KŌKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 2

Kia ora koutou

It has been a relatively quiet week after a very busy start to Term 4 with Calf Club Day last Friday.

A massive thank you to our staff and parents who were involved in the organisation of this. It is a big undertaking and much appreciated. As with everything we do, it is about the children. It is a tradition that is a unique feature of our school that helps us foster our values and the curriculum's key competencies. Every time we do it, we are creating memories and a sense of community.

I hope you've all managed to see the Calf Club Results newsletter that was sent out by Kylie earlier in the week.

Our Kapa Haka group performed really well at the QE2 Hall, Tauranga, as part of the He Paku Whakangahau for Tauranga Peninsula Schools and did Oropi proud!! This was a very special opportunity because it was the first time we participated with Tauranga Moana Schools. Due to the location and Iwi ties for the Oropi community, it is the right thing for us to be part of this group's celebration. So, a new tradition has started here. Kia ora Rangiriri, Hinenui and supporting whanau.

2020 Planning

We are getting a lot of questions about 2020 already. The senior management team are working very hard on planning for next year, which is a very complex job as I know everyone understands. We will be able to publicize our draft plans after the next Board of Trustees meeting, which is on November 5th. Up until then we are still working on confirmations of those staying for Year 7&8, students that will be in Te Kokako o Otanewainuku, new people coming to our school, factoring in teacher needs and requests, the new classroom building project, budgets, and new staff. We are nearly there.

We will be holding parent information and consultation hui on November 11th at 9 am, 2:45 pm, and 5:30 pm about our plans and to gather your feedback on topics and focus areas for 2020. There will also be a survey that goes out to seek your views and thoughts about plans.

Educational Politics and implications for Oropi 2020

As you will be aware, The School Donations Amendment Bill is the 'hot topic' at the moment. Yesterday, I was able to meet 1:1 with the Bay of Plenty MoE regional manager and the key strategic budgetary adviser to the Minister of Education. The good news is that from 2021, there will be a new system in operation to replace the Decile funding system that currently exists, which will be a better solution for schools like Oropi School. The problem with the decile system is that it does not best serve the unique needs of each individual school.

I also have a sense of relief in that my concerns with the school donations amendment scheme have been heard by the right people, andother schools were at the meeting I facilitated on Thursday who are facing the same situation as us for 2020 (Omokoroa Schools, Pyes Pa, Tauriko, Golden Sands, and Mount Primary). Progress has been made in terms of the Ministryunderstanding that high decile schools like Oropi would benefit from (andshould be enabled to) benefit from this bill. Time will tell if these meetings, communications and media coverage have had impact before the start of 2020. In the meantime, I am very confident that Oropi will not need to cut programmes but we will need to review the nature and costs of things like trips, camps, stationery, and the voluntary donation we ask from parents. We will keep you informed as we set programmes for 2020 and have draft budgets complete, which will factor in the new guidelines about what we can request and expect from parents, in terms of financial contributions.

Have a great long weekend.

Nga mihi nui
Andrew King
Principal | Oropi School

Achievements

Written by Cruz Perry.

The Auckland Pool Champs were held in the holidays at AUT Millennium. The first race was 50m with fins Cruz placed 3rd in the under 11s.
Next was rescue medley. In this event, competitors have to swim underwater to a brick and swim the rest of the way with the brick, Cruz came 2nd (under 11s).
The next race was the under 12 brick relay our team placed 1st. The last two races were medley relay and obstacle relay Ben's teams placed 1st in both relays. The medley relay is where the 1st swimmer swims down with no fins,
2nd swimmer has fins and swims underwater as far as they can, 3rd swimmer swims down with a tube and the 4th swimmer gets given the strap and tows them back.
Each medal won gives points to your club. Our club is Mount Maunganui surf life saving club we came 2nd overall in the country.

Garden to Table

For this week's garden to table session, Korimako, Ruru and Tui used lots of produce from our garden, including pumpkin, broccoli and kale to make a yummy salad and some fresh herbs to mix into the dough for cheese straws.
Last week the garden crews were busy with preparations for the Great NZ Seedling Sale at calf club. Te Hokioi and Te Kokako did a great job making signs and labels, deciding the pricing and helping set up the stall. Special thanks to Kian who did a superb job serving customers on the day. This week we continued with spring seed sowing and dealing with the bonanza of weeds that the changeable weather has created.

