



Week 7, Term 1, 11 March 2020

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, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Dear Parents,

As I begin to write this newsletter, I am acutely aware of the impact that the Coronavirus is having. It has now been classified by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic. I would like to make a plea to you all as parents and whanau to remain calm and avoid any over dramatisation of this situation. Please approach it with your tamariki with reason and patience. Use it as an opportunity to get your tamariki to develop excellent health hygiene habits and learn about keeping themselves well. I will continue to update you with any new information that comes from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. At this stage, their message remains the same: wash hands well and often for at least 20 seconds, sneeze into your elbow, use tissues and dispose of them and stay home if you feel unwell. You can also find updates through these links: [Ministry of Health](#) and [Ministry of Education](#). Rest assured that we are following the guidance from both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

Teacher Only Day 13 March

A reminder that there is a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 13 March**. That means that the school is closed tomorrow as the teachers are attending a professional development day. Please make arrangements regarding care for your children. Kelly Club will be open for business for the day. You may even like a long weekend with your family!



Board of Trustees:


Special thanks to Owen Sinclair who has been Chair of our Board for the past three and a half years. His contribution and support as Board Chair has been outstanding. Owen remains on the Board, but has stepped down from Chair to allow succession and continuity. Congratulations to Michael Berry who was appointed as our Board Chair at the last meeting. Michael is a strong advocate for our school and has excellent experience and skills to bring to the role of Board Chair. Congratulations also to Jude Walter who was elected as Vice Chair and will stand in for Michael should the need arise.

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EOTC:

Last week our Year 5 students took part in Education Outside the Classroom activities. They worked on local curriculum as they climbed Mangere Mountain, they swam at Lagoon Pools and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones climbing walls. The final day was spent doing a variety of activities out of the classroom back in the school grounds. Year 6 attended their long awaited camp at Camp Adair in Hunua. This was an outstanding three days of collaboration, resilience, physical activity, confidence building and fun. Special thanks to Kirstie Rogerson, Felicity Boyd and the class teachers for the fabulous organisation that ensured that these activities were so successful. Thank you also to all the wonderful parent helpers who supported these events. We cannot run our outdoor education programme without your support. Thank you to all the staff and parents who stayed overnight at camp. This is such a generous gift of your time away from your whanau and other commitments, it is very much appreciated.





Carnival Saturday 28th March

Keep an eye out for the carnival newsletters each week and please make sure you sign up to be a volunteer. Not only will your child's class have a chance to win some fantastic prizes, but it's a great way to work together with our school community to make a difference for our kids.

We have regular Carnival Newsletter updates. Please take time to read them as we still need many more parents to sign up to help.



Three Way Conferences:

Three way conferences will be held on Monday 23 March from 3.30pm to 8pm and Wednesday 25 March from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. Please see the notice that was sent home regarding this and make your appointment online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, click on school interviews and enter the code wmvx8 and follow the directions.

Sporting Success

Ardmore Vakalahi has been selected as a member of the Under 8 Tag Football Team that will be playing in the 2020 Junior Oceania Invitational Cup. Congratulations Ardmore and good luck!

Travelwise

Bike & Scooter Month

During the Month of February the Royal Oak Travelwise students ran a successful campaign promoting active travel on bikes and scooters.

During the month the Team focused on the following key aspects:

Bike and Scooter safety

The Travelwise team focused on the safety of students scooting and biking to school. They gave golden tickets to riders who were travelling safely, wearing helmets, vests and covered shoes.

Bike and Scooter active Travel record for the Month

The Senior Travelwise students were responsible for monitoring a hub to record how many times a week the students travelled to school by bike or scooter. The winning hub for this activity, having the most students travelling to school by bike or scooter, was Manuka. Well Done!!

Bike and Scooter Friday 28th February

An outstanding number of students rode their bikes and scooters to school that were brightly decorated on Friday 28th February. The overall winner for the bike and scooter day was Chance Flux Ton. Congratulations!!!

Back to School Campaign

The aim of the campaign was 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 Travelwise team wore high visibility vests and carried bright placards displaying road safety messages.

A big thank you to our Travelwise Team who worked so hard over the month.!!!

Travelwise
School

BIKE
MONTH
FEBRUARY
FOR SCHOOLS



Translators Needed

We are really passionate about being inclusive of all our community and are looking for volunteers who would be able to translate written information into other languages. We have a vast variety of languages spoken in our ROPS community e.g Tongan, Hindi, Gujarati, Russian and Mandarin to name a few. If you are confident translating English into your own language (using a written format) please contact Vicky. vickys@rops.school.nz

Why We Teach:

The Dentist's Office of Horrors
By Emily Morrison (Manuka)

Shiver! Shiver! The boys took one slow step at a time into what they called the dentist's office of horrors. Their breathing sped up when they realized the door was a meter away.

