

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPi SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 11



Kia ora koutou

I am pleased to be able to advise we now have our confirmed ERO report from the February 2020 review. This will shortly be available online. We have also put it up on our website for people to view and we include it as an attachment to this newsletter.

We can be very proud of the findings and statements made. It affirms our philosophy and who we are as a school community, acknowledging the strengths of our curriculum and school culture. This is a team effort. Thank you everyone for your support.

In early Term 3, I will publicise a date to hold a meeting for parents, discussing the findings for those that are interested.

Out of Zone Places (OOZ) Availability Term 3 2020
The good news is that our school roll remains stable and on track to stabilise in the early-mid 300s. Our current roll is exactly the same as it was this time last year. We take OOZ enrolments to retain and maintain current numbers.

We are able to accept three spaces in Term 3 for students out of zone in Years 5-8.

Other spaces will also become available due to an expected six-eight leavers at the end of this term across a range of year levels for Term 3. Please submit applications for Out of Zone places to the school office by July 10th.

Notification of availability, or an offer of place, or balloting will occur once we can confirm the number of applicants for Out of Zone Places requested and get confirmation of leavers. This is likely to be during the last week of the school holidays.

We had our farewell morning tea and Assembly for Dan, our previous Caretaker, and Mary Beaumont who had taught Reading Recovery and Rainbow Reading at Oropi School. Both of them contributed a lot of their time and energy to Oropi School over the years and will be missed. It was good to finally be able to acknowledge and thank them for their time with us.

Property Matter

This week has been a very hectic week resolving some property situations for the school with the Ministry and our project managers.

The good news is that with special funding that was announced at the end of 2019, we will be replacing our astroturf courts and extending them slightly towards Korimako block. This will enable us to set up the courts to have 3 spaces; for Netball, Tennis, and Basketball, so we can have more than one sport happening at any one time.

We will also use this funding to do some works related to the school pool, paving to Korimako, and a shelter at the front of the school where the children eat lunch and line up for the buses. However, we are still working through final costing and options for this component.

The not so good news is that the new Tui Block is not going to be ready until September 1st. The dates I was given did not match the dates our project manager had. I had the wrong dates communicated to me. This error was acknowledged by the Ministry and Project Manager. Therefore, we are being compensated with additional staffing provisions to enable the planned events to still go ahead (Book Fair and Matariki Breakfast & Awards) and to provide



additional teacher aide support to our two classes currently in the Multipurpose space.

The second shipping container that was only taken away a couple of weeks ago is going to be returned, so that our music programme and lessons can still go ahead. This will be a comfortable heated space for our Music classes to operate out of until the Multipurpose room is available.

Andrew King
Principal

Disco

Oropi School Matariki Disco

'A Night Under the Stars'

Thursday 30th July 3 pm -5.30 pm

Oropi Memorial Hall

\$5 ticket

\$10 per family

Tickets include afternoon tea and sausage at the disco

More information coming out next week.

Calf Club

Calf Club & Pet Day is on Friday 16 October. Information will be updated shortly on the website. Plans for the raffle will begin shortly. If you are a business and would like to sponsor Calf Club by either making a cash donation or donating an item for the raffle, please contact Kylie in the office.

Group Day

This years Group Day AGM will be held on Thursday 9 July 2020, 7 p.m., at 168 Soldiers Road, R d 1, Lower Kaimai.

All welcome. Discussions will include whether this event will continue or not. If you are interested in this event continuing please come along and put your hand up to help with/take over this event.

Chickens

Chicken orders are being taken now. Chickens will be \$8 each and delivered to School during the first week of term 3. Please order in Kindo before Thursday 2 July.



Garden to Table

This week was the last GTT session for Tui, Korimako and Ruru. We like to have a bit of a sweet treat before the holidays and made good use of the lovely pears from our orchard. We picked them before the lockdown and bottled them, so we could use them at a later stage. The kids made a pear and rhubarb crumble and a vanilla custard, using some eggs from our chickens. It was drizzly this week but we were busy planting spinach and sowing lots of seeds; kale, red spring onions and parsley. We also did some tidying up; clearing weeds from the fenceline, pulling weeds from out of the paths - including some silverbeet and fennel 'weeds' which we replanted into the garden beds. We were really chuffed with a gift of two beautiful aprons from Haylee in Ruru whose Mum made them! They are so colourful and really brighten up the kitchen. Thank you Hayleey's Mum!

