

Week 5, Term 4, 13 November 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!

Kia ora koutou,

We are now half way through Term 4 of 2019, with four weeks to go! We have a lot to fit in during that time. Just some food for thought as we ponder the year's end. 😊



POSITIVE WORDS THAT CAN CHANGE HOW YOU SEE YOUR CHILD

	
Strong Willed	Spirited
Stubborn	Persistent
Wild	Energetic
Emotional	Caring
Dramatic	Expressive
Unpredictable	Spontaneous
Talkative	Communicative
Quiet	A Thinker
Forceful	Determined
Clingy	Loving
Bossy	A Leader
Intense	Focussed
Loud	Expressive
Impatient	Passionate
Dreamy	Imaginative
Hyper-Sensitive	Responsive
Shy	Reflective
Aggressive	Assertive
Fussy	Selective
Serious	Contemplative
Troublesome	Challenging
Restless	Active
Brooding	Serious

BYOD Evening for Year 2 Parents (Year 3 2020)

Please note that this has been postponed until Monday 25 November from 6-7pm in the staffroom.

Parent Group

Disco

We will be holding our annual disco on the 22nd of November in the school hall, it will be an exciting night with a new DJ hitting the stage and a photo wall for you to take fun photos of your dressed up superstars.

Please look out for the notice in your children's bag and sign up for an hour or so to help us create a fun night to remember, this will also have all the details about times for both the Acorns' and Oaks' disco.

Afterschool Cafe

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the afterschool cafe especially our bakers, we will be running this for the rest of the term on a Friday afternoon except for 22nd November as we have the disco that evening.

Executive Team Vacancies - Vice Chairperson and Treasurer

I want to say a huge thank you to Vanessa Collins who has been our Vice Chairperson for the last few months. Vanessa has decided to step down from this position. We also have the treasurer's role to fill, Rachael Kum is standing in for the interim. If you would be interested in joining us in Parent Group and would like to know a bit more about the roles above please give me a ring on 02102664857 or email on rebeccaruttley.rops@outlook.com

End of Year Picnic - Save the date

We will be holding our annual end of year picnic on Tuesday 3rd December on the school field from 4pm-7pm. This is a lovely way for us all to get together to see out the school year and celebrate the fun and success the Parent Group has had with your support over the past 12 months. Look out for the posters going up closer to the date.

Table Tennis

Mr. Ali took a group of children to a table tennis tournament last Thursday. The children represented ROPS well. We had 14 children participating. There were 181 entries from 26 different schools! It was great fun and a good learning experience for our children. Thanks for taking this group, Mr. Ali.



Travelwise

The Travelwise team had a super day at Spark Arena on Tuesday and they were awarded a **Gold Award!**

Ka pai to all the Travelwise students!! They were a fantastic group of students to take for a day out. Special thanks to Mrs. Managh for all the work that she does to organise this activity at ROPS. We appreciate your work, Mrs. Managh. 😊



Citizen Science @ ROPS Marine Metre Squared (MM2)



In 2017 a group of Year 4 students took part in the Marine Metre Squared (MM2) programme. This involved going to Taylors Bay with a marine biologist, laying down a metre square and surveying all the plants and animals in that square and entering the data online. On Thursday 7 November some of these students and other Year 6 Eco Warriors returned to the beach and repeated the scientific survey. The aim of

the project is to encourage communities to get involved in long-term monitoring of the seashore, to raise awareness of biodiversity and changes in the marine environment, and build links between scientists, educators, schools and community/iwi groups who care about the seashore environment and want to look after it. This is what we call a 'Citizen Science' project, as citizens we can gather data for scientists, councils and government departments to help them make good decisions for our local environment. This is a rich learning opportunity for our students and we hope to repeat the survey in our harbour regularly. For more information and to view the information that the students gathered, visit: <https://www.mm2.net.nz/>. Special thanks must go to Mrs. McConnell for the hours of work that she puts into organising these authentic learning experiences for our tamariki.



Science Displays

On Tuesday 5 November, many Year 4, 5 and 6 students proudly displayed their Science Award Trust projects in the hall for other students, teachers and the community. Fifty-five students participated in the Science programme this year, which involves students completing a range of science investigations, technology projects and scientific research at their level. This is done in their own time, at home, and brought in to school

during the year where it is posted in their science Onenote book where feedback and feed-forward is given. The students work very hard to complete the work by a deadline. Congratulations needs to go to all the students that completed their Science Award and particularly those who confidently shared their work with the school community. Year 4 students will receive their Science Challenge Certificates at the next school assembly and Year 5 and 6 students will receive their badges at the end of year prize giving event. Special thanks again to Mrs. McConnell for her dedication and commitment to developing a passion for Science in our tamariki. There are many hours of work put into planning, organising and checking this work.



