

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 6



Kia ora Whānau

Thank you to all who were able to attend and support the swimming sports last Wednesday at Memorial Pools. It was a very positive event and great for our school culture. Thank you to all the staff for coordinating a range of events for all swimming abilities and it was great to see such good behaviour and participation from our tamariki. A special mention to our parents & teachers who competed in the adults versus student relays!

Our Kapa Haka Group is in full swing again for 2024 and we are so proud of this group of 50 strong participants from Year 3-8! Thank you to Jenny Tappenden, our teacher in charge, and Whaea Teowai our Kapa Haka tutor who brings a high level of skill and capability to the role,

Thank you to Mrs Parkinson, Mr Lewis, and Mrs Pendergrast who took our Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 team Top Schools on Thursday and Friday

last week. Both the teams demonstrated amazing team work, positive attitudes, and had loads of fun. This year was the first year we were able to enter a Y7&8 team. Thank you to our parents who were able to support this event.

Our Music tuition programme is in full swing as well and we are so fortunate to have the skills of Katy Cable running our music classes again this year, catering for 54 students. Thank you Katy for being with us again in 2024.

Andrew King | Principal



Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the following swimming legends who scored the most points across the swimming races last week.

Year 4 - Ayla Farmilo (Year 3), Elsie Meldrum,
Manawa Taikato-Te Miha

Year 5 - Payton Williams, Daichi Andersson

Year 6 - Andre Hawes, Zara Bourne, Evangeline
Holmes-Gilmour

Year 7 - Isabella Applegate, Jonathan Dell

Year 8 - Emma Weston, Hayden Winters



ŌROPI SCHOOL LIBRARY

BOOK NEWS AND VIEWS



Hey there, bookworms and knowledge seekers! I'm your new librarian, Hannah Cumming, and I'm about to shake things up around here – in the best way possible, of course! Get ready for a burst of creativity and a touch of visual magic to lift your reading experience!

Now, let's clear something up right off the bat. Mr. Lewis might've dubbed me the "mean library lady," but I prefer to think of myself as the "*Mean as, Library Lady.*" Trust me, it's all in good fun!

I've proudly called Ōropi home for over 10 years. Living with my husband and two kids – Nixon and Lily, who are also Ōropi School students – and our lively bunch of critters (five clucking chickens, two wagging-tailed dogs, two purring cats, a peacock named Mr. P, and a very old goldfish called Carrot), life is always an adventure at our place!

But enough about me – let's talk library magic. *My mission? To turn this cozy corner of the school into a hub of excitement and curiosity!*

Picture this: a library where every page turn sparks joy, where every story unlocks a new world, and where every visit leaves you itching for more. That's the vision, folks!

Get ready for engaging competitions, ever-changing environments, and a whole lot of inspiration. Whether you're diving into a gripping mystery, brushing up on your favourite subjects, or simply seeking a cozy corner to escape into a good book, the Ōropi School Library is the place to be.

So, buckle up, book lovers – we're about to embark on an unforgettable literary journey together. Adventure awaits between the shelves, and I can't wait to see where our imaginations take us.

Share your ideas, book reviews, and requests with me! Email at hannah@Oropi.school.nz, chat in the library, or pen your thoughts in a letter. *Your input brings vibrancy to our library!*



LIBRARY WINNERS UNEARTH BOOK WORMS & EMBRACE NEW WORDS

Congratulations to the winner and spot prize winners of our "Find the Book Worm" competition! Twelve clever worms were hidden throughout the library, and our sharp-eyed participants successfully uncovered them all. Although the competition is now closed, feel free to embark on a fun worm-hunting adventure during your library visits. In other news, the winner of last month's dictionary competition, *Israel Ottesen*, has chosen our new word of the month.

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CLEVER WORMS
WERE HIDDEN



34 NEW BOOKS!

New books are landing on the shelves next week, and we've got some captivating titles for you to check out. I want to hear from you – if there's a must-read we're missing, let us know!

AMULET (SET 1-9)

WINGS OF FIRE (SET 1-15)

THE HUNGER GAMES (SET 1-4)

WINGS OF FIRE GRAPHIC
NOVELS (SET 1-6)



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TOP SCHOOLS

Year 7 & 8 report by Kōrimako Peddle



On the 29th of February we went to the event 'Top schools' where there were 8 different activities. We had 12 people in our team. Each activity needed 10 children from our team to compete. This meant that a boy and girl had to sit out of at least 1 event.

