



Rongomai School

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NEWSLETTER

Rāpare 1st Hui-tanguru 2018 – Thursday 1st February 2018

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana,
Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Aloha,
la orana, Zdravo and
Greetings!

First Day of School!

Welcome back to all of our wonderful students and families and a MASSIVE welcome to all our new students who had their very first day with us today. I hope you enjoyed meeting your new teacher and classmates.

What's Up?

Read on to see what's coming up in school. Also check out our school calendar on our Rongomai website: <http://www.rongomai.school.nz/>

Welcome to Matua Ben

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new addition to our teaching team - Ben Tamarua. Matua Ben is of Cook Islands and NZ Maori descent. He has a strong command of NZ and Cook Islands Maori languages. If you see a tall, young man teaching in Room 3, that's our Matua Ben!

Hats

At Rongomai, wearing hats in terms 1 & 4 is compulsory. Please ensure that your child comes to school tomorrow and every other day for the rest of this term with a hat. As of Monday next week, students without a hat during morning tea and lunch breaks will

be directed to sit under the canopy where there is sufficient shade.

Whanau Day

When: Thurs 8th February

Time: 4-6pm

Venue: Rongomai School

Every year, we celebrate the coming together of our wonderful families and school – Whanau Day. Next Thursday 8th February, our school staff will be hosting our first Whanau Day this year. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher – old or new, as well as join in on some fun activities.

We will be selling sausages, drinks/ice blocks and toffee apples. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards paying for our transport to Totara Park on Friday 16th Feb.

We will also have several forms available for parents to update their contact details, consent forms to share photos/videos/work samples

of their children. Police vetting forms will also be available for parents/caregivers to complete as well.

Police Vetting of Adult Helpers

It is compulsory at our school to ensure that all adults who assist on school trips/events are police vetted. All completed forms will go into a draw for a chance to win a fabulous prize! Winners will be announced at our Whanau Day event. 😊

Classroom Furniture For Sale

We have an excess of classroom furniture such as student desks, tables and student chairs that have not been used for a couple of years. Rather than seeing these items rot away in our storage container, I've decided that we will offer them to families of our school for a small cost of anywhere between \$1 to \$10. Bear in mind that these furniture items are old

and used. Come along to our Whanau Day next Thursday to view and purchase the furniture on sale. I am hoping we will sell everything next Thursday.

Treaty of Waitangi Day

Just a reminder that there is no school next Tuesday 6th February. Enjoy the day off from work but please take some time out of your day to explain to your children why Tuesday 6th Feb is an important day of the year for all New Zealanders.

Powhiri

Next Friday is our powhiri to formally welcome our new students and staff. If you have a child who started at Rongomai this year, please feel free to join them at next week's Powhiri at 10am.

Stationery

Your child should have brought a stationery list home already.

Please purchase all stationery by next Wednesday 7th Feb.

School Trip to Totara Park

At the beginning of every year, it is important to build good, positive relationships with our students and also for our students to form some great friendships with their peers. To support this, our entire school will be going to Totara Park. There will be a small charge of \$2 per student to help with transport costs. Permission slips for this trip will be sent home soon with further information.

Parent/Teacher Goal-setting Meetings

Coming up this term is our Parent-Teacher evening to discuss your child's learning and progress goals at school. Please set aside Wednesday 22nd Feb to meet individually with your child's/ren's teacher. A letter will be sent home

for parents/caregivers to select their appointment time.

School will finish at 1pm on this day. Appointments will be 10mins each starting at 2pm to 7pm.

Parent App

Our Parent App name has now changed to Skool Loop NZ. You can continue to use this app but for our families who are yet to download it, please follow the instructions in this newsletter. Skool Loop NZ is a wonderful app where parents can receive school newsletters and push notifications on their phones. Parents can also send digital permission for trips and other events through the app. Also, if your child is away, you can use the app to inform our school office instead of writing a letter or calling through to our office.

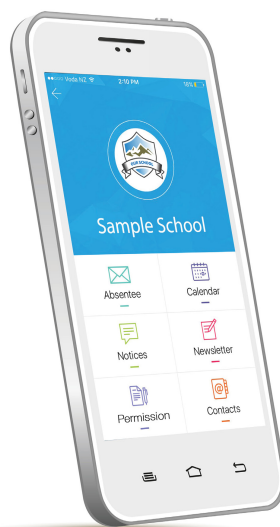
There's so much happening this term and we'll do our very best to keep you all in the know. Take care and enjoy the rest of your week!

Kia manuia,

Whaea Pae - Principal

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Name: _____ Date: 1/02/18

Room: _____

Parent's signature: _____

By signing this portion, you are confirming that you have read the newsletter.

Students, please place this portion in the Prize Draw box at the school office.