



**Royal Oak  
Primary School**  
HONOUR LOYALTY SERVICE

## Week 6 Term 4 2023

Kia ora, 1inaka lava, malo e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拜啓, mabuhay, bem vindo, fakalofa lahi atu, kia orana, kohomada, bula 1inaka, huān yin, foon ying, assalamu alaikum, oso oseyo, olà, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Kia ora koutou,

### Teachers Leaving at the End of 2023

As each year comes to an end, sadly we often have to farewell folk. This year we will be farewelling Whaea Angela, who has been teaching in the Rimu Room. We will also be bidding farewell to Whaea Katherine in the Matai Room. Both of these lovely Kaiako have joined us throughout the year starting up Year 0/1 classes. We have been lucky to have them and wish them well.

Whaea Kathy from the Kauri Room will be leaving us and moving to Cornwall Park School. The school is close to home for her and she will be able to walk to work! Whaea Kathy has been here for a number of years and she will be greatly missed - especially for her mahi with Travelwise.

Two of our lovely learning support staff are also leaving us - Whaea Sakiba and Whaea Megha. Whaea Sakiba will be studying to become a teacher and Whaea Megha will still be around as a leader at the Kelly Club.

### A Special Celebration for a Departing Kaiako: Whaea Jill (Shears)

2023 marks 40 years that Whaea Jill has been teaching at ROPS. She arrived here in 1983. She has had a long, successful career here at ROPS and at a school in South Auckland prior to coming to Royal Oak Primary. Her two daughters attended here and her whānau has had strong connections with the school. Whaea Jill has seen many changes over the years here including major changes in property, staff, principals and Boards. During her time she has built close connections with many whānau, past and present.

Sadly, she will be leaving us at the end of this year. We are having a function to acknowledge her mahi and celebrate her time here on Thursday 7 December at 3.30pm. More information will come out regarding this very soon.

### Enrolments

We are currently sorting staffing and classes for 2024. 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. Also, if you know you may be leaving at the end of the year, please advise us as soon as possible. This helps us predict our numbers which impacts funding.

### Royal Oak Primary School Music Notices

#### 1) Royal Oak Primary School String Programme 2024 - Applications

We are currently seeking applications of interest for new beginners for the 2024 ROPS String Programme to learn Violin or Cello. We have 6 places for Beginner Violinists, and 3 places for Beginner Cellists.

Priority will be given to those students in Y3 in 2024.

If interested in this opportunity for your child, please click below for information (and link to online application form)

[Royal Oak Primary School String Programme Information 2024](#)

All applications must be submitted by **Friday 17 November, 5pm.**

#### 2) ROPS End-of-Year Music Showcases

Whānau and friends are warmly invited to attend these Showcases to celebrate the musical learning of our Royal Oak Primary School Musicians.

**Thursday 23 November - Y2-6 ROPS Choral Programme Showcase**, 11.40am -1.00pm, School Hall  
Performances by Kapa Pasifika, Year 2 'Special Singers' Choir, Year 3/4 Choir, Year 5/6 Choir, Combined Year 3-6 Choir, and Classroom Music Programme choral items.

**Friday 24 November - Y3-6 ROPS Instrumental Music Showcase**, 11.40am -1.00pm, School Hall  
Performances by our Ukulele Groups, 'Oakestra', Recorder Groups, Handchimes Ensemble, ROPS String Programme Violins and Cellos, and a special item devised by 2023 Music Leaders.

### 3) ROPS Ukulele Group NZ Ukulele Trust Auckland Central Ukulele Jam

On Friday 10 November 50 or so ROPS Tamariki who are members of our two ROPS Ukulele Groups travelled to Mt Roskill Primary School to attend the 2023 NZ Ukulele Trust Auckland Central Ukulele Jam. A wonderful morning was spent singing and strumming alongside students from three other schools.



Our ROPS musicians distinguished themselves with their positivity, enthusiasm, and musical fluency. They were a credit to kura and whānau through the sheer joy of their music-making.

A particular highlight during the event was catching up with 2022 graduate student Aria Clarke as she was acknowledged for her outstanding song *Butterfly* that won her 1<sup>st</sup> place in last year's NZ Ukulele Trust Uke-Can-Do-It songwriting competition. All our ROPS students were super proud!

The ROPS Ukulele Groups are growing from strength to strength, and it is wonderful to see the progression of learning and confidence that participation in this activity fosters. Our Year 6 students were so comfortable, not only sharing their skills to help younger students, but also to support lots of our ROPS parents who decided they wanted to play along at the Ukulele Jam too. Impressive!

