

Rāapa 26 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022 - Wednesday 26 October 2022
Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, la orana, Kumusta and Greetings!

Powhiri

We're already into Week 2 of Term 4 with 7 more weeks of the school year left. Yesterday we started with a powhiri to welcome ERO who are visiting our Sathya Sai Preschool. We are confident that Sathya Sai will receive a glowing review. On this note, we will powhiri our own tamariki and staff who are new to Rongomai School on Friday 28th October at 10.20am. Whanau of our new tamariki are welcome to join us. Check with your child's teacher if they are yet to be formally welcomed.

Niue Language Week

A massive thank you to Mrs Fauolo for organising last week's Vagahau Niue activities. It was wonderful to see our entire school learning a Niue tame together. Our tamariki enjoyed the sports day and some got creative and showed up to school with some innovative and interesting crazy hair styles for Crazy Hair Day. A massive congratulations goes out to Room 7 who took out the tug-o-war

competition! Well done!

Halloween Disco

Next week our senior school syndicate is hosting a Halloween Disco under Te Piringa o Rongomai - gold coin entry. Come dressed for Halloween and be in with a chance to win a spot prize for the best costume. Ice blocks will also be on sale for \$1.





Gumboot Friday - 4th November

For people struggling with depression, it can feel like walking through mud every day. So next Friday, we are asking our Rongomai School community to show your support. Wear your gumboots to school next Friday, donate a gold coin, and take a walk in their shoes for just one day.



This is a fun way for kiwis to join in the mental health conversation, while raising money to provide free and timely counselling for any young



person in need. To further support this charity fundraiser, Miss Faifua and her team will be selling toffee apples for \$3. All proceeds will go towards the Gumboot Friday campaign.

Kuki Uniforms for Sale

As of next Monday, Te Uki ou o Rongomai are selling some of their old uniform stock. The uniforms have been worn 2-3 times and are all clean. If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can do so from the school office between 8.30am - 2.30pm. First in, first served.







Prices: T-shirt = \$15

Dress Shirt = \$10 Girls Dress = \$10

GymCity Papatoetoe

Enrol your child at GymCity Papatoetoe for free gymnastics, parkour and tumbling sessions. Details below.



Junior School Zoo Trip

A reminder that our Years 1 & 2 tamariki have a school trip to the Zoo next Tuesday 1st November. A permission slip went home yesterday, please sign and return to school tomorrow. There is no cost to families to send their child on the trip, all expenses are covered by the school. Please contact your child's teacher if you did not receive a permission slip.

Photolife

Photolife will be at school on Friday 11th November. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct school uniform and is looking their best for their photo shoot. Parent's/Guardians should have received a Photolife Request Form last week. Please complete that form and return it to school especially if you would like your child/ren to have individual and family photos with their siblings who also attend our school.

Te Uki Ou o Rongomai Saturday Practices

Whaea Christina and her team are hosting practices for the tamariki in the Cook Islands group. Parents may wish to send a snack with their tamariki; however, the school will provide lunch for them as well by putting on a sausage sizzle. More information below:

When: Saturdays 5th & 19th November, 3rd DecemberWho: All tamariki in the Cook Islands Culture Group

Time: 10am - 2pm

Where: Te Piringa o Rongomai, Rongomai School

<u>Dental Van - 31st October - 4th November</u>

Next week the Dental Van service will be onsite for the week. Hopefully, they'll be able to extend their visit to ensure that all our tamariki have their teeth checked.

Life Education Caravan

This year we have Life Education and Harold the Giraffe visiting us again from November 21st - 25th. The following topics will be covered with each syndicate:

Junior Syndicate: Healthy Eating - Making good food choices

Middle Syndicate: Digestive System - What are body systems and how do they work?

Senior Syndicate: Body Changes - Puberty.

End of Year Rongomai Fest & Prizegiving

Please set Friday 9th December aside to join us at school for our annual prizegiving and Rongomai Fest (our version of Polyfest) where our top achievers are recognised and our tamariki get to showcase their cultural performances. We're really excited and can't wait for you to see just how amazing your tamariki are when they perform.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning or wellbeing at school, please feel free to contact their classroom teacher.

Kia manuia.

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