



Week 2, Term 1, 11 February 2026

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!



### Welcome to the 2026 school 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. It has been wonderful to see all the happy faces coming through the gate and settling into their classes.

### Beyond the Basics: Your Donation Fuels Great Learning We need your help to reach our 2026 donations target

Your school donation directly supports what makes our school unique - from the STEM, Music, and Te Reo Māori programmes your children enjoy each week, to our Learning Support team, who help every classroom thrive.

**Government funding doesn't cover our learning support needs or the rich educational programmes we offer our tamariki. We rely on locally raised funds from your school donations and Parent Group fundraising to bridge the gap.**

When families contribute, we can keep offering more than the basics and ensure every student reaches their potential. Payment options are available. You can:

- Pay in part (weekly, monthly, or partial donation - every amount counts!)
- Sponsor another child's donation

We're happy to cater to all needs — please contact Megan for more information.

You can pay your donation today on <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/shop> or in the school office.

Help us keep our tamariki supported with the best opportunities for 2026.

### Who's who on our staff?

The 2026 teaching structure is as follows (last names are included, 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):

<b>Kaiako (Teachers)</b>		
<b>Room name</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Year</b>
Kōwhai	Whaea Julia Popovic Whaea Sam Ang Whaea Maddie Darlington (.8) Whaea Lua Downes (.4)	1
Rīmu	Whaea Chloe Ferguson Whaea Vicky Stewart (.2)	1
Mataī	Whaea Brianna Rees Whaea Rachel Leulu (.1)	2
Rātā	Whaea Anna Nalden (.8) Whaea Catherine Jang Whaea Rachel Leulu (.2)	2
Kohekohe	Lewis Eady	
Pōhutukawa	Matua Ryan Milich Whaea Jenni Jamieson (.1)	3
Mānuka	Whaea Emma Kings-Gale Whaea Felicity Boyd (.1)	3
Miro	Whaea Rebecca Wharton	4
Kauri	Whaea Wendy Rothwell Whaea Rosemary Cusack Whaea Rikki Chaitanya (.2) Whaea Vicky Stewart (.1)	4
Tōtara	Whaea Vicki Martin Whaea April Purdon Whaea Rachel Leulu (.1)	5/6
Karaka	Whaea Kirstie Rogerson Matua Sam Forde Whaea Suzie Gurr (.2) Whaea Felicity (.2)	5/6
Kahikatea	Whaea Melanie Atfield Matua Steve Mathews	5/6
Kōhanga Ako	Whaea Maria Van Der Kaay	ESOL
Te Kākano	Whaea Nikki Hartnett-Clarke	Te Reo
Taiao	Whaea Robyn McConnell	STEM/Enviro Science
Music	Whaea Amelia Giles	Music
Learning Support	Whaea Laura Stitt Whaea Jody Kalapiu Whaea Brigetta Young Whaea Sue Doyle Whaea Kelly Ray Whaea Karen Ray Whaea Camila Jamieson Whaea Mola Coote Whaea Fiona Granger Whaea Treena Tetava Whaea Melissa Mara	
Admin Staff	Whaea Louise White – Office Admin	

	Whaea Pam Waugh – RTLBI/Internationals Whaea Tessa Henry/Melissa Mara - Library	
Property Staff	Matua Peter Carlton Matua Jai Gapes	
<b>Learning Leaders</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Email</b>
Whaea Julia	Year 0/1 Learning Leader	juliap@rops.school.nz
Whaea Brianna	Year 2/3 Learning Leader	briannar@rops.school.nz
Whaea Wendy	Year 4 Learning Leader	wendyr@rops.school.nz
Whaea Vicki	Year 5/6 Learning Leader	vickim@rops.school.nz

<b>Leadership Team</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Email</b>
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
Whaea Nemias Gariando	Executive Officer	nemiag@rops.school.nz

### **Attendance, School Drop Offs and Pick ups**

School begins for the day at 8.50am. It is expected that all children will be in class, ready to learn at that time. School finishes at 3pm each day. It is vital that every child has arrangements for how they get home as we cannot safely supervise children after 3pm. If you cannot get here to pick your children up, please ensure that you book them in to Kelly Club or make other arrangements.

School is not officially open before 8.25am. If your child happens to arrive before that time, there should be an arrangement made with Kelly Club. If they arrive just before 8.25am, Acorns (Year 1-3) sit on the steps by the office and Oaks sit on the steps by the two-storey block.

