

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 8



## From the Deputy Principal

### Te Wiki o te reo Maori

This week our school has been celebrating Maori Language Week, exploring the language itself along with aspects of the culture. Students from Te Kokako o Otanewainuku have been sharing 'Tikanga Tips' with the rest of the school which will continue into Term 4, and a series of interactive workshops have been conducted at lunchtime during the week including Koru-inspired Art, Traditional Games, and Waiata. Thank you to the Languages Team - Whaea Jaimee, Whaea Hinenui, Whaea Jasmine, and Matua Rangiriri for this initiative.

### AIMS Games

Three students from our Senior School have competed in the AIMS Games this week. Congratulations to Estelle and Lucy Wright who both competed in the Cross Country event at Waipuna Park last Sunday, and to Oliver Cox who has been competing in Badminton during the week. It is a great

experience to compete against Year 7/8 Students from other schools around New Zealand and beyond, during an event which has become one of the most high profile fixtures on the Intermediate/Middle School sporting calendar.

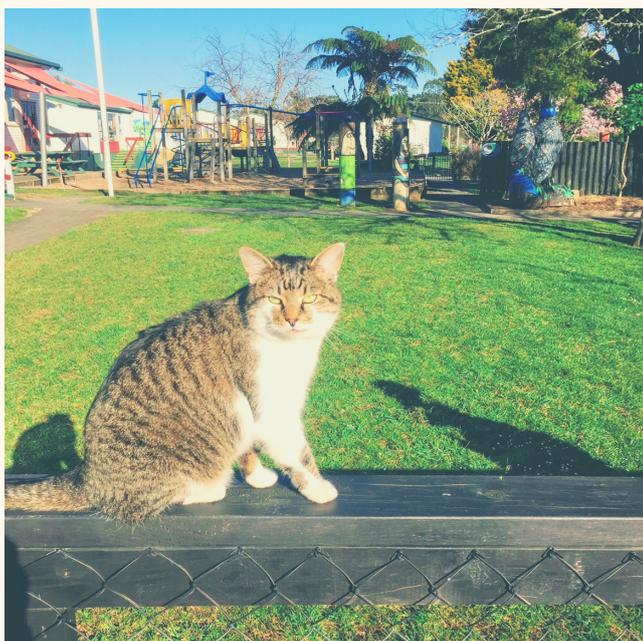
### Choir Performance

Congratulations to our 40 member choir which presented a stand-out performance at Baycourt last Friday evening. They had been rehearsing for 16 weeks in preparation for the festival, demonstrating great commitment and perseverance during that time, which was evident in their confident performance in front of an audience of around 800.

Congratulations also to Mackenna Ellis who took on a solo role within one of the massed items, and to Jack Kilfoil who was the soloist during our individual school item. Both put on a memorable performance during the programme.

### West Cluster Speeches

On Tuesday, two students from Pukeko presented their speeches at the West Cluster Speech Competition. Having spoken in front of our senior classes last week, Ben McKinlay whose speech was entitled 'Middle Child Syndrome' and Caitlyn Salmons who spoke about 'Bees', moved on to represent our school at the next level of competition. Both speeches were well researched, and thought provoking, and provided the audience with a range of interesting facts, supported with personal opinion and ideas. Well Done!



### 2019 Enrolments and Out-of-Zone Places for Term 1 2019

It is now the time of year where school leadership is planning staffing and class structures for the following year.

The School Board of Trustees and School Leadership is committed to keeping our numbers of students as stable as possible. There is no intention to grow the roll any further - we are now wanting to maintain what we currently have. x

It is great that we will have new buildings for the school, but that does not mean we are going to try and grow the roll even further. The new buildings are going to cater for our current numbers so that we eventually regain some additional shared spaces, without having to utilise every space in the school as a classroom.

2018 has been a successful year in stabilising our growth. We have maintained a New Entrant / Year 1 intake number of about 40-45 students, and the zone introduced in 2015 is having the desired effect. This, combined with the knowledge that we retain about 70-75% of our Year 6s for Year 7&8 at Oropi School, means our school roll will eventually stabilise at around 300 students. This will happen once our bulge year groups start leaving the school at the end of Year 6&8. Our numbers of leavers will be increasing from the end of 2019, and even more at the end of 2020.

