

Week 5, Term 2, 24 May 2023

Kia ora, talofa lava, malo e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拝啓, 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,

I would like to begin this newsletter by addressing some attendance issues that we face on a daily basis. I think the most impactful way to express my concerns is by sharing the charts below with you. The first two focus on the cumulative impact of a regular day/days per week of non-attendance. The fourth graphic outlines the impact that regular lateness has on schooling. In saying this, it is also important to note that our tamariki do need to remain home if they are unwell.

EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



OVER A YEAR

Best chance
of progress

**0-10 Days
absence**

**180-190
school days**

95-100%

Makes it more
difficult to make
progress

**19-29 days
absence**

**161-170 school
days**

85-90%

Serious concern
Difficult to make
progress

**38-47 days
absence**

**143-152
school days**

80%-75%

ATTENDANCE-EVERY DAY MATTERS

Child is only missing...	That equals to..	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 per weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	A week per year	Over 2 and a half years

Parent Evening Invitation: Restorative Practice

You are cordially invited to attend a parent evening at ROPS next Monday evening. This evening will be focused on Restorative Practice. Restorative Practice is a relational approach to managing school life grounded in beliefs about equality, dignity, mana and the potential of all people.

The evening will be facilitated by Leane Carlson from the University of Waikato. Leane has worked with our

staff leading professional learning in Positive Behaviour for Learning and Restorative Practice.

This will be an informative evening where you will learn how we approach behaviour here at Royal Oak Primary.

We would love you to join us for this informative evening.

Date: Monday 29 May

Time: 6pm

Venue: ROPS School Hall

ROPS Music Programme Informance Week

From **Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June** tamariki in our ROPS Co-curricular Music Programme are presenting a whole week of learning celebrations or 'Informances'.

A very special opportunity for whānau to see and hear the fantastic learning achieved, whilst also discovering how our ROPS musicians learn, work, and make music together as part of day-to-day life at our kura. All Welcome!

Informance Week Schedule

Monday 19 June: Ukulele Groups Informance, 8.00am - 8.30am, Pōhutukawa Room

Tuesday 20 June: 'Oakestra' Informance, 8.00am - 8.40am, Mātai Room

Thursday 22 June: Recorder Ensemble Informance, 8.00am - 8.40am, Music Room

Thursday 22 June: String Programme Violin Group Lesson Informance, 3.00pm - 4.00pm, Music Room

Friday 23 June: Handchimes Ensemble Informance, 8.00am - 8.40am, Music Room

Friday 23 June: String Programme Cello Group Lesson Informance, 11.00am - 11.30am, Music Room

Friday 23 June: Y3/4 Choir Informance, 11.40am - 12.20pm, Hall

Friday 23 June: Y5/6 Choir Informance 12.20pm - 1.00pm, Hall

Friday 23 June: Y2 Special Singers Choir Informance 2.00pm - 2.30pm, Hall

ROPS Kaitiaki of Pūrerehua



At ROPS we have an abundance of swan plants growing in many spaces to support the butterfly life cycle. Unfortunately, the increase of wasps in our community has decreased the number of caterpillars that survive through to adult butterflies. Wasps feed on eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis and even butterflies! A group of Year 6 Eco Warriors in 2022 designed, helped build and painted a caterpillar enclosure to safely house any caterpillars and eggs the students found in the kura and community to safely nurture them to adult butterflies. This year the enclosure has been put

to use and, thus far, has released 60-70 butterflies in the past three months!

Many students of all ages keep watching the enclosure and express a lot of wonder at the metamorphosis they see happening on a daily basis. Students are still finding caterpillars to put into the enclosure, it has been a resounding success. The 2023 Eco Warriors replenish the enclosure regularly with swan plants and keep it clean. Thanks also must go to apprentice builder Benjamin McConnell, an ex-ROPS student, who turned the enclosure design into reality with the help of the Kauri 2022 Year 6 Eco Warriors. The next goal is to attract and nurture endemic butterflies of Aotearoa.



Some Magnificent Writing from Kauri Room

Here Comes Autumn

Autumn is...

Warm coats taken off the freezing coat stand,
Cheeky easter eggs playing hide and seek,
Psycho leaves dancing in the wind when I throw them into the cold air,
The excited doors crashing open with enthusiasm when we reach to for games to play,
My lonely jandals falling apart with sadness when I carry them to the unused shoe rack.
By Esme Battson

Autumn is Here

Autumn is...

Easter eggs sneakily hiding ready to be found.
Our warm jerseys ready to cradle our cold bleak bodies all the way to Dunedin.
The slow cooker looking forward to hugging some raw lamb.
The leaves aging before us ready to jump to the icy grass floor.
My lonely surfboard sitting deserted in the cupboard, as the rugby ball enthusiastically danced in my hands.
By Zara 'One'one

The Start of Autumn

Autumn is...

