



Rānui Primary School

Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Noa'ia, Ni sa bula vinaka, Mālo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orāna, Tēnā koutou katoa

Kia Orāna,

Term 3, Week 4 is off to a great start with lots of learning, energy, and progress across the school. It's been awesome to see our tamariki showing pride in their work and stepping up as learners.

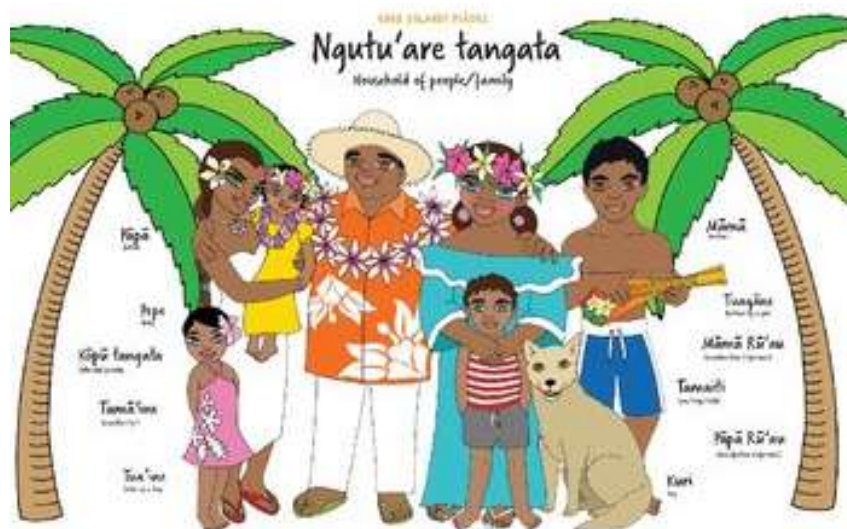
Thank you for your continued support—it makes all the difference. Let's keep the momentum going!

This week at Rānui School, we're celebrating Cook Islands Language Week!

Our tamariki are enjoying learning about the rich culture, language, music, and traditions of the Kūki 'Āirani with some of our community groups. Thank you to Whaea Tania for putting up a display in the office.

It's a special time to honour the vibrant contributions of our Cook Islands community and to grow our understanding of the Pacific cultures that make Aotearoa so unique.

Meitaki ma'ata to all the whānau who have supported our celebrations!





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Whānau Conversations

Thank you to all our whānau who joined us for recent learning conversations. It was wonderful to see such strong engagement and support for our tamariki. The pride on the faces of both students and their whānau was heartwarming, and it's clear our learners are thriving with your encouragement. Together, we are building a strong, connected learning community

Board of Trustees Nominations - WE NEED YOU!

Nominations are open NOW for the election of 5 parent representatives !!!!
Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 13 August 2025.
Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 17 September 2025.



 Happy

 Healthy



 Harmonious

 High Achieving



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If your child is away please let the office know. You can do this by:

- Replying to the school text
- Phoning the school on 833 6286
- Sending a note to school with another family member or when your child returns to school

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Staff Only Day – Monday 18 August 2025

School will be closed for students on **Monday 18 August** for a Ministry of Education professional development day. Our staff will be working together to strengthen our teaching in mathematics as part of ongoing professional learning.

Thank you for making alternative arrangements for your child on this day.

Ear Nurse

We have the Blue Van Ear Nurse at our school on the following Mondays.

25 August

8 September

13 October

10 November

8 December

If you need a referral please come and see Connie our public Health Nurse on Friday mornings from 8am-10am



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Tūi 3

Tūi 3 have been spending a short time every week learning about music over Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3. We have looked carefully at music notation and have learned the names for a range of notes, as well as what the notes are worth and how to clap them. We practiced making and clapping a rhythm, and the difference between a beat and a rhythm. Now in Term 3 we are beginning to use our knowledge of beat and rhythms to play a song using drumsticks! It's quite tricky learning to read the notes and play them at the same time, but with practice we are sure to get better.





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Kāhu 1 & Tūi 2

On Tuesday, Tūi 2 and Kāhu 1 went on a walk to the Rānui Library to learn from the Pacific Māmās. Aunty Tu was there to share her knowledge and excitement with us about Cook Island language week.

She shared two stories with us- one about the discovery of the Cook Islands and the beginning of our world, the second was about the importance of our heart beat, drumming and our connection with our siblings.

We learned about two different types of drums. One was a pa'u mango- a large skin drum. Whaea Courtney played this one so we could all stay in time with her. The other drums were pate- log drums. We first practiced the beat by clapping, then we all got to have a turn- it was a lot of fun!

We would like to thank Aunty Tu for taking the time to share her culture with us and the Rānui Library for creating a space for us to learn.





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Kāhu 1 & Tūī 2

While we were with Aunty Tu, I felt brave and privileged to learn from someone so pretty. My favourite part of our trip was the drums. When I was playing with the drums, I felt happy. I think my teacher was amazing and she was strong at keeping everyone on beat. I want to go there again!



By Iyla Alatini



While we were with Aunty Tu, I felt privileged to learn from someone so talented. My favourite part of our trip was the drums. My favourite drum was the big drum. I also liked the sound of it. Then Aunty Tu was making a beat, we clapped our hands with the beat and she read us a story. The story was about the beginning of the Cook Islands.

By Hazel Aloese



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TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS



12 August 2025	Henderson Sports Cluster Day (Senior Students)	Netball Te Pai Courts Hockey Rosedale Park Albany Soccer Te Atatu Peninsula Park Oneil Ave Rugby League Waitemata Rugby Club
14 August 2025	Henderson Sports cluster Day (Rain Day)	As Above
18 August 2025	TEACHER ONLY DAY	NO SCHOOL
19 August 2025	Tūi Whanau Trip	Auckland Zoo

