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This term has flown by! I can't believe we are already in Week 8. It has been another fantastic term, with lots going on and so much to celebrate, including Tournament of Minds, Mathex and AIMS Games.

This term, we had a special visit from the Honourable Erica Stanford and Greg Fleming, who announced that we will be welcoming two CAS (Central Auckland Schools) satellite classes to Royal Oak Intermediate. We are really excited to eventually welcome the CAS students into the Royal Oak Intermediate whānau.

During their visit, we welcomed our guests with a whakatau. The Honourable Erica Stanford and Director of Education for Tāmaki Herenga Manawa, Jason Swann, were extremely impressed by the way our students led and participated in the whakatau. I was incredibly proud of how confidently and respectfully our students represented our school.

The students of Room 11 also wowed the Honourable Erica Stanford and Greg Fleming with their knowledge of MMP, the different political parties, and what they stand for. It was fantastic to see our students confidently sharing their learning and demonstrating just how knowledgeable and engaged they are.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 7 – Friday 11 September: AIMS games
- Tuesday 15 September: Hāngī
- Friday 11 – Sunday 13 September: TOMS Nationals
- Wednesday 23 September: Wig Wednesday
- Friday 25 September: End of Term Assembly



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Reminders

A friendly reminder that we are a water only school. This means that students should not be bringing juice or fizzy drinks to school to rehydrate. If they forget their water bottle they can use the drinking fountains at school.



Hangi

On Tuesday 15 of September we will be having a Hāngī as part of celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori week. Our wero this year is for it to be zero waste event. This means that students will need to bring a plate/ container, fork and a bag to store their items in. We will have some wash stations set up so students can clean their items before taking them home.

We would love to see you at our Hangi next week. It will start around 1:15 pm on Tuesday and will be on the field. So bring your whānau and a picnic blanket and enjoy some delicious kai!

Tournament of Minds

On the 29 and 30 of August, Royal Oak Intermediate entered 5 teams into the Tournament of Minds competition.

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges.

ROI entered 5 teams in the Auckland Tournament of Minds Competition this year. Spirit of TOM Awards were awarded to Pickle Juice, Once upon a TOM and TOM and Jerry's, Pickle Juice placed third, while Pandora's Carboard Box and The Abstract TOMfoolery received Honours.

Pandora's Carboard Box and The Abstract TOMfoolery will attend the TOM Nationals in Wellington on 12 September.