One of our favorite activities was the big water slide. The slide was made out of white tarp and went down the hill. You had to hold a leaking water bucket while going down the slide, and when you got to the bottom you had to pour the remaining water from the bucket into the water drum.

Another one of our favourite activities was the crazy cornhole that was based in the pool. There were two tyre rafts that two people at the end of the pool had to jump in. Then they swam to the other side, while two people on the opposite end of the pool were pulling the raft. When they got to the other end another group of children had to tag the people in the raft. Once they tagged them they moved up to the cornhole and had 6 tries to get the small bean bags into the cornhole to get points.

It was a very fun and hot day. At the end of the day they had a sausage sizzle.



GOOD TIMES!





Garden to Table

Our menu this past fortnight made the most of the late Summer produce and our harvest basket has been both colourful and overflowing each week! We roasted aubergine, capsicum and tomatoes and whizzed them up with thyme and basil to make a delicious Summer Vegetable Sauce served over pasta. Last week Kōrimako made No-Yeast Bread Rolls with a Herb and Garlic Butter to mop up the sauce and this week Kōtare and Te Hōkioi are making a Multicolour Slaw using cucumber, carrot, and red cabbage. Using juicy grapes kindly

donated by one of our school whānau, last week we made Roasted Grape Vanilla Cake and this week we made a Rhubarb and Grape Crumble Cake. Roasting grapes is such a revelation; extra sweet, gooey and delicious. Give it a try at home!

Kōrimako sowed sweetpeas and spring onions and collected the dried seedheads of cornflowers to store for sowing next season. They also fed the feijoa and lemon trees, picked hundreds of beans, pulled out all the old corn stalks and pruned the daisy bushes off the paths.



Garden to Table

They also planted the terracotta pots outside their classroom with some echinacea, rosemary and viola.

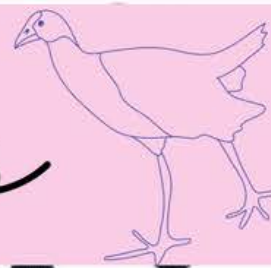
With the turn into Autumn, our winter seed-sowing stepped up a notch this week. Kōtare Alaina learned about the brassica family and the process of succession planting; planting just a few of each crop every couple of weeks to spread out our harvest and avoid big gluts of one vegetable. We put this into practice by sowing only one row each of six different brassicas; cavolo nero, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, curly kale and kohlrabi. We also sowed rocket, weeded around the cherry tree and fed the aubergine plants with liquid fertiliser.

Kōtare Cowman learned about why we direct sow some vegetables and sow others in trays for transplanting. We looked at some examples in the garden and put our learning into action by direct sowing radish and parsnip. We also took a sneak-peek at what the potato crop is looking like by 'bandicooting' under one of the plants and fed our capsicum plants to give them a boost. On Friday Te Hōkioi will be planting out cauliflower, parsley, viola, mesclun lettuce and coriander seedlings and having a look at the health of our worm farms.



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Ice Cream

A favourite learning experience this week was creating ice cream by shaking milk, cream and sugar in a bag of ice and salt! We were amazed by how our shaking caused a reaction and made the mixture freeze into delicious ice cream!

Electricity

This week we learnt how to make electricity by using a lemon (as the battery) and connecting it to nails and coins! The nail is the negative and the copper from the coin is the positive. The lemon provides the energy (electrolyte). We had lots of fun!



Kaitiakitanga

We have been learning about how we can show our school value Kaitiakitanga/care for our land, through Sea Week. We have been looking after the environment by picking up rubbish, making posters and sewing reusable bags.

Volleyball

Ōropi blockers yr 7/8 team had a tight game against OIS low taper fades, managing to get it across the line with one point to take the win.

With the full team working together to secure the ball and negotiate the court positions and rallies, it was an entertaining game to watch.



Tutus on Tour

On Monday, a group of passionate dancers seized the chance to participate in the school's workshop for Tutus on Tour at Barcourt. The girls were fortunate to watch the Royal New Zealand Ballet's mesmerizing performance. The dancers showcased captivating excerpts from Swan Lake, concluding with a touch of Neo-Classical elegance. A special thanks to the dads and grandparents who provided transportation for the group.



Term 1 Sports Report

We've had a cracking beginning to 2024 sports seeing the doubling of our participation numbers for term 1 compared to this time last year. If you're keen on cheering on our Ōropi players then kick off your week at Mercury Baypark with our year 3&4 Ōropi Nets playing 3V3 basketball. Later in the week head to Waipuna Park on Wednesday and Thursday where there are loads of teams to support. Wednesday we have three football teams in action and Thursday sees 46 kids participating in Rippa Rugby spread over six teams. Finish off the week by watching the year 7 & 8s demonstrate fantastic skills on the Volleyball court at QEYC Stadium. We also have 3 Ōropi students playing water polo or flippa ball for other schools and 2 playing softball.

