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Term 2 Week 9

Friday 29 June 2018

From the Deputy Principal

Coming Together

This week has seen our school come together to mark and celebrate some significant events. On Wednesday afternoon we held a special assembly to farewell two staff members who are leaving us at the end of this term. Both have made a significant contribution to teaching and learning at Oropi School; Whaea Ngaere in her role as Team Leader and foundation kaiako within Te Kokako o Otanewainuku, and Whaea Erin through her involvement in our Languages programme throughout the school.

We wish them well as they move on from Oropi School, and trust that they will look back with fond memories upon their time spent with us, and the contribution they have made to our learning community.



Matariki Celebration

Yesterday saw the whole school involved in a day-long Matariki Celebration. The morning was spent rotating through a range of cultural learning experiences with buddy classes, and it was great to see such positive interaction between students of varying ages as they worked together and supported each other during each session.

Vegetable soup, prepared by the students on Wednesday provided a warm and nourishing lunch, which was followed by a special Matariki Awards Ceremony down at the Oropi Hall.

Special thanks must go to Whaea Jaimee who has been the driving force and inspiration behind this year's celebrations, supported by other members of staff, members of our PTA, parents, and members



of the wider community. Matariki has indeed provided an opportunity for us to 'come together'. Thank you to the many families who were able to provide vegetables for the delicious soup.

Root to Tip

Last Friday, Ben Marshall and Pippa Montgomerie competed in the "Root to Tip" regional heats for year 5 and 6 primary school students. Their task was to create a menu that incorporated resourceful use of seasonal fruits and vegetables while producing minimal waste. Although the duo didn't manage to secure a place at the Wellington finals, they created a superb menu. Garden to Table regional coordinator, Andrea Green, was particularly impressed with the pair, mentioning that they shared their plate with her at the end of the session. She says that what they created was incredibly professional and that the standard was really high on the day. All teams' scores came in very close so Pippa and Ben can be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations Pippa and Ben!



WBOP Cross Country Championships 2018

Congratulations to Archie Montgomerie who qualified to compete in the Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships yesterday. He placed 6th in this event, which is a fantastic achievement when competing against the top runners from around our region. Congratulations Archie, we are really proud of you!



Mid-Year Progress Reports

These will be sent home on Monday next week. The new report format reflects a move away from reporting against National Standards, and a renewed focus upon Curriculum Levels within which students are working, an indication of their attitude and effort, and the progress they have made, as we reach a mid-year point. Our School Values also receive greater emphasis within the new format. Staff will be happy to explain the concept of Curriculum Levels, and elaborate upon information provided, during conferences next week.

Nga mihi nui

Robert Lewis
Deputy Principal

Notices

School Bus – PLEASE REMEMBER

We have over 300 children to safely send home at the end of each day. It is vital that parents contact the office and notify the School if you are collecting your child. Please ensure you contact the office before 2pm by calling 5431479 option 1. This is for the safety of your child / children. Please do not give this information to your class teacher, the office must be notified to ensure bus lists are correct at the end of the day. We thank you for your co-operation.

Bus Stops

Please remember to look after each other at bus stops. The safety of the children must come first. If a child has not been collected from a bus stop at the end of the day, please contact the office and we will follow up. Please ensure you are on time when picking up children from bus stops and have a backup plan in place if you are delayed.

Absentee's

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the office by calling 5431479 option 2 and leave a message

including their name, their classroom, and the reason they are absent. All children who are unaccounted for by 9.30am are marked absent on the roll and we send a text message to parents. Please respond to this text message and ensure your mobile contact number is up to date. Children who are marked absent without a reason will be considered truant.

Chicken Orders for Calf Club

Chicken orders for Calf Club will be placed next week with our supplier so they can be ready for delivery during the first week of the third term – Wednesday 25 July.

Chickens this year will be 8 days old at time of delivery. Only pullets are available. Cost of chickens is \$7.50 each.

Please contact the office with your order & payment before Monday 2 July.

Library

Once again we have too many overdue books. This means a third of our students have one overdue book. This also means those books are not available for others to borrow.

Please encourage your children to return books after the two weeks borrowing period allowed.

Friday Lunch

Lunches Pita Pit is available to purchase each Friday by going to 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 before Thursday 3pm.

2018 Teacher Only Days

We are taking this opportunity to give families advance notice of the final teacher only day scheduled for 2018.

Monday 23 July (the first day of Term 3)

These days are required for all teaching staff who are involved in some Professional Development that is occurring over the year with a facilitator we have been able to access through some Ministry of Education funding, whose availability is dependent on these dates being scheduled. It also avoids having to fund relievers in every classroom for the two days, which would add a significant cost to our school operations. By scheduling teacher only days, the school is required to add those days at the end of the year, which means our end of 2018 school day will be December 18th.

Please remember to pay your School Donation

We aim to provide the very best learning for your child. In order to supplement our Ministry of Education funding, we ask for a voluntary donation. This donation is voluntary; however, we hope that you will support your child's learning by contributing in this way. Every child in the school benefits from this donation and with your support we are able to maintain and improve our programmes.

If paid during Term One	
1 child	\$100 per year
2 children	\$180 per year
3 or more children	\$240 per year

Payment can be made to the office by cash or cheque, or if you prefer to pay by direct credit, some families find it easier to set up an automatic payment; details of our account are as follows:

ASB 12-3440-0087772-00 - Please use your surname as a reference.

