



Week 5, Term 3, 19 August 2020

Kia ora, talofa lava, malo e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拜啓, mabuhay, bem vindo, fakalofa lahi atu, kia orāna, kohomada, bula vinaka, huān yin, foon ying, marhaba, oso oseyo, olà, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

Kia ora,

It is unbelievable that we are already into Week 5 of Term 3! Unfortunately, once again we find ourselves amidst COVID-19 Alert Level 3. I greatly appreciate the response we have had from our whanau re-adjusting to distance learning and also those essential workers who needed their tamariki cared for alerting us early so that we could get bubbles organised. This time around, systems were already in place, so the transition to distance learning and “Bubble School” was smooth. I have also very much appreciated the work that the teachers have put in to enable the distance learning to be up and running by this Monday. I am also very grateful for the staff who have been able to come into school to support our essential worker bubbles. It certainly embraces the saying “It takes a village to raise a child.” I will keep you posted regarding any changes that will take place following the Prime Minister’s address on Friday.

The Biggest Thank You Ever!! A Letter from Leonie Thode

Dear School Community

Thank you all so very much for your very generous gifts and the lovely compliments, kind words and hugs you showered me with over my last weeks. I feel very overwhelmed and humbled by all the attention.

I have enjoyed my many years here at ROPS, meeting new families and welcoming back later generations of some families. Your children are delightful and I am sure I will miss the daily interactions.

Our fabulous staff have been a pleasure to work with and leaving is a bit like leaving home. I don’t know how but they managed to keep the special assembly quiet and not one child let slip that they had been working on a lovely personalised artwork and book for me. They will have a treasured place in my heart and home.

My best wishes to you all for the future and if you see me out and about, please say hi.

Kind regards
Leonie Thode

**Snippets for this Week:
The Benefits of Play**

When children PLAY they LEARN...

When children play with blocks they learn to :

- ▶ plan and build
- ▶ make shapes and patterns
- ▶ talk and co-operate
- ▶ solve problems
- ▶ measure and compare

When children play with art materials they learn to :

- ▶ draw, paint and glue
- ▶ recognize shapes, colours and lines
- ▶ plan and construct
- ▶ use finger and hand muscles
- ▶ create and express themselves










When children engage in pretend play they learn to :

- ▶ share and use equipment
- ▶ communicate
- ▶ explore roles
- ▶ use symbols and write
- ▶ dress themselves

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Bubble Bingo!

 BE HELPFUL IN YOUR HOME	 BE KIND TO SOMEONE	 READ TO SOMEONE
 PLAY A GAME WITH SOMEONE IN YOUR BUBBLE	 SORT THE RECYCLING	 WRITE A LETTER TO THANK SOMEONE FOR SOMETHING
 TRY SOMETHING NEW	 DESIGN AN OBSTACLE COURSE AND PRACTICE GOING ROUND IT	 TEACH SOMEONE FROM YOUR BUBBLE SOMETHING YOU ARE GOOD AT

COVID-19 and On-Going Health Precautions at Alert Level 3

The updated guidance is that when there is community transmission, masks can help reduce the spread of COVID-19. As part of the guidance for this resurgence of COVID-19, the New Zealand public are being encouraged to update their emergency kit to include masks for all household members. These could be reusable, or single use. This is a preparatory measure. There is no expectation that masks are worn at Alert Level 1 and it's important to note that even if we were at Alert Level 2, the wearing of masks is encouraged but is **not** required. However, at our current Alert Level 3, you are encouraged to wear a mask when out in public.

Masks are one component of the fight against COVID-19 strategy. Good hand hygiene, keeping your distance so that you are not breathing on or near others, staying home when sick, testing, efficient contact tracing and our strict border measures remain fundamental to minimising transmission of COVID-19.

Parent Group

As you are aware, the Garage Sale due to take place this weekend has been cancelled. Over the next few weeks, the Parent Group will reassess the options and develop a plan for when things return to normal.

They have also made the decision to postpone the upcoming Quiz Night, which was due to be held on Saturday 5th September, until Term 4. This will give you more time

to study for it and we expect to see an even higher level of competition on the night! The date is to be advised.

The next Parent Group meeting is on Wednesday 2 September at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. (If we are out of Alert Level 3) All are welcome to attend. It would be wonderful to have a great turn out to this meeting. See you there!

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Toys and Food at School (when we return to school)

Just a reminder that toys should be kept at home. If toys come to school, they may get lost, broken or taken by someone who isn't the owner! This becomes a difficult job for teachers to have to manage, therefore we don't allow toys from home at school. Also, we have had some of our tamariki wanting to bring food for others or share their food with others. This is also something that we don't do at Royal Oak (unless it is a special day of sharing that the teachers manage) as we have a number of tamariki who have severe allergies. Thank you for your support with this - particularly our Acorns' whanau.