### **Whaea Tessa is retiring**

Sadly, we will be bidding farewell to Whaea Tessa, our treasured librarian, as she retires at the end of this month. Tessa has been at ROPS for 38 years and has enriched the lives of many tamariki. She has been a catalyst for developing a love of reading for thousands of tamariki. Her work over those years has been very much appreciated and she will be a great loss to our kura. We wish her well for her retirement journey and hope that she will pop in to see us every now and then. If you wish make a donation towards a retirement gift for Tessa, please contact Megan (meganc@rops.school.nz) or Nemias (nemiag@rops.school.nz).

### **Parent Group**

Parent Group meetings are normally 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. We have moved the meeting for February. The next meeting will be held **tonight Wednesday 11 February.**

Our major event for the year is rapidly approaching, and the Parent Group will be reaching out for support. **This event is the Colour Run to be held on Saturday 28 March.** You will get more information about this very soon. Please do support this however possible.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale:

Our first second-hand uniform sale is tomorrow Thursday 12 February at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am.

### ROPS Y4 – 6 Classroom Music Programme – Recorder

All Y4-6 learn to play the Recorder as part of the Royal Oak Primary School Classroom Music Programme taught by our Music Specialist Amelia Giles during the school day.

A letter with information about this learning will come home on Friday with Year 4 students and any new Year 5 & 6 Students.

### ROPS Co-Curricular Music Programme

All ROPS Co-Curricular Music Groups/Choir Rehearsals will begin next week (from **Monday 13 February**).

Music Specialist Amelia Giles will email final details this week to those whānau who have enrolled.

**ROPS Choirs 2026** still have places for Y2 – 6 children and whānau who are willing to be fully committed to this very special part of our ROPS Music Programme.

NB: The Y2 choir will start in Term 2 to allow time for settling into the year.

[Enrol for Choirs 2026 here](#)

### Allergies

We do have a number of tamariki with severe allergies across our school. Thank you for your understanding and support by avoiding sending foods that impact these tamariki. There are specific messages for certain year levels, however we would ask that the entire school avoids sending nuts with your children.

### EOTC Donations

Our Year 5 and Year 6 tamariki are lucky enough to experience wonderful outdoor education opportunities (Y5 - rock climbing and rafting, Y6 - Camp) in Term 1. For some of our tamariki it is difficult for their whānau to cover the cost of these. I am aware that we have some wonderful benevolent folk in our community who would like to sponsor or support one of these tamariki to attend their outdoor education activity. If you would like to provide financial support for a child to attend outdoor education, please contact Nemia Gariando ([nemiag@rops.school.nz](mailto:nemiag@rops.school.nz)) and she will let you know what you need to do. Thank you so much for your support.

### Contact with school

Just a reminder that your first point of contact with the school is with your child's class teacher. Please bring any concerns or issues up with them in the first instance. You are most welcome to email them or set up a meeting time to meet with them. If for some reason you are not happy with those discussions, you can then reach out to the Learning Leader, following that if you still feel you have not been heard please contact the relevant Deputy Principal (Acorns or Oaks). We are all here to support your children to achieve the best that they can within a safe environment.

### Success for an Ex ROPS Pupil

I would like to congratulate Chris Wood, who attended Royal Oak Primary School. He plays for Premier League team Nottingham Forest and is captain of the All Whites. He is a fine role model and an example of what hard work and dedication can achieve.



### 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.



A new, catering services are now available through Ezlunch — giving you even more choice when it comes to healthy, convenient lunches for your tamariki.

Here's what's on the menu:

- **Monday:** Four Square (new service)
- **Tuesday:** Ninja Sushi
- **Wednesday:** Brunch n Lunch
- **Thursday:** Brunch n Lunch (new day added!)

You'll find a delicious variety of nutritious options to keep your kids fuelled and focused.

To view the full menu and place an order, simply log in to your Ezlunch account as usual.

