



Week 3, Term 3, 7 August 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,

Thank you to all who supported our Hot Dog/Lucky Dip day last Friday. This Friday we have a bake sale organised, hopefully we will have many lovely cupcakes and treats for sale including gluten free, nut free, egg free and dairy free options. Thank you, in advance, to the Acorns' families who are supporting this by providing the goodies. It is very much appreciated. 😊

First Hand Feedback Appreciated

Following on from my last newsletter and our first Hot Dog sale, I would like to respectfully address something that has come to my attention. I have had some second hand feedback expressing some concerns regarding our reasons for fundraising in this manner.

Firstly, I have an open door and welcome anyone who would like to discuss matters of interest or concern. If you are unable to visit me at school, you are very welcome to email me (meganc@rops.school.nz). I am always open to new ideas and am very happy to talk things through.

Unfortunately, the feedback that I received was second hand, which tends to be much less constructive for the school. It was also rather negative, which concerns me as it is important for all of us, especially our precious tamariki, that our school is viewed in a positive light. Often when there is negative talk about, it festers and develops into something much bigger than it needs to be. I would also respectfully request that you don't use social media as a platform to express your concerns as this also does not show positive support for the school.

Please, always address a concern or point of interest with me or any of the other senior leadership team and we will work collaboratively to get a positive outcome for all.

Secondly, some questions raised were why are we doing the extra fundraising and why is the Parent Group not doing it? The Parent Group is a wonderful group of supportive parents who work tirelessly to fundraise for our school. They have their plan for the year and that is how they organise their events. There are times when the school also steps in to do smaller ventures of fundraising, as the funds do need constantly topping up. Our school relies heavily on fundraising, unfortunately not all families pay the school donation and we have to make up the shortfall. We provide a range of excellent programmes that require funding that is not provided by the Ministry of Education. We employ more support staff than most schools, in most cases these are funded by us, not the Ministry of Education. These support staff are gold in our school as they not only support children with particular needs, but they are also supporting all the children by enabling the teachers to have time focusing on all children. In a nut shell, we continually fundraise due to the fact that the Ministry does not provide us with the necessary funds to support our fabulous programmes and the number of learning support staff that we are so fortunate to have. The easiest way for us, as a school, to do some fundraising is to run these treat days on Fridays. We understand that some children are unable to partake due to health or cultural reasons, hence we have added the lucky dip option for those children on hot dog days. Where possible, we will work on offering an alternative for those children, but we hope that we have your support when it is not viable for us to offer an alternative. This may be by you popping something special for them in their lunch box that day. Your positive support with this is very much appreciated. It is all about what we can do to best provide for our precious tamariki.

Fundraising Treat Days Throughout the term (a reminder)

Week 3 - Cakes (Acorns)

Week 4 - Sausages

Week 5 - Hot dogs

Week 6 - Cakes (Oaks)

Week 7- Sausages

Week 8 - Grandparents' day - Sausages and Cakes (Oaks and Acorns)

Week 9 - Hot dogs

Parent Donations and Activity Fees

Thank you to all those families who have supported the school by paying the parent donation and activity fee. These donations are a vital part of our school budget and we really need them to continue with the many programmes we offer. When comparing the cost of the school donation with what is charged for preschool care, the donation works out to be a very much cheaper option! Please consider this as you budget ahead.

Fono



Our Pasifika families joined us last Thursday for our annual Fono. We had a lovely evening. The children danced, sang, presented what they enjoy doing at our school and introduced their

families to everyone. This was followed by sharing of some food and a chat. Yesterday Mrs Falconer and Mrs Martin met with some of our Pasifika children to gather their thoughts about our school. Thank you to all those families who attended. We value our strong relationships with our families and community.



Three Way Conferences

You should have received the letter regarding three way conferences. These are being held on Monday 19 August and Thursday 22 August. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and click on school interviews. Enter **fpmv** (code) and follow the directions. Find your child's room name and you are ready to register. If you have more than one child, please allow time to move from one appointment to the other. The collaborative spaces will have a number of slots but no designated teacher's name. Just put your name in the suitable time slot and one of the teachers will talk with you and your child as the conference takes place.

If you are unable to access the internet, please ring Leonie on 6242800 and she will happily assist you.

Please be aware that **the conferences are held in classrooms and your child will be expected to attend as he or she is an integral part of this process.** Learning goals will be discussed.

Rimu Room will not be taking part in these conferences. Parents in the Rimu Room will be contacted by the Rimu Room teachers for the 6 - 8 week meeting.

