



Rongomai School

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Rāpare 16 o Whiringa-ā-nuku - Thursday 16th October 2025

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

Welcome Back to Term 4! 🎉

Welcome back to school, Rongomaite! We've had an awesome start to the term and can already feel the excitement building. It's going to be a busy and rewarding few weeks ahead with school camp, Rongomai Fest, prizegiving, and so much more on the way — so stay tuned for all the exciting things coming up!

Quiz Time 🕒

Just like last term, there's a hidden word in this newsletter! Find the letters, piece them together, and bring your answer to the office. But wait—before you submit your answer, you'll need to answer a question about the newsletter, so be sure to read it carefully! The last day to enter the draw is next Wednesday, the 22nd of October 2025. **Reminder:** The word search is NOT part of the quiz—it's just a fun extra! Good luck!

Important Dates

Term 4

October

22nd: Year 6 Visit to Ferguson Intermediate

23rd: NZEI Te Riu Roa Strike - School Closed

24th: Duffy Theatre Show

27th: Labour Day (Public Holiday)

November

3rd-7th: Year 5 & 6 Camp - CYC Ngāruawāhia

5th: Junior Syndicate Trip - Sky Tower

26th: FireWise Visit

December

5th: Rongomai Fest & Prizegiving

12th: Year 6 Graduation (Details TBD)

16th: Last Day of School - 12pm Finish

NZEI Te Riu Roa Strike 🚫

Next Thursday, **23rd October**, our staff will be participating in the **NZEI Te Riu Roa strike** to support better conditions for school staff across Aotearoa. As a result, **school will be closed for the day**. School will resume on **Friday, 24th October at 8:45am**. Please ensure you have arranged appropriate supervision for your tamariki on this day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Tongan Group Practices

All students in the Tongan Group should have received a newsletter about after school practices by now.

Our Tongan Group will have after school practices **every Thursday from today onwards from 3:00pm to 4:00pm**, except for **next week** (due to the strike) and **Week 5** (due to the Year 5 & 6 camp).

Please ensure your child has **returned their permission slip** so they can attend these sessions.

Senior Camp (Y5/6) - Term 4, Week 5 🥕

The **Year 5 & 6 Camp** is fast approaching, and by now your child should have received their **information pack**. This pack includes important details about the camp, such as:

- What your child needs to bring
- Forms to provide additional information about your child
- Emergency contact details and consent forms
- A summary of any outstanding camp fees

Please ensure your child returns the pages containing their consent, health information, additional information, and emergency contact details as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has **already** paid for their child's camp. For those still owing, please ensure payment is made promptly.

Payments can be made at the office (**NOT** to your child's teacher) via **cash, EFTPOS, PayWave, or bank transfer** to:

Rongomai BOT: 12-3021-0018-772-00

Reference: Your child's name

Particulars: Camp

Junior Syndicate Trip - Sky Tower

On Wednesday, 5th November, our Junior Syndicate will visit the Sky Tower to link with their learning about volcanoes and try spotting some of Auckland's 53 volcanoes from the city's highest point.

Please ensure your child brings a healthy packed lunch, a bottle of water, and wears full school uniform. Permission slips are due by Friday, 31st October.

Parent helpers will be contacted by the class teacher and must complete a police vetting form at the office, bringing a valid photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport, or 18+ card).

Sun Hat 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 **started at the beginning of the week** and will run until the end of the term.

Nits Outbreak

We have recently noticed that some students have **nits**. If your child requires **nit shampoo and a comb**, please see your child's teacher, who can provide these for you.

Thank you for your support in keeping our tamariki healthy.

New Zealand ShakeOut

This morning at 9.30am, Rongomai School took part in the New Zealand ShakeOut earthquake drill. Our Rongomaites practised the **Drop, Cover, Hold** rule — **DROP** to the ground, **COVER** your head and neck, and **HOLD** on until the shaking stops. This drill helps prepare everyone to stay safe in a real emergency. Ka pai, Rongomai — the drill ran smoothly, and we're proud of your efforts!

Gate Upgrade

Our school gate is currently **undergoing construction and being upgraded**. Please exercise **caution** around the gate during this time, as the **safety of you and your tamariki** is our top priority. A notice with more information about this upgrade and what it means for our Rongomai whānau will be sent out soon.

Kainga Ora Housing Construction 🏠

Construction has begun on the new **Kainga Ora housing development** on **Rongomai Road**, next to our school. Work is expected to **continue until June 2026**. Please exercise **extra caution** when dropping off and picking up your tamariki in the mornings and afternoons, as construction vehicles may occasionally block pathways or the road.

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Rongomai School uses the free **Skool Loop app** to keep whānau informed. Through the app, you can view notices, newsletters, calendar events, and even submit absences.

To get started:

1. Download Skool Loop from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Open the app, select **New Zealand** → **Auckland** → **Rongomai School**, then tap **Select**.
3. You'll now have access to our school's hub with categories like Notices, Absentee, Calendar, Newsletter, and more.

Absences & Contact Details 🛎️

It is very important that you report your child's absence **every day** they are away. Also, please ensure that your contact details (phone number, email address etc.) are all up-to-date. You can do this by visiting our school office.

To notify us of an absence, you can:

- 📱 Use Skool Loop – a **free** app available for download
- ✉️ Email us at reception@rongomai.school.nz
- ☎️ Call or leave a message at 09 274 6055
- 💬 Message our Facebook page: Rongomai School
- 🌐 Submit an absence notice through our school website

School Policies – SchoolDocs 📄

To view our school's policies and procedures, please visit **schooldocs.co.nz**. Search for **Rongomai School** and log in using the details below:

Username: rongomai

Password: empowered

Click on:

Parents
Quick Links

This will lead you to the policies and procedures that are currently under review, and require your feedback. This is a great opportunity to help us strengthen the support we provide for our tamariki. You'll also find information about governance, Board of Trustees responsibilities, curriculum, and more.

Parking Reminder 🚗

We've noticed some parents **parking** in front of the gate recently. Please remember that this is not allowed. For everyone's safety, always park in the designated bays or on the roadside—**do not move the cones** to create extra spaces. This ensures our tamariki are kept safe and that vehicles can enter and exit the carpark safely.

A friendly reminder that the staff carpark is for staff use only. If you know the gate code, **please do not use it to access the carpark**. Doing so creates a safety risk and limits parking for our staff.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school safe.

Year 5 & 6 Camp Bake Sale

Our Year 5 & 6 students held their last bake sale yesterday morning to help raise funds for their upcoming camp. They managed to raise a whopping \$642! Thank you to all our students and their families for their continued support, we really appreciate it. Below are some photo highlights from the sale:



Left: Look at all those yummy treats for sale 🙄 I wonder what will sell out first? 🤔

Right: Just before the rush! Rongomai staff getting the bake sale ready as eager students start lining up. 🙌



Birthdays 🎉

We'd like to send our warmest birthday wishes to the following students and staff who have recently celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays later this week:

OCTOBER

16th:	Adrian DeeJay
20th:	Moo Ching Paige Russell Connor
23rd:	Talavou Rebekah Neta
24th:	Lilian
25th:	Marli
28th:	Ashton
29th:	Aukoso

We hope you all had or have a wonderful day 🎉



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Enrol them at **Sathya Sai Preschool Rongomai**, a preschool that nurtures early learning through values-based education.

For more information, visit their school site or go online at www.sathyasaipreschoolrongomai.org.nz. Located on site here at, 20 Rongomai Road.

Streets of Rongomai

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