



**Royal Oak
Primary School**
HONOUR LOYALTY SERVICE

Week 9, Term 1, 27 March 2019.

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, welcome!

Dear Parents,

Whew, time flies when you're having fun. This is actually the final newsletter that I will be sharing with the gorgeous Megan Clotworthy as she leaves us at the end of week 10. I will miss her terribly but am happy for her as she moves on to the next adventure in her life!

This week we also farewell Hayley Pipes for a while as she leaves us to have an overseas adventure. Hayley is a bright, bubbly, amazing person and a fabulous teacher and we will miss her too. I wish Hayley all the very best in her travels and thank her most sincerely for the work she has done here at ROPS. Davida Phillips is filling in for Hayley for the last two weeks of term and Annabel Bird will be returning in term 2.

We are all very excited here about the Carnival on Saturday - 3 sleeps to go!! I know we have many children performing on the day and that will really add great interest for you. Thank you so much to the many parents who are helping in some way or another. It is greatly appreciated.



I'm told by our Parent Group President, Angela Thompson, that she has taken a bit of a back seat this year - hard to believe because she is certainly here at school a lot!! Anyway, my thanks to our key drivers this year: Sam McSkimming, Eloise Pulido, Rebecca Ruttley, Gerald Bethel and Georgie Shanks.

Liddy Sanders and Denise Fisher (both doing clothing), Fiona Grainger (homewares), Megan Webster (silent auction/live auction), Megan Matuschka (books) and Mila Gorokhova and Vanessa Collins (raffle) have done days and weeks' worth of time and effort as well. And their areas generate the lion's share of the income on the day. Without them we essentially just have a great food festival with some side attractions.

THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY TO YOU ALL!!

BOT Update on the appointment of a new Principal:

In the last newsletter, we were delighted to inform you that we have engaged Kay Hawk from The Education Group to support us with the appointment of a new Principal for our school. Since then, an advertisement for the role has appeared online in the Education Gazette and to ensure we gain maximum exposure, this will be supported by a print ad in the printed copy

of the Gazette which goes out this week. The Education Gazette is a Ministry of Education resource that lists all jobs for teachers and education professionals in NZ. The printed publication is delivered to schools on a fortnightly basis.

As a Board we also want to seek timely input from Staff and RTLB Leaders who have been invited to attend a consultation meeting this week, to help refine what we are looking for in our new school leader.

We will provide you with another update on the progress towards this appointment in the next newsletter but please feel free to contact any of the Board Members if you have any questions - Owen Sinclair, Jude Walter, Talia McNaughton, Karyn Kurzeja, Michael Berry and Vicky Stewart.

An Informative Evening for Parents:

WHO: Nathan Mikaere-Wallis

WHEN: 25th June 7:30 - 9pm

WHAT: The Developing Brain - What 2 - 7 year old's need to know!!

(There will also be a little bit of information about the teenage brain)

WHERE: Mangere Bridge School

COST: \$35pp

Entertainment Books:

You can now pre-order your Entertainment Book online. You can use the following link to go through to our school fundraising page and order your book through us. Please also pass this onto your family, friends and workmates who also want to obtain a copy. <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9919z1>

Parent Group:



After School Café: Please note that this Friday there will be no after-school cafe as we will be busy setting up for the school Carnival. We will be having our next one the following week.

Carnival Drop Offs Closed:

We have now closed drop offs for homewares, clothes and books.

Thank you all for your donations! **We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday!!**

From the Carnival Pre-Loved Team

Parent Group Meeting: Next Wednesday (3rd April) is our last parent group meeting for the term. Please come along to the staffroom at 7.30pm. We will be celebrating another great Carnival and also saying farewell to Megan Clotworthy - as this will be her last meeting with us. We hope you can join us!

Class Liaisons: This is a great way to build community and connection with the parents in your child's class. If you are interested in being a class liaison and would like to know more about it, please contact Hazel Dunn on 021 156-1402



Engage Your Brain

Tue 25 Jun 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Mangere Bridge School, Mangere Bridge
Hosted by Te Iti Kahurangi - Kāhui Ako

Te Iti Kahurangi - Kāhui Ako are proud to announce that host of the documentary "All in the Mind" and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret Life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Engage Your Brain.

This talk focuses on the social/emotional aspects of your brain development - how feeling impacts our thinking. While the times that this brain really has the steering wheel is 2-8 and again in the middle of adolescence, it is relevant to all learners that want to feel engaged, enthusiastic and passionate about what they do. The fundamental mistake New Zealand society has made over the last few decades, is thinking that a two-year-old is a little seven-year-old and that the earlier we get ready to be seven, by learning numeracy and literacy, the better off we will be. That's just not how our brain develops. A large part of intelligence is problem-solving and problem-solving is hugely dependent on creativity. Creativity largely comes online, between the ages of two and seven, in a free-play, child-lead environment. Its development is inhibited if we focus instead on seven-year-old formalised literacy and numeracy. Learning is so much easier when the learner is engaged.

Come along and learn how to engage your brain.

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz.

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.

