

**Week 7, Term 4, 27 November 2019**

**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, welcome!**

Kia ora koutou,

This is now my second to last newsletter for the year. What a busy term it has been. It has been a term filled with many cultural and sporting activities both during school time and out of school time. I would like to express my appreciation to all the teachers and support staff who have given up their personal time this year to support activities that have taken place out of school hours. This is time that has been generously donated that takes them away from their whanau. The staff at Royal Oak Primary School are extremely dedicated and go above and beyond for our tamariki and it is very much appreciated.

#### **Farewells:**

At the end of this year we will farewell some staff members. Amanda Bradly has been with us for 17 years. She is a kind, caring highly skilled teacher who we are very sad to bid farewell to. Her work in the field of J Rock, Jump Jam and Dance has been very much appreciated over the years. We wish her all the very best and thank her for all that she has done to support our tamariki during her time at ROPS. Amanda is going to teach at a school closer to where her son will be attending intermediate.

Hayley Pipes has been with us since she began teaching in 2015. During her time here, she has been a bubbly, committed, highly skilled teacher. She has taught from Year 0 through to Year 4. Hayley is moving to Wakaaranga School which is much closer to home for her. We thank Hayley for all that she has done and wish her all the very best for her career ahead.

Suhail Ali has been with us for two and a half years. He has worked in the Senior School and the tamariki have enjoyed his positive attitude and passion for sports. His expertise, dedication and enthusiasm with the Indian Dance Group has been wonderful and very much appreciated. All the very best, Suhail, for your overseas adventures!

Ben Coenradi began his teaching career with us two years ago in the Totara Room. He has worked with the Kapa Pasifika group and spoke so wonderfully on behalf of the manuhiri at the powhiri at the beginning of Term 4 when I was welcomed back. It was very special - thank you Ben. He also has worked tirelessly to organise and produce ROPS Connect this year. Ben has three beautiful young tamariki and is moving to a school closer to where he will be living. We wish you all the very best for the future, your work at ROPS has been very much appreciated, Ben.

Madhuri Thorat joined us earlier this year. She has supported the learning of a number of tamariki across the Acorns' team. Her work has been appreciated and we wish her well for her future endeavours. Thank you Madhuri.

#### **New teachers:**

We are welcoming one new teacher next year. Her name is Kelly Ryan and she comes to us from Wales. She is a highly qualified, experienced teacher who is also a Cognitive Behavioural Therapist. She will be teaching in the Karaka Room with Kirstie Rogerson.

#### **Class placements for 2020:**

Please be assured that considerable care goes in to the class placements for your children and the teachers look closely at needs and effective combinations as they make their decisions. Please have trust in our professional decisions and look at this as a chance for your child to possibly extend his or her friendship circle and experience someone new and different for the next year of their educational life. We have a strong and capable staff and sometimes children who may not seem to mix well right now, come right with another person's influence and teaching style. We are sharing these a little differently this year. At some stage during the last week of school, the children

will be told what class they will be in for 2020. They will visit that class for approximately 15 minutes to meet with the teacher/s. Class lists will then be posted online that afternoon.

### Spirit of our Whanau Leaders Fun

On Monday morning the children gathered in their whanau groups to carry out some fun activities together. The whanau leaders had prepared all sorts of activities for the students. Hillary conquered Maungakiekie while Batten flew paper planes. Sheppard, Cooper, Ngata and Rutherford went on scavenger hunts and carried sponges full of water between buckets. There was 'Capture the Flag' and ping pong, craft and flag making amongst the range of activities, and there were lots of smiling faces as the children ran around having fun.

A big thank you to parents who were able to support in the walk up the mountain with the Hillary climbing team.

### BYOD Evening for Year 2 Parents (Year 3 2020)

Thank you to all those who attended this evening. There will be a notice to follow with information regarding BYOD.

### Lunch Orders

The last day for lunch orders this year will be Wednesday 11th December.

The lunch services will recommence for next year on 4th February 2020.

### Second Hand Uniforms

Just a reminder to Year 6 parents and any other leaving families:

If your family has no future need for our school uniform, please donate it to school.

Please send the washed, cleaned and in good condition items to the school office.

The Parents Group will be holding a sale on Wednesday 22 January 2020 from 9:00am to 11:00am outside the Staffroom. Cash or EFTPOS available.