Dance Performances Friday 16 August

Currently we have specialist dance teachers working with our children. They are attending daily sessions with the dance experts. As a celebration of the work they are doing the children will be performing their dances as timetabled below - you are most welcome to join us in the Hall to enjoy the performances on Friday 16 August. (FYI - this is not a costumed event)

Time	Classes performing
9.10am	Kowhai/Matai/Totara/Kahikatea
11.40am	Puriri/Pohutukawa/Kohekohe/Karaka
1.45pm	Rata/Rimu/Nikau/Manuka/Kauri

Netball



Well done to our two Year 5 netball teams who took part in the Windmill Road Mid-Winter Junior Tournament on Sunday 28 July. The Royal Oak Magic played in the Year 5 grade and came second equal in their section, up against some tough competition from across the region. The Golden Oaks played well in their division to finish in 3rd place. The weather played its part and it was a real family day out. Thank you to the wonderful parent coaches, Karyn and Treena and all the supporters who came along on the day.



Congratulations girls, we are extremely proud of your skills, dedication and sportsmanship during the tournament and over the season.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 29 August 2019 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be Mathematics. You are always most welcome to attend.

Measles

Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles



Parent Group

Parent Group Special General Meeting & Thank You

Tonight we have our special general meeting to elect a new Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson (7.30pm School Staffroom). All are invited. We would like to thank Angela Thompson for her outstanding work as Chair for the last three years. We have seen the Parent Group continue to flourish and grow under her leadership and we value all she has invested into the school while holding this role. We would also like to thank Tonya Forman who has stepped into the interim role of Deputy Chair to support Angela. Both Tonya and Angela have been long-standing supporters of the parent group and we know they will both continue to support the work the group does.

Quiz Night - TICKETS ON SALE

It's our annual adults-only quiz night on Saturday 24th August, 7pm @ School Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person, so gather up a group of friends to make up a table of 10 or buy individual tickets and we will join you up to a team. This is a BYO food and drinks event, with a great mini silent auction on the night, spot prizes and fierce competition to be this year's holders of the Clotworthy Cup. To purchase tickets contact Rebecca Ruttley on 021 026-64857 or rebeccaruttley.rops@outlook.com.

Monthly Parent Group Meeting

Tonight, after the special general meeting (which will only take about 10 minutes), we will be holding our normal monthly parent group meeting. All are invited. 7.30pm in the School Staffroom.

Frozen Meals Needed Please

Our fabulous Whanau Support Group is in need of more frozen meals. Can you please help out - even as a one off or you can join the mailing list. These meals are given to families at school who need some extra support and care. If you think you can help please let the team know via email at ropswhanau@gmail.com

Yummy Stickers = Free Sports Gear for ROPS

Collect Yummy stickers and help our school earn free sports equipment. Send completed Yummy sticker sheets into your child's classroom as there is a fortnightly class competition to collect these. Extra sheets are available from the office.

At the end of Term 3 these all get counted and sent off to Yummy Apples and they provide us with new sports gear. Last year we received \$1400 worth of sports equipment so this is well worth the effort.

Why We Teach

Puriri Room children enjoying our STEM programme ☺



Flat Rock by Olivia Kurzeja Karaka Room

Around the corner, there it is! FLAT ROCK! Guardians, still as soldiers, protect the rock, their edges are as sharp as blades. Inside Flat Rock there are deceptively deep rock pools, teeming with life. Sudden movements trigger the fish, then it is quickly barren again; all you see is bubbling foam and dancing seaweed. All around there are various patterned rocks, enveloping the giant water plants.

Sea life is scattered on the floor of the rock pools; shrimp, fish and lots more! They hide like they are playing hide-and-seek with you. When the sumo-wrestling waves come in, they like to dance in the bobbing rhythm. SeaLife, I think, is the most exciting part about it, with the crabs poking their heads out of the rocks. They look as if they want to be your friend.

Next there is the Zen master, which is a jagged rock, a harsh one, it towers over you like your worst enemy. But it also can be your best friend. It stands like a soldier, still and it is kind because it allows you climb it. I believe that the Zen master is thousands of years old.

Perito Moreno Glacier by Aarya Taneja Karaka Room

Among the bustling city of El Calafate, Argentina, lies the Perito Moreno glacier. It stands tall and proud glistening and shimmering from top to bottom. Mighty mountains with their frosty caps stand to attention, steady as tin soldiers. The churning ocean that envelopes the glacier is all lifeless except for the eternal rhythm of the waves. Jagged blocks of ice lie in the most unusual places. The boats leave white, bubbly foam and misty smoke trailing behind wherever they go.

When the weather is kind, the sun bursts across the sky, boasting by spreading out its rays boldly. This is when the never - ending glacier stands out the most. But when the weather is strict, the sun is forced to hide among the candy floss clouds, fuming away. Sometimes to throw on a treat the sky brings delicate snowflakes to pitter patter their way to the slippery ground until they melt away.

