



Royal Oak
Primary School
HONOUR LOYALTY SERVICE

Week 3, Term 1, 22 February 2023

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, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Kia ora koutou,

It's been another unusual start to the year! Thank you for your understanding and patience. For those folk in the Acorns who have tamariki who need to learn in other parts of the school at the moment, due to the flooding of the carpets - thank you. Your understanding and flexibility is very much appreciated. I am also very grateful for the resilience of our teachers being able to, once again, pivot and run their full programmes elsewhere in the school - this is not easy. We are hoping that the moisture levels will be low enough in those classrooms to enable the carpet to be laid very soon. Once again. Many thanks to all the whānau who assisted us when our carpets were soaked and when we lifted them. Your help was so very much appreciated.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have been impacted by the recent weather events across the motu. These have been tragic events that have devastated people's lives. We will have a fundraising event to raise money to donate to funds to support the flood victims. Please see the note below regarding a mufti day.

Mufti Day to Support Whānau Impacted by the Cyclone

We would like to do something as a school to support the victims of the recent cyclone. The government has stated that the best way to support is by donating money. We will be having a gold coin mufti day on Friday 3 March. The tamariki can come to school dressed in clothes of their choice and can bring a gold coin as payment. If you wish to donate more, you are welcome to do so. A notice will come out closer to the date.

Manukau Road Crossing

It has been brought to our attention that while our students are on duty at the Manukau crossing some parents and children are not waiting for the patrollers to give the clearance of "cross now".

We operate what is called a split crossing due to the heavy traffic on Manukau Road. This enables one person to put out their sign when there is a clearance, waiting for the second person to put theirs out. The first-person calls sign out - check, the second person calls clear once cars are stopped and then the first-person calls, cross now. Both children hold their left hand out to the side to prevent pedestrians from crossing until they say cross now. Only then is it safe for all to cross.

Please help us keep our whole community safe.

Due to an accident this week a lollipop sign has been taken out and we are not permitted to allow children to operate the crossing until it is fixed. We will endeavour to have adults supervise morning and afternoon to keep the children safe. If you have a spare 30 mins to help either in the morning or afternoon, please get in touch with Louise at reception.

Parent Group Notices

Parent Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the staffroom. They begin at 7pm. You are all welcome to come along. It is a great way to meet other parents from our wonderful community. The first meeting will be held next Wednesday 1 March.

HELLO FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Greetings to our 2023 ROPS whānau. It's great to see some familiar faces back again this year and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new ROPS families.

As a parent or caregiver of a child at ROPS you are automatically part of the Parent Group and are invited to come along to our monthly meetings at 7pm on the 1st Wednesday of every month. This is a great way to meet new parents and your children get so many positive benefits in seeing you involved in their school.

This year the Parent Group will be continuing to work on various fundraising initiatives which we know our kids and community love so much.

A Celebration of the 2022 Fundraising Result

Thanks to the support of our amazing community, we donated **\$65,000** to our school in 2022. This is a tremendous result, and we thank you for your support whether that was helping behind the scenes or spending money at the events.

Parent Group Meeting 1st March

The first meeting for 2023 is being held on Wednesday 1st March @ 7pm in the school staffroom and we will be discussing our Term 1 fundraising plan.

Vacancy - Parent Group Secretary

One of 4 Exec roles on the ROPS Parent Group, you'll join a team of enthusiastic parents who work closely with Megan Clotworthy and the leadership team at ROPS.

The Secretary is responsible for distributing the agenda and meeting minutes; managing the Parent Group emails and general admin and liaison support as required.

It's a great way to lead by example for your kids and get hands-on, meet fabulous like-minded parents and share your community spirit.

If you'd like to know more, have any questions or would like to put your name forward, please send an email to: parentgroup@rops.school.nz

Second Hand Uniform Sales Dates for 2023

The second-hand uniform sales take place at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am. The following dates are planned for second hand uniform sales:

Term 1	Tuesday 28 February Tuesday 14 March
Term 2	Tuesday 9 May Tuesday 13 June
Term 3	Tuesday 1 August Tuesday 5 September
Term 4	Tuesday 17 October Tuesday 28 November Tuesday 12 December

We are seeking uniform items of larger sizes please. If you have any larger size uniform items, we would really appreciate them.

Bikes and Scooters at School

If tamariki are riding bikes or scooters to school, for safety purposes, they must walk their bikes and scooters through the school grounds. It is too dangerous for them to ride through the grounds.

Whānau Information Evening:

Thank you to all those who attended last evening's information/meet the Kaiako evening. We were thrilled with the turn out, it was really fabulous to re-connect with our whānau. Please do watch out for further evenings that will be advertised in the future.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) at ROPS

As you may know, we offer the opportunity for students at ROPS to bring their own device to school from Year 4 upwards. Please follow this link to see more information regarding this (or via the Information Tab on our school website)

[BYOD at ROPS](#)

This is optional and if you choose not to purchase, digital learning can still continue on shared school devices.

Noel Leeming and PB Tech both have recommendations for our kura on their websites. You can find them by following the BYOD tabs on their pages.

