

# KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 2



## Kia ora Whanau

We started the term welcoming our new whanau at a Mihi Whakatau. It is great to have you all now part of the Ōropi community and good for me to talk with you all over a 'cuppa' on the first day back.

Later that week we were fortunate to host Sarah Aiono, CEO of Longworth Education in our school. She talked with all staff and then had a parent session where we were able to

hear about the role of play based learning and how it connects and relates to brain development, addressing the key competencies in learning and covering the curriculum. Really interesting stuff with lots to think about how we cater for all children. My biggest takeaway is that every child has a strength and it is our job to foster an environment where they can discover their strength, that we nurture.

Week 2 has evolved into one with a higher level of sickness circulating as the week has gone on amongst children and staff. There seems to be quite a mix of illnesses and infections circulating. Please be mindful of this and get your child checked if in doubt prior to sending to school so we can slow the spread of winter illnesses. On the point of absence, if you are planning a family holiday during term time, it is essential that I receive an email from the parents directly explaining this please. This is for roll auditing purposes. As a school we encourage children and staff to take holidays during break times to ensure routines remain in place for children's learning. However, in saying this, we understand that many are travelling overseas again now that borders are fully open again after a long period of not being able to do this.

You will have seen a post on our facebook page earlier in the week about our historic drilling for a new bore to replace our 50 year old bore for a new water supply. It is also our school's 125 year anniversary in 2024. A committee is being formed and we will first meet in the middle of August to get some initial ideas together for planning this milestone next year.

Andrew King  
Principal

# Book Fair

The Bookfair will open from Tuesday the 1st of August – Friday the 4th of August. The Bookfair will be available for you to walk through and purchase books before and after school from 8.15 – 9am and 2.30 to 3.15.

This exciting celebration of reading will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room or the Library. We will have some great activities to support this event where children can win prizes, including a coloring competition, book reviews and a Book Character Dressup Day.

Tuesday 1 August – Book Fair Opens

Wednesday 2 Thursday 3 August – Book Fair open before and after school

Friday 4 August – Book Fair open before and after school and Dress Up Day

Classes will also have the chance to visit the book fair to preview books and write a wishlist.

Book Fair will include the following

- Books for all ages
- Cuddly toys
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Lockable Diaries/Notebooks
- Posters, Keyrings, Stationery
- And free bookmark with every purchase
- Eftpos is available.

Thanks for your support!

Paula Crabbe (Librarian)

# BOT Update

I would like to inform you of the recent resignations of two members from our Board of Trustees during Term two, Anthony Campbell and Heather Salmons. We acknowledge their decision to step down from their positions and thank them for their time served on the board. We recognise their involvement and the efforts they made, and we wish them well as they move forward.

The board has been fortunate enough to fill these positions and welcomes the following.

## **Barry Parkinson:**

Barry replaces Anthony, he has been selected for his extensive background in education and will assist us with guiding the pathway of Te Kōkako Ōtanewainuku, Barry's term on the board will end in June 2025.

## **Justin Williams:**

Justin replaces Heather and has been co-opted onto the board for his solid skills within the Health and Safety environment and will take over the role that Heather also held on the Health and Safety Committee, Justin has been co-opted until the end of 2023.

# Accommodation Wanted

Homestay Accommodation Wanted for International Students from China in 2024

3 weeks during February 2023

A weekly allowance of \$320 is paid to the Host Family all inclusive including meals being provided and transport to & from Ōropi School.

Please email [andrew@oropi.school.nz](mailto:andrew@oropi.school.nz) for more information.



