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NEWSLETTER

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

Farewell Year 6's

This is our last newsletter for the year and for our Year 6s and some of our staff, it will be their very last Rongomai newsletter ever! On this note, our Year 6s will be leaving our school and embarking on the next stage of their learning journey at intermediate next year.

To our Year 6s - I wish you all the very best for 2017 and beyond. May you continue to strive to be the best in everything that you choose to do. Surround yourself with friends who will influence and encourage you to work hard in school, persevere through new and difficult challenges and help you to make good choices. "Aspire to the greatest heights, should you bow, be it to a lofty mountain!"

Farewell Teachers

We also farewell some amazing teachers who have contributed greatly to our school. Although it is sad to see our teachers go, I find great comfort in knowing that we are losing them to fantastic opportunities and positions of influence. Therefore, congratulations to Whaea Renee and Matua Uai who have successfully won positions at Kauri Flats Primary School in Takanini. Thank

you for your years of service to our students and the wider Rongomai School community. We wish you nothing but the very best and look forward to hearing about all the great work you will do for the Kauri Flats School community!

We also say farewell to another amazing teacher – Mrs Tofilau. Mrs Tofilau has worked hard to build strong and positive relationships with her students in STEM class and our staff. We are sad to see her go, but are also happy that she will be the new deputy principal at Homai Primary School in Manurewa. Congratulations Mrs Tofilau on this great achievement!

Finally, we say goodbye to Miss Joseph. Miss Joseph has successfully won a deputy principal position at Mangere East Primary School and we are very excited for her – such a great achievement! Miss Joseph has been a significant member on our leadership team – always setting the bar high because she believes in the potential of every student at Rongomai. Thank you Miss Joseph for the wonderful work you've done with our Junior School, Staff and our Cook Islands group! May you continue to raise excellence at Mangere East Primary!

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.

Sathya Sai Christmas Gifts

Because of the generosity of the Sathya Sai Community, every one of our students received a Christmas gift on Monday. We are grateful to the Sathya Sai team for their generosity, kindness and love. Our Rongomaites are blessed!

Message from School Tex – Uniforms

There has been a delay in delivery for the navy skort. This item will not be in store until 6th February however, to compensate for the inconvenience, School Tex are offering a 20% discount off the full retail price for the navy skorts. This discount is for 4 weeks only starting from 6th Feb, 2017. Please speak to the store managers where our uniforms are sold.

A message from SKIDS Holiday Programme

Join our exciting School Holiday Programme during the December/January Holidays! We will be open every weekday apart from the stat days from 8am-6pm. Our programme will have lots of fun activities - and all based from Rongomai School.

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 rongomai@skids.co.nz or visit us in room 1 between 8am-6pm in the school holidays.

Year 6 Graduation

Tonight is our Year 6 Graduation Event at Rongomai Park on Te Irirangi Drive. I hope you have purchased your dinner tickets and I look

forward to seeing you there, all dressed up. It's going to be an epic evening for our Year 6s!

End of Year School Prizegiving

Tomorrow we get to acknowledge and reward the achievements of some of our students. Please join us at 12pm tomorrow under the canopy. Feel free to stay and enjoy lunch with your children during the break then join us again after lunch for our staff farewells.

Safety Message

The Christmas break can be a busy time for vandals and delinquents. Should you notice any peculiar behaviour around our school during the break, please contact the police immediately on 111. It is my hope that our students and staff return to a school that is in tact.

Also, please keep safe at all times! Be careful near roads and keep an eye out for any little ones. We all want to see our students next year, all safe and sound!

School Office Hours

Our school office will be closed as of Friday 16th December 12pm and will re-open on January 23rd 2017. All new enrolments can be done when our office opens in January next year.

School Starting Date

Just a reminder that school starts back on February 1st 2017. We look forward to seeing all our students then. Please keep an eye on our School Website and Facebook page for any updates.

Holiday Challenge

Although we are going on a break from school, let's refrain from taking a break from reading, writing and learning a little maths. I encourage all our students to read every day for at least 10mins. Read a book, a magazine, the local paper or entertainment news on the internet. Keep a

daily journal or write poetry to describe your holiday activity, and for maths, go shopping with your parents and calculate the costs for what you buy or get a deck of cards and play games like 21. Don't forget to enjoy the great weather and play outside rather than stare at an Xbox, Playstation or TV all day ☺

If you're travelling away, I wish you safe travels and great holiday season.

Finally, thank you to our Rongomai staff, students and community! 2016 has been a memorable year and I look forward to journeying with you all in 2017! All the best for the festive season!

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson
Principal