



Week 5, Term 3, 21 August 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,

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Vicky Stewart has been appointed to the permanent position of Deputy Principal (Acorns) at Royal Oak Primary School. Vicky is an outstanding leader who knows the children and community well and brings valuable skills to the leadership team here at Royal Oak Primary School.



Dance Curriculum Show



Many thanks to those of you who were able to come along and enjoy our dance performances last Friday. It was a culmination of the daily lessons that the children had undertaken over the past two weeks. It



was lovely to see the participation, enthusiasm and enjoyment. We hope to have repeat performances on Grandparents' Day.



Mathematics Information Evening

On Thursday 05 September a Mathematics Parent Evening will be held from 7pm - 8 pm in the school staffroom. We are fortunate to have Bina Kachwalla, a mathematics consultant to join us. This year Bina has been working with a group of teachers at different year levels across the school to implement a collaborative problem solving approach in mathematics. We would like to share with you the thinking and research supporting this approach for our children and what this currently 'looks like' in our learning environment.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 05 September. This evening is for adults only.

Fundraising Treat Days for the remainder of the term (a reminder)

Week 5 - Hot dogs (Friday)

Week 6 - Cakes (Oaks) (Friday)

Week 7- Sausages (Friday)

Week 8 - Grandparents' day - Sausages and Cakes (Oaks and Acorns) (Wednesday)

Week 9 - Hot dogs (Friday)

Zone Gymnastics

On Thursday 8th August a team of 18 girls competed in the Remuera Zone Gymnastics Competition. It was a tough competition with up to 70 competitors in each category. The girls competed with grace and precision, encouraged and supported each other and were outstanding representatives for our school. Special congratulations go to the Year 3 team (Emily Morrison, Tui Reade, Florence Robertson, Harriet Dodson and Paige Martin) who placed fourth and to Zoe Dodson who came tenth overall in the Year 5 category. Well done girls! Thank you to Ingrid Gwilliam and Vicki Martin for their hard work with these teams.



Chinese Parent Evening



Our Chinese families joined us last Thursday evening. We had a lovely evening. The children sang and shared a presentation about what is on offer at our school and introduced their families to everyone. This was followed by sharing of some food and a chat. Yesterday Mrs Falconer and Mrs Martin met with some of the children to gather their thoughts about our school. Thank you to all those families who attended. We value our strong relationships with our families and community.

Travelwise Greenman Campaign

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School



On Wednesday 7th of August a large number of our Travelwise team gathered by the Pah Road crossing for the Greenman Campaign. The aim of the campaign is to make drivers more aware of our crossing and the need to be prepared to stop at the lights before school and after school hours. The team were in their high visibility vests walking across the crossing carrying bright placards displaying a 'Green Man'. Samantha Peterson from Auckland Transport supplied the placards and was a great support on the morning. Well done Travelwise Team, it was a great turnout. You certainly created awareness and, hopefully, change!!!



Three Way Conferences

We had our first night of conferences on Monday and they will continue on Thursday 22 August. If you still need to book please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and click on school interviews. Enter **fpmv** (code) and follow the directions. Find your child's room name and you are ready to register. If you have more than one child, please allow time to move from one appointment to the other. The collaborative spaces will have a number of slots but no designated teacher's name. Just put your name in the suitable time slot and one of the teachers will talk with you and your child as the conference takes place.

If you are unable to access the internet, please ring Leonie on 6242800 and she will happily assist you.

Please be aware that **the conferences are held in classrooms and your child will be expected to attend as he or she is an integral part of this process.** Learning goals will be discussed.

Rimu Room will not be taking part in these conferences. Parents in the Rimu Room will be contacted by the Rimu Room teachers for the 6 - 8 week meeting.

New Parent Meeting

On Thursday 29 August, we are having an information morning for families who are new to the school. If you are new to our school, you are invited to join us in the staffroom from 9am -10am to have a chat and then we will take you on a tour through the school. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 29 August.

Lost Property

Lost property is located outside the Rimu Room. Please remember to name all uniform items, **especially sweatshirts**, as they are often taken off during the day as the temperature warms up. All named items have been able to find their owners, however there are currently a number of unnamed jumpers in the lost property.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 29 August 2019 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be Mathematics. You are always most welcome to attend.



