

**Week 1, Term 1, 30 January 2019.**

**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,

Welcome back to the 2019 year at Royal Oak Primary. A very warm welcome to those families who are new to our school as well. We hope you enjoy your association with the school and quickly get to know the parents in this wonderful community. Royal Oak Primary is a fabulous school and it is important to us that you and your children feel that it is a happy place to come to each day. Yesterday the children settled quickly and happily into their new rooms and in no time at all it seemed we had scarcely been away! Great credit to the teachers for the effective programme set ups and to you parents for ensuring a positive start to the year. We have had very few queries about class placements at this point which is a good sign for getting the year under way. It is a very good idea to acknowledge any anxieties your child may have (if they do) but to work with them to give it a go for a few weeks. If in the next few weeks there are still any concerns, please feel free to come and talk with us.

#### **Newsletters:**

School newsletters are emailed out to you every second Wednesday. Please do watch out for them and read the contents as we try hard to keep you well informed through them. Today we are sending newsletters home in hard copy. This is only for this first time. Please sign on through the website to receive your emails. When you go on to [www.royaloak.school.nz](http://www.royaloak.school.nz) go to the front page where you will find the following:

**Newsletters via Email - If you wish to receive our newsletters via email then please go to *Whats On?* and in the dropdown box click on *Newsletter Signup* . Fill in your details and click *sign-up*.**

#### **Meet the Teachers Evening:**

The most important thing you can do for your child, is to get to know and form positive relationships with his or her teachers. Please make sure you take the time to pop in and say hello and come along to the **Meet the Teachers** evening on Thursday 7 February (next week). This year we are having a general get together to make introductions and outline school organisation. This will be followed at 7.00pm by visits to your child's classroom. Remember that this is an early time in the year so academic progress will be limited so rather, take the opportunity to introduce yourself and put names to faces. You will also be able to meet some of the other parents too while you are there.

#### **Parent Evenings on Digital Technology:**

We are very keen to meet with you to give you greater detail around the Digital Technology and the work we are doing here at ROPS in this regard. We have two evenings planned.

Tuesday 12 February, 7.00 to 8.00pm **"Timetabling, Monitoring and Safety."**

Tuesday 26 February, 7.00 to 8.00pm **"The Digital Technology Programme"**

Wednesday 27 February, 11.30am to 1.00pm a **walk through to see the programmes in action.**

We hope these planned sessions will be useful as we work our way with the children in this future focussed curriculum.

### New staff welcome:

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to those who are joining us on the staff this year. We are very excited about the calibre of our new teachers and are delighted to have recruited them to our staff. We have spent time together already as a staff in professional development sessions and already our new teachers feel very much part of our team.

Our new teachers are:

Lucy Kersel (Kowhai)  
Libby Lawrence (Matai)  
Bernie Lawler (Manuka)  
Lucy Hannah (Manuka)  
Najmeh Heidarian (Pohutukawa)  
Julia Chung (Kauri)  
Amelia Giles (Music specialist)

### Who's who?

We have made a few changes this year to our teaching structures and continue with our collaborative spaces throughout the school. The 2019 staff structure is as follows:

| Room name  | Teachers   | Year |
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| Rimu       | Later in the year  | 0    |
| Kowhai     | Rachael Huggins<br>Julia Popovic<br>Lucy Kersel<br>Jenny Kemps   | 0/1  |
| Rata       | Anna Nalden<br>Anna Dean<br>Jeanelle Rundle<br>Rosemary Cusack   | 1    |
| Puriri     | Anne Falconer<br>Sharmin Mistry                                  | 2    |
| Matai      | Amanda Bradly<br>Libby Lawrence<br>Sue Dunn                      | 2    |
| Kohekohe   | Maria Van Der Kaay   | 3/4  |
| Nikau      | Wendy Rothwell<br>Angelica Koltonowska                           | 3/4  |
| Pohutukawa | Hayley Pipes<br>Najmeh Heidarian<br>April Purdon                 | 3/4  |
| Manuka     | Lucy Hannah<br>Bernie Lawler<br>Rosemary Cusack                  | 3/4  |
| Totara     | Vicki Martin<br>Ben Coenradi<br>Sue Dykes                        | 3/4  |
| Kauri      | Ingrid Gwilliam<br>Kathy Managh<br>Julia Chung<br>Jenni Jamieson | 5/6  |
| Karaka     | Kirstie Rogerson<br>Suhail Ali<br>Sue Dykes                      | 5/6  |
| Kahikatea  | Becky Boyes<br>Melanie Topp<br>Kirsty Hardie Boys                | 5/6  |

