



Rongomai School

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Rāpare 13 o Whiringa-ā-rangi - Thursday 13th November 2025

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

Quiz Winners 🏆

In our last newsletter, we challenged you to find the hidden phrase—Ngāruawāhia. Congratulations to everyone who solved it! A special shout out to our two lucky winners: Kiara-Leigh (R6) and Marli (R5).

Quiz Time 🕒

Just like in the last newsletter, 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 20th of November. **Reminder:** The word search is NOT part of the quiz—it's just a fun extra! Good luck!

Important Dates

Term 4

November

15th: Kapa Haka Practice

26th: FireWise Visit

December

5th: Rongomai Fest & Prizegiving

8th: Year 6 Graduation (Details TBD)

16th: Last Day of School - 12pm Finish

Key Information – Gate Times

- Just a reminder that our side gate will be locked at **9:30am** and reopened at **2:00pm** for afternoon pickups everyday.
- If you arrive outside these times:
 - Rongomai School students: ring the school on (09) 274 6055.
 - Poetiare Preschool: contact (09) 265 0244
 - Saithya Sai Preschool: contact (09) 272 4354.
- A button is located at the beginning of the walkway (on the school side) to exit the school grounds.

Tongan Group Practices

Just a reminder that the Tongan Group has after school practices **every Thursday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm**. This is to help them prepare for the upcoming Rongomai Culture Festival.

Kapa Haka Practice

Just a reminder that this Saturday, **15th November**, our **Kapa Haka group** will have a practice from **9:30am to 2:00pm**. This session will help our performers refine their routines in preparation for the upcoming Rongomai Culture Festival.

Lunch will be provided for our Rongomaitees, but please ensure your child brings a water bottle. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Please return your child's permission slip as soon as possible so they can take part.

Samoan Group Uniforms

If your child is in the Samoan Group, they will have received a notice about uniforms for our upcoming Rongomai Festival. This year, due to capacity, we are unable to manage the sewing process.

The chosen fabric (see image) can be purchased from:

Fabric Mart – Unit 10, 40 Cavendish Drive, Manukau

Contact: Minh – 021 683 392

Please mention **Rongomai School** and **Matua Vae** to get the correct material. Families will need to organise their own seamstress.

Guidelines:

Girls – Black lavalava with the chosen fabric for the puletasi top

Boys – Chosen fabric for their lavalava

Please see **Matua Vae** if you **have** any questions.



Mobile Dental Clinic On Site

The mobile dental clinic is currently at our school, checking the oral health of our Rongomaites and identifying any concerns that may need attention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the visiting dentist, Shaneel, on 021 969 320.

Rongomai Culture Festival & Prizegiving

Our annual Rongomai Culture Festival and Prizegiving are coming up! Join us on **Friday, 5th December** as we celebrate the **cultural and academic achievements** of our Rongomaites.

The Culture Festival will take place in the morning, followed by Prizegiving in the afternoon. Food and drinks will be available for purchase (**cash only – no EFTPOS or cash-out from the office**).

Sathya Sai Summer Promotion

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- ✓ Free snacks & hot lunches
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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 is already in play and will last 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.

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.

Skool Loop App – Stay Connected 📱

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
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This will take you to policies and procedures currently under review, where your feedback is welcome. You'll also find information on governance, Board responsibilities, curriculum, and more.

Junior Syndicate - Sky Tower Trip 🌋

Last Wednesday, 5th October, our Junior Syndicate visited the Sky Tower as part of their learning about volcanoes. From up high, they were able to spot some of Auckland's 53 volcanoes—and had an amazing time doing so!

Here are some photo highlights from the day:



Left: Look at that view! If you look closely, you can even spot Rangitoto Island in the background 🌋

Right: Wow, look at how high up Lioness is! What an awesome shot 📸



Right: Look at all our Junior Rongomaites trying to catch a glimpse of the land below! I wonder what cool things they saw? 🤔

Year 5 & 6 Camp 🥕

Last week, from Tuesday 4th November to Friday 7th November, our Year 5 & 6 students attended their school camp at Christian Youth Camps in Ngāruawāhia. They competed in teams, challenged themselves, and had an awesome time taking part in activities such as kayaking, rock wall climbing, swimming, and more.

Here are some photo highlights from the week:



Above: Maine Terangi and some of our Rongomaitees cooling off in the pool on a hot day. 🥵

Right: What a great way to end the day! Toasted marshmallows around the camp fire 🔥



Left: Look at those Rongomaitees racing down the waterslide! 🌊

Right: Our Rongomaitees trekking through the bush... I wonder what interesting things they spotted along the way 🤔



Left: Look at all those tired but happy faces! Clearly, nobody's ready to go home just yet 🙄

Birthdays 🎉

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

NOVEMBER

17th: Kelvin
19th: Paradise
23rd: Hosea-Jiohn
25th: Matua Cassidy
26th: Faith

We hope you all had or have a wonderful day 🎉



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Athletic Events

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Decathlon
Discus
Hammer Throw
Hepthalon
High Jump
Hurdles

Javelin
Long Distance
Long Jump
Marathon
Middle Distance
Pole Vault

Relays
Shot Put
Sprints
Steeple Chase
Triple Jump

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