

Week 6, Term 1, 11 March 2026

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, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!



Year 5/6 EOTC and Camp



Our Year 5 and Year 6 tamariki were lucky enough to have wonderful outdoor learning experiences last week. Our Year 5 tamariki participated in activities at school and went rafting and rock-climbing. Year 6 experienced a range of activities out at camp over 3 days and 2 nights. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to help – you were all amazing. The tamariki loved having you join them. My most sincere thanks to all the teachers and learning support for the work they did to ensure that the activities were

safe and enjoyable. Finally, enormous thanks to Whaea Felicity and Whaea Vicki for their outstanding organisation of both programmes – no stone left unturned, and so incredibly well organised! Ka pai and ngā mihi to all!!!



Important: We are still seeking EOTC Donations Please

As mentioned above, our Year 5 and Year 6 tamariki were lucky enough to experience wonderful outdoor education opportunities (Y5 - rock climbing and rafting, Y6 - Camp) last week. For some of our tamariki it is difficult for their whānau to cover the cost of these. I am aware that we have some wonderful benevolent folk in our community who would like to sponsor or support one of these tamariki to attend their outdoor education activity. If you would like to provide financial support for a child who attended outdoor education and was unable to pay, please contact Nemia Gariando (nemiag@rops.school.nz) and she will let you know how you can do this. Thank you so much for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Parent Group

Royal Oak Primary School

ROPS COLOUR RUN 2026

\$10 ENTRY

Saturday 28th March
11am-2pm

Royal Oak Primary
Crown St & Ambury Ave entrances

THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

- ✓ Buy your Colour Run T-Shirt
- ✓ Get Colour Run Powder
- ✓ Bring cash for food, games, mystery bags and lots more
- ✓ Outdoor Disco & loads of fun!

Sponsored by **ROYAL OAK PAKI SAVE**

Raise funds for **ROPS!**
Scan the QR code or share with family & friends

Parent Group School meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the staffroom. They begin at 7pm. You are all welcome to come along. It is a great way to meet other parents from our wonderful community.

The next meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 11 March (a later date due to camp).

Our major event for the year, **the ROPS Colour Run**, is rapidly approaching, and the Parent Group will be reaching out for support.

Event details

When: Saturday 28th March, 11am-2.00pm

Where: Royal Oak Primary School

Who should come: All family and friends are welcome to attend this fun-filled event, which will include food and drink stands, mystery bag sales and the crowd favourite: chocolate bar trailer as well as our main colour run and colour disco.

Thanks to our amazing sponsors, Royal Oak Pak n Save and Manas Nanda, Barfoot & Thompson Royal Oak, for helping us run this event.

Is your child sponsored for the ROPS Colour Run?

It's just 2 ½ weeks away!

[Click here to sponsor](#)

(Just select your child's class and their name).

Please share this link far and wide with family and friends to help us reach our fundraising target of \$30,000. With over \$2800 raised to date and counting, we're well on our way!

And if your child, or their class, is a top fundraiser, they get extra prizes and treats 😊

World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) is celebrated globally on March 21st, which is significant as it represents the third copy of the 21st chromosome present in individuals with Down Syndrome! This is a day to come together to celebrate Down Syndrome and raise awareness.

As March 21 is a Saturday, we will celebrate it at ROPS on **Friday March 20**.

We will celebrate the day by:

- **wearing mismatched or “crazy” socks.** The socks represent the shape of a chromosome when seen from a karyotype, while the fun and bright colors grab attention and make it easy to spread the word.

Mahi Tahī Evenings Heads Up – Save the Date

The most important thing you can do for your child at school is to get to know and form positive relationships with their teachers. These meetings are focused on making connections with the whānau of our ākonga (learners), discussing what this year looks like for your child and what you need to know about your child's learning.

Please save the date. More information about these evenings will come out at the start of Term 2.

