



Rongomai School

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Wednesday 17 February, 2021

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofalahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei and Greetings!

Firstly, I hope you've all been well during this recent Alert Level 3 lockdown but I'm sure you're looking forward to getting your tamariki back into school.

As you know, our prime minister has announced that Auckland will be at Alert Level 2 as of 11.59pm tonight (17 Feb) and schools are therefore able to open and resume again tomorrow (18 Feb) for all students. Here is some information to keep you updated about our school guidelines and return back to school:

- Students will need to be at school between 8am and 8.40am every day, ready for the start of their school day at 8.45am. Please do not send your children to school before 8am until further notice.
- The school gates will be locked at 8.45am daily. Do not be late.
- If dropping off your child/ren to school, please drop them off at the school gate. Do not enter the school grounds unless you need to purchase a school uniform at the school office or need to enrol a new student. If this is the case, then please go directly to the school office. Please do not go to any of the classrooms.
- If you are dropping off tamariki to either Sathya Sai or Poetiare preschools then please drop off your tamariki between 8am and 8.40am. You will need to wait at the preschool gates until the staff there give you entry.
- Our Transition into School programme for new 4-5 year olds will be from 8.30am to 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact the school Office for more info and/or to register your child.
- Our playgrounds will be closed every morning before school and after school however, we will open it during morning tea and lunchtime breaks for our students. The playgrounds will be sanitised every day before each break.
- When entering the school grounds, we ask that all our students maintain physical distancing of 1 metre unless they live in the same home bubble.
- All students will need to go directly to their classrooms on arrival to school.

- Please send your child/ren to school with their own water bottle and a healthy packed lunch (for this week only). Our school water fountains will not be in use.
- Breakfast Club will operate from 8am – 8.30am as of tomorrow.
- All parents and visitors to the school must report to the Office. Please do not go directly to our classrooms. Our office staff will be able to assist you.
- Our school day finishes at 2.45pm and all students who usually get picked up from school will be escorted to the school gates for parents/whanau to collect. Please ensure that your child is picked up on time.
- Our school gates will be locked at 3pm daily.
- Please keep your child home if they have a cough, feel unwell or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.

Please know that we will be reinforcing the following safety practices:

- Coughing into elbows
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, nose, face etc
- Maintaining appropriate physical distancing inside and outside of the classroom
- Avoiding being within another person's moist breath zone
- Sick children and staff must stay home.
- Children and staff must sanitise/wash hands on entry into the school/classroom, before meals, before and after going out to play.
- Our staff have been instructed to daily sanitise touch points such as door and cupboard handles, digital devices, classroom telephones etc.

We are doing everything we can to ensure that our school is safe for all students and staff. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's teacher or the school office: (09)274 6055. Take care and stay safe!

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson

*He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!*