

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 4



Kia ora Whanau

I am looking at my notes for this week's newsletters as I type, and realise our current circumstances of lockdown puts everything I was going to mention about upcoming events into question.

The staff are very grateful and thankful for your understanding as we navigate this situation from the perspective of responding as a school. There seems to be more uncertainty and challenges in

preparing a response compared to the first lockdown because of how sudden the lockdown was. However, it is understandable why this needed to be.

I want to make special mention of Jaimee Donaldson and Amanda Boswell and their parent-help crew for their fantastic organisation getting back from Mount Ruapehu on Wednesday morning. The trip made Oropi School famous again - being on

the midday & 6pm news Thursday!

The staff are so proud of the Oropi kids and how they handled everything. They are amazing and with the activities the group did attend, their role modelling and behaviour was tops! We had comments, feedback, and an email from businesses praising our group.

The important point to note in all of this is taking things one day at a time and not thinking too far ahead as we navigate our way through the current lockdown. We will keep you up to date as soon as we can and rest assured, staff are working hard to be as prepared as possible in this uncertainty.

A very big thank you to our PTA with the Disco organisation last week. This was an amazing event. I am yet to have the opportunity to touch base with these parents and find out how much money was raised. I do know the kids had a great time and that was the main point. Thank goodness we got this in!

The Year 7&8 Evening on Monday night was very well supported and we had an amazing turnout. Thank you so much to those who could make it. Our discussion was very good and I think a lot of good information was shared from parent and staff perspectives. It was open, honest, constructive, and positive.

I will be talking with Year 6&7 students on the return to school and will let you know when this will be happening. Parents are most welcome to make time to speak with me, Ayn Harris, or Robert Lewis at any stage if you would like to discuss your options and thinking in relation to your child's schooling for Year 7&8. In the meantime, please check your Hero notifications for the link to the survey. We need an indication of your intentions for your child in 2022 at this point in time, even if you are undecided. Thank you

How next week unfolds is a big question we will all be wondering about. Rest assured, we will keep you as informed as possible. Updates will be provided on Monday and throughout the week on our Facebook page and Hero.

Kia kaha

Nga mihi nui

Andrew King | Principal





Thank You



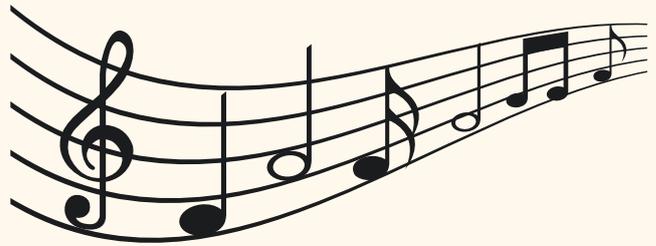
This month we have been lucky to receive funding from the Trustpower Community Fund, this funds focus for the application was to have the following attributes:

- Manaakitanga – caring for our communities and people, and putting people at the heart of the decision.
- Kaitiakitanga – taking up the role of guardian and protector of our environment, for future generations.
- Sustainability – improving, growing, learning and adapting in smart ways to make a difference.

We felt that what we are starting to do as a school with regards to recycling and becoming self sufficient in our Garden to Table Programme ties in perfectly to their values, the money we will receive (\$1,745) will go towards 2 large compost bins and 2 new worm farms so we can take our sustainability project to the next level of composting the organic waste we produce that can then be used in the Kokako Garden. Thanks Trustpower!

Choir Performance Postponed

The music festival performance scheduled for Friday 27 August has been postponed until Friday 19 November. If you have already purchased tickets, these are still valid for the new date, so please keep them in a safe place.



Music with Mrs Southee

Some vacancies exist for piano, keyboard, and guitar lessons. Pupils are encouraged to enter exams but are not compulsory. For particulars phone Peg Southee at 544 2469

Enrolments for 2022

If you have a child turning 5 in 2022, please remember to enrol on the school website as soon as possible. Click on 'Enrol Now' on the home page of the website - www.oropi.school.nz

Year 7 & 8 in 2022

Please complete the google form if you have a current Year 6 or 7 child at Oropi. Check Hero for the link to the form.



