



**Royal Oak
Primary School**
HONOUR LOYALTY SERVICE

Week 1, Term 1, 29 January 2020.

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, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2020 year at Royal Oak Primary. A very warm welcome to those families who are new to our school as well. 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 children feel that it is a happy place to come to each day. The teachers have spent a number of days preparing for the classes to begin. They have spent time ensuring that the tamariki will have a stress free, enjoyable start to the year.

Our hearts go out to those people in Australia who have been dealing with the tragedy of the bush fires. It is certainly a reminder to us to have gratitude for all that we have and to be mindful of how others are feeling when dealing with adversity. We will be having a gold coin mufti day to support the schools in Australia that have been affected by the fires. This is an Auckland Primary Principals' Association initiative.

Novel Coronavirus

As you know, we began the year with a situation that required some difficult decisions. Rest assured the decision to recommend that those folk returning from China were to remain off school for 14 days was not made lightly. We realise that this is impactful in many different ways, however the health and safety of our tamariki and school community is paramount. We are very appreciative of the understanding and support that our families who have travelled from China have shown us. As advised, the teachers are revising strong hygiene practices in the classrooms. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow the advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. We will keep you updated on any changes.

Who's who on the teaching team?

We have made a few changes this year to our teaching structures/rooms and continue with our collaborative spaces throughout the school. The 2020 staff structure is as follows:

Room name	Teachers	Year
Rimu	Anna Nalden Anna Jackson Jeanelle Rundle Jenny Kemp (.2)	1
Kowhai	Rachael Huggins Julia Popovic Lucy Govender Rosemary Cusack (.6)	1
Rata	Anne Falconer Sharmin Mistry Sue Dunn (.3)	2

Puriri	Libby Lawrence Rebecca Wharton Sue Dunn (.1)	2
Matai	To start later	0/1
Kohekohe	Maria Van Der Kaay	3
Nikau	Wendy Rothwell April Purdon (.2)	3
Pohutukawa	Annabel Bird Najmeh Heidarian April Purdon (.4)	3
Manuka	Lucy Hannah Bernie Lawler Sue Dykes (.3)	4
Totara	Vicki Martin Robyn McConnell (.6) Jill Shears (.4) Rosemary Cusack (.1)	4
Kauri	Ingrid Gwilliam (.6) Kathy Managh Julia Chung Jenni Jamieson (.4) Sue Dykes (.1)	5/6
Karaka	Kirstie Rogerson Laura Duffy/Kelly Ryan Kirsty Hardie Boys (.2)	5/6
Kahikatea	Becky Boyes Melanie Topp Sue Dykes (.2)	5/6
Kohanga Ako	Anne Marie Jammes	ESOL (Term 2 onwards)
Taiao	Robyn McConnell (.4)	STEM Env Science
Music Room	Amelia Giles	Music
Tui Room	Sandra Powell (.6)	Maths

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New staff welcome:

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to those who are joining us on the staff this year. We have a new teacher, Laura Duffy. Laura is currently relieving in the Karaka Room until our new teacher arrives. We are expecting Kelly Ryan to arrive next Wednesday from England. She will be working in the Karaka Room. Also we have Camila Jamieson returning as Learning Support.

Newsletters:

School newsletters are emailed out to you every second Wednesday (odd weeks). Please do watch out for them and read the contents as we try hard to keep you well informed through them.

Whakapapa Time

Anyone for Environmental Action at School? Introducing Whakapapa Time...

We are starting a new initiative called Whakapapa Time from Week 2. It will run fortnightly from 2pm to 2.45pm on a Friday afternoon. The aim of this time is to encourage all students to be active participants in keeping the ROPS environment beautiful and to develop respectful and caring attitudes toward our taiao. A small group from every class will be doing some environmental work around the school every Friday Block 4, the groups will change so every



student at ROPS is being an eco-warrior. Your child's classroom teacher has a roster of what the class is doing on what week, it is a fortnightly rotation.

They will be collecting litter, weeding, mulching, watering and sometimes sowing seeds and planting seedlings. We would love you to join us, see your classroom teacher,

let them know you want to help and they can tell you which weeks their class is rostered.

This is an Oaks and Acorns initiative.

'He waka eke noa': We're all in this together



Meet the Teachers Evening:

The most important thing you can do for your child, is to get to know and form positive relationships with his or her teachers. Please make sure you take the time to pop in and say hello and come along to the **Meet the Teachers** evening on Tuesday 4 February (next week). This year we are having a presentation focused on: Keeping up to date with information from Netsafe NZ - 'Powerful Partnerships - working together to keep young people safe online'.