It is important to retain the numbers we now have so we can keep our programmes of learning, our levels of staffing, and opportunities for both children and staff, in place. The Board and School Leadership share the community's desire not to grow the roll any further, but equally do not want to end up with a dramatic decline in roll numbers over the next few years which would potentially result in staffing cuts and reducing the range and quality of programmes and opportunities we have on offer - none of which will be in the best interests of the children or the school.

So for now, it is a very tricky balancing act to retain what we have and make predictions based on past and present information. Our planning is about having another year (and future ones) of retaining a New Entrant / Year 1 intact of 40 -45 students. On this basis, because we have just 20 in-zone New Entrants enrolments for 2019, we are going to offer 15 out-of-zone places for New Entrants. A process will be underway to sort this. At this point in time, no out-of-zone places will be available at any other year level.

# Garden To Table



## Exciting News! Garden to Table is Growing!

Due to the enormous success of Garden to Table, we are excited to announce the programme's expansion to include the following classes in term 4: Te Hokioi, Te Kokako O Otanewainuku, Te Ohanga and Pukeko! Ruru, who started their Garden to Table journey in term 3, will continue in term 4, bringing the total number of classes involved in the programme next term to six! Now for the even more exciting bit...ALL classes (with the exception of new entrants) will take part in the programme next year, 2019! This is a first for the Bay of Plenty and can be credited to the hard work and dedication of our kitchen and garden specialists, Fotina and Heron, to our amazing volunteers and to our principal Mr King's progressive vision for Oropi School. In 2019, classes will participate in the programme fortnightly, for two terms of the year, enabling the Kokako Garden to provide a regular supply of fresh produce and allowing the children to experience seasonal differences in the harvest.

A very big thank you to the kids of Korimako and their supportive teachers Mrs Tappenden and Mrs Pendergrast for being our pilot classes during the programme's establishment!

It has been amazing seeing the children's self-confidence and life skills developing through this inspiring programme. To help keep Garden to Table amazing, please join us by contacting Programme Coordinator: Fotina Thompson on 021771977. We need more volunteers both in the kitchen and the garden. Sessions are only 90 minutes and no special skills are needed - just a willingness to engage children in learning about growing food and sharing it - easy peasy lemon squeezy! We look forward to growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing with you!

# This Week

## Wacky Hair Day

Thanks to everyone who supported Wacky Hair Day on Tuesday. A special mention to Ayla Pretty who organised the fundraiser. The school raised \$259 for the Make a Wish Foundation.



## AIMS Games by Estelle & Lucy Wright

Estelle and I decided that we wanted to be part of AIMS games 2018 because we were year 7. Our hockey team wasn't interested so we looked at the list and we thought we would be good at cross country. We didn't do much training because we had all these activities we had to do after school. The morning of the x country was freezing cold but the sun was still shining.

We got to Waipuna park early and had to wait for a hour and half before our race. There are more than 130 schools from around New Zealand and the pacific that come to Tauranga for the AIMS games each year.

There were more than 160 year 7 girls running with us. Finally after warming up we could line up. We stayed at the back so we wouldn't get squashed by the big mob of runners. The sound of the buzzer went off and we all started to run, it was so hard to get past the runners because they would all run in a long line. The run was more than 3k's and it was hard, we felt like we wanted to give up but we didn't.



Some of the hills were easy and some were hard. We liked the speedy downhill the best. We ran with a big mob of people until we came to the hill of the century! It was the biggest hill we have ever run up in our lives, it was massive, we all walked and then finally breaking off so much sweat we got to the top. The girl that won the race did it in 11 minutes, Lucy's time was 16 minutes and mine was 17. I think that's pretty good. We didn't come last! That night we went to the opening ceremony it was amazing, we saw the JGeeks dance group and Valarie Adams. There was a cool hip hop dance crew called NZX and our swimming coach was the MC! Overall we really enjoyed being part of the AIMS games, it made us feel proud to be from Tauranga and part of the festival.

