



INFORMATION BOOKLET 2023

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Please Note: This is a working document and is subject to change.
It can be reviewed and changed as the need arises.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome, the students, staff, and Ramanui School community know that your association with our school will be a pleasant and rewarding experience. We encourage you to play an active part in the life of your son or daughter and the school. Our staff and parents work together to develop a key set of agreed core values in our students; be respectful, trustworthy, honest, tolerant and open minded so all parties operate as an effective learning community.

We report accurately and regularly on children's progress.

Children leave our school as self-directed learners who are skilled in decision making. We set the stage for life-long learning and empower children to realize their dreams making our school a place where children, parents and staff want to belong.

Ramanui School students, staff and parents regard their school with loyalty and respect – Kotahitanga is valued and our children are encouraged to go out and embrace their world with

Our Mission

*Hikiaia te Ahi Matauranga kai mura mo ake tonu atu
To provide the spark that kindles the flame of lifelong learning*

Our Vision

*Kia whitikiria ki to hinengaro
Grab your weapon, power of the mind*

Ramanui School

Ramanui School

Ramanui School is a co-educational state school that offers Primary Education to students from Year 1 – Year 6 within the terms of the New Zealand Curriculum Framework.

Ramanui School is a U2, Equity Index 552 School. Our school was established in 1953 to serve a newly developed area of Hawera. Our school community is diverse and enthusiastic.

Ramanui is a school that recognizes and values diversity. The parents / whānau have high expectations of the children's learning. This is supported by Staff and the Board of Trustees. A strong relationship has been fostered with local Iwi. As a result, the school is supported in its commitment to tangata whenuatanga and Te Tiriti Waitangi partnership in Aotearoa New Zealand

School Staff

Principal:

Debbie Drake

Teachers – Room 8

Nanci-Lee Katene

Teacher – Room 6

Debbie Drake

Teacher – Room 1

Tachelle Gardiner

School Administrator:

Robyn Sandilands

Teacher Aides:

Raewyn Kumeroa
Alfred Hauparua

Lisa Hastie

Cleaner:

Kathleen Omahuru

Caretaker:

Paul Milne

Ramanui School

We also have a Library facility and resource rooms for specialist assistance and programs.

Ramanui is the base school for the following resource people:

Resource Teacher: Literacy: Tina Johnson
Resource Teacher: Maori: Ngaraina Brooks
Social Worker in Schools: Angela Holmes

Board of Trustees

Parents are nominated and voted onto the committee three yearly. Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the staffroom and any one is welcome to attend.

Presiding Member: Sarah Graham

Principal: Debbie Drake

Staff Representative: Tachelle Gardiner

Elected Members: Alison Cadwallader
Adele Kuklinski
Terri Browning

School Hours

8.30 am	Children may enter school
8.55 am	Warning Bell
9.00 am	School begins
10.00am	Water and food break / Brain food (10 Minutes) Fruit when available
11.00 am	Interval (20 minutes) Children to have 1 thing at the end of morning tea. If fruit is available, they can have fruit.
12.30 pm	Lunch (50 minutes) Children eat at 12.30 – 12.50pm.
1.20 pm	Afternoon session begins
3.00 pm	School Day ends

School Terms 2023

Term 1: Tuesday 31st January - Thursday 6th April

Term 2: Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June
Teacher Only Day -Monday 24th April – ANZAC Day Tuesday 25th April

Term 3: Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

Term 4: Monday 9th October – Tuesday 19th December

Teacher Only Days: -

Absences

When children are away from school, a **phone call (06 278 7412) or text (022 153 8083)** is required **before 9am** for safety reasons. The office will contact you after this time to check why your child is away.

Breakfast in Schools

Breakfast in Schools is sponsored by Fonterra and Sanitarium and is available in all classes. If your child requires breakfast, they need to inform their class teacher upon arriving at school.

Collecting Children

If parents require children during school hours, or if there are changes to usual routine (someone different collecting your child) please inform the school. We also require if you collect your child, during school time, that you collect them from the office and sign them out. If they return then they need to be signed back in.

