

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 1 WEEK 10



Kia ora Whanau

It has been nice to finish the term with some community 'get-togethers', namely the Family Bingo Night on Friday last week and the John Parsons Parent Evening on Monday night regarding Internet Safety and Well Being. Thank you so much for your support and especially to our PTA, staff and parents who helped with the organisation. Thank you to Alaina Parkinson who organised for John Parsons to come and

present to the children, staff, and parent community. This was a very worthwhile investment to educate our whole community. It has given me food for thought about other guest speakers we could invite to talk with students, staff, and parents....watch this space and hopefully we can arrange a guest speaker on another topic later in the year.

We have had our second Board meeting for the year this week. Our 2023 Strategic Plan is now publicly available on the school website. We have discussed the Bus Survey Responses and information will be coming out about a parent consultation & information evening which we will hold in the first part of next term. We have a number of property projects being planned for. The junior toilets upgrade project will finally commence over the holidays, our bore (for water supply) is being replaced with a new one, and we are in the planning stages for some works on Kiwi, Kea, Ruru, and Te Hokioi classes.

Please note that Monday April 24th is a Teacher Only Day for teaching staff to spend time working on the Revised Curriculum.

Enjoy the holiday period and I hope you can all get some family & relax time. Stay safe and see you all again on Wednesday April 26th.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew King

Principal | Oropi School

Teacher Only Day

Remember that we have a Teacher Only Day on Monday April 24th for Curriculum Refresh Professional Development.

Therefore term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26 April after ANZAC Day.

Remember all of these dates are available by clicking on the calendar icon on the school website.

Bus Monitor Training

Thank you to Constable Taele for coming up to Oropi School, last week, to talk to our Bus Monitor Senior Students about their position on the bus and how to deal with a range of bus incidents. We all found his knowledge really helpful and it is great to know he is available to help us if we need his advise. Thank you to UzaBus for providing the bus for the training session.





Japanese Consulate Visit

On Friday 24th March, a group of thirty students from Years 5-8 participated in a workshop hosted by the Japanese Consulate-General Office of Auckland.

The students engaged with an introductory video to Japanese culture and participated in some conversational Japanese language lessons. Another highlight was meeting Paro, a therapeutic baby seal robot which interacted when it was patted and spoken to.

Finally, the students worked in pairs and small groups to dress each other in traditional Japanese Summer costumes made from cotton, Yukata and Happi. They explored the patterns and styles of the materials and found out the correct way of tying and wearing the outfits.

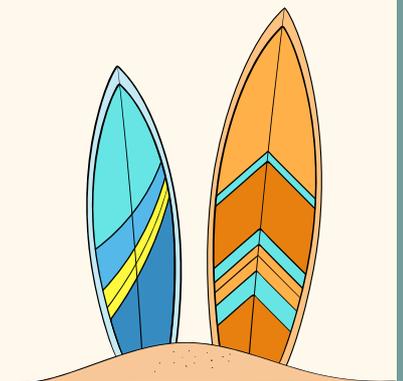
The group asked fantastic questions, managed themselves respectfully and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. It is sure to have sparked a future interest in visiting Japan. See next page for pics.



Senior School Beach Hop Hui

During the Summer Beach Hop Assembly, tips and tricks learnt at Beach Education this term were showcased through some great skits and informative posters. Not only were we lucky enough to have a Duty Patrol Officer (Mr King) join us at our Beach Hop, but we also enjoyed a Beach Boys song and dance. Students were awarded some beach themed awards from each

class, and the assembly concluded with another great performance from our Kapa Haka group. It was fabulous to see the senior students hosting the first of our syndicate hui this year, they have set the bar high!







