

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 6



From The Principal

We are pleased to be able to share the latest version of our 2019 Staffing Plan so you know which year levels our teachers will be working in and in what classroom spaces.

As outlined in a previous newsletter, we have three new staff joining us in 2019:

- Amy Oswald
- Abby Fleury
- Emma Robinson

These new staff will be officially welcomed at our Powhiri on the first day of school 2019, along with new students, families, and whanau. This is a new initiative that is important to us as we grow our Bicultural Dimension of the school.

We will be farewelling Lucy Elliot, Mel Haenga, and Tanya Williams at the end of this year. It will be sad to see these teachers go.

However, they have new chapters in their lives ahead of them. Lucy moves on to another teaching position in Whanganui to be close to family, Tanya is focusing her teaching in Languages at Tauranga Boys' College, and Mel will be teaching closer to home.

Parents and children will not be finding out who their class teacher is until January 23. The reason for this is that when we have notified families in Term 4 in the past, we always end up with needing to ring a percentage of parents to discuss possible changes in late January. This can be unsettling when all summer the children have been preparing themselves for a certain class space, teacher, and group of children. We are dependent on knowing who our leavers are at the end of each year and some families are not able to notify us about this until January the following year.

Equally, we often get in-zone enrolments appear towards the last day of Term 4 and up until the end of the first week of Term 1. Just one or two changes either way can have a 'roll-on' effect requiring shifts across all classes. So, a point that I always emphasise is that while we have a plan, plans could change!

Teachers are in the middle of sorting class placements now. A key point the senior leadership team would like to emphasise is that we do not stream children. We prefer to ensure there is a mix of learning needs, social needs and academic mix in each class. This is founded on extensive educational research and hence why we also aim for an equal mix of gender. You will notice that we have three Year 3&4 classes and three Year 5&6 classes, rather than single year level classes in 2019, for this reason.

We start the year with our current set up of classroom spaces and we have ensured minimal change from this year to next with regard to teacher location and year levels they teach. We have begun the planning process with the Ministry of Education Project Managers for our four new classrooms. It is possible we will have this project happen in stages. In Term 1 2019 I will have a clearer idea of time frames, but it is likely we would have some spaces ready during Term 3 and it will make sense to move one or two classes worth of children into these spaces, probably juniors.

2019 Classes, Teachers, and Teams

Principal

Andrew King

Deputy Principal

Adam Turner Non-teaching

Robert Lewis Teaching

Junior School Team

Amanda King (Team Leader) Kiwi Year 1

Jordan Williams Kiwi Year 0&1

Emma Robinson Kiwi Year 0&1

Sarah Weston Piwakawaka Year 1&2

Abby Fleury Piwakawaka Year 2

Middle School Team

Jaimee Donaldson (Team Leader) Ruru Year 3&4

Demelza Pendergrast Korimako Year 3&4

Amy Oswald Korimako Year 3&4

Tanya Bengé Tui Year 2&3

Senior School Team

Robert Lewis (Team Leader) Te Ohanga Year 7&8

Hinenui Webb Te Kokako o Otanewainuku Year 4-7

Josie Pullenger Pukeko Year 5&6

Jenny Tappenden Pukeko Year 5&6

Rachael Heath Te Hokioi Year 5&6

Parent and Student Consultation for the 2019 Annual Plan

The School is running consultation meetings intended for parents this coming Monday, November 26th, at 8:15 am, 2:15 pm and 5:30 pm. These sessions will be held in the Library.

The purpose of these sessions will be to outline plans and goals for 2019 at Oropi School and gain your insights, perspectives and thoughts about:

- Our Bilingual & Intercultural Education Plans
- Digital Technologies and ICT resources
- Location of our 4 new classrooms
- The development of the Gully, Kokako Garden, and Garden-to-table programme
- The role of KRSA for the future
- The role of the PTA
- Music at Oropi School 2019
- To address questions you may have about the 2019 Staffing Plan

We will also discuss the upcoming BoT Elections that will occur in May 2019.

If you are unable to attend any of these Consultation Hui times, a survey link will be provided that you can fill in about the above points after the meeting. If you would rather discuss these topics in person, feel free to make an appointment to meet with me.

