Term 1 Week 5

Friday 3rd March 2017

From the Deputy Principal

New Student

Welcome to Exzavier Neketai who has joined the learning team in Pukeko with Mrs Pullenger. We know he will have a great time at Oropi School.

Swimming Lessons

Andrea Sinden and her team from Tauranga Swim School has now completed the series of swimming lessons scheduled for each class, including five lessons for our Year 7/8 Students at the Polytechnic Pool Complex. It has been great to see an improvement in both water confidence, and swimming ability over this short period of time as students focus upon both their swimming style and technique.

School Swimming Sports

Scheduled for next Wednesday at the Memorial Park Pool Complex, this will be our first whole-school sporting event for the year. The Junior and Middle/Senior Sports will run concurrently, commencing at around 10.00am, and conclude with a picnic lunch in the park. Parents are most welcome to come and support our swimmers during the morning and join us for lunch afterwards.
Please refer to the Newsletter earlier in the week for additional information.

Beach Education

Our whole school has now completed the Beach Education Programme at Omanu Surf Club. It was a great day of learning and water activities, the weather was amazing each day, and we were grateful for the support of a large number of parents across the week. We certainly live in a beautiful part of the country, with ready access to these fantastic beach environments.

Kokako Garden

Great News! The 'Chicken Forest' is now complete, and ready for the return of our six school chickens within the next week. Thanks to those who helped with screening, and fencing of the area across the corner of the garden.

Building Programme

The building of our new shared teaching space at the rear of the astroturf is running to schedule, and due for completion in preparation for the beginning of Term 2. The foundations are now complete, and the framing has arrived this week – the building is really beginning to take shape!

Nga mihi nui
Robert Lewis
Deputy Principal

Rippa Rugby

It was great to see so many Oropi students playing Rippa Rugby at Waipuna Park yesterday. Thanks to our parents for supporting our kids on the sideline.

Year 1 & 2 Oropi Piakawaka's played the Tauriko Terriers. The team played a great game with lots of rips and some really impressive scoring. Players of the day were Elias & Phoenix M. The game next week is at 4pm Field 8 against Maungatapu Lynx.

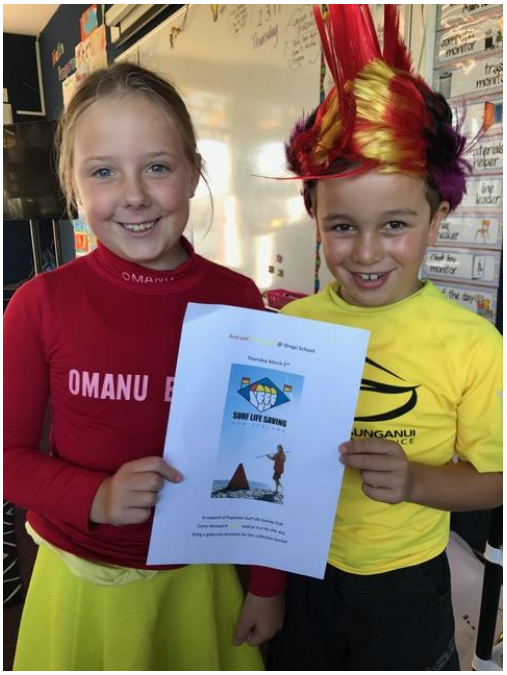
Year 3 & 4 Oropi Kea's played Mangatapu Jaguars. Some amazing bursts of speed and dedicated ripping saw the team leap to victory 12-8. Player of the day was Eloise - her first game, the only girl in the team and 5 big rips in 27 degree heat! Go Eloise and the Kea's. Practice again on Thursday with Maya (for those that do not have Tennis). Thanks Maya for doing this. Same time field 3 next week against the SR Tornados.

Year 3 & 4 Tui's played against the Selwyn Ridge Stormers. Players of the Day were Nathan & Max M.

Year 5 & 6 Ruru's played the St Mary's Titans. Player of the day was Kendall for a great first ever game, and Dylan. The game next week is 5pm Field 7 against the Maungatapu Panthers.

Year 5 & 6 Oropi Pukeko's had an awesome start to the season with some fantastic ripping and running hard. It was a loss to us this week against the Maungatapu Lions. Our Players of the Day were Dakota & Thomas.

Notices



Yellow & Red Day
Thanks to everyone who supported yellow & red day this week. The School raised $94.50 for the Papamoa Surf Club.

Health
Unfortunately, we have had cases of chickenpox over the last week. Please ensure that you check your child and treat accordingly. Children with chickenpox are required to remain at home until they are no longer infectious.

Plywood wanted
We need to repair the scooter track ramps on the back field. If anyone has plywood available, please contact Daniel the caretaker via the office.