Tuesday 05 May 2026

Thursday 07 May 2026

Second Hand Uniform Sale:

Our next second-hand uniform sale is Thursday 12 March at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am.

Attendance

Consistency gives children the best chance to understand their subjects deeply, remain engaged, and feel a sense of belonging.

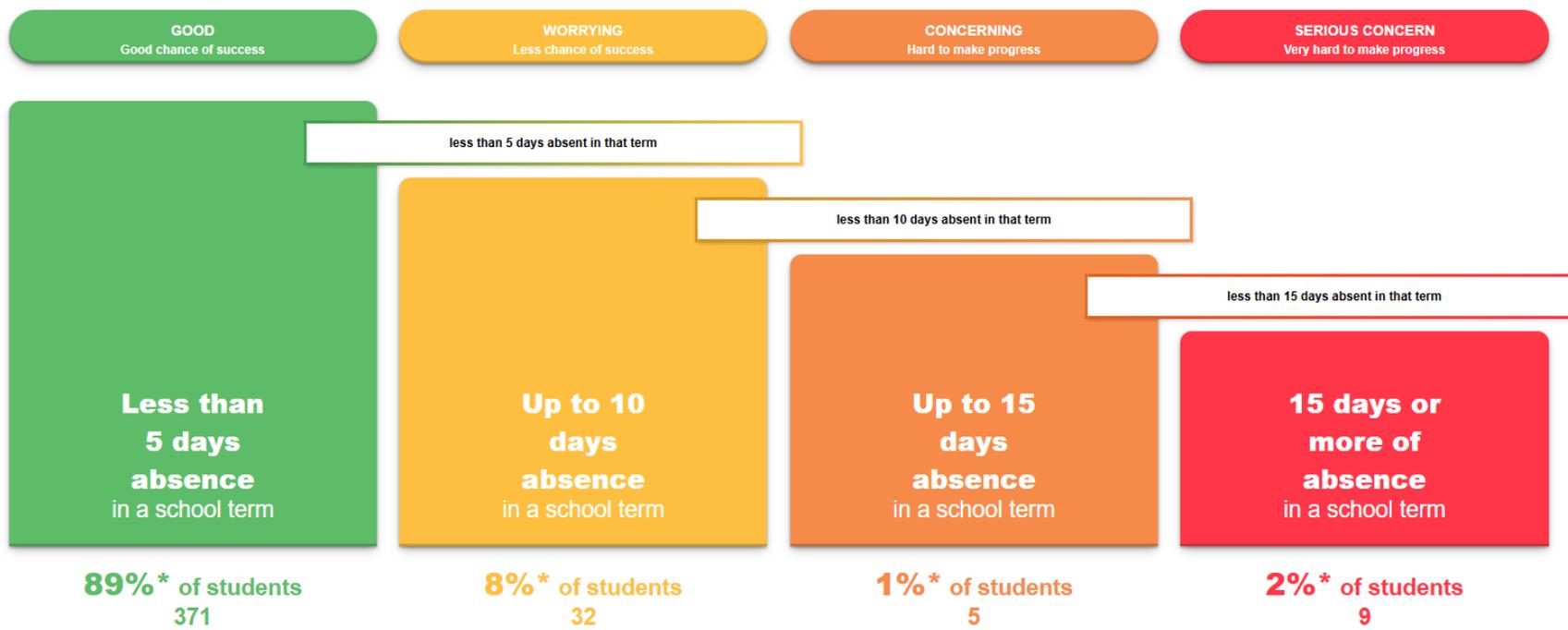
How You Can Help

- Establish morning routines that reduce stress and support smooth transitions.
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Reach out to us if your child is having difficulty attending—we're here to support your family.

Together, we can ensure every child feels prepared, supported, and excited to come to school each day. Thank you for partnering with us to make attendance—and learning—a priority.

Please see the chart below for our most recent attendance data.

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.



