



Rongomai School

Empowered to Take Risks; Determined to Succeed

Rātū15 o Mahuru 2022 - Thursday 15 September 2022

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

Staff Only Day

Just another reminder that there is no school for our Rongomaites next Monday 19th September. School will be closed for our Staff Only Day. Please keep your tamariki at home; however, Sathya Sai preschool will remain open for instruction. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience.

Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga

A massive thank you to all our wonderful families who were able to send their tamariki to school in cultural attire and also for contributing to our feast last Friday for our Tongan Language Week celebrations. It was wonderful to have so many of you join us for our Recyclable Tongan Costume Runway competition and join us for lunch. Please look out for our highlight video on our school's facebook page. Do leave a constructive comment as we love to read your responses!

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Kia kaha te reo Māori! This week Whaea Marama and her team have organised a rich programme for our tamariki to study a well known Māori person and to present this to the school. Not only that, but our amazing team wanted to do a hangi for the entire school. So, please send your tamariki to school tomorrow because it's hangi for lunch! Ka rawe!

Public Holiday in Memory of Queen Elizabeth

Many of you will know by now that our British monarch Queen Elizabeth passed away at the age of 96 years old on September 8th 2022. In honour of her reign and to mourn her death, the government has announced a public holiday on Monday 26th September. Therefore, our school will be closed. Please keep your tamariki at home on this day.

Syndicate Trips Next Week

- Tuesday 20th Sept: Rooms 4, 6 & 7 will be visiting the Sky Tower and Mt Eden Maunga as part of their volcano study this term.
- Thursday 22nd Sept: Room 1 and half of Room 3 will be travelling to Snow Planet located in Silverdale, over the harbour bridge.
- Friday 23rd Sept: Room 2 and the other half of Room 3 will be travelling to Snow Planet for the day.

Please send your tamariki to school on time so that they don't get left behind. There is no cost for the trips as the school has covered these expenses. If you have any concerns or questions about any of these trips, please speak to your child's teacher.

Rongomai School Board Election Results

Thank you to the candidates who put their name forward to win a seat on our school board. This is the very first time (that I know of) since being at Rongomai School, where we've gone to election. It is wonderful to see people in our community showing a greater interest in our school. Below are the official results:



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School Board Election 2022
For 5 Parent Representatives

DECLARATION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Parent Representatives	Votes
IOSUA, Lieni Salorne	21
TALIMALO-STANLEY, Christina	20
TOPIA, Sheryl Frances	20
ANDREW-FARIU, Memory	19
FAUMUINA, Merry	16
TUSINI-REX, Karl	13
NGARI, Matirini	11
INVALID VOTES	0

I therefore declare the following duly elected:

Memory Andrew-Fariu, Merry Faumuina, Lieni Salorne Iosua, Christina Talimalo-Stanley and Sheryl Frances Topia.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer
Rongomai School

Welcome to our new Board members.

Special acknowledgement to our previous Presiding Member Karl Tusini-Rex for his leadership and service on the Board for our staff, tamariki and school community. Fakaue lahi Karl!

Kia manuia,

Whaea Paeariki Johnson
Rongomai School Principal