# MID-WINTER SCHOOL DISCO



**PRIZES  
FOR BEST DRESSED**

**3-5PM @ OROPI HALL  
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**

**TICKETS: \$6 ON KINDO**

# Health & Safety

## PARKING

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SPOT  
PRIZES

Oropi School  
PTA Presents

LIVE  
AUCTION

# R18 MUSIC BINGO

"MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES"

ALL ROUNDS ARE MUSIC ROUNDS

1ST SEPT 2023 - 7.30 PM

OROPI COMMUNITY HALL

\$150 FOR A TABLE OF 8

BAR OPEN 7.30-11.30 PM

OR \$20 PER PERSON

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

TICKETS via Kindo  
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DRESS UP AS YOUR  
MUSICAL IDOLS

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

BOOZE BUS available @ 12am - \$5pp

Please indicate if you need transport when purchasing tickets

# Garden to Table

Welcome back to Garden to Table for the senior classes. There are many different vegetables and fruits from when we last worked with these classes back in Term 1, with lots of root vegetables and winter greens this time of year.

Last week Te Kokako o Otanewainuku, Pukeko and Korimako Lewis cooked Pumpkin and Potato Gnocchi with a Winter Greens Pesto, Lettuce Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing and a delicious, sticky Coconut Slice with Lemon Syrup. Gnocchi is great fun to make from scratch; mixing the dough, forming the 'snakes' and slicing them into soft pillowy dumplings. While it is traditionally made with just mashed potato, we love the slight sweetness of pumpkin added. This week Kotare and Korimako Peddle are cooking a Mixed Veggie Traybake with Garlic and Herb Sauce, Herbed Flatbread and Pumpkin and Chocolate Mini Muffins. There were a few surprised faces at pumpkin going into a dessert but the sweetness and texture makes for delicious and moist cakes.

Korimako Lewis had a rainy day last week but the gardening crew got to do some seed shopping! There are hundreds of options of seeds to choose from but the garden crew researched which varieties would grow well in our climate and selected some awesome new types as well as some reliable favourites. Te Kokako did a great job getting the pumpkin patch ready for Spring; pulling the big weeds then laying cardboard, logs and mulch down to smother the weeds and feed the soil. Pukeko planted beetroot and broad beans, sowed spring onions, pruned back cherry tree shoots and composted office waste paper. Kotare planted coriander, red cabbage, snow peas and red lettuce. The enormous fennel plant has become old and unproductive so we pulled it out to start again; a herculean effort from Kotare Tappenden and 'Poppa Mike' who managed to lever the enormous fennel crown out of the soil and wrestle it into the orchard for the chickens to nibble the bugs off.





# TOUGH GUY AND GAL



*This year 82 students from Years 3-8 went to Tough Guy and Gal at Mercury Arena last Friday with Mrs Tappenden and Mr Cowman. We dressed in Fluro green and the students had a fantastic time running the course through the mud!*



*We had so much fun that we're looking forward to doing it all over again next year! A big thanks to all the parents who helped out and supported us!*

# Rok-O-Pā Hockey

This is a year 7-8 combined schools team with five Ōropi players in it – Elena, Elise, Carys, Logan and Ceara. They are playing really well as a team with their teammates from Taurkio and Pyes Pā schools, and are playing strategically and skilfully and coached by Nigel Burling. Their games are Friday night in rain or shine.



# Black Hawks Hockey

Our Year 6 players have been having an absolutely great season through rain and shine and started the season with no subs. One even played one game with 5 players and won convincingly. Team is Heath, Tobias, Leon, Jonathan, Theodore, Ashton S, Tyler, coached by Kelly Barclay and managed by Leonie Gordon, with Elise and Carys sharing the umpiring duties on game days.



# Water Polo



During the holidays Hayden travelled to Auckland with his Water Polo Club team to compete in the Under 12 tournament. He got to experience playing in the National Aquatic Centre which is an Olympic-sized pool.

Hayden's team won five of their eight games and came away with the bronze medal for their grade."

# Ōropi Kōkako Netball

The Ōropi Kōkako netball team took to the court once again against Mount Maunganui Intermediate White (MMIW), in a thrilling rematch on a picturesque sunny morning. As the tension mounted, both teams were eager to prove their mettle on the court, considering the history of their previous encounter where the Kōkako emerged victorious four weeks ago.

