



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 ora e te whānau,

Week 8 already – only two weeks to go!

It has certainly been a busy term at Rānui, with lots happening across our kura. Our tamariki and staff have been working hard, and there is still plenty to look forward to before we finish the term.

We are especially excited about Thursday 24 September, when we will come together for our **Fiafia** and **Community Emergency Preparedness Day**. It is going to be a fantastic afternoon of celebration, learning and whanaungatanga for our tamariki, whānau and wider Rānui community.

Our tamariki are busy preparing for Fiafia and are looking forward to sharing their performances and celebrating the many cultures that make up our kura. Alongside this, our Emergency Preparedness activities will give whānau practical information and opportunities to learn more about how we can keep ourselves, our whānau and our community safe and prepared.

We would love to see as many of our whānau there as possible.

Save the date – Thursday 24 September!

With only two weeks to go, we are looking forward to finishing another busy term together on a high.



Staff Only Day - Learning, Reflecting and Growing Together

Our recent Staff Only Day was an important opportunity for our whole team to come together to learn, reflect and strengthen our practice.

At the heart of our day was our Rānui vision:

“Rānui students will be proud of who they are in Aotearoa and have the tools to enable themselves to be respectful, happy, healthy, harmonious and high-achieving.”

As a staff, we reflected on what this vision looks like in action and how we ensure that every tamaiti feels a strong sense of belonging, identity and success at our kura.

An important part of the day was building our understanding of the diverse needs of our tamariki, particularly our neurodiverse learners. We strengthened our knowledge of how different tamariki experience learning, relationships and the school environment, and explored practical ways we can better respond to their strengths and needs.

We also spent time looking ahead to our kaupapa for next term, ensuring our learning experiences continue to be meaningful, engaging and connected to our tamariki, whānau and community.

Days like this are important because when our staff continue to learn and grow together, we strengthen what we can provide for our tamariki.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.

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Visit from Hon Erica Stanford

This week we were pleased to welcome Hon Erica Stanford, Minister of Education, to Rānui School. It was a valuable opportunity to share some of the great mahi happening across our kura, as well as have an open kōrero about some of the barriers and challenges we are facing in meeting the diverse needs of our tamariki.

We discussed the realities for our kura and community, particularly around access to appropriate resourcing, specialist support and support for curriculum implementation. We also shared what we are doing at Rānui to respond proactively and create strong systems that support teaching and learning.

These conversations are important. By sharing what is happening at the kura level with those making decisions nationally, our goal is to help influence positive change so that our tamariki, and tamariki across Aotearoa, are better resourced and have the support they need to thrive and succeed.

We appreciated the opportunity to have our voice heard and, most importantly, to advocate for our tamariki.



Lost Property – Is Your Tamaiti Missing a Jersey?

Our Lost Property is overflowing with school jerseys! If your tamaiti has come home without theirs, there is a very good chance it may be waiting for them in Lost Property.

Please encourage your child to have a look, or pop in and check yourself. Remember to name all clothing clearly – it makes it much easier for us to return lost items to their owners.

Let's see if we can get all these jerseys back home to their whānau!





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Attendance

A gentle reminder about the importance of attendance. Being at kura every day makes a big difference for our tamariki socially, emotionally, and academically. If your child is going to be away, please make sure you let Whaea Tania know as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date and support where needed.

