

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 5



Kia ora koutou

Thank you for everyone's support at Cross Country on Tuesday and for the good turn out with Parent Teacher Interviews. Both aspects of school operation are very important to us and we appreciate your support in your child's learning. Biggest congratulations goes to the children for putting in their efforts at Cross Country. For some, running is their strength, for others it is not. It is the effort that counts and congratulations to our place getters.

As many of you will be aware, we were unfortunately unable to use the neighbouring farm paddock. Alternative arrangements for the use of other farm paddocks required more time to organise things. However, looking toward 2022, we are definitely intending on making running through farm paddocks a feature of the Cross Country again!

Over the last past couple of weeks I have been involved in many things nationally. Namely, the Rural Schools Network being established nationwide and the work going on around the re-structure of our education system and teacher and principal collective agreements. We are at a real crossroads and I think at a time of opportunity to ensure rural schools are equitably treated in the education system, and with regards to professional learning opportunities. Until now, this has not been the case and opportunity comes about based on school size, growth in size, and a relentless fight for getting what we need. This is an unsustainable model. The cool thing is, Oropi School is being highlighted nationally and I am so proud to be a part of the team effort for achieving what is Oropi School over the past decade.

On that note, I have had an opportunity to reflect on the importance of play and why we do what we do at Oropi, including how we view the role of our school, how we implement our curriculum, and why we do what we do.

In modern times there has been an enormous increase in the pressure of formal schooling. In the 'old days' children never had homework and if it was expected, it was for fun and not graded. The importance of measuring and the anxiety that goes with it was not the focus. Children played more the further back in time you look and as society has modernised, time for play has dramatically increased.

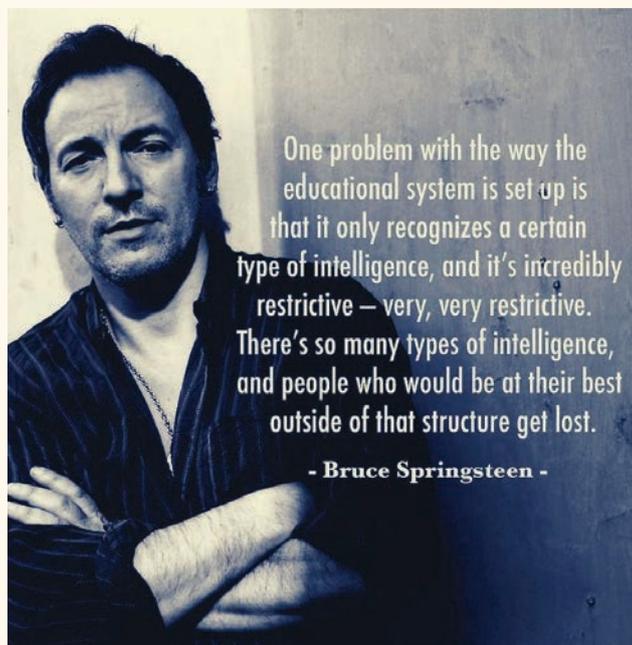
Play can allow for the highest form of thinking, creativity and imagination, given the right context for it to flourish in.

Coinciding with a decrease in play time, we see an increase in rates of anxiety, depression, and complex needs. Too often adults are 'doing things for children' and overseeing too much of what they do, solving their problems for them, and not allowing children to have any control of what they are doing. Children know how to play, and we need to leave them alone to do so, where the main role of educators and parents is to observe and enable growth opportunities and use this to inform further learning, future play, and formal learning; which does still have a role.

Then linked to this is society developing irrational fears of how dangerous it is outdoors and the need to protect children from experiencing negative emotions and trying to shelter them from this. Thus reducing the range of emotional experiences children need to go through to gain skills of independence and resilience, and mental agility. This is why at Oropi School we place importance on not solving problems for children but helping them work through them on a case-by-case situation when negative interactions happen. Our role is that of a coach, not solving problems for them.

I leave you with the following quote, which also sums up why Oropi School is a bit different. As the school leader, I am very conscious of the fact that traditionally schooling determines what intelligence is.

But actually, academic intelligence is not the only determinant of success in life, and we must remember this.



Teacher Only Day

Our next teacher only day is taking place on the last day of term 2, Friday July 2nd for staff to attend a Kahui Ako Conference with all Tauranga Peninsula Schools.

You can check the school calendar by going to the school website www.oropi.school.nz and clicking on Calendar.

School Assemblies

School next assembly will be held in Week 8 on Friday 24 June. Special dates can be viewed by going to the School website and click on the calendar tab.

Parking & Road Safety

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

- 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.