Kids Sing 2019

On Tuesday 13th August, almost 140 of our Royal Oak Primary School students from Y3 to Y6 travelled to the Auckland Town Hall to participate in the New Zealand Choral Federation Auckland Region 'Kids Sing' Choir Festival. Performing in the festival was the culmination of a term-long 'Kids Sing' focus in our Y3 to Y6 ROPS Choral Programme. The specialness of the opportunity to sing on the stage of the Auckland Town Hall—with its amazing acoustic and grandeur—was immediately recognised by the students once they arrived.

The children from ROPS performed as three different choirs. *ROPStars* (the Y3/4 invited choir), *Royal Harmonics* (the Y5/6 invited choir) and *ROPS Voices* (the Y3-6 choir where *ROPStars*, *Royal Harmonics* and absolutely anybody in Y3-6 who wants to be in a choir can sing all together!).

All choirs were accompanied very sensitively by our very own Anna Dean who has given up hours of her time in this pivotal role. On stage *ROPS Voices* was impressive in its sheer size. Their programme required singing in both Japanese and Zimbabwean, and also showcased some senior Y5 and Y6 students playing percussion. Our Y3 and 4 students in their choir *ROPStars* were very steady performers and sang some beautifully shaped melodies. They also entertained the audience, including their Y5 and 6 ROPS peers, with some very cute chicken actions accompanying their second song '*Chicken on a Fencepost*'. Our Y5 and Y6 invited choir *Royal Harmonics* were the very last choir of the day. As a competitive choir they were required to sing the test piece '*Red Diggers, Yellow Diggers*' written by New Zealand composer David Hamilton. They combined this with a very maturely rendered, beautiful song for peace '*Et in Terra Pax*', and a 1 minute 13-second-long speedy and sparkly arrangement of '*The Drunken Sailor*'.

Later that evening in the Gala Concert *Royal Harmonics* gave a polished performance alongside other competitive choirs in the Festival. It was fabulous to have so many excited parents, staff and supporters in the audience. Our recently retired principal Whaea Myers and Mr Myers were even there! The end-of-Gala-concert competition awards ceremony brought cheers and lots of smiles when it was announced that *Royal Harmonics* had been awarded a Gold Award - one of only four in the entire competition.

I am very proud of all the children who participated in 'Kids Sing'. Not only did they represent their school with pride. Their growing commitment, work-ethic, desire for musical excellence, and teamwork demonstrated during their preparation for 'Kids Sing' over the last term has been clear, with parental support of their efforts really heart-warming. Certainly observing the children in this journey has provided many moments of confirmation that singing in choirs is incredibly transformative in so many ways, and something all children should be given the opportunity to experience. Bring on 'Kids Sing' 2020!

Amelia Giles - Music Specialist



Very special thanks to Amelia for her passion, commitment and dedication, not only to the work that she does with our choirs, but also her orchestral work and the classroom music programmes. She is an absolute asset to our school and most certainly provides a strong point of difference for us here at ROPS. We thank you and congratulate you on gaining a Gold Medal with the Royal Harmonics' performance.

Parent Group

Quiz Night - TICKETS ON SALE - Please come along and join us for a great evening!

It's our annual adults-only quiz night this Saturday 24th August, 7pm @ School Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person, so gather up a group of friends to make up a table of 10 or buy individual tickets and we will join you up to a team. This is a BYO food and drinks event, with a great mini silent auction on the night, spot prizes and fierce competition to be this year's holders of the Clotworthy Cup. To purchase tickets contact Rebecca Ruttley on 021 026-64857 or rebeccaruttley.rops@outlook.com.

Frozen Meals Needed Please

Our fabulous Whanau Support Group is in need of more frozen meals. Can you please help out - even as a one off or you can join the mailing list. These meals are given to families at school who need some extra support and care. If you think you can help please let the team know via email at ropswhanau@gmail.com

Entertainment Book - FREE 30 Day Digital Trail

Our school has been able to secure a free 30 day trail of the Digital Entertainment Book for the families in our school community. All you need to do is email hboys@entertainmentbook.co.nz with "Royal Oak Primary School 30 day trial" in the subject line by 5pm on the 28th of August. You will then be sent a special activation email on the 30th August to access hundreds of offers for you to use as many times as you like until midnight on the 28th September. There is a detailed flyer at the bottom of the newsletter and a notice will be coming home shortly.

Yummy Stickers = Free Sports Gear for ROPS

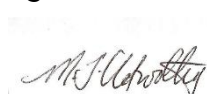
Collect Yummy stickers and help our school earn free sports equipment. Send completed Yummy sticker sheets into your child's classroom as there is a fortnightly class competition to collect these. Extra sheets are available from the office.