Disco



Hero - New School App

We are delighted to launch our new communication and reporting system, Hero. An online sharing platform with complementary smart app.

Hero allows schools to customise an online environment that enables teachers, students, and families to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

With Hero, you have the ability to:

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals,
- read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related webpages
- customise your account by adding a profile images

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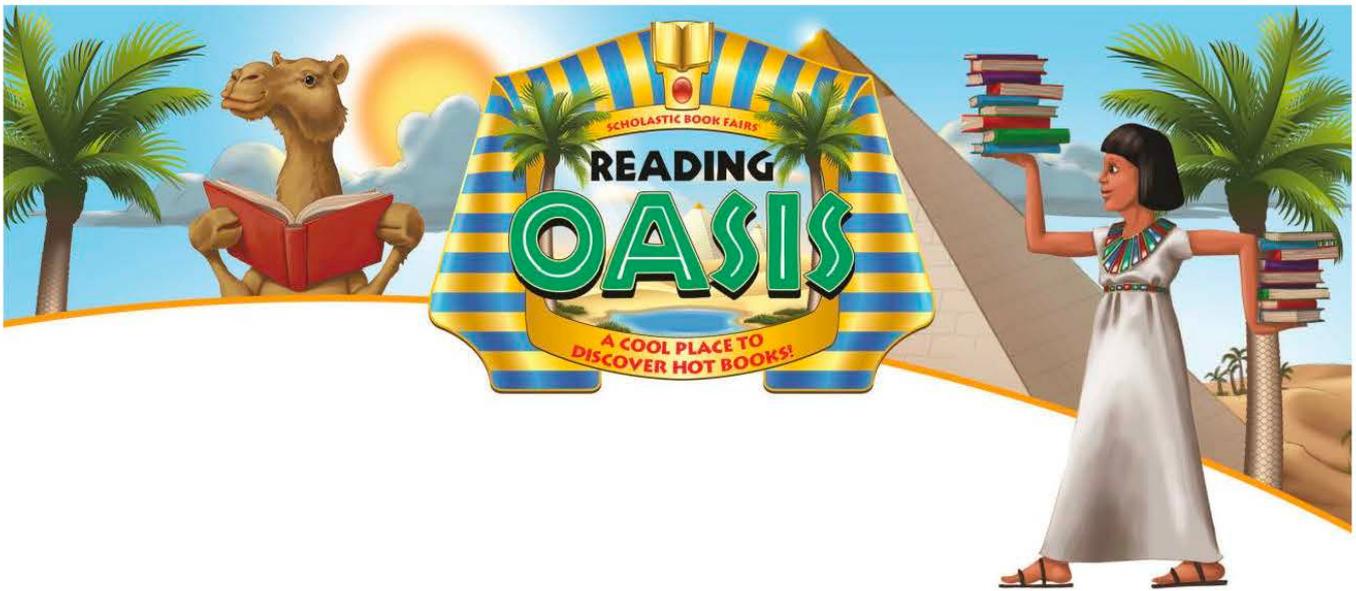
DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP TODAY

Log in to customise your account and view:

- Student learning stories, progress and goals
- School notices
- Surveys and Trip Permissions
- School term dates
- School calendar
- Absence notifications
- Navigation to other school-related webpages and more!

Available on the **App Store** and **Google Play**.





Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: **Tuesday 31st August – Friday 3rd September**

Shopping hours: **8 am -9 am and 2.40 – 3.30 pm**

Special Event: **Book Character dress up day – Wednesday 1st September**

Eftpos machine available and cash payments accepted, credit card payments available through the office.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Jenny Richards
Librarian

We've been doing a lot of role-play over the last few weeks. We have had a vet clinic and an office to practice and explore real scenarios, relationships and conflicts. We've had SO much fun healing pets, answering phones, scheduling and responding to emails. Together when we play, we learn social skills and develop oral language.