## Combined Hockey Team



Max Slater from Te Kokako O Otanewainuku has played in a combined Pyes Pa, Kamai and Oropi Schools' year 5 & 6 hockey team this winter. The team called the Pyes Pa Quick Sticks had a great season and many of the team are looking forward to playing together again next year.

## Coming Up...

### Te Ohanga & Pukeko Individual Photos

These have now been rescheduled until Thursday 20 September.

### Te Ohanga Donut Day

Te Ohanga are fundraising for their end of year camp in Term 4 by holding a Donut Day on Thursday 27 September. Donuts are \$2.50 each and orders can be placed in Kindo or at the office before Monday 24 September at 3 pm.

### Middle School Assembly

Korimako, Ruru, & Te Kokako o Otanewainuku are having their assembly at the Oropi Hall on Wednesday at 2pm

# Notices

## Term 4 Sport

Remember to sign up for Term 4 sport by clicking the link below.

<http://bit.ly/OropiSummerSportT42018>

Please note that tennis lessons are fully booked for Term 4.

## Winter Sport

If you have been in sports team over the winter can you please hand your sports uniform into the school (netball dresses and basketball singlets). We need all of these back before the end of the term so they can be checked off and ready to go out again.

Also coaches and managers can you please return your gear bags and balls etc to the school office, so that we can use the bags for term 4 sports teams.

## 2019 Enrolments

If your child is turning 5 in 2019, please contact the office to complete enrolment forms as soon as possible. Forms are also available from the school website.

## Bus Fees

Bus fees for Term 4 have been invoiced. Payment can be made in Kindo, internet banked into the School account, or cash can be dropped in to the office in a named envelope.

## User Pays Bus

Due to the crowding of this bus we cannot allow scooters on this bus at any time as it is becoming a health and safety risk. Full details are coming home in a letter to families next week.

## 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.

## Calf Club & Pet Day



Calf Club is on Friday 19 October.

Animal entries must be in before 21 September. If you haven't completed the entry form, please collect one from the office or download from the School website.

Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you do not wish to sell tickets, please return the book in its original condition. Contact the office if you would like to sell more than one book.

All Calf Club information and updates is available by clicking the link below. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day for a 1-hour shift.

**Please click the link below to register as a volunteer on the day**

<http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClubVolunteers18>

**Click the link below to read the information and updates..**

<http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClub2018>

## 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](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz)

## Friday Lunch

Pita Pit is available to purchase each Friday by going to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) You can order Pita's, drinks, cookies, or brownie. Gluten free options available. Orders are made fresh and delivered to School before lunchtime on Friday. Orders must be made online before Friday 9am. If you do not have internet access, please order at the office

## Parking & Mobility Carpark

Please remember that the drop off zone in the bus bay must be left clear for the School buses AT ALL TIMES.

We have had a number of parents use the mobility car park lately. This car park is ONLY FOR MOBILITY CARD HOLDERS and is used specifically by a visually impaired student at our School.

Please also remember that the staff carpark is for staff only.

## A few reminders

- School starts at 8.55am.
- Children who do not use the bus can be dropped off at School from 8.10 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 contact the office before 2pm 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)
- We do not have eftpos. Payments can be made online into the school account or in Kindo. Please see the office staff if you need help registering for Kindo.

## Absences

Please ensure the School has your current contact information. We must have your mobile number, email address and emergency contact information.

## Te Reo Maori Week



# CALF CLUB & PET DAY

**Friday 19th October 2018**

**Starts 9.30am**

Animal judging starts at 10.00am



Animal judging, scarecrow competition, hanging baskets,  
Cafe, indoor exhibits, possum & rabbit hunt, raffle,  
sausage sizzle & more...

1334 Oropi Road, RD3, Tauranga  
Phone 07 543 1479



## FREE PET LAMB AND CALF VACCINATIONS

Bring your Ag day pet lamb or calf into Tauranga, Te Puna or Katikati Vets and we will vaccinate them for



**FREE**

Offer includes...

