



**Week 2, Term 1, 13 February 2024**

**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 2024 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 kaiako 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.

Who's who on the teaching team?

The 2024 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 Bernie Jackson Whaea Maddie Darlington	1
Rātā	Whaea Brianna Rees Whaea Anna Nalden (.8) Whaea Sue Dykes (.2)	2/3
Kohekohe	Whaea Rebecca Wharton	2/3
Nīkau	Whaea Anna Jackson	2/3
Pōhutukawa	Whaea Annabel Bird (.8) Whaea Jenni Jamieson (.2)	2/3
Mānuka	Whaea Wendy Rothwell	4
Tōtara	Whaea Vicki Martin Whaea Rosemary Cusack Whaea Sue Dykes (.1)	4
Kauri	Whaea Ingrid Gwilliam (.6) Whaea April Purdon Whaea Felicity Boyd (.4)	5/6
Miro	Whaea Sandra Powell (.6)	Mathematics
Karaka	Whaea Kirstie Rogerson Matua Sam Whaea Suzie Gurr (.1)	5/6
Kahikatea	Whaea Lucy Hannah Whaea Melanie Topp	5/6
Kōhanga Ako	Whaea Maria Van Der Kaay	ESOL

Taiao	Whaea Robyn McConnell	STEM/Enviro Science
Music Room	Whaea Amelia Giles	Music

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

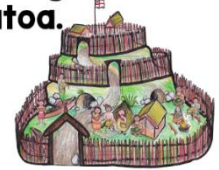
### Connecting with Whānau:

#### 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 regarding our strategic plan and a presentation regarding curriculum and the Kahui Ako. This will take about 45 minutes in total and then you will move off to the classrooms to meet your child's Kaiako. The Year 6 parents will also have the opportunity to meet with Whaea Felicity regarding Year 6 Camp. We hope that as many folk as possible can join us. The evening begins at 6pm and 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 (even weeks). Please do watch out for them and read the contents as we try hard to keep you well informed through these.

### Science Award Trust Programme at ROPS

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. The projects are handed in, or sent electronically, to Whaea Robyn who marks them and gives feedback. Whaea Robyn has spoken to each Oak class about this programme and your child might have given you a note about it. The permission slips are due back this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. This is a great program 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. It is not too late for your child to get a permission slip for the programme!



### ROPS Centennial: Our 100 Year Celebration

ROPS turns 100 this year! So, we are now in full swing organising our celebrations. We will have our official celebrations on **Friday 10 May and Saturday 11 May.** More information regarding this will follow, but it would be great if you could mark these dates in your calendar and keep them free. We currently have a committee working on how we will celebrate and you are most welcome to come along to share any ideas that you may have. The committee meets each Wednesday at 6pm in the staffroom.

I am currently seeking cultural groups to perform brief items on Saturday 11 May - I am hoping that cultural groups from within our kura will be able to be showcased. I already have interest from our

Tongan community - thank you. If you think that you could provide/organise a cultural group performance could you please contact me at [meganc@rops.school.nz](mailto:meganc@rops.school.nz). Keep looking out for special Centennial notices.

### Measles

There is a strong possibility that there could be a measles outbreak in the Auckland region this year. Please check that your tamariki have had two MMR (mumps, measles and rubella) vaccinations. These are free and available at your GP and some pharmacies. If we have a measles case at our kura, the tamariki who have not been vaccinated will be asked to remain at home in quarantine as they will be at a higher risk of contracting measles. Measles can be a very serious illness, especially for young tamariki.

### Music Opportunities at ROPS:



#### ROPS Choral Programme 2024

CLICK THIS LINK [ROPS Choral Programme](#) to sign up online.

- Online Sign-Up forms will be kept open until **Friday 16 February**
- Many whānaure-enrolled for the Choral Programme at the end of 2023 for 2024 and so our Music Specialist Amelia Giles already has these sign-ups. Email [ameliag@rops.school.nz](mailto:ameliag@rops.school.nz) if you need to check.
- Please discuss with your child re: Year-long commitment, rehearsal attendance, and home learning.
- Choir rehearsals will start **Friday 23 February** (Term 1 Week 3)
- Contact ROPS Music Specialist Amelia Giles [ameliag@rops.school.nz](mailto:ameliag@rops.school.nz) for more information if needed.

