Rongomai School

Empowered to Take Risks; Determined to Succeed

Rāpare 5 o Whiringa-ā-rangi - Thursday 5 November 2026

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ia orana, Nǐ hǎo, Selamat datang, Kumusta, As-Salamu Alaykum and Greetings!

Important Dates

Term 4	**November:** 20th: Athletics Day (9.15am start) 27th: Junior Syndicate Trip - Rainbow's End **December:** 4th: Culture Festival & Prize-giving 7th: Year 6 Graduation dinner 8th Senior Syndicate Trip - Rainbow's End **9th: Last day of Term 4 - 12pm finish**

Birthdays 🎉

We'd like to send our warmest birthday wishes to the following students who will be celebrating their birthdays soon:

November

12th:	Rocky	17th:	Kellvin, Hennessey
13th:	Anahera		

Quiz time🧩

The answer to the question from our last newsletter *'Fill in the blanks: Get d_____, Get l_____, Get o_____ !'* was **Get down, Get low, Get out fast!** Always remember this phrase, Rongomaites!

Congratulations to all students who gave the correct answer and a special congratulations to the winners of the draw:

SJ - Rm 1 & ***Isaiah - Rm 1***

Please come to the office to collect your prize!

For this week's question: When running a relay race, what is the name of the metal stick object that you hold and pass to the next runner?

Do you have the answer? Come to the office and share your answer to go in the draw to win. Two winners will be chosen next week to win a special prize!

Celebrating 100% attendance and punctuality!

We are proud of those tamariki who continue to show up every single school day and come to school bright and early by 8.45am. There has been a gradual increase in the number of students who have turned to school on time and we celebrate and recognise both the amazing effort of you and your whānau! Ka pai!

Classroom Attendance

Check out the classrooms below who had the best attendance for Week 2 and 3:

	Senior Syndicate	Junior Syndicate
Week 2	*Room 3*	*Room 10*
Week 3	*Room 6*	*Room 5*

Week 3 (27/10 - 30/10) - Term 4 Attendance per class

	Mon 26th	Tues 27th	Wed 28th	Thurs 29th	Fri 30th	Weekly Percentage	Lateness for the week
Room 1	Labour Day	21/25	21/25	21/25	19/25	82%	7
Room 3		19/23	21/23	22/23	19/23	89.13%	12
Room 5		16/19	16/19	17/19	16/19	85.53%	11
Room 6		17/19	18/19	19/19	17/19	93.42%	9
Room 7		20/24	19/24	21/24	18/24	81.25%	5
Room 8		18/23	20/23	21/23	19/23	84.78%	18
Room 9		19/22	19/22	18/22	13/22	78.41%	9
Room 10		15/20	17/20	19/20	15/20	82.50%	18

Dental Van 🦷

You may have noticed the Community dental van parked in our staff parking. The lovely dentists will be onsite for the next few weeks, providing free dental checks for our Rongomaities and we encourage our students families to get in contact with them (either on 0800 TALK TEETH / 0800 825 683 or speak directly to the staff) should you have an questions or concerns.

We also thank our teachers and learning support staff for accommodating to this change in our schedule as we look to ensure our Rongomaities' teeth are good and healthy 🙂

Contacting Our School when your child is ABSENT📞

It is very important that when your child/ren are going to be absent you need to contact the **school office directly**, each day they are absent rather than your child/ren's teacher. Or you can contact us using any of the following methods:

📱 **Skool Loop** – a free app available to download

✉️ **Email:** reception@rongomai.school.nz

📞 **Phone:** 09 274 6055 (you may also leave a message)

🌐 **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)**.

Additionally, Rongomai School has also opened up text messaging through Etap. This allows our admin to get in contact with the parents and caregivers of our students who are absent without a reason given for their absence.

⭐ STAR Attendance – Every Day Counts ⭐

At Rongomai School, we are continuing to strengthen our STAR Attendance approach – Supporting Tamariki, Attendance, Relationships and whānau.

We know that regular attendance makes a real difference to your child's learning, friendships and confidence at school. If your child is going to be absent, please make sure you let the school know and provide a reason for their absence. Keeping those lines of communication open helps us understand what is happening and how we can support you.

Please be aware that if a student reaches 15 days of unexplained absence in a school term – these days do not have to be consecutive – they may be referred to a truancy service for further support.
Our goal is to keep the communication open, work alongside whānau and find ways to help where we can. Sometimes it is about meeting in the middle and finding a way forward that works for both the child and their whānau.

Every day matters. Every day is a chance to learn, connect and grow. ❤️

If attendance is becoming difficult for your whānau, please talk with us early. We are here to listen, support and work alongside you.

School Policies – SchoolDocs 📄

To view our school's policies and procedures, please visit **www.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 take you to policies and procedures where your feedback is welcome. You'll also find information on governance, Board responsibilities, curriculum, and more.

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Funded treatment for eligible conditions.

Our pharmacy can provide **FREE** treatment for a range of common conditions. **Ask our team if you're eligible.**

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
Helping you and your whānau stay well.

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No appointment needed. Speak to our pharmacist.

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Eligible treatments are provided at no cost.

APPROVED CONDITIONS	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
1 Acute Analgesia and Fever Management	The Service User is under 14 years old
2 Acute Oral Rehydration	The Service User is under 14 years old
3 Acute Conjunctivitis	The Service User is under 14 years old
4 Headlice Treatment	• The Service User is under 14 years old; OR • is a whānau member of a Service User who is under 14 years old and has the same Approved Health Need as that Service User
5 Scabies Treatment	• The Service User is under 14 years old; OR • is a whānau member of a Service User who is under 14 years old and has the same Approved Health Need as that Service User
6 Emergency Contraception*	The Service User is a woman under 25 years old
7 Acute Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infection	The Service User is a woman aged 16 to 65 years

*Emergency Contraception is available only to women under 25 years old.

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ and ↘

COMET
ASTRONAUT
EARTH
ORBIT
NEBULA
GRAVITY
MARS
JUPITER
MERCURY
SUN
VENUS
PLANETS
SOLAR SYSTEM
NEPTUNE
URANUS
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