



Term 1 Week 4

Friday 24th February 2017

From the Principal

It has been a busy week of activities, namely with the Beach Education Programme happening for most children this week, swimming programmes and our 'Meet-the-teacher' sessions for the middle and senior school. There are some snapshots of this further on in the newsletter. A big thank you to Demelza Pendergrast who has enabled the Beach Education Programme to happen this year and to all staff working on their presentations for the Meet the Teacher sessions. More to come in next week's newsletter.

It is the time of year where we ensure all our end of 2016 information and start of 2017 Strategic Planning is passed on to the Ministry and our Auditors, so I am taking this opportunity to highlight and summarise this information with our school community. Also, later this term I will be running a face-to-face Information Session for parents about our plans for 2017 and beyond, including details about the Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning we are a part of.

End of 2016 National Standards Highlights

- We had a major focus on progressing achievement levels in Reading and Writing for Year 1-3 children. As a result of additional resourcing for these groups, we saw a total reduction of 10% in the 'Below' category and a shift from 100% of children in the 'well-below' category.

Year 4-8 School summary

- In Mathematics, 75% of students are at or above National Standards
- In Reading, 87% of students are at or above National Standards
- In Writing, 72% of students are at or above National Standards

Junior School summary (Year 2-3)

- 77% Year 2-3 children are At or Above in Mathematics
- 77% Year 2-3 children are At or Above in Reading
- 74% Year 2-3 children are At or Above in Reading

Now we have consistent tools for use in analysis of data (the use of PaCT), we are starting to see patterns emerging when comparing to previous years. The main pattern to celebrate is that we are seeing the percentages of children 'at' or 'above' increasing as they move from the junior school to the middle and senior school. This is a great achievement because it is indicating our interventions, strategies and programmes that we foster in the junior school are setting our children up with the skills they need for academic success further up the school.

2017 Strategic Planning and Goals

The most important thing to note in what we are focusing on as a school for 2017 is

"How do we know that the children are making progress?"

This is the lens and reflective question we will be referring to over the year to determine what we do in regards to programmes, assessment methods, reporting to parents and in our curriculum delivery.

We will focus resourcing on raising:

- Writing levels for Year 5 and Year 3 students
- Mathematics levels for Year 4, 5 and 6 students

Other focus areas for 2017:

- Providing opportunities to educate our parent community about the following programmes at Oropi School: Play based learning, Language Learning, Our philosophies on behavior management
- Consulting and engaging with all school community groups to review our current Values, Mission, Vision and Curriculum priorities
- Consolidating our use of Assessment Tools that help us understand needs of each child better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- Maintain and grow our interventions to support target groups in Reading, Writing and Mathematics

General

Nga mihi nui
Andrew King
Principal

Special Mention



25 years that's how long Oropi School has put up with Mr Lewis. Congratulations Oropi School !! Seriously 25 years, a quarter of a century at Oropi, this is quite an achievement and Mr Lewis has done it. Along the way he has touched the lives of many. To be in his class has been the highlight of many a child's schooling. The relationships he forms with his students is remembered long after they have left our little school. His ability to make our choir the stand out performance at the School Music festival year after year has other schools scrambling to perform on a different night. When he takes on a School production, it rivals anything that a College or Musical Theatre group could produce. Trolley Racing on the Lowe's property, kite flying at the Mount with kites disappearing out to sea. The choir, school singing, camps and musicals are just a few of the things that Mr Lewis is famous for. You are a legend in your own lunchtime Mr Lewis. Here's to another 25 years of your particular brand of magic at Oropi School.

Thanks for Dorreen Gordon (Cakes by D) for the fabulous cake.

BOT Update

Congratulations to Mark Weston, who was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the meeting on Tuesday.

Notices

Important Message

STAFF CAR PARK CLOSURE CHANGE OF DATES

28th February or 1st March

Due to the building project that is currently taking place on the back field, the school staff carpark will be closed on Tuesday 28th February or Wednesday 1st.

The change of dates is due to the project managers wanting to make it impact on one day rather than two.

It will be during these days that we receive delivery of our two new learning spaces, exciting!

