

Week 7, Term 1, 17 March 2021

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!

Kia ora whānau,

It is wonderful to be back at Alert level 1. Who would have thought that a year ago we were just moving into this unknown Alert level system and now it has become a way of life? I have been so impressed at the way the tamariki have returned to school ready for learning. It is also fabulous to be able to welcome our community back in through the gates. Our kura is buzzing at the moment with all the mahi that our whānau are doing to prepare for the Food Festival. We have a wonderful group of whānau working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the big day goes ahead without a hitch. Remember, if you haven't signed up to help, please do so.

Parent Group

The Food and Cultural Festival will be held on the 27th of March and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. Please look out for the newsletters, volunteer sign-up sheets and mufti days which we will hold to collect different items each week for the festival.

We are currently selling raffle tickets. One book went home with each child and we would really appreciate it if you could sell the book that your child brings home and return the ticket butts and the money to school.

We are also looking for as many volunteers as we can possibly get. Please sign up for a block of time to help out on the day.

We count on your help and contribution to make ROPS Food and Cultural Festival successful.

Bottle Bank Mufti day Wednesday 24 March



Please check your eTap emails as we approach the Bottle Bank Mufti Day next Wednesday 24 March. Our tamariki are invited to wear mufti and to bring along a bottle for our bottle stand at the Food Festival.

A Fabulous Opportunity for our Tamariki

Last Friday we got a wonderful opportunity for some of our Oaks tamariki to go sailing. This was filmed for TV3 News, Sky Sport, The Crowd Goes Wild and the Herald. The camera crews also came into a couple of our Oaks' classrooms to capture the mahi being done by our tamariki relating to our current inquiry. I felt incredibly proud of how our tamariki presented themselves. Thank you to all the Kaiako and whānau involved, who helped transport. Special thanks to Whaea Robyn and Whaea Felicity for organising the trip and making it happen. You can view the clip here:

Royal Oak Primary Makes the News!

Our New Assembly Format for Term 1 2021

As we have been moving in and out of Alert Levels, we decided to review our assemblies to ensure that we are acknowledging our tamariki. We have decided to trial a new system for Term 1. We had the first of our Values assemblies last Friday. The purpose of these assemblies is to have a strong emphasis on our school values, celebrating those tamariki who have earned bands and badges and also drawing six names out of our tombola. The names in the tombola are the tamariki who have earned golden tickets by displaying our values of care,

respect or empower. We are also presenting Student of Note Certificates, but in a different way. Student of Note certificates will be presented on Fridays on alternate weeks. This will not be done in an assembly format. The tamariki will be announced over the school speaker system. Those whose names are announced will come to the office where I will present them with their certificate and have a photo taken. This photo will then be shared with the whānau. Their names will then be published in the next newsletter. As mentioned earlier, we are trialling this system to see how it goes. I will ask for feedback early next term. We have our first Student of Note presentation this Friday.

Board of Trustees - Strategic Plan

In each newsletter, I will highlight aspects of our strategic plan. This is the plan that guides all that we do here at Royal Oak Primary School. This newsletter outlines our vision, values and mission statement.

Vision: Care - Manaaki, Respect - Whakaute, Empower - Whakamana

Values: Manaaki - caring for community, atawhai, arohatanga

Whakaute - empathy, inclusivity, celebrating diversity

Whakamana- student agency, resiliency, future focus

<u>Mission Statement</u>: Creating a broad range of opportunities for curious, creative, critical thinkers who continue to learn and make a positive difference in their world.

Mahi Tahi evenings

Following the previous lockdown glitch that we experienced, the Mahi Tahi evenings have now been rescheduled to take place on Monday 22 March and Wednesday 24 March. The purpose of the evenings is to bring your whānau along and meet with at least one of the Kaiako in the classroom. A notice was sent home regarding booking these last week. If you have any questions please contact the office. We look forward to seeing you.

Music Programme Update

Our Co-Curricular Music Programme (both instrumental groups and choirs) have now started for the year! Many thanks to all parents of our ROPS musicians for their ongoing support and understanding as we navigated through multiple lockdown interruptions.

Now, excitingly, 8am before-school instrumental group rehearsals for Ukulele, Oakestra, Recorder and



Handchimes are once again filling the Music Room with vibrant sounds, smiles, and lots of new learning. The instrumental groups are also really enjoying the amazing set of new orchestral music stands very generously gifted to the Music Programme by parent Mrs Karyn Kurzeja. Everyone feels very professional when they use them!