From the first whistle, it was evident that both teams were determined to dominate the game. The Kōkako, known for their skillful maneuvers and teamwork, attempted to replicate their previous success against MMIW. However, it was apparent that their opponents had been working hard in the intervening weeks and were out for redemption.

As the final quarter approached, the Kōkako continued to fight fiercely, determined to narrow the gap that Mount Maunganui had gained. However, MMIW's lead proved insurmountable, and they held onto their advantage until the final whistle. Despite the challenging defeat, the Kōkako demonstrated unwavering sportsmanship and congratulated their opponents on their well-deserved victory. The match served as a valuable learning experience, motivating the team to work harder and refine their strategies for future games.

The final score was 18-5 in favor of MMIW, a stark contrast to the outcome of their previous encounter. However, the Ōropi Kōkako remains a formidable force in the netball arena, and this setback will undoubtedly inspire them to come back stronger in their future matches.



# Junior Netball



Celebrating the Hotshots & The Cats

We are thrilled to share the incredible success story of our school's newest Netball teams, The Hotshots and The Cats! With unwavering determination and hard work, they have already achieved remarkable milestones in their debut year of Netball.

These young athletes have left us astounded with their impressive performances and the immense progress they have made. Their commitment to honing their skills and working together as a team has been truly inspiring.

One particular instance that made us immensely proud was witnessing their resilience during a challenging match played entirely in the pouring rain. Despite the adverse weather conditions, The Hotshots and The Cats demonstrated true sportsmanship and dedication by giving their all on the court.

As they continue to train and compete, we have no doubt that The Hotshots and The Cats will achieve even greater heights in the world of Netball. We applaud their coaches, parents, and supporters for nurturing and encouraging their talents.

Go Hotshots! Go Cats!

# Ballet & Tap



Every year Nora goes down to Christchurch with her dance school Turning Pointe Tauranga for a week long winter intensive where they practice their exam work and participate in open dance classes with a big performance at the end of the week. This year Nora was the winner of the Junior Solo section and got to perform her barefoot dance at the gala where she was also honoured to receive the excellence award for her Ballet and Tap grade.

# Fruitastic Kiwi

We have been having lots of fun in Kiwi squeezing our own juice made from oranges, lemons and lemonades. The children have been bringing in fruit from their own fruit trees. Mrs Young brought along some of her hand juicers for us to use.

We tasted lots of fruits and talked about which ones we liked and how they tasted. Some were sweet and others sour. What a great way to help us stay healthy this winter in kiwi!