Calendar Art

Remember to order your calendar art online before Monday at 9 am.

Late orders will be accepted via the office.

Go to www.kidsartworks.com and enter the code on your order form. If you have lost your form, please contact the office and we can give you your code.

Ball Photos

Remember to order your ball photos. Click the link below for more information.

http://bit.ly/Oropi2019BallPhotos

Photolife Photos

Photolife are making their final changes to the photos and we hope to see shoot keys come home next week.

Calf Club

We are looking forward to sharing the amount raised on Calf Club Day. We will be able to do this early November once our financial report is available for October.

Pizza Lunch

Te Hokioi won the pizza lunch for the most raffle tickets sold. Ms Heath will be in touch about when this will happen next week.

Well done Te Hokioi. The results of the raffle are further on in the newsetter.

Gymnastics

Improve your gymnastic skills and confidence with Gymnastic Academy Sessions running at your school every Friday Lunch! Register direct online at http://www.thegymnasticacademy.com/

Bay Maths

We competed in the Baymaths competition last Thursday. The competition was in three parts, individual, team and timed team challenges. Throughout the breaks, there were fast questions that you had to stand up and answer. Dylan accidentally answered one correctly and we won some lollies. We didn't win but we had a fun time. - Jonathan, Dylan and Arneeka

End of Year Awards & Celebration

This will be held at the Oropi Memorial Hall on Thursday 5 December at 1 pm.

School Hats

School hats are compulsory for all children in term 1 and 4. Hats are available to purchase from the office for $20 each, or you can order on Kindo.

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.

Calf Club Raffle Results

1st Te Berentson
2nd Karlene Kaio
3rd Fiona Torr
4th Jen Cole
5th Zane Delany
6th Carlie Henderson
7th Brad Farmillo
8th Piper Stone
9th Brian Felton
10th Judy Felton

Thanks for supporting the raffle. It's great to see so many Oropi families winning the prizes!

Medication at School

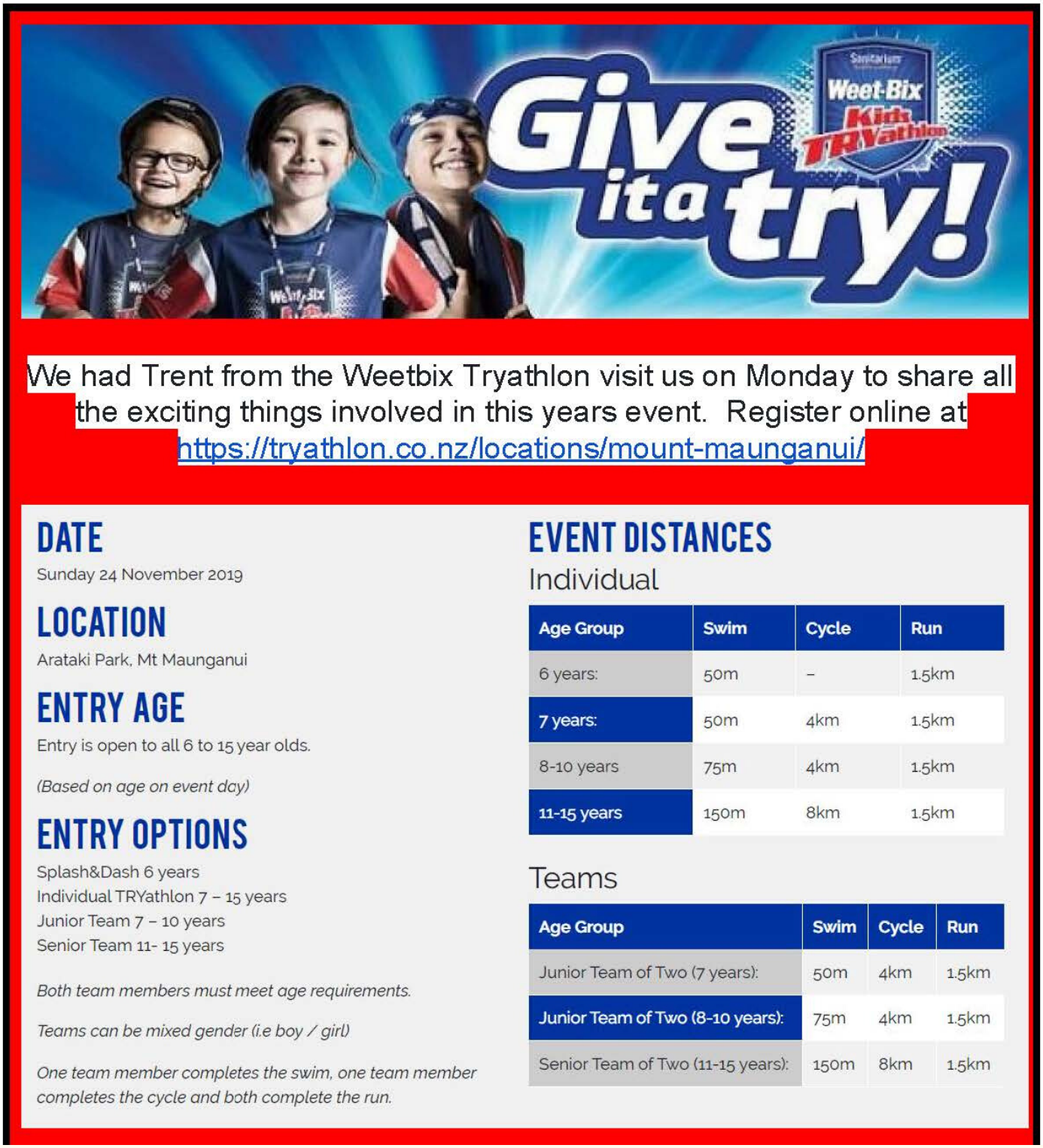
Please remember that all medication MUST be held at the office. No medication is permitted in School bags. This includes any type of medication including antibiotics, antihistamine, and ashthma medication.

