Rongomai School

Empowered to Take Risks; Determined to Succeed

Rāpare 27 o Here-turi-kōkā - Thursday 27 August 2026

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ia orana, Nǐ hǎo, Selamat datang, Kumusta and Greetings!

Important Dates

Term 3	**August:** 16th - 28th: Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga | Tonga Language Week 28th: Tongan Language Week Shared Lunch Feast **September:** 2nd: Junior Syndicate Trip - Auckland Zoo 3rd: Parent/Whanau AI Evening 11th: Samoan Group Fundraiser - Mufti Day, $2 sausage sizzle & drink 14th - 20th: Te Wiki o te Reo Māori | Māori Language Week 23rd: Senior Syndicate Trip to Extreme Edge **25th: Last day of Term 3 - 12pm finish**

Birthdays 🎉

We'd like to send our warmest birthday wishes to the following students who are celebrating or will be celebrating their birthdays soon:

AUGUST

28th:	Hine Sharna	30th:	Elyana
31st:	Leo		

SEPTEMBER

1st:	Ioane	3rd:	Tobias
4th:	George	7th:	Rehan
8th:	Matua Altar		

TLW Shared Feast

Gentle reminder that the Tongan Language Week shared feast will be tomorrow, **starting @ approx. 12.30pm.** To ensure the food is ready in time, and in case our programme runs ahead of schedule, please have all shared lunch items at school by **12:00 pm**. Our students are encouraged to bring along a cultural dish but please do not stress about it - just something simple and delicious that your child will enjoy!

Layout of day (subject to changes)

10am - Junior class presentations
10.55am - Normal morning tea
11.30am - Senior class presentations
12.30pm approx - Shared feast
2.00pm - Closing ceremony

Student behaviour at school

We have noticed an increase in behaviour concerns around the school recently. We are continuing to work with our tamariki to reinforce our expectations and R.I.C.H values.

We understand that sometimes your child may come home and share something that has happened at school. As whānau, you may naturally have questions or concerns. We want to make sure these are handled fairly, respectfully and with all the information before conclusions are made.

To help us do this consistently, below is the simple process to follow when raising a concern.

NO HELMET NO SCOOTER!❌

While we are happy to see our students participate in this fun and exhilarating activity, we have noticed that many children are riding their scooters and bikes without a helmet. Please do not send them to school without it. This is not safe and it is the responsibility of our students and their family to ensure that they are wearing the appropriate head gear.

Celebrating 100% attendance and punctuality!

For Weeks 4 and 5, we continue to celebrate the 100% attendance and punctuality of our akonga. These numbers have slightly dropped but we recognise those of you who have been showing up every single school day and coming to school bright and early by 8.45am. We recognise the awesome effort of you and your whānau!

Classroom Attendance

Check out the classrooms below who had the best attendance for Week 5:

	Senior Syndicate	Junior Syndicate
Week 5	*Room 6*	*Room 10*

Week 5 (17/08 - 21/08) - Term 3 Attendance per class

	Mon 3rd	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thurs 6th	Fri 7th	Weekly Percentage	Lateness for the week
Room 1	19/25	22/25	22/25	21/25	21/25	84%	16
Room 3	18/25	23/24	19/24	21/24	20/24	83.33%	18
Room 5	14/18	16/18	15/18	15/18	13/18	81.11%	16
Room 6	12/19	17/19	17/19	17/19	17/19	84.21%	8
Room 7	16/22	17/22	17/22	17/22	18/22	77.27%	10
Room 8	16/19	14/19	16/19	16/19	16/19	82.11%	15
Room 9	21/24	21/23	20/23	19/23	20/23	83.33%	12
Room 10	19/20	17/20	17/20	16/20	15/20	84%	24

Quiz time🧩

The answer to the question from our last newsletter *'What is the capital city of Tonga?'* was Nuku'alofa. Congratulations to all students who gave the correct answer and a special congratulations to the winners of the draw:

Gwennavier - Rm 1 & ***Vasilini - Rm 9***

Please come to the office to collect your prize!

Here's this week's quiz question: **When is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori / Māori Language Week?**

Do you have the answer? Come to the office and share your answer to go in the draw to win. Two winners will be chosen next week to win a special prize!

Parent / Whānau AI Explorer Evening

We warmly invite all of our parents, caregivers, and wider communities to join us on **Thursday 3rd September** to an AI explorer night, hosted by Lālanga AI. This is a Pasifika-led initiative that works with schools and communities to learn AI skills and tools that could be beneficial to your child's education.

You should have received a newsletter with additional information and a details box asking you to fill in if you wish to join us on this night. Please return these slips with the information filled out to the office. If you need another slip, please don't hesitate to ask the office for one.

Samoan Group Fundraiser

Our Samoan Group will be putting on a *sausage sizzle and drink* fundraiser - **Friday 11th September**. We will be taking pre-orders starting next week. Please send through your order to the office. Thank you for your endless support!

Sausage sizzle - **$2 ea**
Drink - **$2 ea**

Contacting Our School when your child is ABSENT📞

It is very important that when your child/ren are going to be absent you need to contact the **school office directly**, each day they are absent rather than your child/ren's teacher. Or you can contact us using any of the following methods:

📱 **Skool Loop** – a free app available to download
✉️ **Email:** reception@rongomai.school.nz
📞 **Phone:** 09 274 6055 (you may also leave a message)
🌐 **Website:** Submit an absence notice through our school website

Important reminder:

Please remember to notify the school **every day** your child/ren are absent. Failure to do so may result in your child being marked as **truant (T)**.
Additionally, Rongomai School has also opened up text messaging through Etap. This allows our admin to get in contact with the parents and caregivers of our students who are absent without a reason given for their absence.

⭐ **STAR Attendance – Every Day Counts** ⭐

At Rongomai School, we are continuing to strengthen our STAR Attendance approach – Supporting Tamariki, Attendance, Relationships and whānau.

We know that regular attendance makes a real difference to your child's learning, friendships and confidence at school. If your child is going to be absent, **please make sure you let the school know and provide a reason for their absence.** Keeping those lines of communication open helps us understand what is happening and how we can support you.

Please be aware that if a student reaches 15 days of unexplained absence in a school term – these days do not have to be consecutive – they may be referred to a truancy service for further support.

Our goal is to keep the communication open, work alongside whānau and find ways to help where we can. Sometimes it is about meeting in the middle and finding a way forward that works for both the child and their whānau. If attendance is becoming difficult for your whānau, please talk with us early.

Every day matters. Every day is a chance to learn, connect and grow. ❤️

School Policies – SchoolDocs 📄

To view our school's policies and procedures, please visit **www.schooldocs.co.nz**.
Search for **Rongomai School** and log in using the details below:

Username: rongomai
Password: empowered

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