



# Royal Oak Primary School

HONOUR LOYALTY SERVICE

Week 2, Term 1, 12 February 2025

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!



Welcome back to 2025 at Royal Oak Primary. A very warm welcome to whānau who are new to our school. 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 tamariki feel that it is a happy place to come to each day. It has been wonderful to see all the happy faces coming through the gate and settling into their classes.

### Who's who on our staff?

The 2025 teaching structure is as follows (I will include the last names; however the staff are addressed as Whaea followed by their first name for a woman, or Matua followed by the first name for a man):

Kaiko (Teachers)		
Room name	Teachers	Year
Kōwhai	Whaea Julia Popovic Whaea Sam Ang Whaea Maddie Darlington (.8) Whaea Chloe Ferguson (.5)	1
Rīmu	TBA ASAP	
Mataī	Whaea Brianna Rees Whaea Rikki Chaitanya (.1)	2
Rātā	Whaea Anna Nalden (.8) Whaea Catherine Jang Whaea Sue Dykes (.2)	2
Kohekohe	Whaea Rebecca Wharton	3
Nīkau	Whaea Emma Kings-Gale Whaea Suzie Gurr (.2)	3
Pōhutukawa	Matua Ryan Milich (.8) Whaea Jenni Jamieson (.2)	3
Mānuka	Whaea Sandra Powell (.6) Whaea Rachel Leulu (.4)	4

	Whaea Rikki Chaitanya (.1)	
Kauri	Whaea Wendy Rothwell Whaea Rosemary Cusack Whaea Rikki Chaitanya (.1)	4
Tōtara	Whaea Vicki Martin Whaea April Purdon Whaea Sue Dykes (.2)	5/6
Karaka	Whaea Kirstie Rogerson Matua Sam Forde Whaea Sue Dykes (.1)	5/6
Kahikatea	Whaea Melanie Topp Matua Steve Mathews Whaea Suzie Gurr (.1) Whaea Sue Dykes (.1)	5/6
<b>Specialist Kaiako</b>		
Kōhanga Ako	Whaea Maria Van Der Kaay	ESOL
Taiao	Whaea Robyn McConnell	STEM/Enviro Science
Music Room	Whaea Amelia Giles	Music
Pūriri Room	Whaea Nikki Hartnett-Clarke	Te Reo/Kapa Pasifika/ Rōpū Rangatahi
<b>Learning Support</b>		
Learning Support	Whaea Laura Stitt Whaea Jody Kalapiu Whaea Brigetta Young Whaea Sue Doyle Whaea Marion Dreadon Whaea Kelly Ray Whaea Karen Ray Whaea Camila Jamieson Whaea Mola Coote Whaea Fiona Granger Whaea Treena Tetava Whaea Melissa Mara Matua Cliff Tuckey	
<b>Support Staff</b>		
Admin Staff	Whaea Louise White - Office Admin Whaea Pam Waugh - RTLB/Internationals Whaea Tessa Henry - Library	
Property Staff	Matua Peter Carlton - Property Manager Matua Jai Gapes - Property Assistant	
<b>Learning Leaders</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Email</b>
Whaea Julia	Year 0/1 Learning Leader	juliap@rops.school.nz
Whaea Brianna	Year 2/3 Learning Leader	briannar@rops.school.nz
Whaea Wendy	Year 4 Learning Leader	wendyr@rops.school.nz
Whaea Vicki	Year 5/6 Learning Leader	vickim@rops.school.nz
Whaea Vicki	Kahui Ako In School Lead Teacher	vickim@rops.school.nz
Matua Steve	Kahui Ako In School Lead Teacher	stevem@rops.school.nz

Leadership Team		
Name	Role	Email
Whaea Megan Clotworthy	Principal/Tumuaki	meganc@rops.school.nz
Whaea Felicity Boyd	Deputy Principal Oaks	felicityb@rops.school.nz
Whaea Vicky Stewart	Deputy Principal Acorns	vickys@rops.school.nz
Whaea Lynne Gibson	Learning Support Coordinator	lynneg@rops.school.nz
Whaea Nemia Gariando	Executive Officer	nemiag@rops.school.nz

### Newsletter

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

### Coffee Mornings coming up - Acorns': Thursday 13 February / Oaks': Friday 14 February

You are cordially invited to come into your child's class to meet other whānau in their class and to catch up with our Parent Group exec. We will have a coffee van at school, so please do come along and purchase a coffee from him. The van will be here from 7.45am. He will be parked outside Megan's office, under the pōhutukawa tree. The classrooms will be open at 8.15am. We welcome the Acorns' whānau to come along tomorrow, Thursday 13 February, and the Oaks' whānau to come along on Friday 14 February. See you there! 😊

### Meet the Teacher Evening: Tuesday 18 February

We would love you to join us at our Meet the teacher evening on **Tuesday 18 February**.