Self management



Problem solving



Perseverance



Relating to others



Exploration



# OROPi SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

2023

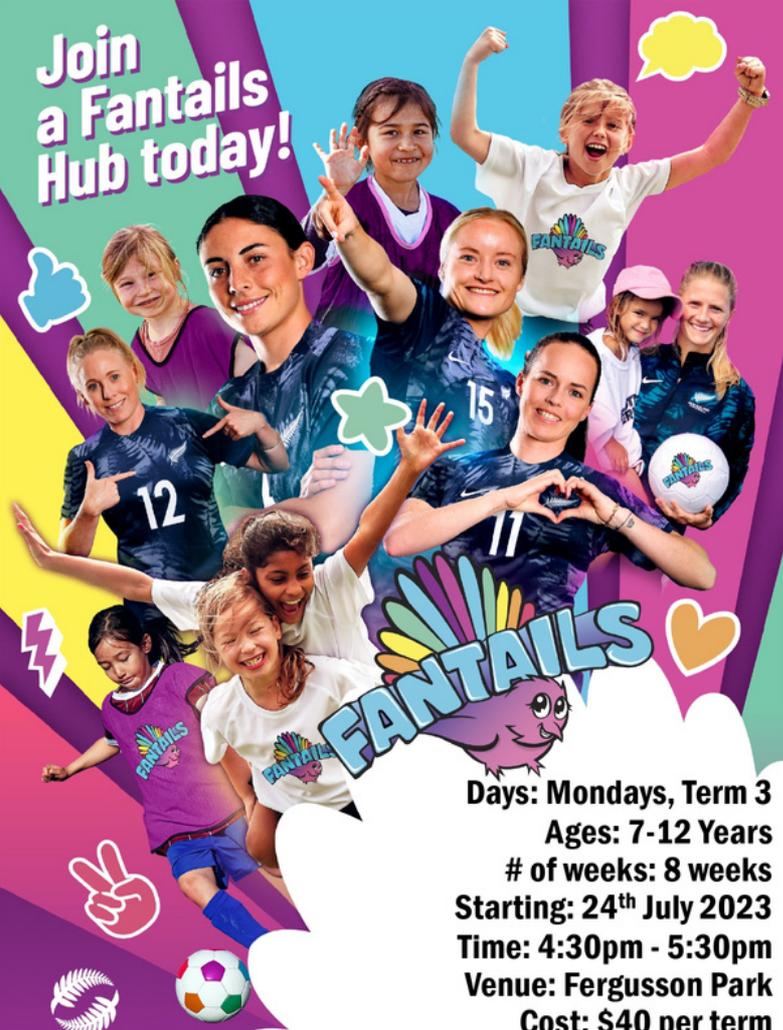
TUESDAY 1ST - 4TH  
AUGUST 2023

BOOK FAIR OPENS TUESDAY 1ST  
DONATE YOUR BOOKS UP TO FRIDAY 4TH  
DRESS UP PARADE FRIDAY 4TH

COME JOIN US



Join a Fantails Hub today!



**FANTAILS**

**Days: Mondays, Term 3**  
**Ages: 7-12 Years**  
**# of weeks: 8 weeks**  
**Starting: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm**  
**Venue: Fergusson Park**  
**Cost: \$40 per term**

To register visit [www.otumoetaifootball.co.nz](http://www.otumoetaifootball.co.nz) or email [admin@otumoetaifootball.co.nz](mailto:admin@otumoetaifootball.co.nz)



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# Term 3 Important Dates

## Term 3

### Week 3

31 July Book Fair Week

31 July - 1 August Korimako Lewis @ Technology

2 August Choir Rehearsal @ Tauranga Intermediate School

2 - 7 August Korimako Peddle & Te Kokako @ Technology

### Week 4

8 August BOT Meeting

### Week 5

15 August Chickens arrive today

17 August School Disco

### Week 6

25 August Daffodil Day

### Week 7

1 September Adults Only Bingo Night

2 September AIMS Games Kick off tomorrow

### Week 8

4 - 9 September AIMS Games

8 September Choir Performance

### Week 9

11 September Auditions for Production

12 September Winter Sports Tournament Year 5 & 6

15 September Girls Playing Summer Sport

15 September Winter Tournament Basketball Year 5 & 6

### Week 10

18 September Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day

Updated 26 July 2023



你家人有几口人? Nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén?  
Yǒu jǐ kǒu rén?  
How many people are in your family?  
Pronounced: Knee ja yo jee coal ren?

**Friday 13th October 2023**  
From 9:30am • Animal Judging starts 10:00am

Animal Judging • Hobbit Houses • Bird Houses  
Scarecrows • Hanging Baskets • Indoor Exhibits  
Possum & Rabbit Hunt  
Cafe • Raffle • Sausage Sizzle  
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## eZLUNCH MENU

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<b>PLAIN PETITA PITA</b>	
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
<b>WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA</b>	
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
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<b>GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA</b>	
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
<b>PETITA SALAD BOX</b>	
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
<b>SIDES</b>	
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
<b>DRINKS</b>	
Cool Ridge Water 750ml	\$4.00
Charlies 200ml Tropical Juice	\$2.00
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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](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.

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## 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

Hoody \$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.

### **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)

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## **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.