For kids who want to join a winter sport keep an eye out on Hero towards the end of this term for registration details and sign up through the website. Also, check in periodically on the website for other activities.

None of this would have been possible without the help of these awesome parents and teachers.

THANK YOU TO:

Donna Johnstone, Shannon Rowe, Murray Julian, Amanda Delany, Luke Cowman, Emily Collins, Sophie Trolove, Bryar Davy, James Price, Rhiannon Greenwood, Charlee Short, Keri Horton, Kenny Estelle, Sarah Poharama, Alex Morrison, Peter Eltringham, James Price, Bex Price and all the parents on the sideline who have stepped up to help on the day.



Calling all Superhero parents



Are you ready to channel your inner superhero and make a meaningful impact on your child's school experience? We are on the lookout for parents to join the ranks of school superheroes!

Each year, Ōropi School parents and teachers collaborate to host various events, raising funds for fantastic resources that enhance our students' learning and play. From our impressive new sandpit and fire pit near the gully playground to the shade provided by our two Ōropi School branded gazebos at sporting events, and the excitement of watching kids tackle electrical and engineering challenges with the EPro8 kit – all made possible through fundraising events. In 2024, we aim to continue organising these fantastic events, but we need your support. We are searching for heroes willing to step forward and contribute to the planning and execution of these events.

We need YOU to help bring the following events to life:

- Term 2 - KnowledgeAthon: Seeking 3+ volunteers [SORTED]
- Term 3 - Disco: Calling for 4+ volunteers
- Term 4 - Calf Club: Looking for a infinite number of parents but initially a core group of around 4 - 6 to co-ordinate the food and events
- Term 4 - R18 Bingo: Looking for 4+ volunteers

The more hands on deck, the lighter the load and the more enjoyable the experience for everyone! By dedicating just a bit of your time and energy, you'll be directly enhancing the resources available to your children at school. Plus, you'll have a say in determining the event dates!

Rest assured, anyone who volunteers will receive ample support and guidance from our previous PTA co-president, Keri, who continues to contribute her expertise and the Ōropi staff. If you're interested in making any of these events a reality in 2024, please email Kylie at kylie@oropi.school.nz.

Let's come together as a community of superheroes and make a positive impact on our children's school journey!



Term 1

Important Dates

Week 7

12 March Kapa Haka

12 March Boys Playing Sport

13 March Upton's Music @ School

13 - 15 March Technology @ Taumata Kōrimako Lewis

14 March Music with Katy

15 March Girls Playing Sport Day, Yr 4-6

15 March Music with Katy

15 March Frozen Friday

Week 8

19 March Waimapu Team Camp Parent Meeting

19 March Kapa Haka

20 March Upton's Music @ School

21 March West Cluster Swimming

21 March Music with Katy

22 March Music with Katy

22 March Tall Poppies (Y7&8) Swimming

Week 9

25 - 28 March Technology @ Taumata Kōrimako Peddle * see

HERO about Thursday 28th March

28 March Teacher Only Day

26 March Kapa Haka

27 March Upton's Music @ School

29 - February - 2 March Easter

Updated 6 March



PRESENTS

girls football

HAVE A GO FUNDAY

17 MAR '24
1:30 - 3PM
AGES 5-13

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JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER DATES

March 1st, Friday
5.30pm-7pm

March 9th, Saturday
8.30am-11.30am

March 15, Friday
5.30pm-7pm



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Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
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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

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HAVE A GO
TRY-ATHLON

Hosted by Pahoia School



Registration includes:
Event T-shirt
Goody bag
Placegetter medals
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Wrist Band

Early Bird
Registration

*Cut off 20th March
\$30

All 5-13 year olds
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Scott Macdonald



ContainerCo



To register, look for the Tryathlon tab on our website

www.pahoia.school.nz



Nuts & Bolts 2023

ADMINISTRATION

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

Michelle: office@oropi.school.nz

Kylie: kylie@oropi.school.nz

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

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.

BUS

If you are collecting your child from school, you must notify the office before 2pm to allow enough time for us to update bus lists. Failure to communicate this often slows down the release of buses in the afternoon.

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

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- 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.

SWIMMING

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

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.

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.