Well Being Now and in the Future Conference

Following on from our Kapa Pasifika group opening this conference on Wednesday last week, our Strings group and Royal Harmonics performed for the conference attendees during their morning tea break on



Thursday. The audience was wowed by the beautiful performances and also by the exemplary behaviour that our tamariki displayed. Once again I felt very proud to be the tumuaki of Royal Oak Primary School! Many thanks to Miss Giles, Miranda and Margaret who work so hard to support these tamariki to achieve such a high standard of performance. Congratulations to the tamariki!

Donations and outstanding fees:

As you know, your donations to the school go towards the funding especially of the staff who provide the many special programmes here at school. We are unable to make donations compulsory as we are a state school, however we do count on them in our budget each year. If you have not paid your donation we really urge you to do so as the number of support staff we can retain depends on it. We have amazing support staff here and they provide an incredible service to our teachers as they work with children in the classrooms. Please also, if you have outstanding fees such as camp or EOTC money, Dance fees, trip money or anything else, we really need that paid up as soon as possible.



A suggestion for next year is to make an automatic payment to ensure the \$300 donation per child is paid. It can be \$75 per term or even \$7.50 per week. Just talk with Leonie and she is happy to set this up with you. Given that the cost of a take-out coffee is \$5.00, a weekly contribution is within a reasonable reach.

Remember also that all donations are receipted and can be used for tax refunds.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT HERE PLEASE!

Books:



Next week the school library will be open for the last week of the year. We ask please that all children bring back all library books next week so that Tessa Henry can begin our annual stock take. This is a really big process as we have thousands of books! We ask for your earnest support please.

Also, while you are at it, please have a good look at home for home readers that may have been left behind. We spend considerable time between now and the end of the year gathering these in as well so we can start with full boxes at the beginning of next year.

Reports:

This is the time of year that we are writing and finalising the end of year reports. Our teachers are very busy just now, not only writing and proofing reports and finalising assessments but also teaching our tamariki. It can be hard to maintain the engagement as the year nears the end and we ask that you talk

with your children about being supportive of their teachers and remembering their *attitudes of gratitude*. Many of the reports are now heading towards the senior leaders for finalising and will all be read and signed off by me (Megan) before they come home to you on **Wednesday 11 December**. In the meantime, we will be reporting achievement progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics to the Board at the next meeting.

Chicken Feeding

Our gorgeous school chickens, Pikachu and Brenda, need feeding over the summer school holidays. They are very low maintenance, friendly and best of all you will receive daily fresh eggs! If you have a week around home during the break and you think you and your child could do this job, please contact Robyn McConnell at robynmc@rops.school.nz. Please indicate what dates you could help out and I will organise a roster. If you would like more information about what is involved, please come and see me in the Taiao Room or email me with any questions.



Lewis Eady Lunchtime Concerts

We have been enjoying a number of performances at the Lewis Eady Lunchtime Concerts series that are taking place to celebrate the learning that has taken place throughout the year.



New Zealand Ukulele Festival 2019 - Saturday 16th November 12pm-3pm, Trusts Arena, Waitakere
Come and enjoy this amazing, family friendly FREE event. We have just under 30 keen and excited Royal Oak Primary School Ukulele players who have worked all year to perform in the massed Kiwileles performance at the festival. See Poster below for details.

Royal Oak Primary School 'End-of-Year Music Showcase'
The 2019 Royal Oak Primary School 'End-of-Year Music Showcase' will be held on Friday 29th November at 11.45am in the School Hall. The ROPS Music Programme groups performing in this showcase are: 'Oakestra' (our mixed instrument ensemble), Ukulele Groups, Recorder Ensembles, Hand Chime Ensemble, ROPS String Programme Violinists and Cellists, 'ROPS Voices' (All comers Y3-6 Choir), ROPStars (Y3/4 Choir), 'Royal Harmonics' (Y5/6 Choir), and the 'Y1/2 Special Singers'. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend the Showcase to celebrate the musical learning and achievement that has happened over this year. It is estimated the Showcase will finish at around 1pm.



Why We Teach:

Making the most of the lovely weather, in the shade, to enjoy a music lesson with Miss Giles!

A group of children from the Puriri Room performing a play.