An old lady with short curly hair, an outfit that looked like a lab coat and a grubby gold badge with black engraved letters too rusted to see what it said, "Come in boys," came her old screechy voice as she shoved them into the small damp room. The boys gulped and took a seat in the uncomfortable wooden chairs that were covered in cobwebs.

Standing behind the second chair was an old lady almost identical to the first one. At the same time in their screechy voices they said, "Now let us begin". The boys took big breaths in and out. Who knew what was going to happen next?

Shirrr! Was the first sound they heard both boys to afraid to even open their eyes the second thing was something they both saw a big shadow leaning over them. They were squinting making it hard to see what the shadow was coming from. They saw something enter their mouths and pain started filling their body's like a jug of water. Blood started dropping out of their mouths like drool. It felt like it was never going to end.

Finally, it was all over. The two boys stood up, but they barely could because they were both frozen in fear. The lady croaked in a high-pitched voice "We cannot wait to see you next year boys". Dark memories of coming here flooded their heads. "Hopefully it won't be too bad next year" they thought. Their feet squelched as they walked to the door. "Those ladies are old they will retire soon" one boy said. Their nightmare had just begun. As they walked out, they shared a cheeky smile because the boy in front of them was in for a treat.

What's coming up?

Week 7	9 Y1 Enrolments PURIRI Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	10 RATA Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	11 SWIM TRAINING 7:30AM – Jellico Pools Whanau Leaders Head Held High sessions 9.30-12.00 POHUTUKAWA Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	12 NIKAU / KOHEKOHE Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	13 TOD Kelly Club is open for child care provision
Week 8	16	17 Remuera Swim Zones	18 Year 4 EOTC	19 Year 4 EOTC Remuera Swim Zone save day	20 Year 4 EOTC
Week 9	23 Y1 Enrolments Grip Leadership conference whanau leaders all day North Shore Impact Church 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting	24 Remuera Summer Zone Field day	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
Week 11	6 Y1 Enrolments	7	8 No Violin Today due to Cellos not getting lesson due to Easter	9 9.15am school assembly Kauri	10 GOOD FRIDAY

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 2 April 2020 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be initial assessments for 2020. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.

Kind regards,



Megan Clotworthy
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Community Notices



Come & Play Football

U5 – U8 Three Kings United
 U9 – U17 Auckland United
 Register at www.threekings.org.nz



Open Day
 Sat 4 April, 9am–12pm at Keith Hay Park



FUTURE STARS CRICKET

Cricket School Holiday Coaching Program

Come join us for an action packed 2 weeks of cricket fun and games!

Here at Future Stars Cricket we've put together a team of skillful and experienced coaches to give the perfect introduction for young boys and girls keen to give cricket a go. Aimed for both kids who have played cricket before and want to develop their skills as well as those who have never picked up a bat or bowled a ball. We have interactive games and challenges to foster all levels.

Forget the run of the mill school holidays of playing hide and seek and duck, duck, goose. Instead join us with your mates to learn and improve your batting, bowling, catching and throwing skills with a series of NZ Cricket developed games and drills.



Dates

Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April

Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April

Timings

9.00am to 3.00pm daily



Pricing

Only \$45 per day

Weekly special: \$ 175 for the full week

Highly skilled coaches at prices less than that of most childcare options!

Age

5 years — 14 years

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Venues

- Pakuranga Intermediate
- Kohimarama Primary School
- Kowhai Intermediate
- Freemans Bay School



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EVERY THURS IN MARCH, 6 PM - 7 PM

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MARIST COLLEGE 
Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 – 13

OPEN DAY
 Tuesday
31 March 2020
3pm – 6pm

- **Special Character at Marist College... is real, pervasive and alive.** (Catholic Character Review Report)
- **Marist College continues to be a high performing school and provides high quality education for all students.** (Education Review Office Report)
- **Outstanding academic results.**

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Te papapa Onehunga Rugby Club

GIRLS HAVE A GO DAY
 AGES 9 – 13 YEARS OLD
 RIPPAS/TACKLE RUGBY
Friday 3rd April

5PM – 6PM
 AT FERGUSSON PARK, 5 OLEA ROAD, ONEHUNGA

Grade structure for Rippa: 7 aside
 Under 9 - Rippa
 Under 11 - Rippa
 Under 13 - Rippa
 Under 13 - Tackle Rugby (10 aside half field)

 Promote excellent ball handling and running skills

 Intro to Tackle

 Basic Skills

 Have fun!



Contact Jim Kuresa-Moore Rugby Development Officer for more information 021304721