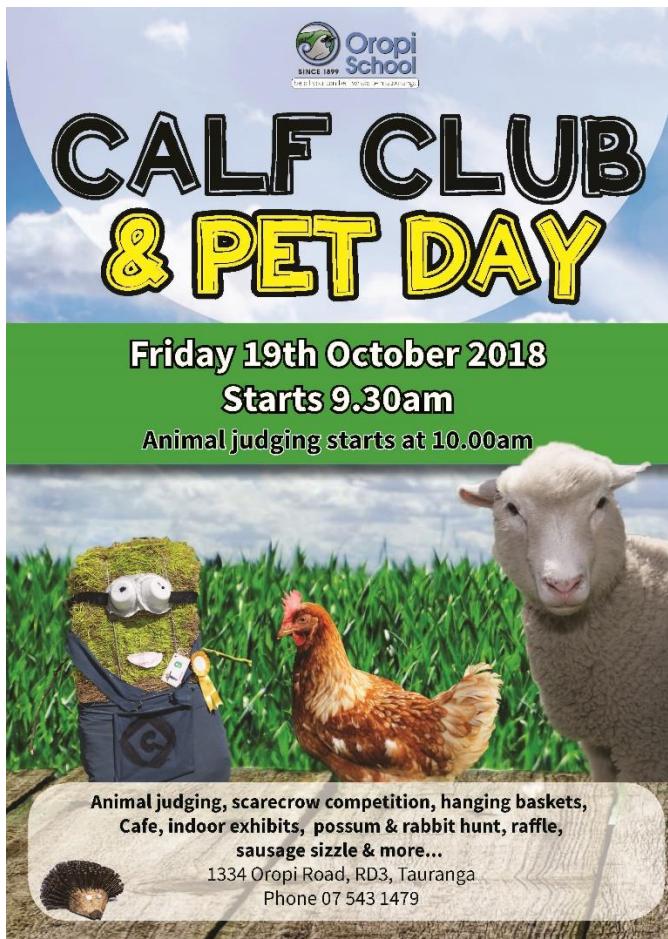
Sport

Year 3 & 4 Netball Update

Another fantastic game from our amazing year 3/4 girls. Oropi won again 3 to 1 against Mount Ferns. Our drill set was shooting and the girls were showing great abilities when shooting the ball. They are a brilliant team with great attitudes and team spirit. Keep up the brilliant work.

Calf Club & Group Day

Click here for the latest Calf Club Update <http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClub2018>



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The Oropi School website

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Get your business exposed to 500+ people and help support Oropi School.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite YOU to become a sponsor or to provide a donation for this years Calf Club & Pet Day to support our raffle fundraiser, or in support of food stall requirements.

All contributions are recognised on the day - **Friday 19th October 2018** and **SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING IS WELCOME**.

Your business would be advertised verbally on the day, in all flyer and booklet information that goes out and on our school website, newsletter and facebook page. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity to support Oropi School we would love to hear from you.

Contact the school office on 543 1479 or email office@oropi.school.nz.

THANK YOU
Your support makes a difference.

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Due to the recent concerning spread of Mycoplasma Bovis there will be NO calves at Calf Club & Pet Day in 2018.

Mycoplasma bovis is a bacterium that can cause a range of quite serious conditions in cattle. For the first time it has been found in New Zealand. The bacteria is an Unwanted Organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993. The Government along with the dairy and beef industries have agreed that an attempt will be made to eradicate Mycoplasma bovis. The disease is spread by close contact, and the farming community is being advised that any non-business critical stock movement should be cancelled.

Although Mycoplasma bovis has not yet reached the Western Bay of Plenty, in support of the government's attempt to eradicate this disease, Oropi school, along with a number of other schools in the Western Bay of Plenty and the Tauranga Group day, have decided NOT to have calves at the 2018 Calf and pet day.

For those children that were looking forward to having a calf this year, we would hope you can bring a lamb, goat or chicken instead and we really do hope that 2019 and beyond will see calves featuring again at our annual Calf and Pet day.

TAURANGA BOY'S AND GIRL'S AGRICULTURAL CLUB

- Oropi School Calf Club will be held on Friday 19 October.
- Group Day this year will be on Saturday 27 October 2018 at the Tauranga Racecourse.
- Chicken orders for agricultural clubs will be placed shortly with our supplier so they can be ready for delivery during the first week of the third term – Wednesday 25 July 18.
- Chickens this year will be 8 days old at time of delivery. Only pullets are available. Cost of chickens is \$7.50 each.
- Please contact the office with your order before Monday 2 July.
- Home-hatched chickens cannot be entered into Group Day.

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What's on at Oropi School

Term 2 2018

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	2 July – 6 July	Reports going home today Chicken Orders Due Today	Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews	World Cup Basketball yr3/4	Last day of Term 2

What's on at Oropi School

Term 3 2018

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 July – 27 July	Teacher Only Day			Yr 7 - 8 Technology	
2	30 July – 3 August		TGC visiting to issue application packs 9am - 9.45am		Yr 7 - 8 Technology Snow Camp	Snow Camp
3	6 August – 10 August	Japanese Cultural visit	BoT Meeting		Yr 7 - 8 Technology TGC Open Evening 5.45pm TBC Open Evening 6-9.30 pm	Scholastic Issue 5 orders due today
4	13 August – 17 August	Dental Caravan arrives TGC Parent & Student interviews 9am - 10.30am		Tough Guy & Gal		School Disco Chinese speech competition Rotorua
5	20 August – 25 August					
6	27 August – 31 August	Year 7 Boostrix time 12pm		West Cluster winter tournament		

MATARIKI

During Matariki we celebrate our unique place in the world...



