



Rongomai School

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NEWSLETTER

Rātū 4 Hōngongi 2017 – Tuesday 4 July 2017

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

Parent Interviews

Tomorrow, School will be finishing at 1pm to allow our teachers time to have their lunch break before their parent interviews begin at 2pm. All students must go home as we will not have any staff available to supervise them tomorrow. Only children who are enrolled with SKIDS are permitted to stay on school grounds. School will be closing at the normal time of 2.45pm this Thursday and Friday.

Entry into the School Grounds

Many of you will notice that we have contractors onsite to install our portable classrooms, on the netball courts. This section has been closed off with fencing. Please do not remove the fencing and walk

through. All people entering Rongomai School must always use the footpath that leads from the front entrance of our school gate into the school. Walking through the carpark is not permitted at all. Just a reminder, not to use our school carpark or office area as a shortcut into the school grounds. Please support our safety guidelines by following them and by also reminding our families who drop kids off to the preschools, to oblige.

Pou Unveiling

We are very excited to announce once again that the unveiling of our pou will take place this Friday at 9am. All of our tamariki will be welcomed into the school and escorted to where the pou is to be installed. Please feel free to join us. If you wish to join us, please meet our school at the front gate entrance at 9am, and you may enter in with us. We will have speakers to speak on behalf of our

Tainui iwi as the land that our school is situated on is Tainui land. We will also have Matua Lui speaking on behalf of our Pasifika community and Matua Hone too, will be speaking, as per Maori protocol. There will definitely be lots of waiata (singing) throughout the ceremony so, please come and join us if you're free

Food Donations

We are grateful to our generous families who have already sent in food donations for our hangi on Friday. If you have forgotten what your child's food donation is, please see the list below:

Rooms 2, 3 & 10 - A bag of potatoes

Rooms 4, 6 & 8 - Pumpkin

Rooms 5 & 9 - Butter

Room 7 - Onions & bread

We are also asking for donations of hangi chops or chicken drumsticks. We are only asking for what you can give, not, what you can't. Thank you in advance for your giving. May God bless you!

Hangi Preparations

On Thursday, all of our students will be gathering in the school courtyard to begin

the food preparations for the hangi e.g. our little ones will be breaking up the bread for the stuffing, others will be peeling potatoes and onions etc. There will be music playing as well as great fellowship as we work together to prepare for Friday's pou unveiling.

The hangi process is great for our children's learning as it links to technology, social science, maths, culture and language.

Potato Peelers

On a slightly different note, we are asking our families to help us out yet again, by sending a potato peeler to school with your child/ren tomorrow or on Thursday. Please write your child's name on the peelers, just to make sure that we return them back to you.

Punctuality Champions

We have more great news! A massive congratulations to Matua Altar and his wonderful children in Room 10 for having the best punctuality rate at school for term 2. We will be acknowledging Room 10 with their reward at tomorrow morning's karakia assembly. Ka mau te wehi Room 10!

End of Term 2

The last day for school is this Friday 7th July and therefore we will be closed from the 8th to 23rd of July. Please do not send your child/ren to school during this time. Rongomai School will be open for Term 3 on Monday 24th July.

SKIDS Holiday Programme

The following is a message from Matua Rush and the SKIDS team:

Join our exciting School Holiday Programme coming up during the July School Holidays between 10-21 July! There will be lots of fun activities and trips (including going to the MOVIES and XTREME ENTERTAINMENT) based from Room 1 at Rongomai School from 8am-6pm daily.

If you are working (full time, part time, shift work, studying, receiving CDA or sickness benefit), you may qualify for a Work & Income NZ Oscar Subsidy and your child /children can potentially come for FREE (Conditions apply).

To find out more, please ring 022 54 75437 or Rush de Silva on 0800 386 543, (09) 392-7874 or email rush@skids.co.nz or visit us in room1 between 2.45-6.15pm on school days.

Parent Voice Survey

In our last newsletter, I shared some of the feedback we had received from parents and caregivers. Here is more of what you had to say about Rongomai:

QUESTION: What do you think we need to improve at Rongomai?

- A school hall
- Send homework home
- More female role models for our girls as there are quite a few male teachers
- A garden to teach children where veges and other healthy foods come from
- Kaitiaki for the whenua (grounds person)
- Quiz nights for Reading and Maths to help students and their parents with learning at home
- School needs a crossing sign
- More community days

- An event where parents can serve the teachers with a meal to show our appreciation
- More school trips and events
- Continue to do more fun activities
- Reach out to parents when children are struggling
- A school dentist
- Keep our children focused on their education
- More responsibilities for senior students e.g. a buddy system
- Website updates
- More notice re: events and photos
- More family days just to allow our parents to be more involved
- More sports for the kids
- Have sports activities for new entrants

End of Term 2 Farewell

On behalf of our Rongomai staff, we wish you all a safe and fun term break! Thank you to all our wonderful parents and families for your continued support and encouragement throughout the term!

Rongomaites, please help your family around the house, listen to your parents, read every day, visit the library if you can, play outside and get as much fresh air as you can, keep warm and return to us in term 3, ready for another exciting term of schooling. Keep safe and keep busy! God bless!

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson
Principal