KŌKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 7

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

As I reflect on the past week, I can say it has been one of lots of new learning for me. It proves that no matter how long you are in the profession, you don't stop learning! And I hope we are instilling this in our tamariki as well.

Learning Stories

I have learnt a lot about the gains staff are making in the development and use of Learning Stories for capturing the learning taking place. This has traditionally been something that happens in Early Childhood. It is now strongly embedded in our Junior School and our amazing teachers in the Year 5 & 6 area of the school are making use of these to capture learning in some very sophisticated projects the children are involved in. At some point in the year, we will provide an opportunity to showcase learning stories and what this is all about with our parent community. In the meantime, I am putting together a presentation for a Data Conference in Wellington next month. This will be about what our school is doing in this form of assessment (Learning Stories) in the Primary School setting which is new territory for our sector that other schools are starting to look into, as well as the Play Based Learning movement.

Te Kokako o Otanewainuku

The growth and development of Maori Bilingual Education at Oropi School is very important to us. I have been talking a lot with our teacher Hinenui Webb about our plans for this year and beyond this week; to strengthen what is being offered and moving forward. We are working hard at having our children korero Maori more, and be connected with people from the wider community to support our journey and to help educate our tamariki and kaiako (teachers). This will help build our knowledge and skill. Alongside this, we are ensuring Te Kokako o Otanewainuku remain strongly connected to our mainstream classes so they feel a part of the whole Oropi School community and vice versa. Our Kapa Haka group has grown and this is showing great support. We are fortunate to have Hinenui and Rangiriri lead this with their skills. Hinenui is sorting our Kapa Haka uniform needs.

Kokako Outdoor Kitchen Project Update & Garden To Table

A big thank you to Amandine who is ensuring this is progressing, as project manager. As you will see in the photos, the foundations are being sorted and very soon the shipping container will be on site. It's all go and happening now!

Unfortunately for Oropi School, Fotina Thompson, who is our Kitchen Specialist and Programme Coordinator for "Garden-to-Table" is resigning from this role and this will take affect at the end of this term. Fotina has been instrumental in getting the programme up and running to ensure all classes are involved this year. Her high level of organisational skills and attention to detail has meant this is operating like clockwork! Thank you Fotina.

She will be missed. We are fortunate that she will continue supporting the programme as we transition a new person to the role. We are now advertising this vacancy that exists. See further on in the newsletter for details and our Facebook page if you are interested in the vacancy or know of someone who may be.

Year 7&8 Leadership Camp

This is an annual event for our Year 7 & 8s who are currently camping down at the Mount, learning to surf, and 'growing' together in their leadership capacity. They have been busy preparing their own food and sorting their own tents.

REJUVENATE YOUR GULLY!

Celebrate Earth Day by donating a native plant for the Oropi School Gully

$5.00 per plant

PIZZA LUNCH FOR THE CLASS THAT DONATES THE MOST PLANTS BY 5TH APRIL 2019.

DONATE IN KINDO OR INTERNET BANK INTO THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT 12-3440-0087772-00 REF GULLY

THE GULLY PROJECT

Work to combat erosion and make our fabulous school gully an even more amazing area has begun! The next phase is to re-establish the native vegetation and we need your help! We have some willing students ready to assist with the planting so we need to get them some plants. Therefore, we are asking our school community to donate natives now! Plants cost $5.00 each and can be ordered on Kindo. Our local native nursery is providing us with a variety of plants at a favourable rate so let's see how many we can buy. The PTA will provide a pizza lunch for the class that donates the most native plants by 5 April 2019. If any family or members of the community would like to donate to the school they may pay directly into the Oropi bank account 12-3440-0087772-00 with the reference Gully. Once we have some plants in we will be looking at gathering supplies to build ladders, obstacles and huts so if anyone has a source of treated wood, heavy duty rope or tyres let us know now.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Moto X Results

Stefan, Luca, Ashton, Jaggar and Levi all competed at the Schools MotoX event last Friday at TECT Park. It was a great effort by everyone to bring home 2nd place in the School team event. Stefan also came home with 5th place in his class, Jaggar won 4th place in his class, and Levi took out the top spot in his class. Amazing results!
In two weeks they have the NZ school champs in Rotorua . We wish you all the best

Garden To Table

This week our junior chefs from Kiwi and Piwakawaka baked delicious Herbed Potato Wedges that were served with Salsa Verde on the side! The salsa was made with our sweet, freshly picked tomatillos and the potatoes were from the mystery plot that Te Ohanga unearthed last week! We were impressed to see so many children giving the salsa a taste even though they didn't think they would like it.
Our junior gardeners from the same three classes harvested a huge bucketful of apples and planted purple cauliflower seeds! Ka pai Kiwi and Piwakawaka and a huge thank you to all our volunteers!