Weetbix TRYathlon

We are only 4 weeks away from the Mount Maunganui Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, we hope your students are getting excited.

Participants need to be entered by midnight on Sunday, 3 November, 2019 if they want to take advantage of the Early Bird price of $45 as well as the option of having their TRYathlete pack either couriered to home or included in the School Courier delivery.

Entries will continue to remain open but participants who enter after this date will need to collect their TRYathlete pack on the event 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. 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

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.

• 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 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.

What's on at Oropi School
Term 4 2019

3	28 Oct – 1 Nov	**Labour Day**		HPV 2 Y8 Girls play sports day	Tennis Lessons 1 of 8	
4	4 Nov – 8 Nov		BOT Meeting Tennis Lessons 2 of 8	World Cup Cricket tournament Tall Poppies Athletics Bunnings Project	Tennis Lessons 3 of 8 Celebration of Cultures TBC 6pm BoT Info session re school donations bill	
5	11 Nov – 15 Nov	Senior School Athletics	Te Kokako Camp	Te Kokako Camp	Tennis 4 of 8 Te Kokako Camp	Te Kokako Camp
6	18 Nov – 22 Nov			Zone Athletics Year 7 & 8	Tennis 5 of 8 Go Girls Cricket	West Cluster Athletics Sunday – Weetbix TRYathlon
7	25 Nov – 29 Nov	Water Skills for Life Year 1 - 8	Water Skills for Life Year 1 – 8	WBOP Athletics	Tennis 6 of 8 TBC & TGC Orientation 9am – midday	Junior Tabloid Sports Day
8	2 Dec – 6 Dec	BOT Meeting			Tennis 7 of 8 EOY Awards & Celebration TBC	Middle Athletics
9	9 Dec – 13 Dec	Te Ohanga Camp Junior School Swimming lessons all week	Kids Can Ride Y5/6 Te Ohanga Camp 2020 Beginning of Year School visits	Kids Can Ride Y5/6 Te Ohanga Camp Yaya leaving dinner TBC	Te Ohanga Camp Tennis 8 of 8 2020 Beginning of Year School visits	Te Ohanga Camp
10	16 Dec	**Last Day of the Year**				

First Day of 2020 is 3 February.