

Newsletter

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

FONO



At our recent Fono, we celebrated the many contributions and achievements of our Pasifika tamariki. Students have embraced leadership opportunities as Sports, Cultural, and Music Leaders, represented the school across a wide range of sports, and shared their talents through Kapa Pasifika, choir, and music groups. We also acknowledged outstanding individual achievements, including Denver's gold medals at Auckland and National Karate competitions, and the success of several students in the EPro8 Challenge. It was wonderful to see so many families attend and celebrate alongside us, and we look forward to welcoming even more whānau to next year's Fono. Thank you to Whaea Nikki for organising this event.

ROPS Tournament of Minds Teams Qualify for National Competition



Following a term of training and then 6 weeks of dedication preparation, our three teams achieved outstanding results against 64 other teams from 19 schools. Our Language/Literature team and Arts team qualified for the Nationals in Wellington. They will travel this weekend to compete at Victoria University against teams from across NZ. At the tournament, teams will receive a new, open-ended challenge with only 3 hours to collaborate, solve, and perform their presentations for the judges. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them all the very best for the Nationals. Special thanks to Whaea Robyn for her dedication, coaching, and support of these tamariki. Organising travel, accommodation, and transport at short notice is a major undertaking. Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting the recent bake sale to help raise funds for this trip. We raised over \$1,000 which will go towards the teams' flights and accommodation. If you would like to support our students further, donations can be made through our Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/helpourtomteams-nationals-wellington>. A huge thank you to Whaea Robyn and Whaea Felicity who work closely with the tamariki to support their ToM journey.

Strong connections, **absolute trust**

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PAKŌSAVE

Huge congratulations to our 21 Year 5 and 6 students who represented ROPS at the Auckland Regional Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition on Saturday 29th August. TOM is a competition designed for students to develop creative problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking skills.

Oak's Cross Country Results

The Oaks had a perfect day for running their Cross Country last Wednesday. Congratulations to every runner who competed in the various events. A huge thank you to Matua Sam and the team for the outstanding organisation. Please see the results below.



Year 4

Girls	Boys
1. Alexandra Haydock	1. Peter Smith
2. Bella Klink	2. Liam Gillingham
3. Jessica Qiao	3. Gabriel Ortiz Caicedo



Year 5 Girls

1 Lap - 1.7km	2 Laps - 3km
1. Renee Wong	1. Olivia Judge
2. Saya Gautam	2. Carrie Chong
3. Karlee McPhail-Rowe	3. Ameliya Mihaere



Year 5 Boys

1 Lap - 1.7km	2 Laps - 3km
1. Charlie Wang	1. Hudson Spiers
2. Louis Thomson	2. Noah Haumonte
3. Walt Sayes	3. Leon Aberhart



Year 6 Girls

1 Lap - 1.7km	2 Laps - 3km
1. Isabel Chand	1. Frankie Jacobsen
2. Darya Yen	2. Alice Barnett
3. Eliana Senn	3. Ellie Gilbert



Year 6 Boys

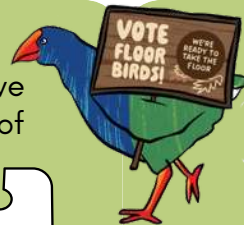
1 Lap - 1.7km	2 Laps - 3km
1. Ninav Kuruvilla	1. Thomas Godfrey
2. Kean Panadero	2. Renato Knauf
3. Ethan Xue	3. Joshua Singh

Year 2 & 3 Writing

Year 2 and 3 students have been learning to write persuasive texts. They would like to persuade you to vote in the Bird of the Year competition.

I strongly believe Kiwi deserve to win Bird of the Year competition. Firstly, Kiwi feathers are treasured by Māori. Only special people are allowed Kiwi feathers. Secondly, there are only less than 100,000 left. Predators eat Kiwi. Thirdly, Kiwi are unique because Kiwi can't fly. They have tiny wings. In conclusion, Kiwi should be crowned Bird of the Year! Written by Genevieve, Matai class

Dear Forest and Bird,
It is certain that the Kea is the best bird in New Zealand. My first reason that the kea should win bird of the year is because it is one of the smartest birds in the world! For example, it can open doors, unzip bags and even take things apart. My second reason that the Kea should be bird of the year is because it is unique from some other native birds in New Zealand. For example, it only lives in the alpine mountains on the South Island. This is why it is clear that the Kea should be the bird of the year!
From: Katelyn, Manuka class



Voting closes 20th September.



The Ruru

Isabel Gilbert

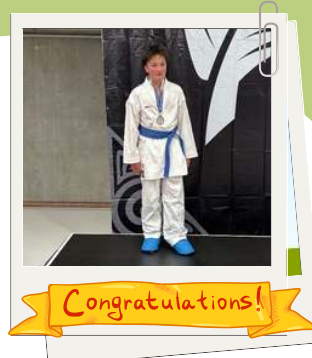


I strongly believe the Ruru should be crowned Bird of the Year. Firstly, Ruru can blend in with their mottled brown feathers, making them hard to see, so they don't get eaten by terrible predators. Secondly, you can't hear them when they're flying, so they can sneak up on their prey, such as small birds, wētā and mice. In conclusion, Ruru should absolutely be crowned Bird of the Year!