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| Kohanga Ako | Anne Marie Jammes | ESOL                |
| Taoiao      | Robyn McConnell   | STEM<br>Env Science |
| Music Room  | Amelia Giles      | Music               |
| Tui Room    | Sandra Powell     | Maths               |

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| Linley Myers     | Principal                                       | linleym@rops.school.nz   |
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| Jill Shears      | DP/ Special Needs<br>Y5/6<br>Positive Behaviour | jills@rops.school.nz     |
| Lynne Gibson     | Special Needs Y0 - 4                            | lynneg@rops.school.nz    |
| Vicky Stewart    | Leader Acorns                                   | vickys@rops.school.nz    |
| Kirstie Rogerson | Leader Oaks                                     | kirstier@rops.school.nz  |

### Information from and about our new music specialist: Amelia Giles

#### Amelia Giles - Biography

Amelia began violin studies at the age of three through the Suzuki method, piano studies at age eight, and formal singing tuition in her early teens. She has had many years of professional experience as both a violinist and choral musician, has attained a Master of Music in modern and baroque violin performance, and subsequently trained as a primary teacher. During this time, she also taught violin in several government funded initiatives, and in her own private teaching studio. Amelia's classroom teaching career started in South Auckland teaching Y0/Y1/Y2. From 2008 - 2018 she worked at St Cuthbert's College, Auckland where her role encompassed Y6-13 classroom music specialist teaching, string specialist work, directing an elite chamber orchestra, an all-comers string orchestra, the College's auditioned Y5/6 choir, chamber music tutoring, and pastoral care work as a tutor teacher.

When she is not in the classroom Amelia performs in a wide range of both project based and long-term ensembles including New Zealand's Baroque Orchestra 'NZ Barok' and the national chamber choir 'Voices NZ'. She is passionate about offering quality music education that is rigorous, joyful, and seeks to holistically develop the child as both as a strong musician and a person of integrity. To achieve this goal Amelia has engaged in certification study of Kodály Concept music education pedagogy in New Zealand and Australia since 2014, being awarded the full 'Australian Kodály Certificate' qualification in April 2017. In August 2017 she travelled to Hungary to study at the Liszt Ferenc Academy Zoltán Kodály Pedagogical Institute to complete a diploma specializing in Kodály Concept Music Education Pedagogy and Choral Conducting and was made valedictorian of the institute 2017/2018 student cohort. Amelia is very excited to begin a new adventure in her music education career as a the sole-charge full time music specialist at Royal Oak Primary School and is really looking forward to fantastic music-making in this wonderful school.

### Co-Curricular Music Opportunities 2019

| Activity/Group                       | Day    | Time    | Place | This group is perfect for you if...   |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|---|
| ROPS Voices<br>Y4-6 All-Comers choir | Monday | Break 2 | Hall  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You love to sing!</li> <li>You want to commit to the experience of singing in a choir at ROPS</li> </ul> |
| Note:                                |        |         |       |   |

