



Week 5, Term 4, 11 November 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!

Kia ora koutou,

What an incredibly busy time it is at the moment! There have been so many exciting things happening including the Garage Sale last Saturday, Cultural Celebration Day, Diwali celebrations, Music Showcase rehearsals, many class breakfasts in the Acorns' team, Year 5/6 athletics, the Perform Show, the Green Man Travelwise campaign and many more things that happen on a daily basis at ROPS.

Still in Alert Level 1:



Absences

An urgent plea: if your child is absent, for whatever reason, please ensure that you let us know by calling the office, sending an email to admin@rops.school.nz or messaging through the absence link on the app. Following up unexplained absences is proving to be challenging and time consuming. Thank you very much to all those folk who do follow the correct procedure with this, it is very much appreciated.

Fono

Many thanks to our pasifika whānau who attended our fono last week. It was so lovely to re-connect and spending time together. We enjoyed the wonderful performances by the tamariki.



Cultural Celebration Day

At the end of Week 3 we celebrated our many cultures that we have at ROPS. Many of our tamariki and Kaiako came dressed in traditional dress and brought along food from their culture to share. The tamariki shared their cultures with pride. It was such a special time celebrating our diversity.



End-of-Year Music Showcase

The Royal Oak Primary School 'End-of-Year Music Showcase' will be held **Friday 20 November 2020 at 11.45am in the School Hall**. Groups performing are: ROPS Ukulele Groups, 'Oakestra' (our mixed instrument ensemble), Recorder Ensembles, Hand Chimes Ensemble, ROPS String Programme Violinists and Cellists, 'ROPS Voices' (Massed 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 learning of all our Royal Oak Primary School Musicians. It is estimated the Showcase will finish at around 1pm.

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.**

Proposed Teacher Only Day 2021

The school year begins on **Tuesday 2 February** next year. Our first teacher only day for 2021 will be held on **Tuesday 9 February**. I am giving notice of this now in order for you to plan ahead as it is the Tuesday following the Monday holiday for Waitangi Day. I realise that this comes very early on in the year, but it was the only day available for the facilitators to provide training for the staff in the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme.



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.


Whānau Expo

Have you ever wondered about what community agencies are available to support your whānau? Our Kahui Ako has organised a Whānau Expo on Wednesday 25th November from 6pm at Te Papapa School. There will be a wide range of agencies/ organisations coming from across all our communities as well as fun activities for the children. We are very fortunate to have Pio Terei as the guest speaker for this exciting event.

Te Iti Kahurangi Kahui Ake Pio Terei

Whānau Expo




GUEST SPEAKER

night of fun, laughter and information

Have you ever wondered about what community agencies are available to support your whānau? Come and meet them.

Wednesday 25 November 2020
6 - 8 pm
(Doors open at 5.15pm, Official opening at 6pm)
Te Papapa School
219 Mt Smart Road, Onehunga, Auckland

Kai and Wai for everyone • Fun Activities for the Kids • Spot Prizes and Giveaways



Why We Teach

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)

Raffle Tickets

We are currently selling raffle tickets from the Office.

We have four raffle prizes available - two children's and two adults' prizes.

Tickets are available from the front office for \$2 each.

They are lovely prizes and well worth the investment. Also, it is a wonderful way to support our kura.

The raffle will be drawn at 3.30pm on Friday 13 November

Diwali

We had a fabulous day today celebrating Diwali. We ended the day with a very special assembly with the children performing dances and gifting diyas to the teachers showing gratitude for the work that they do supporting their learning. It was wonderful. Thank you to Sharmin Mistry for her fabulous organisation.



Parent Group

Garage Sale

A THANK YOU FROM THE PARENT GROUP

A huge thank you to our fabulous team of caregivers and teachers for making the ROPS Giant Garage Sale a hugely successful event on Saturday.

We are very pleased to announce we raised a total of **\$18,500** which will enable us to make a much-needed donation to the school.

For many of you, this event started way back in February as we prepared for the March Carnival, and we know there were a few sighs of relief when we made it to Saturday without another Covid outbreak!

This event was a big team effort however there are a few people we would like to specifically acknowledge:

Mai Nathan, Ruby Hsu, Haylee Mitchell and Anne Tjaberings. Since the beginning of the year, these ladies have put in hours and hours of work behind the scenes to deliver a great range of Pre Loved Homewares, Toys and Books and there is no way we could have run this event without them - we are so very grateful for their support!

Eloise Pulido for implementing our awesome new online volunteer system and for the Jolly Jars our kids love so much!!

The Marketing & Design team behind our fantastic Garage Sale signage and newsletters - **Annalise Reid and Georgie Shanks.** And to **Leon Verhulst and Brad Webster** for installing the signs around our community. A big thank you also to **ABC Photosigns** who have printed signage for us 3 times this year completely free of charge!

Sam McSkimming for the huge amount of media coverage we got via newspaper and radio advertising for our event.

Toni Lucas for running the Bake Stall and the wonderful **team of people who provided baking and sweets.** We are so lucky to have this group, many of whom also bake each week for the After School Café.