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Term 3 Cake Stalls and Frankfurter Sales

We have had to cancel the cake stalls until further notice, however, depending on Alert Levels we may still run the following:

Friday: Weeks 7 and 9: frankfurter lunches (frankfurters: \$2, vegetarian frankfurters: \$3).

We will let you know as soon as possible.

Running Club at the Summit of Maungakiekie

A great photo of the running club on their first run on a Monday morning at the summit of Maungakiekie, thanks to Sam Walter who is assisted by a number of other wonderful parents.



Netball Super Stars

Here are some fabulous photos of the Year 6 ROPS Magic team that plays at Windmill Road. These photos are of the team playing at half time during the Pulse v Magic game. What a fabulous opportunity!






Opportunity to Learn Chinese

We have been offered the opportunity to have Chinese language classes after school here at ROPS. Please email me at meganc@rops.school.nz if your child would be interested in joining these classes. They are for both Chinese speakers and English speakers learning Chinese.

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What's coming up?

Please note that many of our events have had to be removed from our calendar. This is due to the change in Alert Level and the related restrictions. Our wonderful Arts' Week will still take place this year - we just need to decide how we do this. It is no longer practical to have it as planned in Week 8 as the tamariki have not had enough time to rehearse their dances or create their art pieces. Watch this space for further information. We apologise for any inconvenience, but I am sure that you can understand that this is completely out of our control. We will update you with any new dates and times as we are able to. Thank you for your on-going understanding, support and flexibility. 😊

Term 3 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	17 Y0 Enrolments	18	19	20	21
Week 6	24	25	26	27 BOT meeting 7.00pm	28
Week 7 September	31 Y0 Enrolments EPRO8 Challenge begins	1	2 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am 11.30 Oaks Cross Country Parent Group 7.30pm	3	4 Frankfurters (TBC)
Week 8 Tongan Language Week	7	8	9	10	11 EPRO 8 TBC Year5/6 8 Students.

					Sunday 13 th Sept Term 3 String Recital In Rata Room 2.40 pm arrival for 3pm concert (TBC)
Week 9 Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori	14 Y0 Enrolments	15 Zone cross Country	16 Year 5/6 Speech Competition 5.30pm Hui	17 Save day- Zone Cross country	18 9.15am School Assembly Pohutukawa Frankfurters (TBC)
Week 10	21	22	23 5.30pm Fono	24 Class photos BOT meeting 7.00pm	25 Last day of term – school finishes @ 3pm

BOT Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday 27 August 2020 at 7.00pm**. The focus for this meeting will be Mathematics. The venue will be confirmed as soon as we know what Alert Level we will be in.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi,



Megan Clotworthy
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Community Notices

Please find below a list of agencies who are providing support for those who may be having difficulty providing food for their whanau. Please forward this information to anyone you may be aware of that could be having difficulty.

1. Auckland City Mission Foodbank - If you need a food parcel call ACM 09 303 9266 and speak to the Crisis Care team. If you are successful, you will then be given a time to collect from ACM distribution centre at 15 Auburn Street, off Boston road in Grafton. Everyone must take ID with them.

2. Salvation Army food parcels - Contact the Mt Wellington Salvation Army Community Ministry 09 379 7615 – or their local Salvation Army Community Ministry (ring 0800 53 00 00 to find your local ministry). You will be given a time to collect your food parcel.

3. Presbyterian Support Northern - Call 09 309 2054 to arrange a pick up at 8 Madeira Lane, Grafton. Strictly no walk-ins and collections are strictly between 11-12am Mon-Fri.

4. St Vincent De Paul in Newton Branch – Call 09 815 6122 or email – Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz and they can deliver a food parcel.

5. Nga Whare Waatea Marae - Open Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm. Go to the marae at 31 Calthorp Close, Mangere with ID. Wait in car and staff will get to each person one at a time, asking relevant questions as needed.

6. Hills Church on Hillsborough Road can be emailed at office@hillschurch.nz Please provide details on your needs and they will do their best to provide a food parcel. Hills Church has also offered to go shopping for those that cannot leave home due to self-isolation if needed.



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Evening Story Time At Onehunga Library

Movie time at the Library – Friday 18 September 6:30-8pm

Watch a fun children’s movie with family and friends! Bring in a can of your favourite food for another child so that they don’t go hungry.

<p>Find out more: Call 09 377 0209 Visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz Onehunga Community Library</p>	 <p>Auckland Council Libraries Nghi Pitaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau</p>	 <p>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Auckland Council</p>
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