The agenda for the evening is:

5.30pm: Taiao Room with Whaea Robyn: those interested in Year 4-6 Science Badge information

6.00pm: Hall: Whaea Megan: Welcome - introduction of teachers and a brief year overview

6.45pm: Hall: Whaea Felicity: Year 6 parents remain to discuss camp

6.45pm: All other parents go to your children's classes to briefly meet the teachers

7.15pm: Evening ends

Whaea Lynne will look after any tamariki who come along in the Cutfield's Corner playground - please drop your children with Whaea Lynne.

### Teacher Only Day - Friday 21 February - School Closed

Just a reminder that there is a teacher only day on Friday 21 February. School will be closed that day as the teachers will be offsite at Te Papapa School attending professional learning relating to the revised curriculum. This is a Kahui Ako teacher only day, so all schools in our Kahui Ako will be attending. Kelly Club will be operating that day, so please contact them regarding how they can provide care for your child if necessary. Thank you for your support with this.

### Science Award Programme



The Science Award is a programme for Year 4, 5 and 6 students organised by Whaea Robyn in the Taiao Room. She has been to each Oaks classroom and talked to the students about this programme and has handed out notes and permission slips to students that are interested in doing it. If your child was away last week or has since decided they want to do this programme, it is not too late to join. It involves doing eight science projects from a selection of about 30, at home, from a card from the Science Award Trust that Whaea Robyn orders. The science projects are done at home, and Whaea Robyn marks them and gives feedback. If your child achieves all eight before the end of Term 3, they get a certificate for Year 4 and a badge and certificate for Year 5 and 6.

For a look at the programme go to this website - <https://sciencebadges.co.nz/> . If you want your child to do this programme please send them to the Taiao Room for a permission and information note.

Whaea Robyn is holding a meeting to explain the programme, and answer questions, at 5:30pm Tuesday Week 3, before the meet the teacher night starts. You can also email her at [robynmc@rops.school.nz](mailto:robynmc@rops.school.nz)

### Parent Group

Parent Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the staffroom. They begin at 7pm. You are all welcome to come along. It is a great way to meet other parents from our wonderful community. We have moved the meeting for February. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 February**.

Our major event for the year is rapidly approaching and the Parent Group will be reaching out for support. This event is a Colour Run to be held on **Saturday 29 March**. You will get more information about this very soon. Please do support this however possible.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale:

Our first second hand uniform sale is tomorrow **Thursday 13 February** at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am.

### Allergies

We do have a number of tamariki with severe allergies across our school. Thank you for your understanding and support by avoiding sending foods that impact these tamariki. There are specific messages for certain year levels, however we would ask that the entire school avoids sending nuts/nut products with your children.

### EOTC Donations

Our Year 5 and Year 6 tamariki are lucky enough to experience wonderful outdoor education opportunities (Y5 - rock climbing and rafting, Y6 - Camp) in Term 1. For some of our tamariki it is difficult for their whānau to cover the cost of these. I am aware that we have some wonderful benevolent folk in our community who would like to sponsor or support these tamariki to attend their outdoor education activity. If you would like to provide financial support for a child to attend outdoor education, please contact Nemia Gariando ([nemiag@rops.school.nz](mailto:nemiag@rops.school.nz)) and she will let you know how you can do this. Thank you so much for your support.

### Sun Hats

Please do remember that it is compulsory to wear a sunhat in Term 1. Please ensure that your child's sunhat is named as these get put on and taken off many times during the school day and can be easily misplaced.

### Opportunities coming up:



*Creative Matters*  
**AFTER SCHOOL  
ART CLASS**  
AT ROYAL OAK SCHOOL  
**THURSDAYS | 3-5PM**  
  
STARTING IN WEEK 2  
Bookings now open

for more information and to book:  
[creativematters.co.nz](http://creativematters.co.nz)



TEITI KAHURANGI - LALAGA  
PRESENTS  
**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
FEST**  
Friday 28  
February  
4 - 6 pm

A WHĀNAU-FOCUSED EVENT TO BUILD  
CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

HOSTED AT TE PAPAPA SCHOOL  
219 Mt Smart Road, Onehunga

SUPPORT AGENCIES EXPO  
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES  
FOOD STALLS (cash only)  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES

For more details contact  
[lalagatik@gmail.com](mailto:lalagatik@gmail.com)

**FREE ENTRY**

Logos for various community organizations including Oranga, Royal Oak, and Waterlea are visible at the bottom.

### What's coming up?

Please do check the calendar in each newsletter as sometimes events do change.

