

Week 9, Term 4, 11 December 2019

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, iorana, welcome!

Dear Parents,

It is absolutely incredible to think that this is the last newsletter for the year. Time has flown by so quickly. Thank you all for the support that you have given to me in my first six months of principalship.

Classes for 2020

Today the classes were announced for 2020. The children have visited their 2020 rooms and spent a small amount of time with the teachers in those rooms. This went very well and I am sure that they will all be happy for the start of the year. The teachers and Senior Leaders have spent a lot of time working on these, focusing on the needs of each child. As I am sure you are aware, this is a very complex process as once we begin looking at combinations, it becomes quite challenging. If your child displays any anxiety about their placement, please reassure them and talk them through it. We always recommend giving them a month to settle into the new class. Change is difficult for many of us to deal with. We find that after a month, they have settled in and are more than happy to stay in the assigned class. The lists will be available later today on the school website (if we can resolve formatting issues - thanks for your understanding 😊) and also posted on the window at the office.

Reports

Today you will also be receiving your child's report. The reports give information about your child's achievement across the curriculum and their progress with the Key Competencies. Please make sure you celebrate their successes with them. We know there is plenty to celebrate.

Meet the Teacher Evening 2020:

Early next year we will be holding our **Meet the Teacher Evening** on Tuesday 4 February (Week 2). We are holding a meeting in the Hall for the first hour, followed by a chance for you to go to your child's room and to have an initial "get to know" the teachers. Please make sure you have this evening on your calendar as we love the chance to meet you early in the year.

Year 6 Prizegiving

Last night we celebrated the successes of our Year 6 children. It was wonderful to take part in an evening with a hall full of happy people celebrating the many successes of our tamariki. Special thanks to Felicity and Kirstie for organising such an outstanding event. We wish our Year 6 leavers all the very best as their new doors open.

Year 0/1 Athletics Results

Congratulations to all our Acorns' athletes for a successful day on the track! Special congratulations to our finalists. Please see our sprint results below:

Year 0 Girls:

80 Metres:

1st	Nina Fookes	Rimu Rm
2nd	Dominik Misi-Penitani	Rimu Rm
3rd	Sarah Xin	Rimu Rm

Year 0 Boys:**80 metres:**

1st	Hadleigh Sherpa	Rimu Rm
2nd	Leo Phan	Rimu Rm
3rd	Hem Patel	Rimu Rm

Year 1 Girls:**80 Metres:**

1st	Isla Smith	Kowhai Rm
2nd	Jessica Jamnadas	Rata Rm
3rd	Riley Siebert	Rata Rm

Year 1 Boys:**80 Metres:**

1st	Thomas Dodson	Rata Rm
2nd	Jayrus Lolesio	Rata Rm
3rd	Jacky Xu	Rata Rm

End of Year Data - Reading, Writing and Mathematics

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that the data, reported to the Board last week, is showing outstanding achievement results. Our congratulations first and foremost to your children who have worked hard and really progressed in their learning. Congratulations also to our teachers for providing programmes that have clearly been tailored to meet their needs and accelerate their learning so well. These are fabulous outcomes:

	Reading End of Year 2019 at or above expected level
Year 1	74%
Year 2	81%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	83%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	90%

	Writing End of Year 2019 at or above expected level
Year 1	86%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	88%
Year 4	81%
Year 5	69%*
Year 6	83%

	Mathematics End of Year 2019 at or above expected level
Year 1	90%
Year 2	88%
Year 3	85%
Year 4	79%
Year 5	86%
Year 6	92%

2020 Stationery Requirements

In 2020 our stationery packs will be provided by a new supplier:

Onehunga Books & Stationery

175a Onehunga Mall (next to WESTPAC)

Onehunga

Email obsshop@outlook.co.nz

Website: www.obsonline.co.nz

Packs will be available from the shop from 15th January 2020 onwards. You may purchase from the shop or by on-line shopping.

