

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 10



From The Principal

Reporting to parents

This has been the main theme of the week with interviews and reports going out. Thank you to all who were able to attend on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. If you wish to meet with your child's class teacher in the future, please do not hesitate to make a time to do so. A big thanks to our teachers for the time that has gone into this during the last week of term. In the Junior School, a bold exciting step has been taken to make use of the Learning Story Model to report on children's progress. This is far more holistic and gives parents a much better understanding of the 'whole child' not just academic

information, across all curriculum areas covered over the term. We are using this concept to also inform future reporting further up in the school.

A big thanks to our fabulous rubbish collection team for Term 2! They received their Pita Pit Lunch yesterday to say thanks. This a job they do every day, at the end of the day and it has worked very well, due to their reliability.

Dress Up as an Occupation Day

What a cool initiative this was yesterday. Thank you Te Ohanga! Over \$250 was raised to go towards the hardship fund to help children who need financial assistance for various school

based activities. The school has a process we follow to determine how people can qualify for this fund, which the Principal authorises as needs arise.



Chinese Group Visitors and Term 3 International Department

We have had a group of students with us this week from CWI Children's Palace, Shanghai. They have had the opportunity to experience our unique local curriculum which they have thoroughly enjoyed, and interactions with our students and International Ambassadors who have looked after them. Today they have performed to the school and other guests who travelled up to the hall to witness this group's amazing cultural performance - students from other local schools, China Friendship Society, Education Tauranga, Immigration New Zealand and members of Council. It was a major cultural experience for our students, broadening their knowledge and perspectives, highlighting one of the many benefits to having an international strategy. Thank you CWI Children's Palace Shanghai for coming. Hopefully a photo or two to include here.



Principals' Pay Negotiations and the School Donations Amendment Bill

Some of you may be aware of these two topics circulating in the media. I am interested to hear in the near future if the school donations amendment bill will be passed due to the critical feedback the government will have received, which I have proactively outlined to them through a submission on behalf of high decile schools from our region. Fundamentally, this is about the government making massive assumptions that high decile schools do not have needs.

While it is great news that the teachers' collective agreement has been settled, the Principals agreement has still not been accepted. The main reason for this is because due to a higher pay increase as a percentage for teachers, if Principals' were to accept their offer, we would end up with a significant number of Principals of smaller Primary Schools in New Zealand either earning the same or less than teachers who have additional responsibilities, for which they get management / leadership pay recognition for. This is not ok, when ultimate accountability rests with the Principal for all school operations. A teacher responsible for one class and one/some area/s of management or leadership, should not be earning more than a school Principal. I hope that future media coverage outlines the specific examples and stories of this huge oversight. I know of principals in smaller schools who will end up being paid up to about \$9 000 less than a Deputy Principal in a medium sized - large school.

Holidays and looking ahead to Term 3

As we all know, there has been a lot of sickness this term. It has also been a very busy term with lots of exciting initiatives happening. Thank you everyone for your support and contributions and enjoy a well earned 'change-of-pace' from the usual school term routine. We have a few projects happening over the holidays such as classroom carpet replacements in a few rooms. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to for Term 3! Please check the Calendar.

I would like to bring to your attention our need to still find host family placements for 5 Japanese students. We have new Chinese, Japanese, and Korean International students in our school next term who nearly all have a homestay placement allocated except for five. Please make contact with myself (andrew@oropi.school.nz) or Carissa Hawes (carissa@oropi.school.nz) directly if you can assist.

Calf Club

Calf Club is on Friday 18 October.

This year the calves are back which is great news.

Here is the link to the Calf Club information.

<http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClub2019>

This is still a work in progress and more information will be updated in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for the raffle, please contact the office.

User Pays Bus

The user pays bus is at maximum capacity and there is currently a waiting list to use this bus.

Please ensure you pay your bus fees before the start of term 3 to retain your place.