- First Ultravac® 5 in 1 Vaccination \*
- Free clinic health check \*
- Tail and castrate ringing for lambs \*
- A dispensed 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination of Ultravac® 5in 1 also free of charge

\* Appointments must be made

Please contact

Tauranga Vets 578 4044

Te Puna Vets 552 4015

Katikati Vets 549 0215

"Proudly supporting the local community"

**We Are Your Animal Health Professional**

### OROPI SCHOOL Calf Club Day Raffle 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Ticket No. **0021**



- 1st iPad & accessories
- 2nd Kids Bike
- 3rd Gardening Pack & 6 months rubbish removal
- 4th Pet Prize includes hamper, biorb fish aquarium, cat & dog door, dog food
- 5th Oropi Hot Pools Couples Date Night Package
- 6th Scholastic Book Package
- 7th Liz Van Welie Swimming Lessons, goggles & cap
- 8th OfficeMax Art Supplies Pack & Art Lesson with Suzy Cels
- 9th 90-minute Massage & Hair Care Pack
- 10th Pak n Save Hamper

Ticket No. **0021**

ORGANISER:  
RAFFLE DRAW:  
RESULTS PUBLISHED:  
LIMITED TO 3500 TICKETS

### OROPI SCHOOL Calf Club Day Raffle 2018

**\$2**



*Good luck*

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OROPI SCHOOL**

Oropi School Calf Club Committee  
On Friday 19th October. Raffle closes at 12pm & drawn under supervision at prize giving (approx 1pm)  
November 'Oropi News' & Oropi School Newsletter  
ALL PROCEEDS TO OROPI SCHOOL

## Paint Wanted

The art group are looking for exterior paint donations for a mural project at School



**CAMP FUNDRAISER**

# **TE OHANGA DONUT DAY**

Mama's Original Glazed Donuts delivered  
to School at lunchtime. Yum!

**THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**ORIGINAL GLAZED DONUTS  
\$2.50 EACH**

**ORDER IN KINDO OR FROM THE OFFICE  
BEFORE MIDDAY MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

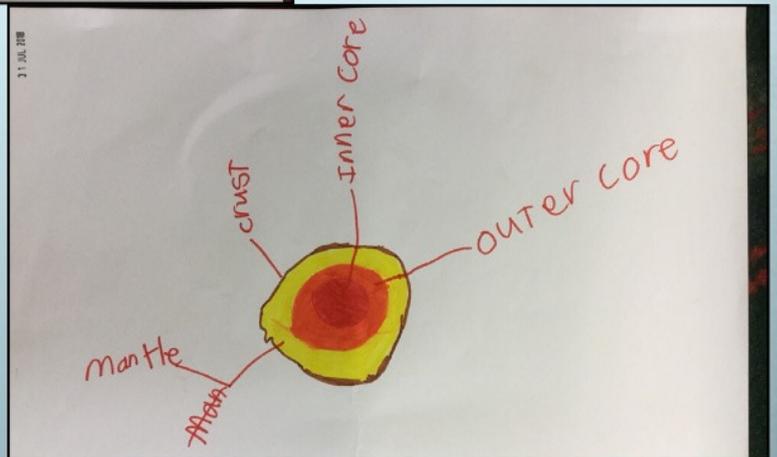
# HOUSE OF SCIENCE KITS...

We really enjoy our House of Science Kits. This term we have had three kits. The first kit was called **Rock my World**. We looked at fossils and made one of our own. We brainstormed what we thought the earth was made up of and Mrs Benge made a representation with plasticine. We did an experiment about liquefaction and learnt why you should get off sand in earthquakes.