Drink Bottles

Please supply your child with a named drink bottle for school. As we are a water only school, we encourage children to drink regularly in class.

Duffy Books in Schools

“It’s cool to read” is the message promoted by Duffy Books in Homes. All children receive books of their choice to take home and keep 3 times each year. Let’s encourage the joy of reading.

Emergency Contact

Please remember that if you change your phone number and/or address that you let the school office know. We need to have up to date information for every child in case of an emergency situation. Names and contact details for all other contacts need to be kept updated as well.

Face Book Pages

Yes, you will find us on Facebook on the following pages:

1. Ramanui School Page = Up and coming events.
2. Ramanui Panui Page = Newsletters, notices and events.

First Aid

First Aid is attended to by staff with first aid qualifications.

If a child’s injuries are more than minor, parents are contacted.

If we cannot contact anyone, emergency services will be rung.

If a child is sick at school, parents are asked to come and collect them.

If parents are not available, the next point of contact as advised on the child’s enrolment form will be phoned to come and collect the child. Please make sure that your child’s secondary and emergency contact phone numbers are kept up to date.

If your child is on any medication or has any allergies, please notify the office and complete the medical report.

In School Sports

All children are expected to participate in physical education including swimming and sports days with other schools.

Children are encouraged to participate in a variety of team sports in order to develop team play and fair play attitudes.

A note is required if your child is not able to participate due to medical reasons.

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka is an especially important part of our school. The children gain a greater understanding of Māori Performing Arts, and represent their school on a number of occasions. We have an excellent tutor who encourages whole school participation.

Learning Support

The school will refer children to appropriate agencies for support required. Eg. L.S.S. (MOE), SWiS, RTLb, RTLit, LSC, Arahunga.

Library

Our library is one of our most valuable assets and we wish the children to gain maximum benefit from it.

Classrooms will visit the library and their class teacher will inform the children which day it is.

Children may have one to two books out at any one time for classroom use.

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Lost Property

Parents are **asked** to name their children's clothing. We do our best to find property or return found articles to their owners. There is a lost property bin in the hallway by the office, please come and look for any lost items during term time. At the end of each term, we will collect in all lost property, wash it, sort it, and put out for everyone to check.

Medication

It is essential that any child receiving special medication for allergies or chronic medical conditions has medication clearly labeled in the school medical room for emergency use. There is a form to be filled in should you require our staff to give medication. Please ensure that the office staff and teachers know of any special conditions and allergies.

Morning Tea

Children will be given time at the end of morning tea break to select and eat 1 piece of food from their lunch box or a piece of fruit.

Open Door Policy

We have an unwritten *Open Door Policy* that simply encourages staff to be available to parents in order that communication can be easily established. For conferences and the like however, an appointment would be appreciated as this avoids taking valuable teaching / learning time from classes.

Outdoor Education

Throughout the year we will endeavour to have trips which include the whole school or year groups.

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Parent Reporting

Term 1 will be a meet and greet with Staff, Students, Board of Trustees and Whanau afternoon

Term 3 there will be a Home/School partnership meeting as well as receiving two written reports throughout the year Term 2 & 4.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss any matters of concern or questions they may have.

PB4L – Positive Behaviour for Learning The RAMA Way

- We are learners. We show **Rangatiratanga**. We all have Mana, we use Pride (Mana) to strengthen ourselves and others. We are problem solvers. We participate in all we do, we are ready to learn.
- We are kind. We show **Aroha**. We use kind words and actions. We share learning tools and spaces. We think about our own feelings and those of others.
- We are respectful. We show **Manaakitanga**. We respect ourselves by thinking about our actions. We respect others by using our manners. We respect the things around us by caring for our equipment and using it safely.
- We are helpful. We show **Awhina**. We use helpful words to encourage our friends. We support and include everyone in learning. We help our friends in all we do.

Police Vetting

As required by law we must have current Police Vets for any parent or adult whanau member that would be interested in overnight stays during EOTC with the school.

