



Newsletter

Rāpare 29 o Akuhata
Thursday 29th August
2024

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

Tongan Language Week Opening Ceremony

by Jonah Aluesi (Rm 7 Student)



It was Monday the 19th of August and it was the first day of Tongan Language Week. Rongomai School opened up the day with prayer and songs while the Tongan group was leading. We were under *Te Piringa O Rongomai* (canopy) and it felt exciting knowing that great things were coming out through the week.



Earlier that day, I woke up to my brothers fighting then told them to "Be quiet!". Silently, I got up and got ready.



When I finished, I watched some TV and waited for my mum to wake up and drive us. However, she told us that she could not take us so we had to walk. Oah man!



Off I went to school. I arrived and met with some friends then I heard the bell ring. So I ran as fast as I could to *Te Piringa O Rongomai* so I was not late for karakia. As I waited, Miss Faifua gave the seniors a growling for being late and noisy and running around. She then handed it over to the Tongan group.



Rosaline and Seniti lead the prayer and then we sang a nice song. Following that, we sang the Tongan national Anthem as the siblings Palu, Anau, and Nita helped raise the flag. After that, Rosaline told us the of theme of the week:

"The Tongan language will be sustainable when used at home, church and in the wider community". Then, she taught us how to say the **RICH** values in Tongan.

Respect=Faka'apa'apa, **Integrity=Anga tonu**, **Courage=Loto to'a**, and lastly,

Heritage=Tukufakaholo. Then Rosaline said "Teachers any notices?" but no one came up. Then she said "Ofa keke ma'u" and Rongomai school had to say "Ha aho lelei". It was a great Opening Ceremony to start Tongan Language week and I looked forward to the week ahead!

OFA KEKE MA'U HA AHO LELEI!!!

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK IN PICTURES



Rosaline (R4) and Mrs Fauolo teach the whole school the lakalaka. Mrs Fauolo did a terrific job planning the week!



The whole school was involved in the lakalaka dance. Hover over the QR code right to witness the beauty!



Maine Maru- Rm1 practice their Tongan words for the Quiz



Some of our Top students during TLW from the Juniors



Matua Ben and students from the Middle Syndicate making otai. An absolute winner with everyone!

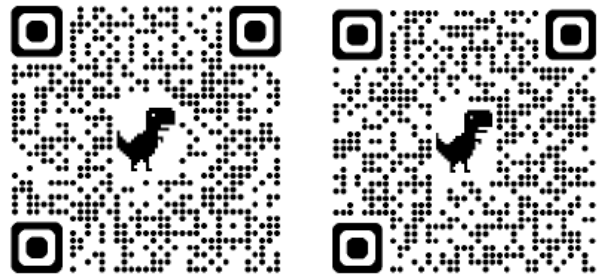


We finished an awesome week with a shared lunch. Food always makes people malimali (smile) 😊



So many wonderful memories captured in our highlights video. Check them out below 😊

MALO AUPITO TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING IT A FANTASTIC WEEK!!!



- Highlights - Uike Katoanga'i 'o e lea Faka-Tonga 2024
- Lakalaka 2024

Community Notices

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW - TEACHERS ONLY DAY (FRIDAY 30th August)

Important Dates to Remember

- Middle Syndicate Trip - (Wednesday 11th of September)
- Junior Syndicate Trip - (Thursday 12th of September)

Important Notice: We are a school that takes bullying seriously and wants to foster an environment where **ALL** children/staff feel safe and belong. It has come to our attention that a few incidents have taken place that have upset parents. Please note that we want to resolve situations in a timely manner. If your child/ren feel threatened in any way, whether one-off situations or in an ongoing manner, please encourage them to talk to a trusted staff member or come see us yourself. Let's work together to ensure our school is one that builds up instead of tearing down. 1-2-3-TEAM!!!

**Malo aupito,
Sarah Faifua
(Acting Principal)**