

Week 9, Term 4, 12 December 2018.

Kia ora, talofa lava, malo e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拜啓, mabuhay, bem vindo, fakalofa lahi atu, kia orana, kohomada, bula vinaka, huān yin, foon ying, marhaba, oso oseyo, olà, welcome!

Dear Parents,

It is absolutely incredible to think that this is the final school week for 2018. This year has flown by like a rocket and as I (Linley) was writing my speech recently for the Year 6 prize giving I could not fathom that it was a full year since I wrote the last one! So much has happened this year in my life, including a change of location for my home and the addition of two new babies in our family. Megan continues to drive from Bombay each day and she must be applauded for the distance she faces each day to get to the job she so clearly loves. My thanks to Megan for the great work she does in co-leading the school with me as I lead the Kāhui Ako. Her strength and support is greatly appreciated and she is a pleasure to work with too!

Today you will be receiving your child's report. The reports give good information about where your children are in their learning and make suggestions about their next steps. We hope you find them useful. Please make sure you celebrate any successes in them. We know there is plenty to celebrate.

#### Meet the Teacher Evening 2019:

Early next year we will be holding our **Meet the Teacher Evening** on Thursday 07 February (Week 2). We are holding a meeting for the first hour to explain to you all about our curriculum plans and programme delivery for 2019, followed by a chance for you to go to your child's room and to have an initial "get to know" the teachers. Please make sure you have this evening on your calendar as we love the chance to meet you early in the year.

Please also check out the calendar below for further dates regarding parent evenings on the Digital Technology Curriculum.

#### NZEI

You may have heard that primary teachers and principals have overwhelmingly voted to reject the Ministry of Education's latest collective agreement offers. While the latest offer for teachers included a salary increase, it failed to address the important issues of class size and planning and assessment time, which underpin the crisis in education and difficulties in teacher recruitment. Disappointingly, we end this year without the necessary movement from the Government, and with still not enough to meet the needs of children, schools and teachers. This may mean further industrial action next year, although we are very much hoping for a negotiated outcome. The Government has received a very clear message that educators are desperate for the teacher shortage to be fixed before it becomes a full-blown disaster. Public polling has also showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure a quality public education for every child.

#### Year 6 Prizegiving

Last night we celebrated the successes of our Year 6 children. Memories were shared of their journey from Year 0 through to these last days of their primary school years. The speeches, both student and adult, were thought provoking and heartfelt and it was wonderful to take part in an



evening with a hall full of happy people celebrating the many successes of our tamariki. Special thanks to Felicity and her team for organising such an outstanding event.

### Kindness

We were disappointed to hear of a Mum having a really rude, unkind message left under her windscreen wiper in Ambury Avenue recently, with accusations about her parking. She was distressed about finding it and felt unsettled about who may have left it there. Please do watch out for one another out there.



### Acorns' Athletics Results

Congratulations to all our Acorns' athletes for a successful day on the track! Special congratulations to our finalists. Please see our sprint results below:

Year 0 Girls Final		Year 0 Boys Final	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Samantha Nai	1 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Dodson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jessica Jamnadas	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacky Xu
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ava Matuschka	3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Fonua
Year 1 Girls Final		Year 1 Boys Final	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keasi Taufa	1 <sup>st</sup>	Atonino Vatuvei
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zara 'One'one	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Max Leaf
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Esme Battson	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zion Ruua
Year 2 Girls Final		Year 2 Boys Final	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeannie Collins	1 <sup>st</sup>	Zach Beale
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Morrison	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Francis Iosefo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ayyah Kirkland	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryan Rooke
Year 3 Girls Final		Year 3 Boys Final	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sessilis Tu'akalau	1 <sup>st</sup>	Carlos Grainger
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kenzie Heather	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elijah Kato
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prettie Nyangoma	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rory Lucas

### End of Year Data - Reading, Writing and Maths

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that the data, reported to the Board last week, shows significant gains this year. Our congratulations first and foremost to your children who have worked hard and really progressed in their learning. Congratulations also to our teachers for providing programmes that have clearly been tailored to meet their needs and accelerate their learning so well. These are fabulous outcomes:

Reading			
	Below	At	Above
All students	16%	39%	45%
End of year 1	22%	54%	24%
End of year 2	17%	35%	48%
End of year 3	19%	23%	58%
End of year 4	10%	42%	48%
End of year 5	12%	43%	45%
End of year 6	12%	40%	48%

Writing			
	Below	At	Above
All students	19%	52%	29%
End of year 1	7%	68%	25%
End of year 2	4%	49%	47%
End of year 3	20%	52%	28%
End of year 4	25%	51%	23%
End of year 5	31%	51%	17%
End of year 6	26%	39%	35%

Mathematics			
	Below	At	Above
All students	11%	53%	36%
End of year 1	5%	67%	28%
End of year 2	8%	57%	35%
End of year 3	18%	48%	33%
End of year 4	13%	47%	40%
End of year 5	9%	57%	35%
End of year 6	10%	46%	44%

### Charlie's Swimming Success

Congratulations to Charlie Li who has recently won 5 medals (1 silver and 4 bronze) at the Auckland Junior Swimming Championships 2018 in the 11-year-old age group. We are very proud of you, Charlie, this is a great achievement that you have trained very hard to achieve.

### Why we Teach:



Thanks so much to Eva and Heidi for coming up with the idea to put stepping stones through the garden under the Pohutukawa tree. Thanks also to Yaashi and Samantha for helping later in the project. Eva and Heidi provided a very compelling reason for protecting the roots of the old tree and created the stepping stone idea to solve the problem with creativity and flair. Next year the current year 5 girls plan to add more stepping stones and labels through the garden so it becomes a place for observation rather than a play area. It is so rewarding to see such projects being self-managed by our children.