Oropi Speed Limit Bylaw Review, Council decisions.

Following the consultation in August/September last year the Council has made the following changes to speed limits within the Oropi area.

- 80km/h from Wood Road to just South of Castles Road.

- Extend the 50km/h limit around the school to 50m past McPhails Road
- Oropi School - variable speed limit of 40km/h from Oropi Road, Oropi Village – from 15m east of Oropi Gorge Road to 100m south of Gamman Mill Road, and between 8.20am - 8.55am and 2.35pm – 2.55pm during school term.
- 60km/h on Oropi Gorge Road from 150m West of Water Tanks Access to Oropi Road

The new speed limits came into effect on **29th March 2021.**

Parents & Visitors on site



We would like to thank Chris at Infamous Designs for producing our fantastic new signs on the front school gates. 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 the classrooms please come to the office to sign in. You will be required to sign out when you are departing the school grounds.

Signing Out Early

If you are signing your child out early from school please come to the front office and sign the form on the front desk. We will then ring the classroom and have the child come to the office to meet you.

Bay City Mitsubishi Donation



Dan Angland from Bay City Mitsubishi came to school last Friday and donated \$500 to Garden to Table. Each month the team at Bay City Mitsubishi choose a worthy cause to donate to and the team decided to choose Oropi School. We are very grateful for this very generous and unexpected donation.

The Kōkako Kitchen Cookbook

The PTA are working on an exciting new fundraising project! "The Kōkako Kitchen" cookbook is a reflection of Oropi School's Garden to Table journey. It will feature recipes, photos, stories, poems and tips on how to grow your own sustainable vegetable garden inspired by the Garden To Table programme.

This book is specific to Oropi School, celebrating our beautiful rural school and our award-winning garden to table programme. Not only does it contain child-friendly, healthy recipes, but will become a beautiful keepsake documenting your children's time at Oropi School.

We are seeking sponsorship support for this amazing cookbook. All funds raised will go towards the Garden to Table programme. With all Oropi School children taking part in the programme every year, the skills and experience they gain from this programme help increase their self-sufficiency, resilience and appreciation of food origins. They also take their learning home to their whanau to promote healthy eating and sustainable living.

We would love to know if this sounds like something you'd be keen to sponsor, we have a number of options available to suit every budget. If you are interested in sponsoring The Kokako Kitchen Cookbook, or can suggest a business for us to approach, please email: oropi.cookbook@gmail.com and we can send through sponsorship information.



Sport Update

Tui's Take Two



Our year 3 and 4 hockey team, the Tuis, achieved their second win on Saturday defeating Papamoa's Golden Sands 4 - 2. It was fantastic to see the leadership provided by more experienced team members as our newest players continue to grow in confidence.

Kotare Year 5 & 6 Netball

The Oropi Kotare's Year 5 netball team had a great and very fun start to the season playing Omokoroa Point School. Skills from last season were on display with the entire team moving the ball beautifully down the court, not too much stepping and some superb goal shooting and teamwork.

Player of the day was Mackenna Slater who excelled under pressure in her first ever netball game. Score was 10-5 to Oropi.

Basketball



Congratulations to Jackson who won player of the day for the Year 1 & 2 basketball team.

WBOP Swimming



Congratulations to Alyssa who was placed 3rd in the 100m breakstroke at the BOP Zone Year 7 & 8 Swimming Championships.

Cross Country Results

On Tuesday we had a beautiful day weather wise for the annual cross country run. It was wonderful to see whanau coming to cheer our runners on.

Our top runners in Year 7 and 8 competed at the Tall Poppies the very next day at Whakawakamarama. A special mention to Levi Townley who has made it through to the next stage.

The top 6 in the Year 4 - 6 category will head to the West Cluster event next Thursday at Gate Pa. We wish them all the best.

We love to celebrate participation, but also we would like to acknowledge the following children who made a top 6 placing.

Year 4 Girls

Isabella Applegate
Ruby Shaw
Ellie Carter
Isabelle Williams
Charm Ferguson-Genet
Nora Morrison

Year 4 Boys

Loc Rowe
Heath Meldrum
Jessie Smith
Connor Massey
Jonathan Dell
Tobias Hogue

Year 5 Girls

Hayley Kilgour
Jade Gorrie
Emma Weston
Aleriya Domino
Waimarirangi Gardiner
Megan Salmons

Year 5 Boys

Daniel Walters
Jaggar Townley
Oscar Habacht
Mission Jessup
Braxton Llyod
Lachie Kitchingman

Year 6 Girls

Te A Taikato-Te Miha
Amelia Heyward
Alyssa Williams
Dahyun Yoo
Nevaeh Grant
Elena Dell