Week 2	10	11	12 Sport/music/ whānau leader applications due	13 Second hand uniform sale Whānau coffee in classes for Acorns String Programme Parent Evening Staff Room: 7- 8pm	14 Whānau coffee in classes for Oaks
Week 3	17 Year 1 enrolments starting day	18 Parent Evening/Meet the teachers 6pm	19 Parent Group	20	21 TOD
Week 4	24 BOT meeting	25	26	27	28 Kahui Ako Back to School Fest – Te Papapa – 4pm - 6pm
Week 5 March	3 Year 1 enrolments starting day  8.00 am Camp Parent helpers meeting – Library	4	5 Year 6 Camp/Year 5 EOTC Parent Group	6 Year 6 Camp/Year 5 EOTC Year 5 WERO 10.30am and 12.00pm	7 Year 6 Camp/Year 5 EOTC
Week 6 March	10	11	12	13 Second hand uniform sale	14
Week 7 March	17 Year 1 enrolments starting day	18 Mahi Tahī evenings	19	20 Mahi Tahī evenings	21
Week 8 March	24	25	26	27	28  29 March (Saturday) Colour Run

Week 9 April	31 Year 1 enrolments starting day	1	2  Parent Group 7.00pm	3	4
Week 10	7	8	9	10 Second hand uniform sale	11 End of Term

**BOT Meeting:**

Our next Board meeting is on, **Monday 24 February 2025** at **6.00pm**. You are always most welcome to attend.

Have a happy fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui



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

## Community Notices

**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE**  
 Mountain Road, Epsom  
 Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

**OPEN DAY**  
 For Year 7 Enrolments in **2026**  
*Limited enrolments at other levels*

**TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2025**  
**9:30 am or 1:00 pm**  
 in the **College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)**

followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys.  
**You do not need to register.**

*St Peter's College provides an education in the **CATHOLIC** tradition  
 by building a strong foundation in the **ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC** areas.  
 The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both  
 Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.  
 The College is well served by public transport  
 from all parts of Auckland*

**"ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN"**

(Weather permitting, limited parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)  
[www.st-peters.school.nz](http://www.st-peters.school.nz)





# ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

CONFORTARE ESTO VIR

YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

# OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2026  
Limited enrolments at other levels

**Thursday 6th March 2025 | 9:30am or 1:45pm**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY  
(Parking available on-site)

BEGINNER & ADVANCED

## CODING LESSONS



Learn coding, a valuable skill in our increasingly digital world!

Years 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10  
Weekdays after school  
Attend online from home



**SIGN UP FOR A  
FREE TRIAL**  
[codingnz.com](https://codingnz.com)



# ST MARY'S COLLEGE

## 2025 OPEN DAY

### Thursday 6 March 2025

Two sessions available, commencing 2.30pm & 6.00pm  
Both sessions deliver the same information



### Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2026 open Monday 10 February  
for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at  
other year levels

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions  
Enrolment and application information are available on our website

**[www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz)**

11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

**A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13**





# Onehunga Sports Football Club



## CLUB OPEN DAY

### FREE ACTIVITIES

Fun activities  
Sausage sizzle  
Prizes to be won  
Plus lots more

Open day Sunday 9th March  
9am - 12pm at our Waikaraka Park  
Clubrooms, 64 Captain Springs  
Road, Onehunga



# MILO FANTAILS TERM 1



**2025 Term 1 Milo Fantails Registrations are now open!**

-  **Girls-only football programme with female coaches**
-  **Beginner groups as well as pre-season warm up groups**
-  **A great environment to gain confidence and make new friends**



**Start Date:** Monday 3rd February 2025 (8 weeks)  
**Finish Date:** Monday 24th March  
**Time of Sessions:** Every Monday - 4:15-5:15pm  
**Location:** Keith Hay Park, Mt Roskill  
**Age Groups:** 4-6, 7-9, 10-12  
**Cost:** \$40 for the full 8 weeks



**For more information, head to our website!**

**Non-AUFC MEMBERS WELCOME!  
ALL GIRLS AGED 4-12**



Register online at [www.aucklandunitedfc.org.nz/fantails](http://www.aucklandunitedfc.org.nz/fantails)





## Ezlunch order = another chance to Every win!

Exciting news! Every time you order Ezlunch this term, you'll get an entry into our Term 1 Rewards draw.

### What's up for grabs?

- Weekly Prize: \$100 Kindo Credit for you + \$100 Kindo Credit for your school 🐛
- Term 1 Grand Prize: \$1,000 JB



### 🚀 Thank you to JB Hi-Fi for making our Grand Prize rewards possible!

JB Hi-Fi has partnered with Kindo in 2025 to streamline BYOD for schools, and we appreciate their generous support.

[Order Now & Enter the Draw](#)

The best part? Every meal you order gets you one entry. The more lunches you order, the more chances to win!

The first draw is next Monday – get your orders in now!

[Read the Terms and Conditions for the Ezlunch Term 1 Rewards draw here](#)