



Week 1, Term 1, 08 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!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2023 year at Royal Oak Primary. A very warm welcome to whānau who are new to our school. We hope you enjoy your association with the school and quickly get to know the parents in this wonderful community. Royal Oak Primary is a fabulous school and it is important to us that you and your tamariki feel that it is a happy place to come to each day. The teachers have spent a number of days preparing for the classes to begin. They have spent time ensuring that our tamariki will have a stress free, enjoyable start to the year.

It has been wonderful to see all the happy faces coming through the gate and settling into their classes. We are hoping that our whānau who were impacted by the flooding that occurred over Anniversary weekend are managing and that things are improving for them. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need more support.

Who's who on the teaching team?

The 2023 teaching structure is as follows (I will include the last names, however the Kaiako are addressed as Whaea followed by their first name for a woman, or Matua followed by the first name for a man:

Kaiako		
Room name	Teachers	Year
Kōwhai	Whaea Julia Popovic Whaea Anne Clements Whaea Maddie Darlington Whaea Sue Dykes (.1)	1
Rātā	Whaea Jeanelle Rundle Whaea Anna Nalden Whaea Suzie Gurr (.2)	2
Pūriri	Whaea Brianna Rees	2
Rimu	To begin later	0/1
Kohekohe	Whaea Rebecca Wharton	3
Nīkau	Whaea Wendy Rothwell Whaea Sue Dunn (.1)	3
Pōhutukawa	Whaea Annabel Bird Whaea Jenni Jamieson (.2)	3
Mānuka	Matua Sam Forde Whaea Suzie Gurr (.2)	4
Tōtara	Whaea Vicki Martin Whaea Rosemary Cusack Whaea Sue Dykes (.1)	4
Kauri	Whaea Kathy Managh Whaea Ingrid Gwilliam Whaea April Purdon (.4)	5/6

Miro	Whaea Sandra Powell (.6)	Mathematics
Karaka	Whaea Kirstie Rogerson Whaea Chelsea Aitken Whaea Jill Shears (.5)	5/6
Kahikatea	Whaea Lucy Hannah Whaea Melanie Topp Whaea Jill Shears (.2)	5/6
Kōhanga Ako	Whaea Maria Van Der Kaay	ESOL
Taiao	Whaea Robyn McConnell	STEM/Enviro Science
Music Room	Whaea Amelia Giles	Music
Across Kura	Whaea Chelsea Aitken (.4)	Te Reo

Leadership Team		
Name	Role	Email
Whaea Megan Clotworthy	Principal/Tumuaki	meganc@rops.school.nz
Whaea Felicity Boyd	Deputy Principal Oaks	felicityb@rops.school.nz
Whaea Vicky Stewart	Deputy Principal Acorns	vickys@rops.school.nz
Whaea Lynne Gibson	Learning Support Coordinator	lynneg@rops.school.nz

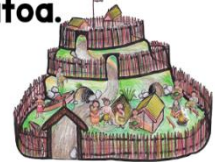
Connecting with Whānau:

Meet the Kaiako/Mahi Tahī (Working Together) Evenings:

The most important thing you can do for your child at school is to get to know and form positive relationships with his or her teachers. You are cordially invited to join us for our first Whānau Evening of the year on Tuesday 21 February at 6pm. The format of the evening will begin in the Hall with a brief presentation from Sport Auckland, a presentation regarding our strategic plan and a presentation regarding the Kahui Ako, NZ Histories and Inquiry/local curriculum. These presentations will take about 1 hour in total and then you will move off to the classrooms to meet your child's Kaiako. We hope that as many folk as possible can join us. The evening is expected to close at 7.30pm.

Me mahi tahī tātou mō te oranga o te katoa.

We should
work together
for the
wellbeing of
everyone



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Newsletter

School newsletters are emailed out to you every second Wednesday (odd weeks). Please do watch out for them and read the contents as we try hard to keep you well informed through these.

Music Opportunities at ROPS:

Co-Curricular Music Group Opportunities for Students in 2023

Please find below a document explaining our ROPS Co-Curricular Music Opportunities for 2023 with active links to sign-up forms.

or you can also **CLICK THIS LINK** [Co-Curricular Music Opportunities 2023 with Enrolment Links](#)

- Online Sign-up forms will be kept open until **17 February** or until group membership limit is reached.
- Please discuss with your child about year-long commitment and rehearsal attendance before signing-up.
- All Co-Curricular Music Activities start from **Monday 20 February** (Term 1 Week 3)
- Contact ROPS Music Specialist Amelia Giles ameliag@rops.school.nz for more information if needed.

You can sign up your child for these musical activities using online forms linked in the Co-Curricular Music Opportunities Chart above. Discussion with your child about the year-long commitment and

regular rehearsal attendance that is involved in participating in any given Co-Curricular Music activity before signing-up is advised.