Job Vacancy

Kitchen Specialist & Programme Coordinator for the Garden-to-table programme

Oropi School is seeking a dynamic person to undertake this unique role we have in our school. We are the first school in the Bay of Plenty to have begun this programme and have all children in all classes involved, which is timetabled over the year. It is loved by all and involves the coordination of children cooking and creating recipes to eat from our rich, abundant source of produce supplies in the Kokako Garden, a well-established resource in the school. Hours of work are 14 hours per week, term time only. This involves 9 hours per week for planning and implementation of 3x Garden-to-table sessions per week and 5 hours per week, Garden-to-Table Coordinator time. Pay rate to be discussed at interview. Position commences April 29th. Please request an Application Pack from the school office by email: office@oropi.school.nz
Please apply with a CV, covering letter including 3 referees, to:
Andrew King, Principal
1334 Oropi Rd, RD3, Tauranga 3173
andrew@oropi.school.nz
(07) 543 1479

Please ensure you focus on outlining your suitability for the position as per the Position Description and Person Specifications in your CV and cover letter.

Senior Discovery Shed Time

Surf's Up for Te Ohanga at Leadership Camp

We are writing about tadpoles

Hand eye co-ordination is looking good here

The Breakfast Club

We are on the look-out for a couple of incredible parent volunteers to help us run a new initiative, The Breakfast Club.

The breakfast club is about providing wholesome breakfasts for a few of our tamariki who need a little bit of an extra kick start in the morning.

The club would run from 8.45am – 9.15am, Monday – Friday.

Volunteers are required to help with the operation of the club as everything else is provided.

If this sounds like you, please contact Adam on adam@oropi.school.nz

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher Interviews are coming up on the following days:

Wednesday 3 April 3 pm - 6.30 pm
Thursday 4 April 3 pm - 6.30 pm
Wednesday 10 April 3 pm - 6.30 pm (Pukeko only)

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code beta7

If you are not sure which class your child is in, please contact the office.

Union Meeting

20 March - School finishing early
This is to confirm that there is a Paid Union Meeting for all NZEI Teacher members on March 20 at 1:30 pm, Mount Maunganui Intermediate School. Teachers are at a very important stage in collective bargaining and this our opportunity to be updated on the latest round of negotiations. The lack of progress in negotiations and settlement over the past few months is due to discussions that have been required around many aspects of resourcing and work conditions, not solely about rates of pay. For example, resourcing more time for Special Educational Needs specialist staffing in schools.
The school will therefore be closing on Wednesday March 20 at 12:30 pm. The school buses will run at this time of day.

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.

• Children who do not use the bus can be dropped off at School from 8.10 am. Not before please.

• If you child is absent for any reasons, please contact the office by calling 5431479 option 2 and leave a message including the reason they are absent and the class they are in.

• 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.

• 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.

• If you have any health and safety concerns, please email healthandsafety@oropi.school.nz

Sport Update

There are a couple of events coming up where students can represent Oropi school in surfing or golf. So if you have a child who is keen on golf or surfing and are year 5 to 8. Please contact me on sports@oropi.school.nz
There are competitive and social divisions.

Please start thinking about what your child would like to play for the winter season as the notice will come out next week.
Hockey, basketball and netball are all played in school teams. If they would like to play rugby or football they will need to join a club. (registrations are closing soon for these)

Remember we need parent support to make these school teams happen with coaching and managing roles.
Thanks
Lynda Olson

Basketball

The team had an amazing game this week against Arataki winning 18 - 2. The team are working really well together and the defence was on fire on Monday. Player of the day was Jaxon Peeke for shooting some great goals and fantastic defence.

Girls Cricket

Great day of cricket. Girls played really well as a team. They won 2 of four games. Player of the day was Carleigh Flanigan and the team also won a prize for best dressed! Thanks to Jackie & Clare for taking the girls over to Blake Park. They all had a great day.

