



Week 7, Term 3, 04 September 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!

Mālō e lelei,

We are now over half way through another very busy term. Thank you so much to those of you who continue to support our fundraisers. We are having a fabulous response to these which is ensuring great success. We are looking forward to Grandparents' Day next Wednesday and hope that many of our grandparents or special family friends are able to visit. We will be performing our dances again and will send out a notice regarding what times these will be taking place.

We have had a number of significant events over the past fortnight, you can read about these below.

### Oaks' Cross Country

Many thanks to those of you who attended, supported and assisted at the Oaks' Cross Country last Thursday. A fantastic turnout of parent supporters got the children to race well on a beautiful winter's day. All of the children put in a massive effort and there were many children, teachers and parents proud of their performances and improvements that they have made with their fitness! Special thanks to Miss Boyes for her work organising this event.

Results are as follows:

Year Level	Girls	Boys
Year 4	1. Kenzie Heather 2. Macy Stone 3. Maddy Rockell	1. Aleksander Retamales 2. Lake Stephens 3. Imran Natali
Year 5	1. Greta Hunter 2. Zara Bint 3. Ela Egene	1. Benjamin Leaf 2. Max McNamara 3. Haden Stone
Year 6	1. Misha Petherbridge 2. Riddhi Thakor 3. Yuyu Fukuyama	1. Conrad McGrane 2. Quisean Buenaventura 3. Evan Parr

### Tournament of Minds



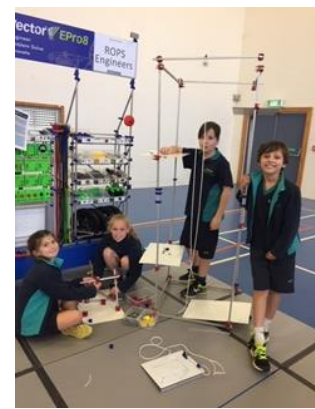
Huge congratulations to all the Tournament of Minds teams who competed this weekend. Over the past six weeks all the teams have demonstrated fabulous creativity, exceptional teamwork and plenty of resilience. Royal Oak Primary came away with two first placings - one in the Arts and the other in Social Sciences. Although our STEM team didn't place, they competed and achieved very well and should be very proud of their achievements.

The Arts and Social Science teams will now travel to Wellington to compete in the national competition. Special thanks to Robyn McConnell and Felicity Boyd for

all the expert training and preparation that went into all three of the teams, and then, on the day, they were both tied up working hard judging. They have both worked exceptionally hard for an outstanding result- thank you both so much, your work and commitment is very much appreciated.

## EPro8

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August a talented group of ROPS Engineers represented our school at the Vector EPro8 competition at Mt Roskill Intermediate. The two groups had two and a half hours to work through an engineering challenge that required exceptional reading, measuring and problem solving skills. We were very impressed with their resilience and positivity as they tackled difficult challenges with equipment they were unfamiliar with. Congratulations to the two groups, we were very proud of you!



## 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.

## Books

Thank you so much for purchasing books for our school library during the week of conferences. Now that you have read the books, please return donated books back to the library ready to be accessioned for others to read them.

## Children's Songs and Singing Games Collection Project

Amelia Giles, our music specialist is keen to start collecting Children's Songs and Singing Games that represent the many different cultures and spoken languages present in our ROPS school community. If you, or your child, have songs or singing games that are culturally important to you, and that you would like to share, Amelia would be very excited to learn them! Please email them through to [ameliag@rops.school.nz](mailto:ameliag@rops.school.nz). Thank you. ☺

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

Week 7- Sausages (Friday)

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

Week 9 - Hot dogs (Friday)

## Oaks' Bake Sale:

Thank you for supporting this by baking and sending money along for your child to purchase a treat. We made a total of \$930. This all helps to support our school - thank you so much.

### Indian Families' Evening

Our Indian families are invited to join us for a brief presentation, chat and sharing of food on Thursday 19 September at 5.30pm. An invitation will be sent out to you soon. We hope that you can join us.

### 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.

### Sammu City visit

On Thursday 22 August we had a visit from a group of school children from Sammu City in Japan. Our whanau leaders took them on a tour of our school, sang a waiata and shared chocolate fish and marshmallows for morning tea with them. The students from Sammu City sang a beautiful waiata and enjoyed meeting our children. This group visits us annually.

### Parent Group

#### Our 2019 Fabulous Kids Calendar Artwork Fundraiser!

This Friday you will receive the details for our annual kid's calendar artwork fundraiser. This year you will be able to place your orders online via your Kindo account or by returning the order form with your cash payment. If you do not already have a Kindo account, click on this special school handshake link to fast track your sign up process. <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?&shop=Royal%20Oak%20Primary%20School> You can view your child's artwork via your class Seesaw, One Note or Dojo accounts. All orders must be received by Friday 20th September. You will receive your orders early in Term 4.

