



Rongomai School

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NEWSLETTER

Rāapa 1 Poutū-te-rangi 2017 – Wednesday 1 March 2017

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

Community

Next Thursday 9th March, we will be hosting our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon from 5pm – 7pm. No appointment needed as teachers will be running through the same session every 15-20mins therefore allowing our parents time to attend all of their children's classes. This is not a one to one parent-teacher session. At these sessions, you will find out about how your child's class functions, their daily routines and classroom expectations. Our teachers will also share a little about what our students are learning in class and the types of activities our children have access to at school. There will also be opportunities for you to ask questions about our school and your child's class.

Teachers will collect the names of parents who attend their class sessions and these names will go into a draw to win a prize. Therefore, try and get to all of your children's classes to increase your chances of winning a prize. We will also be selling sausages and drinks next Thursday and your support is much appreciated. It would be great to see you all there ☺

Operation School Watch

Last year, our school fell victim to numerous break-ins, burglaries and vandalism. The local police has identified our school as being a high target for these crimes and their response to this is an operation set-up called "School Watch". Today our neighbours on Rongomai Road and Wynton Place would have received a visit from police officers who have been

assigned the task of door to door knocking and advising our neighbours about Operation School Watch and basically how they can help to keep Rongomai School free from break-ins and burglaries etc.

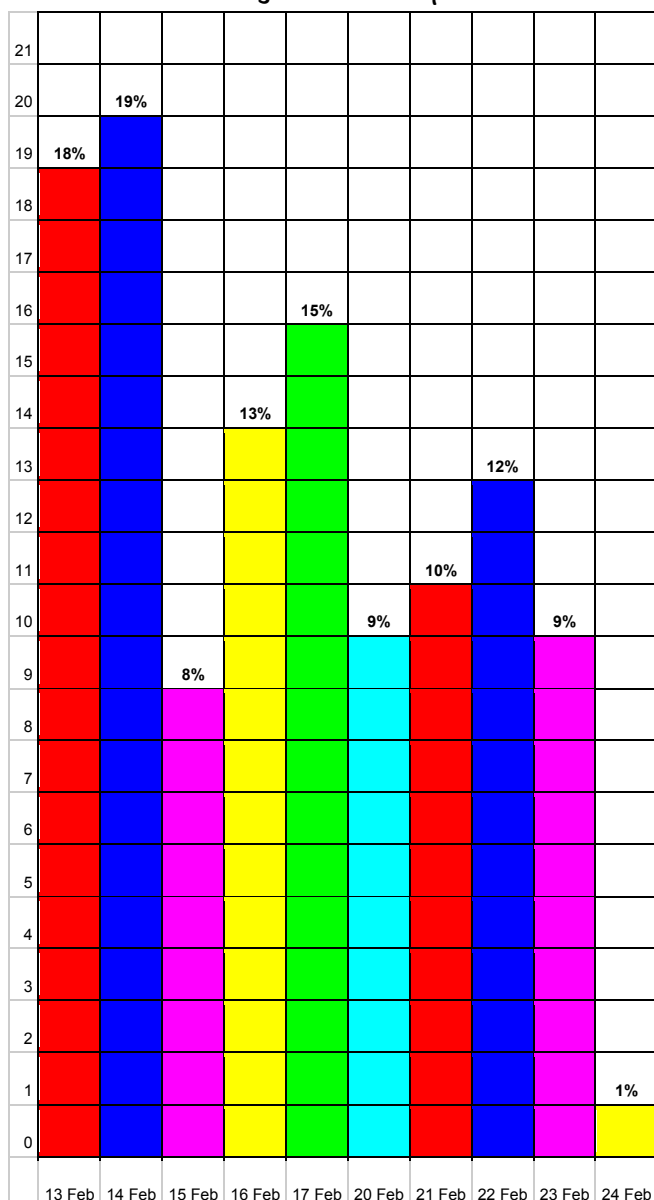
We usually have staff and groups on our school site between 7.00am and 7.30pm Monday to Friday. Should you see any suspicious persons or activity outside of these times, please call 111 immediately and a police car will be dispatched as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support and helping us to keep our school and its resources safe.

Lateness

At Rongomai, our expectation is that our students will be at school before the morning school bell rings and under the canopy at 8.45am ready to begin our day of learning. All latecomers must report to Whaea Rachel on arrival to school and will need to do detention at lunchtime. In saying this, our goal for term 1 is to have no more than 10% of our Rongomai students attend school late each day. I have inserted graphs of our school-wide punctuality rate for the last 2 weeks. The weekly graph is also displayed on our staffroom window. As you can see on the graphs, our lateness percentage rate started off high – 18%-19% however, we can see this percentage decline which is fantastic to see! Let's keep it under 10%. The classroom with the best punctuality rate will win pizza at the end of the term!

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.
Aspire to the greatest heights, should you bow, be it to a lofty mountain.

Daily Lateness Graph



Polyfest

A newsletter went home yesterday informing our families that we will be taking our students to the 2017 ASB Polyfest at the Manukau Velodrome.

Our Junior School (Rms 5, 8, 9 & 10) will be visiting Polyfest on Thursday 16th March and our Senior School (Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7) will be attending on Friday 17th March. We need as many parents as possible to help us supervise our students on these days however, parents must now undergo a police vetting check. Please ask your child's teacher for a police vetting form if you would like to assist in helping to supervise a group of our students at Polyfest.

Please complete the permission slip and return it to school tomorrow.

I give my child _____
in Room _____ permission to go to the 2017 ASB
Polyfest at the Manukau Velodrome. **YES/NO**

(Children in Rms 5, 8, 9 & 10 will be going on Thursday 16th March. Children in Rooms 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 will be going on Friday 17th March.)

I understand that my child will be travelling to and
from the venue by bus. **YES/NO**

Parents Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Contact Number: _____

Upcoming Events

Thurs 9th March: Meet the Teacher (5-7pm)

Polyfest Trip: Thur 16th March _ Rms 5, 8, 9, 10

Polyfest Trip: Fri 17th March - Rms 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson
Principal