

Week 9, Term 3, 21 September 2022

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, assalamu alaikum, oso oseyo, olà, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Kia ora koutou,

We have had a very busy time over the past fortnight with our tamariki participating in a wide range of events including: Kids Sing, Tournament of Minds Nationals, EPRo8 Semi-Finals, String Recital, zone cross country, Gymnastics Champion of Champions, Wig Wednesday, Te Wiki o te reo Māori, Tongan Language Week and many other wonderful things! Celebrations for Tournament of Minds, EPRo8 and Gymnastics Champion of Champions news will be sent out in a separate newsletter.

Kids Sing 2022

On Tuesday 13 September our Year 5 and Year 6 choir travelled to Auckland Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell to perform at Kids Sing 2022. Such a beautiful venue, and a wonderful, positive event to be part of.

This year Kids Sing was a completely non-competitive event to account for interruptions to choral activities due to the pandemic. However, competition or not, all our ROPS musicians recognized they needed to represent themselves, their whānau, and their school with excellence and worked hard towards this Kids Sing goal.



All the hard work paid off and the choir sang their two Kids Sing songs very well, with many comments made by audience regarding their musicianship. We were lucky enough to have collaborative pianist Justin Bird play for the choir which was amazing. Thank you Justin - it was such a pleasure working with you.



Also, with such a strong cohort of confident violinists and cellists, the choir sang a piece accompanied by a small string orchestra of Y4-6 string players. This was such an exciting learning experience -

especially since the choir also rose to the challenge of singing in German. The other song the choir sang called 'Whisper' gave them the chance to demonstrate their fluent part-singing, and stage craft skills. The audience loved it!

Many thanks to all parents and staff for their support of our Kids Sing 2022 project.

To the singers in the choir - we are so proud of you all, and the way you embody that we are a singing school! What amazing ROPS musicians you are. Special thanks must go to Amelia Giles for her talent and dedication to get our tamariki to perform to such a high level. Well done!

Parent Group

Disco - this week!

Our annual Acorns and Oaks disco night is being held this week on **Friday 23 September**.

Mufti Day this Friday: Bring along a chocolate bar for wearing mufti FOOD & CULTURE FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce the **Food & Culture Festival** will be back in Term 4! Please save the date for **Saturday 19th November from 10am - 2pm**. We want this to be a fantastic event for our tamariki and for this to happen we need your ideas and help to make the event a success.

Next Parent Group Meeting

The next meeting is being held on **Wednesday 2 November** @7pm in the staffroom.

FOOD FESTIVAL WORKING BEE POSTPONED THIS WEEKEND - see note below

With the announcement of the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day this Monday, we have postponed the Food Festival working bee this Saturday 24th until term 4. Thanks to those who volunteered, and we will communicate a new date next term.



CALENDAR ART IS LIVE!

It's that time of year again. Royal Oak Primary is once again partnering with Kids Art Works to offer you calendars, cards, notebooks, diaries and mouse mats for 2023 featuring your child's artwork. Not only are these great for personal use, they also take the hassle out of gift buying for busy parents - customised with each child's artwork and ready to go for Christmas. Grandparents simple love them!

Jump onto KINDO now to order. Orders close **Friday 23rd September 2022** so that your items will arrive in Term 4!

(Samples of how the finished product look are available to view in the office.)

Charly Burne

Tongan Language Week



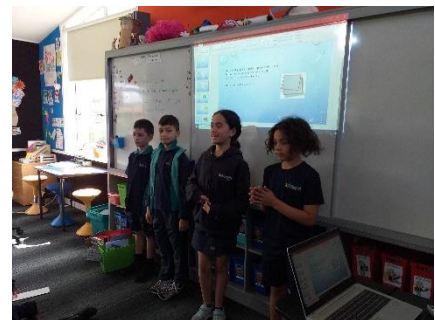
As part of our celebrations for Tongan Language Week, Karaka made otai. Otai is a delicious, refreshing drink. We made ours with crushed pineapple, mango, grated apples, lemon juice, coconut cream and coconut water. Ifo atu!



