



The Royal Flyer



2nd August 2017



Kia ora koutou, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Ni hao, Greetings to you all!

I feel incredibly proud and indeed privileged to be here; to be the new Principal of Royal Oak Intermediate – a Royal Oak Intermediate that will be continuing to fly, departing to the skies of continued ‘up and up!’ This is my new professional home, my new passion and project and with us all working together we will continue to make a difference! So what does this mean to me? And more importantly what will it mean for Royal Oak Intermediate School?

I believe our school should be an exciting, wonderful place, with tremendous energy and boundless enthusiasm; where all people (children, parents, teachers, visitors and other community members) look forward to coming to; and enjoy being in. So, with Royal Oak Intermediate soaring even higher it will be a place of fun, laughter, hard work, achievement and joy.

Standards will be high, behaviour and manners exemplary and the pursuit of excellence in all areas our goal, with a three sided focus on ‘academics’, a focus on the perceived soft curriculum areas (which I believe are as important) which includes Art, Music, Dance and Drama, Culture, Technology and the various guises that takes, Sports & PE, Values Education, Careers Education and Languages and thirdly a focus on a wide and diverse ‘co-curricular programme’ in which we are all fully involved in, challenged and enthused by; resulting in increased self-motivation and fully rounded students - fully capable of contributing positively and willingly to our school community and the Auckland community at large. Also with the growing threads of digital technologies interwoven throughout every aspect mentioned.

A vital and key component in education are relationships and conversations. Without these the learning journey struggles to be a transformative, powerful experience. We know that the main factor influencing student learning is the quality of the teacher in the classroom, and coupled with an effective leader can make an even greater impact. There are clear links between the quality of leadership, the quality of teaching and the achievement of students. Effective leadership enables effective teachers to teach even more effectively, and this is what we need to do.

I am passionate about what happens in classrooms: the reading and writing, the maths and thinking programmes, all of that stuff is really interesting to me and how good our ROI students are at it and how they progress is important to me. I am passionate about the stuff that you need to help you learn: that is a clean, well looked after, attractive, print saturated classroom environment devoid of graffiti and vandalism, as well as litter free, landscaped and well cared for gardens and environments that create calming and intimate spaces for kids that make us feel proud to be part of Royal Oak Intermediate School. And it is on that note that I want to welcome Manika Glassie, our amazing, new Property Manager who has already made a fab difference within our grounds!

Finally I also ask of everyone – community, staff and kids - that we work hard and smart - I assure you that I will work hard and I expect everyone else to do the same! No one achieves their goals if they don’t work hard. Nothing just comes to people easily! We have to be a team - all of us working hard together and if we do that then this *will* be one of *the* best intermediate schools in New Zealand and you will all be proud to say you were a part of Royal Oak Intermediate School.

Ngā Mihi

Ross Devereux
Principal



Sports News

RUGBY NEWS: The school would like to congratulate two year 7 students, **Tino Jahnke-Tavana (Rm 11)** and **John Fineanganofu (Rm 16)**. They have been selected to represent the 2017 West Roller Mills Rugby Under 57KG boys’ team after trialling alongside 48 other boys from Central, West Intermediate School, and College Zones.

Special mention to both Kelepi Manuika (Rm 13) and Vernier Buenaventura (Rm1) who also trialled.

Thank you to all teachers, parents and families who were there supporting our ROI Tamariki proudly representing themselves, their Whanau and our Kura.

NETBALL NEWS: Congratulations also to our AIMS netball girls who won against Balmoral 40-6 this week. Awesome work girls!

DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd & 3rd August Student Led Conferences

18th August School Cross Country

31st August School Social

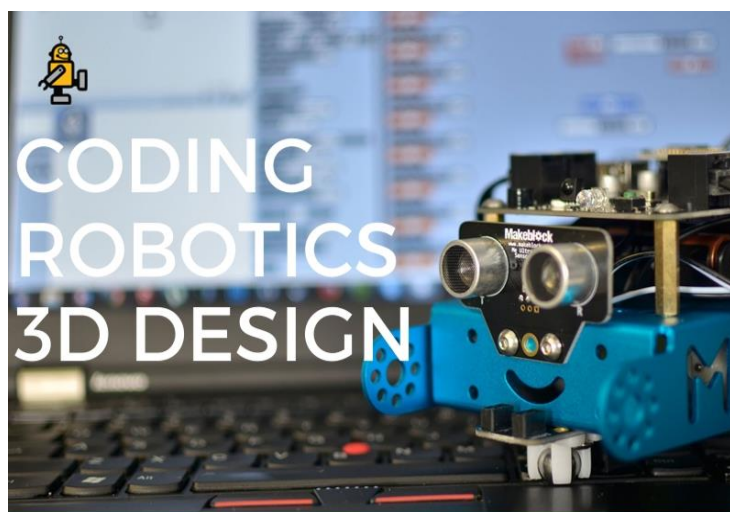
27th & 28th September Culture Show



Our High Flyers

The Royal Oak Intermediate Way is Ka Rere – To Fly. Congratulations to the following students who all received certificates at this week's assembly.

Merit Awards Year 8				Merit Awards Year 7			
NAME	RM	NAME	RM	NAME	RM	NAME	RM
Marcus Runciman	15	Andrei Manlapig	7	Rhiana Hart	16	Max Bartneck-Clare	12
Victoria Poloma	1			Asisi Kaufusi	5	Stella Huch	11
				Shae Lawrence	9	Teresa Zhang	2
				Clair Tuioti	6	Hanna Lijalem	5
				Lucy Chen	16	Sneha Bhati	6
				Bela Calma	16		



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