

Week 5, Term 1, 08 March 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 is with concern and dismay that I write this newsletter having had three of our netball posts snapped off and deposited around the school over the weekend. The kiddie lock on the back gate was also damaged. This is so disappointing as it impacts on our tamariki and it also incurs a cost to the school. If you did see any suspicious behaviour around the school last weekend, please do let me know.

Parent Group Fun Run

We are excited to announce the Fun Run event will be back in 2023.

The Fun Run will take place at school on **Tuesday 28th March for Acorns and Thursday 30th March for Oaks**. We encourage whānau to join us on the day to watch their children participate and would like to invite all whānau to come along to an after-school picnic & BBQ on Thursday 30th March from 3pm on the school field.

More details to come on Friday and in the meantime please mark these dates on your calendar.

Possible Up-Coming Strike Day

As many of you will have heard in the media there is a **possibility** the primary teachers and principals might go on strike on Thursday March 16, due to minimal progress in collective agreement negotiations with the government.

It's important to be aware that a number of the areas teachers and principals want to progress are related to working conditions and support in schools to allow us to maximise learning for our ākonga.

As soon as there is any confirmation of the strike, we will inform our whānau via email and on our website.

Mufti Day to Support Whānau Impacted by the Cyclone

Thank you to all those who donated their gold coins to our mufti day last Friday. We raised **\$708.30!** Every cent counts. We will be passing this money on to Eskdale School to support their tamariki.

Manukau Road Crossing

Manukau Road Patrol Volunteers Needed

Currently we have a number of very supportive parents helping us with the patrols during the week. There are some gaps which we would like to fill to relieve teachers so they can be in their rooms for the children. If you happen to have 30 minutes either in the morning or in the afternoon on the following days, we would appreciate your help. For each duty you collect a high vis jacket and a flag, then help the children take the lollipop signs out to the crossing. Lynne Gibson will meet you to run through how the crossing system works for our crossing. You can contact her at lynneg@rops.school.nz

Times need for cover:

Wednesday 8.20 - 8.50

Wednesday 2.50 - 3.15

Thursday 2.50 - 3.15

Friday 8.20 - 8.50

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 next meeting will be held next Wednesday 5 April.

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 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.

2023 Y4-6 Classroom Music Recorder Initiative

In 2023, as part of the Royal Oak Primary School Classroom Music Programme, Recorder Instrumental skills will be taught to all Y4-6 students. We are very excited about the inclusion of this learning area in the Y4-6 Classroom Music Programme, as we strive to offer the very best Music Education outcomes for all tamariki.

If your child is in Year 4, Year 5, or Year 6 they were given a notice last week to take home about our Recorder Initiative, including details for buying a quality recorder instrument from the school.

You can download a copy of this notice here in case you require another copy

[ROPS 2023 Y4-6 Classroom Music Recorder Initiative Letter](#)

We respectfully request the permission slip at the bottom of the letter in the link to confirm Recorder purchase is returned to our Music Specialist, Whaea Amelia, in the Music Room, by Friday 10 March.

If you have any questions, please email Music Specialist ameliag@rops.school.nz

Wheels Day 17th March

When: Friday 17th March

Where: Royal Oak School

What: Decorate your wheels day

Why: To promote Active Travel to School to come to school in a Travelwise way!!!

The travelwise team are running a wheels day on the 17th March. Children can bike or scoot to school and decorate their bikes and scooters. There will be golden tickets at the gate and a prize for the best decorated bike in each class.



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.

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.

Toys at School

We are noticing a lot of toys e.g. beyblades at school. Toys are not acceptable at school due to a number of reasons. These reasons include the fact that they may get misplaced or taken, they can also cause disruption within the classroom. Please do not allow your tamariki to bring along toys to school. There are many activities at school to keep the tamariki engaged.

Food sharing at School

We have a number of tamariki at school who have allergic reactions to a range of food items. For this reason, we ask that whānau do not bring food to school to share to celebrate birthdays etc, unless it is for a school event, or it is a pre-arranged occasion with the class teacher.

ROPS Sport

Netball

Winter netball is played during terms two and three. Registrations are open to students in years three to six. Both boys and girls can play.

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>

Venue:

Windmill Park, 48 Windmill Road Mt Eden.

When:

- 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

Registrations:

Please register your child's interest by Wednesday, 15th March. If you have any questions or queries, email melaniet@rops.school.nz

Flippa ball (junior water polo)

Flippa ball is a 7-a-side mixed team water sport. It is a modified, junior version of water polo. It is a great way for children to be active while building water confidence. It is played in a shallow pool (1.0m OR 1.2m -1.3m deep) and uses a range of ball skills, swimming and teamwork. Flippa ball is a great stepping stone into water polo with children learning the basic skills needed to take on the deep water at the intermediate and club level.

Children who play must be VERY competent and confident in the water and be able to swim. They must be able to play without having to hold on to the side of the pool.

Flippa ball is played in each of the four terms. Each term is run as a separate competition and registrations are completed at the end of each term for the following term's competition. You do not have to commit to all four terms but preference will first be given to those already playing in a team before new registrations are taken each term.

Games and training are run by parents and take place outside of school hours. Unfortunately, if there are not enough players, or parents available to coach for a year group we will not be able to register a team. If your child is interested please email their name, year level and class to melaniet@rops.school.nz.

Year 4 Cricket

Calling all Year 4 keen cricketers for social cricket once every month(Sunday evenings). Please give your Name and a phone number to your class Teacher for further communications.


Kiwi Schools App

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Tōtara Herbalists

Last Friday, Whaea Robyn took Tōtara Room into the school garden and harvested some herbs, spinach and rhubarb for the Onehunga café, Everybody Eats, who had



not received any herbs from its usual source for about two weeks. This is such a good example of one way our kura can work in partnership with our local businesses. Ka pai! Everybody Eats is a 'pay as you feel' restaurant in Onehunga. You can dine there in the evenings or

even volunteer as wait staff. Children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent.



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



Tamariki Success

Yume won the Youth D category (U12) at the La Sportiva Lead and Para-climbing Championships on the 4th and 5th of March at YMCA Adventure Centre in Christchurch. She topped the final climb. Congratulations, Yume, that is a terrific achievement!



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 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 Acorns' Fun Run	29	30 Oaks' Fun Run	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 March 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

CARLTON JUNIORS RUGBY



REGISTER NOW

CARLTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB	GIRLS AND BOYS
Greenlane	Ages: 4-13
carltonjuniors@gmail.com	Tackle and non contact rippa



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)

Girls and Women

PLAY. DREAM. LIVE

AUCKLAND UNITED FC GIRLS FUN DAY

Saturday 11th March 9.30 – 11.30am
Keith Hay Park

Have a go! FREE fun football for girls of all abilities.
Bring a friend and join in some fun football activities.

9.30 First kicks and fun football (5-8 yrs)
10.30 Junior and youth football (9-13 yrs)



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