



Royal Oak
Primary School

Term 3 / Week 10 | 23 September 2026

Newsletter

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!

End of Term 3



As another busy term comes to a close, thank you for the wonderful support you continue to show our kura. Your involvement and support are greatly appreciated and help make our school such a special place. We hope you and your whānau enjoy a well-deserved break and some precious time together. We look forward to welcoming our tamariki back on **Monday 12**

October.

PARENT GROUP – NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our Parent Group Raffle. We have had an amazing response. The lucky winners were drawn yesterday and notified.

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Congratulations TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS



**ALL OUR WINNERS HAVE BEEN
CONTACTED TO COLLECT THEIR PRIZES**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT, SOLD AND
SUPPORTED OUR RAFFLE.**

AND CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO ALL OUR WINNERS!



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At our recent Hui, we celebrated the many achievements and successes of our Māori tamariki. We acknowledged students who have represented our kura with pride through leadership roles, sports teams, cultural groups, music, and academic competitions.

It was a special opportunity to recognise the talents, hard work, and dedication of our students, and to celebrate the positive contributions they make to our school community.

While illness meant that some whānau were unable to join us, we appreciated those who were able to attend and celebrate with us. Thank you for the care, encouragement, and support you continue to provide for our tamariki. Thank you to Whaea Nikki for organising this wonderful evening of whakawhanaungatanga.



ToM Congratulations

ROPS Tournament of Minds Teams travelled to the national competition in Wellington at the end of Week 8. ROPS Represents! – Tournament of Minds Nationals in Wellington

On Saturday 12 September, our Arts and Language/Literature teams proudly represented ROPS at the Tournament of Minds (ToM) National Finals held at Victoria University in Wellington. Competing in the International Primary Division against Year 5-8 students from across New Zealand, our students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm, creativity, and determination.

A group of 13 students, accompanied by Whaea Robyn, Felicity, and some wonderful parents travelled to Wellington on Friday in preparation for the competition. On Saturday, they took part in a demanding three-hour problem-solving challenge, working collaboratively and independently without any external assistance. At the conclusion of the challenge, each team presented its solution to a panel of judges, showcasing impressive creativity through elements such as drama, dance, music, masks, and props, all developed within the allocated timeframe. Students also participated in a spontaneous challenge, requiring them to think critically and solve a problem in just four minutes. Although we did not place in the top three at Nationals, we were incredibly proud of how our students held their own against strong intermediate school competition, showcasing the creativity, teamwork, and resilience that make ROPS special.

A special thank you goes to everyone who supported our teams on this journey. Your generosity through our Bake Sale and Givealittle fundraising efforts helped make this unforgettable opportunity possible. We are grateful for the support of our wider school community in enabling our students to participate on the national stage. An enormous thank you to Whaea's Robyn and Felicity for their training and support of all tamariki involved in ToM this year. You have both gone above and beyond and given the tamariki an amazing experience.



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Gymnastics



Champion of Champion results

Following a successful Zone Gymnastics competition, ten of our Year 3-6 gymnasts qualified for the highly competitive Champion of Champions competition. All ten improved their performances from Zones, with Bella Klink and Lottie Taaffe finishing 7th = in the Year 4 girls' competition and Frankie Jacobsen finishing 6th in the Year 6 girls' competition. Our Year 4 girls also achieved an outstanding result, finishing first in the team competition. Congratulations to all our gymnasts! A huge thank you to Matua Sam for his endless hours of support and training of our gymnasts.

ROPS String Programme Recital at Parkside Village

On Sunday 20 September our ROPS Violinists and Cellists, Whaea Amelia, Whaea Felicity, Miranda Hutton (our Violin Teacher) and Margaret Cooke (our Cello Teacher) visited Parkside Village to present a recital to residents. This is the fourth year ROPS tamariki have visited Parkside Village to perform, and it is always a really special event. As in previous years, our violinists and cellists were superb representatives of our school and their whānau. All the hard work at home and in rehearsal at school to prepare was absolutely evident in the professional, calm and confident way the Tamariki presented themselves on and off stage.

A huge thank you to our string teaching team Margaret and Miranda for their outstanding work with our string players. Everyone has learnt so much since the start of the year all thanks to their amazing teaching!

We were also very lucky to once again have Sigmund Sue offer his time to play as our collaborative pianist. Thank You Sigmund - we couldn't have performed this recital without you. Congratulations to all our String Programme tamariki and warmest whānau for ongoing support of string playing excellence at our kura!



Library



An enormous thank you from Whaea Melissa - Thank you to all the wonderful whānau who have donated books to our library. What a gift you have given us.

Jiu - Jitsu



Kaiō and Āria Murphy, competed in the Jiu-Jitsu Stealth Competition, that was held on the 13th of September representing their Jiu-Jitsu club, Forge. This was their second competition, and they both managed to take out first place in their age/weight division, winning themselves each a gold medal. Well done from your ROPS whānau.

