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NEWSLETTER

Aso Lulu 31 Me – Wednesday 31 May

Talofa lava, Kia ora, Kia orana, Faka'alofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Malo ni, Zdravo and Greetings!

Vaiaso o le gagana Samoa

This week we celebrate Samoan Language and this year's theme is:

"Ma'au i lou ofaga mau'a lou fa'asinomaga - Keep your identity alive to thrive".

Our school week began on Monday morning with a whole school assembly. Our students sang the Samoan national anthem while watching the raising of the flag. This was followed by the Lord's prayer in Samoan. A very special moment for our school, and such a wonderful way to begin our learning about Samoa's rich culture and language.

To ensure our whole school gets involved, Matua Lui and Whaea Alleena prepared some fantastic lessons and activities to help our students and staff learn more about Samoa.

Each class has been assigned a special word which they must recite back to the whole school at our morning assemblies. This way, we ALL learn.

To date Matua Lui has taught us the following:

- Ia manuia le aso - Have a nice day
- Tulou - excuse me.
When walking past a person / people we lower ourselves (a sign of humility) as we say "tulou"
- Musika - Music
- Aiga - Family
- Fa'aaloalo - Respect

- Mata'ata'ata - Smile
- Fiafia - Happy
- Alofa - Love
- Agalelei - Kindness

These are just a few words that we've been learning as a whole school however, I do know that our children have been learning much more about Samoan language and culture in their classrooms.

Yesterday Matua Lui's good friend Hizzerana Pupuali'i and Whaea Lei spent time with every class and spoke to our kids about their tatau. Thank you Whaea Lei and Matua Hizzerana for talking to our children yesterday and for showing them your beautiful tatau. It was awesome that they were able to learn some more about Samoa's rich customs and traditions.

Parents, please take the time to ask your child/ren what they've been learning every day as this helps to consolidate new knowledge for them.

This week has been full on and it's only Wednesday! Today was Crazy Lavalava Day! Families would've received a notice asking our students to bring a gold coin and to wear a lava lava or something Pasifika. Thank you to all our staff and students who supported Crazy Lavlava Day. All proceeds go towards our Samoan Culture Group 😊

Every day this week, we are learning something new about Samoa but the celebrations will not end this Friday. We will conclude our Samoan Language Week with a celebration assembly next Tuesday at 11.30am. All are welcome! Also, Matua Lui and Whaea Alleena have organised sapa sui and rice for the whole school - free of charge! Wow, what a blessing 😊

Please wear your pule tasi, ie faitaga, pareu, eis etc - anything pasifika next Tuesday 6th June.

Museum Trip

Thank you to all our parents, grand-parents, aunts, uncles, older siblings etc for joining our school on the museum trip last Wednesday. We really appreciate all your support and know that a few of you took time off work for the trip. On behalf of our staff, thank you!

Please check out our classroom blogs for photos of the museum trip and leave a comment.

Netball Tournament

This Friday 2nd June, we have 2 netball teams representing our school at the Otara Primary Schools Comp. Matua Lui, Matua Vae and Miss Tumutoa will be supervising our teams at the tournament. If you have a child playing, you can watch them play at Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre, Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch, lots of water and their Rongomai jersey.

All the best to our fabulous netballers! Come home with the trophy ☺

Queen's Birthday

Just a reminder that next Monday 5th June is Queen's birthday so school will be closed on this day. Please do not send your children to school as there will be no-one here.

Parent Voice

Last term, many of you completed a survey to tell us what you think about Rongomai School. Your feedback and views are very important to us and informs us of how well you think Rongomai is doing, as well as lets us know where we can improve.

Question: "What do you like about Rongomai?"

Here are a few things that parents said:

I like...

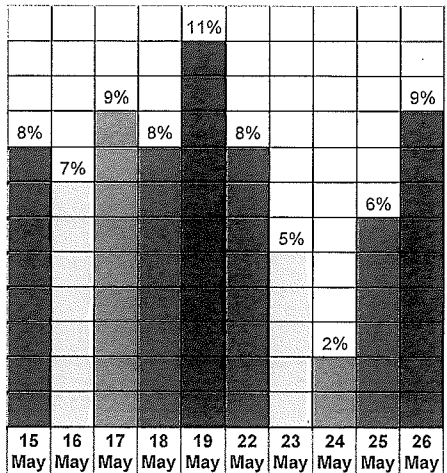
- *How teachers communicate and teach my kids.*
- *Kids Can, values, school rules*

- *Mixture of cultures*
- *Environment - the teachers, staff*
- *It's a community based primary. I enjoy seeing a lot of young parents being involved with their children.*
- *The aroha received and a sense of belonging*
- *The different cultures our children get to learn about.*
- *Sports are open to all students, not just seniors.*
- *Cultural groups.*
- *Teachers interacting with kids at lunch breaks.*
- *Bible classes*
- *The heart this school has for kids...*

These are only a few of the comments we received from parents so watch out for the next newsletter for more of what our parents/families had to say about our school...

Lateness Rate:

Thank you parents for your great support in ensuring your child is at school before 8.45am. Our goal has been to have no more than 10% of students being late to school. I must say, we are doing extremely well. Keep up the great effort!



Ia manuia le aso,

Paeariki Johnson - Principal

Child's Name:	Room
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I have read this week's school newsletter YES/NO	
Parent's signature: _____	