



Newsletter 20 February 2026

Rānui Primary School

**Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Noa'ia, Ni sa bula vinaka, Mālo ni,
Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orāna, Tēnā koutou katoa**

Welcome to 2026

We would like to Welcome our new Whānau to Rānui School, we hope that your tamariki enjoy their learning here. We would also like to welcome Matua Kelvin in Kāhu 1 and Zyrus Hetaraka our new S.W.I.S.



Whānau Fun Night

Whānau Fun Night is always a good way to mix and mingle and meet your child's teacher and our Rānui School Board. It was really nice to see our whānau enjoying themselves.





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Swimming Pool

Our School Pool is up and running, we are fortunate to have a swimming pool and provides a valuable opportunity for our students. Please ensure that your child brings their swimsuit and towel on the days they are swimming.

Whānau Conversations

At the end of the term in week 9 we have set aside two days for whānau to come in and talk with their child's classroom teacher. This is a great opportunity to re-engage and have a genuine discussion without being rushed.

The Whānau Conversations will be up to 25 minutes long and will be a place for:

- your child to share their learning
- you to ask questions and talk about your thoughts
- teachers to show you learning activities you can try at home
- you all to set goals for the rest of the year



Whānau Conversations are on;
Wednesday 1st April - 9am to 6:15pm
Thursday 2nd April - 9am to 3:50pm

Please mark these days on your calendar because on these two days the whānau conversations are scheduled throughout the school day. Rānui Primary School will only be open for **you and your own child/ren at the confirmed scheduled time during these days.**

Attendance at Rānui School

Attendance at Rānui School continues to improve, with more of our tamariki coming to school regularly and staying connected to their learning. Regular attendance helps children feel settled, build friendships, and make the most of each school day.

Supporting attendance will be a key focus this year. We work closely with whānau to understand any barriers and to support tamariki to be at school whenever they can. Our Rānui Attendance Management Plan, which outlines how we work together to support regular attendance, will be available on our school website by the beginning of March.

Thank you for your ongoing support, together we can make every day count for our tamariki.

If your child is away please let the office know. You can do this by...

- Replying to the school text
- Phoning the school on 833-6286
- Sending a note to school with another family member or when your child returns to school.





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Hats

Please make sure you tamaiti brings a hat to school. This is really important as our sun is really harsh and we are wanting our tamariki to develop lifelong safety practices.

School Street – Keeping Our Tamariki Safe

To help keep our tamariki and whānau safe at the start and end of the school day, our school operates a School Street.

A School Street is a section of road outside the school that is temporarily closed to through-traffic during busy times. This creates a safer, calmer space for children to walk and arrive at school safely.

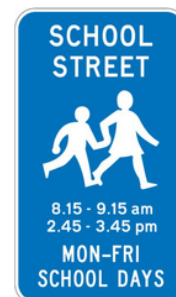
Operating times:

Morning: 8:30 – 9:15am

Afternoon: 2:30 – 3:15pm

Local residents will still be able to access their homes, and staff will be present to support everyone during these times.

Thank you for working with us to prioritise safety, wellbeing, and care for our tamariki.



Bucket Hats and Polo Shirts

We currently have Bucket Hats and alternative Polo Shirts available for purchase from the school office.

Bucket Hats

Sizes: S, M, L

Price: \$20 each

Polo T-Shirts

Sizes: 6 – 16

Price: \$35 each

Please note that all other uniform items are available for purchase at The Warehouse in Westcity (Polar fleece jackets and other main polo shirts).

If you would like to make a purchase, please visit the school office during office hours. Cash and eftpos (no paywave) accepted.





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Wellbeing Mentor

Kia ora whānau,

We are pleased to share that Rānui School now has a Wellbeing Mentor supporting our students.

The role of the Wellbeing Mentor is to provide a safe, caring space for children to talk about their feelings, worries, friendships, and everyday challenges that can affect learning and Wellbeing.

Students may spend time with the Wellbeing Mentor to:

- talk through big or confusing feelings
- learn simple calming and coping strategies
- feel heard, supported, and reassured

This support is an added layer of pastoral care to help children feel settled, confident, and ready to learn.

We value working alongside families and whānau in caring for the whole child — heart, mind, and wellbeing.

If you feel your child would benefit from this support or if you have any questions about this role, please feel free to contact the school.

Ngā mihi nui,
Allisa Holbrow
Rānui School



TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

24 February 2026	Year 6 Camp Piha	9am
26 February 2026	Year 6 Return from Camp Piha	3 -3.30pm



School finishes at 3pm and we ask that all children are collected promptly (please see “before and after school supervision” in our Policies and Procedures on the school website).

When tamariki are picked up late, it can cause them to feel unsettled or unsure, and it also impacts staff who are often preparing for the next day’s learning or need to leave to pick their own tamariki up. We completely understand that emergencies or unexpected delays can happen from time to time — if you are running late, please just give the office a quick call.

If you are regularly unable to collect your child at 3pm, please arrange for someone else to pick them up on your behalf. Alternatively there is an after school care organisation called Dynamix who many of our whānau use. You can contact them on 022 402 5422 or online at <https://dynamixoutofschoolcare.co.nz/>

