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NEWSLETTER

Rāapa 15 Poutū-te-rangi 2017 – Wednesday 15 March 2017

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

Polyfest

Just a reminder that we are going to the ASB Polyfest at the Manukau Velodrome this Thursday and Friday. We will be travelling by bus to and from the venue and will depart Rongomai School at 9am with an anticipated return time of 2pm – pending traffic.

Rooms 5, 8, 9 & 10 are going on Thursday 16th March and Rooms 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 are going on Friday 17th March. The cost for this trip is \$6 per student to cover entry and transport. Students who fail to bring back their permission slips and money will remain at school.

All students are expected to bring water and a packed healthy lunch (sandwiches, fruit, bottled water etc). Strictly no big bags of chips, biscuits or chocolates etc.

Students will also need to bring a hat, and be dressed in their school uniform for easier identification and supervision at Polyfest.

Thank you to our parent helpers who have handed in their police vetting forms at the office. Please attend our brief meeting in the staffroom at 8.15am on the days of your trip (Thursday or Friday). We need to equip all our parent helpers for the Polyfest and ensure you are well informed.

School Start and Finish Times

Our school starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm. Please ensure that your child is at school ready to start on time. If picking up your child after school, please ensure that they are picked up at 2.45pm. If interested, we have a SKIDS afterschool programme onsite. If you need afterschool care for your child/ren please contact Rush De Silva for more details – Phone: 022 54 75437 or 0800 386 543. Alternatively you can email: rongomai@skids.co.nz or visit the SKIDS team in Room 1 from 2.30pm-6.15pm on weekdays.

Daily Lateness Graph

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27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2nd Mar	3rd Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar

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.

Police Vetting – No fees

At this stage, there is no fee or payment required to process all police vetting forms however, as of April 2017 we will be charged a fee for each form we send off for processing. We would really like to make the most of the 'no fee' timeframe.

If you are hoping to attend a class trip this year with your child then you will need to complete a police vet. I advise all parents to complete a form now while it is still a free process. Please see Whaea Nicole at the Office for a police vetting form and give her at least one form of photo identification i.e. passport or driver's licence.

Breakfast Club

Every morning Whaea Claudia serves breakfast from Room 1. This is free of charge and all of our Rongomai students are welcome - no questions asked. If for some reason your child is unable to eat breakfast before coming to school then why not utilise the breakfast service at Rongomai and send them to Whaea Claudia in Room 1 before 8.30am.

Meet the Teacher

Our 'Meet the Teacher' event is being held next Wednesday 22nd March 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 they 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. We will also be selling food next Wednesday and your

support is much appreciated. It would be great to see you all there ☺

Harcourts Real Estate Agents

Last year, a couple of Harcourt real estate agents visited Rongomai as part of the Feed the Need programme. On their visit, they were deeply touched by our students and our school's hospitality. From this, a relationship between Harcourts and Rongomai was established and so, we have a small team of people from Harcourts who have taken a great interest in our school community and would like to bless us. In saying this, Harcourts have arranged a special treat for our students and staff next Wednesday 22nd March. Everyone will want to be at school for this special treat!

Upcoming Events

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

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

Harcourts Visit: Wed 22nd March 12.30-2.15pm

Meet the Teacher: Wed 22nd March (5-7pm)

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson
Principal

Child's Name:

Room

I have read this week's school newsletter (15/2/17) **YES/NO**

Parent's signature: _____