Feel free to speak to the Principal or our Office Administrator with regard to applying. It takes 4 – 6 weeks for a Police Vet to be released so please allow plenty of time for this to happen.

Public Health Nurse

Is available by referral, talk to the Principal and she can help with this.

Safety When Entering / Leaving School

It is expected that all students will use the Manawapou Road crossing or Fairfield Road entrance to school. Supervised crossing times are as follows:

Manawapou Road	8.25am – 8.45am	3.00pm – 3.15pm
Fairfield Road	3.00pm – 3.15pm	

Please note: After school a teacher and road patrol team must be present before children are to exit the gates and cross the road.

School Lunches

There is no school canteen.

We like to encourage parents to provide sandwiches or yoghurt, fruit and some snacks in lunches.

The children eat together out on the shaded deck area beside Room 8 for the first 20 minutes of lunchtime before they play.

If required we are able to provide your child with morning tea and lunch. Your child needs to inform their teacher or the office at the beginning of the school day. This is sponsored by KidsCan.

Please ensure that you fill in the allergies area of the enrolment form and let the school know if your child has any new food allergies arise.

We will not be part of the government programme “Lunch in Schools” as we have found what we get through KidsCan is sufficient.

Reimaru School

School Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent home every fortnight on a Friday.
Please check as important dates and events are advertised in the newsletter for the week coming up.

Stationery / School Donations

We do not require school donations from our families / whanau.
All students are issued stationery at the start of the year and when required.
There is no cost to whanau.
It is preferable that children do not bring sums of money to school other than that required for school purposes.

Sun Safe Guidelines

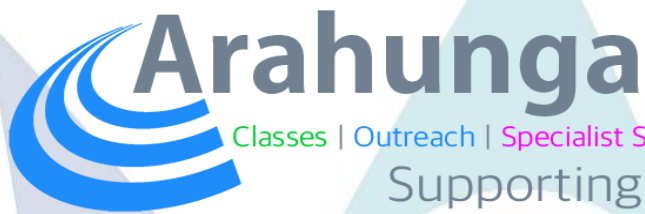
The school is proactive in protecting and educating its pupils about sun safety.
During daylight saving months please -
Put a SPF 30+ sunscreen on your child's exposed skin.
Advise the office if your child is allergic to sunscreen.
Your child requires a hat for outside play and education.
We will provide SPF 30 Sunscreen for reapplication through the day.

Swimming

The children swim on a Thursday afternoon at no cost to the families during Terms 1 and 4. These are structured swimming and water safety lessons and are part of our PE curriculum and are **compulsory**. Only those children with a note and valid reason from parents will be excused from swimming.
Please ensure that your child has packed their togs and towel the night before.

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Classes | Outreach | Specialist Services | Transition to Work

Supporting Learning Needs

Arahunga School Vision Statement

‘Empowering students through education to become active, confident members of our society.’

Atawhai Manawa Arahunga Specialist Learning Hub

Partnership between Ramanui and Arahunga Schools
Hosted at Ramanui School

Arahunga School provides the expertise and specialist programmes to meet the complex needs of individual students

Who can learn at the Arahunga Specialist Learning Hub

ORS students within South Taranaki region who require a more Specialist Curriculum than is able to be provided by their local schools.

- The vast majority of ORS students will continue to learn alongside their peers in their local schools and access Specialist Teacher support from within their schools or via Arahunga Outreach.
- A very small number of students who require highly specialist programmes will be considered for enrolment.
- These students will enrol at Arahunga School who will become the “fundholder” for the students educational learning.

Ramanui ORS students accessing Arahunga Outreach Service

- ORS students at Ramanui School who are accessing Arahunga Outreach Specialist Teacher Service will be able to access Specialist Teacher support via the Learning Hub.
- These students remain enrolled on the Ramanui School roll and can access the Outreach Specialist Teacher from the Learning Hub, either by in-class support or from within the Learning Hub.
- The Ramanui class teacher remains the primary educator and the student will access their class room programme for at least 60% of their day.