Denver's Success

Denver recently took part in a karate tournament held in Auckland. He did extremely well, his results were as follows:

NZ Karate Nationals - Kumite - gold
NZ Karate Schools - Kumite - silver
NZ Karate Nationals - Team Kumite - bronze



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Parent Group – Raffle Tickets

Thank you for the support that you are providing for selling our raffle tickets. Just a reminder that the tickets/sold ticket butts are **due back on Friday 18 September** and the raffle will be drawn under Police supervision on Tuesday 22 September.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next second-hand uniform sale is Thursday 10 September, at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am.



Yummy School Sticker Promo

In Term 3 we will continue to collect Yummy stickers for the Yummy School Sticker Promo. Now into it's 28th Year, this initiative provides free sports gear to schools in NZ. Simply collect Yummy stickers, or 'cut-out labels' from 1.5kg bags and add them to your class's collection sheets. The more stickers we collect, the more gear we will get.

Book Week



Kids Sing 2026

Our Y5& 6 Choir has been working very hard towards the annual New Zealand Choral Federation Kids Sing Choral Competition. On Tuesday, 76 tamariki travelled to the Auckland Town Hall to perform a competition programme of three pieces, one of which was the Test Piece Hine E Hine (a waiata that every school who entered had to sing).

It was amazing to learn at the end of a really big day of performing, that we had received a Gold Award. Award for Best Performance of the Competition Test Piece (best out of 20 competitive Choirs), and runner up for Best Performance of a NZ Work (out of 14 competitive choirs who entered this category).

Huge thanks to Sofia Onishko for her outstanding work as our collaborative pianist. We have absolutely loved working with Sofia in the lead up to the competition!

Huge thanks too, to Whaea Felicity for all her support and time given to the Y5 & 6 Choir, and to Matua Steve for being crucial staff support on Tuesday. To all choir whānau, and those whānau who offered time, travelled with the choir, or came as audience on the day and Evening Gala concert - your support is also so appreciated.

Finally, deep thanks must go to Whaea Amelia, who always strives for excellence and encourages us to reach our goals - thank you Whaea Amelia for all the mahi that you do to grow musical excellence at ROPS - we could not achieve these results without your expertise and guidance.

ROPS is a singing school, and a school of musicians. Our tradition of choral singing excellence is something we can all be very proud of.



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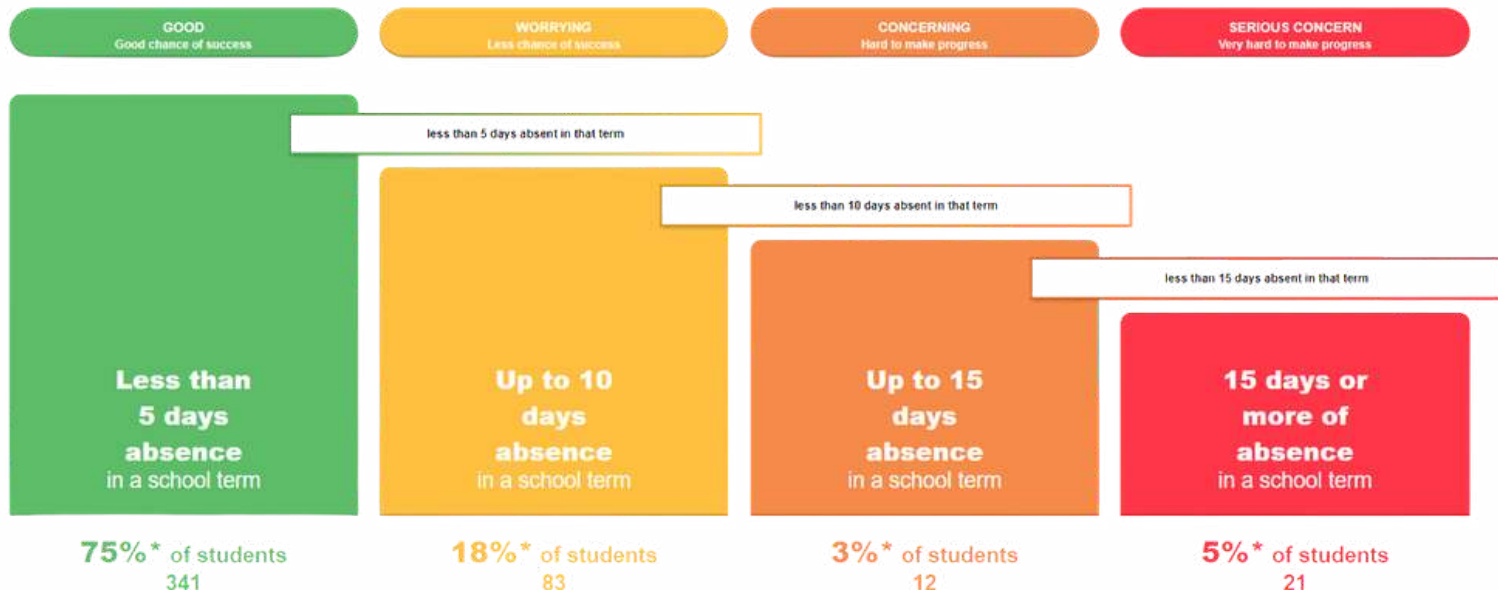
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Attendance

