



**Royal Oak  
Primary School**  
HONOUR LOYALTY SERVICE

## Week 3 Term 4 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,

It is so wonderful to feel the warmth of the sun as the weather warms up. Please do ensure that your tamariki's clothing is all named as clothing can go astray with the warmer weather - particularly hats!

### Outstanding Success at EPro8 Auckland Regional EPro 8 Grand Final



The EPro8 teams representing our school have competed exceptionally well this year. Last term, two of our teams came 4th equal in the Auckland Semi Finals and we had to have a short competition at school to decide which team would progress through to the Grand Final. Ryan Rooke, Olivia Sanders, Timofei Letunov and Callum Tang earned the place. Unfortunately, Ryan was not able to compete in the final, so Fletcher Gillies took his place. In week one this term they went to Blockhouse Bay Intermediate for the EPRO 8 Auckland Regional Grand Final. Our



team began the competition by building a bowling alley, complete with electronic circuitry and built up some quick points. They then made a key strategic move and chose to switch to another challenge and built an exercise machine with complex specifications. They were extremely focused for the entire two and a half hours of the intense competition and managed to win the Auckland Regional Primary School EPro 8 competition! Their teamwork, positivity and amazing engineering skills were wonderful to watch. Congratulations team! Special thanks to Whaea Robyn, who works with these students throughout the year in preparation for these competitions. This is an outstanding result, and we are extremely proud of all those who participated from the start of the heats.

### Diwali

We celebrated Diwali last week; it was lovely to see many different rangoli patterns around the school. The classes participated in many different activities, and it was wonderful that so many of our tamariki and Kaiako dressed for the occasion.



### Yummy Sticker News



A huge thank you to everyone for sending in sets Yummy Stickers. We were allocated \$947 worth of free sports equipment for the school, so it is well worth the effort you and your children have all made. Please Keep your collecting for next year's tally. We would appreciate if you would print the sheets off the [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz) website or pick them up from the office as this makes the collating in groups of bag labels and stickers much

easier.

## Sunhats in Term 4

As we are now into the warmer months, it is compulsory for our tamariki to have their hats at kura for whenever they are outside. They must wear their hats to and from school, when outside at break times and when outside at any other time during the school day. This is a health and safety precaution, so please do ensure that our tamariki have a named hat to bring to school.

## Enrolments

We are currently sorting staffing and classes for 2023. If you know of anyone who will be starting at our kura at any stage next year, can you please advise them to visit Louise in our office to alert her of the enrolment and pick up the enrolment forms.

## Some Fabulous Work


### Cats are better than dogs By Ethan Watson Totara Room

Cats are better than dogs. They are tidier than dogs in many ways. They are not messy eaters, and they are elegant.

Dogs, on the other hand, are sloppy messes and you have to pick up their droppings - which is disgusting! They may be both soft, but dogs have hair like us, so touch your hair and now compare it to a cat's soft fluffy fur. Think about the difference - do you get my point?

This proves that cats are softer. OK! Wouldn't you rather have a cat rub against you or a dog sniffing your butt. A cat purring for your or a dog licking your face. A cat wanting a little bit of fuss or a dog wanting tons of walks.

This proves cats rule, dogs drool and that's cool!

<u>Snippets from Pōhutukawa Room's Cycling Recounts</u>		
<p>Yahoo! The first day of cycling was finally here. I put my bag on a random hook and raced into the classroom. Whaea Jenni finally brought the box of helmets to the classroom. We were like hungry alligators eating food when we were grabbing our helmets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Christy</i></p>	<p>Everybody hopped on their bikes and zoomed around the field. We had so much fun until. Beep, beep, beep, beep! Awww! I had to put my bike away. I ran to the classroom and grabbed my violin and set off to my violin room. That was a nice ride today. Hope next time is even better.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Tui</i></p>	<p>The day of cycling at school made me worried because I couldn't cycle. I tried learning but it was making me scared. My worry and scared bucket filled up almost to the top, then my classmates helped me. My success was my balance was starting to get better, as the sun was starting to build up. I was bursting with sweat like a walking water fountain.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Prince</i></p>
<p>Excitement bubbled up inside of me. One person was squealing with excitement. Just as soon as I got close to the bike track, I immediately started riding on the track.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Nathan</i></p>		<p>I ran like the speed of light to where you put your own bike. I unlocked mine and rode down to the field with loads of speed. I was so ready to rumble. I took off as fast as a flash. I won in the square, beating Caio!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hugo</i></p>
<p>Yes! It's biking day! I love cycling. While I strolled to the field some people rushed to bring their own bikes. Our line was a squiggly snake as we skipped down the steep ramp to the field.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Janelle</i></p>	<p>It was our turn! Hugo started (he was the leader of my line), we followed him. I was as fast as a hurricane because I was on gear three.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ayla</i></p>	



# WHĀNAU SUPPORT

## REACHING OUT...

We have a freezer at school full of meals which school whānau have kindly cooked and donated if anyone could use some help in the lead up to Christmas. We know this time of year can be stressful for some!

