



Week 1, Term 4, 14 October 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, welcome!

Fakaalofa lahi atu kia mutolu oti,

Welcome back to Term 4. We have another very busy term ahead. For some of our tamariki, this will be their last term at Royal Oak Primary School. I am sure that they will take away treasured memories. For our new tamariki, their journey in our waka is just beginning. This is a very exciting term for all.

It has been wonderful to see our whānau and tamariki coming through the gates again. We have missed the community feeling and it is wonderful to be back at Alert Level 1 enjoying being able to gather in larger groups. My thanks to you all for the support that you have shown the kaiako, the leadership team and me throughout the year during the various COVID Alert Levels. You have all been so positive, even when the going got tough! We are so lucky to have such a wonderfully supportive community.

We hope to be able to catch up with you all at our Garage Sale which is taking place on Saturday 7 November. Please watch out for notices about this coming your way very soon. This event is to sell off many items that were collected for the Carnival. We hope that it is well supported.

Tournament of Minds

People often come across unusual things in unusual places.

Something extraordinary has been found . . . in an unexpected place by an out of the ordinary group.

People are asking many questions, there are so many questions but so few answers.

Your team embarks on a journey to find the answers....

This was the challenge set to our Tournament of Minds teams this year. And what a journey it was!

This year our three teams had to record a video of their performance to send to the judges. They also had the extra challenge of trying to collaborate on script writing and prop making during the Auckland lockdown. Once again these students rose to the experience with great spirit and innovation. ROPS entered teams in the categories of The Arts, Social Sciences and Language and Literature. Congratulations to all these students and particular mention goes to the Social Sciences team who achieved a National Distinction Award.

The Arts	Social Science	Language and Literature
Corbin Martin	Olivia Kurzeja	Hamish Vaughan
Chloe Boyd	Emma Parker	Ben Leaf
Aditya Parab	Callum Bradshaw	Greta Hunter
Anika Govind	Adam Bolland	Haden Stone
Sessi Tu'akalau	Zoe Dodson	Ellice Hii
Kahukura Rangi	Sophie Berry	Molly Carscallen
Arlo Gould	James Mitchell	Charlotte Sanders



This is an outstanding achievement and we are extremely proud of you. To Felicity Boyd and Robyn McConnell, huge congratulations and thank you to you both for all that you have done to enable this success.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that, as part of the accord for the Primary Teachers' contract settlement, the government granted 8 teacher only days to be taken between June 2020 and June 2022. We will have had 3 this year, we have 3 proposed for next year and 2 proposed for 2022. Our final Teacher Only Day for 2020 is scheduled for Term 4 focusing on assessment and reporting. **The date is: Friday 23 October**. This day was selected to enable you to enjoy a long weekend with your whānau - it is Labour Day the following Monday.

Year 5 and 6 Speeches

In Term 3 the Year 5 and 6 students focused on writing and presenting speeches. Once again, our tamariki wrote and performed some outstanding speeches with the extra challenge of a lockdown in between. The top speakers from our Year 5 and 6 classes presented their speeches in Week 10 in front of their peers and judges. Congratulations to our finalists - Ava Dervan, James Mitchell, Emma Jamieson, Fletcher Reid, Emily Webster, Kahukura Rangi, Corbin Martin, Haden Stone, Olivia Kurzeja, Adam Bolland, Max McNamara, Greta Hunter, Arya Taneja, Zara Bint, Chloe Boyd, Madeline Burne and Hannah Gahagan. A special well done to our place getters - Year 6 - 1st Arya Taneja, 2nd Chloe Boyd, 3rd Zara Bint. For Year 5 - 1st Emma Jamieson, 2nd Fletcher Reid, 3rd Ava Dervan. And to Corbin Martin for 1st place in the Flash Talk category. Thank you to the teachers for their support in preparing and encouraging all their students and to Linley Myers and Jenny Hobbs for judging the competition for us.

2021 Planning

If you know that your child **will not** be returning next year (other than Year 6 children) please let Louise (louisew@rops.school.nz) know as soon as possible in order for us to plan accordingly. If you have, or know someone who has, a child who is due to begin as a New Entrant in Term 1 2020 please enroll them now.

Totara Worm Tea!

At Royal Oak Primary we are selling worm tea for your gardens and plants, ready for spring!

- ☺ Sizes: 1l, 2l and 3l
- ☺ The prices will be: **\$2.00 for 1 litre** , **\$3.00 for 2 litre** and **\$5.00 for 3 litre**
- ☺ At level 1 Order your worm tea two ways :
 1. By emailing this address: robynmc@rops.school.nz with how much you want, your child's name and room so we know where to deliver to.
OR Come to Totara room before and after school.
 2. You can order before you pay.
- ☺ Special opening offer: Buy two 2l bottles for \$5.00!
- ☺ If you become regular purchasers of our worm tea we will issue you with a Cra-z Compost loyalty card!
- ☺ If you have empty milk bottles please bring them cleaned to the Totara Room!



