

“Rupert is a retired border security dog. The children leant to ask the owner “is the dog sweet to meet”? They were given skills to get to know dog by offering their hand the correct way for a dog to sniff, they learned ‘chin and chest is best” for a pat. Our kaitiaki were each given a stuffed toy dog for our classrooms. Kaitiaki Cowan voted to name their dog Bluey; he goes home every night with a child for an adventure and they write one sentence about their adventure with Bluey in Bluey’s book. “

Gloria Cowan



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STAFF BRING YOUR DOG TO SCHOOL DAY!

Following our visit from the Animal Management Team, the staff were invited to bring their dogs along. I was very impressed with how the students practised what they had learned when greeting my dogs! Here are some of the dogs that came to school today!

Lynn Fothergill



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I GOT TO HAVE FUN EXPERIENCES WITH NEW PEOPLE - LILY G



I LOVED ARCHERY AND THE WATER ACTIVITIES - ALEX X



TEAWA

CAMP

WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO OUR PARENT HELPERS FOR BEING THERE! WHAT AN AMAZING CAMP



PADDLEBOATS WERE MY HIGHLIGHT - RUBY

I GOT A BULL'S EYE IN ARCHERY - ALEISHA



I SURVIVED ANIMAL SURVIVAL! - AVA Z



IT WAS THE MOST FUN THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED IN MY 5 YEARS OF BEING AT SCHOOL! - EMILY M



LOST PROPERTY

Kia ora,

The end of school is coming soon. We still have over 50 lost property items waiting to go home. All unclaimed and unnamed items still here on the last day of school will be donated to the second hand uniform. To come and check for lost property, come and speak to the office staff. The Student Council will try and return any named items.

- Crislyn Giam, Student Councillor.

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

UPDATED WEEKLY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 Nov 25-29				Full School Newsletter Staff Bring Dog to School Day	Junior Athletics (5-7) /Fun Day ALL STUDENTS welcome to wear house colours
Week 8 Dec 2-6 Student Council Elections	Rainbows End Care Day			School Reminders	SUMMER SHOWCASE (Evening event)
Week 9 Dec 9-13	Board Meeting	Year 8 Graduation	Summer Showcase Save Day	Full School Newsletter Reports released via HERO	*Celebration of Learning Junior (Te Puna Iiti/Te Puna) 9:45 Senior (Te Awa/Te Moana) 11:15
Week 10 Dec 16-21	Students meet in 2025 classes	Final Assembly 12pm School finishes 1pm			

OFFICE OPEN HOURS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thurs 30 & Fri 31 Jan 9am - 3pm

We will be open for enrollments, uniform collections/try-ons, pre-loved uniform purchases and any other admin needs.

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