

Week 5, Term 2, 13 May 2020

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, ia orana, welcome!

Dear whanau,

Thank you all so much for the support that you have given our tamariki over the past seven weeks. The support you have provided them as they have navigated the distance learning has enabled the tamariki to access and engage well with the learning. Thank you also to our wonderful kaiako for flipping the learning and designing distance learning programmes so efficiently. As you will all be aware by now, the Prime Minister announced that, on Monday 18 May, schools will re-open at Alert Level 2 and all tamariki are expected to return to school. To ensure that we can keep our tamariki and kaiako safe we have



set out some operational guidelines that will be sent out to you with this newsletter. These guidelines include important information regarding contact tracing and how and where our tamariki arrive at school - please read them carefully.

Some of our tamariki had a device delivered to them during the lockdown period, please ensure that this device is returned with your child on Monday, with the power cord, as we need to account for all these devices.

Important Note: If your child is not returning to school on Monday 18 May, please contact me: meganc@rops.school.nz or phone the school (09) 624 2800. For safety purposes, we must know if you are intending on keeping your child at home.

Important Notice: Teacher Only Day

As scheduled from the beginning of the year, there will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 29 May - the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend. We have decided to continue with this as we have a professional development day planned for our kaiako. Please ensure that you arrange care for your tamariki that day as the school will be closed. I will let you know as soon as possible if Kelly Club will run that day.

Why We Teach

Please check out some of the wonderful mahi completed during Alert Levels 3 and 4:

Another wonderful poem that has been published online from the Karaka Room :

<https://nzpoetrybox.wordpress.com/>

Autumn

Autumn is approaching with changes in the air,

Unleashing its transformation.

Twirling leaves fluttering like fairies

Unique trees with their colours changing and unfolding,

Misty mornings with mushrooms sprouting from the ground.

Night time comes early and sleepy trees prepare for hibernation.

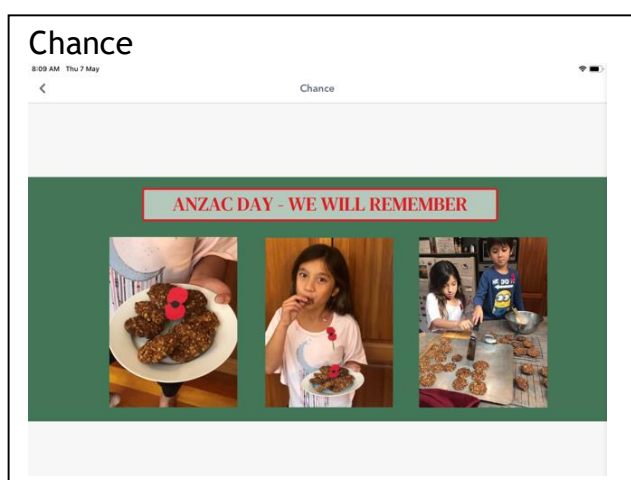
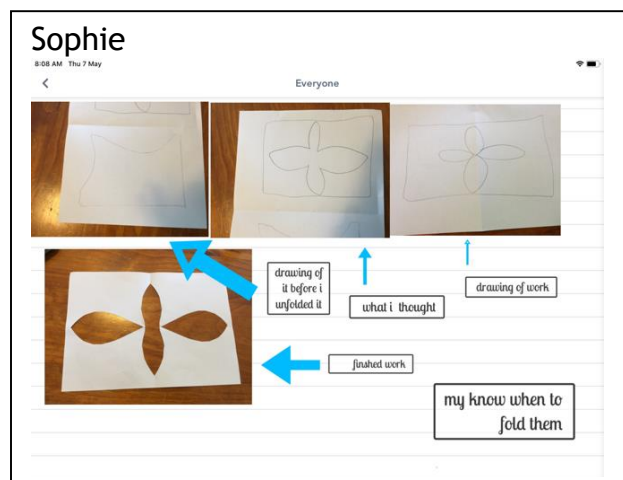
By Charlotte S. Year 5

Miguel's Lockdown Haiku

Year 4

Can't go to the park
We want to go back to work
We're stuck in lockdown

Kauri Room has been sharing their creations:



Hugo's Blog

Following on from his work on Coeliac Awareness Week at ROPS last year, Hugo has been doing a bit of work in advance for this year's one. Please see the link below for his blog post:

[Hugo's Blog Post](#)

The tamariki from Kahikatea Room have been busy authors during the lockdown:

Where I'm From.

