



# Rongomai School

*Empowered to Take Risks; Determined to Succeed*

Thursday 27th August 2020

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofalahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei and Greetings!

Next Monday 31st August, Rongomai School will be open to ALL students for their regular schooling. Here is some information to keep you updated about our school guidelines and return back to school:

- Students will need to be at school between 8am and 8.40am, ready for the start of their school day at 8.45am. Please do not send your children to school before 8am until further notice.
- If dropping off your child/ren to school, please drop them off at the school gate. Do not enter the school grounds unless you need to purchase a school uniform at the school office or need to enrol a new 5 year old.
- Our Transition into School programme for new 5 year olds will be from 8.30am to 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact the school office for more info and/or to register your child.
- Our playgrounds will be closed every morning before school starts however, we will open it during morning tea and lunchtime breaks for our students. The playgrounds will be sanitised every day before each break.
- When entering the school grounds, we ask that all our students maintain physical distancing of 2 metres unless they live in the same home bubble.
- All students will need to go directly to their classrooms on arrival to school.
- Please send your child/ren to school with their own water bottle and packed lunch. Our school water fountains will not be in use.
- Breakfast Club will operate again as of Monday 31st August from 8am – 8.30am, Monday to Friday.
- We will also have sandwiches for tamariki without lunch, as of Monday 31st August.
- If your child has a school device, please return the device and its charger with your child when they return to school. Please ensure that the device is returned in the box or packaging you received it in.

- All parents and visitors to the school must report to the office. Please do not go directly to our classrooms. Our office staff will be able to assist you.
- Our school day finishes at 2.45pm. Please ensure that your child is picked up on time from either the front gate or back gate.
- Contact the school office or your child's teacher if you intend to keep your child home during Alert Level 2.

Please know that we will be reinforcing the following safety practices:

- Coughing into elbows
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, nose, face etc
- Maintaining the appropriate physical distancing inside (1 metre) and outside (2 metres) of the classroom
- Avoiding being within another person's moist breath zone
- Sick children and staff must stay home
- Children and staff must sanitise/wash hands on entry into the school/classroom, before meals, before and after going out to play.
- Our staff have been instructed to daily sanitise touch points such as door and cupboard handles, digital devices, classroom telephones etc.

We are doing everything we can to ensure that our school is safe for all students and staff. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's teacher or the school office: (09)274 6055. Take care and stay safe!

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson  
(Principal)