Choral Programme (Y2-6)					
Activity/Group	Day	Time	Place	Cost, Extras, Equipment	This group is perfect for students who...
'Y2 Special Singers' A Foundational Choral Experience for all Y2 students who wish to participate	Friday 3/4x in Term 2,3,4	½ hour session	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love to sing in a group, and play singing games. Committed to full rehearsal attendance, and some parent guided home learning to prepare for performance.
'ROPStars' Our choir for all Y3/4 students who wish to participate	Friday	11.40am - 12.20pm	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate May need plain dark shoes and black socks/tights for public performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love to sing, and are interested in learning and performing in a choir as part of a committed musical team. Committed to membership for the whole year. Committed to home learning to prepare for performances as required.
'Royal Harmonics' Our choir for all Y5/6 students who wish to participate	Friday	12.20 – 1.00pm	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate 'Kids Sing' projected cost \$15-20 Need plain black shoes and black socks/tights for public performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love to sing and are interested in learning and performing more advanced choir pieces as part of a committed musical team. Committed to membership for the whole year. Committed to home learning to prepare for school time rehearsals and performances.
Instrumental Groups (Y3-6)					
Activity/Group	Day	Time	Place	Cost, Extras, Equipment	This group is perfect for students who...
Ukulele Groups Y3-6 Ukulele Activity 50 Member Limit Limited Places 2023	Monday	8.00-8.30am	Music Room and Pōhutukawa Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate Clearfile folder for music. NZ Kiwileles (Cost TBC) Important: School Ukuleles available but purchasing <u>own</u> quality Ukulele is highly recommended. See link in sign up form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to learn to play the Ukulele with others, and are new to the group <u>or</u> Have already been in this group in 2022. Committed to membership for the whole year.
'Oakestra' Y4-6 ROPS Mixed Instrument Ensemble	Tuesday	8.00-8.45am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate Instrument (if relevant) Clearfile folder for music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have had at least one year of formal lessons on their instrument. Are continuing instrument lessons in 2023 2022 String Programme and Experienced Recorder Group Members encouraged to join! Places for 3 confident pianists to play mallet percussion Have already been in this group in 2022. Committed to membership for the whole year.
Recorder Ensemble Y3-6 Recorder Activity 30 Member Limit Limited Places 2023	Thursday	8.00-8.40am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate Clearfile folder for music Important: Children must have their own quality recorder (no clear coloured recorders). See link in sign up form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to learn to play the Recorder with others, and are new to the group <u>or</u> Have already been in this group in 2022. Committed to membership for the whole year.
Handchime Ensemble Our Y5/6 Handchime Group 10 Member Limit	Friday	8.00-8.30am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee to participate School Instruments provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are Y5/6, and preferably have learnt Piano/Keyboard for at least two years with continued lessons in 2023. Committed to membership for the whole year. Membership may be at discretion of Music Specialist in regards to musical readiness for this ensemble.

Important information for Year 1 and 2 whānau

We have several children in the Acorns that have severe food allergies. We are asking therefore, that you support us in the health and safety plan by eliminating the following from your child's lunch box.

Parent Group

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 on Wednesday 1 March.

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.

Scholastic Book Club


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- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

What's coming up?

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

Term 1 2023

Week 1	6 Waitangi Day Holiday	7 Year 0 enrolments starting day Y3-6 Lewis Eady Keyboard Lessons Start	8 Y3-6 Lewis Eady Guitar Lessons Start	9	10 9.00-10.00 Patrol Training Refresh and Training
Week 2	13	14	15 Pōwhiri 10.30am 2023 Violin Lessons Start	16	17

			String Programme Parent Talk 2023, 7pm start, School Staff Room		
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	22	23 7:30am Swim Team training	24
Week 8 March	27 Board Meeting	28 Zone Swimming Sports	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
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Community Notices

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE
Mountain Road, Grafton
Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

OPEN DAY
For Year 7 Enrolments in 2024
Limited enrolments at other levels

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2023
9:30 am or 1:00 pm
in the **College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)**

followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys.
You do not need to register.

St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas. The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.

The College is well served by public transport from all parts of Auckland

"ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN"

(Weather permitting, limited parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)
www.st-peters.school.nz



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

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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

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

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SIGN UP
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5-8yrs
Playball

is here at Royal Oak Primary School

Time: 3.15-4.00

Day: Thursday

9th February – 6th April

\$135 per child

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- Introduction and development of a range of sport skills
- Using sport as a means; we provide children with the opportunity to develop a host of necessary social, educational and personal skills.
- Small groups - maximum coach/teacher ratio of 1:12
- Positive, fun coaching environment for junior students



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