



Rongomai School

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NEWSLETTER

Rāapa 29 Poutū-te-rangi 2017 – Wednesday 29 March 2017

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

Polyfest

Thank you to all our parent helpers who helped to supervise our students at this year's Polyfest! Our students and staff had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the various cultural performances. I am really proud that we were able to expose our students to this cultural experience especially seeing that it takes place every year in our very own community. On this note, a massive thank you to our parents and families for allowing your child/ren to participate.

I know that there are plans in the pipeline where our Otara schools will band together later in the year and put on our very own cultural festival – watch this space!

Police Vetting

Just a reminder that all parents must be police vetted if wanting to assist on any Rongomai classroom trips or camps. Please see Whaea Nicole at the office for a police vetting form and bring at least one form of photo ID i.e. driver's licence or passport. Please do not wait until the day of the trip to complete a police vetting form as it takes several weeks to be processed and therefore, you will not be permitted to assist on the trip until the vetting process is completed and

we receive your confirmed clearance. If you have any concerns regarding this, please feel free to speak to me for further clarification.

Breakfast Club

Our school prides in the fact that we're able to offer a Breakfast programme each morning and we are very grateful to Whaea Claudia who does an amazing job to ensure breakfast is always ready for our tamariki who pop in. From tomorrow and all of next week, Whaea Ngatere will be running our Breakfast programme while Whaea Claudia goes on leave. The Breakfast programme is free of charge to our Rongomaites and all are welcomed - no questions asked. If for some reason your child/ren is unable to eat breakfast before coming to school then why not utilise the breakfast service at Rongomai and send them to Room 1 before 8.30am.

Parent Survey Winners

Thank you to our families who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event last Wednesday. We were encouraged to see such a great response from our school community! Congratulations to our students who won the Jump Jam challenge, and a massive shout out to our parents who showcased their dance talents and won prizes for being the best Jump Jammers!

Finally, congratulations to the families of the following students whose Parent's surveys were drawn at our school assembly last Thursday 23rd March: Michael Solomona and Allan Putaura!

I hope your families enjoy the board games and yummy treats!

Otara Schools Touch Tournament

When: Friday 31st March

Save day: Friday 7th April

Venue: Bruce Pullman Park, Takanini

Time: 9.45am - 2pm

Matua Vae will be taking a group of Rongomai students to represent our school this Friday. If you're free, please go down to Bruce Pullman Park and support our touch rugby team. All the best to Matua Vae and students!

Term 2 Classroom Changes

Due to the high roll growth in our junior school, some of our students will be transferred to another class in term 2. We want to ensure that our class sizes are manageable, and effective teaching and learning continues. The students who will be affected by the classroom shifts are mainly from our Junior School classes and Room 6. All parents of these students will be notified and informed of their child's/ren's new classroom and teacher, by the end of next week. Students will start in their new classrooms on the first day of Term 2.

Duffy Role Model Assembly

Rongomai School will be hosting a Duffy Role Model assembly on Thursday 6th April at 9.30am (Junior School) and 10.15am (Senior School). At this assembly we will be hosting our guest Joe Hunter who is a professional athletics coach with Athletics NZ and coaches hurdlers.

His work as a coach has taken him around the world assisting athletes prepare for competitions. Joe has previously worked as a sports scientist and has a PhD in sports biochemics. Joe enjoys working with young people and having a positive influence on their lives.

Parents/Whanau – you are most welcome to come to either assembly. Every child receives at least 1 book for free because we want to promote the message that reading is fun and important. At Rongomai School we

want all our children to be great readers – if you can, please come and show your support.

Kia manuia,
Paeariki Johnson
Principal

Upcoming Events

MARCH

Wed 29 - BoT Meeting (5-7pm)

Fri 31 - Otara Schools Touch Tournament

APRIL

Thur 6 - Duffy Role Model Assembly (9.30am & 10.15am)

Thur 6 - Change Team Meeting (3-4.30pm)

Fri 7 - Otara Schools Touch Tournament (Save Day)

Thur 13 - Last day of Term 1

MAY

Mon 1 - Term 2 starts

Please complete the slip below and return to the school office tomorrow

Child's Name:

Room

I have read this week's school newsletter (29/3/17) **YES/NO**

Parent's signature: _____