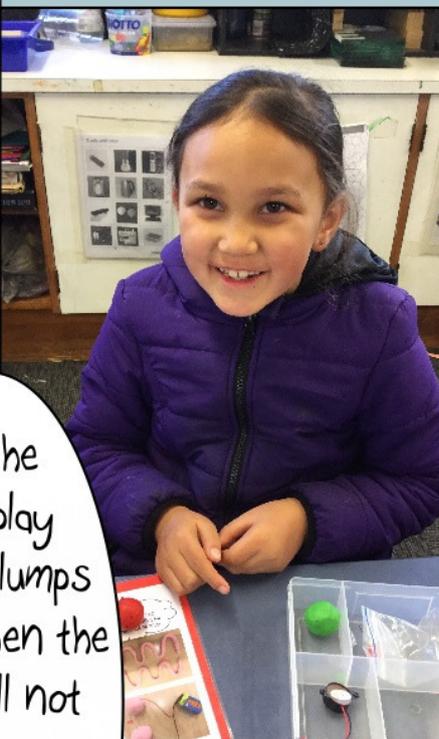
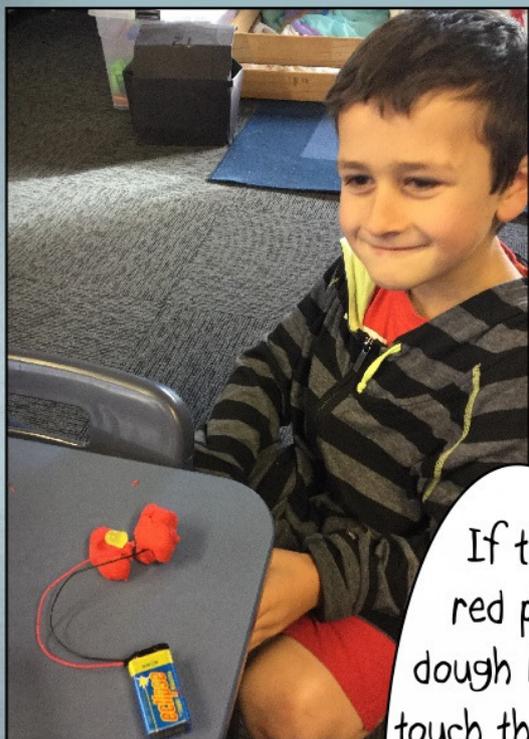
What is inside the earth?  
We think:

dirt	gravity
water	animals
lava	nature
rock	bugs
gold	light
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ash	
diamonds	
rubies	



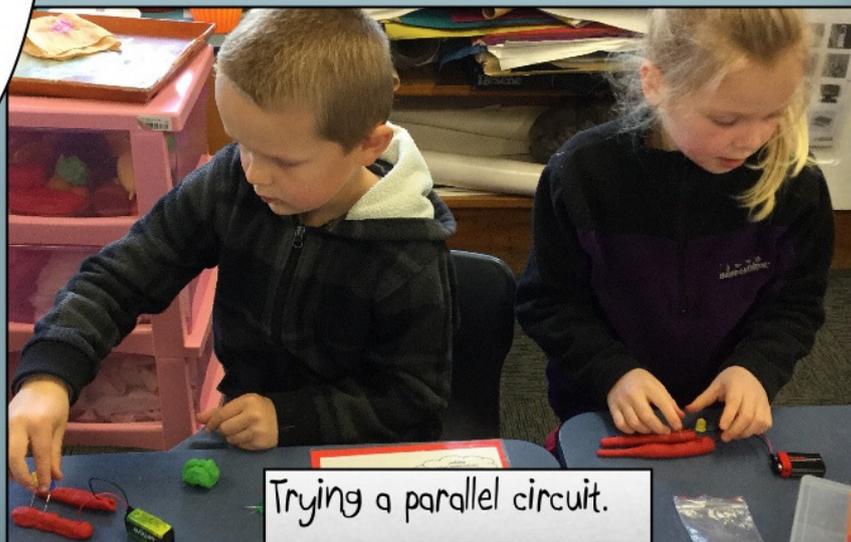
Our second kit was called **Light Me Up**. We had one wire a bulb and a battery and had to work with a partner to make our bulb glow. Mrs Bengie made us grapple with this problem for a long time and didn't tell us how to do it. With lots of trial and sharing of knowledge we worked it out but not before many of us were convinced our battery was flat!

The second thing we tried was looking at substances that conduct electricity. This time we had two wires, a battery, two types of play dough (one that did and one that did not conduct electricity) and an LED light. Once we got the LED glowing we tried adding more LED's.



If the red play dough lumps touch then the LED will not glow as a short circuit has been created.