Te Wiki o te reo Māori



Te Wiki o te reo Māori was celebrated last wiki at kura with Rōpū Rangatahi (our Māori youth group) running akomanga sessions for the tamariki in the Year 2-6 classes. The classes enjoyed the quiz, waiata and games that the Rōpū lead, as well as the "tuakana" aspect of other tamariki leading a lesson for them. Rōpū Rangatahi tamariki thoroughly enjoyed the



experience, with some being surprised how hard it is to teach, and others wanting to become kaiako. Tino pai ō mahi. Ngā mihi Whaea Kirsty!

Digital Safety Message

It appears that some frightening images and videos have started circulating again of a seemingly innocent blue teddy bear that turns into a villain, singing about hugging and killing.

These videos are reportedly found on TikTok, Roblox and Youtube and children are enticed to watch this cute bear who turns into a scary bear and encourages viewers to 'take their last breath'. Huggy Wuggy is from the video game Poppy Playtime. This game does not have an age rating so the content is unfiltered and can freely circulate under the radar as the names of the videos do not raise red flags. We have been alerted by some conversations amongst tamariki that these videos are reappearing online and in games out of school.

The following advice comes from Linewize and other online safety services.

If your child is affected, please talk about the fact that Huggy Wuggy isn't real and cannot harm them. They are safe. If they haven't brought it up, please don't mention it as that can encourage them to go searching. As always, a balance is required. Please remain a trusted adult that your child will confide in when they find confronting material rather than banning their devices. This can cause a child to stop confiding in you if they believe their device will disappear.

Trending videos and games are very tempting for young people so discussions around the desire to succumb to peer pressure can be important so that they can make decisions about their digital viewing, preferably decisions that avoid uncomfortable material.

Winter Sports Field Day Continued - Football

ROPS sent two teams to the competitive football field day at Ngahue reserve. There were a few nervous children who hadn't competed against other schools before. They quickly grew in confidence as they discovered they had the skill to match it with anyone. The division 1 side finished 5th. The division 2 side, qualified for the semi-finals and finished 4th. Many of the year 5s are already looking forward to 2023 and what they could achieve. Two year 5 and 6s teams also went to the Remuera zones non-competitive football. Our teams took away 5 wins and came back to kura with big smiles. It was a wonderful day of fun and outstanding sportsmanship!



Netball

Congratulations to the three netball teams who competed with determination and fabulous fair play. They had a busy day of games in the sun. Congratulations to all but in particular to the Year 6 ROPS Magic who finished 2nd in their pool and Year 5 ROPS Tactix who finished 3rd in their pool.

Year 5 and 6 students at school had a day of sporting and other activities including a visit from Olympic



Ambassador Anna Wilcox who shared about her experiences as NZ skier.

Parkside Village String Recital

This past Sunday, 18 September, thirty five of our Royal Oak Primary School Violinists and Cellists visited Parkside Village to give a recital. The tamariki, supported by their string teachers Miranda Hutton (Violin) and Margaret Cooke (Cello), and collaborative pianist, parent Sigmund Sue, delighted a large audience of residents and parents with a carefully



rehearsed recital of small group items. Everyone was very impressed with the confident and polished way the children performed.

Giving a full recital outside the school campus is a new initiative, which we would very much like to become an annual event in our String Programme annual calendar. It's so important for our young musicians to share their love of music with others in their wider community.

Many thanks to all whānau of the performers for their support of the event.

The tamariki really shone, and were absolutely outstanding representatives of the school and their families. Huge thanks also to Margaret, Miranda and Sigmund for their ongoing work with our violinists and cellists. We are blessed indeed to have you working at our school. Congratulations and thank you again to Whaea Amelia, who is such a taonga for our kura.



Zone Cross Country

On Tuesday, our year five and six cross country team runners competed in the Remuera Zone Cross Country race held at St Kentigern College. Our team put on an outstanding performance and every single runner contributed towards a fantastic display of endurance running and teamwork. Congratulations to Olivia Sanders and Esme Battson for finishing in the Top 10 in the Year 5 girl's races. Olivia achieved 2nd place followed by Esme in 9th. All the year groups displayed hard work and resilience and finished the day with amazing results. Thank you Whaea Mel for organising our team.

