

Week 4, Term 4, 29 October 2025

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!



Board News:

Our next Board meeting is on **Monday 3 November 2025** at **6.00pm** in the **staffroom**. Part of our meeting will be dedicated to Strategic Planning for 2026. You are always most welcome to attend.

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.

Acorns' Cross Country

Acorns' Cross Country Results 2025

Year 0 / 1 (Pūriri / Rimu)	1st. Violet Spiers 2nd. Hanneke Hermans 3rd. Allegra Manuyag	1st. Kiaan Patel 2nd. Asher To 3rd. Samuel Ortiz Caicedo
Year 1 (Kowhai)	1st. Madeleine Godfrey 2nd. Chanel Wang 3rd. Bensey Chhetry	1st. Nico Skates 2nd. Lucas Aguirre 3rd. Nithik Vignesh
Year 2	1st. Isabel Gilbert 2nd. Cora Thomson 3rd. Charlotte Chong	1st. Kingston Kalotau 2nd. Wolfie Marchant 3rd. Dev Priyadarshi
Year 3 (competitive)	1st. Bella Klink 2nd. Lottie Taaffe 3rd. Eva Fereti	1st. Peter Smith 2nd. Liam Gillingham 3rd. Gabriel Ortiz Caicedo

After a bit of a rocky start with the original event postponed due to torrential rain, last Thursday turned out to be a fantastic day for the Acorns' Cross Country!

Despite a few showers, our tamariki gave it their all and ran some amazing races. It was heartwarming to see so many whānau lining the banks, cheering on every runner. The ROPS sport leaders were incredibly supportive going above and beyond to ensure every child crossed the finish line with encouragement and pride.

A huge thank you to all the kaiako who helped the day run smoothly. Congratulations to our race winners, and a massive well done to every runner who took part. You are all absolute superstars! Special thanks to Whaea Vicky for organising this successful event.

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.

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 Music Week 2025: Mon 17 November - Friday 21 November

Music Week Lunchtime Concerts

Monday 17 November - *Ukulele Group* Lunchtime Jam, 1.00pm - 1.30pm, School Hall

Tuesday 18 November - *'Oakestra'* Lunchtime Recital, 1.00pm - 1.30pm, School Hall

Wednesday 19 November - *Recorder Ensemble* Lunchtime Recital, 1.00pm - 1.30pm, School Hall

ROPS End-of-Year Music Showcases (as part of Music Week)

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.

Whānau and friends are warmly invited to these Lunchtime Concerts, and our Choral and Instrumental Showcases

They will be a really fantastic celebration of the musical learning of our Royal Oak Primary School Musicians!

EPro8 Success

Congratulations to all our teams who participated in this competition. We gained fourth place, second place and first place!!! Congratulations to Caio, Eliamen, Ellie and Jay - 4th, Alex R, Harrison, Max and Nixon - 2nd and Abby S, Alex A, Finn and Gino - 1st! We are so proud of you all. The teams that gained 1st and 2nd will go on to the semi-final competition. A huge thank you to Matua Sam for all his support and encouragement with these teams.



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.

Friday Bake sales

Wow! These have been a huge success so far this term. For three weeks in a row, we have made over \$800 at each sale - great work team!!! Kahikatea is currently in the lead for the most money made - let's see what Tōtara can achieve this week! Thank you all for the baking and purchasing that you are doing to support these bake sales!!!

Quiz Night

What a fun-filled evening was had by all!!! A huge thank you to all those who attended and to our magnificent Parent Group for organising such a wonderful evening. We raised \$13,000 from our generous quizzers, with the support of our wonderful sponsors Manas Nanda, Royal Oak Barfoot and Thompson and Pak 'n Save Royal Oak and the many others who donated to the evening. Our Quiz Leader, Blaise, managed to wow the crowd. Another wonderful Parent Group event - thank you!!!

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. 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.

Parent Group

Parent Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the staffroom (except for this month). 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 12 November.

More Success for Nina!!

Two weeks ago, on October 18 and 19, Nina competed in the (U13 Girls) National Top Rope and Bouldering Competitions in Queenstown. Nina won both categories over two days (Top Rope and Bouldering) and has been selected for the NZ National Squad as a result. She may travel to Australia in 2026 to compete in the Australian Nationals. We are super proud of Nina! Well done!!



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Donation Payment Timeline

All bookings made with your school's code will be tracked, and donation payments will be calculated and transferred to your school in early January 2026.

What's coming up?

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

Week 4	27 Labour Day	28 Year 0 enrolments starting day	29 6pm Year 6 Positive Puberty Whānau Information talk via Zoom	30 Science Award Display	31
Week 5 November	03 Bunka No Hi day 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	06	07 Road Patrol Training Year 5
Week 6	10 Oaks Athletics Samosa's need to be ordered by noon today	11 Oaks Athletics Finals 10 - 11 OR rain day	12 ROI Orientation Day Samosa's delivered Parent Group 7.00pm	13 Second Hand Uniform Sale Uke Jam – Y3-6 (60) Mt Roskill Primary 10am. - 1pm	14 EPro8 Semifinal (2 teams/8 students) - Meadowbank Primary.
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 Recorder Group for 2025	25 Last Oakestra for 2025 Acorns Athletics day	26	27 Last Ukulele Group for 2025 Acorns Athletics (Saving day)	28 Last Handchimes for 2025 11.40 Y2-4 Choir Sharing Sunday Nov 30 Term 4 String Programme Recital 2.40pm for 3pm conc.
Week 9 December	01	02 Zone Athletics Parent Helper morning tea	03 Last Violin Lessons for 2025 Parent Group 7.00pm	04 10.00am Year 4-6 certificate assembly	05 Last Cello Lessons for 2025 Including End of year Cello Group Lesson 11 – 11.30am
Week 10	08 Board Meeting	09 Senior 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

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



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KELLY CLUB Royal Oak UPDATE



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