Sport Update

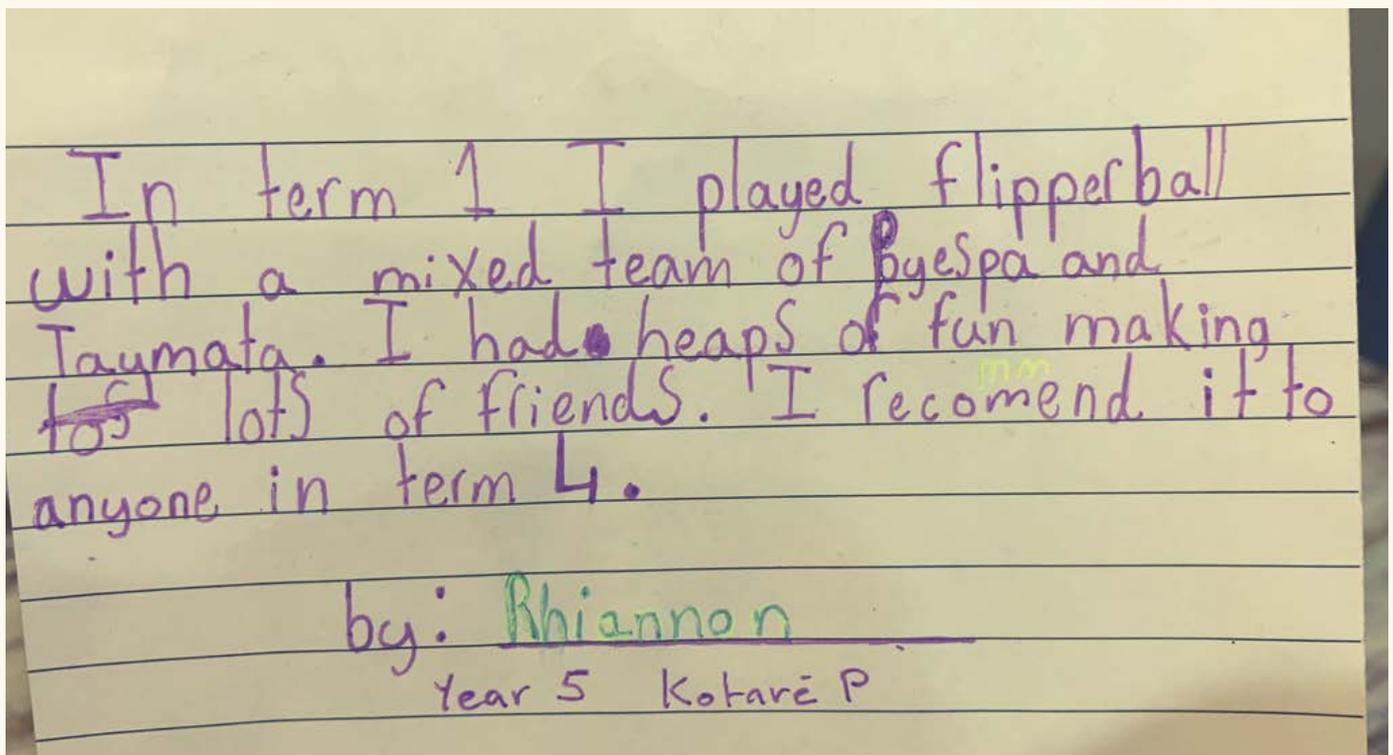


Awesome final game of the season for the girls Rippa Rugby team. Players of the day were Payton and Sophie, with lots of awesome tries and rips scored today by everyone!

The whole team has improved out of sight under the patient coaching of Nadia this season and they have all had so much fun. Hopefully this determined team of girls continue their passion on into next year. Awesome season team!



Last Friday saw the Term 1 Volleyball at QE2 centre come to an end and what a great game it was. Although sadly no wins the Team has bonded amazingly this season and many new skills have been learnt. The Intermediate Teams have proven to be tough competition but lots of fun. Special thanks to Tauriko for having Emma and Mackenna on their team. The girls are looking forward to teaming up with them again in Term 4.



Sport Update

West Cluster Swimming Results

Ashton Salmons:

- 3rd in Year 5 Boys 25m Freestyle
- 3rd in Year 5 Boys 100m Freestyle
- 1st in Year 5 Boys 25m Breastroke
- 1st in Year 5 Boys 50m Breastroke
- 2nd in Year 5 Boys 25m Butterfly

Heath Meldrum:

- 3rd in Year 6 Boys 100m Freestyle



Pictured above: Daniel & Emma at Year 7 & 8 zone swimming Champs.

Community



Kia ora!!

My name is Manasseh and I'm a T.A at Oropi School! My partner and I are in search for a new flat/rental. We have been in our current rental for 10 months now and unfortunately we have to move out as our landlords are selling the property.