### School Carnival 30 March 2019

Our wonderful school Carnival is a fabulous community event that is held each year at the end of Term 1. We need all the parents in the school to be involved in some way to make it a successful day. At this time of the year, we need a bunch of parents who can help us get it up and going, getting involved in some key areas and also doing some important background work. If it sounds like something you are keen to get involved with or want to know more, please email us at [parentgroup@rops.school.nz](mailto:parentgroup@rops.school.nz) or leave your name and mobile number at the office.

### Tomorrows Schools Review

You may be interested in taking a look at the recent findings regarding the future of our schools. <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

### BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Thursday 28 February 2019 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be curriculum planning for 2019. We will also be discussing the charter and strategic plan. You are always most welcome to attend.

What's coming up? Colour code - **Acorns** **Oaks**

## 2018

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	10	11	12 <b>Reports out</b>	13 Leavers Assembly 9.30 – 11.00am then Year 6 luncheon 12.30pm	14 10.30am school assembly - staff <b>School closes 12.00pm</b>

## 2019

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January	21	22	23	24 Teacher Only Day  2019 Class placement up.	25 Full Staff Only Day
Week 1 February	28 <b>Auckland Anniversary</b>	29 8.50am School begins normal hours.  <b>Year 0 enrolments starting day</b>	30 <b>Powhiri 10.30am</b>	31	1  1.45pm school assembly led by Whanau leaders
Week 2	4	5	6 <b>Waitangi Day Holiday</b>	7 Meet the Teachers 6.00pm Presentation and introductions 7.00pm Classrooms	8
Week 3	11 <b>Year 0 enrolments starting day</b>  Treadlightly- Drains programme	12 Treadlightly- Drains programme  Parent Evening on Digital Technology 7.00 to 8.00pm <i>Timetabling, monitoring and safety.</i>	13  Treadlightly Drains programme	14  Treadlightly- Drains Programme	15
Week 4	18 Treadlightly- Drains Programme	19 Treadlightly- Drains Programme	20 Treadlightly- Drains Programme	21	22
Week 5	25 <b>Year 0 enrolments starting day</b>	26 Parent Evening (2) on Digital Technology 7.00 to 8.00pm <i>The programme</i>	27 Parent walk through to observe Digital Technology in action 11.30am to 1.00pm	28 <b>Year 1 sleepover</b>  BOT meeting 7.00pm	1

**School begins again on Tuesday 29 January, 2019.**

For those who are leaving, thank you for the time you have had at our school and for the many memories you have made here. We treasure all our children and their families and will miss each and every one of you.

For those who are returning, we look forward to seeing you again in the new year and hope you will come back refreshed and ready for another action-packed experience here at ROPS.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday full of family and friends. To those of you who celebrate Christmas, we hope it is happy, festive and memorable.

Kind regards,



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## Community Notices

### Mature Experienced Children's Nanny

Short or long term positions, over 20 years' experience with children of all ages and a personal history in nursing and motherhood.

Excellent references are available.

Please phone Jessie for more information on:

09: 8465633 or 02102599654.

**Onehunga Mangere United football club** - soccer registration's for next year, will be on @ the clubroom's -

Onehunga Mangere football club,  
Mangere Domain,  
Domain Road,  
Mangere Bridge

Dates - Monday 4th Feb 2019,

Thurs 7th Feb 2019

& Mon 11th Feb 2019

- all 5-7 PM @ the Onehunga Mangere clubroom's or during that period you can register via the club website, - [www.omuafc.org.nz](http://www.omuafc.org.nz)

For further information visit the club website, - [www.omuafc.org.nz](http://www.omuafc.org.nz)

Or contact Kelvin Davies, Junior / youth convener - Onehunga Mangere football club

Email - [kelandbarb@hotmail.com](mailto:kelandbarb@hotmail.com) MOB 021 257 7770

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## Summer Holiday Health Care

During the school holidays, if your child complains about a sore throat take them to see your GP as soon as possible, so that they can check and swab to make sure Strep A (the bug that can lead to Rheumatic fever and heart damage) is identified and treated.

**Remember:** Early identification and treatment of strep throat prevents Rheumatic fever. Get all sore throats checked and treated at your GP straight away. **Everytime.**

Information about Rheumatic fever can be found on: <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/rheumatic-fever>

## Skin Health



Summer is approaching and we could be outdoors a lot. The warm weather brings lots of mosquitoes and other insects. Insect bites can easily become infected. It is the time to be extra careful with skin conditions.

To prevent skin infections:

- Clean and cover all cuts scratches and itchy bites.
- Keep fingernails clean and short. Use warm water, soap and dry hands
- Germs are everywhere. Wash and dry hands often to stop germs spreading



Early identification and treatment of skin infections prevents serious skin infections and avoids admission to hospital.



And of course.....don't forget your hat and sunscreen when out in the hot sun!

**If you are worried about your child see your Doctor (GP) (see information leaflet attached)**

**OR**

**Call Healthline 0800 611 116 if you are unsure what you should do (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)**

# Lower cost general practice visits

## For Community Services Card holders enrolled with a general practice

- People who have a Community Services Card and their dependants will pay less for general practice visits.
- More people will be able to get a Community Services Card, so they can have lower cost general practice visits. They will be sent their Community Services Card automatically.

## For 13 year olds enrolled with a general practice

From 1 December 2018, zero fees for children aged 12 and under are being extended to also include 13 year olds.

This means children aged 13 and under won't be charged:

- a fee for visits at most general practices
- a fee for after-hours services at participating clinics and pharmacies
- the regular \$5 prescription fee.



### TO FIND OUT MORE



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your general  
practice team



TALK to  
your  
pharmacist



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OR [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)



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