School Camps at Oropi School

Thank you to all 72 people who responded to this survey. It is very helpful information to have as part of our cyclical self-review of programmes at Oropi School. This is a great response rate and helps the school in our planning of camps for 2019. Here is a summary:

- A strong majority think school camps should happen annually at all levels from Year 3-8 (83%)
- A strong majority think school camps should be 'bush' based camps for Year 3-6 (72%)
- A majority think school camps should be 'bush' based camps for Year 7&8, but with 30% saying there is validity in a 'city' camp at this age
- A reasonable cost for Year 3&4 camps averages \$60 - \$100 based on feedback
- A reasonable cost for Year 5&6 camps averages \$90 - \$130 based on feedback
- A reasonable cost for Year 7&8 camps averages \$180 based on feedback
- Length of nights away majority opinion is: 1 or 2 nights for Year 3&4, 3 night for Year 5&6, 4 nights for Year 7&8
- Parents who go on camp as a volunteer should not pay if they are part of the ratios and this cost split between the children
- Minimise the number of camps in the last week of Term 4. A frequent comment was that camps in term 1 could be more beneficial
- Some sort of fundraising is a good thing to consider for other age groups, not just the Year 7&8s

- That the type of camps for the younger children is more 'basic' in nature because it is their first camping experience.

From these points, there is a strong indication that it is still important to retain the BoT subsidy of camps. The last thing we want to see is children missing out on camps due to cost. This is a hard one to minimise as accommodation costs at camp sites has 'sky rocketted' this year but the school will be conscious of this. Some thought will also go into how we can enable fundraising across age groups.

This Week

Go Girls Cricket



We had a team of Year 5 & 6 girls attend the Go Girls Cricket at Blake Park on Monday. The girls had a great day of cricket and looked fabulous in their red tutus.

Thanks to Rebecca Yee from Bay of Plenty Cricket for running training sessions with the team in the weeks leading up to the competition. Thanks also to Carmen Montgomerie and Heather Salmons for transporting and managing the team on the day.

West Cluster Athletics



Well done to everyone who competed at West Cluster athletics on Thursday.

The Year 5 relay team (Stefan, HaEun, Sophia, and Cameron) came 2nd and the Year 6 Team (Kendall, Grace, Cole and Taylor) came a close 4th.

Ha Eun, Portia, Sophia, Cameron, Stefan, Kendall, Grace, Taylor, and Cole made the sprint finals.

Congratulations to the following students who go on to the next level at WBOP Athletics:

Cameron Unwin, Cricket Ball Throw

Ben McKinlay, Cricket Ball Throw

Stefan Pendergrast, High Jump

Ben Marshall, Discuss & Soft Shot

Kendall Robson, 60m & 100m sprint

Pippa Montgomerie, Cricket Ball Throw

Cole Dean, 60m sprint & soft shot

All students represented our School very well.

Sport Update

Volleyball Update

The team has had three games over the last two weeks and showing a lot of improvement each time they take the court. Much better serving and some great returns over the net. Players of the day for these games were Paige, Carleigh and Chloe.



The Korimako Ripa squad fought a nail-bitingly close match against the Greerton Village Goblins ending in a narrow 2 point defeat with Greerton scoring the final try on the full time hooter. Josh Smith scored a record 5 tries, & was well supported with backup from the rest of the team. Final score 8-10 to Greerton. Players of the day were Josh Smith for his tries total & Natasha Pearse-Danker for her excellent defence.



Piwakawaka / Kiwi Ripa

These kids are having the best time ever. They have surprised us with their skill development, great sportsmanship and its great to see their enthusiasm and happy smiling faces each week. Nine tries and a draw this week. Players of the day Piper and Jesse.

The Week in Pics



Some serious thinking in Tui...



Tui are discovering seeds in flower



West Cluster Athletics



The singing group rocking their last lesson to 'Roar'

Reminders

The weeks are flying by!

Here are a few things that are coming up in the next two weeks:

Week 7

Monday 26 Parent Consultation Meetings

Choose from 8.15 am, 2.15 pm, or 5.30 pm

Tuesday 27 Kapa Haka Group Performance @ Omokoroa School

Wednesday 28 WBOP Athletics, ZAP workshop in Library

Thursday 29 Junior School Athletics

Friday 30 Orange Day for Seniors & Tennis Lessons, Pukeko Art Exhibition

Week 8

Tuesday 4 BOT Meeting

Wednesday 5 Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Thursday 6 End of Year Celebration, Year 8 leavers dinner

Friday 7 Year 8 Speeches

Coming Up

Weetbix TRYathlon

We have 45 athletes entered for the Weetbix TRYathlon on Sunday at Arataki Park.

Check in is from 7 am - 8.15 am

First group starts at 9 am

Prize giving is expected to be at 1 pm

Be prepared for all seasons on Sunday and have a great day out there!

End of Year Celebration

Thursday December 6, 12 pm

Oropi Memorial Hall

This is a formal ceremony where we invite all parents, friends and family members of our community to join us in recognising the successes and achievements of children at Oropi School. We farewell staff who are leaving, recognise highlights of the year, and give closure to the school year as we look forward to 2019.

