

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 2



## From The Principal

Kia ora and thank you everyone! It has been quite a week for a variety of reasons including the road closure and school disco!

We are very relieved to announce that the school bus services are back to normal from this afternoon. Thank you for your understanding and prompt responses to messages we sent out regarding this matter. This gives me an opportunity to remind everyone if any of your email or cell phone contact details have changed, please confirm with the office to make sure we have the most up to date information. This is very, very important, particularly when we have unforeseen situations arise.

The School Disco was a great success with most children attending. Personally, I think the timing was great and having the whole school all at once created a good atmosphere. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA group who made it happen, you did a fantastic job from catering to setting up and cleaning up!

The new Kea Crossing and road patrol is humming! I have even heard teachers and children on duty say they enjoy it! Thank you for your support on this. It is having a major positive impact, with the main noticeable change being the speed of traffic going past the school.



We have one or two parents and children still learning that this is now the only legal place to cross the road at the front of the school. Please encourage and remind your children, other parents, and family members that this is the law. We have started to see that some more parents have started parking down at the hall and walking to and from this carpark to the school. We would like to see more parents take up this challenge as a way to reduce the number of vehicles parking directly in front of the school. Maybe I need to start thinking of some extrinsic reward system .....however, a sticker chart for parents I don't imagine would work very well?! If we just have 5-10 vehicles taking up this challenge, we will see a dramatic change with traffic issues in front of the school.

#### Events & happenings coming up

The Choir is now well on the way with their practices for the upcoming Choir Festival at Baycourt later this month and our senior school are in full swing with dance practrices for the upcoming Ball. Snow trip is also next week... thank goodness we are getting a good dumping of snow at the moment with this cold snap!

We have had a significant stream of international visitors since the start of this term from China, South Korea, and next week we welcome a group of Japanese students for two weeks. These students are with us for periods of time ranging from 2 - 6 weeks. We also continue to have 8 long term (6 month or full year) students. Thank you to those who are able to host them in their homes to experience our culture. This is a very beneficial experience for all our children in the school to grow intercultural capabilities. I am very proud of the way Oropi children include our international students and help them to feel welcome. Carissa Hawes, our International Manager, is very good at ensuring pastoral needs are met. So Oropi is very well positioned in this period of growth in our International Department.

Ka pai tō rā whakatā



# Calf Club



Calf Club is on Friday 18 October.

Here is the link to the Calf Club information.

<http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClub2019>

There is also lots of information available on the School website under Calf Club. More information will be updated in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the Oropi School Facebook page and Calf Club event page for updates and information.

It's not too late to be a sponsor for Calf Club. Email [office@oropi.school.nz](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz) or call 543 1479 if you would like more information.

Important dates for Calf Club:

- Calves must be born on or after 20 July.
- Lambs must be born on or after 1st August
- Goats must be born on or after 1st August
- Chickens must have been ordered through the school to enter in the chicken competition. Chickens not ordered through the school office can be entered under the Open Pet Section.

Entry forms are due in before Friday 20 September. Entry forms must be printed off and handed to the office. Print from the website or collect an entry form from the office.

Now is the time to start thinking about your hanging basket. Check the link on the left for tips on planting your basket.

## Sport Update



Oropi Pukeko's versed Matua Blue Ferns, We lost the game but girls kept a great positive attitude. They all defended well up and down the court, lots of awesome tips and intercepts. Players of the day were Holly Pope and Sophia Greer.



### Year 3 & 4 Hockey

The team played Omanu for the second time this year and although they lost 9-4 (Elise, Carys and Blake scored the goals) they had a storming second half scoring three goals and showing real improvement and promise. Thanks to Nigel, their coach, for his patience and hard work!

### Year 5 & 6 Hockey

Oropi / ACG Pukeko year 5/6 hockey team had a very competitive game against St Mary's on Saturday. With no subs the six players gave it everything. The end score was 4 - 1 to Oropi.

### Basketball World Cup

We had a group of Year 3 & 4 children participate in the Basketball World Cup on Wednesday at TrustPower Arena. Oropi was representing Austria. The team played loads of games and did well playing against the best of the best from Schools in the area, finishing on a high with a win against Te Puna School.

It was a great day enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to Andrew Dishroon, Dustyn Parkes, and Makuini Gardiner for transporting the team, coaching, cheering, and scoring. Player of the day was awarded to Phoenix O who was a last minute addition to the team due to sickness and who coincidentally was a natural basketballer and has joined the team on a permanent basis. Well done Phoenix.



Oropi representing Austria at the Bball World Cup



# Foodbank Appeal

Oropi School is inviting the school community to donate non-perishable food items for the Foodbank appeal.

We would like to give a bit of background about why Foodbank needs your help and open up conversations about what we do, how we do it, and why the Foodbank is so vital to our Community.

In the last year Foodbank issued 5,047 food parcels helping more than 15,000 people in our community with food. More than 8,000 of these were children.