OLIVER WALTER

I am from a big, warm and loving family
From a funny joke and a backyard test match
I am from hugs with Mum on cold winter mornings
I am a soccer ball rolling around on the frosty wet grass
I'm from sitting in the spa listening to eighties music
with dad
From awesome huts in the rumpus room with my sister
I'm from endless tennis ball throws to the dog
And crazy games with my mates
From long walks in the park or on the wet sand
I'm from long chats and yummy puddings with my
grandparents
I'm from an epic treehouse in the red berry tree
From lots of bowls of breakfast to get me started for the
day
And from dumplings and lasagne
From happy, noisy nights with my cuddies
I'm from clear beautiful water and big green hills
I'm so lucky to live in New Zealand and I love being me!

Where I am from

I am from a caring helpful community.
From a family of 4.
I am near a beautiful park in the middle of Auckland.
I am a beaming hot sandy beach with waves crashing down.
I'm from over nights on our boat exploring new places in the
ocean.
From the delicate daffodil's in springtime at the wonderful park.
I'm from racing the off-road buggy along the white sandy
beaches.
And spending time with my cousins racing the buggy
around their dirt track.
From under the ocean down deep where the creatures awake.
I'm from the squash club and play competitively against my
friends.
I'm from snorkeling around the bountiful rocks in the far north.
From behind the boat sea biscuiting around the harbour.
From a wonderful lush country full of life and amazement!
From splashing in the pool when the sun is beating down on us.
From in the forest exploring all the amazing features that New
Zealand has.
I am so extremely lucky to live in New Zealand!

By Jessica

KAHIKATEA'S ISOLATION

appreciation

A SELECTION OF THOUGHTS FROM OUR RECENT WRITING TASK

I appreciate that I can spend more time with my family because on school days I don't see my parents that often but now we are in lockdown we can spend more time together as a family.

Aleksander

“I appreciate all the essential workers, leaving their bubble to save lives.”

Bailey

I am glad that this lockdown has been sunny and warm because we wouldn't have got to play fun games outside with my siblings and cousins. **Mamaiti**

Sleep! I can sleep in for two hours more and not have to worry about school, I just need to be awake to do a video call. **Isla**

I appreciate I've got lots of siblings to keep me busy, happy, annoyed or angry. **Oscar**

I'm glad that lockdown gives us more time to get to know new people. When I say people, I mean the people who live on my road. I usually go on walks with my siblings and see other people going outside their houses to exercise and play sports. It is nice seeing people talking to each other, but still social distancing. **Maria**

I am grateful to be living in New Zealand and having a lockdown to keep everyone safe from this bad virus called Covid-19. I am very grateful for having lots of toys at home and having two younger brothers to play with so I won't be bored and playing by myself. **Ethan**