Oaks' Athletics:

A very big thank you to Becky Boyes and her team for organising a great athletics' day today. The sun shone, as did the children, and the skills of the teachers who trained them! It is always a delight to see children showing their talents in such a variety of ways and we look forward to watching the sprint finals to be held on Friday. Thank you to the parents (and grandparents) who were able to come along and support too. We will report the final winner details in the next newsletter.

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Thursday 05 December at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be the analysis of achievement data. We will also be discussing the strategic plan and financial plans for 2020. You are always most welcome to attend.

What's coming up? Colour code - Acorns Oaks

Week 5	11 Y0 Enrolments Lewis Eady lunchtime concert (hall) Futsal 3-6	12 Oaks Athletics Day (Postponed until Wednesday)	13 World Kindness Day Oaks Athletics Day Futsal 3-6	14 Year 6 ROI Open Morning 9.00am -12.30pm	15 Year 2-4 Tennis Sat 16 th Ukulele Festival Trust Arena 10am-3pm Sun 17 th Nov ROPS String Recital 1.10pm for 1.30pm start: Hall Cluster Speeches @ Te Papapa 10am Oaks Athletics Day FINALS
Week 6	18 Whanau spirit block activities led by whanau leaders - 11.35-1.15 teachers in whanau groups. Eat lunch with your whanau group	19	20 Year 2/3 Athletics Litter Intelligence Survey Taumanu Reserve 10 year 5 Eco Warriors	21 Oaks Stumpers Comp? Year 2/3 Athletics (saving day)	22 Parent Group Disco – hall needed all day 9-12 Remuera intermediate sports morning. Some Year 6 students. Year 6 girls puberty talks - library
Week 7	25 Y0 Enrolments BYOD evening 6 – 7 pm for Year 2 families – (Year 3 2020)	26 Zone Athletics - 5/6	27 Year 0/1 Athletics	28 Year 0/1 Athletics (saving day)	29 Music showcase 11.45-1.00pm 'Christmas Lights' 7-9pm Jellicoe Park 'Royal Harmonics' TBA

Week 8 2020 whanau leaders announced	2 Choir Performance Probus@St Johns Church Exact Time TBC (10.30-11.00 suggested)	3 Parent Group Picnic c 4.00 to 6.00pm	4 Parent Helper Morning Tea 10:30 start	5 BOT meeting 7.00pm Mufti Day: Clothes TEACHERS v KIDS Ripa Rugby (training one afternoon this week)	6 Oaks Onehunga Pools
Week 9	9 Acorns Ambury Farm Day	10 Awards Assembly 7-9pm	11 Reports out Leavers Assembly 9.30 – 11.00am then luncheon 12.30pm	12 10.30am school assembly - staff School closes 12.00pm	13 Day in lieu of Carnival

Have a happy fortnight.
Nga mihi,



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Community Notices



Your local Catholic School
Enrolments open for Year 7-8 girls 2020.
Scholarship available.

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Scholarship offered at St Josephs for Year 7
St Joseph's Catholic School are offering a scholarship for a Year 7 student in 2020. We aim to provide a programme that allows students to have ownership of their learning and to feel an increased sense of responsibility and belonging to our school. This is done through leadership opportunities, their contribution to school and opportunities offered to them, which differ from other years.
For further information regarding our Year 7 and 8 students go to
<http://www.sjs.school.nz/year-7-and-8/>



ST JOHN'S

ALL SORTS SALE

6 Chandler Avenue Royal Oak
Saturday 16 November 8.30am to Noon

Clothes, cakes, preserves, plants
books, toys, DVDs, games,
appliances, kitchenware,
jewellery, sausage sizzle, etc.

Please come along with lots of
friends and family. You'll find
heaps of amazing bargains
and you'll be supporting a
worthwhile cause.

If you have any questions or goods you'd like
to donate please call 6243437

Water Safety Day

23rd November

2 - 6pm

@St Mary's Bay

FREE

- Have a go SUPing.
- Have a go Sailing.
- Have a go kayaking.
- 360 Oculus Go



The 2019 Onehunga

Christmas Parade

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

SAT 23RD
NOVEMBER

POST-PARADE ACTIVITIES

YMCA JORDAN
REC CENTRE
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

ONEHUNGA MALL
BETWEEN ARTHUR &
PRINCES STREETS

**FREE
FAMILY FUN!**

FACE PAINTING - BALLOON ART
- MEET SANTA -



MATTY MCLEAN
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**Come & celebrate the start
of the festive season**

Walk, cycle or ride the bus to the parade
See website for bike parking locations

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