

Week 2, Term 4, 15 October 2025

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Class placements for 2026 - anyone leaving or new arrivals?

We will soon be sorting the classes for 2026. 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 or felicityb@rops.school.nz respectively. Please do not request specific teachers as teachers may either be leaving or shifting year levels. If you are aware that your child will be leaving, please do let us know. Further to that, if you are aware of anyone starting next year, please advise them to check in at the office with us before the end of this year.

Hats and naming clothes

As we are now in Term 4 and moving into the warmer weather (hopefully!), it is time for everyone to be wearing hats when they are outside. Please ensure that your child has a named hat to wear when they go out for break times. As they are still wearing fleeces or sweatshirts in the morning, it is vital that these items are named as they do get taken off during the day. Our lost property pile was huge at the end of last term.

NZEI Strike Day

As you are now aware the teachers who belong to NZEI have voted to strike on **Thursday 23 October**. The Board has made the decision to close the school. We will be sending confirmation home about this early next week once we get formal notice of this event. Please do look out for that confirmation. This means that the school will be closed for instruction that day and you will need to make alternate arrangements for your child/children. Kelly Club will be open that day.

Friday Bake sales

Wow! What a great start to our Term 4 Bake Sales. Congratulations and thank you to our Kōwhai whānau for providing all the yummy treats last Friday. Your mahi earned us a whopping \$837 last week!!! It is Karaka's turn this week - I wonder if they can beat that figure?!

Year 4 EOTC

Last Thursday our Year 4 tamariki enjoyed an engaging and exciting EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) experience at the Onehunga Pools, where they learned vital water safety skills. This was a hands-on learning opportunity where students had the opportunity to learn how to be safe around water, fitting and using life jackets correctly, understanding currents, and basic boat



safety. We were incredibly proud of the way our students challenged themselves during these activities, often stepping out of their comfort zones. They also showed great manaaki in the way they supported one another throughout the day. Their teamwork, courage, and positive attitude made the day a successful and fantastic learning experience for everyone. A huge thank you to the staff and parent helpers who made this event possible. Special thanks to Whaea Wendy for organising and overseeing the trip.

Music Opportunity for 2026 and 2025 End of Year Music Showcases

Royal Oak Primary School String Programme 2026 - Applications

We are currently seeking applications of interest for new beginners for the 2026 ROPS String Programme to learn Violin or Cello. We currently have 12 places for Beginner Violinists, and 3 places for Beginner Cellists.

Priority will be given to those students in **Y3 in 2026 (current Year 2 tamariki)**.

If interested in this opportunity for your child, please click below for information

CLICK HERE: [Royal Oak Primary School 2026 String Programme Information Letter](#)

CLICK HERE: [String Programme 2026 Application Form](#)

All applications must be submitted by **Friday 7 November, 5pm**

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 20 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, and Classroom Music Programme choral items.

Friday 21 November - Y3-6 ROPS Instrumental Music Showcase, 11.40am -1.00pm, School Hall
Performances by our Ukulele Groups, 'Oakestra', Recorder Groups, Classroom Music Recorder Mega-Band item, Handchimes Ensembles, ROPS String Programme Violins and Cellos, and a special item devised by 2025 Music Leaders.

2025 Whānau Leaders Present...

FRIDAY FUN FAIR – A Kids-Only Event, Run by Kids for Kids!

Happening this Friday 17 October!!!

Tomorrow is the last day for Fun Fair donations!

Please send any items you'd like to contribute to your child's class in the morning.

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated – we've received some exciting pre-loved treasures for the children to purchase, along with a few brand new items kindly donated as well.

Friday is a fun day at school!

We'll have the Fun Fair in the morning, followed by a sausage sizzle and a bake sale after school.

Remember to bring some gold coins along!

Children will be able to purchase books, games, puzzles, toys, sports equipment, musical instruments – and take part in fun activities like *Win a Block of Chocolate* and temporary tattoos.

Please have a quick chat with your child to let them know if you're comfortable with them getting a temporary tattoo.

Thank you so much for your support – it helps make this day special for the children and assists with fundraising for next year's school camp!