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| Any Y3 student is also able to join this choir in Term 3 after 'Kids Sing' Event, |                       |                           |            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are Y5/6 and want to be considered for the invited Y5/6 Royal Harmonics Choir</li> <li>You are Y4 and want to be considered for the invited Y3/4 ROPStars Choir</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Oakestra</b><br>ROPS mixed instrument ensemble                                 | Tuesday               | 8.00-8.45am               | Music Room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have had at least one year of formal lessons on your instrument</li> <li>You are having lessons this year</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Ukulele Group</b><br>All-Comers Ukulele Activity                               | Wednesday             | 8.00-8.30am               | Music Room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You want to play Ukulele with others</li> <li>You have already been in this group in 2018.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Royal Harmonics</b><br>Y5/6 <u>Invited</u> Choir                               | Wednesday             | 1.45-2.30pm               | Hall       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You love to sing!</li> <li>You are interested in learning and performing more advanced choir pieces as part of a committed musical team</li> <li>You are also committed to being a member of ROPS Voices Choir</li> <li>You are invited to join</li> </ul> |
| <b>Recorder Ensemble</b><br>All-Comers Recorder Activity                          | Thursday              | 8.00-8.30am               | Music Room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You want to play Recorder with others</li> <li>You have already been in this group in 2018.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Violin Group Lesson</b>  | Thursday              | 3.00-4.00pm               | Music Room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are having Violin lessons at ROPS in 2019.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Hand Chimes</b><br>ROPS handheld bell/chime ensemble (Limited Places)          | Friday                | 8.00-8.30am               | Music Room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have been learning piano/keyboard for at least two years</li> <li>You are having lessons this year</li> </ul>  |
| <b>ROPStars</b><br>Y3/4 <u>Invited</u> Choir                                      | Friday                | 12.35-1.20pm              | Music Room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You love to sing</li> <li>You are interested in learning and performing in a choir as part of a committed musical team</li> <li>You are also committed to being a member of ROPS Voices</li> <li>You are invited to join</li> </ul>                        |
| <b>Y1 and 2 Special Singers</b><br><u>Invited</u> Singing group                   | Fridays 2/3x per term | ½ hour session in Block 4 | TBC        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You love to sing,</li> <li>You demonstrate accuracy, concentration and interest in music class,</li> <li>You are invited to join</li> </ul>  |

**There is a place for everyone to be a musician at Royal Oak Primary School.**

**Do you need support finding where that place is for you right now?**

**Do you have questions you need answered about music activities?**

**Just want to come and say hello and tell me about yourself, and your musical dreams?**

**Come and talk to me (Miss Giles – Music Teacher)**

### Property Update:

We are very excited that the property development in the middle part of the school is now underway. The Pohutukawa Room was able to start in their new room yesterday, albeit the poor teachers were setting it up on Auckland Anniversary Day!! Manuka Room is working in the library and teachers' resource room and their room is now underway and hopefully will be ready in the not too distant future. Nikau and Kohekohe are also up for a refurbishment and will love the new deck that has been built out the back of their rooms. There are also plans afoot for Karaka and Kahikatea to have a tidy up very soon.

### Tread Lightly Caravan "Drains Game":

In Week 3 and 4, Royal Oak Primary School have Tread Lightly with the new 'Drains Game' programme being delivered to the students on site. You will receive a letter regarding this, please return the slip as soon as possible. This is an interactive experience for the students teaching them about healthy waterways.

### ROPS Bell times:

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| 8.25am  | In class preparation time   | 25 mins |
| 8.50am  | Block 1   | 60 mins |
| 9.50am  | Fitness (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)<br>Play break (Tuesday, Thursday) | 15 mins |
| 10.05am | Block 2   | 60 mins |
| 11.05am | Supervised eating (in class)  | 10 mins |
| 11.15am | Play break  | 20 mins |
| 11.35am | Block 3   | 90 mins |
| 1.05pm  | Supervised eating (in class)  | 10 mins |
| 1.15pm  | Play break  | 30 mins |
| 1.45pm  | Whole school reading to   | 15 mins |
| 2.00pm  | Block 4   | 60 mins |
| 3.00pm  | School ends   |         |
| 3.15pm  | Playground cleared  |         |

### Congratulations:



Special congratulations to Anna Dean who became engaged over the holiday break. We would like to wish Anna and her husband (to be) every happiness for the future. You are a beautiful person Anna and we will watch the build up to the wedding with great admiration and interest!

## Waka Ama:



A very special congratulations to Antonio Galpin who has been competing over the holidays and along with his team won the Waka Ama competition. These wins don't come without a huge amount of hard work and Antonio and his team mates are to be congratulated on this exceptional outcome. After three years of work as a team they are now at the last stage of the midget division.