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Ranfurly Retirement Village – Kapa Pasifika



Fourteen of our Cultural Leaders proudly represented our kura during a special Kapa Pasifika performance at Ranfurly Retirement Village Hospital, where they had the privilege of performing for the residents. The group performed a selection of waiata, including familiar favourites such as Tūtira Mai and Pā Mai, which had many residents smiling and joining in. The tamariki performed with confidence, pride, and enthusiasm, showcasing not only their talents but also the strong values of our kura. It was a special opportunity to share music, culture, and joy with the residents, and we are incredibly proud of the way our rangatahi represented our kura. Thank you to Whaea Nikki and Whaea Treena for making this special trip happen.

Acorns' Cross Country



Yesterday we held our Acorns' Cross Country, and what a great event it was! Despite a last-minute change to the Year 3 course, our tamariki gave it their all and ran some fantastic races. It was wonderful to see so many whānau cheering from the banks, and our ROPS Sport Leaders did an incredible job encouraging and supporting every runner across the finish line. A huge thank you to our kaiako for helping the day run so smoothly. Congratulations to our race winners and a massive well done to every child who took part. We are so proud of you all!

Zone Cross Country



A huge congratulations to our 30 Year 5 and 6 tamariki who proudly represented ROPS at the recent Remuera Zone Cross-Country at St Kent's. With around 110 runners in each race, the competition was incredibly tough, and we are so proud of the effort, determination and ROPS spirit shown by everyone. A special congratulations to our top finishers, Frankie Jacobsen, who placed 11th, and Ellie Gilbert, who placed 15th in the Year 6 girls' race. Ka rawe, team! Thank you to Matua Sam for supporting these athletes.



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School Photos 2026

SCAN ME



Our famous Friday afternoon Bake Sales are back in Term 4! 🧁 Check out the graphic to find out which week is yours to contribute and pop it in your calendar so you don't forget.

Bake Sale Fridays are back!

Next term, classes will be rostered to bake and help run the ROPS Bake Sale stall on **Friday afternoons, 2.40pm-3.15pm**, with support from the Parent Group.

Bake Sale Dates and Classes

Week 1 - Friday 16 October
KAURI

Week 2 - Friday 23 October
MATAI + RĀTĀ

Week 3 - Friday 30 October
KŌWHAI

Week 4- Friday 6 November
MIRO + TŌTARA

Week 5- Friday 13 November
RIMU + PŌHUTUKAWA

Week 6 - Friday 20 November
KAHIKATEA

Week 7 - Friday 27 November
MĀNUKA + PŪRIRI

Week 8 - Friday 4 December
KARAKA



More information to come!

You'll receive a Bake Sale bag drop during your rostered week, with all the details you need.

Weekly reminders will also be shared via WhatsApp, with all information available on our Parent Group Hub website.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next second-hand uniform sale is **Thursday 15th October**, at the Chandler Ave gate at **8.30am**.

Yummy School Sticker Promo

Calling all Yummy Sticker sheets - Please bring completed sheets or almost completed sheets back to school so that they can be collated for the end of Term 3.



In the new term you can continue to collect stickers, or 'cut-out labels' from 1.5kg bags and these will now be part of the 2027 collection. The more stickers we collect, the more gear we will get for our school.

Kindo - Pay It Forward

Whānau can now donate through the Kindo shop when making their usual purchases. After placing an order, such as a lunch order, simply look for the Pay It Forward icon, select the donation amount you would like to give, and add it to your cart. Donations help provide support for items, trips, and events that some families may find difficult to afford, ensuring all students have the opportunity to participate and be included.



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Attendance

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

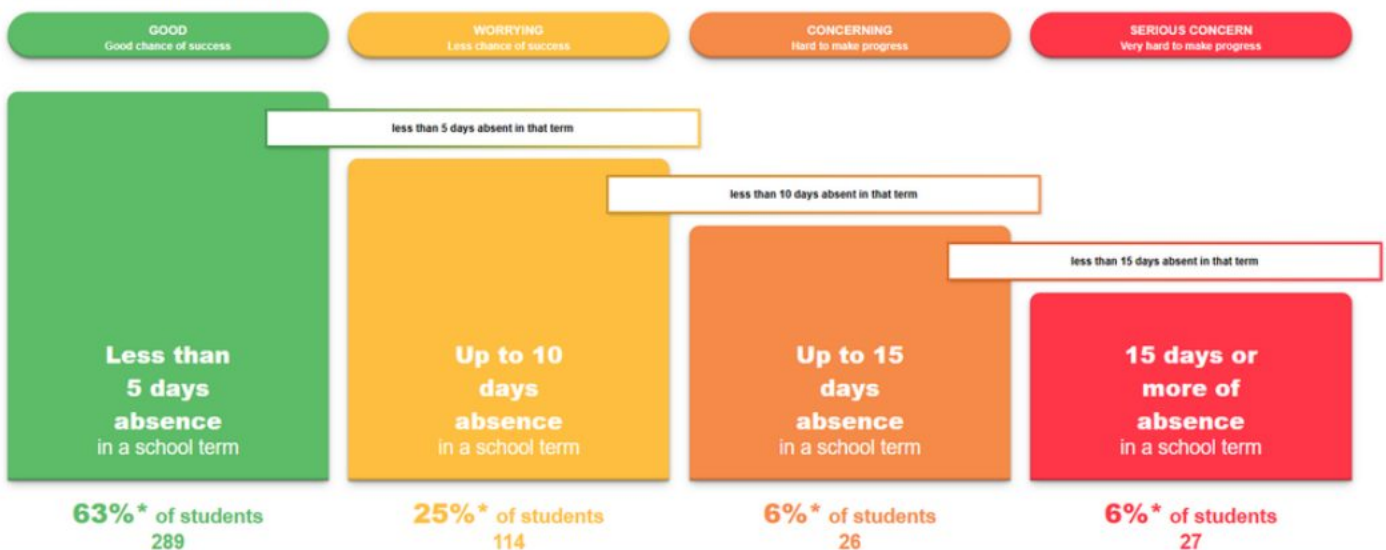
- Establish morning routines that reduce stress and support smooth transitions.
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Reach out to us if your child is having difficulty attending—we're here to support your family.