### Parent Group

#### Disco

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the disco on Friday night. The parent group would also like to thank Amos, the DJ, for the great music and videos as well as the teachers' dance video which was a great hit for everyone who was there. To our amazing volunteers the evening was a huge success because of your help.

#### End of year Parent Group Picnic

Next Tuesday the 3rd of December, we will be holding our annual end of year school picnic on the school field to celebrate the great year we have had. Come along with your picnic rug and dinner. Enjoy catching up with friends, ice blocks in the sun, games and a lolly scramble. We will be set up from 4pm - 7pm we look forward to seeing you there.

### Carnival Pre-Loved Clothing Collection and Mufti Day

It's time to do a 'Marie Kondo' and clear out those clothes you don't wear anymore! On Thursday 5th December we will be collecting pre-loved clothing for carnival and your child can also come along in mufti clothes. We are looking for donations of good quality women's, girls' and boys' clothes, in clean condition with no rips or stains. Thanks!

### Executive Team Vacancies - Vice Chairperson and Treasurer

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](mailto:rebeccaruttley.rops@outlook.com)

### New Zealand Ukulele Festival 2019

On Saturday 16 November just under 30 keen ROPS ukulele players arrived at Trusts Arena in Waitakere ready to



participate in the 2019 New Zealand Ukulele Festival. What a fizzy and uplifting atmosphere to be part of. Ukulele strumming was heard everywhere, our ROPS school banners fluttered proudly outside our school gazebo, bubbles from a bubble machine wielded by guest performer Suzy Cato drifted overhead, and everybody was smiling and excited. After a parade of all the participating schools, our ROPS ukulele players performed as part of the Kiwileles massed ukulele orchestra that had at least 1500 members. This was a musical goal that the children had been working towards all



year.

What a great goal to have achieved! We are very proud of you.

Huge thanks to all the amazing parents and Whanau members who came to support, wonderful parent musician Mr Matt Shanks who has worked with the ukulele groups all year, Mrs Morton who came along and impressed with her Ukulele prowess, and of course the children themselves. You were true ROPS role models and awesome

representatives of our school. Tu Meke! Special thanks must go to Miss Giles and Mrs Bird for the time spent in training and preparing the tamariki for this performance. Your work is very much appreciated.



### Sustainable Coastline Litter Intelligence



On Wednesday 20th November a group of Year 5 Eco Warriors went to Taumanu Reserve with a team of students from Onehunga Primary School to do a beach cleanup and litter audit. Sustainable Coastlines has a new online auditing system, called 'Litter intelligence' that the students used after the cleanup to record what types of litter are being found on the beach. Using the GPS system from the website, the same exact area will be monitored by the schools in our Kahui Ako at least four times a year. The area monitored is 20m x 100m. The data collected is used by scientists, leaders and community groups to help make informed decisions when aiming to improve our environment.

This is another 'citizen science' type initiative where our students and anyone, can contribute to making our spaces cleaner. Our Eco Warriors were engaged, worked hard and made connections with other students in our community. Despite a bit of rain, their day was successful in the eyes of Sustainable Coastlines. This was a trial for them, they have not used the auditing tool with students this young and were impressed with the data collected. Go to <https://litterintelligence.org/> to view their work. Great work team! Special thanks to Robyn McConnell for all her hard work organising this excursion for our tamariki.



### Chicken Feeding

Thank you very much to the kind families that have offered to help feed the chickens over the summer break. But! I still need a family to feed them over the Christmas- New Year period or early January. (They do not need to be feed every single day, they survive every weekend during the year without a visit, just extra food on a Friday or before Christmas Day or before New Years!). I will send out a roster, with instructions and show your children where everything is and how to feed them as soon as I get the six weeks covered. Thank you again:

Robyn McConnell: [robynmc@rops.school.nz](mailto:robynmc@rops.school.nz)