We both work full time and enjoy surfing and the outdoors. We have a beautiful dog named Cira who is 5 years old. She is a very well behaved, quite lazy, and lies around most days. We are both very clean and tidy. We are respectful tenants who will treat any home like our own! We are looking for a long-term rental of either one or two bedrooms to accommodate ourselves. We are available to move in anytime from now. We also have references that we are happy to send through!

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: nass.taratoa@gmail.com

Aspiring Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted for the Aspiring Sports Leaders Day:

Ruby Shaw, Athletics

Lucas Farrant, Cricket

Ashton Salmons, Cricket

Harrison Healy, Cricket

Finn Edwards, Football

Lockie Johnstone, Football

Ellie Carter, Football

Heath Meldrum, Hockey

Emma Weston, Netball

Mackenna Slater, Netball

Alyssa Williams, Rock Climbing

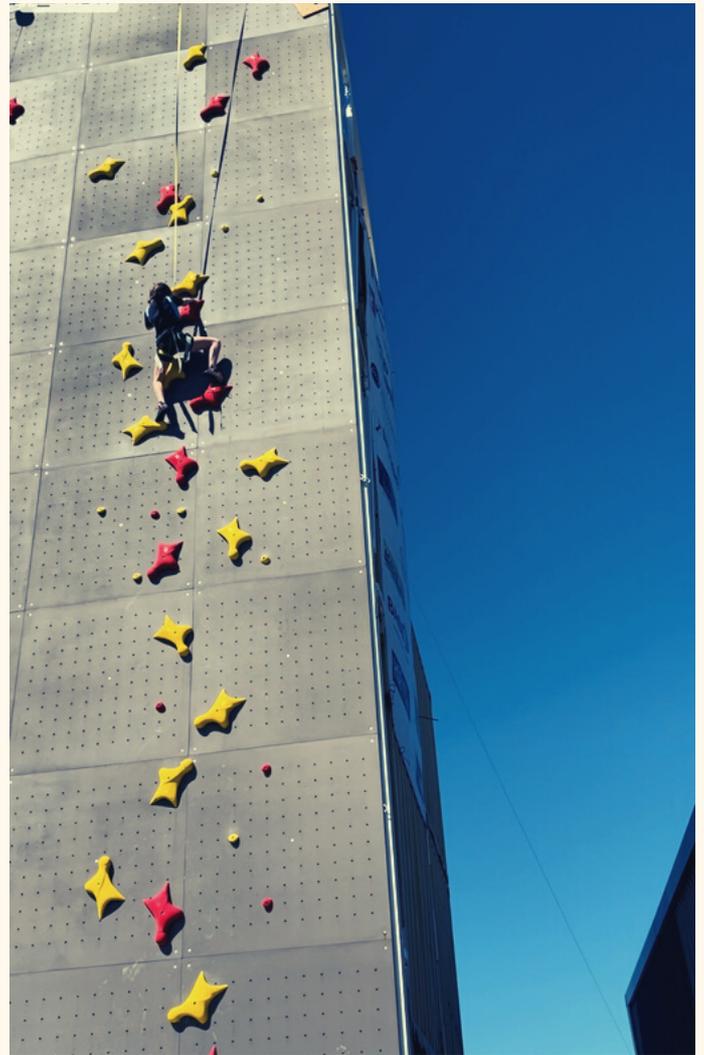
Loc Rowe, Rugby

Mason Delany, Rugby

Jaggar Townley, Rugby

Daniel Walters, Rugby

Te Arepa Taniwha, Rugby



Garden to Table

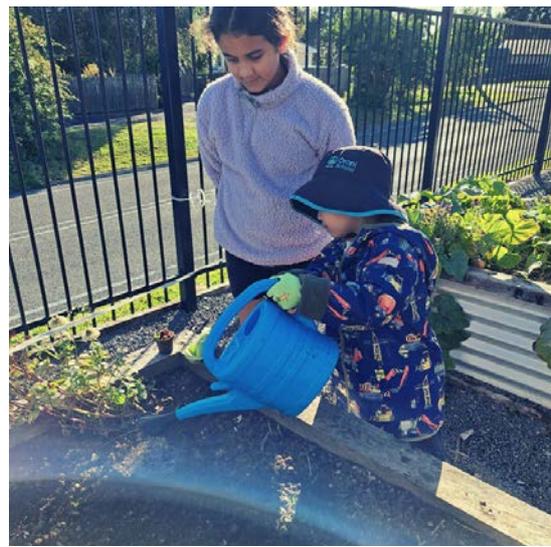
What a chilly day it was last Wednesday for Te Kokako and Pukeko. We were all a bit surprised just how cold and windy it was and two tomato plants blew down while we were eating! Luckily we had some ideal cool-weather dishes; a warm Potato, Tomato, Spinach and Courgette Salad with a hot Feijoa Crumble Shortcake for dessert. The salad was a good recipe for using up the smaller potatoes from our recent harvest as they don't need to be peeled and most don't even need to be cut.