**Together, we simplify school life — one lunch at a time.**

The Ezlunch and Kindo Team  
hello@mykindo.co.nz  
support.mykindo.co.nz

### What's coming up?

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

Week 2 9 Feb Meet the Teacher	9 Feb Imaginaire begins Specialist programmes 2026 Begin	10 Feb	11 Feb Parent Group Mtg 7pm	12 Feb Second Hand Uniform Sale String Programme New Parents Evening 7pm	13 Feb 2026 Cello Lessons Start
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/ Class Breakfasts				Staff Room Student Leadership Forms due in	
Week 3 16 Feb	16 Feb Year 1 enrolments starting day Co-Curricular Music 2026 Begins 8am  3.15pm Y6 Camp Info meeting	17 Feb 8.30am Camp Info mtg	18 Feb 2026 Violin Lessons Start	19 Feb 2026 Afterschool Violin Group Lesson Starts	20 Feb
Week 4 23 Feb	23 Feb Board Meeting 6pm	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb Non-uniform day - chocolates	27 Feb 8.15 am Camp Helpers Meeting
Week 5	2 Mar Year 1 enrolments starting day	3 Mar 9am WERO Yr 5	4 Mar Year 6 Camp	5 Mar Year 6 Camp	6 Mar Year 6 Camp
Week 6	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar Parent Group Mtg	12 Mar Second Hand Uniform Sale	13 Mar
Week 7	16 Mar Year 1 enrolments starting day	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar
Week 8 23 March	23 Mar Board Meeting 6pm	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar 28 March Colour Run 11 - 2pm
Week 9 30 March	30 Mar Year 1 enrolments starting day	31 Mar	1 Apr Parent Group	2 Apr Cello Lessons in lieu (am)  End of Term 1	3 Apr Good Friday

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



Megan Clotworthy  
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## Community Notices



### St Peter's College

Mountain Road, Epsom

Tel: 09 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

## OPEN DAY

For year 7 Enrolments in 2027

Limited enrolments at other levels

**TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2026**  
**9.30 am or 1.00 pm**

in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)  
followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys.  
**You do not need to register.**

St Peter's College provides an education in the Catholic tradition by building a strong foundation in the Academic, Sport & Music areas.

The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.

*The College is well served by public transport  
from all parts of Auckland*

(Weather permitting, parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)

[www.st-peters.school.nz](http://www.st-peters.school.nz)

"St Peter's builds outstanding men"





# ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

CONFORTARE ESTO VIR

YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2027  
Limited enrolments at other levels

**Thursday 19th March 2026 | 9:30am or 1:45pm**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY

(Parking available on-site)

## Learn to Sew

Term Classes  
Mt Eden



### Sewing Class

Term Classes -Year 4+

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Fun, creative classes where kids learn real sewing skills and make projects they're proud of.

"My daughter LOVED the class so much she wanted to come straight back. She was so proud of her dress and can't wait to make more. We'll be back!"



thread room

See website for all sewing classes:  
[www.threadroom.co.nz](http://www.threadroom.co.nz)





## **No Screens, All Confidence: Pform 2026 Classes Open!**

Looking for an after-school activity to build skills and confidence without screens? Pform.nz offers singing, dancing, and acting classes with two trained tutors per session, ensuring personal attention. Our fun and confidence-boosting programs cater to all ages in a supportive environment.

### **Why Pform?**

Boosts creativity, confidence, self-expression

Experienced, nurturing instructors

Showcase and competition opportunities

Flexible term or full-year enrollments

With over 30 venues Auckland-wide, there's a Pform Venue in your community. We invite you to join our creative journey in 2026.

For more details, class schedules, or to book, visit [www.pform.nz](http://www.pform.nz)



Contact: Thushani Aththanayaka  
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## KELLY CLUB Royal Oak UPDATE



**START THE DAY  
RIGHT WITH  
BREAKFAST AT  
KELLY CLUB!**

We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day! That's why every Before School Care session includes a healthy breakfast.

**BOOK NOW** [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)



### Photos from last week!



**BOOK ONLINE NOW AT** [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

# Imaginaire

SPEECH & DRAMA

## ABOUT US:

Imaginaire offers an exciting, fun and dynamic Speech and Drama programme, inspiring confidence and creativity in our students.

At Imaginaire, we take equal delight in nurturing the next generation of acting extraordinaires and empowering children to overcome shyness and communicate with confidence.

We offer a 'no obligation' introduction lesson so your child can try our lessons out.

## LESSONS INCLUDE:

- Public Speaking Skills
- Acting Skills
- Communication & Conversation Skills
- Vocal Skills
- Positive Body Language
- Poetry Recital
- Reading Aloud
- Speech Writing & Delivery
- Manners and Relationship Skills
- Building Self-Esteem & Confidence

## JOIN US FOR: SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS



ROYAL OAK PRIMARY

ON MONDAYS DURING  
THE SCHOOL DAY

**ENROL NOW**

We also offer professional qualifications from Year 4+ through Speech NZ Board.

**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 0-6**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO ENROL PLEASE VISIT:**  
[www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/](http://www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/)



# SUMMER NETBALL

Starts 18 February - 26 March 2026



Get a group of friends, your school or work mates together and join our fun summer netball. Register as a team, or an individual player.