### 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!**

## Oaks' Athletics:

Oaks' Athletics results	
Year 4 60m	1 <sup>st</sup> Sessi 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kenzie 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bailey 1 <sup>st</sup> Elijah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jake 3 <sup>rd</sup> Carlos
Year 4 100m	1 <sup>st</sup> Sessi 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kenzie 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prettie 1 <sup>st</sup> Elijah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Carlos 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jake
Year 5 60m	1 <sup>st</sup> Zara 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ela 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben 2 <sup>nd</sup> Callum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Joshua
Year 5 100m	1 <sup>st</sup> Zara 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ela 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob 3 <sup>rd</sup> Callum
Year 6 60m	1 <sup>st</sup> Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tika 3 <sup>rd</sup> Daffny 1 <sup>st</sup> David 2 <sup>nd</sup> Evan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ben Lucas
Year 6 100m	1 <sup>st</sup> Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tika 3 <sup>rd</sup> Daffny 1 <sup>st</sup> David 2 <sup>nd</sup> Evan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ben Lucas
Year 5 200m	1 <sup>st</sup> Zara 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ela 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lisa 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben L 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adam 3 <sup>rd</sup> Max
Year 6 200m	1 <sup>st</sup> Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup> Daffny 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam 1 <sup>st</sup> David 2 <sup>nd</sup> Evan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Conrad
Year 5 800m	1 <sup>st</sup> Zara 2 <sup>nd</sup> Greta 3 <sup>rd</sup> to be advised 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben L 2 <sup>nd</sup> Callum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Adam
Year 6 800m	1 <sup>st</sup> Riddhi 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yuyu 3 <sup>rd</sup> to be advised 1 <sup>st</sup> Conrad 2 <sup>nd</sup> Markus 3 <sup>rd</sup> Manaia
Division 2 Relays	1 <sup>st</sup> -Kahikatea 3, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kauri 3, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Karaka 3
Division 1 Relays	1 <sup>st</sup> - Kahikatea 1, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kahikatea 2, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Karaka 2
High jump	Year 4 Girls- to be advised Year 4 Boys- to be advised Year 5 Girls- 1 <sup>st</sup> Zara 2 <sup>nd</sup> Zoe K 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sulieti Year 5 Boys- 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben L 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adam 3 <sup>rd</sup> Max Year 6 Girls- 1 <sup>st</sup> Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samantha 3 <sup>rd</sup> Eliza Year 6 Boys- 1 <sup>st</sup> Evan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ben Lucas 3 <sup>rd</sup> Victah
Long jump	Year 4 Girls- 1 <sup>st</sup> Emma J 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kenzie 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prettie Year 4 Boys-1 <sup>st</sup> Jake 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elijah 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lake Year 5 Girls -1 <sup>st</sup> Jade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Zara 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lisa Year 5 Boys-1 <sup>st</sup> Ben L 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob R 3 <sup>rd</sup> Adam Year 6 Girls- 1 <sup>st</sup> Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samantha 3 <sup>rd</sup> Daffny Year 6 Boys- 1 <sup>st</sup> Evan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ben Lucas 3 <sup>rd</sup> Markus
Softball throw	Year 4 Girls- 1 <sup>st</sup> Sisi, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Honey, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avienda Year 4 Boys- to be advised Year 5 Girls- 1 <sup>st</sup> Poinsettia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jiya 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Boys-1 <sup>st</sup> Adam 2 <sup>nd</sup> to be advised Year 6 Girls-1 <sup>st</sup> Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup> to be advised Year 6 Boys-1 <sup>st</sup> Dwyer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ben L 3 <sup>rd</sup> Conrad

## Year 2/3 Athletics Results:

<b>Year 2 Girls Finals:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Zara 'One'One Matai Rm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Keasi Taufa Puriri Rm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Asia Mohammed Matai Rm
<b>Year 2 Boys Finals:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Zion Ruua Matai Rm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aiden Liggett Matai Rm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	T J Fineanganofa Matai Rm
<b>Year 2 Relay Race:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matai Rm



2nd	Matai Rm
3rd	Puriri Rm
<b>Year 3 Girls 80 m:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Emily Morrison Totara Rm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Florence Robertson Manuka Rm
3rd	Eleanor Mayson Pohutukawa Rm
<b>Year 3 Boys 80m:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Zach Beale Manuka Rm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Rooke Manuka Rm
3rd	Dane Jacobsen Pohutukawa Rm
<b>Year 3 Relay Race</b>	
1st	Totara Rm
2nd	Manuka Rm
3rd	Pohutukawa Rm

### Year 0/1 Athletics to be published in Week 9 Newsletter

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### ROPS Performances at Onehunga 'Christmas Lights' Event

Come and support our Y5/6 'Royal Harmonics' Choir and our 'ROPS String Programme' Violinists and Cellists as they perform at the Onehunga 'Christmas Lights' event on Friday 29 November 2019, 7pm - 9pm, Jellicoe Park, Quadrant Road, Onehunga. This is a spectacular annual festive celebration which has free entertainment for the whole family, including carol singing, a visit from Santa and the lighting of the Christmas tree. A smokefree, zero-waste, alcohol-free event that is definitely not to be missed.