Ngā mihi from Whaea Vicki and the Whānau Leaders

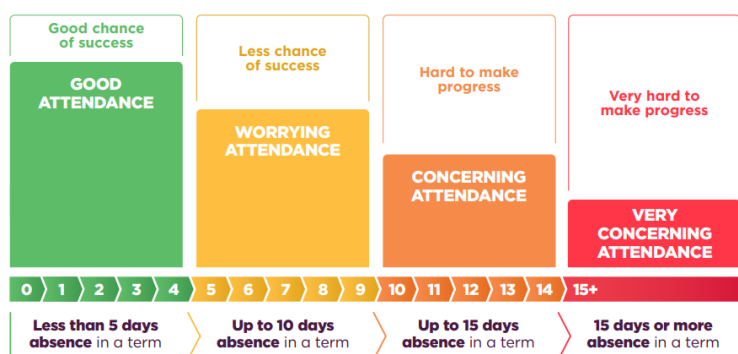
Quiz Night

If you are attending our Quiz Night this Saturday, please remember to bring along plenty of cash to buy answers, play heads and tails, purchase silent auction items and buy a reverse auction ticket. **You are still able to purchase reverse auction tickets with the prize worth \$3000 - only 100 tickets are being sold! See Louise in the office to purchase one.** See you there - it will be a fun-filled evening!!!

Attendance:

In Term 4 we will be working on developing our STAR - Stepped Attendance Response. This is a government initiative to focus on improving attendance to improve achievement outcomes for learners. We will be doing an attendance push throughout Term 4 and throughout 2026. This will be mentioned regularly in newsletters. Please take note of the information in the graphic below. It is important for your child's education that they attend school and arrive on time each day. It is important to let us know why your child is absent. Unfortunately, if we are unable to connect with you regarding their absence, we will need to mark them as truant.

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time



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 is Wednesday 5 November.

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What's coming up?

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

Week 2 October	13	14	15	16 Second Hand Uniform Sale	17 Friday Fun Fair and Sausage Sizzle
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				Acorns Cross Country (saving day)	PG Quiz night Sat 18 th Oct
Week 3 Niuean Lang Week Diwali	20 Year 0 enrolments starting day Class/individual photos	21 Sibling photos	22 Diwali Celebration Day	23 NZEI STRIKE DAY	24
Week 4	27 Labour Day Holiday	28	29 6pm Positive Puberty Whānau Information talk via Zoom	30	31 School Assembly
Week 5 November	03 Year 0 enrolments starting day Board Meeting	04 Year 6 Puberty Talks - all day Lewis Eady lunchtime concert 1.00 - 1.30pm	05 Lewis Eady lunchtime concert 1.00 - 1.30pm Parent Group 7.00pm	06	07

Week 6	10 Oaks Athletics	11 Oaks Athletics Finals 10 -11 OR rain day	12 ROI Orientation Day Samosas delivered	13 Second Hand Uniform Sale Uke Jam - Y3-6 Mt Roskill Primary 10am. - 1pm	14
Week 7 Music Week 2025	17 Year 0 enrolments starting day Lunchtime Concert Ukulele	18 Lunchtime Concert Oakestra	19 Lunchtime Concert Recorder Ensemble	20 End of Year Choral Showcase	21 End of Year Instrumental Showcase
Week 8	24 Last Ukulele Group for 2025	25 Last Oakestra for 2025 Acorns Athletics day	26	27 Last Recorder Ensemble for 2025 Acorns Athletics (Saving day) Last Violin Group Lesson for 2025 3- 4pm	28 Last Handchimes for 2025 School Assembly Sunday Nov 30 Term 4 String Programme Recital 2.40pm for 3pm conc.
Week 9 December	01	02 Zone Athletics	03 Last Violin Lessons for 2025	04 10.00am Year 4-6 certificate assembly	05

		Parent Helper morning tea	Parent Group 7.00pm		Last Cello Lessons for 2025
Week 10	08 Board Meeting	09 Awards Assembly 9am Visit 2026 classes 2pm - 2.30pm	10	11 Second Hand Uniform Sale Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9am and Lunch	12 Oaks Pool Trip Acorns Junky Monkey
Week 11	15 Reports go home	16 12pm School Finishes	17	18	19

Board News:

Our next Board meeting is on **Monday 3 November 2025** at **6.00pm**. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



Megan Clotworthy
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KELLY CLUB Royal Oak UPDATE



Photos from last week!



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