



Rongomai School

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Newsletter

Rāmere 4 o Hui-tanguru

Friday 4th February

2022

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

Welcome back to our Rongomaites – old and new! We have definitely missed our Rongomaites and are excited about seeing them back!

New staff

This year we welcome Matua Jodeci who has joined our team of learning assistants. Matua Jodeci brings with him a range of skills and experiences that includes working with primary and intermediate aged students through holiday programmes, youth programmes and children's church. He has also played in youth bands and has a great love for sports. We are excited about having him on staff.

Powhiri

Next Friday is our powhiri to welcome all new tamariki and staff to Rongomai. Usually we invite our parents and whanau to join us but because we are at red level, we are restricted in who and how many people we can have onsite for this. To ensure that we adhere to the expected health and safety guidelines, parents and whanau cannot join us for this special occasion. Please accept our sincere apologies.

Classroom Teachers

This year, we have made a few changes to our classroom arrangements and teaching roles as follows:

Junior Syndicate – Years 1 & 2

Our three Year 1 & 2 classes are now located in He Taonga Aroha.

- Whaea Marama (Maori enhancement class)
- Hine Rosemary
- Whaea Christina (Cook Islands enhancement class)
- Whaea Alleena (Reading Recovery).

Middle Syndicate – Years 3 & 4

- Room 10 – Miss Vaha'akolo (Maori enhancement)
- Room 5 – Matua Ben
- Room 9 – Matua Lui

Senior Syndicate – Years 5 & 6

- Room 4 – Matua Vae
- Room 5 – Miss Faifua (Maori enhancement class)
- Room 7 – Whaea Mellissa

Sunhats

At Rongomai School, we have a sunhat policy that requires all students and staff to wear a sunhat outdoors in Terms 1 & 4. We will be reinforcing this as of next Tuesday. Students without a sunhat outdoors, will be sent to play under our school canopy where they'll be protected from the scorching hot NZ sun.

Stationery

To ensure that your child gets the absolute most out of their learning, all stationery packs need to be purchased by the end of next week. All packs can be purchased from our school office.

2022 Stationery Packs

Year 0-2 packs \$18.00

Year 3-4 packs \$20.00

Year 5-6 packs \$30.00

Website: www.rongomai.school.nz

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rongomaischool/

Email: admin@rongomai.school.nz

Phone: (09) 274 6055

School Uniform

School Uniform is compulsory for all students and can be purchased from the school office.

Uniform Prices

Rongomai polo shirt - \$20

Cargo shorts for boys and girls - \$18

Skorts (girls only) - \$20

Long socks (boys only) - \$9

Rongomai Cap - \$10 (one size)

Rongomai Beanie - \$12 (one size)

Rongomai cardigan - \$40

Footwear must be black sandals or black shoes only.

Water Bottles

Unfortunately, students are not permitted to drink from any of the drinking fountains at school while we are at red level. Please send them to school with a water bottle every day and they can fill them up at one of our drinking fountains.

Gate Times

Thank you to all our families for persevering with us as we navigate our way through red level. As of next Tuesday 8th Feb, we will open the school gate (Rongomai Rd entrance) at 8:00am. The back gate (Reserve side) will remain closed in the mornings but will open in the afternoons from 2.30 - 3.00pm.

Latecomers

Our school day starts at 8.45am with the whole school lined up under the canopy for our daily morning karakia. If your child arrives after this time then we consider them as being late. All latecomers will need to report to the school office before they head into their class.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts up again next Tuesday from 8.00am - 8.30am and not 8.15 - 8.40am as stated on our school facebook page. Breakfast Club is available to any Rongomaite - no questions asked or judgements made. All are welcome!

Free school lunches and Fruit

Just a reminder that our Free lunch in School programme has already started up. No need to send your child to school with lunch but feel free to pack a little snack for their play lunch if needed.

The Fruit in Schools programme starts up on Monday 14th February which means our tamariki will also receive free fruit at school every day.

Sistema Programme

This programme is starting up again this term. Sistema is a music programme that teaches our tamariki how to play an orchestral instrument beginning with the violin. The programme is first introduced to our students when they are in Year 2. Some of these Year 2s continue the programme in Year 3, 4, 5 and so on. All of our current Year 3s plus our Year 4 and Year 5 Sistema students will receive lessons this term on Tuesdays. As of next term, our Year 2s will receive lessons for the remainder of the year.

Building and Property Projects

This year we will have a new canopy built and some of our play areas covered in astro turf. Contractors and builders will be onsite almost every day during school time in aim of completing the works by the end of this term. This is exciting for our 50 year old school. We can't wait.

School Closed

Monday 8th February is the observed day for Waitangi Day and therefore, school will be closed next Monday. Enjoy the long weekend whanau!

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson - Principal