ROPS Sport

Netball Registrations are now open for the Future Ferns 2023 netball season that starts in Term 2. This is an out-of-school netball tournament that is organised through ROPS. If you are interested in registering your child for this, please follow the link to the registration form and read through the information provided on the form. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/191051>

Dates/Game start times:

- Year 3 & 4
 - Thursday's: 4pm/4.55pm/5.50pm
 - First game: Thursday May 11th
- Year 5 & 6
 - Wednesday's, 4pm/4.55pm/5.50pm
 - First game: Wednesday May 10th
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Please register your child's interest by Wednesday, 15th March. If you have any questions or queries, email melaniet@rops.school.nz

Kiwi Schools App

Download KiwiSchools App to instantly receive important alerts and newsletters.

One of the quickest ways to receive information from Royal Oak Primary is through the KiwiSchools App. Newsflash alerts and newsletters are sent out via the app directly to your phone. You can also report absences straight from the app.

You just need to download the school app from The App/Play Store and select Royal Oak Primary.

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KiwiSchools Connect.

Install and choose Royal Oak
Primary.

When prompted select – Subscribe to all




Science Award Trust Programme

Does your child enjoy science? Year 4, 5 and 6 ROPS students are able to participate in the Science Award Trust Programme. This programme has a large range of small projects related to the living world, earth and space, materials and physical phenomena. The students choose eight projects to complete steadily throughout the year at home. This week Whaea Robyn will be speaking to each Oak class about this programme and will answer any questions about it. She will give your child a notice if they are interested in participating. The projects are handed in, or sent electronically, to Whaea Robyn who marks them and gives feedback. This is a great programme that supports science and STEM learning, teaches time management and encourages students to be independent, curious thinkers. If you want to know more here is the website for the Science Award Trust <https://sciencebadges.co.nz/>. If you would like to speak to Whaea Robyn she teaches in the Taiao Room and her email address is robynmc@rops.school.nz



Wonderful Writing

Leaf poem
 This is not a leaf
 It's a parachute
 It's a bug's dinner
 It's a flag blowing in the wind
 It's a shelter for when it is raining
 It's a suit of armour for the tree
 It's a child leaving their family when they fall to the ground
 It's an umbrella for a mouse
 It's a baby clinging to its mother, the tree

 And anything else I want it to be.
By Holly Jamieson

Sun Hats

Please do remember that it is compulsory to wear a sunhat in Term 1. Please ensure that your child's sunhat is named as these get put on and taken off many times during the school day and can be easily misplaced.

What's coming up?

Please do check the calendar in each newsletter as sometimes events do change.

Term 1 2023

Week 3	20 Year 0 enrolments starting day Co-Curricular Music Rehearsals Start	21 Parent Evening/Meet the teachers 6pm	22	23 Afterschool Violin Group Lesson Starts for 2023	24
Week 4 March	27 Board Meeting	28	1 5/6 Zone Swimming TRIALS – Jellicoe Pools Parent Group 7.00pm	2	3

Week 5 March	6 Year 0 enrolments starting day	7	8 Year 5 EOTC - Wero	9 7:30am Swim Team training	10
Week 6 March	13	14	15	16 7:30am Swim Team training	17
Week 7 March	20 Year 0 enrolments starting day Year 2 – Nathan Homestead and Botanical Gardens Trip	21 Year 3 – Nathan Homestead and Botanical Gardens Trip Zone Swimming Sports	22	23	24
Week 8 March	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	31
Week 9 April	3 Year 0 enrolments starting day Year 6 Camp	4 Year 6 Camp	5 Year 6 Camp Parent Group 7.00pm	6 Cello Lessons in Lieu Good Friday 9.20am - 12.15pm Staff Only Day	7 Good Friday

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Monday 27 February 2023** at **6.00pm**. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



Megan Clotworthy
meganc@rops.school.nz

Community Notices



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

www.headheldhigh.co.nz • jenni@headheldhigh.co.nz • Jenni 021 935 422

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 of!

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 no-obligation 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: jenni@headheldhigh.co.nz



ST MARY'S COLLEGE Enrolments for St Mary's College are now OPEN for 2024

Our St. Mary's College Open Day will be held on

Thursday 9 March 2023

We are holding two information & tour sessions - **2.30pm and 6.30pm**
Both sessions contain the same information – No registration is required

Please visit our website www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments
for more information about the enrolment process.

Enrolments close **Friday 17 March 2023**

St Mary's College is a Catholic Year 7-13 School for Girls - join our Mercy family
21st Century Woman of Mercy

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions



Onehunga Sports
Football Club



**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW
OPEN**

Open day Saturday 11th March
9am - 12pm at our Waikaraka Park
Clubrooms, 64 Captain Springs
Road, Onehunga

For more information head to:
www.onehungasports.net



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE
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YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2024
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 9th March 2023 | 9:30am or 1:45pm
Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY
(Parking available on-site)





SIGN UP
www.playballkids.com

5-8yrs
Playball
is here at Royal Oak Primary School

Time: 3.15-4.00
Day: Thursday
9th February – 6th April
\$135 per child

Scan the QR code to book your class

- Introduction and development of a range of sport, 30-70%
- Using sport as a means, we provide children with the opportunity to develop a host of necessary social, intellectual and personal skills.
- Small groups - maximum 8 each, mixed, ratio of 1:11.
- Positive, fun coaching environment for junior students!



Karen ☎ 021 027 91781 ✉ karen@playball.co.nz



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MARCELLIN COLLEGE

**YEAR 7-9
OPEN EVENING**

**Tuesday 28 February
3.30pm-6.30pm**



NEW DANCE STUDIO



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