## What's coming up?

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| <b>Week 1</b><br>February | <b>28</b><br>Auckland Anniversary   | 29<br>School begins normal hours.<br><br>Year 1 enrolments starting day  | 30<br>Powhiri 10.30am   | 31  | 1<br><br>1.45pm school assembly<br>Led by Whanau leaders |
| <b>Week 2</b>             | 4   | 5  | <b>6</b><br>Waitangi Day Holiday  | 7<br>Meet the Teachers<br>6.00 Presentation and intros<br>7.00 Classrooms | 8  |
| <b>Week 3</b>             | 11<br>Year 1 enrolments starting day<br><br>Treadlightly-Drains programme | 12<br><br>Treadlightly-Drains programme<br><br>Parent Evening on Digital Technology 7.00 to 8.00<br>Timetabling, monitoring and safety | 13<br><br>Treadlightly Drains programme<br><br>5/6 Zone Swimming TRIALS | 14<br><br>Treadlightly-Drains Programme                                   | 15   |
| <b>Week 4</b>             | 18<br><br>Treadlightly Drains programme                                   | 19<br><br>Treadlightly Drains programme  | 20<br><br>Treadlightly Drains programme                                 | 21  | 22   |
| <b>Week 5</b><br>March    | 25<br>Year 1 enrolments starting day                                      | 26   | 27<br>Hearing and Vision tyestinmg<br><br>Parent walk through to        | 28<br><br>Year 1 sleepover  | 1  |

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|                  |  | Parent Evening (2) on Digital Technology 7.00 to 8.00 The programme       | observe Digital Technology in action 11.30 to 1.00           | BOT meeting 7.00pm   | 1.45pm school assembly led by Kahikatea                        |
| Week 6<br>March  | 4  | 5   | 6<br>Year 6 Camp<br>Year 5 Outdoor Ed<br>Parent Group 7.30pm | 7<br>Year 6 Camp<br>Year 5 Outdoor Ed  | 8<br>Year 6 Camp<br>Year 5 Outdoor Ed                          |
| Week 7           | 11<br>Year 1 enrolments starting day<br><br>Hearing and Vision. Testing                    | 12<br><br>Year 2 to Botanical Gardens (Matai)                             | 13<br><br>Year 2 to Botanical Gardens (Puriri)               | 14<br>New Parent Meeting 9.00 to 10.00am   | 15<br>Teacher Only Day   |
| Week 8           | 18<br><br>Year 3 and 4 to Botanical Gardens (Totara)                                       | 19<br>5/6 Zone Swimming<br><br>Year 3 and 4 to Botanical Gardens (Manuka) | 20<br><br>Year 3 and 4 to Botanical Gardens (Pohutukawa)     | 21<br>5/6 Zone Swimming - Save day<br>Year 3 and 4 to Botanical Gardens (Nikau/Kohekohe) | 22   |
| Week 9           | 25<br>Year 1 enrolments starting day<br><br>3 way/student led conferences and goal setting | 26<br><br>Summer Field Day - 5/6  | 27<br><br>3 way/student led conferences and goal setting     | 28   | 29<br><br>Carnival Saturday 30 March                           |
| Week 10<br>April | 1  | 2<br><br>Summer Field Day - 5/6 SAVE DAY                                  | 3<br><br>Parent Group 7.30pm                                 | 4<br><br>BOT meeting 7.00pm  | 5<br><br>1:45pm school assembly led by Kauri                   |
| Week 11          | 8<br>Year 1 enrolments starting day  | 9   | 10   | 11<br><br>GRIP Leadership conference 12 whanau leaders                                   | 12<br><br>Final Day term 1. School closes at usual time 3.00pm |

#### **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.

Have a happy fortnight.

Kind regards,



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## Community Notices



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### SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

#### ROYAL OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

##### LESSONS INCLUDE:

- PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS
- ACTING SKILLS
- POETRY RECITAL
- READING ALOUD
- SPEECH WRITING
- BODY LANGUAGE (POSTURE, EYE CONTACT)
- VOCAL SKILLS (ARTICULATION, GRAMMAR)
- MANNERS (TELEPHONE, TABLE, INTERPERSONAL)
- BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE



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##### Lessons

Lessons are held during and after school at Royal Oak Primary School, on Fridays.

##### Fees

Group of five - 30 mins - \$220

Pair - 30 mins - \$300

Private - 30 mins - \$410

##### Examinations (optional)

We offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

##### Testimony

*"Emmeline loves her lessons! We have seen her grow in confidence, she can now speak publically and very ably with people of all ages. And there is nothing better than being complimented on your child's good manners! I can wholeheartedly recommend Head Held High to any parent, for any child."*

- Melinda Gardner

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