

13th February 2025

Welcome back everyone. It is wonderful to have all the children back at school and into their learning. We have only had a few students away over the first three weeks, with many classes having 100% attendance. Being at school every day possible makes such a difference to your child's learning and engagement. Thank you for your support.

Most children have their school stationery already. Thank you for being so proactive with this. Stationery packs are still available at the school.

Thank you also to the parents of year 7&8 students who have already paid their tech fees.

Meet the Teacher afternoon

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 4 March.

There will be three sessions available for you to attend at 3.15pm, 4.00pm and 5.00pm that afternoon. Teachers will talk to you about class and syndicate routines and expectations. They will also talk about how you can support your child's learning.

Bedtimes

Now that the school year is underway it is really important that your children are in good regular sleep patterns from Sunday night to Thursday night. Obviously their bedtime is up to you but I suggest the following:

Year 1 – 4	7.30pm bedtime
Year 5 – 6	8.00pm bedtime
Year 7 – 8	8.30pm bedtime

It is also very important that children do not have a phone or other electronic devices with them in the bedroom when they go to bed which may be used instead of sleeping. Good regular sleep patterns are critical not only for your child's ability to concentrate and enjoy school, but also for their growth and development.

Riding Bikes To School

Last year we held a trial of giving children permission to ride their bikes to school. I am pleased to report that this was a real success. In 2026 we will give children permission to ride their bikes to and from school. Year 1 - 4 students can only ride their bike to and from school if they are accompanied by, and actively supervised by, their parents. Year 5 - 8 students can ride their bikes to and from school independently. Please look for a more detailed newsletter that will be sent home regarding this. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Wayne Leighton
Principal



Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who have already purchased their children's stationery, it has been an excellent start to the year. If you still need to purchase stationery, packs are still available from the school.

LAUNCHPAD
Champions

Launchpad (Champions) is starting on for term 1 on Monday 23rd February at lunchtime.

It is a fun 30-minute session run by trained volunteers which encourages children to grow in their sense of mana, self-worth and character. The programme is presented through the art of story-telling, multimedia, interactive games and activities. Each lesson has a specific learning outcome and reinforces the values found in the New Zealand Curriculum. Children must have permission to attend.

Welcome to our school

We would like to welcome the following new students and their families to our school:



Emeline Lakalaka, Amaira Sharma, Andre Oketopa-Cole, Deejay Singh, Claire and Sophie Borbe, Elijah Henry, Gabby Lazaro, Jemimah Honamombe, Khaya Radebe, Leviou Lafi Tusitala, Matthew Valles, Miah Jae Albrerto, Qutay-Tama Shelford Pairama, Reuel Doodoh Akaruru, Sarah Mabey, Shivansh Shankar, Yasmin Kobusinge, Sofia Jamal, Adeshwar Sandhu Cordell, Houston and Kayden Parker-Aholelei, Kinston Kingi-Watchorn, Maria and Tamer Alqaq and Eunice Pineda.

We would also like to welcome Ms Stephanie Blampied to Royal Road School. Mrs Blampied will be teaching in Room 19 for the rest of the year.

The NPHS -Northern Region Vision and Hearing Screening team will be visiting our school on 24th February 9.30am.

This screening is for Yrs 0-2 students who have not yet completed their B4 School Check, or any required follow-up rescreen. If you do not want your child to take part in the vision and hearing screening, please let the school know before the visit. Your child's screening results will be sent home with your child. These results may also be shared with the school to support their learning and wellbeing.

Seesaw App

We use the Seesaw App to share and communicate with families! Please send an email to: Miss Maria at morr@royalroad.school.nz if you require your child's QR code or need help downloading app and signing up.

Notice to our school community

Our school Board of Trustees reaffirms our ongoing and unwavering commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Recent Government changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and associated legislation have removed the requirement for school boards to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi. While we acknowledge these changes, our board wishes to be clear that this does not change who we are or how we operate. Royal Road School is proud of our whakapapa, connection to relationships with mana whenua and as a board we are committed to ensuring that Te Tiriti o Waitangi informs our governance and decision making and will continue to honour the principles of Te Tiriti in our work as trustees of the school.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Wayne Leighton and the Royal Road School Board of Trustees

Tech Fees

Year 7/8 students attend Te Atatu Intermediate School every Friday developing skills and working on projects of a high quality in Technology and I.C.T.

There is a fee of \$10.00 per term (\$40.00 per year) which covers the purchase of materials that are required for the technology programme.

Payment accepted through cash/ Eftpos or Internet Banking by Direct Debit to our ASB account:

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Please include the word 'Tech' and your child's name for reference when making the deposit.