Korimako Lewis welcomed our two junior international students to join their session so they could experience Garden to Table before they return home. Paired up with a senior buddy each, Lisa and Lucas had a great time cooking and gardening and they were certainly a big help!

As feijoa season is upon us, the garden groups walked around to the two locations in the school where feijoas grow and had a close look at the younger trees to see how they are developing. As well as planting out cabbage and spring onion seedlings, there was more seed sowing to do with Italian Parsley, cabbage, snow peas and pak choi into trays for germination. Korimako Lewis started planning a garden bed dedicated to growing greens for the chickens and guinea pigs and sowed Chicory Greens for our first crop. They also planted red cabbage and broccoli and composted some garden beds.

We did something a little different for the last week of term with Kotare. We made Guacamole, Basil Pesto and White Bean Spring Onion dip scooped up with crudite cucumber, carrot and pita bread for mopping up the dips. The only cooking involved was toasting pita bread and pan-toasting sunflower seeds, but we had to use lots of other kitchen skills; especially chopping all those vegetables into sticks, measuring, mashing, blending and the all-important taste testing so we could adjust the seasoning. Meanwhile our Kotare gardeners sowed cavolo nero, pak choi, leeks and red chicory lettuce followed by a garden scavenger hunt. We had a huge turnout of parent and grandparent help this week which was huge fun. We are always grateful for new helpers. No expe







OROPi
PLAYGROUP

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday April 29th | Oropi Memorial Hall

Doors open 6.30pm | Quiz starts 7pm

\$200 per team (maximum 8 people)
Don't have a team? Join a table for \$30 per person

Book online at oropiplaygroup.co.nz

ONE COMPLEMENTY DRINK | FOOD PROVIDED | BOOZE BUS
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020 4127 2964

or visit facebook (Julie D's Arts & Crafts)

Two weeks ago a select group of people from both sides of Korimako, got to do Oropi School proud and compete in the Tall Poppies swimming event. All those freezing cold 9:00am swimming practices must have really payed off!

Two lucky people will be going through to the Zone Championships. Good luck to both Emma Weston and Daniel Walters.



Korimako News



Epro 8 was a great success in both Korimako classes. We had the choice to make various tems like a Water Well, Certificate Giver Outer, and a Dunk Tank. Most teams tried hard and succeeded, but a few teams tried hard and didn't succeed. But it was still a really great day for everyone.



Over the course of Term One, Korimako Lewis has had 4 sessions of Garden to Table. The Green and Yellow groups have made many interesting and delicious meals such as Confetti Spaghetti and chocolate and feijoa mini muffins. Last week the Yellow Group made a Roasted Vegetable Salad and a Feijoa Crumble, and the Green Group got to plant baby red cabbages, and spread compost around flower beds. It was a great way to end Garden To Table this term.



Korimako always likes to mark the end of Term One with our annual Dynamic Duo Wacky Easter Challenge. The event consists of a number of fun challenges, concluding with the 'Egg Toss', during which, raw eggs are thrown between team mates over an increasing distance, until the egg ultimately smashes!

Term 2

Important Dates

Term 2

Week 1

24 April Teacher Only Day

25 April ANZAC Day

26 April Term 2 commences

27 - 28 April Year 3 & 4 Camp Totara Springs

Week 2

2 May Tennis lessons start

Week 3

NZ Sign Language Week

Week 4

15 - 18 May School Photos

17 - 18 May Year 5 & 6 Camp Tui Ridge

19 May Pink Shirt Day

Week 5

23 May School Cross Country tbc

24 May Tackling Clinic

26 May Parent Teacher Conferences. School closes at midday.

Week 6

2 June Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day. School closed.

Week 7

Food for Thought all week

6 - 9 June Technology @ Taumata

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Nuts & Bolts 2023

ADMINISTRATION

Josie Third and Kylie McHannigan make up the amazing admin team. Office hours at 8.30am to 3.30pm

View further information on our school website:

www.oropi.school.nz

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/OropiSchool>

ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Teachers are on duty at all times during the morning and lunchtime breaks.