If you would like to go on the waiting list for this bus, please contact the office. There is currently space on the 1st bus to Wood Road if that suits. Please discuss at the office.

Kea Crossing

Great News! The Kea crossing project is now set to happen in the School holidays and will be complete for the first day of term 3.

See the flyer on the next page for more information about how this works.

Urgent Homestays Required

I would like to bring to your attention the need for us to still find host family placements for 5 Japanese students. We have new Chinese, Japanese, and Korean International students in our school next term who nearly all have a homestay placement allocated except for five Japanese students who will be with us from August 3rd - 18th. Host families receive \$40 per student per night. Please make contact with myself (andrew@oropi.school.nz) or Carissa Hawes (carissa@oropi.school.nz) directly if you can assist.

Garden To Table



As it was the last GTT for this term we decided to do some baking. So we could still include a vegetable from the garden, we made pumpkin pie chocolate muffins, and to keep the winter chills away, we brewed a herbal tea with honey and lemon.

As it was a very wet week, Heron gathered tiger and earthworms from the garden to examine them in the classroom with the garden group. They discovered lots of differences in how they looked, their habitats and what they eat, and they brainstormed ways to keep our worm farm happy over the upcoming holidays.



Farewell and all the best Mrs Pullenger.



Getting creative in 'the shed'.



Skype session in Ruru with their Chinese friends.



Garden to table is in full swing in Ruru.

Sport Update



Oropi Pukeko's had a fantastic win against Pahoia Emeralds, 13-7. We were 2 players down due to illness and had Lily from Oropi Te Hokioi fill in for us, thanks Lilly, you had a great game flying all around the court and awesome strong passing! Our players of the day were Ayla and Elena. Enjoy the rest over the holidays, we'll be rearing to go by Term 3! Happy and safe holidays.



The Oropi Year 3 & 4 basketball team played against the Papamoa Shockers on Tuesday night. They had a fantastic game taking out the win 8 - 30. Milarn scored a whopping 26 of those points and won the player of the day certificate.

Accommodation Wanted

Homestay Accommodation Wanted for 4 Japanese boys (13 years old).

Saturday 3 August - Sunday 18 August

They are to be home stayed in individual homes.
A daily allowance is paid to the Host Family per person all inclusive including meals being provided.

Please email carissa@oropi.school.nz if you can help.



Travel Safe

Safer Journeys



CROSSINGS

Know your crossings and the rules



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING



- Drivers must stop if a pedestrian is waiting on either side of the road
- Once the pedestrian has reached the other side of the road, you can drive on
- Vehicles have to stop behind the 'limit' line marked on the road keeping the crossing clear at all times

If a School Patrol is operating:

- Drivers coming from both directions must stop when the School Patrol Stop sign is out



STAGGERED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING



- Drivers must stop if a pedestrian is waiting on your side of the road
- If a pedestrian is in the island refuge waiting to cross on your side of the road you must stop

Reminder for Pedestrians on all crossings

- Always use safe crossings, where available
- Follow instructions from the School Road Patrol or Traffic Wardens at all times
- Check drivers have come to a stop before stepping out
- Dismount off your bike or scooter. Don't run. Walk.



STAGGERED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WITH TRAFFIC WARDENS



- Drivers must stop if a pedestrian is waiting on your side of the road
- If a pedestrian is in the island refuge waiting to cross on your side of the road you must stop
- Drivers have to stop behind the 'limit' line marked on the road
- The Traffic Warden's role is to provide a safety check for pedestrians crossing
- Traffic Wardens do not control the traffic
- At times they may hold groups of pedestrians away from the crossing



KEA CROSSING

(These are controlled crossing points when students are on patrol)



- School Road Patrollers operate 'STOP' signs that they put out across the road
- Drivers coming from both directions must stop when the School Patrol Stop sign is out
- Drivers have to stop behind the 'limit' line marked on the road

stop, look, listen before you cross the Road

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Get your business exposed to 500+
people and help support Oropi School.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite YOU to become a sponsor or to provide a donation for this years Calf Club & Pet Day to support our raffle fundraiser, or in support of food stall requirements.

