



# Rongomai School

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## NEWSLETTER

**Rāmere 2 o Poutū-te-rangi 2018 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

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

### Stationery Competition

We are well into the fifth week of school however, we still have a large number of students who do not have their stationery. If you have lost your child's stationery list, please see their classroom teacher or collect one from the school office. Our stationery lists are also available on our school website for download:

<http://www.rongomai.school.nz/>

It is crucial to your child's schooling that they have all the necessary equipment to support their learning. Please purchase your child's stationery as soon as possible. Every child who has purchased their stationery by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March will go into a prize draw to win a 'goodies pack' and the class with the highest percentage of students with stationery

will win a movie afternoon with me along with some yummy treats to eat!

### ICON Photography

Thank you to the families who supported our school fundraiser last Saturday. Our school raised at least \$345 that will go towards subsidizing transport costs for school trips this year.

A reminder to all families who had their beautiful portraits taken; please remember your viewing appointments with the photographer is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. You can collect your free photograph, as well as purchase any other photos from your shoot at this appointment.

### Greater Than Dance Company

This term we have Chris Teava (street and hip hop dance tutor) working with our Rooms 6 & 10 students. Last Friday was the first street dance session and our kids definitely have groooooove! At the end of the term, Rooms 6 and 10 will be performing for our school to show off their new dance moves.

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.

Next term, we hope to make classes available to all our Rongomaites who are interested in learning street dance.

Classes will be held after school for a small fee. In the meantime, Matua Chris is holding dance classes at his Otarā studio. Details are as follows:

**Where:** 28 Lovegrove Cres

**When:** Mondays (during term time)

**Contact Ph:** 021 729 412

### Know Your Status

This term, our senior students from Rooms 4 & 7 are participating in a Leadership and Resilience Programme with Candy Tusini-Rex. Whaea Candy is a qualified youth worker who has worked with youth in Otarā and Mangere AND she is also an ex-Rongomaite. Whaea Candy is an inspiration to our school and our community and we are excited to see the wonderful work that will evolve from her Leadership and Resilience programme. We can't wait to see our Room 4 & 7 students step into their full leadership potential and therefore take on student leadership roles within our school.

### Culture Groups

Thank you to our families who returned their option forms for culture groups. Our teachers have now placed every

student into a culture group which will be on Fridays starting from on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 12.00-1.00pm. Rongomai offers the following culture groups to all our students: Kapa haka (Maori), Cook Islands, Niuean, Samoan, Tongan and Diversity. If you would like to assist or help in a culture group, please contact our school office who will put you onto the person in charge.

### Tangaroa College Market Day

Please join us at Tangaroa College's Market Day today from 6-8.30pm. This event promises to be one that will not disappoint. There will be lots of yummy food to buy and eat, great speakers like Mr Eric Rush and last but not least, our very own **Rongomai Kapa Haka group will be performing from 6.40-7pm**. Come along and enjoy the great entertainment, listen to inspirational speakers, eat some yummy kai and support our amazing kapa haka group!

### Rongomai Information Meeting

One of the things that our staff and I love about Rongomai is the fact that our parents and families make every effort to attend school trips, meetings and celebrations. We all appreciate your high involvement in the life of the school and

know that by working closely with you, our students will enjoy higher success in their learning. Please join us on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March for an information evening from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Come and find out how our school is doing in Reading, Writing and Maths as well as find out about the exciting topics your child/ren is studying this term. At this meeting, we will also talk about our new school values and the Rongomai Graduate Profiles. Afternoon tea and childcare will be provided.

### **Sathya Sai Community Day**

This Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Sathya Sai are hosting a Community Sports Day at Rongomai from 10am – 2pm.

### **Rongomai Kohanga Reo**

Our kohanga reo are taking new enrolments for babies through to 4 year olds. If you are interested in enrolling your child in kohanga reo, please contact Whaea Malia on (09)274 5279 or Email: [whanau@k03f006.kohanga.ac.nz](mailto:whanau@k03f006.kohanga.ac.nz) for more information.

### **4 year old transition programme**

If you have a 4 year old child who is 4-6 weeks away from their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, please feel free to put them onto our 4 year old transition programme. Our

transition programme operates from 8.30-9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The transition programme is a great opportunity for our “soon to be” 5 year olds to develop a connection with their classroom teacher and classmates as well as become familiar with their new classroom environment over a short period of time. Please enquire at our school office.

### **SchoolDocs Policies and Procedures**

This term, we need to review our “**Home Learning Policy**”. Please follow the instructions below to complete the policy review:

1. Visit the website

<http://rongomai.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

2. Enter the username (rongomai) and password (empowered).

3. Follow the link to the “**Home Learning Policy**”.

4. Read the policy

5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

6. Select the reviewer type “**Parent**”.

7. Enter your name (optional).

8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## **2018 CENSUS DAY NZ**

Next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30-3.30pm our school will be opening up a computer hub for our parents and community to complete the 2018 NZ Census online. The computers will be set up in our school library. We will also have staff available to assist you in completing your online forms. Please bring your household access code. Every parent/adult who completes the census at Rongomai will go into a draw to win 1 of 6x \$50 Pak 'n' Save vouchers.

Winners will be drawn next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at morning karakia and their names will be published on our school facebook page. Our office will also contact winners via phone.

## **Rongomai School Values:**

After much consultation and collaboration, our school values are:

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Please come along to our Community Information Hui on March 15<sup>th</sup> to learn more about what these values will mean for our Rongomaites.

If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to any of our staff.

**Kia manuia,**

**Whaea Pae (Principal)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/03/18

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.*