Accidents of minor nature are treated at school in the sick bay/medical room.

Parents, or a nominated adult are contacted if an accident is of a serious nature. If parents and designated emergency contacts are unable to be contacted, the school will use discretion in obtaining medical aid. Parents will be notified if their child becomes ill and needs care at home.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please notify by HERO, email or phone to the school office by 9.00am on the morning of the absence.

School office: (07) 543 1479

Email: office@oropi.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY

It is amazing how quickly the lost property box fills up with unnamed brand new clothes and shoes.

Please remember to clearly name all items of clothing. Unnamed articles of clothing can be found in the lost property bins outside some classrooms.

SIGN IN AND OUT

In case of an emergency and for our Health and safety reasons we need to know who is on the school grounds. We therefore ask that you use the ipad at the school reception desk to sign in and out.

Reasons you need to use the ipad:

- Child/ren are late. Sign in.
- Child/ren are leaving school for an appointment or because they are sick during school time. Sign out.
- Parent/friend/family member is helping during school hours or attending a class event. Sign in and out.
- Child/ren returning from an appointment. Sign in.

KINDO

Working together with Kindo, Ōropi School offers you a fantastic way to view and pay for all your child/children's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle!

You can:

- view and make full or part payments on your family account

- register and pay for sports events and trips
- support fundraisers
- order school lunches.

More information can be found on our website.

SUN SAFETY

Ōropi School is a Sunsmart Accredited School. In accordance with our Sun Protection, regulation school sun hats are to be worn during break times in terms 1 and 4. They can be purchased from our school office. Children without sun hats will be directed to stay in designated shaded areas.

UNIFORM ITEMS

We have uniform items that are available to purchase through our school office.

Sun hat \$20.00

Polo shirt \$35.00

Hoodie \$65.00

Jacket \$60.00

START OF SCHOOL DAY

We understand that students are keen to arrive at school and this is encouraging; however, before school, teachers use this time to meet and prepare for learning. They are not actively supervising students in the playground. Please consider the time you are dropping your child/ren to school and this is not to be before the first school bus at 8.15am.

SWIMMING

Swimming is a mandatory part of the Physical Education and Health programme. All children will participate with their class. Please ensure that all gear is clearly labelled. We strongly encourage students to bring goggles to support their swimming lessons.

PTA

We have a very energised group of parents on our PTA. They have been passionate about providing for our teachers and students. There are many facilities and school equipment that have been provided through their dedicated efforts. If you are interested in being a part of this please make contact by emailing oropi.pta@gmail.com

PARKING

For the safety of everyone, please cross the road at the road crossing by the bus turning bay. Do not walk across the road on blind corner.

We encourage families to park at the Hall and walk up the path to school, especially while the road works are being completed. Please use common sense and refrain from parking across the driveways of our neighbours.

Please do not park in the staff carpark.

Attending School

Oropi School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education, and wants to support our students to maintain regular attendance.

Students who attend school regularly learn more and achieve better results.

As parents, you have an important role in ensuring that your child attends school whenever it is open, unless there is a good reason for his/her absence. Acceptable reasons for absence include sickness or serious family circumstances, such as bereavement. Where there is a good reason for absence, please contact our school to let us know as soon as possible.

Your role in ensuring your child's regular attendance is so important that if you allow your child to miss school without a valid reason, you can be prosecuted under the Education Act 1989. While Oropi School does not want to prosecute any parent for their children's absence, we do take regular attendance seriously. We will be monitoring all unexplained absences and if students frequently miss school without an explanation being provided, we will be contacting parents to request a meeting and to work with you to encourage better attendance.

If the unexplained absences persist, we will send a formal warning letter, and may involve other agencies, such as the Truancy Service, to follow up on the reason for the absence.

Please work with us to support your child to attend school regularly.

Attendance is important and every day counts.

Keeping your contact details up to date

Remember to keep your contact information up to date with the office. We must be able to contact parents and caregivers if necessary, especially if your child is unwell. This includes your phone numbers, physical address, and email address.

Closing Gates

To ensure the safety of all children on site, please ensure the gate you enter and exit is securely closed once you pass through.