Lily, Benjamin, Yu, and Moe (Cra-z Compost Totara Communications Team)

Matai Room:

To celebrate 'te wiki o te reo maori' week, Matai Room read the book 'Kepapa Huarakau,' by Alice Patrick (Fruit kebabs). We have been learning the names of fruit and how to say first, second, third and fourth. TUATAHI - wash the fruit TUARUA - peel the fruit TUATORU - cut the fruit TUAWHA - put the fruit and the marshmallows on to a skewer. In the story the fruit kebabs are eaten by the manuhiri (visitors) but we all got to eat them after our karakia kai. Kia kaha te reo maori!



Jasmine from Rata room

One windy morning I went to see the girls and changed into my costume. I was already wearing my younger sisters dark, black top underneath, so I did not have to worry about that.

Rata room started to make a line as long as a python. When we entered the hall it was full of happy students. As we watched a sweet dance, I noticed a girl with a big smile at the left of the stage. Her smile was like a rainbow rose blooming. Soon it was our turn. The fairy lights were flashing blue. My poi spun like a swirling tornado.

Report Discussion

I would like to meet with any whanau who are interested in discussing the reporting format that we use at ROPS. The proposed meeting time is 2.30pm on Wednesday 28 October in the staffroom. It would be wonderful to have you there to have your say about reporting.

Books

Thank you so much for purchasing books for our school library during the week of conferences last term. Now that you have had time to read the books, please return the donated books back to the library ready to be accessioned for others to read them. There are still a number of these outstanding. We very much appreciate your support with this.

Hats

As it is now Term 4 and the warmer weather is coming, please ensure that your child has a named hat. It is compulsory for the tamariki to wear hats when outside at our kura in Term 4. Many thanks for your support in keeping our tamariki safe and healthy.

Parent Group

After School Cafe

Our first After School Café for Term 4 will take place next **Thursday 22 October** (as Friday is a Teacher Only Day).

Please look out for communications regarding the Garage Sale on Saturday 7 November - save the date!

There is a Parent Group meeting tonight, Wednesday 14 October, in the staffroom at 7pm. We would love to see you there.

Flippa Ball

The ROPS Flippaball team recently competed in the Year 5/6 Auckland tournament. They demonstrated the ROPS values brilliantly, showing resilience and wonderful sporting behaviour. Even though they had really tough games every single game (playing teams that were mainly Year 6 and very strong players) they remained positive, encouraged each other and spent the whole tournament having so much fun. In fact, a few of the other schools commented that the ROPS Orcas team cheer was the best by far due to their enthusiasm and volume! Well done ROPS Orcas, we are very proud of you!





Parent Election Notice

Royal Oak Primary School Board of Trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of two parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Sunday 1 November 2020 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours from noon Friday 9 October 2020.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 4 December 2020

Louise White

Returning Officer

The Board values a wide diversity of experiences, views and skills - please take time to consider suitable candidates to serve on our Board.

If you would like more information about the Board of Trustees please feel free to talk to any of the current trustees, including the current Chair of the Board, Michael Berry (021 225 6781, boardchair@rops.school.nz). Michael also has contact details for other trustees. You are also always welcome to attend Board meetings and there is one more meeting, prior to close of nominations, to be held on Thursday 29 October at 7pm in the Staff Room.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday 24 September in the Staff Room.

- The curriculum report for this meeting was Local Curriculum Development and was presented by Robyn McConnell and Ingrid Gwilliam. The goal for our local curriculum is 'placed based learning - to know the soil beneath our feet and the social history all around us'. Our local story and place is an important part of our inquiry and learning and all tamariki integrate this within their other learning through a variety of projects and activities. An overview of these projects alongside the priorities moving forward were covered in the report.
- As usual, Megan gave a detailed report on the life of the school. Covering everything from curriculum to school events, from staffing to property, there is always a great deal going on. COVID-19 has caused many changes to plans but Megan and the Senior Management team are doing well to attend to things that need to be our priority (mostly the wellbeing and growth of our tamariki!)
- The area of focus was Board 'self-review' and a new workflow plan was adopted to ensure planned attention is given to all areas of school governance.

- Recommendations from the Auditor’s report for the 2019 accounts were discussed and adopted. In general terms, the audit report was positive and school finances are managed appropriately.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 29 October in the Staffroom. You are very welcome to attend.

Music - String Programme 2021 Applications

We are currently seeking applications of interest for our 2021 Royal Oak Primary School String Programme.