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



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 above for our most recent attendance data. This week we have 8% of our tamariki who have concerning attendance for this term so far – this is a great result this week!!! 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.

What's coming up

Week 8

8 September

Kids Sing 2026 Competition (7.30a - 1.00pm)

Kids Sing Gala Concert
(6.00pm for 6.30pm performance)

10 September

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Champion of Champions Gymnastics – Tristar

Violin/Cello Reh. 3 - 4pm

12 September (Saturday)

TOM Nationals

Week 9

Te wiki o te reo Māori

14 September

Year 0 enrolments starting day

17 September

Violin/Cello Reh. 3 - 4pm

Hui - 5:30pm

18 September (Saturday)

PG Raffle closes

20 September (Sunday)

String Programme Term 3 Recital –
Parkside Village
2.30 for 3.00pm Concert

Week 10

Keep NZ Beautiful Week (Lead by Rōpū Taiao leaders)

21 September

Board Meeting 6pm

22 September

PG Raffle drawn

Zone Cross-Country (TBC)

Acorns' Cross Country

23 September

Clean up around the school and local
community (afternoon)

24 September

Saving day for school / community cleanup

25 September

School Assembly

Board Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, Monday 21 September 2026 at 6.00pm. You are always most welcome to attend.

Ngā mihi nui


Megan Clotworthy
megancrops.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:
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Address: 122 Market Road, Epsom, inside College grounds.
Parking in underground carpark off Market Road and Parnell Ave.
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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/times-and-infringements





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Giving students the skills, confidence, and joy that music brings for life

Why Lewis Eady Music Lessons?

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

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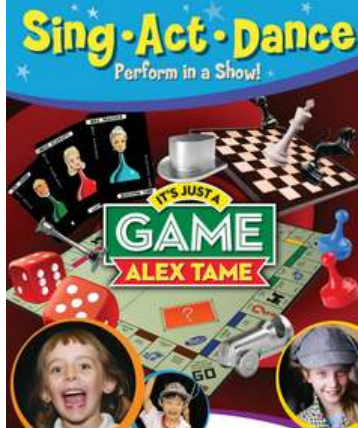
- Years 1-6
- Monday: 9:00am-2:30pm
- Group lessons: \$195
- Individual lessons: \$400

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Monday 5 to Friday 9 October
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KELLY CLUB

Photos from last week!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

KELLY CLUB SEPT/OCT 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ROYAL OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

WEEK 1

Mon 29 Sep

ARE WE WEARIES!
Climb aboard and start the long voyage across the ocean sea. Will you be a pirate on the ship or a mermaid under the waves?

Tues 30 Sep

SPEED RACERS
Today is about everything speed! Bring your bikes and scooters. Build your own racing game, race, race through obstacle courses and play speedy games.
No Helmi Nic Hotel

Wed 30 Sep

FURRY FRIENDS
A gentle rainy day of animal-themed games, crafts and activities, plus a special visit from BARK NZ to learn all about Kiwi safety.

Thurs 1 Oct

HOUSE OF WIZARDRY
Step into a magical world of spells, potions and wizardry. Join us for an amazing magic show filled with tricks and surprises.
Entry \$10 for the day

Fri 2 Oct

FUN-TASTIC FRIDAY
Get ready for silly games, crazy challenges, and non-stop fun! Skip this one week's holiday to let the adventures begin.

WEEK 2

Mon 5 Oct

A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS
Join our fun team as we take an imaginary trip around the islands. There is so much to see and explore!

Tues 6 Oct

SECRET AGENT
Bring your detective skills to Kelly Club today. We are going to be putting your brain to the test with a series of clues and challenges. Can you solve the mysterious case?

Wed 7 Oct

BUTTERFLY CREEK
Join us for an outdoor day to Butterfly Creek. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle and a jacket.
Entry \$25 for the day

Thurs 8 Oct

CHILD VS WILD
Have you ever seen a wild animal in the wild? Come and learn some tips and tricks at Kelly Club to have fun in the outdoors.

Fri 9 Oct

KC GOT TALENT
Light, comedy, talent show - what you've got with singing, dancing, magic, comedy and more in our Kelly Club's Got Talent show!

Pricing:
FULL DAY: \$61
Taster-taster
SCHOOL DAY: \$32
8:00am - 1:00pm
EVENT DAY: Entry \$10 - \$25

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