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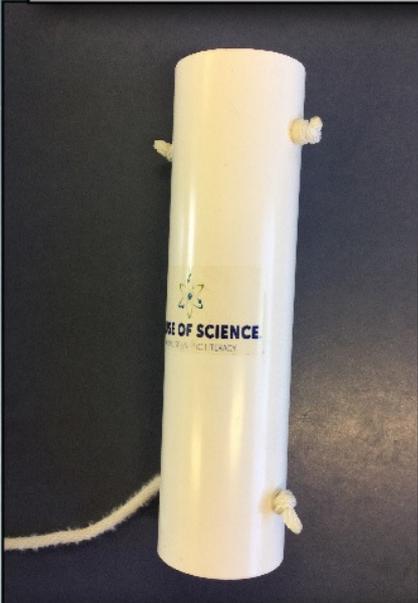


Trying a parallel circuit.

Our kit this week was called **Mystery Box**. It had things in it that made us think and were like 'Magic'.

In groups of three we got a bag of random bits and had to make something.

Which cord would you pull to make the bottom left cord shorten?



When you squeeze the bottle the fish sinks to the bottom.



If you spin me the way I do not like I will stop and start spinning the opposite way.



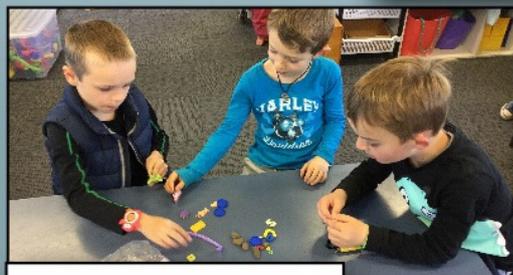
What do you think we were designed to do?



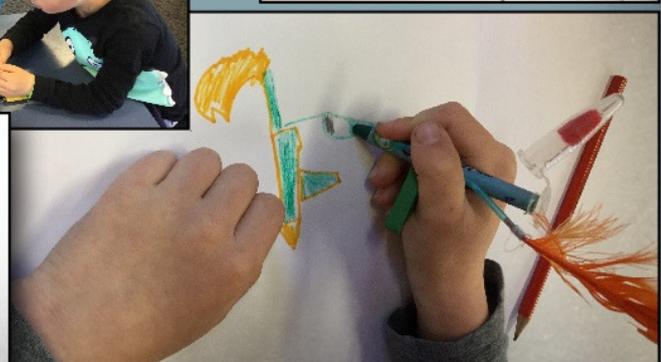
Would you believe any do the job? Could you work out how to make one of these without googling the answer?

Getting started:  
Curr Level 1: as a group, work together to make something using all or some of the stuff in the bag

Luke made a dice roller.



Daniel drew his creation with his creation!



## What's on at Oropi School Term 3 2018

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>6</b>	27 August – 31 August	Year 7 Boostrix 12pm  Art Gallery and Library visit Pukeko	Art Gallery and Library visit Te Hokioi/Te Ohanga	West Cluster Winter Tournament  School Band Quest	NE school visits 9-11am  Tennis have a go at lunchtime	Daffodil Day  Tennis have a go at lunchtime
<b>7</b>	03 Sept – 7 Sept		School Photos	Junior School assembly 2pm	NE school visits  9-11am	Choir Performance  West Cluster Basketball tournament
<b>8</b>	10 Sept – 14 Sept	Te Reo Language week	BoT Meeting  West Cluster Speeches		NE school visits  9-11am	Scholastic Issue 6 orders due today
<b>9</b>	17 Sept – 21 Sept		TGC Testing  9am - 11am	Middle School assembly 2pm  Te Ohanga Korean Cooking Lessons	NE school visits  9-11am Tall Poppies Speeches 7pm	Calf Club Entries close today
<b>10</b>	24 Sept – 28 Sept	NZ Chinese Language week		Pyes Pa Sports Exchange	NE school visits 9-11am Discover China Day	Junior Dance day 11.30am Oropi Hall

## What's on at Oropi School Term 4 2018

<b>1</b>	15 Oct – 19 Oct				Yr 7 - 8 Technology Yr 7/8 Baymaths Competition	Calf Club & Pet Day
<b>2</b>	22 Oct – 26 Oct	<b>Labour Day</b>	Te Hokioi Camp - to be confirmed	Pasifika Festival  Yr6 Baymaths Competition	Junior School Trip to Waiotapu Go Bus Yr 7 - 8 Technology Garden to Table Open Day	Pasifika Festival postponement day