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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,

Wow, Week 6 already! With only four weeks left of the school year, it is hard to believe how quickly time is flying by. One thing that continues to make me incredibly proud is just how amazing and caring our tamariki are. Every day, we see acts of aroha, manaakitanga and whanaungatanga across our kura. Whether it is helping a friend, looking after our younger tamariki, showing kindness to others or simply making someone smile, our tamariki remind us what makes Rānui School so special. These moments reflect our Rānui values of **Aroha Mai, Aroha Atu and Aroha ki te Taiao**. We have some exciting weeks ahead, with plenty of learning, celebrations and opportunities to come together as a kura.
Let's make these final four weeks count!

No Hat, No Play

Sun Smart – Hats On, Rānui!

With the warmer weather arriving, we are reminding our tamariki about the importance of being Sun Smart. Part of this learning is understanding how to protect ourselves from the sun, especially when playing and learning outdoors.
We ask that all tamariki bring a sunhat to school every day. Please support us by talking with your child about why wearing a hat is important and encouraging them to take responsibility for looking after it.
No hat, play in the shade! Let's work together to keep our tamariki safe while enjoying the beautiful sunshine.





Lost Property – Where Have All the Jerseys Gone?

Our lost property collection is growing, and we seem to have gathered quite a mountain of jerseys! Whānau, if you have noticed a jersey or two missing from home, there is a good chance it is waiting patiently in our lost property.
Please take a moment to have a look and encourage your tamariki to check for their belongings. Having names clearly written on clothing makes it much easier for us to return items to their owners.
Let's see how many jerseys we can reunite with their whānau before the end of the year!

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Celebrating Diwali – Mahi Tahi in Action!

What a wonderful opportunity our tamariki have had to learn about and celebrate Diwali.
Our tamariki enjoyed working together to create beautiful, colourful Rangoli patterns using chalk. It was fantastic to see their creativity, collaboration and enthusiasm as they explored the patterns and traditions associated with this special celebration.
This was a lovely example of Mahi Tahi – working together, with tamariki sharing ideas, helping one another and celebrating the diverse cultures that make our Rānui whānau so special.
Celebrations like Diwali remind us of the importance of learning about, respecting and embracing the many cultures represented within our kura.







Te Whakatipu Kākano – Kura Tuatahi Kapa Haka Whakataetae

We are incredibly proud of our tamariki from Te Whakatipu Kākano, who took the stage at the Kura Tuatahi Kapa Haka Whakataetae on Friday 13 November.
Our tamariki and kaiako have been working hard preparing their waiata, haka and performance items. It takes courage, commitment, teamwork and pride to stand on stage and represent our kura.
We know they will carry the mana of Te Whakatipu Kākano and Rānui School with pride. Regardless of the results, we are already incredibly proud of their dedication and the way they continue to embrace and celebrate te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and their cultural identity.
Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui!