The increased cost of accommodation is having a major impact on people's finances and they need to turn to foodbank for extra help.

Foodbank works with 90 other community/ social/ medical/ educational organisations who identify those that need help and refer them on to us. We are able to help out up to 4 times in 12 months with food.

Foodbank can offer a greater level of help with food parcels to families and individuals who are working closely with a registered budget adviser. This is a free service and is aimed at educating people and helping them to improve their financial situation for the future.

We do not receive any government funding and rely solely upon donations of food and money from our community.

We are incredibly lucky to have a solid team of more than 40 volunteers and have relied upon more than 10,000 hours of volunteer work in the last 12 months to run the Foodbank.

Dates for School Appeal

Week 1 - 4

Donations of non-perishable food items can be delivered to the office.

Please note: If you would like to donate items for the Foodbank appeal, please ensure they are not expired. Most items donated to date have past their expiry date. Items they request are as follows: Tinned soup, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, creamed corn, cereal, pasta, rice, canned vegetables, shampoo & conditioner, pasta sauce.

Thank you.

## 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 Sponsors 2019



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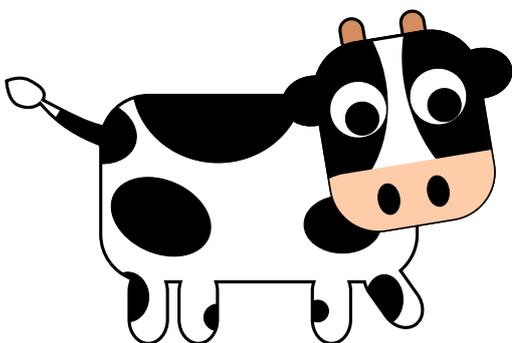
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It's not too late to be a sponsor!  
Contact the office today!

# Garden To Table



This week we have been cooking steam-fried dumplings, using lots of leafy greens and carrots from our winter vegetable garden. We also have been gifted some huge chinese radishes, which we made into a pickle to have with our dumplings.

In the garden the groups were happy to have a fine day on wednesday and they pulled out our first winter carrots, finding different shapes and sizes hiding underground, including a crazy one that looked like two legs. They learned why carrots do this; meeting obstacles underground such as stones, sticks or other roots, sending the developing root off in funny directions. They all taste just as good in the end though!