Parents of current Year 2 Students interested in this opportunity for their child are invited to fill out the application form at the end of the application letter [here](#) as an expression of both interest and commitment to the programme if selected, and return it to the office or email to the Principal meganc@rops.school.nz by **Friday 20th November 5pm.**

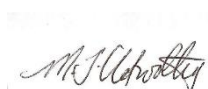
What’s coming up? Colour code - **Acorns** Oaks

Term 4 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October Week 1 Covid19 Level 1	12 Y0 Enrolments	13	14 Powhiri 10.30am Parent Group 7pm	15	16 Election in Hall Saturday 17
Week 2 Niuean Language Week Covid19 Level 1	19	20 Acorns Cross Country Back to School Road Safety Travelwise 5:30 Hui	21 Science Display in hall all morning Acorns Cross Country (Saving Day)	22	23 TOD – reporting and assessment
Week 3 Tokelauan Language Week Cultural Celebration Week	26 Labour Day	27 Y0 Enrolments Karaka rocky shore trip	28 5:30 Fono	29 BOT meeting 7.00pm	30 Cultural Celebration Day - including assembly Kohanga Ako
Week 4 November Whanau Leader Voting during week in classes for 2021	2 Keep Hall free for Garage Sale	3 Keep Hall free for Garage Sale	4 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Parent Group 7pm Keep Hall free for Garage Sale	5 ROI Orientation Morning Keep Hall free for Garage Sale	6 HOT DOG SALE Saturday 7th PG Garage SALE Keep Hall free for Garage Sale
Week 5 Diwali	9 Y0 Enrolments Perform Show whole school 9.45 Y5/6 11.45 Y0-4	10 OAKS Athletics Greenman Campaign Travelwise	11 Diwali Celebration Assembly	12	13 OAKS athletics finals

Week 6 Music Week	16 Break 1 Flashmob Lunchtime Ukulele Jam	17 ROPS Student Lunchtime Concert	18 Violin Programme Lunchtime Rehearsal for Music Showcase - Hall	19 Oaks Stumpers comp? ROPS Student Lunchtime Concert	20 End of year music Showcase Hall used 8.50am - 1.05pm Remuera Intermediate sport morning for those not in showcase (1 team) Sunday 22nd Nov. Term 4 String Recital Hall 2.40pm arrival for 3pm concert PG disco
Week 7	23 Y0 Enrolments Year 2/3 Athletics	24 Parent Helper Morning Tea – 10:45am in Hall	25 Year 2/3 Athletics (saving day)	26 BOT meeting 7.00pm	27 9.15am school assembly Nikau and Kohekohe
Week 8 December	30 Year 0/1 Athletics	1 Year 0/1 Athletics (saving day) PG picnic 4 – 7pm	2 2nd hand Uniform sale 8:30 – 9:00am Last Violin Lesson for 2020 Parent Group 7pm?	3 Awards Assembly 9.30-11.00am 1.40pm Students visit 2021 classes	4 Acorns end of the year trip- Monte Cecilia / TH ?? Last Cello Lesson for 2020
Week 9	7 Oaks Pool Trip to Onehunga Pools	8 Leavers Assembly 9.30 – 11.00am then luncheon 12.30pm Reports out	9 10.30am school assembly – staff School closes 12pm	10	11

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Megan Clotworthy
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Community Notices

Parent Election Notice

Royal Oak Intermediate School Board of Trustees' election



Nominations are invited for the election of **two parent representatives** to the Board of Trustees of Royal Oak Intermediate School.

If you are a parent of a year 6 student who intends to enrol their child into Royal Oak Intermediate School next year, you are also eligible to be nominated as a candidate or you can nominate another person to stand as a candidate.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations can be obtained from Royal Oak Intermediate School Office or by emailing the Returning Officer on the address below.

Nominations close at noon on Sunday 1 November 2020 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. Both parts of the form must be signed.

The main voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours from noon Friday 9 October 2020.

The supplementary roll will close Friday 30 October 2020.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 4 December 2020

Louise White
Returning Officer
Royal Oak Intermediate School
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Royal Oak
Email: admin@royaloakint.school.nz

Old Māngere Bridge Replacement Project

Community day

Come along to meet the team and learn more about the Old Māngere Bridge Replacement project. You can enjoy a site visit, learn about the new bridge and construction updates as well as enjoy a sausage sizzle!

Date: **Saturday 31 October**

Time: **9.30am to 1pm**

Location: **Waterfront Reserve**, on the corner of Waterfront Road and Coronation Road.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

For more information

www.nzta.govt.nz/omb

omb@nzta.govt.nz

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Games, Prizes, BBQ & Treats

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Guitar Tuition






One on One guitar Lessons with Karl.

To your door, after school @ \$25 per half hour.
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 Parents, contact me on [0275905278](tel:0275905278) if you are interested.