

Week 9, Term 3, 16 September 2020

Kia ora, talofa lava, malo e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拜啓, mabuhay, bem vindo, fakalofa lahi atu, kia orāna, kohomada, bula vinaka, huān yin, foon ying, marhaba, oso oseyo, olà, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Kia ora whānau,

We received the news on Monday that we are remaining in Alert Level 2.5 until at least next Wednesday. Thank you for supporting us by dropping your tamariki off at the gate whilst we have been at this level. We really appreciate your support. 😊

However, as I have spent each morning at the Chandler Ave gate, it has come to my attention that there are a large number of tamariki who are regularly arriving after the 8.50am bell. It is important for our tamariki to arrive at our kura and be in their classrooms ready to learn by 8.50am, when the bell goes. Being late on a regular basis can have a big impact on your child's education. Please see the chart below:

If your child is late 10 minutes a day – surely that won't matter or affect my child....

Only missing just ...	That equals...	Which is ...	Over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Similarly, if a child is absent regularly, this can also negatively impact on his/her education. Success at school is influenced by many things, and a significant factor is regular attendance and being on time for school. Like fitness routines and healthy eating, it is the cumulative effect of days, weeks and months of being on time, and coming to school, that adds up to a significant impact. If a child is absent from school for one day a week, over their time at primary school, this equals one and a quarter years of schooling they have

missed out on! One day every two weeks equates to almost one year of missed schooling by the time they leave primary school.

When we talk about concerns regarding being absent, we are definitely not talking about children coming to school when they are sick and should be at home. Sending children to school when they are sick can easily make others sick - including our teachers! We are also not even talking about the small family holiday where children are given life-long opportunities through experiences. Absenteeism and lateness are about the habits and routines that form life habits of commitment and punctuality.

We appreciate your support with getting your tamariki to school punctually and regularly.

Board of Trustees Parent Election Notice:

Royal Oak Primary School Mid-Term Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of two parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters by early in Term 4.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms will be made available from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Sunday 1 November 2020 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll will be open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours from noon Friday 9 October 2020. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 4 December 2020

Louise White

Returning Officer

Hui and Fono

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions we have been unable to gather for our annual Hui and Fono. We have proposed new dates for these in Term 4 and hope that the Alert Level at that time enables us to go ahead with these events. Invitations will be sent out closer to the event.

Hui: Tuesday 20 October 5.30pm

Fono: Wednesday 28 October 5.30pm

Teacher Only Day Term 4

As part of the accord for the Primary Teachers' contract settlement, the government granted 8 teacher only days to be taken between June 2020 and June 2022. We will have had 3 this year, we have 3 proposed for next year and 2 proposed for 2022. Our final Teacher Only Day for 2020 is scheduled for Term 4 focusing on assessment and reporting.

The date is: Friday 23 October. This day was selected to enable you to enjoy a long weekend with your whānau - it is Labour Day the following Monday.

Mental Health Awareness Week 'Inside Out' Mufti Day

To recognise Mental Health Awareness Week, along with other activities planned, we are having a mufti day on Friday 25 September. To acknowledge that what we show on the outside sometimes doesn't reflect how we are feeling on the inside, we are encouraging the tamariki to wear their clothes inside-out for this mufti day. It is not a fundraiser, so there is no need to bring along a gold coin.

Totara Room Entrepreneurs:

Totara Worm Tea!

At Royal Oak Primary we are selling worm tea for your gardens and plants, ready for spring!

- ☺ Sizes: 1l, 2l and 3l
- ☺ The prices will be: **\$2.00 for 1 l, \$3.00 for 2 l and \$5.00 for 3 l**
- ☺ At level 2 Covid restrictions order your bottles **now** by emailing this address: robynmc@rops.school.nz.
- ☺ Delivery and payment will be via the school gates, times organised by you and the Totara team via this email or we can send it home with your child.
- ☺ At level 1 you will be able to pay and collect at Totara room before and after school.
- ☺ Special opening offer: Buy two 2l bottles for \$5.00!
- ☺ If you become regular purchasers of our worm tea we will issue you with a Cra-z Compost loyalty card!
- ☺ If you have any spare milk bottles please bring them to the Totara Room clean!



Lily, Benjamin, Yu, and Moe (Cra-z Compost Totara Communications Team)

Acorns' Dance

Acorns' Dance is still happening!

We are excited to let you know that our Acorns' Winter Warmup dance is still going ahead - just in a different format. Unfortunately, we cannot have a "live" audience but we are doing the next best thing. In the last week of the term the classes will be performing on stage and, thanks to the film expertise and generosity of a couple of Acorns' parents, the dances will be filmed. At some stage that week or the first week of the holidays, we will send you out a link so that you can view your child's class dance!

Although this is not what we had originally planned for our dances we feel that this is a great way to showcase all the incredible mahi that your tamariki have put into learning their dances.

World Car Free Day

World Car Free Day 22 September

We invite all Royal Oak students and teachers to come to school in a Travelwise way on Tuesday 22nd September. There will be Travelwise students handing out golden tickets at the gate.

The class that has the highest percentage of students who come to school Car Free will win some free time and a cookie.

When: Tuesday 22 September

Where: Royal Oak School

What: World Car Free Day

Why: To promote Active Travel to School



Donated Books

If you very kindly purchased a book that was to be donated to the Library, we would love to have them back in order for them to be accessioned. Many thanks for your generosity.

Why We Teach:

Kowhai Room has made their own taniwha.

Noah H:

' My taniwha is fast. He is colourful. He's got a spikey tail. His tail looks like a dragon's tail.'