This week is National Volunteer Week. Garden To Table isn't possible without the continued support of volunteers, they are an integral part of the GTT whanau and at Oropi School we are fortunate to have so many Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunties and other community members who volunteer their time to cook and garden with us. Thank you all so much for the unique skills that each of you bring. The kids showed their appreciation by serving our volunteers their meal first for a change!



PTA

'A Night Under the Stars' disco is coming up early next term, in celebration of Matariki!

If you are able to help on the afternoon of the disco this would be greatly appreciated please get in touch with Lauren or Sarah or via email: oropi.pta@gmail.com.

Save the Disco Date: Thursday, July 30th, 3.30 pm. (Term 3, week 2)

Lauren Shaw and Sarah Poharama
PTA co-chairs

Bus Fees

Bus fees for term 2 are now overdue. Please contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan for fees. Term 3 bus fees are now showing in Kindo.

School Calendar



The School calendar is now live on the school website. To check the calendar go to:

www.oropi.school.nz and click on the calendar button top right of the home page.

Music Lessons

See further on for information on how to sign up for music lessons in term 3, Lessons are \$40 per child, per instrument for 8 lessons. Fees will be loaded into Kindo once classes are confirmed.

Phrases of the week!

Each class is either receiving a Te Reo Maori or Mandarin lesson once per week.

Here are the weekly phrases you can practise at home too.

Tangohia ōu hū

(Take off your shoes)

Ni hǎo ma?

(How are you?)

ICAS Assessment

At Oropi School this year we are offering ICAS assessments to our students. ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level. The ICAS competitions at Oropi School are available for Year 5 to Year 8.

Competition Dates: The subjects offered and competition dates are:

- English: Thursday 27th August
- Mathematics: Thursday 3rd September

This is an online test and platforms to sit the test will be provided by Oropi School

Cost: There is a cost of \$16 to enter each competition.

Benefits of ICAS:

- It provides objective ranking of pupil performance
- It encourages students to attain greater academic success
- It requires students to think beyond the classroom
- It recognises student success through medals and certificates

Who should enter: Entry is completely optional. The competitions require a reasonable standard of reading ability to read the questions. If your child enjoys a challenge in a particular subject, this may be an ideal opportunity for them. Reading over papers from previous years may help you decide.

Which competition should my son/daughter do?

1. English- reading and language skills; students locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in a range of texts.
2. Mathematics- algebra, chance and data, measurement, arithmetic, space and geometry

Find out more:

1. Visit the ICAS website unswglobal.unsw.edu.au or Google ICAS
2. Previous ICAS papers are frequently sold on Trade Me or can be purchased on line from the online ICAS shop.
3. Read Hints and Tips w.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/hints-and-tips

Enrolment and Payment: You must enrol and pay for ICAS by Friday July 3rd 2020 (End of Term 2).

Payment of ICAS fees can be made directly through Kindo. Kindo is our preferred payment option. We kindly ask that you enrol by the closing date, as late enrolments will be politely declined.

If you wish to enter please email Mr Higgins at scott@oropi.school.nz and include the following information:

- Your child's full name
- Your child's current year group
- Your child's teacher's name.
- The test/s you wish your child to be entered into

Reporting an absence

Please remember to leave the following details on the answerphone when you are reporting your child as absent:

- Their name
- Their classroom or the name of their teacher
- The reason they are absent eg. unwell, family reasons

If you receive a text notification when your child is absent, please include this information when you reply. **If you do not give a reason, your child is considered absent for an unjustified reason.**

Medication

Any medication that needs to be at school for your child, must be kept at the school office. No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag or classroom for health & safety reasons. Please ensure this process is followed. If your child currently has medication stored at School, please call in and check the expiry dates as these items may need to be replaced.

If your child has allergies, it is important the school office and class teacher has this information, including a medication supply to keep at school and allergic reaction plan detailing the response the school is required to carry out should your child have a reaction at school.

Pita Pit

Pita Pit orders can be made in Kindo for lunches on Thursday. Please click on the Pita Pit icon in your Kindo account to place your order.

Arriving at School

Children can be dropped off at School from 8.15 am. Please do not drop off before this time.

If your child arrives to School after 9 am they must report to the office before going to class.

Bus

Please remember to contact the office if you are collecting your children in the afternoons, or have regular days when they will not use the bus.

We do not carry this information over from 2019, so you will need to update the office with pick up information.

If you need to call the School and change pick up information on a casual basis, please remember to do this before 2 pm each day by phoning the office and leaving a message by selecting option 1.