Sun Hats

Please do remember that it is compulsory to wear a sunhat in Term 1. Please ensure that your child's sunhat is named as these get put on and taken off many times during the school day and can be easily misplaced.

What's coming up?

Please do check the calendar in each newsletter as sometimes events do change.

Week 6 9 March	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar Parent Group Mtg	12 Mar Second Hand Uniform Sale	13 Mar
Week 7 16 March	16 Mar Year 1 enrolments starting day	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar
Week 8 23 March	23 Mar Board Meeting	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar Saturday 28 March Colour Run 11 - 2pm
Week 9 30 March	30 Mar Year 1 enrolments starting day	31 Mar Summer Sport Field Day	1 Apr Parent Group	2 Apr End of Term 1 3pm finish	3 Apr Good Friday

Board Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Monday 23 March 2026** at **6.00pm**. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



Megan Clotworthy

meganc@rops.school.nz

Community Notices

CLUB DAY
SUNDAY 29 MARCH
10AM - 12 NOON



- WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS
- BRING A MATE TO HAVE A GO
- PRE-SEASON GAMES
- BOOT SWAP
- CLUB SHOP OPEN
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- BAKE SALE



Stay & support our Championship Ladies
In their first competition game of 2026

1:00PM KICK OFF WAIKARAKA PARK



KIDS GONE FISHIN' DAY 2026



Blue Light would like to invite you and your kids to **a fun filled day of fishing!**



Saturday 21 March



12pm - 2pm



Ngā Hau Māngere Bridge

Great FREE event with lots to see and do

Grab an adult, a fishing rod and head on down to the bridge

- Limited free bait, and hand rods available - Free sausage sizzle - Giveaways -



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Contact: Thushani Aththanayaka
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 Website: kellyclub.co.nz/royaloakl



KELLY CLUB Royal Oak UPDATE



KELLY CLUB
START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST AT KELLY CLUB!
 We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day! That's why every Before School Care session includes a healthy breakfast.
BOOK NOW www.kellyclub.co.nz



Photos from last week!



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



ST MARY'S COLLEGE 2027 Enrolments are now OPEN

Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2027 are now OPEN for Year 7 and Year 9 students
and a limited number of places at other year levels
St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions
We invite you to submit an online application



2026 OPEN DAY

Thursday 26 March 2026

Two sessions available, commencing 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Both sessions deliver the same information

No need to RSVP - just come along to your preferred session

www.stmaryak.school.nz

11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE
CONFORTARE ESTO VIR

YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2027
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 19th March 2026 | 9:30am or 1:45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY
(Parking available on-site)

Learn to Sew

Term Classes
Mt Eden



Sewing Class

Term Classes -Year 4+

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Fun, creative classes where kids learn real sewing skills and make projects they're proud of.

"My daughter LOVED the class so much she wanted to come straight back. She was so proud of her dress and can't wait to make more. We'll be back!"

thread room

See website for all sewing classes:
www.threadroom.co.nz



POP IN FOR A TRIAL - YOU WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED!

INFO@PFORM.NZ

WWW.PFORM.NZ

No Screens, All Confidence: Pform 2026 Classes Open!

Looking for an after-school activity to build skills and confidence without screens? Pform.nz offers singing, dancing, and acting classes with two trained tutors per session, ensuring personal attention. Our fun and confidence-boosting programs cater to all ages in a supportive environment.

Why Pform?

- Boosts creativity, confidence, self-expression
- Experienced, nurturing instructors
- Showcase and competition opportunities
- Flexible term or full-year enrollments

With over 30 venues Auckland-wide, there's a Pform Venue in your community. We invite you to join our creative journey in 2026.

For more details, class schedules, or to book, visit www.pform.nz



St Cuthbert's

Start your remarkable life

Open Day **Saturday 21 March**

Please register here: [Open Day Registration](#)

Imaginaire

SPEECH & DRAMA

ABOUT US:

Imaginaire offers an exciting, fun and dynamic Speech and Drama programme, inspiring confidence and creativity in our students.

