

# KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 2 WEEK 4



## Kia ora Whanau

We kick started the week positively with some sunshine and blue skies which seems to have lasted most of the week! Such a relief.

School photos have been underway over the week so remember to look out for the information coming about ordering your photos. I am hoping the staff photo came out ok!

I want to pass on a massive thank you to our 40+ parents who came to the Bus Network Consultation & Information Evening on Monday. It was a very productive meeting with great collective thinking. There is a lot to consider. Over the next week or so I will work with Uzabus on all the points and scenarios to come up with some alterations and solutions moving forward. Your feedback is really constructive and appreciated.

On the topic of buses, please remember that the drop off turning bay is intended for drop-offs only. Visitors and parents are not able to park there. This is a health & safety concern because priority has to be for buses dropping off and loading children in this space to avoid our young people walking onto the road when getting on and off the bus.

Our Year 5&6 children, teachers, and parent helpers are currently on camp at Tui Ridge. They are fortunate with the weather and it sounds like they are having an awesome time. I am so pleased camps are back up and running. It is such an important experience for children to grow their independence, resilience and social skills.

Speaking of resilience, we have our Cross Country next Thursday. Please keep an eye out for details. It is brilliant that our school's location allows us to run such an event in the countryside!

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew King  
Principal | Oropi School

# Teacher Only Day

The next Teacher Only Day is on Friday 2 June, followed by King's Birthday on Monday 5 June. All Tauranga Kahui Ako Schools are involved in this.

## Carpooling

Are you on the user pays waiting list and interested in carpooling with other families from the bottom of Oropi Road? Please email Kylie on [office@oropi.school.nz](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz) and we can help you arrange carpooling until there is space on the bus.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

On Thursday 22 June School will close at the earlier time of 12.30 and we will be holding parent teacher interviews from 1pm until 7pm. The purpose of these interviews will be to give you an academic update of your child's progress, needs, and where they are achieving within the curriculum. This information will be available and live through HERO.

Bookings open next week in HERO.

# Matariki

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

*Nau mai Haere mai*

**FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023  
9.30 AM AWARDS CEREMONY**

**ŌROPI MEMORIAL HALL  
12.30 PM HĀNGI LUNCH  
AT ŌROPI SCHOOL**


**HĀNGI MEALS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN KINDO BEFORE  
THURSDAY 1 JUNE.  
CHICKEN AND VEGE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.**





# KNOWLEDGE-ATHON 2023

**all funds raised go towards a new outdoor water-play area for all students!**

-  Questions will be sent home on Friday 26th May so students can learn them
-  Get family & friends to sponsor you!
-  Knowledge-Athon will be held during class on Thursday 15th June
-  Results will be shared Friday 23rd June

# Sport @ Ōropi

## Netball

### **TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE, Yr 3-8 -**

Friday 21st July

When signing up for [Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge](#) please make sure to click the box for Oropi School when it asks about collection of bibs. After registering, please fill in the [School registration form for transport](#).

### **GYMSPORT FESTIVAL - Friday 9th June &**

Friday 16th June

Our Ōropi Ferns (Y5/6) had a intense round of grading games. Playing in the Y6 grade made for some tough games but the team worked hard and got stuck into each game giving it their best. The best part of the day was that our team showed each other manaaki, as they looked after each other and played with respect to the other teams. Watching the yr7/8 team was also a bonus as they worked hard to secure their spot in the grading games.

A big thanks to Dot Townley for stepping up to fill in for one of our players. A Year 4 playing in Year 6 grade was a big jump. However, Dot breezed through with eloquence and grace.

Looking forward to an epic season. Let's go Oropi Ferns!





# Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 Ōropi Kōkako netball team had their grading day last Saturday. They came up against some fierce competition but kept their spirits high and ended the day with a win. A great day of netball in the sunshine!

The team are looking forward to getting stuck into their round-robin games this week, feeling well prepared due to an extensive training regime by coach Mrs Weston and assistant coaches, Linda, Kylie, and Rochelle.



# School Cross Country

**See HERO for full information**

Date: Thursday 25th May (Postponement date: Tuesday 30th May)

Venue: Y3-8 Event - Andrew & Shauna Chantler's Family Farm (Daniel Walter's Mum)

- Paddocks across from school.
- 1335 A Oropi Road -Straight driveway across from the school car park, second gate on the left. Park at the hall please. (There are some barking dogs on farms adjacent to the property but they are fenced in.)