Piwakawaka Open Afternoon
You are cordially invited to Piwakawaka's Open Afternoon. Come and see your child sing for you and show you their favourite literacy and numeracy activities. Friday 10th March at 2pm in Piwakawaka.

Please remember to pay your School Donation
Your school donation is tax deductible. If paid before 31 March you will be able to claim 33% of these fees from IRD. Keep an eye out for the IR526 form on the IRD website. If you require a copy of your receipt, please contact the office.

We aim to provide the very best learning for your child. In order to supplement our Ministry of Education funding, we ask for a voluntary donation. This donation is voluntary; however we hope that you will support your child's learning by contributing in this way. Every child in the school benefits from this donation and with your support we are able to maintain and improve our programmes. Please remember that the school donation is tax deductible.

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

Payment can be made to the office by cash or cheque, or if you prefer to pay by direct credit, some families find it easier to set up an automatic payment; details of our account are as follows:

ASB 12-3440-0087772-00 - Please use your surname as a reference.

The School Donation does not automatically show in wrap it up, as we do not invoice for voluntary fees. Please email the office if you would like to pay via wrap it up.

No Dogs at School

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our School and community, we ask that you do not bring dogs to School at any time. Guide Dogs are always welcome on the school grounds on the provision that they are always on lead, held by an adult.

Reading & Oral Language Support
We are looking for volunteers to support reading and oral language development in the Junior classes. We have the opportunity to give training to volunteers in the HPP programme. What does this involve?
A commitment from you to 3x 30 minute sessions 1:1 with a child each week - these times can be whenever is convenient to you!
If you may be interested in supporting our learners, please see Amanda, or email amandaking@oropi.school.nz

Bus
Please remember to phone or email the office if you are going to collect your children from school or make alternative arrangements. This must be done before 2pm each day.

Wrap it Up
The easy way to pay

Thank you to everyone who has registered and used Wrap it up. We are already seeing huge benefits in the office, especially for lunch orders. Remember that if you do wrap it up for lunch orders, you do not need to bring your order form to School. We will already have your order details from wrap it up.

Statements

Statements are being sent out again today. Thank you to everyone who has paid their fees for the year. If you are having difficulty paying for school fees, please talk to us. We are happy to make payment arrangements if necessary. Families are encouraged to set up an automatic payment to make life easier.

Arrival Time at School

Please remember that children are not to be left at School before 8.10am. This is a health and safety issue and the staff are not responsible for children who arrive at School before this time.

Absences

Please remember to call and leave a message before 9am if your child is absent. Please include the reason your child is absent in the answerphone message (illness or family). Simply calling to say your child is absent is not enough information as we need to know the reason.

Health & Safety at Oropi School

If you notice anything that requires the attention of the health and safety team, please email healthandsafety@oropi.school.nz

PTA

A short PTA meeting will be held on Thursday March 16th 3pm in the Staffroom. Aim of the meeting is to sort detail for lunch and slides on the day of the splash and dash. All welcome - new faces very welcome. Cheers, Helen Hughes.

Teacher Only Days in Term 2 2017

On Monday May 1st (the first day of Term 2) and Friday June 2nd (the Friday before Queen's Birthday Weekend) we will be having a teacher only day. These will be our only two teacher only days during the year. The school always aims to schedule only one teacher only day throughout the year. However, we have two priority professional development opportunities to schedule. The only way to do this affordably and because of dates is by creating two teacher only days for the year. It enables the whole staff to participate in some professional development altogether without having to pay for reliever teachers for all our full time classes, which brings a significant cost to the school. This means our last day of the year will be Tuesday December 19th.
Thank you in advance for your understanding. We are taking this opportunity to give you advanced warning.

School visits for new entrants

Dates for 2017 are as follows: Wednesday 8 February, Wednesday 22 February, Tuesday 7 March, Wednesday 22 March, and Wednesday 5 April. For more information, please contact the office.

Lunches 2017

Please ensure cash or internet banking orders are placed in your classroom before 9.30am on Thursday. Late orders cannot be taken after this time.
Wrap it up is the preferred way to order and pay for lunches. If you order this way, you do not need to complete the lunch order form or send money to School. You can order in advance for the whole term if you wish. From Term 2 internet banking will not be a payment option for Friday lunches.

User Pays Bus Fees

An early reminder that Term 2 user pays bus fees are due at the end of this Month.

Oropi School Sports and Events Uniform

We will be adding a few new **optional** items to the sports and events uniform list for 2017. These are now in stock.
Oropi School shorts $34 Sizes 5 - 14
Oropi school skort $35 Sizes 5 - 14
Oropi school hat with two size options and a larger brim $20

Oropi school jacket (suitable for winter sport or off site trips) $60 – these are available by pre-order only. We will be placing an order next week, please contact the office before Thursday if you would like to place an order. Delivery is approximately 6 weeks.