Many thanks to all the parent supporters who came to the event, including super-star parent Matt Shanks who offers his time to work with our tamariki at Monday 8am Rehearsals, and to Whaea Annabel for her work as co-director of this vibrant part of our ROPS Music Programme. Finally, a huge thank you to Whaea Amelia who works tirelessly to coordinate and provide wonderful musical opportunities for our tamariki.

### Bunka no Hi - Japan Culture day

On Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated Japanese Culture day. We are so very lucky to have a number of whānau in our kura who are Japanese. Yume and Nina Fookes organised a group of Japanese tamariki to present a dance at the school assembly. Thank you to Hanako, Riko and Lara for being so dedicated to learning the dance. You were all wonderful on the stage. The Fookes whānau also brought in traditional Japanese games for classes to use and arranged for brightly coloured Japanese windsocks to fly proudly from our flagpole. What a wonderful day of Japanese culture!



### Recent Special Events

We have recently held a number of events that have been well supported. Many thanks for the support that you gave to our Food Bank Collection. It was most successful, with many boxes being filled and donated to

the Kindness Collective. Whānau Spirit Day was a huge success. It resulted in an afternoon of fun for the whānau groups and it was so lovely to see the younger tamariki being encouraged by the older ones. Special thanks to our wonderful whānau leaders for the mahi that they put into organising a great afternoon. Year 5 had their Coaching Conference facilitated by Whaea Anne and Whaea Vicki. We are looking forward to the fabulous coaching that the trained coaches will undertake in 2024. Special thanks to Whaea Anne and Whaea Vicki for the support and opportunities that they give our student coaches. We have also had our school discos. They were a raging success, with fun had by all!! Special thanks to our wonderful Parent Group and all the helpers that enable this to happen. Last week some of our tamariki shared their talents in the Lewis Eady lunchtime concerts. It was delightful to hear them play so confidently.



### Parent Group



A reminder that our annual Quiz Night is rapidly approaching:  
**Saturday 25 November.**

There are some great raffle prizes including:  
\$100 Bramble voucher, \$100 Warehouse voucher, \$50 Oak Eatery voucher and a Gin pack

Tickets are going fast! Contact Louise in the office to purchase your tickets.



### Classes for 2024

We will soon be sorting the classes for 2024. Please be assured that this is a process that we take much care and deliberation with. If you have any specific concerns that you would like to share with Vicky (Acorns) or Felicity (Oaks) please email them at [vickys@rops.school.nz](mailto:vickys@rops.school.nz) or [felicityb@rops.school.nz](mailto:felicityb@rops.school.nz) respectively. Also, a heads up for whānau with current Year 1 and Year 2 tamariki. Next year, all our Year 2 and Year 3 classes will be what is called composite classes. This means that all the classes at those year levels will be Year 2/3 classes. This doesn't impact any of their learning as they will be working at their own individual levels within the expected curriculum levels - exactly as they do now. In fact, there are very strong tuakana/teina benefits for all tamariki. The reason behind this decision is that it is a sensible way of dealing with the lower numbers that we have at the current Year 2 level. We often have to juggle classes according to the number of tamariki at any one year level.



### CHT Royal Oak trip

Kohekohe tamariki visited CHT Royal Oak rest home. They painted Cornwall Park cherry blossoms, created Diwali lanterns to celebrate Diwali and performed waiata for the residents. It was a delight seeing smiles of joy all round.



### Sunhats in Term 4

As we are moving into the warmer months, it is now 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.



### Kindo now offers Online EFTPOS for school payments

You can now enjoy using online EFTPOS with the following banks when making payments on your mykindo account- ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Co-operative Bank and Westpac. Check out the [support page](#) for more information.

#### If you don't bank with one of the above banks

The Online EFTPOS team are currently working to bring on other banks.

They will happily pass on your feedback if you drop them an email at [oesupport@paymark.co.nz](mailto:oesupport@paymark.co.nz), to let them know who you bank with and how much you'd love to see Online EFTPOS! If you feel generous to contact your bank directly, it'll help them even more.