**Seniors:** (Snr- Ladies & Open, College- Girls & Open)

\$325 per team, or  
\$60 for individual entries

**Juniors:** (Year 1-8)

\$295 per team, or  
\$45 for individual entries

**Walking Netball:** (Ladies & Open)

\$325 per team, or  
\$60 for individual entries

**Venues:**

St Johns - Thursday nights, starts 19 Feb or  
Mt Eden - Wednesday nights, starts 18 Feb

**Runs for 6 weeks**

**Entries close: 13 February 2026**

**Register online:**

Scan the QR code carefully and ensure it directs to Auckland Netball's official website [www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz).  
Beware of scams - Auckland Netball will never request sensitive information or payments via unofficial links.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

**Anne Nicholson, Games Liaison**

**T:** 09 280 4131

**E:** [games@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:games@aucklandnetball.co.nz)



# Weekend & After School

## NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS



Looking for opportunities for your child to play netball outside of school? Join our 6 week programme with netball skills and match play. Individual registrations, open to boys & girls.

### After-School Clinics:

St Johns  
Wednesday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
18 Feb-25 Mar 2026

Windmill Park  
Monday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
16 Feb-23 Mar 2026



### Weekend Clinics:

St Johns  
Sunday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
22 Feb-29 Mar 2026

Windmill Park  
Saturday mornings  
Years 1-8  
21 Feb-28 Mar 2026



For more information please contact:

Caitlin Smardon, Development Programme Officer

T 09 280 4129 or M 021 577 105

E [development@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@aucklandnetball.co.nz)

[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)





# Teach your child to swim with us



ST CUTHBERT'S  
SWIM SCHOOL



Learning to swim is a vital life skill for enjoyment and survival. At St Cuthbert's Swim School we offer swimming lessons in state-of-the-art facilities for Baby, Preschool and School Age Children - weekday mornings, afternoons and weekends

## **Baby and Preschool lessons**

Our Baby, Preschool and Beginner lessons are held in our small private learner's pool. This is set to a higher temperature than our main pool, its UV-treated water means reduced chlorine levels and fewer irritants for young, sensitive skin and eyes.

## **School Age lessons and Squads**

Once children have built up their swimming confidence they can move to our larger 20 x 25 metre swimming pool. Swimming lessons at school age focus on developing a sound technical swimming base so your child is confident with different strokes. When they reach a proficient level in all their strokes they can move up to our 1 hour Swim Squads.

## **GET IN TOUCH**

For bookings or to make an appointment to visit our facilities:

**Phone:** 09 520 8272

**Email:** [swimbookings@stcuthberts.school.nz](mailto:swimbookings@stcuthberts.school.nz)

**Address:** 122 Market Road, Epsom, (inside College grounds).

Parking in underground carpark off Market Road and Puriri Ave.

**Website:** [www.stcuthbertsswimschool.co.nz](http://www.stcuthbertsswimschool.co.nz)



# DANCE FOR LIFE

Junior ACADEMY

Onehunga Studio

Ballet • Jazz • Tap • Hip Hop • Acro



Trial a Class

[nzballet.co.nz](http://nzballet.co.nz)

Looking for a fun after-school activity?

Children are invited to **TRIAL a dance class** at **Dance For Life Academy, Onehunga** – a family-friendly, **non-competitive and inclusive** dance school where every child is supported to grow with confidence and joy.

👉 Find out more at [nzballet.co.nz](http://nzballet.co.nz) or email [bookings@nzballet.co.nz](mailto:bookings@nzballet.co.nz)

## SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

### Private STEM Sessions

- **PERSONALISED 1:1 SESSIONS FOR YOUR CHILD**
  - Coding, robotics, 3d design, science, engineering, Minecraft + more
- **BOOKED ON YOUR SCHEDULE**
  - During school, after-school
  - Online, at home, local venue
- **FOR ALL LEARNERS**
  - Extension
  - Building a new hobby
  - Developing confidence & skills
- **HIGH & COMPLEX NEEDS SUPPORT**
  - IF and carer support funding accepted



[BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ](http://BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ)





## ST MARY'S COLLEGE 2027 Enrolments are now OPEN

Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2027 are now OPEN for Year 7 and Year 9 students  
and a limited number of places at other year levels

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

We invite you to submit an online application



## 2026 OPEN DAY

**Thursday 26 March 2026**

Two sessions available, commencing 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both sessions deliver the same information

No need to RSVP - just come along to your preferred session

**[www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz)**

11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13