

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 4



Kia ora Whānau

Now that we are well into the school term, I am taking the time this week to acknowledge the mahi of our staff and acknowledge programmes on offer for our tamariki. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, we have the following programmes and opportunities happening:

- Swimming sports next Thursday at Memorial Pools
- Top Schools for Year 7 & 8 and Year 5 & 6 next week
- International students in our school who provide an opportunity for our local students to learn about, with, and from other cultures
- We also had a visitor in our school on Monday to promote Tauranga Holi Festival and work with children
- The Life Education programme
- Garden to Table programme in full swing
- Year 7 & 8 cardboard camp (Leadership Camp)
- Music tuition with Katy Cable

Teachers have been meeting in teams setting literacy and numeracy targets. We are focused on classroom programmes at Ōropi School to ensure we can optimise opportunities for success in literacy and numeracy. Equally, as you know, we value offering a range of other opportunities for children to help them find their passions and support their interests in our 'teaching through play' curriculum and our other programmes. One of our areas we will be working on is raising attendance percentages and putting initiatives in place to support this. Attendance rates have a direct link to student achievement.

Andrew King | Principal

Thank you

We extend our appreciation to Tauriko Sawmill for generously providing the wood shavings for the guinea pig's cage. Thank you for your valuable support!



Bus information is available on the school website, including timetables and bus agreement forms.

<https://www.oropi.school.nz/>

Road Safety - Upper Ohauiti

We'd like to bring your attention to an important notice regarding the safety of our students and residents during the ongoing pine forest logging operations near Maungatūtū (formely known as Mt Misery). The highest point of the road, specifically around 1252 Upper Ohauiti Road, requires special care until approximately July. This area, adjacent to a farm on the western side, is where logging operations have commenced.

We urge parents driving children to Ōropi School to exercise extra caution and reduce speed, particularly on corners from 1234 to the Mt Misery Bus shelter. Logging trucks will be exiting and crossing the road at 1252, and signage on both sides clearly indicates "TRUCKS CROSSING." Your cooperation in adhering to safety measures is greatly appreciated as we prioritise the well-being of our school community.

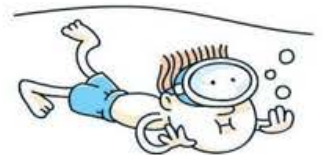
Thursday 15th February 2024

Dear Whānau / Families,

Swimming Sports Day Wednesday 28th February Memorial Park

We anticipate that the Swimming Sports Day will run between 9.45am and 1.45pm.
Students and staff will be travelling to/from the venue by bus. (Leaving school at 9:00am).
In preparation for the Swimming Sports, all swimmers will require:

- Togs and towel
- Warm clothing
- Large morning tea, lunch, and drink
- Plastic bag for wet clothes
- ... and a great attitude



Students in Years 0 - 4 will be able to participate in non-competitive events such as flutter boards and noodle races in the smaller pool.

In consultation with teachers, confident year 4 swimmers may enter the year 5-8 competitive events. Please contact your child's teacher in this case.

Students in Years 5 - 8 will have the opportunity to participate in competitive events such as 25m/50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and the 100m medley. Teachers will be assessing students who sign up for competitive swimming events to ensure that they can confidently swim at least two lengths of the Ōropi School pool without stopping.
Students not participating in competitive events will participate in non-competitive events in the larger pool. Due to time constraints on Swimming Sports day, students have been asked to opt into **either** non-competitive or competitive events.

We require **parents of year 5-8 students** to act as **timekeepers and marshalls** for this event. Please complete the form [via this link](#) if you are able to help.

Ngā mihi / Thank you,
Ōropi School Kaiako / Teachers



Year 7 & 8 Volleyball Report

The Ōropi Blockers had their first game last Friday, welcome to the new players for another exciting season ahead. A loss this time to the OIS Winners however the Ōropi Blockers showed strong teamwork and a commitment to the game, this saw them consistently improve after each game. Thanks to Murray for coaching and Amanda for managing.



Year 5 & 6 Football action

The Year 5 & 6 students kicked off their first match of the season against Selwyn Ridge last night. Despite the very hot weather conditions, both teams displayed their skills in a fast-paced game. Ōropi players should be proud of their efforts and for the encouragement and sportsmanship they showed each other.