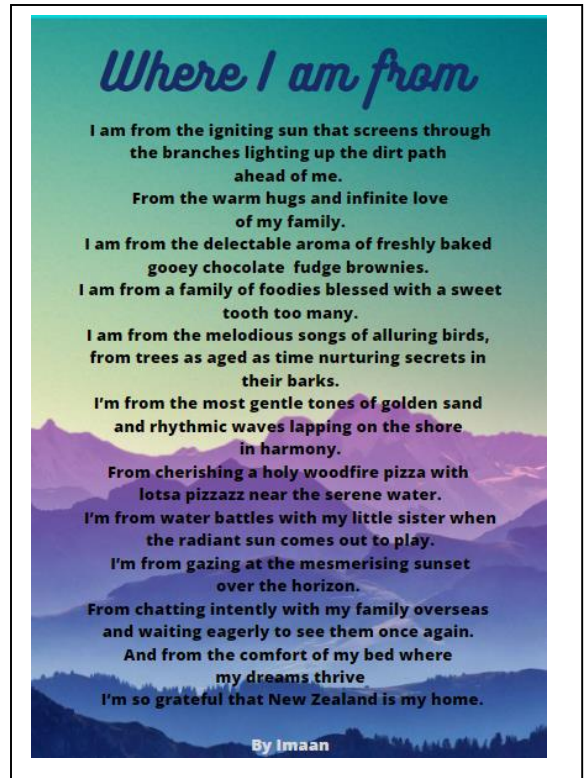
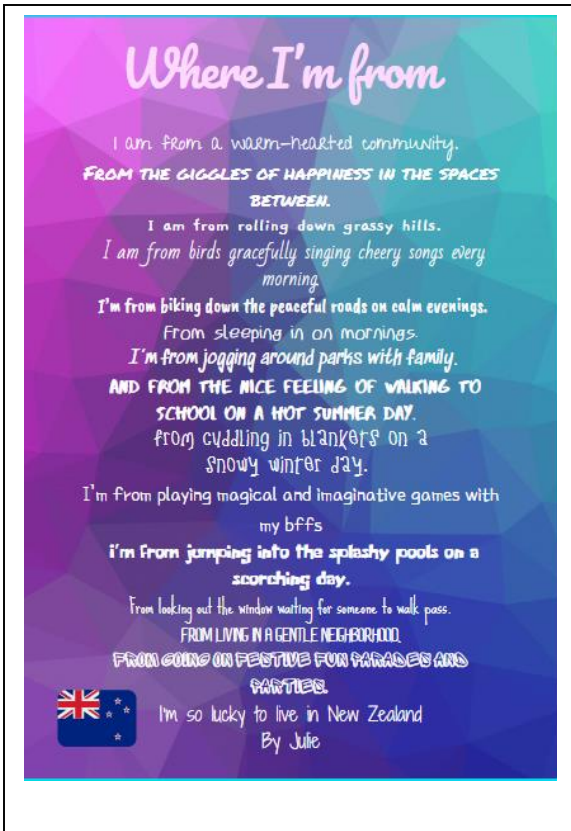
We are getting to know our neighbors which is cool. We talk at a distance, basically all are neighbours are teachers and they are very playful. My little sister has now started to play with them from the window, she is so brave. **Zainab**

I have learnt how to cook family meals not just do baking. It gives Mum and Dad some time off, they have been very busy doing their work. It is also fun to cook meals as it gives you something to do instead of watching TV until dinner is ready. It also makes you feel like you have done something good in a small space of time to brighten up your family's mood. **Zara**

“I am proud of all New Zealanders who are doing the right thing by staying home and doing everything in their bubble, except for getting food.”

Shobhit

I can exercise at home and do some push-ups and other exercises that are good for our health. I love doing exercise with my family. **Bruce**



More Kauri Creations:

Hunter



Ben

It was so much fun we had to do another one 😊
 #artathome Queen Elizabeth I by Nicholas Hilliard 1585, and by Benjamin Leaf 2020 🎨👤



Parent Group Notice

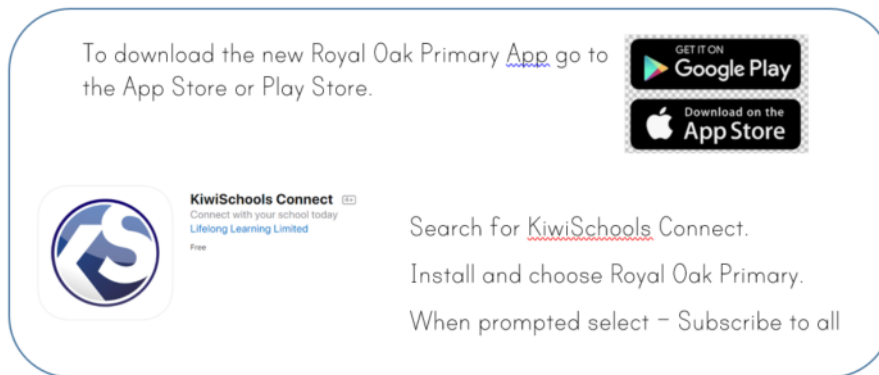
The Parent Group AGM will now take place on Wednesday 3 June at 7.30pm. We will notify you closer to the time if it will be run by zoom or held in the staffroom. All welcome.