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

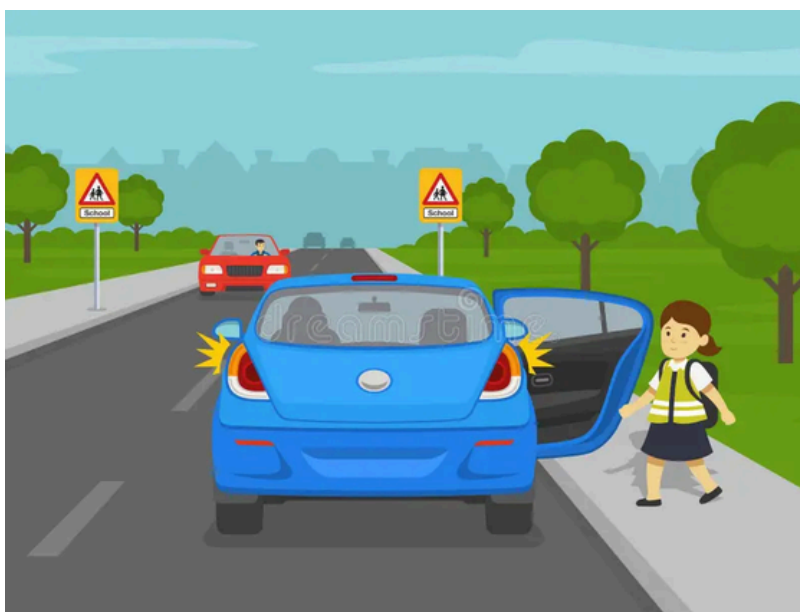
- Replying to the school text
- Phoning the school on 833-6286
- Sending a note to school with another family member or when your child returns to school.



Roadside

A friendly reminder to all whānau to please have tamariki exit vehicles on the footpath side whenever possible, rather than stepping out onto the road.

The few extra seconds it takes can make a big difference in keeping our children safe, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Exiting on the footpath side helps reduce the risk of tamariki stepping into traffic or between moving vehicles.



Being Good Neighbours

As we begin Term 3, we'd like to remind all whānau to please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up tamariki around our kura, particularly on **Rānui Station Road and Marinich Drive**.

Please ensure driveways are kept clear and avoid parking on lawns or berms, or stopping in places that may inconvenience local residents. We know the school gates can get very busy, so if it means parking a little further away and walking a few extra metres, we really appreciate your support.

A helpful question to ask ourselves is:

Would I be happy if someone parked like this outside my home?

**PLEASE BE
CONSIDERATE OF
OUR RESIDENTS
AND
OUR NEIGHBORS**



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Healthy Kai & Water Only

A friendly reminder that we encourage all tamariki to bring healthy, nutritious kai to kura each day to help fuel their bodies and brains for learning.

Please support us by choosing healthy lunchbox options and keeping high-sugar treats and snack foods to a minimum.

Water is the only drink we encourage at kura, so please send your child with a named water bottle each day. Healthy kai and plenty of water help our tamariki stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the day. He oranga ngākau, he pikinga waiora – positive wellbeing supports us to thrive.

Haerenga to Pukematekeo

Te Whakatipu Kākano travelled to the Waitākere Ranges last week to visit Pukematekeo our schools maunga that we sing about in our school waiata. Thank you to our whānau that came to awhi us.



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Kereru 3



I am iti kahurangi
when I do
handwriting
outside.
Dylan, Kererū 3



I am iti kahurangi
when I read.
Aadil, Kererū 3



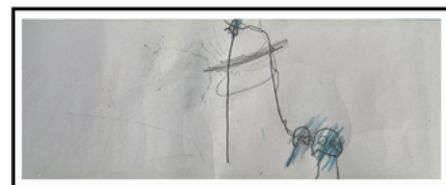
I am iti kahurangi
when I read a
book.
Willow, Kererū 3



I am iti kahurangi
when I share
the toys.
Zaliah-Diamond
Kererū 3



I am iti kahurangi
when I am
dancing.
Selina - Kererū 3



I am iti kahurangi
when I share
the ball.
Tommy, Kererū 3



I am iti kahurangi
when I share.
Taimana - Kererū 3

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GYMNASTICS

With Kererū 3



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RANGITOTO

Wednesday 9 September, Te Whakatipu Kākano had a haerenga to Rangitoto Island. They went to see where Tiriwa moved Rangitoto to from Te Henga. The whole unit climbed to the summit from 5 year old to 11 year olds, they all had an awesome day!!