If you or anyone you know would appreciate a little helping hand, please reach out to [ropswhanau@gmail.com](mailto:ropswhanau@gmail.com) and we can arrange a meal for you. We have vegetarian and meat options.

Alternatively, if you would like to join our community of home cooking/ baking to donate, please get in touch via the same email address.

### Events Coming Up:

Please do check this each time a newsletter comes out as events sometimes are subject to change. It is also very good to keep ahead of what is coming up.

### Term 4 2022

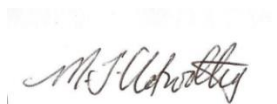
	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
Wiki 3 31/10 – 04/11	31 Yr4EOTC – am- school Pm - Jellicoe Y1 Enrolments	01 Yr4EOTC –Hikoī - Maungakiekie	02 Yr4EOTC – 9am- 2.30 Beachcroft lagoon  <b>Parent Group mtg</b>	03 <b>Bunka no Hi (Japan) Cultural Day</b>	04  Kindness Cup awarded
Wiki 4	07 <b>BOT Meeting</b>	08	09 Kahui Ako Sports Tournament Day	10 Whānau Spirit afternoon	11

07/11 – 11/11	<b>6.00pm</b> Nikau / Pohutukawa to Jellicoe Park 10-1	Ukulele Group NZ Uke Trust Jam – Jnr Dilworth 10.00am -1pm (travel inclusive) Jnr Dilworth	Turbo Touch Ki O Rahi Fergusson Park		
<b>Wiki 5</b> 14/11 – 18/11	14 Y1 Enrolments  OAKS ATHLETICS	15 Oaks Athletics Saving Day/half day Lewis Eady Keyboard Lunchtime Recital (hall)	16 Oaks Athletics Saving Day/half day Lewis Eady Guitar Lunchtime Recital (hall)	17	18
<b>Wiki 6</b> 21/11 – 25/11	21 Music Week 2022  Music Week Lunchtime Uke Jam	22  Music Week Lunchtime Student Recital	23  Strings Rehearsal, Lunchtime, Hall	24  Choral Showcase 11:30 – 1	25 + Instrumental Showcase 11.45 - 1pm Perf. Hall Christmas Lights Jellicoe Park 7pm
<b>Wiki 7</b> 28/11 – 02/12	28 Y1 Enrolments	29 Zone Athletics Road Patrol Training for Year 5	30	01 Remuera Intermediate Sport morning for some Yr6 (approx15)	02 Road Patrol Training for Year 5 – catch ups
<b>Wiki 8</b> 05/12- 09/12	05 BOT Meeting 6.00pm Royal Harmonics Probus Perf. 9.50-11am	06	07  Last Violin Lesson	08	09 <b>Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.45 to 11.30am</b> Last Cello Lesson Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec T4 String Recital 2.40pm for 3pm start Hall TBC
<b>Wiki 9</b> 12/12 - 16/12	12 <b>Acorns Athletics Day (afternoon)</b>  PG picnic	13 <b>Acorns Athletics Day (saving day)</b>	14	15 <b>Year 5/6 Awards Assembly am</b>  Class visits for 2023 classes (afternoon)	16 <b>Oaks End of Year Celebration at Onehunga Pools 11-2.30</b> <b>Acorns end of year celebration</b>  <b>Reports Home</b>
<b>Wiki 10</b> 19/12 - 20/12	19 Leavers Assembly and Leavers Lunch	20  <b>10.00am whole school assembly School Closes 12pm</b>			

### BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is **Monday 07 November 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](mailto:meganc@rops.school.nz)

### Community Notices



## **Holiday Surf Programme** **Orewa Beach**

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Summer School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

### **Fun, Active & Healthy**

6-16yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Orewa Beach | 19-23 Dec 2022 | 9-13 Jan | 16-20 Jan | 23-27 Jan 2023

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment.



**Limited spaces | Please email to book**

[surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz)

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



# MĀNGERE BRIDGE REPAIR CAFÉ

**Saturday 12 November 2022**

**10am - 2pm**

**Māngere Bridge Library**

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**New:** 'Ask an expert' desk  
Recycling - what goes where?



**Do you have small  
items that need  
repairing?**



Māngere-Ōtāhuhu  
Local Board  
Auckland Council



Questions? Email [friends@fof.nz](mailto:friends@fof.nz)  
Facebook @FriendsoftheFarmmangerebridge  
<https://aboutmangerebridge.nz>

# **Too Young for Kindy? We Can Help.**

Epsom Community Creche, a vibrant, community-based, not-for-profit, early childhood centre, operating in the heart of Epsom for over 30 years.

9.00AM - 12.30PM (3.5 HOUR SESSION)  
\$30 FOR 2YR OLD | \$25 FOR 3YR OLD

9.00AM – 2.00PM (5 HOUR SESSION)  
\$42 FOR 2YR OLD | \$25 FOR 3YR OLD

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[epsomcreche@gmail.com](mailto:epsomcreche@gmail.com)