Climbing Success

Congratulations to Yume and Nina who competition the National Bouldering Competition in Wellington at the end of August. Yume finished 1st in the Under 12 section and Nina came 3rd. Well done to both girls.



Try to get active on World Car Free Day!

Dear Parents

Tomorrow on Thursday 22 September it is World Car Free Day.

The Travelwise team are running a campaign to try to get as many students to come to school Car Free.

We are encouraging all drivers to leave their cars at home and use alternative forms of transport on World Car Free Day.

Every year on 22 September, people from around the world choose to walk, cycle and use public transport for their journeys to show that there is a cleaner, greener alternative to getting into the car for every trip.

The travelwise team will be at the gate tomorrow to give out golden tickets and there will be a class reward of pizza for the class who comes to school with the highest percentage of Car Free.

Trees for Survival Planting Day August 19th

In week 4 of this term our team of 42 Year 6 Eco Warriors braved the wet, winter, weather and planted the native trees we have been nurturing over the past year at Puhinui Regional Park. With an enthusiastic team of parents and our trees for Survival Co-



Ordinator, Susan Hall, we planted 848 trees within two hours. What an amazing example of Ma tini ma mano karapa te whai - Many hands make light work, unity is strength!

Thanks also needs to go to the students who tirelessly 'potted on' what were tiny seedlings, into P3 bags so



we could grow them to be able to be planted this year. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 Eco warriors all contribute to caring for these trees and the Year 6 group get to plant them along waterway banks and streams on farms and Regional Parks to improve water quality and the biodiversity of plants, birds and insects.

ROPS has been part of the Trees for Survival Programme for 6 years and we have raised and planted 5,500 trees in that time. This is an important part of the Eco Warrior and

Environmental Programme at our school, where students work toward a common goal to help our environment over a sustained period. We will be receiving our next batch of seedlings to 'pot on' any day now!

Thanks go to the Pullman Group for sponsoring the cost of the soil and plants and the Trees for Survival team for their expertise and encouragement. A special thanks to our amazing parents, without whom these experiences could not happen at our school. Special thanks also to Robyn McConnell who facilitates this event each year!

What's coming up this term and next term?

Term 3 2022

	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
Wiki 9 19/09 – 23/09	19 Y1 Enrolments	20 Zone Cross Country	21 EPRo8 Regional Finals Gymnastics Champion of Champions	22 Fono 5:30 Zone Cross Country (save day)	23 Samosas close Parent Group School Disco
Wiki 10 26/09 – 30/09 Chinese Lang Week Tuvalu Lang Week	26 Holiday to honour Queen Elizabeth	27 Acorns Cross Country BOT meeting 6.00pm	28 Year 5/6 Speech Finals	29 Samosa delivery Acorns Cross Country (saving day)	30 Last day of term Tannoy Assembly – Student of Note / Values

Term 4 2022

	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
Wiki 1 17/10 - 21/10 Niue Lang Week	17 Y1 Enrolments	8 School Photos - Photolife	19	20	21

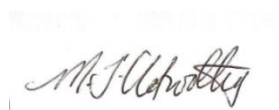
Wiki 2 24/10 – 28/10 Diwali Tokelau Lang Week	24 Labour Day Holiday	25	26 Year 5/6 Kiwi Kapers APO Trip 11.30am at Aotea Centre	27	28 Science Display ? TBC Mufti Day - groceries
Wiki 3 31/10 – 04/11	31 Y1 Enrolments	01	02 Parent Group mtg	03 Bunka no Hi (Japan) Cultural Day	04
Wiki 4 07/11 – 11/11	07 BOT Meeting 6.00pm	08 Ukulele Group NZ Uke Trust Jam – Jnr Dilworth Time TBC	09 Kahui Ako Sports Tournament Day Turbo Touch Ki O Rahi Fergusson Park	10	11
Wiki 5 14/11 – 18/11	14 Y1 Enrolments	15	16	17	18 Sat 19 Nov. Parent Group Food Festival
Wiki 6 21/11 – 25/11	21 Music Week 2022	22	23 Strings Rehearsal, Lunchtime, Hall	24	25 End-of-Year Music Showcase 8.30am- 11 Reh. 11.45 - 1pm Perf. Hall
Wiki 7 28/11 – 02/12	28 Y1 Enrolments	29 Zone Athletics?	30	01 Remuera Intermediate Sport morning for some Yr6 (approx15)	02
Wiki 8 05/12- 09/12	05 Royal Harmonics Probus Perf. 9.50-11am BOT Meeting 6.00pm	06	07 Last Violin Lesson	08	09 Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.45 to 11.30am Last Cello Lesson Sunday 11th Dec T4 String Recital 2.40pm for 3pm start Hall TBC
Wiki 9 12/12 - 16/12	12	13	14 Acorns Athletics Day?? TBC	15 Year 5/6 Awards Assembly am	16 Acorns Athletics Day (saving day) TBC
Wiki 10	19	20			