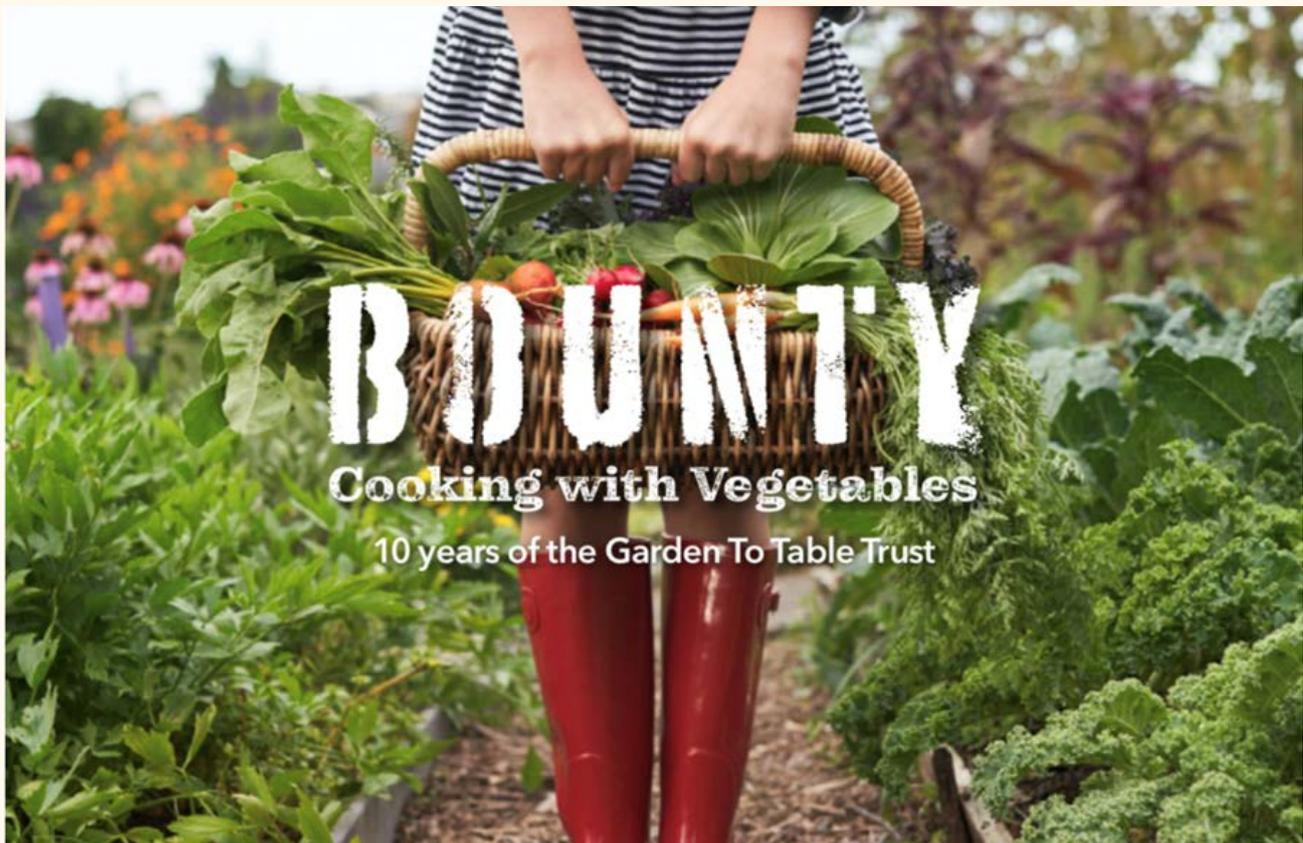
## School Photos

School photos are coming up on Monday 2 September. If you are the coach or manager of a School sports team and would like to book in a team photo, please confirm with the office so we can send team member information to Photolife for their ordering system.



We are having Pukeko and Te Ohanga back in the kitchen and in the garden for term 3.

# Garden To Table News



We have some exciting news!

Garden to Table are launching our own cookbook in November and to celebrate we are offering Oropi school the opportunity to earn funds to support your Garden to Table programme. Our co-founder and chairperson Catherine Bell has written a cookbook in honour of our 10th birthday and to raise funds for Garden to Table.

Bounty is a beautifully designed and photographed book all about cooking and growing vegetables. More than a recipe book, each chapter focuses on a specific vegetable group and contains a plethora of reliable hints and tips for growing vegetables at home. There are 80 inspired, approachable and delicious recipes, each one photographed and ranging from snacks and starters to sides, salads, main dishes and even some baking.

Pre-orders are now being taken for Bounty. The price is \$39.95

For each book pre-purchased by August 25th by your school community \$5.00 will be donated to your school to help sustain your Garden to Table programme. Please note: Delivery of the books will be early November. All you need to do is tell parents, staff, board and students about it as soon as possible! Every time a book is ordered before August 25th using your schools Unique School Code \* your school will receive \$5.00 of the purchase price of \$39.95.

To pre order go to <https://www.epicurepress.co.nz/> and enter the unique code Oropi.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 3 2019

| Week | Dates           | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
|------|-----------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 3    | 5 - 9 August    | Miki Japanese group arrive<br><br>Labo Japanese cultural Event @ Oropi Hall                                       | Music Lessons<br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice                                    |  Snow Trip |  Snow Trip |  Snow Trip   |
| 4    | 12 - 16 August  | TGC parent & student interviews from 9 am<br><br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice<br>Choir tickets available to public    | Tough Guy & Gal<br><br>Music Lessons<br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice             | Choir Rehearsal<br><br>TBC Open Night 6pm   | TGC Open Night 5.45 pm  |   |
| 5    | 19 – 23 August  | 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice  | Music Lessons<br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice<br>BoT Meeting 4:45 pm             |   |   | Pyes Pa Exchange<br><br>Root to Tip Finals Wellington   |
| 6    | 26 – 30 August  | Boostrix Year 7<br>TBC Year 12 PE class with Year 5 & 6<br><br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice                           | Music Lessons<br><br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice                                |   |   | West Cluster Basketball<br><br>Choir at Baycourt Rehearsal<br>Choir Performance 7pm |
| 7    | 2 - 6 Sept      | School Photos<br>Dental caravan on site<br>TBC out of zone enrolments close today<br><br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice | Music Lessons<br><br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice                                | School-wide Open Day 9 - 10.40am  |   |   |
| 8    | 9 – 13 Sept     | Te Wiki o te Reo Māori /Māori Language Week<br><br>Ball Practice 11-12.30   | Music Lessons<br><br>11 – 12.30 Ball Practice                                |   |   | Oropi School Festival of Cultures - Whole School involvement  |
| 9    | 16 Sep - 20 Sep | Oropi Chinese Language<br><br>Ball Practice 11-12.30  | BOT Meeting<br>Winter Tournament<br><br>Music Lessons                        | Tall Poppies Problem Solving 6:30pm @ Tauriko School<br><br>Junior school cricket awareness | Junior school cricket awareness   | PP Winter Tournament Ball   |
| 10   | 16 Sep - 20 Sep |   | Y5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi<br><br>Music Lessons<br>Junior School Dance Day | 5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi<br><br>TGC Testing Year 8 9am - 11am                            | 5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi   | 5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi<br><br>Dental Caravan Leaves  |