Year 6 Boys

Leyton Lefebvre
CJ Anderson
Chase Candy
Bjorn Pearse-Danker
Phoenix Otteson
Arthur Rickard

Cross Country Results

Year 7 Girls

Lily Smith

Vivy Gorrie

Jorja Macdonald

Grace Kennedy

Natasha Pearse-Danker



Year 7 Boys

Levi Townley

Max McCaw

Sam Brann

Dominik Polomka

Julian Polomka

Marshall Lasker



Year 8 Girls

Sophie Kilfoil

Olivia Herewini

Mikayla Cowley-Hacche

Alexis Anderson



Year 8 Boys

Hunter Marshall

Mason Kitchingman

Luke Corrie

Logan Brown

Zac Dowling

Emmanuel Drugu

Nathan Pitt

Oliver Winters





Cross Country





HEART KIDS DONUT DAY

Mama's Original Glazed Donuts delivered to School at lunchtime. Yum!

FRIDAY 11 JUNE

ORIGINAL GLAZED DONUTS
\$3 EACH

Heart Kids is a charity dedicated to improving the lives of families with one or more child living with a heart condition, and we receive no government funding. We rely solely on the generous support from our wonderful community and supporters to provide the services we do for heart families.

12 kiwi kids are born every week with broken hearts. Their journey into adulthood and beyond brings many challenges for them and their whānau. Your support for our fundraiser - will help make a positive difference in their lives, and the lives of their whānau. On their behalf, thank you!



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MIDDAY MONDAY 7 JUNE



Matariki

During Matariki we celebrate our unique place in the world...

Nau mai Haere mai

FRIDAY 9 JULY 2021
11.00 AM AWARDS CEREMONY

OROPI MEMORIAL HALL
12.30 PM HANGI LUNCH
AT OROPI SCHOOL

HANGI MEALS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN KINDO BEFORE
THURSDAY 1 JULY.
VEGETARIAN. DAIRY FREE. GLUTEN- FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.



Tickets in Kindo from Week 9



Stars in their Eyes

OROPI SCHOOL DISCO
12 AUGUST

3PM - 5.30 PM : BEATS BY DJ MAC
COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE MUSICIAN

GET READY TO STRIKE A POSE IN THE BIGGER AND BETTER PHOTO BOOTH!

TERM 2 DATES

JUNE

- 7 Queen's Birthday
- 10 West Cluster Cross Country Whakaramara School
- 11 Donuts for Hearts Fundraising for Heart Kids
- 15 Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge Baypark Arena
- 16 Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Year 4 - 6 qualifiers
- 21 Korimako Lewis Technology @ Taumata
- 23 Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Year 4 - 6 qualifiers
- 24 Year 1 & 2 Funky Fun Day Bay Park

JULY

- 25 1.30 - 2.30pm Whole School Hui, parents welcome. Oropi Memorial Hall.
- 28 Korimako Miss Anna & Te Kokako Otaheitanuku Technology @ Taumata
- 30 Year 3 & 4 Funky Fun Day Bay Park
- 2 Teacher Only Day School Closed Today
- 9 11.30 am Matariki Assembly followed by Hangi lunch Oropi Memorial Hall Last day of term 2



Garden to Table

Te Kokako, Korimako H. and Te Hokioi made a warming Thai curry pumpkin soup last week. We have been growing lemon grass in our garden, and this was the first time we had an opportunity to use it. The kids had fun, bashing it with a rolling pin before adding it to the soup. We also made flatbread and chocolate/rhubarb muffins.

This week Piwakawaka W., Ruru, Kea and Te Hokioi made a different kind of lasagne, using roasted pumpkin, fennel and greens. We also picket our first citrus fruit from our trees and made citrusy mini muffins, using the zest and the juice.

Korimako Lewis did a great job fertilising the feijoa hedge at the front of the school, collecting more leaf piles for the compost, sowing coriander and pulling out the last of the aubergine plants. Te Kokako planted out plenty of purple broccoli seedlings for winter harvests. Te Hokioi sowed radish, cabbage and pea seeds; making their own pots for the peas out of newspaper. Piwakawaka Williams and Ruru planted more broccoli, pulled out sugar snap peas, ruudbeckia and courgette and fed the cabbages and cauliflower. A group from Ruru got to dig up our yakon plant to see what was underneath. It is our first time growing it and we had no idea it would grow so large! We harvested many tubers and now we have to figure out how we cook this wonderful new vegetable!



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
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- 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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Log in to customise your account and view:

- Student learning stories, progress and goals
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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

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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

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