Senior School Event Y3-8: 9.30 – 11.30am (approx)

Race Order:

Year 4 Boys/Girls

Year 3 Boys/Girls

Year 8 Boys/Girls

Year 7 Boys/Girls

Year 6 Boys/Girls

Year 5 Boys/Girls

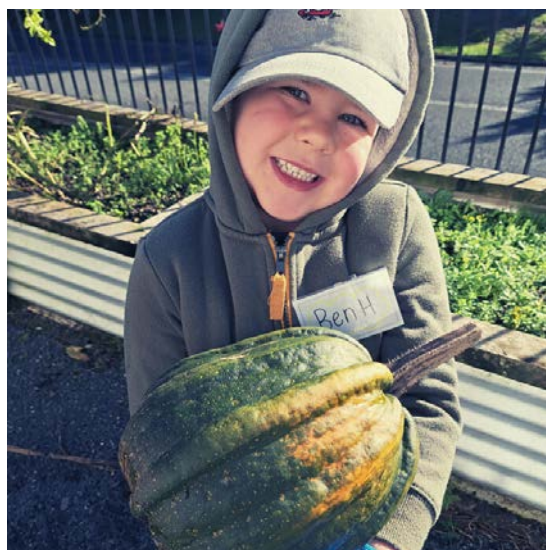
Junior School Event Y0-2 Event - School grounds: 11.45 – 12. 30pm (approx)

Students will need appropriate clothing and shoes for running.

Race Order: Year 0/1 Boys/Girls

Year 2 Boys/Girls









# Camp Sneak Peak





# Garden to Table

It was very wet last wednesday, so a warming winter soup just did the trick. We had turnips, kamo kamo and carrots, which are all hard vegetables, but after pre-cooking them in the microwave they were way easier to cut and with the help of some coconut cream we turned them into a yummy and creamy soup. We had flatbread on the side, and thanks to a generous donation of persimmon from Mrs. Bench, we were also able to produce a delicious persimmon and feijoa upside down cake.

This week Ruru, Te Hokioi and both Tui classes made another of our favorite soups - Minestrone. By adding canned beans and pasta to this vegetable soup, it becomes a filling meal. We also cooked a garlic flatbread and baked another upside down cake with persimmon and feijoa.

Our Piwakawaka classes were indoor gardeners last week as it was just too wet. They sowed three quite different varieties of seed with varying uses in the garden; Rosemary - a delicious and versatile herb, Livingston Daisy - which we don't eat but it flowers all year round ensuring the bees have food in winter, and Crimson Broad Beans. We have grown broad beans at school many times but we have finally managed to get our hands on seeds that produce a brilliant crimson flower, giving the garden a burst of colour in late winter/early spring. Kea were blessed with the first sunny day of the term and we really made the most of it. We had a glorious time outside; picking pumpkins, planting Rainbow Silverbeet and pulling out the tomato vines. They weighed the pumpkins and our heaviest one this year is a 'Queensland Blue' weighing a whopping 5.5kg!





# Garden to Table

With another blue sky day this Wednesday, Ruru and Te Hokioi were also busy bees. With lots of winter seedlings almost ready to plant out, we need to make room for them so we pulled out the basil, kale, butternut squash and zucchini plants that have died off in the cold weather. They also planted more silverbeet and picked beans which are still growing strong despite the cooler weather. The bean vine is now much taller than us so we had to use some teamwork and really stretch to pick the highest ones.





# AMAZING RACE ....



TE PUNA QUARRY HERE WE GO!



LET'S GET READY TO RUN!



IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR IT!



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR PHOTO POSE?



THIS WILL BE INTERESTING ...



THIS CHALLENGE WAS HARD!



We have had a strong urge in Play to construct and deconstruct Mobilo Cars by zooming them at each other. This is really fun!

Also, after watching a guinea feeding video which included a Rube Goldberg Machine, we are going to try to make one ourselves. We are really creative at building marble runs and domino tracks so we think that this will help us!



In Tui, we are always busy learning in Play, Math time and during our Literacy block.

During Writing, we have received replies from our penpals in Chengdu, China. We have been thinking about questions to ask them and drafting letters to send back to them.



In Chinese language bites, we have been learning to play Scissors, Rock, Cloth in Mandarin (Jian Dao, Shi Tou, Bu), it is amazing!

We have been training for Cross Country every day. Our fitness is improving because we are trying harder and harder every time!