This will be followed at 6.45pm by visits to your child's classroom. Remember that this is an early time in the year so academic progress will not be a point of discussion. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and put names to faces. You will also be able to meet some of the other parents too while you are there.

Parent Group Notice from Rebecca:

Kia Ora whanau,

I hope you all had a nice relaxing summer and are ready to kick off into carnival season.

The Carnival will be held on the 28th of March this year and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. Please look out for carnival newsletters, volunteer sign-up sheets and mufti days which we will hold to collect different items each week for carnival.

We count on your help and contribution to make ROPS Carnival successful. This first Parent Group meeting will be held on the 5th of February in the staff room from 7.30pm - 8.30pm and we look forward to you all coming along, everyone is welcome and we would love to meet you.

Teacher Only Day: Friday 13 March

Please note that we will be having a Teacher Only Day on Friday 13 March. The children will not be attending school that day as the teachers will be involved in professional development. Please make arrangements for your child.

Music Opportunities at ROPS:

Instrumental Co-curricular Music Group Opportunities for Students in 2020: (See Also Co-curricular Music Opportunities Chart below).

Enrolment/Sign up for Before School Instrumental Groups will be taking place in the Music Room in Week 1 and 2 of Term 1.

Discussion with your child about the year-long commitment involved in participating in any given instrumental group before sign up is suggested.

Choral Co-curricular Opportunities for Students in 2020 (See Also Co-curricular Music Opportunities Chart below).

Y3-6 Children interested in participating in our award-winning Royal Oak Primary School Y3-6 Choral Programme must be sure to attend the Monday 3rd February of our All-Comers Y3-6 Choir 'ROPS Voices' during Break 2 at 11.05am. They should come to the Hall immediately at the start of Break 2, eating their Break 2 Snack on the way to rehearsal. All Y3-6 children welcome. A roll will be taken. Discussion with your child about the year-long commitment involved in being in any of the ROPS Choirs prior to attending the first rehearsal of the year is suggested.

Y3-6 Children who wish to be eligible for invited choirs must have full attendance at all 'ROPS Voices' rehearsals for the first four rehearsals of the year (excluding absence due to sickness with prior absence notification) as a demonstration of required commitment and reliability. High levels of engagement and accurate vocal work demonstrated during classroom music lessons is also a major part of the selection process. Discussion with your child about the year-long commitment involved in being in any of the ROPS Choirs prior to attending Feb 3rd. rehearsal of the year is suggested.

Our 'Y1-2 Special Singers' Singing group membership will be formed later in Term 1 when all children have settled into the year. Both musical and self-management readiness for this very gentle introduction to simple choral singing activities are taken into consideration when deciding membership in this choir.

Co-Curricular Music Opportunities 2020

Activity/Group	Day	Time	Place	Cost, Extras, Equipment	This group is perfect for students who...
Ukulele Group All-Comers Y3-6 Ukulele Activity	Monday	8.00- 8.30am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost to participate Own Clear File for music. NZ Ukulele Festival (Cost TBC) Important: All places using school instruments have already been allocated due to high demand. There are still 9 places available for students with their <u>own</u> quality Ukulele. Due to limited places you must have your ukulele with you when signing up in person. No waiting list. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to learn to play the Ukulele with others, and are new to the group Have already been in this group in 2019.
'ROPS Voices' Y3-6 All-Comers Choir	Monday	Break 2	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost to participate 'Kids Sing' projected cost \$15-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love to Sing! Want to commit to the experience of singing in a choir at ROPS.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need ROPS Sport T-shirt, plain dark shoes and black socks/tights for public performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are Y5/6 and want to be considered for the invited Y5/6 'Royal Harmonics' Choir • Are Y3/4 and want to be considered for the invited Y3/4 'ROPStars' Choir
'Oakestra' Y4-6 ROPS Mixed Instrument Ensemble	Tuesday	8.00-8.45am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost to participate • Instrument (if relevant) • Own Clear file for music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had at least one year of formal lessons on their instrument. • Are continuing instrument lessons in 2020
'ROPStars' Y3/4 <u>Invited</u> Choir	Wednesday	1.45-2.30pm	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost to participate • 'Kids Sing' projected cost \$15-20 • Need plain dark shoes and black socks/tights for public performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love to sing • Are interested in learning and performing in a choir as part of a committed musical team. • Are also committed to being a member of 'ROPS Voices' all year. • Are invited to join
Recorder Ensemble All-Comers Y3-6 Recorder Activity	Thursday	8.00-8.40am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can use school instrument initially. • Purchasing own quality recorder will be discussed (Please no clear coloured recorders) • Own Clear File for music • Lewis Eady Competition cost (TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to learn to play the Recorder with others, and are new to the group • Have already been in this group in 2019.
Handchime Ensemble Y5/6 <u>Auditioned</u> Handchime Group (5 places for new 2020 members)	Friday	8.00-8.30am	Music Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost to participate • School Instruments provided • Lewis Eady Competition cost (TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are Y5/6 and have been learning Piano/Keyboard for at least two years • Are continuing Piano/Keyboard lessons in 2020.
'Royal Harmonics' Y5/6 <u>Invited</u> Choir	Friday	12.20 – 1.05pm	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost to participate • 'Kids Sing' projected cost \$15-20 • Will need plain black shoes and black socks/tights for public performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love to sing! • Are interested in learning and performing more advanced choir pieces as part of a committed musical team. • Are also committed to being a member of 'ROPS Voices' Choir all year. • Are invited to join.
'Y1 & 2 Special Singers' <u>Invited</u> Singing group	3/4x per Term	½ hour session Day TBC	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost to participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love to sing, and play singing games. • Demonstrate singing accuracy, concentration and interest in music class. • Are invited to join.