This will have no impact on parent drop off zones as all staff cars and long term parking will be at the Oropi Community Hall.



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



Thank you to everyone who has registered and used Wrap it up. We are already seeing the 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.

Bus & Event Fee

The School will need to pay for Beach Education and the bus bookings very soon. If you have not paid your bus and event fee, please do so before the end of next week. School swimming is coming up at Memorial Pool and we will also be required to pay for entry to the pools, and the cost of five buses to transport the School to Memorial Pool.

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.

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.

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

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.

Blackboard

Thanks to Helen T & Tracy H for taking on the blackboard responsibility at Johns Produce.

Music Tuition

Music lessons with Peg Southee begin on Monday 13th February, lessons for either piano/keyboard/guitar are available. Pupils are encouraged to learn theory and given the opportunity to enter exams in both theory and practical. For particulars please phone Peg on 5442469.

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.

What's on at Oropi School

Term 1 2017

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	27 Feb – 3 Mar		Meet the Teacher Year 1 – 3 5.45pm in Te Ohanga		Tennis Lessons 3 of 8 Ukulele lessons	Lunches
6	6 Mar – 10 Mar		School visits 9-11am	School Swimming @ Memorial Park	Tennis Lessons 4 of 8 Ukulele lessons	Lunches Post ponement date school swimming
7	13 Mar – 17 Mar	Competitive KRSA Swimming at Greerton Pool			Tennis Lessons 5 of 8 Ukulele lessons	Lunches
8	20 Mar – 25 Mar		BOT Meeting	School visits 9-11am	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

Sport

Rippa Rugby

The season starts next week. Your Manager will text you next week with game information once the draw has been sent out.

Winter Sport

Winter Sport will commence in Term 2, and we would like to start working on teams. If you are interested in playing Netball, Basketball, or Hockey, please notify the office by emailing the following information to the office. Additional information is attached to the newsletter. Once the full information is available from the Clubs, the full Winter Sport information booklet will be sent out. Please also indicate if you are able to assist with coaching or managing a team.

Please email this information to the office or complete the details below to register your interest in Winter Sport.

Child's Name:	
Room:	
Year Level:	
Date of Birth:	
Sport	Netball / Hockey / Basketball
I can assist with coaching:	Yes / No
I can Manage a team:	Yes / No



What's Been Happening in Pukeko?



WE'VE HAD A GREAT START TO THE YEAR IN PUKEKO! TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO?

Beach Education



Buddy Time



Swimming Lessons





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.



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

MARRA



SPRINT TRIATHLON



Pilot Bay, Mount Maunganui
Sunday 12 March 2017

Sprint (16yrs plus)

750m Swim / 20km Cycle / 5km Run

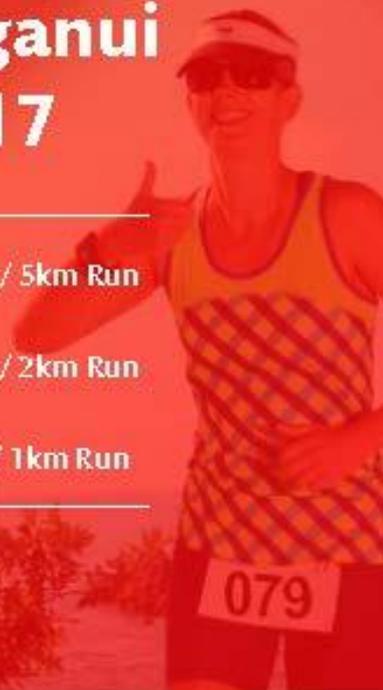
Monster (12-16yrs)

400m Swim / 10km Cycle / 2km Run

Mini (6-11yrs)

100m Swim / 2km Cycle / 1km Run

INCLUDING Teamline Team Challenge



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ENTER BY 12 FEB TO BE IN THE EARLYBIRD DRAW

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PERFORMANCE

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AQUATICS

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fitness

Four Winds
FOUNDATION

teamline
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Triathlon Tauranga

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EXPERIENCE

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SPRINT
TRIATHLON

Mark & Sarah Trust