Rippa Rugby

Another Awesome game for our Pukeko Rippa team! This week up against Tauriko, both teams were very evenly matched with some speedy players and great defending. Great teamwork from all our players and many thanks to their coach Anthony. Another draw this week with tries scored by Riley, Daxston, Max, Josh, and Sam. Players of the Day: Daxston and Josh S.

Friday Lunch & changes for 2019

Pita Pit now on School Shop – Available Thursdays!

In 2019 you will be able to order your Pita Pit lunch through the School Shop. Just one login for every school payment. Simple and easy!
If you have funds on your existing Lunchonline account, you can request return of funds from Lunchonline and have the account closed. However, as of 2019 you will only be able to order Pita Pit through the School Shop!
You can order (or cancel) any time before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.

Click the link below for the menu.
https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/pdf/school/oropi_school/Menu.pdf
Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now… Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!
Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 0800 4KINDO (0508 454636) weekdays 8am-4pm.
Please note the helpdesk will close 1 pm 20 December and will reopen again 9 January 2019.
www.mykindo.co.nz
www.ezlunch.co.nz

Hats in Term 1 & 4

School hats are compulsory for Term 4. You can order in Kindo or call in to the office to purchase one. Available in one size at the moment. More mini sized hats will arrive at the end of Term 4.

Uniform Orders

We will be placing uniform orders with our supplier soon. If you would like to order a School jacket or hoody, please contact the office. Samples are on display in the office and images are available to view in Kindo. Jackets are $60, Hoodies are $65.

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 Donation

From 2019, we are allocating funds generated from Donations received to specific projects.

In 2019 we will put this money toward the School Gully Project and Garden-to-Table Programme. Our aim is for this fund to reach $15 000 - $20 000.

For the past three years, this income has averaged $11 500. If 85% of families made the donation, this fund would be in excess of $20 000...more funds for these amazing features of Oropi School! Even though we have set the donation amount, any amount of donations received is greatly appreciated, if you cannot afford the full amount. Remember, you can claim 33% of this back through the IRD at the end of March each year. As a high decile school, we receive less operational funding per pupil than a school with a lower decile. This is why we request a donation. However, we do understand that not all families can pay a donation and this is absolutely fine. If paying by internet banking, please use Surname and DON2019 as reference.

If paid in Term One
1 child $85.00 per year
2 children $150 per year
3 or more children $195 per year

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.

School Fees

All Term 1 bus fees, sports fees, music fees, and bus and event fees were due by 1 March. Please contact the office if you have outstanding fees.

Absences

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 320 pupils so PLEASE include the class your child is in AND the reason they are absent.

Please note - please contact the School on the day your child is away, as opposed to the week or month before. We cannot accurately track future absences in our system a day/week/month in advance unless it is a holiday planned during term time which must be advised in writing to the School.

Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

ezlunch MENU

Oropi School / Term 1 2019

Pick Pita Pit
2 Taurikura Dr
Tauranga Crossing
Tauranga 3171
07-543 0547

KIDS PLAIN PETITA PITA

Kids Petita Free Range Chicken	$5.50
Kids Petita Free Farmed Ham	$5.50
Kids Petita Roast Beef	$5.50
Kids Petita Chick n Fala	$6.50
Kids Petita Garden Veggie	$5.00
Kids Petita Falafel	$5.50
Kids Petita Marmite	$5.00
Kids Petita Vegemite	$5.00

KIDS WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA

Kids Wholemeal Petita Free Farmed Ham	$5.50
Kids Wholemeal Petita Roast Beef	$5.50
Kids Wholemeal Petita Chick n Fala	$6.50
Kids Wholemeal Petita Garden Veggie	$5.00
Kids Wholemeal Petita Falafel	$5.50
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Kids Wholemeal Petita Vegemite	$5.00

KIDS GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA

Kids GLUTEN FREE Petita Free Range Chicken	$7.00
Kids GLUTEN FREE Petita Free Farmed Ham	$7.00
Kids GLUTEN FREE Petita Roast Beef	$7.00
Kids GLUTEN FREE Petita Chick n Fala	$8.00
Kids GLUTEN FREE Petita Garden Veggie	$6.50
Kids GLUTEN FREE Petita Falafel	$7.00

SIDES

Cookie Baked Chunky Chip 60g	$2.00
Cookie Baked White Chocolate 60g	$2.00
Brownie Chocolate Fudge	$2.80
Pita Chips with Aioli Dipping Sauce (large)	$3.90
Pita Chips with Aioli Dipping Sauce (small)	$2.00