Whakaaro, Ako, relating to others, participating & contributing



Kea Play



We are so lucky to construct in the shed and around the classroom. We create new fashions, treasure boxes and oranam:



Construction is extremely popular in Kea. We also construct using play dough, lego, material, the shed.



Trustpower Tauranga Community Fund



We are super excited to announce that we have been successful in receiving the Trustpower Tauranga Community Fund grant worth \$1748.00. This grant will be used for purchasing two new compost bins and two worm farms for the senior area of the school.

This grant will help us continue with the composting systems we have recently put in place and further the education and importance of composting in our school. We are very grateful for the time and effort Mr Weston has put into our application - thank you!

We would also like to give a special thank you to the Trustpower Tauranga Community Fund. They have definitely given us a helping hand in creating a more sustainable school environment.

Oropi School Enviro Club





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CALE CLUB & PET DAY

2021



Friday 22nd October 2021
Starts at 9.30am

Animal judging, hobbit houses/bird boxes, hanging baskets,
Cafe, indoor exhibits, possum & rabbit hunt, raffle, sausage sizzle

& MORE...

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1334 Oropi Road, RD3, Tauranga, Phone 07 543 1479

Calf Club Update



Here is the link for the Calf Club updates:

<https://bit.ly/Oropi2021CalfClub>

Calf Club is coming up on Friday 22 October.

Check the School website and the link above for all of the information you need to know.

Here are a few important things you need to be aware of:

- Everyone will need to complete the google form on the school website before Monday 27 September.
- If you won a cup or trophy last year, please bring it back to School as soon as possible. Please do not clean the trophies. We will arrange for them to be cleaned at School.
- Calves must be born on or after 20 July.
- Lambs must be born on or after 1st August.
- Goats must be born on or after 1st August.

Categories for 2021

Pre School / Junior / Senior

Official Calf Club Categories

Lamb, Calf, Goat, Chicken

Other Categories

- Small Open Pet
- Medium / Large Open Pet
- Hanging Basket
- Bird Box
- Hobbit House
- Best Dressed Pet

Sponsors

Thanks to our 2021 Sponsors listed below. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact the office before Friday 27 August.

- Road Safety & Rentals
- MasterPlumb
- Baileys Panelworks
- Kazed Construction
- Uzabus
- The Flooring Room
- Body Mechanix
- Tauranga Katikati Vets
- Oropi Therapeutic Massage
- Koops Cycles
- Scholastic
- Hellers Sausages for Schools
- Bay Office Products
- Absolute Contracting Limited
- Noel Leeming The Crossing

Parking & Road Safety

We would like to remind everyone of a few road safety and parking tips to ensure everyone's safety:

- Please do not park in the bus turnaround area. This is for School buses only.
- Please respect our neighbours by not parking in front of their driveways.
- We encourage all families to park at the hall and use the walkway to School.
- ALL visitors coming from across the road should be using the road crossing at the front of the school. This is manned by the road patrol crew before and after School. We do not encourage anyone crossing the road on the blind corner by the staff carpark entrance.
- The mobility carpark is for mobility card holders only.
- The staff carpark is for staff only and is not to be used as a drop off area or parking for parents at any time.
- The three visitor carparks at the front of the School are available to use until 2pm and then must be left available for our after school care vehicles.
- The legal speed limit when passing a stationary school bus picking up or dropping off children is 20km/h. This applies to traffic passing in either direction, regardless of the usual speed limit.



Parents & Visitors on site



It is important that everyone remembers to scan the Covid tracker code when entering the school grounds. If you are visiting or helping out in classrooms at Level 1&2, you must come to the office to sign in. At Level 3&4 no parents are permitted on site.

Sport Update

Year 5 Netball



Photo of the awesome year 5 netball team from the netball tournament at the weekend. The team all played fantastically and came 3rd overall in their pool - just pipped to 2nd on a goal difference of 1! Great to see such amazing teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm

Tui Netball



Oropi Tui netball team continue to improve week on week! They have awesome sportsmanship and give the game their all. Thanks to Mirabel's Poppa Mike for running a lunchtime practice, your expertise are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Matilda and Mirabel, our players of the day from the last 2 games.