At Imaginaire, we take equal delight in nurturing the next generation of acting extraordinaires and empowering children to overcome shyness and communicate with confidence.

We offer a 'no obligation' introduction lesson so your child can try our lessons out.

LESSONS INCLUDE:

- Public Speaking Skills
- Acting Skills
- Communication & Conversation Skills
- Vocal Skills
- Positive Body Language
- Poetry Recital
- Reading Aloud
- Speech Writing & Delivery
- Manners and Relationship Skills
- Building Self-Esteem & Confidence

JOIN US FOR: SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS



ROYAL OAK PRIMARY

ON MONDAYS DURING
THE SCHOOL DAY

ENROL NOW

We also offer professional qualifications from Year 4+ through Speech NZ Board.

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 0-6

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO ENROL PLEASE VISIT:

www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/

Weekend & After School

NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS



Looking for opportunities for your child to play netball outside of school? Join our 6 week programme with netball skills and match play. Individual registrations, open to boys & girls.

After-School Clinics:

St Johns
Wednesday afternoons
Years 1-8
18 Feb-25 Mar 2026

Windmill Park
Monday afternoons
Years 1-8
16 Feb-23 Mar 2026



Weekend Clinics:

St Johns
Sunday afternoons
Years 1-8
22 Feb-29 Mar 2026

Windmill Park
Saturday mornings
Years 1-8
21 Feb-28 Mar 2026



Teach your child to swim with us



ST CUTHBERT'S
SWIM SCHOOL



Learning to swim is a vital life skill for enjoyment and survival. At St Cuthbert's Swim School we offer swimming lessons in state-of-the-art facilities for Baby, Preschool and School Age Children - weekday mornings, afternoons and weekends

Baby and Preschool lessons

Our Baby, Preschool and Beginner lessons are held in our small private learner's pool. This is set to a higher temperature than our main pool, its UV-treated water means reduced chlorine levels and fewer irritants for young, sensitive skin and eyes.

School Age lessons and Squads

Once children have built up their swimming confidence they can move to our larger 20 x 25 metre swimming pool. Swimming lessons at school age focus on developing a sound technical swimming base so your child is confident with different strokes.

When they reach a proficient level in all their strokes they can move up to our 1 hour Swim Squads.

GET IN TOUCH

For bookings or to make an appointment to visit our facilities:

Phone: 09 520 8272

Email: swimbookings@stcuthberts.school.nz

Address: 122 Market Road, Epsom, (inside College grounds).

Parking in underground carpark off Market Road and Puriri Ave.

Website: www.stcuthbertsswimschool.co.nz





**DANCE
FOR
LIFE**
Junior
ACADEMY

Onehunga Studio
Ballet • Jazz •
Tap • Hip Hop • Acro

Trial a Class **nzballet.co.nz**

Looking for a fun after-school activity?

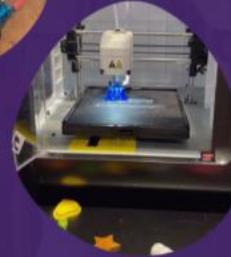
Children are invited to **TRIAL a dance class** at **Dance For Life Academy, Onehunga** – a family-friendly, **non-competitive and inclusive** dance school where every child is supported to grow with confidence and joy.

👉 Find out more at nzballet.co.nz or email bookings@nzballet.co.nz

SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

Private STEM Sessions

- **PERSONALISED 1:1 SESSIONS FOR YOUR CHILD**
 - Coding, robotics, 3d design, science, engineering, Minecraft + more
- **BOOKED ON YOUR SCHEDULE**
 - During school, after-school
 - Online, at home, local venue
- **FOR ALL LEARNERS**
 - Extension
 - Building a new hobby
 - Developing confidence & skills
- **HIGH & COMPLEX NEEDS SUPPORT**
 - IF and carer support funding accepted



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