



# Rongomai School

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## Rāpare 29 o Kohitātea - Thursday 29 January 2026

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

### Welcome Back to School!

To all our Rongomaites, we are pleased to welcome all students back to school, as well as those starting with us for the first time, in 2026. We are excited for the year ahead and all the fun and learning we have planned.

### Important Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>February:</b> 6th: Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) - School Closed 9th: Staff Only Day - School Closed 10th: Swimming Lessons Start - Y3-6's Only <b>April:</b> 2nd: Last Day of Term 1 - School Finishes at 12pm
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>April:</b> 20th: First Day of Term 2 - School Starts 27th: ANZAC Day Observed (Public Holiday) - School Closed <b>May:</b> 4th: Vision and Hearing Checks <b>June:</b> 1st: King's Birthday (Public Holiday - School Closed) <b>July:</b> 3rd: Last Day of Term 2 - School Finishes at 12pm
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>July:</b> 20th: First Day of Term 3 - School Starts <b>September:</b> 25th: Last Day of Term 3 - School Finishes at 12pm
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>October:</b> 12th: First Day of Term 4 - School Starts 22nd: School Photos <b>December:</b> 8th: Last Day of School - School Finishes at 12pm

### **Staff Only Day**

We have a Staff Only Day on **Monday, 9 February**. On this day, our staff will be participating in professional development to ensure they are well prepared to deliver high-quality teaching and learning for your tamariki.

School will not be open on this day, so please ensure you have arranged appropriate supervision for your tamariki. Thank you all for your understanding.

### **Waitangi Day**

Next Friday, 6 February is Waitangi Day. Our school will be closed for the public holiday, so please ensure you have adequate supervision for your tamariki.

### **Fruits in Schools & Breakfast Club**

We are pleased to let you know that our Fruits in Schools programme and Breakfast Club will resume from **next Wednesday, 4 February**. These programmes allow us to provide all our tamariki with free fruit and breakfast each day.

The Breakfast Club runs from **8.00am to 8.30am** and offers students a healthy, balanced breakfast to help them start the day focused and ready to learn.

### **Swimming Lessons**

Our Year 3 - 6 students will begin their swimming lessons at the Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre on **Tuesday, 10 February** and will continue until **Tuesday, 31 March**. These are valuable lessons that teach students important water skills such as safe entry and exit, floating, basic swim strokes, and remaining calm in the water. A newsletter/permission slip will be going out soon with more information.

### **Kainga Ora Housing Construction**

Construction has begun on the new Kāinga Ora housing development on Rongomai Road, next to our school. Work is expected to continue until June 2026.

Please take extra care when dropping off and picking up your tamariki in the mornings and afternoons, as construction vehicles may occasionally block pathways or the road.

We have been teaching our ākonga to look left and right before crossing the road. We ask that you also model this same caution when crossing with your tamariki, as our priority is ensuring everyone's safety.

### **Water Bottle Donation**

We would like to extend a very warm thank you to the Thompson whānau, whose child Chloe (Room 6) and her family generously donated reusable water bottles to our school. These have already been distributed to our tamariki and are a great way to help keep them hydrated during the warmer weather.

### **Sunhat Policy**

Rongomai School has a sunhat policy which means that during **Terms 1 and 4** students must wear a hat during play times. If they do not have a hat they will be directed to sit in the

shade under the canopy. This sunhat policy starts from next Monday, 2 February so please ensure your child/ren has a hat by then.

### **Uniform & Stationery**

All school stationery packs and uniforms can only be purchased from our school office. We do not provide stationery lists.

Our stationery packs are priced as follows:

- Year 0-3 Packs: \$30.00
- Year 4-6 Packs: \$35.00

Our uniform is priced as follows:

- Navy Blue Polo T-shirt (size 4 to 18 or adult S) - \$30.00
- Navy Blue Polo T-shirt (adult sizes M,L, XL & XXL) - \$35.00
- Navy Blue Cargo Short (size 4 to 20) - \$30.00
- Knee Long Socks (all sizes - boys only) - \$15.00
- Cap - \$15.00
- Beanie - \$16.00
- Jersey (all sizes) - \$55.00
- Rongomai Masks (children and adult sizes) - \$5.00

Only plain black shoes and sandals (not jandals) are to be worn at school. You can pay for school stationery and uniform at our school office or via online banking.

### **Our bank details are:**

Rongomai Board of Trustees

A/C # 123 021 0018 772 00

Ref: Student Name

We also accept WINZ quotes, make sure to pick up a uniform and stationery list from our school office to show to WINZ. When using WINZ, please make sure to use your students name as the reference.

### **Juicies for Sale**

This year we are selling Juicies everyday for \$2 each. If your child/ren would like a Juicie, please send them to school with their money to give to their teacher.

### **Classroom Teachers & Syndicate Changes**

This year we have two syndicates and some of our classroom teachers have changed classrooms. These changes are as follows:

#### **Junior Syndicate (Years 0-3):**

**Syndicate Leader - Mrs Fauolo**

Room 5: Maine Christina

Room 7: Mr. Afemata

Room 8: Maine Maru

Room 10: Whaea Mellissa

#### **Senior Syndicate (Years 4 -6):**

**Syndicate Leader - Matua Vae**

Room 1: Matua Altar

Room 3: Matua Cassidy

Room 6: Maine Terangi

Room 9: Matua Lui

## **Contacting Our School**

It is very important that when contacting our school, you contact our **school office staff directly**, rather than your child's teacher. This is especially important if your child is absent or if you need information about what is happening at school.

You can contact us using any of the following methods:

-  **Skool Loop** – a free app available to download
-  **Email:** [reception@rongomai.school.nz](mailto:reception@rongomai.school.nz)
-  **Phone:** 09 274 6055 (you may also leave a message)
-  **Facebook:** Message our page *Rongomai School*
-  **Website:** Submit an absence notice through our school website

### **Important reminder:**

Please remember to notify the school **every day** your child/ren are absent. Failure to do so may result in your child being marked as **truant (T)**.

## **School Start Times & Lateness**

It is important that your child/ren arrive at school **on time every day**. School starts at **8.45am**, and any student arriving after this time will be marked as **late**. This includes arrivals during **Morning Karakia**.

If your child/ren arrive late, please ensure they go to the **school office to collect their late stamp** before heading to class.

## **Keep Up to Date with Rongomai School**

If you'd like to keep up to date with any upcoming events for our school please follow our school Facebook page: Rongomai School. Or you can download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play store or the App Store. To find our school on this app please follow these instructions:

- 1) Open the app and select New Zealand as your country.
- 2) Then select Auckland as your region, scroll down and then select Rongomai School.
- 3) Click on select schools and then on the next page press choose and this will take you to the Rongomai School Skool Loop landing page.
- 4) The next page should show nine different categories; notices, absentee, Facebook, calendar, forms, bookings, contacts, newsletter and settings. On this page you can report your child/ren's absence, stay up to date with any school notices, read our school newsletters, find our Facebook page or view our school calendar.