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  Starts Mid-Term 2 until late November	½ hour session	Hall	• No fee to participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are Y2 students who love to sing in a group and play singing games.</li> <li>• Committed to full rehearsal attendance, and some parent guided home learning to prepare for performance.</li> </ul>
'ROPStars' Our choir for all Y3/4 students who wish to participate.	Friday	11.40am - 12.20pm	Hall	• No fee to participate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are Y3 and Y4 students who love to sing and are interested in learning and performing in a choir as part of a committed musical team.</li> <li>• Committed to membership for the whole year.</li> <li>• Committed to home learning to prepare for performances as required.</li> </ul>
'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"> <li>• No fee to participate.</li> <li>• 'Kids Sing' projected cost \$15-20</li> <li>• Will need plain black shoes, black socks/tights and ROPS Sports Shirt for public performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are Y5 and Y6 students who love to sing and are interested in learning and performing more advanced choir pieces as part of a committed musical team.</li> <li>• Committed to membership for the whole year.</li> <li>• Committed to ongoing home learning to prepare for school time rehearsals and performances.</li> </ul>

#### ROPS Co-Curricular Music Rehearsal Start Date

ROPS Year 3-6 Co-curricular Programme Before School Rehearsals will start:  
**Week 3 of Term 1 (Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February).**  
Further information specific to each Group/Choir will be emailed by Music Specialist.

#### Important information for Acorns' 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.

- All nuts and nut-based products
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Yoghurt
- Dorito corn chips

Please double-check the lunch you send. Some muesli bars and other quick snack foods can contain high levels of nuts so please check all labels.

We would like to eliminate these foods as they are life-threatening for a child with such allergies. Thank you very much for your understanding and support. Please do not hesitate to contact Vicky if you have any questions concerning this: [vickys@rops.school.nz](mailto:vickys@rops.school.nz)

#### 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.

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The first second hand uniform sale is to be held next **Tuesday 20th February** at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am.

#### Preloved Football and Rugby Boots

You may have caught former ROPS student Corbin Martin on the news recently for his initiative Boot it!. The team collect preloved football and rugby boots, which they clean and do minor repairs on, sew boot bags for and donate them to kids in need.

[Boot it Team](#) If you have any preloved Football and Rugby boots of any size, you would like to donate to Boot it. Please drop them in at the office or alternately to Whaea Vicki (Corbin's Mum) in Tōtara Room.

Follow the Boot it facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555765595590&sk=mentions>

#### 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 next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 March.

#### Scholastic Book Orders

A reminder to parents that Scholastic Book Club's last day for ordering is this Friday Feb 16th.

### 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.

<b>Week 2</b>	12	13 <b>Lewis Eady Tuesday starts</b>	14 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	15 String Programme New Whānau Evening - Staff Room, 7pm	16 Cello Lessons Start for 2024
<b>Week 3</b>	19 Year 0 enrolments starting day Co-Curricular Music Rehearsals Start	20 <b>Second hand uniform sale</b>  <b>Parent Evening/Meet the teachers 6pm</b>	21 <b>Zone Swimming trials at Jellicoe 11-1</b> Violin Lessons Start for 2024 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	22 Afterschool Violin Group Lesson Starts for 2024	23
<b>Week 4</b>	26  <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>	27	28 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	29	1
<b>Week 5</b> March	4 Year 0 enrolments starting day	5	6 <b>Year 6 Camp/Year 5 EOTC</b> Violin for Y3 & 4 only <b>Parent Group 7pm</b> <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	7 <b>Year 6 Camp/Year 5 EOTC</b> Year 5 Wero group 1 @ 12.30	8 <b>Year 6 Camp/Year 5 EOTC</b> Cello for Y3 & 4 only <b>Year 5 Wero group 2 @9.00am</b>
<b>Week 6</b> March	11	12	13 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	14	15 Grip Conference for Whānau Leaders
<b>Week 7</b> March	18 Year 0 enrolments starting day	19 <b>Mahi Tahī evenings</b>	20 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	21 <b>Mahi Tahī evenings</b>	22
<b>Week 8</b> March	25  <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>	26 <b>Zone Swimming</b>	27 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	28	29 <b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Week 9</b> April	1 <b>Easter Monday</b>	2 <b>School Closed</b>	3 <b>Parent Group 7.00pm</b> <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	4	5
<b>Week 10</b>	8	9 <b>Summer Field Day</b>	10 <b>Centennial Meeting 6pm</b>	11	12 <b>Last day of term</b>

### BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Monday 26 February 2024** 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



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# OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2025  
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**Thursday 7th March 2024 | 9:30am or 1:45pm**  
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