This is followed by a Sausage Sizzle and Ice Blocks back at school from 1:15 pm. Families can bring along a picnic for the whanau and enjoy spending the afternoon together socialising with other families and school staff on the field and astroturf area of the school. Sports gear will be out and tea/coffee available for adults in the staffroom.

Year 8 Leavers Speeches

Friday, December 7, 1:45 pm, Oropi Memorial Hall. This is an important tradition for our Year 8s in developing their leadership capacity. It is their opportunity to share their highlights and memories of their time at Oropi School before they head off to College. All parents, friends and family members of our community are invited to this important event also.

For both events we value and recognise the importance of having all children from Oropi School present and this is the main reason why we have the events during the day now instead of in the evening.

However, we understand that it can be difficult for some family members to take time off work or other commitments during the day and so we hope this gives you enough notice to make arrangements if possible.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these special end of year events.

Garden to Table



What a huge planting effort in the garden this week. Te Hokioi and Te Kokako managed to plant: capsicum, nasturtium, tomatoes, basil, potatoes, corn, courgette, squash and coriander... all in one morning!

Te Hokioi welcomed students, staff and parents from Pahoia School to observe our garden to table programme in action. As the first school in the BOP to have Garden to Table, it is great to now see many other schools getting involved. Pahoia tamaraki kindly brought a gift of a beautiful passionfruit vine. Now we just need to find the perfect spot for it!

Notices

Absences

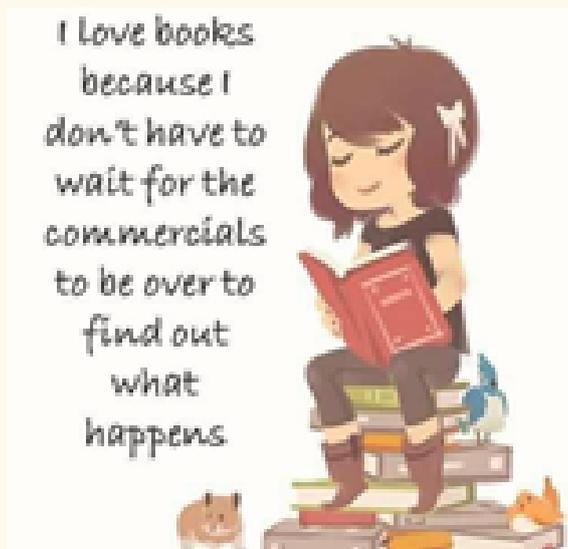
Remember to call the office to report your child's absence.

Call 543 1479 and leave a message or email office@oropi.school.nz. Please include the class your child is in and the reason they are absent.

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.

Update From the Library



The last day for issuing books will be 30th November, with ALL returns due on December 7th.

If your family is registered for ZAP Summer Holiday Reading, you may borrow books from 10th December. (Week 9)

'Does anyone have good quality children's books they no longer need or use? If so, would you like to donate them to the ZAP Summer Holiday Reading 'Swap Box'. Just drop them into the school library between 8.30 am and 3 pm. Thank you.

Homestay Families Wanted



We are looking for families who are interested in hosting international students at the end of January. Chinese group arriving 27 Jan - 2 February. Children aged 10 - 14 years. For details, please email Carissa carissa@oropi.school.nz or phone the office 543 1479.

Friday Lunch & changes for 2019



Pita Pit is available to purchase each Friday by going to www.lunchonline.co.nz Orders must be made online before Friday 9 am. If you do not have internet access, please order at the office.

The lunch ordering system will change in 2019 and you will be able to order Pita Pita in your Kindo account. The day will also change to a Thursday to free up Fridays for other fundraising options.

More information will be in the newsletter next week on how to close your lunchonline account and have any credits refunded to you.

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.

ZAP

Summer Holiday Reading

Your Oropi School Library will be open during the holidays to give children an opportunity to issue and borrow books to keep their reading 'up to scratch'.

Research shows positive reading progress can be achieved with summer holiday reading. The effect of a summer with books can be seen in other curriculum areas like mathematics, and in levels of confidence generally.

Reading for Pleasure...

- is about enjoyment, empowerment for academic success, health and well-being, economic life chances and the development of empathy.
- improves literacy, social skills, health and learning outcomes.
- gives access to culture and heritage.
- empowers people to become active citizens.

Reading for pleasure is a door to success.

So, kids (and parents), grab some books and spend time reading for pleasure over the summer.

Remember, Mum or Dad needs to say it's okay.

