

Week 1, Term 4, 20 October 2021

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

Fakalofa lahi atu,

Our kura is looking wonderful at the moment, Spring has sprung (Photo credits: Whaea Mola):



Welcome back to Term 4. I would like to do a huge shout out to our tamariki who have been so resilient through these very different, ever-changing times. Many of them have just switched quickly to a new way of learning and are managing this well. They are experiencing something very different, different from anything that we experienced in our childhoods. I feel proud of what many of them are achieving. As you may have heard in today's broadcast, Minister Hipkins said that there have been no decisions made regarding the return of primary schools, but this will be re-evaluated next Tuesday. I will update you as soon as I hear any details of change.

Thank you all for your on-going positivity, support and understanding. It is all very much appreciated by our leadership team and our Kaiako.

#### Vaccine Mandate

Please be assured that all Royal Oak Primary staff (and agencies or contractors working or volunteering in our school) will be double vaccinated and/or return a negative Covid-19 test before attending work, and that we are committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for our community.

### Teacher Only Day Reminder: Friday 22 October is a Teacher Only Day

Regarding the **Teacher Only Day** that was scheduled to take place on Friday 22 October the Board made the following decision:

(Message taken from an email sent to whānau from our Presiding Member, Michael Berry)“At our meeting last night, the Board of Trustees agreed that the Teacher Only Day, originally planned for 22 October, will be postponed until next year. **Assuming we are at Alert Level 2 or 1**, the school will be open as usual on this day.\*

\* Whilst we hope it won't happen, **in the event that Auckland is at Alert Level 4 or 3 on 22 October, the Teacher Only Day will still take place.** Teachers would not be providing any online presence and the school would be closed for instruction.”

**Therefore, as we are in Alert Level 3, the school will be closed for instruction this Friday 22 October. The tamariki may continue with their distance learning, however it will not be checked on Friday and there will not be any zooms. Bubble School will also be closed on Friday 22 October.**

A reminder, also, that school is closed next Monday 25 October as it is Labour Day, which is a public holiday.

### New Enrolments/Leavers

We have a number of Year 6 children leaving at the end of this year. As we look ahead to the new year, we need to know who is leaving (other than Year 6 children) and who is coming in next year. If you have younger children, please pre-enrol them and let your in-zone friends and neighbours know that we need them to do the same. We are now looking at staffing for 2022 and need a reasonably clear picture of student numbers. Please email Louise (louisew@rops.school.nz) if you know you are leaving (other than Year 6) or have a pre-enrolment.

### Distance Learning

The Kaiako are providing distance learning programmes for their classes, including daily zooms for the tamariki.

As well as that, our ROPS Learning at Home Website can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ropslearningathome/home>

You can also access Learning from Home Resources from The Ministry of

Education: <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/learning-resources/supporting-learning-from-home-resources>

If you require a hard pack, please contact Vicky Stewart (Acorns) [vickys@rops.school.nz](mailto:vickys@rops.school.nz) or Felicity Boyd (Oaks) [felicityb@rops.school.nz](mailto:felicityb@rops.school.nz). You will be able to arrange a time to pick them up (contactless) from the Chandler Ave gate.

### Other opportunities to Support learning at Home

#### Schedule for Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga

The programming schedule for Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga on the Learning from Home website is now available as a downloadable PDF. See the schedule here. A reminder of how to enable captions - information can be found here. It is primarily for learners without internet connectivity. It can be accessed on Duke+1 (Freeview channel 18). Those households who have Sky can also access Duke +1 on channel 504. For households who have internet connectivity they can access the lessons through TVNZ On Demand.

#### Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora

In partnership with Māori Television, the Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 series has been launched to ensure Māori language learning can continue anywhere, anytime for tamariki. Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 screens on Te Reo channel every weekday from 9am to 12pm. Programmes will also be available online on the Māori TV website and on the Māori+ app.

### Board of Trustees

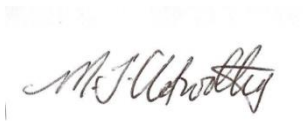
The next meeting will be held at **6.00pm on Monday 08 November**. Our curriculum foci for this meeting will be Te Reo and Gifted and Talented.

Please do take care.

Keep safe and well.

Kia kaha

Ngā mihi nui



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### Te Whare Tapa Whā (Mason Durie) to Support Your Wellbeing



**Working from home using Whare Tapa Whā**



**Taha Tinana**  
(Physical Health)

- Get outside for some fresh air
- Fill your body with nutritious kai
- Take frequent breaks from sitting
- Separate work life and home life #balance

**Taha Whānau – Providing us with aroha, strength, belonging, sharing and caring**



**Taha Wairua**  
(Spiritual Health)

- Notice the beauty in the world and around your home
- Practice mindfulness exercises or purposeful pauses during the day
- Take time to feel the sun on your skin and breath in fresh air
- Thank someone for how they make you feel or for the work they do



**Taha Hinengaro**  
(Mental and Emotional Health)

- Create a routine or to do list
- Put on a positive podcast or music to keep your spirits high
- Take regular breaks. Go outside and smell the roses.
- Set ground rules with household for when you are at work.

### Lockdown Tips for whānau and communities

Please find below a short video hosted by Dr Hinemoa Elder and Nathan Wallis with lockdown tips for whānau and communities.



- <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/lockdown-tips-with-dr-hinemoa-elder-and-nathan-wallis/>

If your whānau are struggling right now there's lots of support in this community, so don't be shy to reach out. Onehunga foodbanks serving whānau in this area run on Wednesdays but can respond if there's a need on other days. If you've exhausted WINZ support, contact either

- New Hope Foodbank, Onehunga on 021770050 or email [foodbank@newhope.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@newhope.org.nz)
- Beat St Foodbank, Oranga, call 0800 767767

Also, food parcels are given out at St Peter's on the mall, Onehunga Embracing Families, Saturdays 10 to 12pm. Just turn up.

There are also the big foodbanks: Salvation Army 0800530000, St Vinnie's 0800680090 and Auckland City Mission 0800223663. Be patient, phone lines are busy, but they will get back to you.

A BIG thank you to those who have donated or dropped off food to foodbanks or local pataka.

Naku te rourou nau te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. ❤️

(With your foodbasket and my foodbasket the people will thrive) ❤️



**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 and specialised classes, for an eventful week!

20 - 24 December 2021, 9am – 4pm daily  
Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,  
Epsom Girls Grammar School

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