

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 5



## From The Principal

The week started with our August Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current board members who give up their time to take up this important governance role. Our community is in good hands and we have a very effective board who are taking a keen interest in all operational and strategic matters. There is a fantastic range of skills, knowledge and expertise amongst the group. This diversity enriches the governance group. We had a range of topics to cover at our meeting as follows:

Property - We have a new school boundary fence being constructed later this term which is going to improve 'the look' of our school

frontage and enable better foot traffic flow especially at the end of the school day. The new classrooms project is progressing but due to the work required of Heritage New Zealand, there are slight delays. The Ministry is working with us and will probably be providing us with an additional temporary classroom due to this delay to cater for our Junior School.

Student Achievement - The board receive reporting on this each meeting. At the August hui, we discuss the mid-year information to gauge how we are tracking with interventions in place to support learners where needed. We can be proud of the range of ways in which we cater for children's needs.

There is never one solution that caters for all children and we value different approaches, depending on the needs of each child. One thing that we are working on for 2020 is a review of how we can best cater for our Gifted & Talented learners best. At Oropi School, we call this the 'Curious Minds' programme.

Staffing - At the end of this term, we farewell Adam Turner, Deputy Principal. Adam has won a position working with the RTLB service. We wish him very well in this new journey as he heads towards becoming an Educational Psychologist, a career path he is very keen on. It is great he can now work on this. Adam has been an amazing asset to the Oropi staff over the past nine years. He started with us as a classroom teacher, and over time took on additional responsibilities, becoming Deputy Principal in 2015. Adam is a real 'people' person whose strengths are in working with learners and their families to provide additional support where needed...big shoes to fill!

We have the Deputy Principal position currently advertised on the Education Gazette for someone to commence in this role for Term 1 2020. In Term 4, we will be using existing team leaders to carry out some of the roles Adam is currently responsible for such as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), and in helping manage issues and needs as they arise day-to-day.

Out of Zone Places available for Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020

September 6th is the deadline for out-of-zone enrolment applications for those wanting to enrol their child/ren at Oropi School.

For Term 4 2019, we have FOUR spaces in the Year 1-4 area, excluding New Entrants, and TWO spaces at Year 7&8 for Term 4.

For Term 1 2020, we have up to 25 spaces available for New Entrants / Year 1 and up to 10 spaces for 2020 Year 7&8.

There is a considerable amount of reasoning behind the above decision process. 2019 has been a significant year of unexpected movement, hence the spaces available for Term 4. The numbers available for Term 1 2020 is about retaining up to 45 children per year group for our New Entrant / Year 1 cohort for the July - July period, and enabling enough numbers in Year 7&8 for there to be two Year 7&8 classes in 2020. Another significant element of our planning, is that we need to be conscious of leaving numbers at the end of 2019 and 2020. There will be about 35 leavers at the end of this year and about 50-60 at the end of 2020. So part of the decision process is about stabilizing the roll for 2021 so we do not end up with dramatic losses of staffing and funding.

With our new classrooms, 2020 will be a brilliant year as we will back to having a spare classroom, and a multipurpose room available for use again. We won't know ourselves! We are not aiming to fill the spare classroom and multipurpose room with classes of students to grow our roll even more.

In terms of our Year 7&8 roll, I cannot emphasize enough the need for us to know of your intentions if your child is currently in Year 6. It will be the difference of whether we have two Year 7&8 classes or one Year 7&8 class and one Year 6&7 class. We have a number of teaching vacancies to fill for 2020, and there may or may not be staffing changes in the Year 7&8 area of the school. There will most likely be at least be an additional teacher in that area of the school. With larger numbers in this part of the school, we will be able to offer a greater range of opportunities to our Year 7&8s. I will be able to confirm the Year 7&8 staffing (teachers) at the end of September.

Funding Applications - We have approved a number of funding applications for submission to hopefully bring in additional funds to support camps, the Kokako Garden Outdoor Kitchen Project, and Play Based Learning Resources.

Future student group trips to South Korea and China

We are considering offering a possible trip to China and/or South Korea in April or September 2020 for children aged 10 years and above. A letter and survey will go out about this next week.