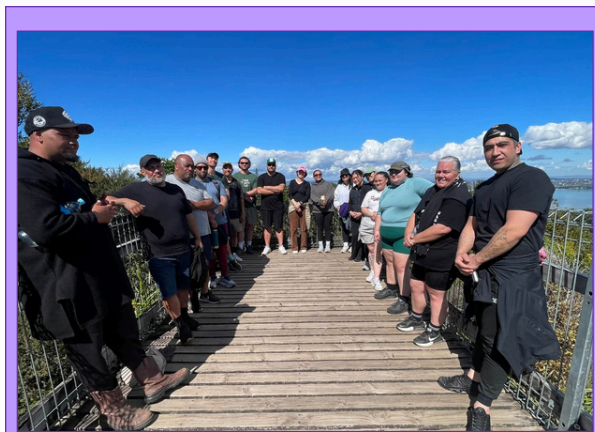


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Come along and enjoy our Fiafia Day!!

RĀNUI PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

FIAFIA DAY 2026

A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSE CULTURES!





DATE: THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
TIME: 2PM - 5PM
PLACE: RĀNUI SCHOOL HALL



TRADITIONAL DANCES AND CULTURAL DRESS
 Experience our vibrant and talented students performance





MOUTH-WATERING FOOD STALLS

- Island Food
- Sausage sizzle
- Cake stall

Savour a delicious array of traditional and local treats!



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BOOTH
 Learn vital safety tips and get prepared for any situation!

Civil Defence partnership and sponsors!

ALL WELCOME! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11 September 2026	Te Whakatipu Kākano Kapa Haka practise for Regionals	3pm - 8pm
16 September 2026	Te Whakatipu Kākano trip to Ngā Pū Kākā Prospect School	9.15am - 2pm
16 September 2026	Tūi trip to Pacific Art Centre Corbans Centre	9am - 2pm
17 September 2026	Te Whakatipu Kākano trip to MOTAT	9.15am - 2pm
18 September 2026	Tūi trip to Pacific Arts Centre Corbans Centre	9am -2pm

There are still plenty of winter germs around with coughs and colds affecting many of our whanau. Our Public Health Nurse Heaven is a great source of support when our tamariki are not well. She is here every Friday morning in her van and you are welcome to pop in.

We have also partnered with Unichem Waiora Pharmacy who are offering a range of services for children. Please see below to see what support is out there.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Kia Ora Koutou, my name is Heaven (Public Health Nurse) working for Te Whatu Ora in the Massey/Ranui rōhe. Working as a Public Health Nurse my role is to support families/whanau with below. Generally, we see children from 4 years and up.

- Skin infections (eczema, school sores, scabies and headlice etc).
- Asthma and Allergy management
- Nutrition and diet (support around toileting if needed)
- Support linking with other health services (GP, Hearing and Vision Technicians, Dental Nurses, Plunket)
- Immunisations (Ranui Super clinic held at Ranui Primary quarterly)
- Health Education (various topics, Whānau centred)

Contact Details: 021 481 865 (Mon-Fri 9-3.30pm)
heaven.schubert@sewhaiora.govt.nz and we can set up a time to meet at school or at home.

SAVE YOUR TRIP TO THE DOCTORS - GET DIRECT CARE AT OUR PHARMACY

Receive care and treatment for some common health needs **at no cost*** from our pharmacy. **No consultation fees apply.** **No appointment required.**

Ask one of our pharmacist for advice and treatment for:

- ✓ Pain and fever (under 14 y/o)
- ✓ Dehydration (oral rehydration) (under 14 y/o)
- ✓ Scabies and headlice (under 14 y/o incl. family)
- ✓ Conjunctivitis (between 2 and 13 y/o)
- ✓ Urinary tract infections (UTIs) (women 14 to 40 y/o)
- ✓ Emergency Contraception (12 y/o and under)

*There is no consultation fee for this service. The only potential cost may be the purchase of over the counter products, if deemed necessary as part of the most appropriate treatment for your condition, where available. Fully funded treatment options will be recommended as the first choice at no cost to you, where New Zealand may collect some information about you when you use this service.

Unichem Waiora Pharmacy
 4-8 Pioneer Street, Henderson, Auckland 0612
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 Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm & Saturdays 8.30am to 2.30pm