Uniform

Items are available to purchase in Kindo or from the office.

Hats \$20

Polos \$35

Shorts \$34

Skort \$35

Jackets \$60*

Hoody \$60 - \$75 depending on size*

*Limited stock available.

We also have a range of 2nd hand uniform items priced from \$10.

Reminders

- Please ensure the School has your current contact information. We must have your mobile number, email address and emergency contact information.
- School starts at 8.55 am. Any child arriving after this time must report to the office before going to class.
- Children who do not use the bus can be dropped off at School from 8.15 am. Not before please.
- School finishes at 2.40 pm. Children who do not use the bus must be collected before 3.10 pm.
- If your child uses the bus and you are picking them up, please ensure you call the office BEFORE 2 pm by calling 5431479 option 1. If you collect your child on a regular basis, please notify the office.
- If you have any health and safety concerns, please email healthandsafety@oropi.school.nz

Remember to call the office to report your child's absence.

Call 543 1479 and leave a message or email office@oropi.school.nz

We have over 330 pupils so PLEASE include the class your child is in AND the reason they are absent.

- We encourage families to park at the hall and walk along the path to School. Please avoid parking on the yellow lines. Please do not park in the staff car park or in the bus-turning bay at any time.

Kindo

To avoid office queues please go online to make payments through your mykindo account.

If you haven't used Kindo before, click this link to get started (all you need is the email address we have on record)...

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Oropi%20School>

If you already have a mykindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website.



School Bank Details

Preferred payment is made via Kindo. Alternatively payment can be made into the School account. Oropi School
ASB 12-3440-0087772-00 - Please use your surname as a reference.



Kiwi Middleton was lucky enough to have Heron come and teach them all about our school chickens. They learnt about how chickens clean themselves using dust baths and sleep in wood shavings because it makes for a snugly bed. Each child had a pat of Fuzzy Wuzzy's feathers. She had just finished having a dust bath so when she shook her feathers a cloud of dust came out which made the kids giggle. Thank you Heron, Kiwi Middleton looks forward to helping you to collect fresh eggs one day!



Ruru goings on

AUTUMN ART..



Farron



Stella



Megara



Mission



Elian



Alexi

NARRATIVE WRITING

Meet Little Yellow Eve

Eve is definitely not like the other ducklings, in fact, they actually call him 'The Little Yellow Mistake'. Little Yellow Eve lived at the duckling reserve in a nice cosy straw house by the Marshmallow Lake. One day when Eve's brothers and sisters were with Mother Duck splashing and playing in the reserve, Little Yellow Eve decided to go to Quakers house in the woods on the other side of the river. His mother always told him to never to go near the river but he had no friends so he didn't really listen to Mother Duck. So there he was, waddling into the woods towards the river, but as he was crossing the bridge... a big blue and green and fat marshmallow man emerged from the river and took a jump for Little Yellow Eve! But Eve was too fast and desperately fluttered onto some rocks in the river. Muttering crossly the marshmallow man then disappeared into the river. Eve quickly darted into Quakers house and slammed the door! Then Mother Duck came in. Politely, Mother Duck said "welcome" to Little Yellow Eve and Quakers and they lived happily ever after.

-By Polly Rickard.

The Unicorns & the Lion.

Once upon a time in Candy Land far away there lived a family of unicorns in a unicorn village. There also were unicorn ocelots. They were all very nice. The children were all playing nicely when silently one of the kids saw a lion! They all ran to their houses. One unicorn warned Mary the Mayor, then the unicorns used their invisible powers to hide themselves. Then when the lion came they all became invisible and poked him away to the jungle. But the lion never gave up! At night he came back and started munching quietly on the Candy Land houses. He burped loudly "Buuurrrrrp!!" All the unicorns woke up! They saw the lion and they killed him with their lazer powers.

-Isabel Hooper



2020 Road Patrol

We would like to acknowledge our 2020 Road Patrollers. These children give up their own time each week, rain, hail or shine, to help our Oropi Whanau keep safe crossing the road. Well done for stepping up, what great role models you are!



Robot programming in Kotare with House of Science



OROPI LANGUAGES

Update of the teaching of languages and Intercultural practises at Oropi School.