19/12 - 20/12		10.00am whole school assembly School ends at 12. Last Day!!!			
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BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is **Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 6.00pm** in the Staffroom. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.
Ngā mihi nui,



Megan Clotworthy
meganc@rops.school.nz

Community Notices



**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!

3 - 7 October 2022, 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***



Learn to Sew - Term 4
NEW Remuera Classes
Thread Room

Kids Sewing Classes

Tuesdays & Saturdays
Zest Education Centre

See website for
NEW Term 4 sewing
classes & holiday classes

www.threadroom.co.nz

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



03 - 06 OCTOBER 2022



10 - 13 OCTOBER 2022



				PJ DAY!
WEEK ONE	MON: 03/10	TUES: 04/10	WED: 05/10	THURS: 06/10
8:30AM - 9AM	MAKE YOUR WAY TO INDOOR SPORTS FOR SIGN IN			
9:00AM - 10:00AM	READY, SET, GO	RUN WILD	INFLATABLE WORLD	OBSTACLE COURSE
10:00AM - 10:30AM	MORNING TEA	SPORTS DAY		MORNING TEA
10:30AM - 11:30AM	SNEAKY SPIES		NOODLE HOCKEY	
11:30AM - 1:00PM	WET, WILD, AND WACKY			
1:00PM - 1:30PM	LUNCH			
1:30PM - 2:30PM	KRAFTY KIDZ	TREASURE HUNTERS	ARTY PARTY	CAKE BOSS
2:30PM - 3:00PM	AFTERNOON TEA		AFTERNOON TEA	LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION
3:00PM - 4:30PM	BODY ART	ART ATTACK	BOOT CAMP	
4:30PM	THAT'S ALL FOLKS!			



*ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO NUMBERS

CHARACTER DAY!

WEEK TWO	MON: 10/10	TUES: 11/10	WED: 12/10	THURS: 13/10
8:30AM - 9AM	MAKE YOUR WAY TO INDOOR SPORTS FOR SIGN IN			
9:00AM - 10:00AM	GAME ON	INFLATABLE WORLD 2.0	FRANTIC ANTICS	GO CRAZY
10:00AM - 10:30AM	MORNING TEA		MORNING TEA	
10:30AM - 11:30AM	CAPTURE THE FLAG		NERF WARS	PARTY TIME
11:30AM - 1:00PM	WET, WILD, AND WACKY			
1:00PM - 1:30PM	LUNCH			
1:30PM - 2:30PM	SCALES AND TAILS	CRAFTERNOON	CREATION STATION	DIY POPCORN
2:30PM - 3:00PM		AFTERNOON TEA	LE CIRQUE DE JP	LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION
3:00PM - 4:30PM	MESSY MONSTERS	MYSTERY TIME		
4:30PM	THAT'S ALL FOLKS!			



GET YOUR SPOT NOW!! \$95 P/D PER CHILD

MORNING TEA, LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA ALL INCLUDED IN THE FULL DAY COST.

SEND YOUR KIDS ALONG KNOWING THEY WILL HAVE A BLAST!

All meals are provided by the Papagaio Health cafe!

SPACES ARE LIMITED!!!!

CONTACT EMMA AT:

emma.pl@healthandsports.co.nz

or call us on 845 3305 for more info!



SOME THINGS TO BRING:

- Togs (Compulsory swimming cap)
- Drink bottle
- Hat

**NO SWIMMING CAP
NO SWIM!**



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