All contributions are recognised on the day -
Friday 18th October 2019 and
SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING IS WELCOME.

Your business would be advertised verbally on the day, in all flyer and booklet information that goes out and on our school website, newsletter and facebook page. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity to support Oropi School we would love to hear from you.

Contact the school office on 543 1479
or email office@oropi.school.nz.

THANK YOU

Your support makes a difference.



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Reminders

- Please ensure the School has your current contact information. We must have your mobile number, email address and emergency contact information.
- School starts at 8.55 am. Any child arriving after this time must report to the office before going to class.
- Children who do not use the bus can be dropped off at School from 8.15 am. Not before please.
- School finishes at 2.40 pm. Children who do not use the bus must be collected before 3.10 pm.
- If your child uses the bus and you are picking them up, please ensure you contact the office BEFORE 2 pm by calling 5431479 option 1. If you collect your child on a regular basis, please notify the office. We do not carry over this information from Term 4.
- If you have any health and safety concerns, please email healthandsafety@oropi.school.nz

Remember to call the office to report your child's absence.

Call 543 1479 and leave a message or email office@oropi.school.nz

We have over 330 pupils so PLEASE include the class your child is in AND the reason they are absent.

- Car parking is available on the road outside the School or you can park at the Hall and walk along the path to School. Please avoid parking on the yellow lines. Please do not park in the staff car park or in the bus-turning bay at any time.

Kindo

To avoid office queues please go online to make payments through your mykindo account.

If you haven't used Kindo before, click this link to get started (all you need is the email address we have on record)...

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Oropi%20School>

If you already have a mykindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website.



School Bank Details

Preferred payment is made via Kindo. Alternatively payment can be made into the School account. Oropi School
ASB 12-3440-0087772-00 - Please use your surname as a reference.

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY



Over the past few weeks in Kiwi we have been rehearsing for our junior school assembly which we show cased on Friday. We had so much fun on stage with our props and singing along to our favourite songs. We have been loving the gingerbread man story so much that after the show we continued to perform in class. We hope you all enjoyed watching!!

What's on at Oropi School

Term 3 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	22 – 26 July	TBC out of zone enrolments open today Food Bank donations being taken this week	Music Lessons	Road Patrol Training 9:30am		
2	29 July – 2 August	TBC visit with Year 8 9 am	Music Lessons TGC School visit with Year 8 11.30 am	Year 3/4 World Cup Basketball	Disco 	
3	5 - 9 August	Miki Japanese group Labo Japanese cultural Event @ Oropi Hall	Music Lessons	 Snow Trip	 Snow Trip	 Snow Trip
4	12 - 16 August	TGC parent interviews from 9 am	Music Lessons BoT Meeting 4:45 pm	Tough Guy & Gal Choir Rehearsal TBC Open Night 6pm	TGC Open Night 5.45 pm	
5	19 – 23 August		Music Lessons			Pyes Pa Exchange Root to Tip Finals Wellington
6	26 August – 30 August	Boostrix Year 7 TBC Year 12 PE class with Year 5 & 6	Music Lessons			West Cluster Basketball  Choir at Baycourt Rehearsal Choir Performance 7pm
7	2 Sept – 6 Sept	School Photos Dental caravan on site TBC out of zone enrolments close today	Music Lessons			



COLIN INVITES YOU TO
THE OROPI SCHOOL

COOL CAT DISCO

Dress in cat theme and eat, dance, and play!

AUGUST 1 • 3 PM - 5.30 PM
OROPI MEMORIAL HALL





Book tickets in Kindo
<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz>
\$5 per child includes afternoon tea.

Teachers will walk children & cats
to the hall after School.
Parents to collect from the hall at 5.30 pm

Food will be available on the night.
Food orders open in Kindo from 22 July.