Prices are as follows:

New Entrant Children (Y1 first year here)	\$47.99
Year 1 chn who were here last year	\$43.99
Year 2	\$47.99
Year 3	\$52.99
Year 4	\$47.99
Years 5 & 6	\$33.99

2020 School Donations / Shared Consumables

Both of these remain the same as the last few years - \$300 and \$30 respectively. A more detailed letter will be sent out to you at the beginning of next year.

School Carnival 28 March 2019

Our wonderful school Carnival is a fabulous community event that is held each year at the end of Term 1. We need all the parents in the school to be involved in some way to make it a successful day. We need a bunch of parents who can help us get it up and going, getting involved in some key areas and also doing some important background work. If it sounds like something you are keen to get involved with or want to know more, please email us at parentgroup@rops.school.nz or leave your name and mobile number at the office.

Flippa Ball

The ROPS Dugongs played an amazing bronze playoff game yesterday, drawing at full time but winning at golden point! So they were awarded third place in the year 4 grade.



Each Sunday this year three teams of ROPS kids have been playing Flippaball and Mini Polo. This is a simplified version of water polo for kids and it is a lot of fun to play and watch.

When I asked the Year 3 and 4 teams what their highlights were for the year they all said they loved being part of a team and playing sport with their friends which is really cool to hear. There was also lots of celebration like people scoring their first goals, winning the grade and learning new skills.



The Year 5/6 team that I am part of started the year playing Flippaball, winning our grade in the first 2 terms which was pretty cool. In Term 4 we stepped up to play Mini polo where you can't touch the bottom of the pool! This was a lot more challenging but we have all loved working hard and learning even more skills, like eggbeater, to stay afloat.

A big thank you to our coaches Alyssa Helleur, Talia McNaughton and Jude Walter who have been poolside with us all year supporting and encouraging us. Good luck to the teams who play again in 2020.
By Sophie W, Kahikatea Room (Y6)

WeetBix Tryathlon



We had a large number of tamariki represent ROPS at the Weet Bix Tryathlon last weekend. They all represented the school well and managed to finish. Well done team!

Zone Athletics Results

The ROPS Zone Team had a fabulous day at the Remuera Zone Athletics, with some excellent results! The children all displayed exemplary behaviour and were really supportive of each other.

Results:

800m races

Year 5 girls-Greta placed 5th

Year 5 boys- Ben L placed 5th

Year 6 boys- Conrad placed 3rd

Zara Bint came away with 1st place in the finals of the 60m, 100m and 200m along with a top 3 in the long jump.

Evan Parr made the final of the 60m, 100m and 200m.

David Joseph made the final of the 60m

Ben Leaf won the Year 5 high jump.

Our relay teams did incredibly well...

Year 5 girls came 2nd in their final

Year 6 girls came 3rd in their final

Year 6 boys came 4th in an incredibly fast final.

Miss Boyes was incredibly proud of how our children competed and the sportsmanship they displayed cheering for others, shaking hands after events and their general positivity. Well done, and thank you to Mrs. Boyes for organising and training the team.

Padder Tennis Results:

Year 4 Boys- Rishi and Alexander

Year 4 Girls- Sessi and Honey

Year 5 Boys- Adam and Max

Year 5 Girls- Abby and Jess

Year 5 mixed- Carter and Zoe K

Year 6 Boys- Evan and Ben L

Year 6 Girls- Emma and Samantha

Year 6 Mixed- Conrad and Emma

Evan and Ben beat Mr. Ali and Sam Forde in straight sets
Max and Adam beat Mrs. Dykes and Mr. Coenradi in straight sets.

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Thursday 27 February 2020 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be curriculum planning for 2020. We will also be discussing the charter and strategic plan. You are always most welcome to attend.