Second Hand Uniform Sale:

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 20 May at 9am.

Royal Oak Primary School App

Sign up to the Royal Oak Primary App to easily view notifications, newsletters and the school calendar from your phone.



What's coming up?

You will notice that our calendar is now rather empty. This is a result of the guidelines around COVID-19 Alert Level 2 that we are currently working in. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility with this. We will alert you if there are any changes.

Week 5	11	12	13	14	15
Week 6	18 Y0 Enrolments	19	20 Second Hand Uniform sale - 9am	21 BOT meeting 7.00pm	22 PINK SHIRT DAY
Week 7	25	26	27	28	29 Teacher Only Day
Samoan Language Week					
Week 8	1 Queen's Birthday	2 Y0 Enrolments Matai Room opens	3 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 - 9:00am Parent Group 7.30pm AGM	4	5
Week 9	8 Y0 Enrolments	9	10	11	12

Week 10	15	16	17	18	19
Week 11	22 Y0 Enrolments	23	24	25 BOT meeting 7.00pm	26
Week 12 July	29	30	1 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7.30pm	2	3 Last day of Term 2

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 21 May 2020 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be learning support.

Have a happy fortnight.

Kind regards,



Megan Clotworthy
meganc@rops.school.nz

Community Notices

Please find below a list of agencies who are providing support for those who may be having difficulty providing food for their whanau. Please forward this information to anyone you may be aware of that could be having difficulty.

1. Auckland City Mission Foodbank - If you need a food parcel call ACM 09 303 9266 and speak to the Crisis Care team. If you are successful, you will then be given a time to collect from ACM distribution centre at 15 Auburn Street, off Boston road in Grafton. Everyone must take ID with them.

2. Salvation Army food parcels - Contact the Mt Wellington Salvation Army Community Ministry 09 379 7615 – or their local Salvation Army Community Ministry (ring 0800 53 00 00)

to find your local ministry). You will be given a time to collect your food parcel.

3. Presbyterian Support Northern - Call 09 309 2054 to arrange a pick up at 8 Madeira Lane, Grafton. Strictly no walk-ins and collections are strictly between 11-12am Mon-Fri.

4. St Vincent De Paul in Newton Branch – Call 09 815 6122 or email – Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz and they can deliver a food parcel.

5. Nga Whare Waatea Marae - Open Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm. Go to the marae at 31 Calthorp Close, Mangere with ID. Wait in car and staff will get to each person one at a time, asking relevant questions as needed.

6. Hills Church on Hillsborough Road can be emailed at office@hillschurch.nz Please provide details on your needs and they will do their best to provide a food parcel. Hills Church has also offered to go shopping for those that cannot leave home due to self-isolation if needed.

Classes for Adults:

After the huge success of our first round of free classes that have started, we are now offering a second round starting Friday 8 May, with most rolling out next week.

Once again we are hoping as many adult learners as possible will enrol in these fun virtual classrooms. All you need is a device and an internet connection.

This is a wonderful chance for you to learn something new either by yourself on-line, or with family members.

Information on how to connect will be sent once classes and enrolments are confirmed. Visit www.adultlearn.co.nz or www.aorerecommmed.co.nz for a full list of classes and information on how to register.

Please help us get this information out to as many people as possible by sending it out to your family, friends and networks.

Any questions please email us at comed@ohs.school.nz.