DRINKS

400ml Pump Water Sipper	$3.20
Charlies 200ml Apple Juice	$2.00
Charlies 200ml Blackcurrent & Apple Juice	$2.00

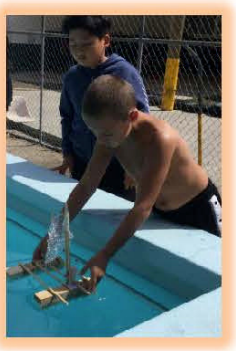
We hope you are enjoying the ease of ordering your child's Pita Pit from our Kindo On-line Shop. If you have been charged a $5 closure fee when closing your Lunch On Line account Kindo/Ezlunch have kindly offered to add funds to your account balance so you're not affected by the LunchOnline policy.

Set up your account on mykindo.co.nz (if you haven't already) then send proof (like a screenshot) of the money forfeited by LunchOnline (with your ezlunch/mykindo account email address) to hello@mykindo.co.nz . They'll get it sorted out for you.

Order online... **www.ezlunch.co.nz**

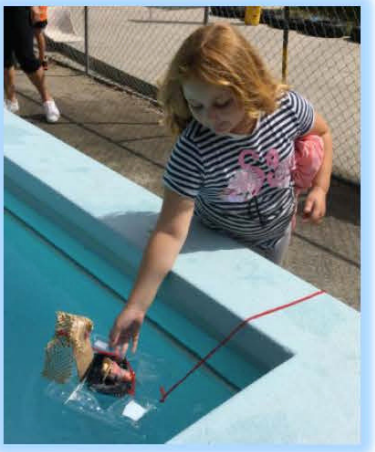
Easily order & pay for your ezlunch using your 'myKindo' family account. MyKindo is a payment portal for a variety of services at schools and organisations. Your myKindo account can be topped up by debit or credit card (fees apply), or by bank transfer, in advance or at the time of purchase. To get started, 'create account' or log in to your existing myKindo account and add a member or student. Go to www.ezlunch.co.nz.

Need help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or call toll free 0800 EZLUNCH (09-869 5200) 8am-4pm Mon-Fri (except public holidays)



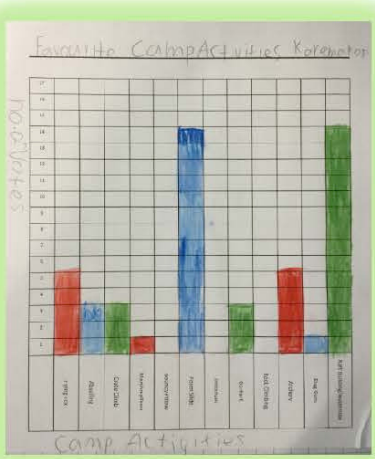
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KORIMAKO?

What a fun start to the year we've had in Korimako!



PLAY IN KORIMAKO

We've had all sorts of play happening in Korimako the last few weeks, marshmallow towers, solar ovens, and experimenting with corn flour to make our own bouncy balls! There's a lot of self-directed interest in perfumes, theatre, coding, singing and music making.



MATHS IN KORIMAKO

We've had so many fun events this term already it's been a perfect introduction in to collecting data to get to know everyone better, finding out our classmates favourite sport and what their favourite camp activity was, and then putting it in to a graph!

What's on at Oropi School
Term 1 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	18 Mar – 22 Mar		Tennis Lessons 5 of 8	West Cluster Swimming NZEI Union Mtg 1:30pm school closes 12:30pm	Top Schools 4-7.30pm	
9	25 Mar – 29 Mar		Tennis Lessons 6 of 8		Groups of children to meet with Mr King re Gully Ideas - Presentations	Tall Poppies Swimming
10	1 Apr – 5 Apr		10am HPV Tennis Lessons 7 of 8	PT Interviews	PT Interviews	Life Education
11	8 Apr – 12 Apr	Life Education	Life Education BOT Meeting Tennis Lessons 8 of 8	Life Education WBOP swimming	Life Education	Final Day of Life Education.

What's on at Oropi School
Term 2 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29 April – 3 May					
2	6 May – 10 May					
3	13 May – 17 May		NYLD Hamilton 9.30-2.30 BoT Mtg 4:45pm			
4	20 May - 24 May	Art Gallery: Senior Team	Art Gallery: Senior Team		Art Gallery: Middle Team	Art Gallery: Middle Team
5	27 May - 31 May					