Rongomai School

Empowered to Take Risks; Determined to Succeed

Rāpare 19 o Whiringa-ā-rangi - Thursday 19 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

19th:	Paradise	23rd:	Hosea
24th:	Husnah	26th:	Faith
30th:	Te Ariki. G		

Quiz time 🧩

The answer to the question from our last newsletter *'When running a relay race, what is the name of the metal stick object that you hold and pass to the next runner?'* was a **relay baton!**

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

Isobella - Rm 1 & ***No'oria - Rm 6***

Please come to the office to collect your prize!

For this week's question: Name a professional track and field athlete.
(Hint: This could be a long distance runner, a long jump athlete and everything in between!)

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 4 and 5:

	Senior Syndicate	Junior Syndicate
Week 4	*Room 1*	*Room 5*
Week 5	*Room 3*	*Room 7*

Week 5 (09/11- 13/11) - Term 4 Attendance per class

	Mon 9th	Tues 10th	Wed 11th	Thurs 12th	Fri 13th	Weekly Percentage	Lateness for the week
Room 1	22/25	20/25	22/25	23/25	22/25	86.40%	10
Room 3	20/23	23/23	23/23	19/23	21/23	92.17%	18
Room 5	13/19	10/19	15/19	17/19	16/19	73.68%	20
Room 6	15/19	16/19	17/19	17/19	17/19	85.26%	13
Room 7	20/24	20/24	22/24	20/24	23/24	87.50%	7
Room 8	19/23	17/23	16/23	21/23	19/23	80%	23
Room 9	19/22	18/22	17/22	20/22	19/22	84.5%	12
Room 10	18/20	16/20	17/20	15/20	15/20	77.14%	18

Athletics Day 🏃

Tomorrow, Rongomai School will be holding an Athletics Fun Day. We'd like to warmly invite the whanau of our students to come out and support and possibly have a go in participating in some of the activities.

This will be a fun and exciting day for our Rongomaites as they look to compete against each other in a wide variety of track and field events - ranging from discus throwing to long jump to a 800m running track.

We aim to kick off our day at 9.15am!

This will also be a **MUFTI day** for our students, where you are most welcome to dress them in their whanau colours. Please remind your child/ren to bring a **water bottle** to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Lockdown Drill

Yesterday, Rongomai School ran a lockdown drill as part of our emergency preparedness. You would have received our messages on Skool Loop, Facebook and our website. The drill went very smoothly and everyone did what was expected of them. We hope we don't need to go into a real Lockdown, but be confident, we are prepared.

Just FYI - should we go into a real Lockdown, we will only be able to contact our students' parents/caregivers through Skool Loop, Facebook, our website, a SMS and through Email. As our staff will be barricaded in our designated areas, we will not be able to answer any phone calls or attend to the front gate.

Therefore, **please remember to always update your contact details with the school office**.

Appreciate your continued support in our kura.

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.

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WORD SEARCH - ATHLETICS DAY



Find the 12 words hidden in the word search. All words are related to the activities being held at Rongomai's Athletics Day.

BATON	**DISCUS THROWING**	**DISTANCE**	**FRISBEE**
JAVELIN	**LAWN BOWLS**	**LONG JUMP**	**METRES**
RELAY RACE	**RUNNING**	**SHOT PUT**	**SOFT BALL**