Dates for 2020

Term 1 begins on Tuesday 28 January TOD Friday 13 March (104 half days)

Term 1 Holidays begin: Thursday 9 April

Term 2 begins: Tuesday 28 April TOD Friday 29 May (96 half days)

Term 2 ends: Friday 3 July

Term 3 begins: Monday 20 July (100 half days)

Term 3 ends: Friday 25 September

Term 4 begins: Monday 12 October TOD Friday 23 October (84 half days including a day in lieu for the Carnival)

Term 4 ends: Tuesday 8 December

Total **384 half days**: which is the number of days required by the Ministry of Education to be open for instruction in 2020. This includes the Teacher Only Days that were included in our latest Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement. NB: We seem to finish early because we are starting earlier than some other schools.

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

Enviro/Sustainability

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 January	27 Auckland Anniversary	8 School begins normal hours. Y1 Enrolments	29 Powhiri 10.30am	30	31 9.15am school assembly Whanau leaders
Week 2 February	3	4 Meet the Teachers 6.00 Presentation and intros 7.00 Classrooms	5 Parent Group	6 Waitangi Day Holiday	7 Mufti Day
Week 3	10 Y1 Enrolments	11	12 SWIM TRIALS – Jellicoe – Block 3 leave at morning tea Violin Programme 2020 Begins – All day Lessons ROPS String Programme Parent Information Evening 7- 8.30pm	13 Patrol Training or 18th Feb	14 Mufti Day Cello Programme 2020 Begins – 9.35 -11.15am
Week 4	17	18 Patrol Training or 13th Feb	19	20	21 Mufti Day
Week 5	24 Y1 Enrolments	25	26	27 BOT meeting 7.00pm Year 1 sleepover	28 Mufti Day 9.15am school assembly Kahikatea

Week 6 March	2	3	4 Camp/Outdoor Ed Parent Group	5 Camp/Outdoor Ed	6 Camp/Outdoor Ed
Week 7	9 Y1 Enrolments Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	10 Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	11 Whanau Leaders Head Held High sessions 9.30-12.00 Year 3 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	12 Year 3 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	13 Teacher Only Day
Week 8	16	17	18	19 Culturally Responsive Whanau Hui @ Te Papapa Evening 6-7.30	20
Week 9	23 Y1 Enrolments 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting	24 Grip Leadership conference whanau leaders all day Vodafone Events centre	25 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting	26	27 Carnival Saturday 28 March
Week 10 April	30	31	1 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7.30pm	2 BOT meeting 7.00pm	3 9.15am school assembly Kauri
Week 11	6 Y1 Enrolments	7	8 No Violin Today due to Cellos not getting lesson due to Easter	9	10 GOOD FRIDAY

School closes tomorrow at 12 noon. Please ensure your children are collected at that time.

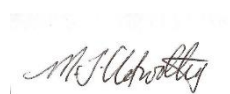
School begins again on Tuesday 28 January, 2020.

For those who are leaving, thank you for the time you have had at our school and for the many memories you have made here. We treasure all our children and their whanau and will miss each and every one of you.

For those who are returning, we look forward to seeing you again in the new year and hope you will come back refreshed and ready for another action-packed experience here at ROPS.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday full of family and friends. To those of you who celebrate Christmas, we hope it is happy, festive and memorable.

Kind regards,



Megan Clotworthy
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Community Notices



2020 music lessons at school start the week of Monday 10 February! We offer group or individual tuition on piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele and more. If you would like your child to learn music at school next year, please enrol online at www.lewiseady.co.nz by 20 December 2019.

School's out for Summer!

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 5 - 13 YEARS**

MONDAY 16 - MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2019

Whether you have work or shopping we have ALL the fun lined up. Your child will be able to unwind and get excited in a safe accredited environment with an array of Christmas themed activities, sports and games.

WE HAVE JANUARY COVERED TOO!

Programmes run Monday 6 - Friday 31 January 2020!

www.aucklandnetball.co.nz



**Pop-up Market
this Saturday**

14th December

9am – 1pm

**Epsom Methodist Church,
12 Pah Road,
Greenwoods Corner**

To book a table contact - Rev. Tevita Taufalele

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