#### Why We Teach:

**Rimu Room** has worked with Mrs McConnell to protect our plants! The cheeky birds have been eating out plants so we put on our problem solving hats. We created shiny discs to scare the birds away. Haere atu birds!



## Nikau Room Screen Printing:



## Collection for the City Mission

The staff are collecting gifts and food and toiletries to give to the Auckland City Mission Christmas appeal for this year as part of our community action. Caring for our community and our people is so important, especially as we all are so very lucky and have so much.

Any donations can be sent to Mrs Falconer in the Puriri room.

We are collecting:

New toys

Gifts for adults

Christmas treats

Food items (non perishable)

Toiletries and personal care items

## 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 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 4.00 to 6.00pm	4 Parent Helper Morning Tea 10:30 start	5 BOT meeting 7.00pm Mufti Day: Clothes TEACHERS v KIDS Rippa 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,

MEGAN CLOTWORTHY

Megan Clotworthy  
[meganc@rops.school.nz](mailto:meganc@rops.school.nz)

## Community Notices



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

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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TO SERVE

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/>

## Parnell Trust's Summer Blast Holiday Programme

– awesome activities every day for 5-14 year olds from 9<sup>th</sup> December – 31<sup>st</sup> January

Parnell Trust has an amazing line-up of activities and adventures for the Summer holidays, guaranteed to keep your kids happy and active every day! Choose from two activities each day priced from \$59. 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. Programmes are available in Parnell over December and both Parnell and Epsom in January from 7.30am to 6pm every day - perfect for working parents. See our website for details <https://www.parnell.org.nz/shp> or phone 09 555 5194.



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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HIGH

sibling &  
bring-a-friend  
discounts available!

16th - 19th December  
&  
20th - 23rd January

## dates?

**16th - 19th December**

9am - 5pm each day  
At ACG Parnell College

**20th - 23rd January**

9am - 5pm each day  
At the Ponsonby Community Centre

## prices?

1-day = \$80 • 2-days = \$150 • 3-days = \$210 •  
4-days = \$280

Siblings = 10% discount.

Bring-a-friend = Mention the friend who  
recommended our holiday programme to you  
and you'll both get a 10% discount.

\*Morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch can be provided at an  
additional cost of \$15 per day.

\*\*Sibling discounts and bring-a-friend discounts may not be used in  
conjunction with each other.

## who for?

For students in Year 1 to Year 8  
Open to all-comers, from all schools

## what's in it for the kids?

Head Held High holiday programmes are full  
of fun, learning and creativity for students  
aged Year 1 to Year 8. The programmes are  
taught by the same professional, enthusiastic  
and caring teachers who teach our speech  
and drama lessons across Auckland during  
the school terms, and they pack the day with  
speech and drama games and activities that  
kids love.

Designed by our Head Teacher - Erica Kröger  
- each day will be as FUN as possible for the  
children, whether they're having their first  
taste of speech and drama or are  
experienced campaigners with Head Held  
High.

It's really important to us that all students feel  
welcome and comfortable, regardless of  
their level of previous speech & drama  
experience or interest. Our teachers are  
experts at reading the individual  
requirements within a group, and the holiday  
programme games and activities will be  
delivered in ways that are engaging and  
challenging to all individuals' skill levels,  
simultaneously.

**enrol or enquire**

**[www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes](http://www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes)**



## Onehunga Christmas Lights

**Friday 29 November 2019, 7pm - 9pm**

**Jellicoe Park, Quadrant Road, Onehunga**

Come and join this spectacular annual event, which has free entertainment for  
the whole family, including carol singing, a visit from Santa and the lighting of  
the Christmas tree

**A smokefree, zero-waste, alcohol-free event**

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