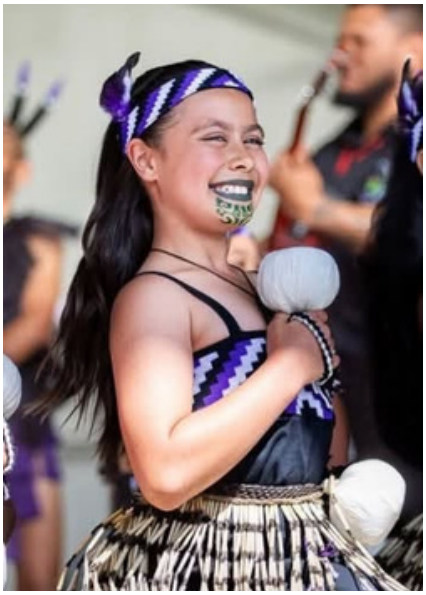




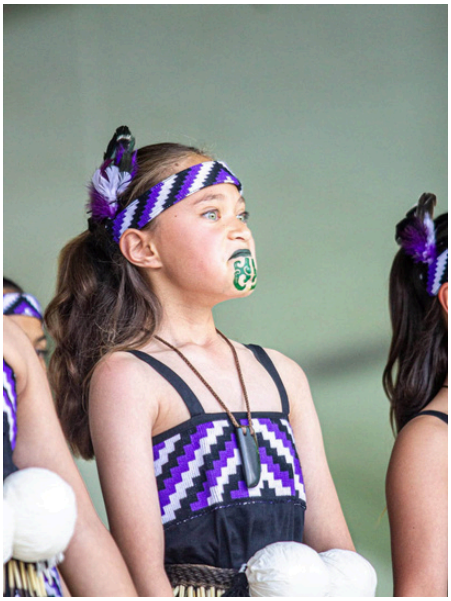
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Last Day of School – Friday 18th December

A reminder to all our whānau that our final day of school for 2026 will be Friday 18 December, with school closing at 1.00 pm.

Please ensure arrangements are made for your tamariki to be collected at this earlier time.

We look forward to finishing the year together, celebrating the achievements, growth and wonderful memories our tamariki have made throughout 2026.



Our Newly Registered Teachers

We celebrated our newly registered teachers at the WAPA graduation on Thursday 19 November. We are so proud of Matua Kelvin Padera, Matua Mauri Marino and Whaea Jaime Lafaele





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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.



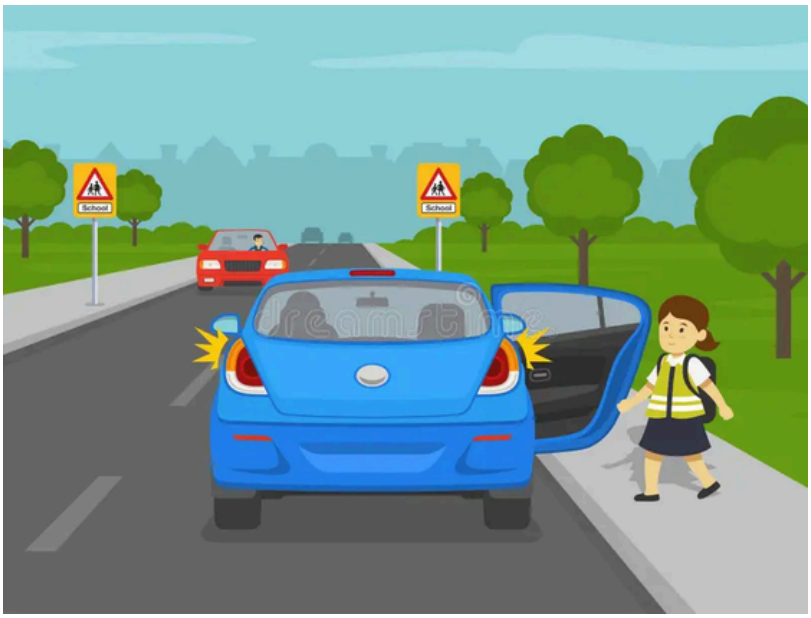
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Roadside

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?



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TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

23 November 2026	Trip to Rainbows End	9am
24 November 2026	Hsn Cricket Cluster Te Atatu Park	9am
26 November 2026	Pō Taku Toanga TWK Graduation	5.30pm
27 November 2026	Toloa Graduation	5.30pm
2 December 2026	Sports Awards	11.30am
7 December 2026	Middle School Prize Giving	11.20am
8 December 2026	Yr 6 Students lunch at Genghis	11am
8 December 2026	Junior School Prize Giving	11am
10 December 2026	Kereru 1&2 trip to Maritime Museum	9am
10 December 2026	Senior School Prize Giving	11am
11 December 2026	Kereru 3,4 & 5 trip to Maritime Museum	9am
17 December 2026	Whole school trip to Cornwallis	9am
18 December 2026	Last day of School	Finishing at 1pm