Year 5 Netball



Two Oropi School teams entered a year 7&8 indoor bowls pairs tournament on Friday. There were 48 teams from schools all around the Tauranga area. This was a great opportunity to prepare for the AIMS Games tournament coming up next month. Both of our teams represented their school brilliantly. Oliver and Mason won three out of four round robin games to qualify for the finals. Natasha and Alyssa won two out of their four games, narrowly missing out on a third win in a 'sudden death' tie breaker.

Garden to Table

Piwakawaka O. and both Tui classes cooked a veggie tray bake with kumara, pumpkin, broccoli, cauliflower, carrot and crunchy chickpeas for GTT last week. Roasting vegetables in the oven gives them lots of crispy and charred edges, which can turn a humble cauliflower or broccoli into a really delicious meal that everyone will love. We served the tray bake with a garlic and herb mayo and also made bliss balls with kumara and orange. Bliss balls are a healthy treat made with dried fruit, which is naturally sweet, so there is no need for sugar.

It was a bit cool outside last week in the garden, but we managed to complete lots of garden tasks. Tui checked on the chickens, topping up their bedding, food and water.

They planted out coriander seedlings, harvested cauliflower, fed our growing leeks and cabbages and sowed more snow peas. Piwakawaka Oswald went on a hunt for nasturtium seeds around and under the garden beds, filling many paper bags with their treasures and learned the importance of naming and dating any seeds we collect. They also sowed echinacea seeds which was a tricky word to say and spell on our labels!





The Oropi School COMPASSION FREEZER

We are looking for donations for our new school initiative 'The Compassion Freezer'.

The Compassion Freezer is going to help families in need (more details to come about how to nominate).

What can you do to help?

If at any time you are willing to cook a meal that is freezable, you can come and collect a foil container from the office or you can use your own container if you prefer. Once you have got the meal ready, drop it off to the office and we will do the rest.

Any questions please contact Abby
abby@oropi.school.nz



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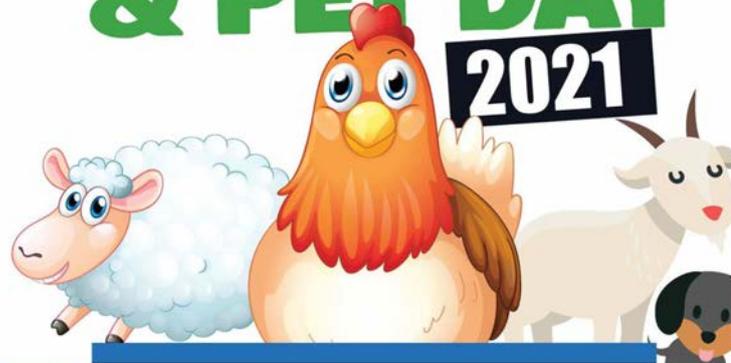
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Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation >>>

With John Parsons



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. Oropi School invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

John Parsons is NZ's leading authority on Safeguarding children online. He is a published author and signed copies of his book 'Keeping Your Children Safe Online' will be available on the day.

Topics covered during his presentation include:

- Online grooming.
- Sexting.
- Cyber bullying.
- Learning to repel & report.
- Future proofing for employment.
- Screen time.
- Sleep.
- Families that eat together heal together.

- Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely and ethically. Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step.



Oropi Hall
23rd September
6.30pm
RSVP **HERE**



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CALF CLUB
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Have your business exposed to 500+ people and help support Oropi School

You're Invited

We would like to take this opportunity to invite YOU to become a sponsor or to provide a donation for this years Calf Club & Pet Day held on **Friday 22nd October 2021** to support our raffle fundraiser, or in support of food stall requirements.



All contributions are recognised on the day -
SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING IS WELCOME.

Your business would be advertised verbally on the day, in all flyer and booklet information that goes out and on our school website, newsletter and facebook page. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity to support Oropi School we would love to hear from you.

Contact the school office on 543 1479 or email office@oropi.school.nz.

Thank you
Your support makes a difference.

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