DUĀNWŪJIÉ - DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Ni hao! (hello),

Duānwŭjié Festival also known as Dragon Boat Festival, is a traditional and important celebration in China. In 2020 it is celebrated on June 25th and is a 3 day National Holiday. Duānwŭjié Festival has been celebrated for over 2,000 years. Many believe that the Dragon Boat Festival originated in ancient China based on the death of the poet and statesman of the Chu kingdom, Qu Yuan in 278 BCE. The festival commemorates the life and death of the famous Chinese scholar Qu Yuan, who was a loyal minister of the King of Chu. It is also said to be a time when Chinese people practice various customs thought to dispel disease, and invoke good health.

To find out more follow this link:
<https://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/dragon-boat-festival.htm>



zōngzi (sticky rice dumpling) is a traditional dragon boat festival food. It is wrapped in triangle or rectangle shapes in bamboo or reed leaves, and tied with soaked stalks or colorful silky cords.

Try these words at home:

Dragon: L ng

Dragon boat: l ngzhōu

Sticky rice dumpling: z ngzi

Celebrate: qīngzh

Gongs and drums: lu gǔ



Introducing a new music lesson programme at Oropi School

Kia ora

My name is Cherrie Leefe and I am an enthusiastic and passionate music specialist teacher coming to work at Oropi School in Term 3.

As you are probably aware - learning an instrument benefits children intellectually and socially and is a wonderful interest that they can enjoy throughout their lives.

I have post graduate papers in Orff Music teaching from Auckland University and have taught class music, violin, piano and choral groups for many years. I belong to ONZA (Orff NZ Association) which is a group of teachers who provide musical training opportunities for teachers and children in primary schools. For the past few years, since settling in Tauranga I have helped organise the vibrant ONZA Tauranga Marimba Festival. I also enjoy teaching music in several other primary schools in the Tauranga region.

I am excited to be able to offer group lessons on these instruments: violin, recorder, keyboard, singing, ukulele and marimba/tuned percussion. Lessons will be on Wednesdays for 30 minutes duration in school time. The Marimba group will form a band that will be able to take part in the Tauranga 2021 Festival. Their lesson will be 50 minutes in duration each week. The groups will be aiming to give some Wednesday afternoon concerts at the end of Terms 3 and 4 to share our music making with you.

For lessons please contact me on 0212158196 or 075780796. Lessons will be limited to children of Year 3 and upwards, and group sizes will also have a limit so be in quick to get a place.

Kind Regards, Nga mihi

Cherrie



Children performing at a Marimba Festival

BayActive

Holiday Programme

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9AM - 3PM | 5-13 YRS | \$37 PER CHILD

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MONDAY 6 JULY

BASKETBALL

In partnership with:



FUNKY FUN DAY

Play up to 5 different sports/games
Bouncy castles & scooters too

TUESDAY 7 JULY

FOOTBALL

In partnership with: 



BAYSTATION

Half day of drift trikes and laser tag
\$37 per child, 9am - 12pm
For children over 8yrs, 1.4m tall

TUMBLE TIME

9.30am to 2pm with area for older kids
Not supervised, parent must stay
\$5 for all children over 1 year
No bookings necessary

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

BASKETBALL

In partnership with:



GYMNASTICS

Shed 1, Baypark

In partnership with: 

TUMBLE TIME

9.30am to 2pm with area for older kids
Not supervised, parent must stay
\$5 for all children over 1 year
No bookings necessary

THURSDAY 9 JULY

FOOTBALL

In partnership with: 

HIP HOP

In partnership with:



FRIDAY 10 JULY

BASKETBALL

In partnership with:



TUMBLE TIME

9.30am to 2pm with area for older kids
Not supervised, parent must stay
\$5 for all children over 1 year
No bookings necessary

MONDAY 13 JULY

FOOTBALL

In partnership with: 

FUNKY FUN DAY

Play up to 5 different sports/games
Bouncy castles & scooters too



TUESDAY 14 JULY

BASKETBALL

In partnership with:



TUMBLE TIME

9.30am to 2pm with area for older kids
Not supervised, parent must stay
\$5 for all children over 1 year
No bookings necessary

THURSDAY 16 JULY

FOOTBALL

In partnership with:



FRIDAY 17 JULY

GYMNASTICS

Shed 1, Baypark

In partnership with: 



Book Online: bayactive.co.nz

or email to baykidsactive@bayvenues.co.nz. Spaces are limited.



OROPI SCHOOL PTA

GET YOUR

DANCE ON

A Night Under The Stars



**BUY YOUR TICKETS IN KINDO NOW. TICKET PRICE
INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Oropi Memorial Hall Thursday 30 July 3pm - 5.30 pm