As we finish off the week, we have our traditional Pyes Pa Sports Exchange to look forward to. We will highlight this event in next week's newsletter, along with the outcome for Yali Cottan, from Te Hokioi who is competing in the "Root to tip" Cooking finals in Wellington today!! All the best to our sports teams and Yali for today!!

# Sport Update

## Netball



It was Oropi Pukeko's last game on Saturday, we versed BC6 Magic. What a game played by the Pukeko's! The score was seesawing, it was tense, it was exciting! The girls all played out of their skin and the Pukeko's came away winning by 3 goals. It has been a great season, you have all improved your netball skills immensely. You have been tenacious, nuggety, shown great sportsmanship every game, smiled.... even when the score board was well against us! A huge thank you to Jackie Hodgson. Thank you for giving up your time, without you the season wouldn't have been as much fun. You have taught the girls netball skills for life and your passion and enjoyment for the game has been passed onto them. Thank you also to the Mum's, Dad's, Siblings and Grandparents that are there week in and week out, without your support there wouldn't be a team.

Thanks Betty! You have summed it up beautifully! Thanks for your awesome organisation as team Manager this season.

## Hockey



This week, the year 3/4 hockey team had an outstanding game against the Mount Primary. Having lost in a big way to them earlier in the season they showed how far they've come in a well matched battle and a 2-2 draw (goals from Elise and Elena). A great game from all the team!

## Hockey



Oropi / Pyes Pa beat Otumoetai Intermediate 3 to 4, this was a quarter final game so a great win!

## Aims Games

The countdown is on!

Aims Games kicks off on Sunday 8 September. This year we have students competing in BMX, multi-sport, cross country, and gymnastics.

## Basketball



The Year 3 & 4 basketball team played Tahatai Coast Mavericks on Tuesday. What a thrilling game it was! Wow this team has come a long way with the positive guidance from Dee & Andrew. The game was drawn 8 - 8. Players of the day were Jaxson & Phoenix O. Well done team. Semi finals next week

## Parking

Please remember that the bus turnaround area is not a drop off zone. This must be kept clear at all time for buses. This is especially important now that the Kea crossing is operating.

We encourage families to park at the hall and walk along the path to School and use the Kea crossing.

## School Photos

School photos are coming up on Monday 2 September. If you wish to book a sibling photo please collect a form from the office. Families with pre-school children can come to School on photo day at 9 am and have their photo taken early. Please contact the office before Monday 26th if you wish to book a sports team photo. Managers or coaches to come up on the day and get your team ready in uniform.

# Senior Ball

The Senior Ball is coming up on Friday 20 September. More information will be coming home in Week 7. Tickets are now available to purchase in Kindo for \$10 per family.



On Tuesday, four year 8 students represented Oropi at the Blue Light Ventures Tauranga PCT Competition. Photos are of them about to begin the fitness challenge and the crime scene investigation, for which they got the highest: 18 points! Good powers of observation! Although they weren't one of the three teams to make it to the finals in Wellington, they had a great time and worked really well as a team.

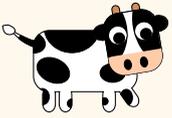


# Garden to Table

We are holding a seedling sale at Calf Club on 18th October; perfect timing for your Spring planting. In Piwakawaka and Pukeko we started sowing the longer-to-germinate seeds such as eggplant, chilli, capsicum and tomato. We also enjoyed a visit from the Hawes family's lambs. For our rainy day in Kiwi today, we learned about how potatoes grow and looked at some of the amazing colours and shapes they can be.

In the kitchen we continued this week with potato gnocchi but this time we added fresh herbs to the dumpling dough and made our own tomato sauce. There were lots of happy tomato sauce smiles!





# Calf Club



Calf Club is on Friday 18 October.

Here is the link to the Calf Club information.

<http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClub2019>

There is also lots of information available on the School website under Calf Club. More information will be updated in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the Oropi School Facebook page and Calf Club event page for updates and information.

Possum Hunt information has been updated on the School website. Thanks to Invisible Office Chartered Accountants for sponsoring again this year. We have a new category for hares. Make sure you check out the entry form for more information.