When the ice off the glacier it moans out helplessly, before sinking slowly. As the glacier crackles away, the tourists quickly take their cameras out. The noise becomes so unbearable; the click click of cameras alongside the glacier's creaking is a cruel combination. Then suddenly the crackling stops. The cameras are put down. All plunged into stillness. The only slither of a movement is the on - going song of the surrounding sea.

What's coming up? Colour code - Acorns Oaks

Week 3	5 Y0 Enrolments	6	7 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7.30	8 Zone Gymnastics – Year 3-6	9 Cake Sale (Acorns)
Week 4 Eid al-Adha (11-15)	12	13 Kids Sing – daytime and evening	14	15 5.30 Chinese Parent Gathering	16 Dance performances Sausages
Week 5	19 Y0 Enrolments 3 way/Student Led conferences 3.15 to 3.00pm	20 Winter Field Day - 5/6	21 Hearing and vision in today	22 3 way/ Student Led conferences 3.15 to 8.00pm	23 1.45pm school assembly Whanau Leaders Hot Dogs Parent Group Quiz Night Saturday 24th
Week 6	26	27 Cross Country Practice	28	29 New Parent Meeting 9.00 to 10.00 BOT meeting 7.00pm Cross Country Race Day	30 EPRO 8 (8 Oaks all day Mt Roskill) Cakes (Oaks) Open afternoon 2 to 3 TOM Auckland Regional Sat 31 st
Week 7 September Tongan Language Week	2 Y0 Enrolments	3 Winter Field Day - 5/6 SAVE DAY	4 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7.30pm	5 Maths Parent Evening 7-8pm	6 Sausages
Week 8 Maori Lang Week	9	10	11 Grandparents' Day Sausages and Cake Stall (Acorns and Oaks)	12 Zone Gymnastics Champs of Champs - 5/6	13 Sun 15 th Sept ROPS String Recital 1.40 pm for 2pm start: Hall
Week 9	16 Y0 Enrolments MOTAT Yr 5/6 Karaka/Kahikatea	17 Zone Cross Country - 5/6	18 MOTAT Yr 5/6 Kauri	19 Zone Cross Country - 5/6 SAVE DAY Indian Parent Gathering	20 Hot Dogs 1.45 pm School Assembly Pohutukawa
Week 10	23 Science in a Van Yrs 0 - 2 HALL 8:40 – 1pm	24 Science in a Van Yrs 3 - 4 HALL 8:40 – 1pm	25	26 BOT meeting 7.00pm	27

Ngā mihi nui



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Community Notices

Accommodation Needed:

Ms Koltonowska's (Nikau room) parents plan to visit from England for 3 months in March to May 2020. They are retired teachers, non smokers, great pet sitters, well behaved and tidy. Does anyone in our community need a house or pet sitter over Easter or other times? Or do you have a granny flat or separate area they could rent for a month or so at a time? Preferably with a shower, kitchenette and bed and television. Please email angelicak@rops.school.nz if you can help. Huge thanks in advance.



Cornwall Cricket Club - Registrations Are Open

Play cricket for Cornwall Cricket Club this summer. Cornwall CC have offerings suitable for all ages, skill levels, boys and girls. To guarantee your spot please register before September 16. You can find more information at www.cornwallcricket.co.nz or by emailing register@cornwallcricket.co.n

Netball

AFTERSCHOOL SKILLS PROGRAMME

TERM 3 | AGES 5 - 13

Help your child develop & improve their netball skills with our specialised clinics

Improve confidence and refine technique

6-week programme

Delivered by expert coaches

Run at both St Johns & Mt Eden

To register or for more information visit:
www.aucklandnetball.co.nz





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**Gliding from the past, rising in the present and soaring to the future
Rere hau I nga wa o mua, piki atu inaiane, tere kite wa e heke mai nei**

Year 6 Parent Evening

Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2019

Venue: Royal Oak Intermediate School

Time: 5:30 pm

Parents/Caregivers and prospective students are warmly invited to attend an Open Evening and learn about the opportunities on offer at our school.

A presentation will be held in our school library and you can hear about the enrolment process; hear from our students and staff and ask questions that you want answered. This will be followed by an opportunity to mix and mingle with our staff and student leaders/prefects. We will have our classrooms open and parents will be given an opportunity to speak to our teachers and students about Royal Oak Intermediate School. We look forward seeing you there!

Many thanks,

Albra Stoltenkamp

Deputy Principal

School telephone: 09 636 5667

Year 6 Open Morning

Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2019

Venue: Royal Oak Intermediate School

Time: 9:00 am

Parents/Caregivers and prospective students are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning and learn about the opportunities on offer at our school.

During this time, you and your child will be able to be shown around the school by student leaders/prefects. You are encouraged to ask as many questions as you like about our school.

We look forward seeing you there!

Many thanks,

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