Let me know. *Jan Pendergrast*

Opening Dates:

from Term 4, Week 8 for issuing, then
Wednesdays afternoons, 1-4 pm
9th, 16th, and 23rd January

Be in to win
a \$10 book voucher
for the most books
borrowed and read.
Reading Log
Book Mark
Challenge
Treats

To sign up

Email
jan@oropi.school.co.nz
Mob. 027 223 8916

PUKEKO ART EXHIBITION

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPEN ART EXHIBITION OF PUKEKO STUDENTS.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE EVENT, THE ART WILL STILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE CLASSROOM AT THE BEGINNING OF WEEK 8.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018
5 - 6 PM

Stationery 2019

Packs are available from the School office

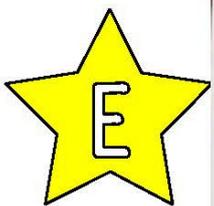
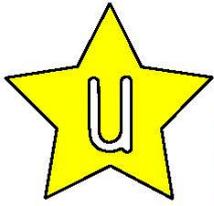
Office Hours

23 January 9am - 2pm
24 January 9am - 2pm
29 January 9am - midday
30 January 9am - 3pm

School starts Thursday 31
January 2019

Payment options: Kindo,
Internet banking, or cash.





Instructional writing.

Ruru have been busy learning all the parts of procedural writing and how to explain things in detail for their readers. This week Ruru students have typed up a recipe for home-made lemonade. They had such fun and loved the taste! Check out the photos below of the process and a few recipes.



DELICIOUS LEMONADE

If you follow these steps you will make a jug of delicious lemonade.
You will need:

- ✓ 1 cup of sugar
- ✓ 4 lemons
- ✓ 2 cups of hot water
- ✓ A jug
- ✓ A mixing spoon
- ✓ Cold water.

Steps:

- Step 1. Cut the lemons in half and juice them.
- Step 2. Mix the sugar with the hot water so it dissolves.
- Step 3. Mix the lemon juice with the sugar water.
- Step 4. Pour this into the jug and fill it with cold water.
- Step 5. Put the jug into the fridge until it is cold.
- Step 6. Put some ice in glasses and pour yourself a cup of lemonade.

If it is too sweet put some more water in the cup. If it is too sour, add more sugar.

By Safari.

How make a perfect jug of lemonade

IF YOU FOLLOW THESE STEPS CORRECTLY YOU WILL HAVE A PERFECT JUG OF LEMONADE.

YOU WILL NEED:

- A JUG
- A SPOON
- 4 LEMONS
- 1 CUP OF SUGAR
- A LEMON JUICER
- 2 CUPS OF HOT AND COLD WATER

Enjoy
By Carps

- Step 1. Cut the lemons in half and then put half of a lemon in the lemon juicer till all the lemon juice is gone from the lemon.
 - Step 2. Put this in a jug and add hot water and mix.
 - Step 3. Add the sugar and mix until it dissolves.
 - Step 4. Add the cold water and mix again.
 - Step 5. Put the jug in the fridge for 15 minutes.
 - Step 6. After 15 minutes take your lemonade out of the fridge and taste it. If it is too sour add more sugar. If it is too sweet add more lemon juice.
- Now you should have a perfect jug of lemonade

What's on at Oropi School Term 4 2018

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	26 Nov – 30 Nov	Parent Community Consultation Meeting 8.15am, 2.15pm, 5.30pm	Kapa Haka Group Performance 11am at Omokoroa No. 1 School	WBOP Athletics  ZAP workshop in library	Junior School Athletics Year 0 – 3 11am 	Out of zone ballot Scholastic Issue 8 orders due today Tennis Lessons 6 of 8  Orange Day Pukeko Art Exhibition
8	3 Dec – 7 Dec		BoT Meeting	Year 8 Leaver's Dinner	End of Year Celebration 12pm @ Oropi Hall 	Year 8 Speeches 1.45pm @ Oropi Hall Tennis Lessons 7 of 8 
9	10 Dec – 14 Dec	Te Ohanga Camp 	Pukeko Camp Te Hokioi Camp 	2019 New Entrant School Visits 9am-11am	Te Kokako Graduation Year 6	Tennis Lessons 8 of 8 2019 New Entrant School Visits 9am-11am  EOY Reports home today
10	17 Dec – 18 Dec	Senior Reports home today	Last Day of School Finish @ midday			

What's on at Oropi School Term 1 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21 Jan – 25 Jan			Class Lists available at School from today Office Open 9am – 2pm	Office Open 9am – 2pm	Office is Closed today
1	28 Jan – 1 Feb	Auckland Anniversary Day	Office Open 9am – midday Staff offsite from midday	Teacher Only Day Office Open 9am – 3pm	School Starts Today 	