### Money Donated by the Parent Group

Special thanks to the Parent Group for the money they have donated to the school to help us purchase and install shade sails for our new deck outside Kohekohe and Nikau Rooms and by the native garden playground. These will provide some much needed shade on sunny days. Thank you!

### Quiz Night

Last Saturday evening saw yet another very successful Quiz Night. With Michael Berry at the helm, ably assisted by Vicky Stewart, Lynne Gibson and Felicity Boyd, it was an evening filled with fun and frivolity! Once again, the range of costumes and effort that folk went to was stunning.





### 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](mailto:ropswhanau@gmail.com)

### Weetbix Tryathlon

If you are interested in competing in a Weetbix Kiwi Kid TRYathlon, we have a school group entering. Here is the link:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35572&G=100834>

It is for the event at Keith Hay Park on the 8th December.

### 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.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 26 September 2019 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be Active Inquiry and eLearning. You are always most welcome to attend.

### What's coming up? Colour code - Acorns Oaks

Week 7 September	2 Y0 Enrolments	3	4 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am  Parent Group 7.30pm	5 Maths Parent Evening 7-8pm	6 Sausage Sizzle
Tongan Language Week					
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 <sup>th</sup> 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	19 Zone Cross Country - 5/6 SAVE DAY Indian Families' Gathering 5.30pm	20 Hot Dogs 1.45 pm School Assembly Pohutukawa

Week 10	23	24	25	26	27
	Science in a Van Yrs 0 - 2 HALL 8:40 – 1pm	Science in a Van Yrs 3 - 4 HALL 8:40 – 1pm		BOT meeting 7.00pm	

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### Community Notices



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#### Taekwon-do Classes

New enrollments now welcomed for Royal Oak Taekwon-do Classes

Tues and Thurs 6:15pm-7:15pm

All enquiries welcomed.

Phone Head Instructor Hung Nguyen

027 201 2538 or

Email: [h.l.nguyen@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:h.l.nguyen@slingshot.co.nz)

**Sing-Act-Dance**  
Perform in a Show!

**EARLY BIRD**  
rate expires 2nd September

**THE LION QUEEN**  
**October Holiday Camps**  
Epsom Girls Grammar School  
Monday 7 to Friday 11 October

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## 2020 Enrolments

In Zone and Out of Zone Applications for 2020 are now live on our website [www.ani.school.nz/enrolment/how](http://www.ani.school.nz/enrolment/how) to enrol.

We have the following School Tours (book online) and Parent Information Evenings (do not need to book) on the following dates/times:

### SCHOOL TOURS

#### TERM THREE

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1.30-2.30pm  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 11-12pm

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 6-7pm

#### TERM FOUR

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-2.30pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm

## Ready for Swimming?

Get a head start on Term 4

**Join September for \$40**

OR

## October School Holidays

Monday 30th Sept - Friday 11th Oct.  
Classes between 8.00am-11.00am,  
all levels.

One week \$75  
Two weeks \$130

Bookings also being taken for Term 4  
For enrolment and more information contact:

**Michelle White**

**Diocesan Aquatic Centre Manager**

**09 520 9373**

**[mwhite@diocesan.school.nz](mailto:mwhite@diocesan.school.nz)**

## Snorkling for fun!

Learn to snorkel with qualified instructors in a safe and fun environment.

Course will cover:

- Equipment
- Correct technique and skills
- Breath hold
- Rescue skills

Wednesday 9th October

10.15am - 11.15am Beginners

11.15am - 12.15am Advanced

Cost \$60

Must be competent 25-50m swimmer

To book, contact Michelle White, Diocesan Aquatic Centre Manager on **09 520 9373** or **[mwhite@diocesan.school.nz](mailto:mwhite@diocesan.school.nz)**

**BAYCITY Slick**  
**BASKETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
Basic foundation basketball program, individual skills, unit and team play. A fun way to spend your holidays!

**EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
9:00-3:00  
MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER  
TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

**\$100**  
For both days!

**Ages 7-13**

To register head to [www.baycityslick.com](http://www.baycityslick.com)  
For more information email [matt@baycityslick.com](mailto:matt@baycityslick.com)

## Children travel free on weekends

Auckland Transport has an exciting opportunity for your students.

From Saturday 7 September, children under the age of 16 who have an AT HOP card will be able to travel free on Auckland Transport's weekend services.

It's been three years since AT Metro introduced the 99 cent fares on weekends for children that made it easier and cheaper for children to get around Auckland at the weekend.

Now, Auckland Transport is offering a 100% discount on weekend fares for children 5 to 15 (inclusive) travelling on buses, trains and participating ferries. This comes as part of the \$1.1 million contribution from Auckland Council towards public transport initiatives, announced earlier this year.

The fare free travel is available on buses, trains and participating ferry services on weekends and during public holidays. To qualify for this fare, parents need to load a child concession on to a registered AT HOP card.

To find out more, visit: <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/card-concessions-discount-fares/child-student-discount/free-child-weekend-fares/>