Please see the chart below for our most recent attendance data. This week we have 12% of our tamariki who have concerning attendance for this term so far. If your child is well, please ensure that they get to school each day. If they are unwell, please ensure that you keep them home and that you contact the school to let us know. We have been experiencing a lot of illness this term. Thank you for keeping your child at home if they are unwell.

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

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



What's coming up

Week 10

25 September

School Assembly / Kindness cup

Term 4

Week 1

13 October - Tuesday

Class Photos taken

Calendar Art Sales start

14 October - Wednesday

Sibling Photos taken

Parent Group Meeting 7pm

15 October - Thursday

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Week 2

22 October - Thursday

Kapa Pasifika evening performance 6pm

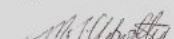
23 October - Friday

Hot Dog lunches

Board Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, Monday 9th November 2026 at 6.00pm. You are always most welcome to attend.

Ngā mihi nui


Megan Clotworthy
megancerops.school.nz

Community Notices

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. As 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: swimming@stcuthberts.school.nz
Address: 123 Market Road, 4pm, inside College grounds
Parking in underground carpark off Market Road and Parnell Ave.
Website: www.stcuthbertsschool.co.nz




Kia mataara! Be alert!

Safety at the school gate

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking correctly helps everyone stay safe. Thank you for doing your part!



A few ways you can help to keep our children safe



Park legally to ensure visibility for children



Slow down, be aware and prepare to stop. Children are unpredictable



Stop and give way to pedestrians at crossings



Use the crossing where available

Infringement fee for parking on:	
a broken yellow line	\$100
a footpath	\$70
a marked bus stop, bus lane, transit or cycle lane	\$100
a clearway	\$100
or	
within 0.5m of a fire hydrant	\$70
within 1m of a driveway	\$70
within 6m of a bus stop sign	\$70
within 6m of an intersection	\$100
within 6m of pedestrian crossing	\$100
being double parked	\$100
blocking other road users and pedestrians	\$100

For more information scan the QR code or visit at.govt.nz/lines-and-infringements




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Why Lewis Eady Music Lessons?

- Build confidence
- Develop musical skills
- Beginner friendly
- Supportive teachers
- Learn during term time
- On site music lessons

Piano lessons

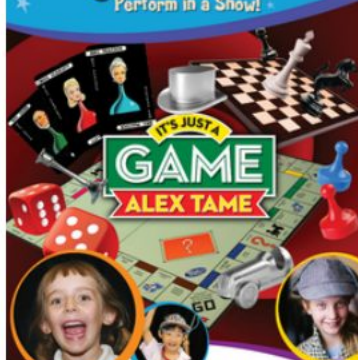
- Years 3-6
- Monday: 9:00am-2:30pm
- Group lessons: \$195
- Individual lessons: \$400

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KELLY CLUB

Photos from last week!



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MILO Fantails is back!

SIGN UP TODAY

MILO Fantails Football Programme for GIRLS only, aged 4-12 years
Term 4, starting 12th Oct 2026 at Keith Hay Park
Mondays 4.15-5.15pm, 8 weeks, \$40



KELLY CLUB SEPT/OCT 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ROYAL OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week	Activity	Cost
Week 1	ARRR ME HEARTIES!	\$10
Week 2	SPEED RACERS	\$10
Week 3	PURRY FRIENDS	\$10
Week 4	HOUSE OF WIZARDRY	\$10
Week 5	FUN-TASTIC FRIDAY	\$10
Week 6	A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS	\$10
Week 7	SECRET AGENT	\$10
Week 8	OUTFITTED CREW	\$10
Week 9	CHIMP VS WOMB	\$10
Week 10	KC GIFT TAKING!	\$10

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Further information: www.kellyclub.co.nz/royal-oak



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