There is a place for everyone to be a musician at Royal Oak Primary School!

All Inquiries to Music Specialist - Miss Amelia Giles

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Property Update:

The property development in the Totara Room is now underway. This began in the holiday break and hopefully will be ready in the not too distant future. The Totara Room are currently operating from the library. The Kauri Room is also up for a refurbishment and this will take place immediately following the completion of the Totara Room. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with this.

ROPS Bell times:

8.25am	In class preparation time	25 mins
8.50am	Block 1	60 mins
9.50am	Fitness (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) Play break (Tuesday, Thursday)	15 mins
10.05am	Block 2	60 mins
11.05am	Supervised eating	10 mins
11.15am	Play break	20 mins
11.35am	Block 3	90 mins
1.05pm	Supervised eating	10 mins
1.15pm	Play break	30 mins
1.45pm	Whole school reading to	15 mins
2.00pm	Block 4	60 mins
3.00pm	School ends	
3.15pm	Playground cleared	

Congratulations:



Special congratulations to Anna Jackson (nee Dean) who got married over the holiday break. We would like to wish Anna and her husband every happiness for the future.

What's coming up?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 February	27 Auckland Anniversary	28 School begins normal hours. Y1 Enrolments 11:45 Acorns Assembly 12.30 Oaks Assembly	29	30	31 9.15am school assembly Whanau leaders
Week 2	3 Music programme begins	4 Meet the Teachers 6.00 Presentation and intros 6.45 Classrooms	5 Powhiri 10.30am Parent Group	6 Waitangi Day Holiday	7 Mufti Day Bottle Bank
Week 3	10 STEM/Te Reo begin Y1 Enrolments	11 Mufti Day for Australian Schools	12 SWIM TRIALS – Jellicoe – Block 3 leave at morning tea Violin Programme 2020 Begins – All day Lessons ROPS String Programme Parent Information Evening 7.30pm Staff Room	13 Patrol Training or 18 th Feb	14 Mufti Day Jolly Jars: toys and lollies Cello Programme 2020 Begins – 9.20-11.15am
Week 4	17	18 Patrol Training or 13 th Feb	19	20	21 Mufti Day Chocolate Bars for chocolate trailer

Week 5	24 Y1 Enrolments	25	26	27 BOT meeting 7.00pm Year 1 sleepover	28 Mufti Day 9.15am school assembly Kahikatea
Week 6 March			4 Camp/Outdoor Ed Parent Group	5 Camp/Outdoor Ed	6 Camp/Outdoor Ed
Week 7	9 Y1 Enrolments Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	10 Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	11 Whanau Leaders Head Held High sessions 9.30- 12.00 Year 3 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	12 Year 3 Trip to Botanical Gardens (EOTC)	13 Teacher Only Day
Week 8		17 Remuera Swim Zones	18	19 Rem Swim Zone save day Culturally Responsive Whanau Hui @ Te Papapa Evening 6-7.30	20
Week 9	23 Y1 Enrolments 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting	24 Grip Leadership conference whanau leaders all day Vodofone Events centre Remuera Summer Zone Field day	25 3 way/student led conferences and goal setting	26	27 Carnival Saturday 28 March
Week 10 April	30	31	1 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 - 9:00am Parent Group 7.30pm	2 BOT meeting 7.00pm	3 9.15am school assembly Kauri
Week 11	6 Y1 Enrolments	7	8 No Violin Today due to Cellos not getting lesson due to Easter	9	10 GOOD FRIDAY

Happy Times Back at School:



BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Thursday 27 February 2020 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be curriculum planning for 2020. We will also be discussing the charter and strategic plan. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



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Community Notices



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WHEN?
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In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

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