

**Week 9, Term 4, 09 December 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, welcome!**

Dear Parents,

It is absolutely incredible to think that this is the final school week for 2020. This year has been one out of the bag! I would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support through the tricky times. Your positivity has been fabulous, and we have just kept on going through alert levels! Well done to all our tamariki who adapted and managed the changes so incredibly well. Farewell to our tamariki and whanau who are leaving us. All the very best to you all for the pathways that you will now follow. Some of our whanau have faced tragic challenges in 2020, I hold them close in my heart as we move into the Christmas season.

#### **Connect with the Whanau Evenings 2021:**

Early next year we will be holding our **Connect with the Whanau Evenings** on Tuesday 16 February and Thursday 18 February (Week 3). We will send more information out about these closer to the time. Please make sure you have these evenings on your calendar as we love the chance to meet you early in the year.

#### **Classes for 2021**

Last week the classes were announced for 2021. The children have visited their 2021 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.

Unfortunately, I have heard murmurings about the make-up of the Year 5 and 6 classes. Please know that there is much time and consideration put into compiling the classes. The murmurings are simply rumours, possibly people's personal perspectives, and have absolutely no substance. This type of talk is not constructive for our kura, so please, if you do hear of it, respectfully remind folk that it is not true and very unhelpful.

#### **Reports**

On Tuesday you will have received 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.

## Families Leaving the School and Kindo

### School Leavers – notice re ezlunch / Kindo school shop

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

### Year 6 Awards Celebration

Last week we celebrated the successes of our Year 6 children. It was wonderful to take part in a morning 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 - eventually, after weather delays! Special congratulations to our finalists. All tamariki had a great time competing in their running races. Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped us out on the day and for supporting all the tamariki!

Please see our 80m sprint results below:

## Acorn 80 metre sprint winners 2020

Year Level	Girls	Boys
Year 0	1 Alice Barnett	1 Sione Pasa
	2 Frankie Jacobsen	2 Selui 'One'one
	3 Jasmine Nickles	3 Georgio Kirby
Year 1	1 Nina Fookes	1 <sup>st</sup> equal Ronny Ofahulu
	1 Amanda Bell-Fuiava	1 <sup>st</sup> equal Hadleigh Sherpa
	3 Dominik Misi-Penitani	3 Ben Weisz-Emmett
Year 2	1 Isla Smith	1 Brody Barnett
	2 Kate McQueen	2 Thomas Dodson
	3 Luna Xu	3 Kobe Helleur
Year 3	1 Olivia Sanders	1 Siaosi Pasa
	2 Zara 'One'one	2 Aiden Liggett
	3 Esme Battson	3 Jah Mita

### End of Year Data - Reading, Writing and Maths

We are delighted to share the achievement data with you. Despite the difficult year we have endured, the data is positive. Congratulations first and foremost to our tamariki who have worked hard and progressed in their learning. Congratulations also to our teachers for providing programmes that have been tailored to meet their needs and accelerate their learning so well. We are pleased with the outcomes:

<b>Percentages At or Above Curriculum Level – Reading 2020</b>		
	<b>mid-year 2020</b>	<b>end of year 2020</b>
Year 1	8%	53%
Year 2	53%	85%
Year 3	60%	75%
Year 4	74%	89%
Year 5	71%	79%
Year 6	80%	89%

<b>Percentages At or Above Curriculum Level – Writing 2020</b>		
	<b>mid-year 2020</b>	<b>end of year 2020</b>
Year 1	39%	79%
Year 2	59%	88%
Year 3	58%	73%
Year 4	64%	73%
Year 5	59%	74%
Year 6	68%	86%

<b>Percentages At or Above Curriculum Level – Mathematics 2020</b>		
	<b>mid- year 2020</b>	<b>end of year 2020</b>
Year 1	52%	86%
Year 2	50%	92%
Year 3	61%	82%
Year 4	63%	78%
Year 5	71%	78%
Year 6	75%	81%

### **An Impressive Student Achievement**

Kaiden Parsons got selected for the New Zealand U12 Baseball team. It is a squad of 30 children who go to a camp in January at which time the travelling team will get selected along with a development team. Such an amazing achievement! Well done, Kaiden, we are proud of you!



### WeetBix Tryathlon

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



### Padder Tennis Winners



### Auckland City Mission Angels' Appeal

Thank you so much for all the generous donations that you have provided for this cause. It will be delivered this week and will support many families in our city this Christmas. 😊

### BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Thursday 25 February 2021 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be curriculum planning for 2021. We will also be discussing the charter and strategic plan. You are always most welcome to attend.

### Dates for 2021

Term 1 begins on Tuesday 2 February **TOD Tuesday 9 February** (100 half days)

Term 1 ends: Friday 16 April

Term 2 begins: Monday 03 May **TOD Tuesday 8 June** (98 half days)

Term 2 ends: Friday 9 July

Term 3 begins: Monday 26 July (100 half days)

Term 3 ends: Friday 1 October

Term 4 begins: Monday 18 October **TOD Friday 22 October** (82 half days)

Term 4 ends: Tuesday 14 December

Total **380 half days**: which is the number of days required by the Ministry of Education to be open for instruction in 2021. This includes the Teacher Only Days that were included in our latest Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement.

**Term 1 2021**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 01/02-05/02	1 Anniversary Day	2 School begins	3	4	5
<b>Week 2</b> 08/02-12/02	8 Waitangi Day Holiday	9 Teacher Only Day	10 Parents Group mtg	11	12
<b>Week 3</b> 15/02-19/02	15 Co-curricular Music Programme Starts	16 Connect with the whanau evening	17 First Violin Lesson 2021	18 Connect with the whanau evening – After – School Violin Group Lesson Starts	19 First Cello Lesson 2021
<b>Week 4</b> 22/02-26/02	22	23	24 String Programme Parent Evening – Staff Room 7.30pm	25 BOT meeting 7.00pm	26
<b>Week 5</b> 01/03-05/03	01	02	03 Year 6 Camp Year 5 EOTC Parent Group meeting	04 Year 6 Camp Year 5 EOTC	05 Year 6 Camp Year 5 EOTC

## School begins again on Tuesday 2 February, 2021.

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 families 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,



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## Community Notices



**KELLY CLUB** Summer **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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[www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

**LOOKING FOR  
SOME HELP  
LEADING UP TO  
CHRISTMAS?**

*looking after the kids or babysitting*

**Crissy Sanders**

- 17 Years Old
- Deputy Head Girl at Baradene College in 2020
- Great with kids, and plenty of experience
- Lives in the local area
- Full drivers license
- Happy to cook
- Loves sport
- Friendly and caring
- Responsible, honest and reliable
- Can provide references



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