The Church violins singing gracefully,
Sinigang sliding on my throat,
Eggs impatiently waiting to get found,
Leaves dancing in the blowing freezing wind.
By Summer Espiritu

Autumn is

Brown, sweet chocolate bunnies hopping in my mouth,
The green grass screaming in fear as it's about to be trampled on in rugby training,
The colourful cowardly eggs hiding to avoid being eaten,
The leaves aging before our eyes, turning into wrinkly old men,
The cold embracing me with an icy hug.
By Atonino Vatuvei

Measles

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised - there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

Royal Oak Primary School Centennial Celebrations

Next year, in April 2024, Royal Oak Primary School turns 100! This will be a very special time of celebration and reflection. We are currently in discussion as to how and when we will mark this occasion. Please contact me if you have any information or contacts who could be helpful with this event - any past pupils or staff, any neighbours or friends of the school. Anything/anyone would be much appreciated at this stage. We will be looking at creating a committee to work on this event. **We really do need assistance with this large event!** My contact details are: meganc@rops.school.nz.

PJ Project: The Kindness Collective

Help Keep 5,000 Kiwi Kids Warm This Winter

In four weeks 4,345 pairs of pyjamas have been delivered to 36 schools, social services, early learning centres, housing services, marae and police stations by the Kindness Company.

Thanks to the kindness of our community, kids in need from Kaitaia to Dunedin (and everywhere in between) have received a new pair of warm, winter pyjamas.



There is still a huge waitlist of children, including 840 kids next week. Please keep donating, sharing, telling everyone you know about the PJ Project, and why it matters. If you have a donation of either a new pair of pyjamas or a donation of \$10, please place in the basket at our reception.

What's coming up?

Term 2 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	22 Year 0 enrolments starting day Board Meeting 6pm staffroom	23	24	25	26
Week 6 June Samoan Language Week	29 Restorative Practice Parent evening	30	31	1	2
Week 7	5 King's Birthday	6 Year 0 enrolments starting day	7 Parent Group 7.00pm	8	9
Week 8	12	13 Second Hand clothing Sale	14 Zoo Trip Eco Warriors	15	16 Movie Night – Saturday 17 June Sunday June 18 Term 2 String Recital, 3pm, Hall
Week 9 Music Informace Week	19 Ukulele Group Informanace 8am Year 0 enrolments starting day	20 'Oakestra' Informance 8am	21	22 Recorder Group Informance 8am	23 Cello Informance 11am Choir Informance 11.40am-1pm Hall
Week 10	26	27	28	29	30

	Board Meeting 6pm staffroom				Mid- year reports to go home
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BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Monday 26 June 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



General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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JULY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ROYAL OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK 1		Mon 3 July	Tues 4 July	Wed 5 July	Thurs 6 July	Fri 7 July
						
		ARCTIC EXPLORERS Join us for a daring Arctic adventure where we will find shelter from the biting cold and embark on a trek to reach the North Pole.	TOPSY TURVY TUESDAY Everything is inside out, upside down, back to front and topsy turvy this Tuesday! Embrace the silliness with our back to front and upside down fun!	EVENT DAY Join us for an awesome trip day to Hoyts Cinema for a movie with popcorn. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, and shoes. \$25 extra for the day.	LET'S MAKE BELIEVE Unicorns, dragons, elves, or fairies, what does your imagination see? Together we will dive into the world of make-believe.	CHOCOLATE DAY It's World Chocolate Day! A day to celebrate the world's most loved treat! Where does chocolate come from? Come along chocoholics to find out.
WEEK 2		Mon 10 July	Tues 11 July	Wed 12 July	Thurs 13 July	Fri 14 July
						
		TURN IT UP! Get ready to make some music and move to the beat. Shake your tail feathers with your own instrument, then join the band for a jam session.	MID-WINTER XMAS Let's bring some winter cheer by having a mid-winter Christmas - USA Style! Have a holly jolly time as we celebrate together!	EVENT DAY Join us for an awesome trip day to Extreme Edge Panmure. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, and shoes. \$25 extra for the day.	MATARIKI CELEBRATION It's a time for reflection and celebration as the Māori New Year begins! We are going to share stories, make food to share and play some traditional Māori Games.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Happy Matariki!

FULL WEEK: \$260 7am-6pm
FULL DAY: \$57 7am-6pm
SCHOOL DAY: \$47 9am-3pm
HALF DAY: \$37 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm
EVENT DAY: Extra \$25 (Excluded from Full Week)

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Group Leader (Full name): _____

Email Address: _____

Please check the dates you are available: Home Address: _____

☐ Saturday 6th May 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 13th May 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 20th May 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 27th May 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 3rd June 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 10th June 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 17th June 10am-12pm

☐ Saturday 24th June 10am-12pm

Mobile Number: _____

How many people in your act? _____

Do you have any special requirements? _____

How long is your act? _____

Describe the talent you will be performing in a couple of sentences:

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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
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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!

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To enrol for your no-obligation trial lesson simply visit:

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Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them!
Simply email: jenni@headheldhigh.co.nz



ARTZONSHOW.

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 July 2023, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
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