Hugo B:

' My taniwha is dangerous because the spikes are sharp and the teeth are sharp and blood thirsty.'

Parent Group

The next Parent Group meeting is Tuesday 22 September, at 7.00pm.

Samosa Orders

Please remember to get your Samosa orders into Kindo by Friday 18 September, ready for delivery on Thursday 24 September.

Entertainment Books



New Exciting Changes!

- Memberships valid for 12 months from the time you purchase
- Digital option ONLY - one membership can be SHARED between FIVE DEVICES
- Download the FREE app to VIEW the offers before you buy
- Options for single areas or multiple areas
- Membership for one year or two years

Click on the Link to go to our school Fundraising Page and buy your membership today!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9919z1>

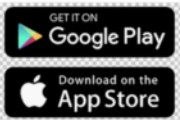

Opportunity to Learn Chinese

We have been offered the opportunity to have Chinese language classes after school here at ROPS. Please email me at meganc@rops.school.nz if your child would be interested in joining these classes. They are for both Chinese speakers and English speakers learning Chinese.

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.

To download the new Royal Oak Primary App go to the App Store or Play Store.

KiwiSchools Connect Free
Connect with your school today
 Lifelong Learning Limited

Search for KiwiSchools Connect.
 Install and choose Royal Oak Primary.
 When prompted select - Subscribe to all

What's coming up?

Please note that many of our events have had to be removed from our calendar. This is due to the change in Alert Level and the related restrictions. We will update you with any new dates and times as we are able to. Thank you for your on-going understanding, support and flexibility. 😊

Term 3 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori	14 Y0 Enrolments	15	16	17	18 9.15am School Assembly Manuka via Zoom for school
Week 10	21	22 Travelwise – World Car Free Day Parent Group 7pm	23 Year 5/6 Speeches	24 Class photos BOT meeting 7.00pm	25 Mufti Day – Inside Out Last day of term – School finishes @ 3pm

Term 4 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	12 Y0 Enrolments	13 Powhiri 10.30am	14 Parent Group 7pm	15	16 Election in Hall Saturday 17th 9.15am school Whanau Leaders TBC

Week 2 Niuean Language Week	19	20 Acorns Cross Country 5:30 Hui	21 Acorns Cross Country (Saving Day)	22	23 Teacher Only Day
Week 3 Tokelauan Language Week Cultural Celebration Week	26 Labour Day	27 Y0 Enrolments	28 5:30 Fono	29 BOT meeting 7.00pm	30
Week 4 November	2	3	4 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7pm	5 ROI Orientation Morning	6 9.15am school assembly Nikau and Kohekohe

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 24 September 2020 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be Local Curriculum.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi,



Megan Clotworthy

meganc@rops.school.nz

Community Notices



Auckland Normal Intermediate

Enrolments are now open
for 2021!

Go to ani.school.nz

*Why choose to
come to ANI?*

- Leadership opportunities which range from cultural to strategic leaders
- - Makerspaces which foster creativity, collaboration and critical thinking
- - Extension programmes for students in both numeracy and literacy

Evening Story Time At Onehunga Library

Movie time at the Library – Friday 18 September 6:30-8pm

Watch a fun children’s movie with family and friends! Bring in a can of your favourite food for another child so that they don’t go hungry.

Find out more:
Call 09 377 0209
Visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz
Onehunga
Community Library



HORZE PLAY

Totara Park
Pony Club

**A HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
FOR HORSE CRAZY KIDS**

Wednesday Sept 30th – Friday Oct 2nd
\$180 ages 7+ 9am – 12pm each day

Complete 3 activities each day – playing and learning
about horses, riding horses and watching horses

Rachael – 022 622 0781 totaraparkpc@yahoo.com

Brain overload affecting your memory?

Forgetting people's names, losing your keys and not feeling as alert as you once did?

It's probably because your brain is not in as good a shape as it used to be but don't wait until it's too late!

Brainfit

FOR LIFE

4-week class starting soon in your area.

Secure your place today

Just like any muscle, your brain just needs a regular workout to improve your memory power and the renowned Brainfit programme could be the perfect "personal trainer" for you and your brain this year.

Classes cost just \$197 for the 4 weeks
Spaces are limited

Brain Fit for Life™ is a 4-week face-to-face, group facilitated training programme that helps to build and strengthen brain connections, which serve as a valuable buffer against memory loss and brain overload, regardless of age:

- Fun and engaging way to improve your knowledge of memory and brain health
- Increased confidence and self-belief regarding memory
- Easy memory tips and ideas to practice at home and share with family and friends

So, don't delay - start your brain training today and you too can live a brain-healthy lifestyle every day.



Jude Walter



Sign up for classes at <https://brainfit.nz/classes/> or contact Jude your local Brainfit Coach at jude@brainfit.nz or 027 286 3961

Parnell Trust School Holiday Programmes

Super Spring

10 days of school holiday fun for 5-14 year olds

f ParnellTrustSchoolHolidays www.parnell.org.nz/SHP

Parnell Trust's Super Spring Holiday Programme – awesome activities every day for 5-14 year olds from 28 Sept – 9 Oct.

Parnell Trust has an amazing line-up of activities and adventures for the October holidays, guaranteed to keep your kids happy and stimulated all day long! Choose from two activities each day priced from \$59. Specially for busy parents, you can drop your

kids off as early as 7.30am and pick them up as late as 6pm for no extra charge. Programmes available in Epsom and Parnell from 7.30am to 6pm every day - perfect for busy parents. See our website for details at www.parnell.org.nz/shp or phone 09 555 5194.