

# Rāmere 29th o Hōngongoi - Friday 29th July 2022

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

## **Welcome Back**

We've arrived at the end of our first week back for Term 3 and it's been totally awesome having our tamariki at school. So welcome back everyone! We've got another jam-packed and exciting term ahead.

# **Road Safety**

At the end of every school day, our tamariki are escorted to the front gates by staff. Our staff have seen a few tamariki running across the busy Rongomai Road to their parents who are waiting in their cars. Parents, for the safety of your children, please leave your car and escort your child across the road to your cars. Let's work together to keep your tamariki safe.

#### **Girls' Self Defence**

Next Monday we have an instructor coming in to teach our Years 3 & 4 girls self defence. It would be wonderful to have all our Year 3 & 4 girls in attendance for this important workshop. I would hate for any of them to miss out on this opportunity to learn self defence.

### Sistema Violin Lessons

Next week Sistema will continue their usual in-school and after school sessions as follows:

**In school sessions** Mondays - All Year 2 students.

Tuesdays - Year 3, 4 and 5 registered students.

After school sessions

at OMAC

Tuesdays - Year 5 group Wednesdays - Year 3 group Thursdays - Year 4 group

This term, we will continue to transport our Sistema groups via taxi to OMAC for their after school sessions, but we can only transport those whose parents have given us permission. If you would like us to drop off your child, please let Whaea Trina at the office know. Her contact number is 274-6055 or email her at admin@rongomai.school. To cover transport costs for the term, please send your child to school with \$20, payable at the school office.

### **Spell-a-thon Fundraiser**

At the end of last term, your child would have brought home a manilla folder with a sponsor form and a list of spelling words to learn. The spelling test was supposed to happen this week however, we have decided to give our Rongomaites more time to practise. The spelling test has been postponed for two more weeks. There is a little reward for the three students who raise the most money. All the proceeds will be donated to the Cure Kids Foundation for their Red Nose Appeal. Our goal is to raise \$5,000! A few of our staff have

also joined in to help raise as much as we can to reach our school's goal. Thank you in advance for all of your support whanau!

### Lego Day

A massive THANK YOU to Whaea Alleena for organising Lego Day on Tuesday. Our tamariki and staff had so much fun. We are so thankful to the organisers for gifting every single Rongomaite with their very own lego pack. Fa'afetai lava!

#### **Board Nominations**

- All of our parents should have received a nomination form in the post.
- If you want to nominate someone or yourself, think of some good reasons why you or the person you are nominating should be on the board.
- If you nominate another person, make sure that you and the person you're nominating sign the form.
- If you are nominating yourself, make sure you sign both sections (candidate and nominee).
- Once completed, send it to CES or hand it in before 12pm next Wednesday 3rd August and not a minute late. Your nomination will not be accepted if it is handed in late.
- Any person who wishes to be on the school board but hasn't any children at Rongomai, will need to be nominated by someone on our parent electoral roll.

### Rongomai School Jubilee

As most of you know, we were unable to host our jubilee dinner and day event last year due to COVID restrictions. Nevertheless, the Jubilee Committee has decided to go ahead and host the Jubilee dinner this year at the Papatoetoe Cossie Club, as well as a short day event at school on Friday 19th August.

If you would like to order more Jubilee merchandise, now you can by completing an order form. If you would like to attend the day and/or dinner event, please complete a registration form. All attendees must register for catering purposes. Both forms can be located on our Rongomai Facebook page or our school website.

#### <u>Te Epetoma o te reo Māori Kuki Āirāni</u>

Next week is Cook Islands Language Week and our Kuki Team is planning some exciting challenges and lessons for our school. As always we will begin our week with the raising of the Cook Islands flag and anthem and end the week on Friday with kai (feed) for our tamariki, presentations, and a turou (Cook Islands powhiri/welcome) to formally welcome all staff, students and their families who are new to Rongomai School. Can you please send your child in their cultural attire every day next week. If you can't then try for Monday and Friday only. Meitaki ma'ata!

Kia manuia, Whaea Paeariki Johnson