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Term 2: Advance Notice: In Term 2 we will have the delicious delight of running a Samosa Fundraiser. So keep space in your freezers free and don't go stocking up elsewhere. A notice will come home after the first weeks of school.

Why we Teach:

The Sausage Paradise: by Cameo: Pohutukawa Room Year 4

“Clang, clang,” the tongs sounded the fire alarm as Sean lit the meths mini cooking stove. Carefully, I put my calm pan on the firey stove. My buddies and I waited until we saw the pan go red with embarrassment. The pan looked as embarrassed as a person who had forgotten her lines in a singing competition.

Nervously, I placed my sausage and my buddy's sausages on the red clown nose. A few seconds later, I exclaimed, “They are cooking!” I tried to make my voice be heard.

“S-s-s-s,” screamed the sizzling sausages.

“I told you they were cooking!”

Finally, it was time to eat!

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all the swimmers involved in the interschool swimming championships held recently. The children all represented our school extremely well. We also gained some outstanding results in the finals:



Misha Petherbridge: 3rd: 25m breaststroke final
3rd: 50m freestyle finals

Savva Karpov: 3rd: 25m breaststroke final

Thank you to Miss Boyes for the great organisation and supervision of the team.

Three Way Conferences:

These are underway, with one night completed. Thank you for your attendance and support for your child's learning. It's not too late to sign up for the last evening that takes place tonight.

Property Update:

We are very pleased to announce that Kohekohe and Nikau are now back in their newly refurbished rooms. They look fantastic and there were many happy faces on Monday (including teachers') as they made it back in just in time for conferences. Thanks to Steve Waters and his team for helping us meet that important deadline.

Next up is Kahikatea who will have their turn in the library and Kohanga Ako as of Friday this week, with work expected to start up there next week. Exciting times!

What's coming up?

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| Week 9 | 25 Year 1 enrolments starting day 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting | 26 Summer Field Day - 5/6 | 27 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting | 28 New Parent Meeting 9.00 to 10.00am (date changed) | 29 Carnival Saturday 30 March |
| Week 10 April | 1 | 2 Summer Field Day - 5/6 SAVE DAY | 3 Parent Group 7.30pm | 4 BOT meeting 7.00pm | 5 1:45pm school assembly led by Kauri |
| Week 11 | 8 Year 1 enrolments starting day | 9 | 10 | 11 GRIP Leadership conference 12 whanau leaders | 12 Final Day term 1. School closes at usual time 3.00pm |

Term 2

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| Week 1 May NZ Music Month | 29 YO Enrolments | 30 Powhiri 10.30am | 1 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 - 9:00am Kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 2 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 3 kiwisport-squash 3-6 1.45pm school assembly Karaka |
| Week 2 Road Safety Week Sign Language Week | 6 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 7 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 8 kiwisport-squash 3-6 Parent Group AGM 7.30pm | 9 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 10 kiwisport-squash 3-6 |
| Week 3 | 13 YO Enrolments kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 14 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 15 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 16 kiwisport-squash 3-6 | 17 Cultural Celebration Day Showcase afternoon 2 to 3 |
| Week 4 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 BOT meeting 7.00pm | 24 Parent Group Fundraiser: Samosas arriving for delivery |

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is, **Thursday 4 April 2019 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be initial assessments for 2019. We will also be discussing the charter and strategic plan. You are always most welcome to attend.

Final words from Megan...

I would like to sincerely thank all the lovely children, staff and community for all the happy years that I have spent at Royal Oak Primary School. ROPS is such a special place. The years I have spent here have a special place in my heart and will remain very precious to me.

Thank you all for the touching, kind words that so many of you have shared already with me. I will miss you all. Ngā mihi nui, Megan

Have a happy fortnight.

Kind regards,



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Community Notices

Want to....

- ...meet some others in your community?
- ...share a meal?
- ...practise your English?
- ...enjoy some home-cooked Italian food?

If the answer is yes to any of the above, please join us for a



Spaghetti Dinner

Where: St John's Church (next to Pak N Save)
6 Chandler Ave, Royal Oak

When: The first Wednesday of each month
(except January)

The dates for the first half of this year are:
6 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May, 5 June

Time: 6 - 7:30pm

Cost: by Koha
(no obligation though - the meal is on us)

Everyone is welcome!
(GF, DF and vegetarian meals will be provided)



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Parnell Trust's April Adventures Holiday Programme
- fun activities every day for 5-14 year olds from 15th - 26th April!

Parnell Trust has an amazing line-up of activities, adventures and special projects for the April holidays, guaranteed to keep your kids happy and stimulated all day long! Choose from two awesome activities each day priced from \$55. Specially for busy parents, you can drop your kids off as early as 7.30am and pick them up as late as 6pm for no extra charge. See our website for details <https://www.parnell.org.nz/shp> or phone 09 555 5193.

College Rifles Rugby - Girls Ripa and Rugby

Girls Ripa (Under 9 and 11) - Saturday mornings alongside the rugby season (15 weeks starting 04 May)

Girls Tackle (Under 13) - Wednesday afternoons in June (4 weeks)

Be a part of College Rifles in 2019 for more information contact logan@collegerifles.co.nz