Finally, we have the school guinea pigs (Mickey and Hawk) to look after during the week. We are responsible for feeding them, cuddling them, cleaning their cage and making sure there aren't any injuries.

We love it here in Tui!

By Blake Slater and Luke Reed



## Term 2 Important Dates

### Term 2

#### Week 5

- 22 May Tennis lessons
- 23 May BOT Meeting
- 23 May Tall Poppies Cross Country
- 24 May Tackling Clinic
- 25 May School Cross Country (p/p date 30 May)
- 26 May Tackling Clinic

#### Week 6

- 29 May New entrant visits
- 29 May Tennis lessons
- 1 June West Cluster Cross Country (p/p date 6 June)
- 2 June Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day. School closed

#### Week 7

- 5 June King's Birthday
- 5 - 9 June Food for Thought Programme
- 6 June New entrant visits

#### Week 8

- 13 June WBOP Cross-country
- 15 June Knowledgeathon

#### Week 9

- 19 - 22 June Kōrimako Kim @ Technology
- 20 June New Entrant Visits
- 22 June Parent Teacher Interviews. School closes at 12.30pm

#### Week 10

- 30 June Matariki celebrations including Hāngi lunch.

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Order online by 9am  
for delivery Thursday

## eZlunch MENU

Oropi School / Term 2 2023



2 Taurikura Dr  
Tauranga Crossing  
Tauranga 3171  
07-543 0547

#### PLAIN PETITA PITA

Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Vegemite Petita	\$5.50

#### WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA

Wholemeal Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Vegemite Petita	\$5.50

#### GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA

GLUTEN FREE Free Range Chicken Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Roast Beef Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Pulled Pork Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Garden Veggie Petita	\$7.00

#### PETITA SALAD BOX

Free Range Chicken Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Roast Beef Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Pulled Pork Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Falafel Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Garden Veggie Petita Salad Box	\$6.50

#### SIDES

Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$2.50
Brownie Chocolate Fudge	\$2.50
Brownie Chocolate Fudge GLUTEN FREE	\$2.80
Pita Chips with Aioli Dipping Sauce (large)	\$3.90

#### DRINKS

Cool Ridge Water 750ml	\$4.00
Charles 200ml Tropical Juice	\$2.00
Charles 200ml Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.00
Charles 200ml Apple and Orange Juice	\$2.00

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8am-4pm Mon-Fri (except public holidays)






# PINK SHIRT DAY

When: the 19th of May

Where: Oropi School

What to do: Wear something pink and feel free to bring a gold coin donation

By Amber Bollen





# KUPU HOU

## NEW WORDS

"KEI HEA TŌ PENE RAKAU?"

"WHERE IS YOUR PENCIL?"



# WHAKATAUKI

(PROVERB)

KAORE TE KŪMARA E KORERO MŌ TŌNA AKE REKA

THE SWEET POTATO DOES NOT TALK OF ITS SWEETNESS.

# School Gymsport Festival

ARGOS Gymnastics are proud to be holding the 2023 School Gymsport Festival

*Lots of fun!! Spectators Welcome!!*  
*Best School Award for the school that shows:*  
*Best Sportsmanship, Best Cheering and Best Costumes*

### EVENTS:

**ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS, RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS & TRAMPOLINE**

**FRIDAY 9 JUNE** YEARS 3 & 4 (ENTRIES DUE 19 MAY)

**FRIDAY 9 JUNE** YEARS 7 & 8 (ENTRIES DUE 19 MAY)

**FRIDAY 16 JUNE** YEARS 5 & 6 (ENTRIES DUE 24 MAY)

- \$12 per student, per code
- Held at ARGOS Gymnastics, 34 Koromiko Street
- Canteen onsite
- For further information contact us on 577 0603 or office@argosgymsport.co.nz



## DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A WIGGLY TOOTH?

Your child losing their first tooth is a rite of passage and usually happens at around six years of age. The tooth comes loose then falls out, leaving a gap for the adult tooth.

This continues up until age 12, when all the baby teeth have usually fallen out.

It is okay to have your children wiggle and [for you to] wobble their teeth to help them come out. Just make sure you have clean hands and just try and grab it and gently wiggle it. Over a few days to a week or two it will come out.

After your child's tooth falls out, the gum area may be a little tender and sore.

It's still important to keep up tooth brushing and oral hygiene. Follow these five tips for a healthy smile.

- Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.
- Have regular dental check-ups.
- Lift the lip every month and check your child's teeth and gums.
- Choose healthy snacks.
- Drink water or milk.



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.