Please note that these are optional items to compliment the School polo for sports teams and off site trips.

What's on at Oropi School
Term 1 2017

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	6 Mar – 10 Mar		School visits 9-11am	School Swimming @ Memorial Park	Tennis Lessons 4 of 8 Ukulele lessons	Lunches Postponement date school swimming Piwakawaka Open Afternoon 2pm
7	13 Mar – 17 Mar	Competitive KRSA Swimming at Greerton Pool			Tennis Lessons 5 of 8 Ukulele lessons PTA Meeting 3pm	Lunches
8	20 Mar – 25 Mar		BOT Meeting	School visits 9-11am Principal Parent Hui 7pm	Tennis Lessons 6 of 8 Ukulele lessons Top Schools Competition 4pm	Lunches
9	27 Mar – 31 Mar		Tui Ridge Y3 Camp	Tui Ridge Y3 Camp West Cluster Swimming	Tennis Lessons 7 of 8 Ukulele lessons	Lunches Future Champions Y7-8 Blake Park 9- 3 **User Pays Bus Fees Due Today**
10	3 Apr – 7 Apr			School visits 9-11am	Life Education Tennis Lessons 8 of 8 Ukulele lessons	Lunches Life Education Out of Zone Ballot Due Today
11	10 Apr – 13 Apr	Life Education	Life Education BOP Zone Swimming Champs Greerton Pools 9-2	Life Education WBOP Swimming Champs 9-2 Greerton Pools HPV 1st Dose in Library	Last Day of Term 1	**Easter Friday**

MARCH 22ND 7PM

PRINCIPAL – PARENT HUI

The purpose of this meeting

For parents to gain insights and understandings about these topics in the context of Oropi School. There will be opportunities for shared discussions, questions, feedback and clarifications. We strongly recommend that an adult member from each family attends so our whole community is directly informed about the many aspects of our school.

Oropi School
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Property developments

Roll Growth, Zone, Class Configurations, School Buses

Year 7&8 2017-2022

Strategic Planning and future-proofing our special character

Special programmes and focus areas for now and the future

The Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning

DETAILS

Held in Te Ohanga (the new Multipurpose Room)

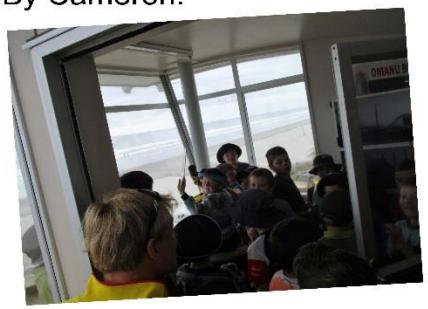
Supper provided

Email office@oropi.school.nz or phone 5431479 to confirm attendance

I went to Omanu beach
to learn surf life saving.
My Nanna came.
By Cherry

I am building a
sandcastle. By
Caleb

At Omanu Beach it was awesome we
had 8 parent helpers we had
So much fun at Omanu Beach.
By Cameron.

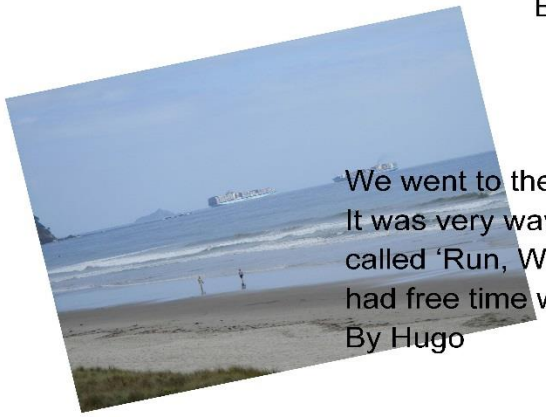


Ruru and Kea
got a club tour
of Omanu Surf
Club and I got
to look through
binoculars. By
Ben Marshall

I am talking to Mr T about the
game Seaweed.
By Cody

This is Kian and Stefan
on the tower and they are
looking at the rips at
Omanu Beach.
By Thomas D

Floyd and Caleb are at the
I.R.B. Which means
Inflatable Rescue Boat.
By Thomas



We went to the beach for a school trip.
It was very wavy. We played a game
called 'Run, Wade, Run, after that we
had free time with boogie boards.
By Hugo

New Classrooms

The new classrooms are making their way on site today. Everyone is fascinated by this giant puzzle that will become Korimako in Term 2.

The Korimako Puzzle