At the end of Term 3 these all get counted and sent off to Yummy Apples and they provide us with new sports gear. Last year we received \$1400 worth of sports equipment so this is well worth the effort.

What's coming up? Colour code - Acorns Oaks

Week 5	19 Y0 Enrolments 3 way/Student Led conferences 3.15 to 8.00pm	20 Winter Field Day - 5/6	21 Hearing and vision in today	22 3 way/ Student Led conferences 3.15 to 8.00pm	23 1.45pm school assembly Whanau Leaders Hot Dogs Parent Group Quiz Night Saturday 24th
Week 6	26	27 Cross Country Practice	28	29 New Parent Meeting 9.00 to 10.00 BOT meeting 7.00pm Cross Country Race Day	30 EPRO 8 (8 Oaks all day Mt Roskill) Cakes (Oaks) Open afternoon 2 to 3 TOM Auckland Regional Sat 31 st
Week 7 September	2 Y0 Enrolments Tongan Language Week	3 Winter Field Day - 5/6 SAVE DAY	4 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7.30pm	5 Maths Parent Evening 7-8pm	6 Sausages
Week 8 Maori Lang Week	9	10	11 Grandparents' Day Sausages and Cake Stall (Acorns and Oaks)	12 Zone Gymnastics Champs of Champs - 5/6	13 Sun 15 th Sept ROPS String Recital 1.40 pm for 2pm start: Hall
Week 9	16 Y0 Enrolments MOTAT Yr 5/6 Karaka/Kahikatea	17 Zone Cross Country - 5/6	18 MOTAT Yr 5/6 Kauri	19 Zone Cross Country - 5/6 SAVE DAY Indian Parent Gathering	20 Hot Dogs 1.45 pm School Assembly Pohutukawa
Week 10	23 Science in a Van Yrs 0 - 2 HALL 8:40 – 1pm	24 Science in a Van Yrs 3 - 4 HALL 8:40 – 1pm	25	26 BOT meeting 7.00pm	27

Ngā mihi nui



Megan Clotworthy
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Community Notices

Looking for a new career path?

We offer programmes in:

Health

- Aged Care Support (Level 2) (Full-time)
- Mental Health & Addiction Support (Level 4) (Full-time)

Foundation

Early Childhood Education (Level 2) (Full-time)

Literacy and Numeracy (English and Maths) (Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm)

Literacy/numeracy, and Level 1 & 2 programmes are FREE*
*Conditions apply



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MON, 30 Sept 2019	TUE, 1 Oct 2019	WED, 2 Oct 2019	THU, 3 Oct 2019	FRI, 4 Oct 2019
9 – 12 noon activities 12 – 1 pm Lunch break 1 – 3 pm CHINESE lesson	9 – 12 noon DRAWING 12 – 1 pm Lunch break 1 – 3 pm Maths lesson	9 – 12 noon activities 12 – 1 pm Lunch break 1 – 3 pm MATHS lesson	9 – 12 noon activities 12 – 1 pm Lunch break 1 – 3 pm ENGLISH lesson	9 – 12 noon activities 12 – 1 pm Lunch break 1 – 3 pm MATHS lesson
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Notes: available program: **HALF DAY** from 9-12 noon (morning session) OR 12 – 3 pm (afternoon session) and **FULL DAY** from 9 – 3pm.

No lunch and afternoon tea provided. **Please bring your own lunch. No exchanging food with friends.**

Space filling
UP
QUICKLY!



SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?

Open to all Royal Oak Primary students.

WHEN?

1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are held during and after school at Royal Oak Primary, on Fridays.

WHERE?

Kohanga Ako room.

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

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Royal Oak Primary School has organised a complimentary trial of the NEW 19|20 Entertainment Membership so you can discover the digital Membership!

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Starting on the 30/8/19 you will be able to access hundreds of offers, for you to use as many times as you like until midnight on the 28/9/19.

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If you would like to purchase the full Membership you can support Royal Oak Primary School and order online by following the link www.entbook.co.nz/9919z1

Terms & Condition's: *This trial membership is free and limited to one per household. After activation the Membership holder will be eligible to redeem offers as well as receive bonus offers delivered via email etc. during the trial period only. Thereafter, a purchased Membership will be required for further redemptions.