



Newsletter

**Rātū 4 o Hui-tanguru
Tuesday 4 February
2020**

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, la orana and Happy New Year!

First of all, welcome back to our Rongomaites and a MASSIVE WELCOME to our new students who have just started with us today. This year, we've had a slight change in staff. At the end of last year, we said farewell to two of our amazing teachers - Matua Altar and Matua Hone. This year however, I am pleased to welcome Whaea Maraea Henare to our teaching team!

Whaea Maraea grew up in Otara and attended Yendarra Primary, Ferguson Intermediate and Hillary College now known as Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate. Whaea Maraea has been teaching for at least 13 years having taught at Mayfield Primary for ten of them and later teaching at Favona Primary in Mangere. We are excited to have Whaea Maraea on our team and welcome the wealth of knowledge and expertise that she brings with her. Whaea Maraea is based in Room 8 and is teaching a class of Year 4 to 6 students. If your tamariki are in Room 8, feel free to pop in and introduce yourself to their new teacher - Whaea Maraea.

Classroom Teachers

Due to student roll growth, we've opened up a ninth classroom. Here are the names of the teachers in each class and their class levels:

Room 1: Matua Ben (Years 1-3)
Room 9: Whaea Alleena (Years 1-3)
Room 10: Miss Tumutoa (Years 1-3)
- Team Leader

Room 3:
Matua Lui
(Years 4-6)

Room 7: Whaea Mellissa (Years 4-6)
Room 4: Matua Vae (Years 4-6)
- Team Leader

Room 8: Whaea Maraea (Years 4-6)
Room 5: Miss Vaha'akolo (Years 3-4)
- Team Leader

Room 6: Miss Faifua (Years 1-3 Māori Bilingual)
Miss Faifua is also our associate principal.

Teacher Only Day

There is no school on Thursday 6th February due to Waitangi Day and **there is no school on Friday 7th February** due to our staff engaging in professional development. Please do not send your children to school on Thursday or Friday. School will be closed.

School Uniform

Thank you parents for sending your children to school in the correct Rongomai uniform which is as follows:

Rongomai navy blue shirt
Navy blue shorts, or skorts for girls (optional)
Rongomai Cap
Black Roman sandals



We are giving students/families until the 14th February to have their child in the correct school uniform. We have changed our school uniform so that they're more affordable for families. Our families are now only paying a small fraction of what they used to in the past. Please respect our uniform policy guidelines by following them. Rongomai School uniforms can be purchased from the school office.

Phone: 274 6055 Email:

admin@rongomai.school.nz

Website: www.rongomai.school.nz

School Lunches

We no longer run a school tuckshop therefore, please do not send your child to school with lunch money as there will be nothing for them to purchase for their lunch. Instead, send them to school with sandwiches if you have them. If you can't send them to school with sandwiches, don't keep them home! Please send them to school! If they let their teacher know that they have no lunch, then the school can organise sandwiches and other food for your child's lunch. We also provide all of our students with fruit, cold milk, fruit jelly cups, muesli bars and scroggin everyday for students who want it.

We also run a Breakfast Club from 8am to 8.30am everyday. Breakfast Club starts next Monday 10th February. Anyone can go to the Breakfast Club with no questions, no judgements, no cost.

Sunhats

As per our School Sunhat Policy, all students and staff are required to wear a hat during terms 1 and 4 as these terms seem to be our hottest terms. Please ensure your child has a hat to wear this term. All children without hats will be kept under the canopy shade for their protection from the scorching NZ sun during break times.

Whole School Powhiri

Next Friday is our school powhiri to welcome all new staff and students to Rongomai School. The powhiri will start at 10am. Families of new students and staff are very much welcomed to join us next Friday for the welcome.

Whole School Trip

On Friday 21st February, we will be taking our Rongomaites on a school swimming trip. We welcome parent supervision but please note that all parents/family members who would like to help on any school trip, must be police vetted first. If you haven't completed a police vetting form with our school in the past, then please collect a form

from Whaea Trina at the office.

More information and details about the trip will be sent home next week.

All school trips that are curriculum related and during school time are free to our students this year.

Skool Loop

Many of our parents are missing out on receiving important information about school events and activities. To remain in the know at all times, simply download our SKOOL LOOP App onto your mobile phones - it's free! See the instructions below to download below:



Stay "in the loop" in 2020 with our school app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson - Principal