



# Rongomai School

*Empowered to Take Risks; Determined to Succeed*

Rātū 17 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023 ~ Tuesday 17th of October 2023

*Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ia orana,  
Kumusta and Greetings!*

Faka'alofa lahi atu and welcome to Niue Language Week! This year, the theme is "Fakatūleva e Vagahau Niue mo e Tau Aga Fakamotu ma e Tau Atuhau," which translates to "Sustain Niue Language and Culture for Future Generations." It is an important theme as we strive to preserve and promote the precious language and culture of Niue.

In other news, our Year 5 & 6 students from Rooms 4, 6 & 7 will embark on an exciting adventure tomorrow as they head to Lakewood Lodge for their camp. The students will be participating in various activities, building teamwork, and creating lasting memories.

We would like to bring your attention to the following updates and reminders:

## **Healthy Lunches Only**

A friendly reminder that we do not permit the following food items in school lunches: packets of potato stix, roll ups, lollies, chippies, noodles, packets of chocolates, large cookies etc. These foods are high in sugar and contain artificial ingredients that do not sustain our children's attention and energy levels for learning. As an alternative, we do have the free school lunches that get delivered everyday and fruit.

## **Sunhat Policy**

Please note that hats are compulsory for all students this term. It is important that all students wear a hat during break times and when outdoors. Students without a hat will be seated under the small canopy for sun protection during the break times.

Please read on to find out about a few upcoming events and activities happening at our school.

## **Photolife**

Please mark your calendars as Photolife will be at our school on Wednesday, 25th October. It's important that your child wears the correct school uniform on this day to ensure everyone looks their best for their school photos.

## **Duffy Theatre**

We are excited to announce that Duffy Theatre will be visiting our school on Thursday, 26th October. This will be an entertaining and educational experience for our students.

## **Sathya Sai Community Day**

We have been notified that Sathya Sai will be hosting a Community Day at Rongomai School next Saturday, 28th October. More information about this event will be shared with you as soon as it becomes available.

### **Culture Group Practices**

The Kuki Group's after-school practices will be held in He Taonga Aroha on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm. We invite all Kuki Group members to attend and participate in these practices.

Additionally, the **Samoan Group's after-school practices** will commence on Thursday, 26th October from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Samoan Group participants are encouraged to join these practices starting from next Thursday.

### **Labour Day**

Please be aware that next Monday, 23rd October, is Labour Day and school will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

### **Powhiri**

We invite all new students, their families, and staff from Sathya Sai Preschool, Mt Richmond, and Rongomai School to our Term 4 powhiri which will be held on Friday, 27th October. It's an opportunity to warmly welcome and integrate our new members into the Rongomai School community.

### **Important Notice**

On Monday, 13th November, Rongomai School will be closed. Our teachers will be attending professional development at Ferguson Intermediate, along with other teaching staff from neighbouring schools in Otara. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

### **Auckland Basketball**

We would like to extend a massive thank you to CLM for bringing in coaches from Auckland Basketball to work with our tamariki and teach them some basketball skills and techniques. Our Rongomaites had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed their two sessions. It's great to see our students so enthusiastic about basketball and we may even have some future Steven Adams in the making!

We express our gratitude to Coach Lionel and Coach Ramona for their time and effort in teaching our tamariki. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Below is just a snapshot of the basketball sessions:





### Term 4 Events

#### October

- 9-13th:** Niue Language Week
- 18-20th:** Year 5 & 6 Camp at Lakewood Lodge
- 23rd:** Labour Day - School is closed.
- 25th:** Photolife
- 26th:** Duffy Theatre
- 27th:** Whole school powhiri to welcome our new tamariki and staff.
- 28th:** Sathya Sai Community Fun Day
- 31st:** Dress up as your favourite hero.

#### November

- 3rd:** Gumboot Friday
- 7-9th:** CMS Games - 6-aside boys netball team
- 10th:** Rongomai Athletics Day
- 13th:** Teacher Only Day - School is closed
- 16th:** Years 0-4 trip to Rainbows End
- 23rd:** Otara Primary School Athletics

#### December

- 8th:** Rongomai Fest & Prizegiving
- 15th:** Last day - School finishes at 12pm
- Year 6 Graduation TBC

Thank you all for your encouragement and continuous support.

Kia manuia,

Whaea Paeariki Johnson - Principal