#### 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 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6</b> <b>Diwali</b>	13 Kahui Ako TOD	14	15 Oaks Athletics	16 Oaks Athletics Finals 10 - 11 OR rain day	17
<b>Week 7</b> Music Week 2023	20 Year 0 enrolments starting day	21 Second Hand clothing Sale	22	23 End of Year Choral Showcase 11.40am - 1pm	24 End of Year Instrumental Showcase 11.40am - 1pm <b>PG quiz night Sat 25th</b>
<b>Week 8</b> December	27	28 Zone Athletics	29 Last Violin Lesson 2023	30 <b>Acorns Athletics</b>	1 Last Cello Lesson 2023 <b>School Assembly Kindness cup</b>  Sunday December 3 Term 4 String Recital, 3pm, Hall
<b>Week 9</b>	4	5 <b>Acorns Athletics Saving Day</b>	6	7 <b>Year 5/6 Awards Assembly</b>  <b>3.30 Farewell Function for Whaea Jill</b>	8 Tiritiri Matangi Trip Yr 5 Eco Warriors (55 students approx)
<b>Week 10</b>	11 <b>Board Meeting 9.00 am Certificates Assembly Oaks</b>	12 Second Hand clothing Sale	13	14 2.00-2.30 Visits to 2024 classes	15 <b>Junky Monkeys for Acorns</b> Onehunga Pools for Oaks 11.00-3.00
<b>Week 11</b>	18 9.00 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 12.30?Year 6 Leavers Lunch	19	20 <b>School closes 12.00pm</b>		



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**BOT Meeting:**

Our next Board meeting is **Monday 11 December 2023 at 6.00pm in the Staffroom**. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.  
Ngā mihi nui,



Megan Clotworthy  
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**Community Notices**



**Eliette's**  
MUSIC ACADEMY

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

**A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**  
**SONGWITING & MUSIC VIDEO**  
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Ages 6-17  
Albany & Grafton Campus  
December 18 - 22  
January 15 - 26

[eliettesmusicacademy.com](http://eliettesmusicacademy.com)

The poster features a green background with a large red ribbon graphic. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a group of children in green and red elf costumes, with one child dressed as Santa Claus in the center, all posing joyfully.

**Waiwise  
Indian**

Learn how to be safer on  
the water this summer

**Free intro programme for ages 15+**

- Try paddleboarding, kayaking and rafting at a world class venue
- Learn practical skills and water safety knowledge

Sign up for a Saturday session  
December - April  
9.30am - 1.15pm  
Vector Wero Whitewater Park

**Drowning  
Prevention  
Auckland**

[dpanz.org.nz](https://www.dpanz.org.nz)

SCAN TO SIGN UP

An annual highlight for our ROPS Oaks students is our fun outing to our local pool, Onehunga War Memorial Pool. It is always an exciting and relaxing day out for our tamariki. As New Zealanders it is important that we all understand how to keep ourselves safe around our pools, rivers, lakes and ocean that surround us so we are keen to support this initiative from DPANZ - Waiwise. This organisation offers free water safety programmes to our community. Please click on the link for programmes specifically for our Indian community. These free activities are available throughout the summer. <https://www.dpanz.org.nz/waiwise-indian/>  
For other water safety modules for young people, please click on the following link. <https://www.dpanz.org.nz/courses/youth-and-young-adults/>

# The Teen Brain

Ormiston Senior College

Thursday 30 November 7.30 - 9.00pm

presentation by Nathan Wallis - New Zealand's renowned Neuroscience Educator!

## Understanding Your Brain: Building Resilience and Maximising Learning

The concept of building resilience in our children is more and more at the forefront of parents' minds. Academic success is in fact a result of resilience and can mean very little without it. In this summary of the evidence and research around what resilience looks like, how it's fostered and which environments do it the best, Nathan will break down for parents (in his usual 'straight from the hip' humorous style) exactly what we can do to facilitate our children developing resilience, increase their academic ability and enjoy an overall better quality of life. We will look at how our brains work as a basis for understanding how to achieve this. Relevant to all age groups - even us grownups!

tickets purchased from: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/the-teen-brain-auckland/auckland/flat-bush>



### The Teen Brain

Ormiston Senior College - AUCKLAND  
Thur 30 November 2023 / 7:30pm - 9:00pm



## The Teen Brain - Auckland

The Teen Brain - Auckland, Covid has put all of us in an unpredictable environment and ..., Ormiston Senior College, Auckland, Auckland, 30 November 2023, [urldefense.proofpoint.com](http://urldefense.proofpoint.com)

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Holiday Programme

# OOEY GOOEY SCIENCE

@ Melville Cricket Pavillion  
Epsom

**Dec 18-20**

**9am-3pm**

\*late pick up option  
half day option available

\*\*\*Nov Early Bird Special\*\*\*

## PROGRAMS

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