**Invisible Office**  
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**Raffle tickets  
coming  
home soon!**



Important dates for Calf Club:

- Calves must be born on or after 20 July.
- Lambs must be born on or after 1st August
- Goats must be born on or after 1st August
- Chickens must have been ordered through the school to enter in the chicken competition. Chickens not ordered through the school office can be entered under the Open Pet Section.

Entry forms are due in before Friday 20 September. Entry forms must be printed off and handed to the office. Print from the website or collect an entry form from the office.

Now is the time to start thinking about your hanging basket. Check the link on the left for tips on planting your basket.

New in 2019!

Scarecrows are out in 2019 and we are introducing a new section where children can build a bird box.

Dan has made a sample that we will share in the coming weeks. Start planning your bird box creation now!



Good luck  
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# Calf Club Sponsors 2019

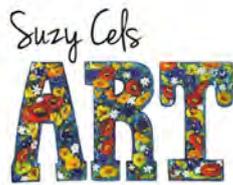


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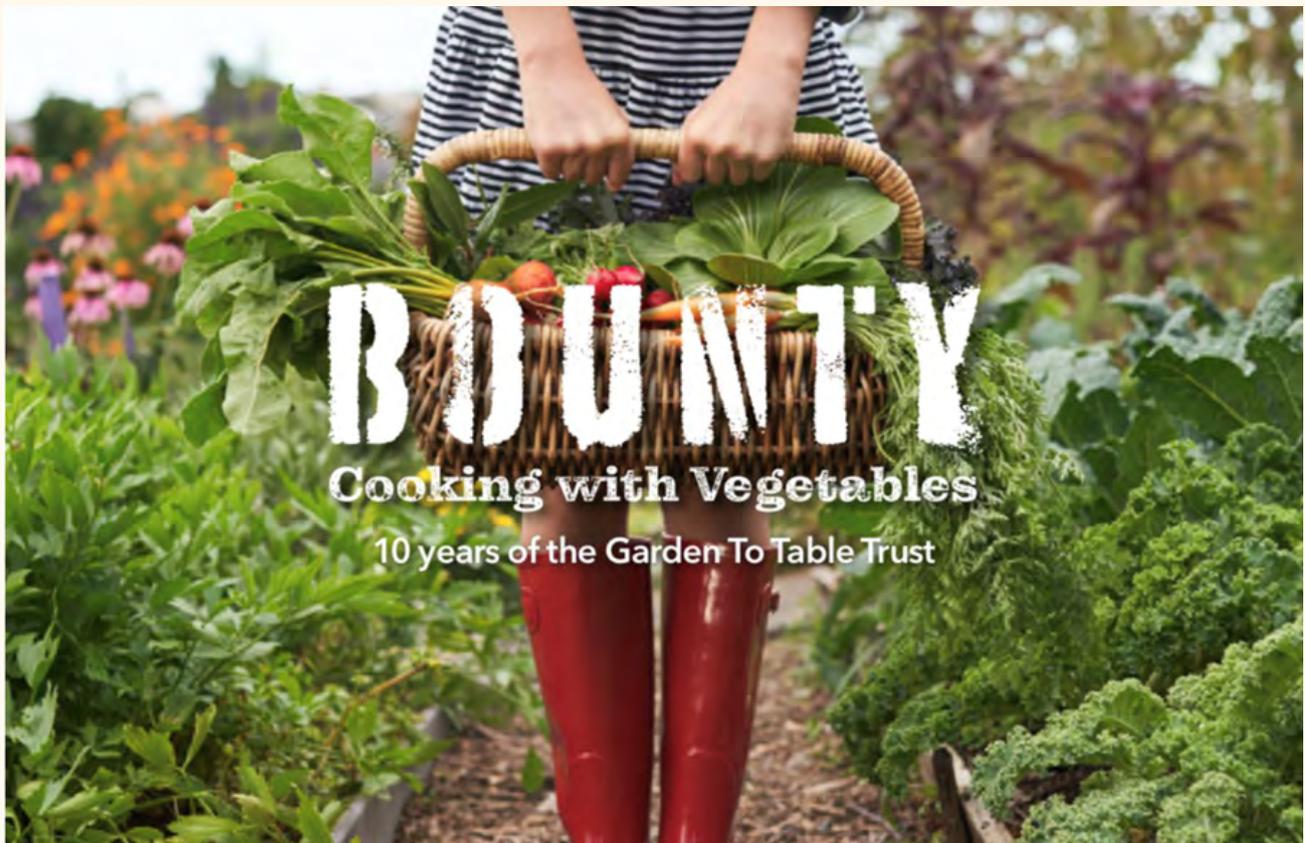