Our ROPS String Programme 2021 has also begun, and a very successful parent information evening was held where parents of our string players learnt how to tune their child's instrument. Huge appreciation to our Violin teacher Miranda Hutton, and Cello teacher Margaret Cooke for their expertise in presenting, and also for their flexibility in continuing violin and cello lessons via Zoom during recent Level 3 lockdowns.

Finally, singing continues to be very strong at our school this year, both in our Kodaly Concept Classroom Programme, whole school singing in assemblies, and

also in the large numbers of children choosing to be involved in choirs. Whaea Amelia (formally known as Miss Giles) our Music Specialist has enjoyed starting to rehearse our massed Y3-6 choir *ROPS Voices*, and the Y3/4 invited choir *ROPStars*. She is very much looking forward to meeting with the Y5/6 invited choir *Royal Harmonics* on Friday.

Look out for our ROPS Ukulele Groups, Y4-6 String Players, and fantastic combined forces of all three of our Y3-6 choirs on-stage in performances at our Food & Cultural Festival on Saturday March 27th.

Music Stands Gifted to the School

The Kurzeja whānau, who previously had Ryan and Olivia attending our kura, have most generously donated a number of music stands to support our musicians. All went well with KBB staff arriving to set them up in late January, and whilst we all know 2021 thus far has been unlike



no other back-to-school season, our co-curricular music groups have finally been able to start, and the music stands are proving invaluable resources. Special thanks to the Kurzeja whānau for their kindness and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

Second Hand Uniform Sales

The Second Hand Uniform Team needs extra hands!

We are looking for two more parents to join the team who look after the once-a-month, Second Hand Uniform sale; which is held on the first Wednesday morning of each month. If you think you would like to be part of this important service to our school community, please get in touch with Megan: meganc@rop.school.nz

What's coming up?

Term 1 2021

	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
Week 7	15	16	17	18	19
15/03 –	Y1 Enrolments	Mufti Day: Chocolate	Year 5/6 Maritime Museum	Year 5/6 Maritime Museum	Year 5/6 Maritime
19/03			Swimming Practice		Museum
Dental	Year 4				
Van	EOTC WaterSafety –				Year 4 Kelly Tarltons
1-19	Jellicoe 12-2				
March					
Week 8	22	23	24	25	26 Year 6 Puberty Talks
22/03 –	<mark>Mahi Tahi evening</mark>	RZ Swimming Day	<mark>Mahi Tahi evening</mark>		(girls)
26/03			Mufti Day: Bottle bank		
				BOT Meeting 7.00pm	<mark>Sat 27th (Food Festival)</mark>
Week 9	29	30	31	1	2
29/3 –	Y1 Enrolments		Matai / Kowhai– Maritime		Good Friday
02/04			trip		
Week	05	06	07	08	09
10	Easter Monday	Easter Tuesday	Uniform sales	Year1/2/3 EOTC	Year1/2/3 EOTC
05/04 –				Maungakiekie?	Maungakiekie?
09/04					Year 5 Puberty Talks
					(girls)
Week	12	13	14	15	16
11	Y1 Enrolments	Summer Field Day			Last day of term
12/04 –		Year1/2/3 EOTC			
16/04		Maungakiekie?			

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is in the staffroom on **Thursday 25 March 2021** at **7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be special needs. You are always most welcome to attend.

Walking School Bus

If you would like to be in to win some prizes why not try joining one of the Walking School buses. For more information on the walking school buses contact the office for details.

Be kind and have a happy fortnight. Ngā mihi nui

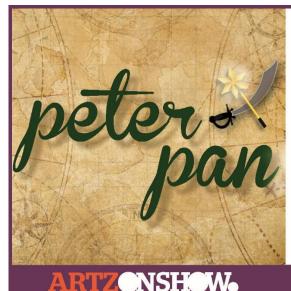
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Community Notices



at our Waikaraka Park clubrooms, bottom of Captain Springs Rd.



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years. Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

19 - 23 April 2021, 9 am – 4 pm daily Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom Girls Grammar School *View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129*



ROYAL OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?

Open to all Royal Oak Primary School students.

WHEN?

Lessons are held during and after school time at ROPS, on Mondays.

WHERE?

Royal Oak Primary School.

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
 Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
 Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information skligh.co.m: + kateinlach@headheldhigh.co.m: + Kate 027 642 0300 In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part off

In addition to all of the above, Head Held high students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your FREE trial lesson simply visit:

www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them! Simply email: janita@headheldhigh.co.nz







Onehunga-Mangere Football registrations for this season will be online

Online Registrations close 31st March 2021

The registration system is an on-line system, so if you want to register, you can go on to our website now to register.

For further information or to register visit the club website, - <u>www.omuafc.org.nz</u>





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