



# Rongomai School

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## NEWSLETTER

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

### Powhiri

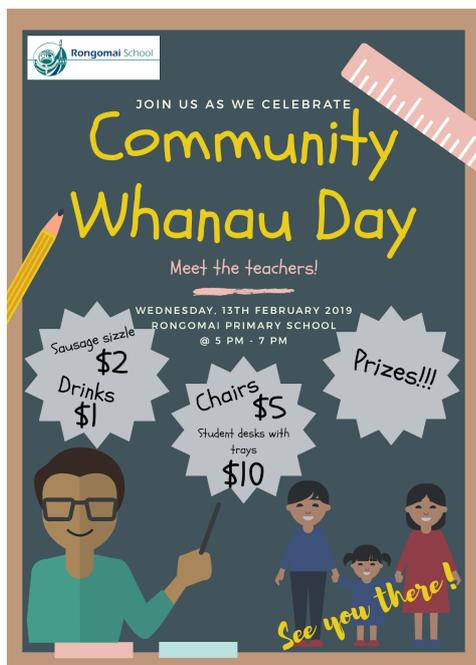
At Rongomai School we strive to be truly authentic in being culturally responsive and embracing of the cultures that our children represent. A majority of our children are Tangata Whenua Maori and we try to adopt many aspects of their tikanga (the Maori way of doing things) where we can. The powhiri is one way we do this and it is a powerful way of

expressing the message: "Welcome to our school - your new home". On Friday the 8th of February we welcomed all our new staff (Whaea Mellissa) and new students, and for the first time we opened the powhiri to our three ECE centres. It was a wonderful occasion where speeches were shared in Te Reo Maori, Samoan, and waiata sung in the same languages with a Tongan action song included as well. Our powhiri happens every term so students/staff who come through the year do not miss out. If you have not already been to one why don't you come and join us for the next

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.

one. It will be great to have you there!

## Community Whanau Day



Thank you to all our families who came out to this event last week. Our staff had a blast meeting our parents and whanau, playing different games, enjoying some food and music while having a fun time with all our students. You are welcome to come and meet the teachers and discuss any learning matters with them. Arrange a time

with your teachers outside of class time if you are keen to do so.

## Sunhats

In terms 1 and 4, all staff / students must wear a hat while playing outside. We ask that all children bring a hat to school every day. All children without a hat will stay under the school canopy for their own safety and protection from the sun.

## Swimming trip



Last Friday our whole school got to enjoy a day out to Otahuhu Pools. Everyone had a fantastic time in the pool, the splash pad, and the park all on the same site! Thank you to all our parent helpers and school staff for actively supervising our tamariki.

### Stationery

Thank you to those who have already purchased their stationery. Just a reminder that we have readymade stationery packs which can be purchased from the school office only. All packs cost \$28. Please see our office staff if you need a quote to take to WINZ. If you have any queries about anything else, please contact the school – 274 6055.

### Fruit Fly found in East Tamaki

Today, Whaea Claudia visited every classroom and informed our tamariki

that a fruit fly was found in East Tamaki. If you live in Otara and grow fruits at home, please remember that your fruit cannot be taken out of the Otara area. You may still eat the fruit within the Otara zone but you can't take it outside of our community. Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) are containing the situation and are placing the bins in our school and community to discard your home-grown fruits into.

### ASB Polyfest 2019

We're going on Friday 15th March!!!

WATCH THIS SPACE - more details to follow soon...



Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson - Principal