Rebecca Ruttlely and Owen Sinclair for coordinating and transporting the trestle tables from surrounding schools.

And last but not least, the dynamic duo of **Liddy Sanders and Denise Fisher** from the Pre Loved Clothing team. Rumour has it that they will be offering a personalised shopper service at next years event so watch this space!!

PARENT GROUP END OF YEAR PICNIC

Please join us on Tuesday 1st December on the field at school from 4pm for our annual Parent Group Picnic. Bring along a blanket and some food and enjoy mixing and mingling with other ROPS Whanau.

AFTER SCHOOL CAFE

A reminder that this will be held each Friday during Term 4 (except for Disco night) at 3pm so please bring along your \$1 & \$2 coins for a cupcake or an ice block.

DISCO

Our annual school disco is taking place on Friday 20 November. Acorns Disco: 5.30pm-6.45pm. Oaks Disco: 7.00pm-8.15pm. \$2 entry fee. There will be glow items, snacks and drinks for sale. Come along and join in the fun!



Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Names:

- Georgie Shanks
- Jenny Hoskin-Wyber

Louise White

Returning Officer

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday 29 October in the Staff Room.

- The area of focus was financial planning and initial discussions were held as we prepare the 2021 budget. Acknowledging the difficulties of this year, it was agreed that the school donation for 2021 would remain the same as this year.
- We have been in discussions with regards to the manufacture and supply of our school uniform. The board are conscious of the cost of uniforms and understand the need to ensure value for money for our community.
- The curriculum report was around general literacy, ESOL and Te Reo. We were pleased to receive comprehensive and encouraging reports from the teachers responsible for these areas of the curriculum.

- Congratulations to our new trustees: Georgie and Jenny
- To transition our new trustees, our outgoing trustees will be in attendance at the next Board meeting, therefore I will be farewelling them in my next newsletter.

The final meeting for the year will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 25 November in the Staff Room. Please note this is both a different time and day to the usual schedule. You are very welcome to attend. We will be focusing on end of year achievement data as well as developing the budget, charter, strategic plan heading into 2021.

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
Week 5 Diwali	9 Y0 Enrolments Perform Show whole school 9.45 Y5/6 11.45 Y0-4	10 Greenman Campaign Travelwise	11 Year 5/6 Athletics Diwali Celebration Assemy	12 Year 5/6 athletics finals	13
Week 6 Music Week	16 Break 1 Flashmob Lunchtime Ukulele Jam	17 ROPS Student Lunchtime Concert	18 Year 4 Athletics 9am- 12.30pm 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) PG disco Sunday 22nd Nov. Term 4 String Recital Hall 2.40pm arrival for 3pm concert
Week 7	23 Y0 Enrolments Year 2/3 Athletics	24 Parent Helper Morning Tea - 10:45am in Hall	25 BOT meeting 5.30pm Year 2/3 Athletics (saving day)	26	27 9.15am school assembly Nikau and Kohekohe Principal for the Day
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	8	9	10	11
	Oaks Pool Trip to Onehunga Pools	Leavers Assembly 9.30 – 11.00am then luncheon 12.30pm Reports out	10.30am school assembly – staff School closes 12pm		

Ngā mihi nui,



Megan Clotworthy
meganc@rops.school.nz

Community Notices

Parent Election Notice

Royal Oak Intermediate School Board of Trustees' election

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

Onehunga Swimming Club

Established 1956



Registrations are NOW open for next term

Established 60 years ago, Onehunga Swimming Club is based at Jellicoe Pool, Onehunga. It is a registered charity and provides competitive and non-competitive swimming training and learn to swim lessons. We welcome new swimmers of all abilities and ages 5 and up to the exciting sport of swimming.

<p>Squad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 60min & 90min/session ~ \$175 per term ~ 3 sessions a week Wednesday 7pm, Friday 7.30pm and Sunday 6.15pm 	<p>Learn to swim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 30min & 60min sessions ~ \$100 per term for a 30min session once a week \$120 per term for a 60min session once a week \$160 per term for two sessions per week ~ Friday - 6pm Sunday - 5.45pm
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Whether you want to swim for fun or have bigger aspirations, come and find out what we have to offer at our

Book Your Trial Session Now ... manager.onesc@gmail.com

Royal Oak MARKETS

114 Symonds Street, Royal Oak, Auckland
Saturday, 14 November 2020 from 9am until 1pm

Spiderman for the kids

Coffee

Jewellery

Tasty Food

Crafts

Clothing

AND MORE!



**DON'T MISS OUT!
COME JOIN US!**

Guitar Tuition



One on One guitar Lessons with Karl.

To your door, after school @ \$25 per half hour.

Registered Teacher, experienced guitar tutor.

Parents, contact me on 0275905278 if you are interested.



Play T Ball @ Mangere Mountain this Season 2020/21

Fees \$25 includes a Team Photo

Ages 4-9 year olds

Season starts 13th November 530pm -7pm @ Mangere Mountain
Call Sheila 021 037 5478 for more information