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THREE PEAKS

# Garden To Table News



Garden to Table are launching their own cookbook in November. The GTT co-founder and chairperson Catherine Bell has written the cookbook in honour of the GTT 10th birthday to raise funds for Garden to Table.

Bounty is a beautifully designed and photographed book all about cooking and growing vegetables. More than a recipe book, each chapter focuses on a specific vegetable and contains a plethora of reliable hints and tips for growing vegetables at home.

Pre-orders are now being taken for Bounty. The price is \$39.95. For each book pre-purchased by August 25, \$5.00 will be donated to the School to help sustain our Garden to Table programme.

Please note that you can order the book here:

<https://www.epicurepress.co.nz/> and enter the unique code Oropi.

To save the \$12 postage fee you can copy the link below into your browser and the School will place a bulk order, Postage if ordered through School is \$3 per book.

<http://bit.ly/OropiGTTBountypreorder>

# 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 call the office BEFORE 2 pm by calling 5431479 option 1. If you collect your child on a regular basis, please notify the office.
- If you have any health and safety concerns, please email [healthandsafety@oropi.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz)**

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

- We encourage families to 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](http://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.

# Nga Karere o Te Kokako

## O Otanewainuku.

This term in Te Kokako we have been learning about two main values, Kaitiakitanga and Maanakitanga. We have been challenged with this by adopting our own rakau to take care of for week 5. In week 2 we had some very special guests come to us from Japan and teach us about Japanese games and art. We have the Oropi and Pyes Pa sports exchange coming up too. Good Luck Oropi! Pangarau(math) has been exciting too. Lots of new games to learn!



# RURU Class fundraiser

# SPCA CUPCAKE DAY



Thank you to everyone who supported Ruru's SPCA cupcake day fundraiser. Whether you baked or provided your child with a gold coin it means a lot! Colin's brothers and sisters at the SPCA will benefit greatly from the whopping \$250+ raised!!



# What's on at Oropi School

## Term 3 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>6</b>	26 – 30 August	Boostrix Year 7  TBC Year 12 PE class with Year 5 & 6  11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	Music Lessons  11 – 12.30 Ball Practice			West Cluster Basketball   Choir at Baycourt Rehearsal  Choir Performance 7pm
<b>7</b>	2 - 6 Sept	School Photos  Dental caravan due on site  TBC out of zone enrolments close today  11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	Music Lessons  11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	School-wide Open Day 9 - 10.40am		
<b>8</b>	9 – 13 Sept	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori /Māori Language Week  Ball Practice 11-12.30	Music Lessons  11 – 12.30 Ball Practice			Oropi School Festival of Cultures - Whole School involvement
<b>9</b>	16 Sep - 20 Sep	Oropi Chinese Language  Ball Practice 11-12.30  Y7&8 Information Session + 2020 Plans	BOT Meeting  Winter Tournament  Music Lessons	Tall Poppies Problem Solving 6:30pm @ Tauriko School  Junior school cricket awareness	Junior school cricket awareness	PP Winter Tournament  Senior Ball  
<b>10</b>	16 Sep - 20 Sep		Y5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi  Music Lessons  Junior School Dance Day	5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi  TGC Testing Year 8 9am - 11am	5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi Middle Syndicate Showcase for parents (Wearable arts & dance)	Calf Club entries due today.  5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi  Dental Caravan Leaves

# What's on at Oropi School

## Term 4 2019

<b>1</b>	14 – 18 October	HPV Dose 12pm today		Calf Club Pet Diaries due in today 3pm		Calf Club & Pet Day    Kapa Haka Ra
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