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
- 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!



Garden to Table

We enjoyed lovely hot summer weather for the last two weeks at garden-to-table and made good use of all the vegetables that love to grow in these conditions. Last week both Pūkeko and Te Hōkioi classes made oven baked fritters with carrots, courgette and sweetcorn. We also made a salad with green beans, tomato and cucumber. We are having an abundance of beans this year. They really seemed to like the new arches they are growing on. We also made a refreshing drink by blending up cucumber, ice, sugar, water and lemon juice. For dessert we had rhubarb and chocolate cake. The sour rhubarb was a nice contrast to the sweet chocolate.

This week both Kōtare classes on Wednesday and both Kōrimako classes on Friday, made potato cakes (a great way to use up leftover

mash), garlicky green beans, tomato and cucumber salad and the rhubarb and chocolate cake.

There is impressive mahi happening in the māra now that all our Ōtanewainuku and Waimapu classes have had their first sessions. Kōrimako planted lettuce, spinach and broccoli, weeded beds, and pruned around the pineapple sage and cherry tree. Pūkeko Tappenden gave all their decking pots and indoor plants a good tidy up, repotting plants that had outgrown their homes, adding fresh potting mix and giving the straggly growth a bit of a haircut. Pūkeko Trista sowed mesclun lettuce, planted marigolds and deadheaded sunflowers; saving their seeds to plant out next Spring.



Garden to Table

Te Hōkioi and Kōtare harvested crops as well as sowing seed for the winter months. Digging up the potatoes is always a favourite - although messy - task to do! We've got a particularly nice crop of 'Haylo' spuds dug up so far as well as the last of last year's carrots stored away. They also sowed NZ spinach, turnip and beetroot seed and put cages around the turnip seed which was sown directly into the garden. Blackbirds dug up all the bean seeds we planted last week so we have to take steps to keep the pesky birds off the young plants..



A VISIT FROM HAROLD

We were very lucky to have Harold come and visit us this week! He arrived on a big truck with Chantelle.

Harold's classroom had fun, colorful lights that changed when we used our magic fingers!

When Harold first came out, he was shy, but he warmed up to us quickly and said that Pīwakawaka was so kind!



Harold taught us about everything we need to be healthy. We were surprised to learn that it's not just about food but also about exercise, family and friends, sleep, and much more!

Harold also taught us all about oxygen. We learned that we breathe in oxygen, and it goes to lots of different parts of our body.

We get to go and see Harold again later this week. We can't wait to find out what else he will teach us!



Term 1

Important Dates

Week 5

27 February Art Gallery & Library trip Kōrimako Lewis

27 February Kapa Haka

28 February Swimming Sports at Memorial Pool - whole school

29 February Music with Katy

29 February Top Schools Year 7 & 8 Ōmokoroa No 1 School

1 March Top Schools Year 5 & 6 Ōmokoroa No 1 School

Week 6

5 March Kapa Haka

7 - 8 March Year 7 & 8 Leadership Camp

7 March Music with Katy

7 March World Book Day

Week 7

12 March Kapa Haka

13 - 15 March Technology @ Taumata Kōrimako Lewis

14 March Music with Katy

15 March Girls Playing Sport Day, Yr 4-6

Week 8

21 March West Cluster Swimming

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

29 - February - 2 March Easter

CANOE SLALOM

Give
it a
go!



When: 24th February 24
2pm - 4pm

Where: Waimarino,
Taniwha Road,
Bethlehem

What: Come and give
kayaking a go.

Who: Open for all ages.

Register and choose your time,
using the QR code, or just turn
up.



Order online by 9am
for delivery Thursday

eZlunch MENU

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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JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER DATES

March 1st, Friday
5.30pm-7pm

March 9th, Saturday
8.30am-11.30am

March 15, Friday
5.30pm-7pm



Tauranga Sailing

COURSES OPEN 15TH SEPTEMBER
2023-2024



rntosail@yacht.org.nz

TAURANGA YACHT
& POWER BOAT CLUB

07 578 55

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

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.

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.