

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 7



Kia ora koutou

Following our school cross-country event in Week 5, a number of students have moved on to represent our school in cluster events around our region. Fourteen of our Year 7/8 students competed at the Tall Poppies Cluster event at Whakamarama School, running a challenging course against students from ten other schools. As a result of his performance on the day, Levi Townley qualified to compete at the Zone Event next week.

A group of our Year 5/6 students competed at the West Cluster event at Gate Pa School last week, experiencing yet another challenging course and strong competition from those schools competing. Ruby Shaw one of our Year 4 students, has qualified to compete at the Western Bay event as a result of her performance.

Reports from parents and staff attending these events have confirmed that Oropi students continue to demonstrate great

sportsmanship and uphold our school values when competing against other schools from around our region. Congratulations to all those who have taken part over recent weeks.

School Choir

Rehearsals are well under way as our 50-strong choir prepares for their performance at Baycourt Theatre in Week 5 next term, as part of the Tauranga Primary Schools Music Festival. In addition to presenting a selection of massed songs reflecting the music of Aotearoa, they are about to begin preparing their individual item which is always well received by both the audience and other schools performing on the same night. Performing with over 250 other singers is such a unique and memorable experience, and it will be great to see our school taking to the stage again following the cancellation of the event due to Covid in 2020. Ticket information will be available early next term.

Robert Lewis

Deputy Principal

Staffing Update

Michelle Muller will be going on leave for surgery effective from Monday 28th June and will be returning on Monday 9th August.

During her absence Jenny Richards will be covering for Michelle. Please be patient as Jenny learns the role and gets to know all your faces.

School Buses

It has been brought to our attention that there may be some parents utilising the school buses in the morning without advising the school. As previously communicated to the school community, you **MUST** see the office and complete a bus enrolment form before the school can approve your child on a bus. Some of our buses are at capacity and any extra students will create safety issues. There will be spot checks at bus stops to ensure students are safe and children are registered to travel on the bus.

Please stay with your child until the bus leaves. They are your responsibility until they are safely loaded onto the bus. Please help us to keep our tamariki safe.

Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Tuesday brought with it some rather wet weather, but rather than dampen the spirits of the 59 Oropi students that ran in the event, it only made the course muddier and better!

A massive thanks to the parents who helped set up, for those that helped get the kids to the event and those that cheered them on.

The kids had a blast and this event continues to be a firm favourite on the Oropi School calendar. Special mention to Lily Cumming who won Top Fundraiser for the Tauranga event by raising \$1650 for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Lily received a \$50 1-day.co.nz voucher and is crossing her fingers to win the top junior fundraiser prize once the other events are complete. . This girl has an amazing village around her with all their support!



School Assemblies

Due to Matariki being in Week 9, we have decided to cancel our Week 8 Hui, scheduled for Friday 25 June.

Teacher Only Day

Our next teacher only day is taking place 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.

Term 2 ends on Friday 9 July.

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.

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

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**

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THURSDAY 1 JULY.**

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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.

Heart Kids Donut Day



Last Friday Mackenzie & Ceara Parkes planned and organised a fundraiser that is really close to our hearts and theirs!

Check out their message on the School Facebook page to say THANKS Oropi School Community for your support! Thank you for helping us celebrate Heart kids awareness week.

If you don't know about Mackenzie's story you can read about it here...<https://heartkids.org.nz/.../small-stories/mackenzie-parkes>

\$125 was donated to Heart Kids Bay of Plenty
\$125 was donated Starship Hospital PICU Bed Shortage



UPCOMING DATES

JUNE

21

Korimako Lewis **Technology** @ Taumata

23

Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country
Year 4 - 6 qualifiers

24

Year 1 & 2 Funky Fun Day, Baypark
Piwakawaka Oswald & Tui Heath

28

Korimako Miss Anna & Te Kokako Otanewainuku
Technology @ Taumata

Year 3 & 4 Funky Fun Day, Bay Park
Tui Rachele & Kea

1

Hangi orders due today 9am
Snow Trip parent meeting this afternoon

2

Teacher Only Day
School Closed Today

9

11.00 am Matariki Assembly followed by Hangi lunch
Oropi Memorial Hall
Last day of term 2

28

Art Gallery Trips
Kiwi & Tui Heath

29

Art Gallery Trips
Piwakawaka

30

Art Gallery Trips
Tui Rachele & Kea

AUGUST

2

School Photos this week
Korimako Lewis **Technology** @ Taumata

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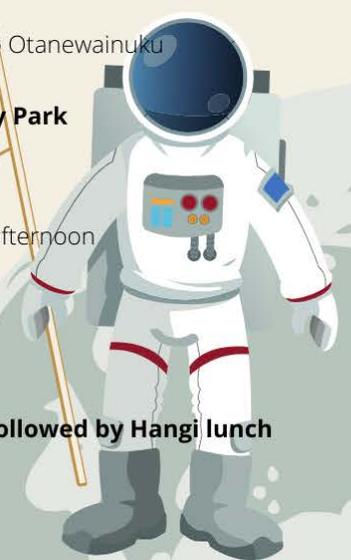
School Hui
Oropi Memorial Hall

9

Korimako Miss Anna **Technology** @ Taumata

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School Disco



Sport Update

Fun in the sun for Oropi Hockey



The year 5 / 6 and the 3 / 4 Oropi Hockey teams played well on the weekend, each recording fantastic wins. Both games were awesome and there was plenty of fun had by everyone (including all the parents who got very excited watching).

Kotare Year 5 Netball



Oropi Kotare played Taumata Stars last Saturday and won 16-0. Players of the day were Jade and Lachie and Maisy got best sportsmanship for the game. The whole team played well together and were practising their pivoting skills and bounce passes. It's great to see such enthusiasm and fun on the court from the whole Team.

Oropi Tui Netball



Oropi Tui played another awesome game of netball on Saturday! Congratulations to Ruby who was chosen as Player of the Day due to her great defending and moving into space.

Garden to Table

This week's menu is based around healthy homemade snacks. Ruru, Piwakawaka, Kea and Te Hokioi made their own wholemeal crackers, using cookie cutters to make their crackers into interesting shapes. They made Parsley and Lemon Pesto and Roasted Pumpkin Hummus to dip their crackers into. For dessert, Pumpkin and Chocolate Mini Muffins.

Last week we experimented with our new vegetable; the yacon. It hails from the Andes in South American and is best harvested after a frost for a sweeter flavour which is exactly what we did! Te Kokako and Korimako made Yacon chips with a Yacon, Citrus and Kale Salad and Spiced Pumpkin Mini Muffins. Now that we've worked out how to cook it, we highly recommend the humble yacon which was also very easy to grow.

In the garden we have been tending our winter crops; keeping the weeds at bay, providing liquid fertiliser to the growing cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli and doing our best to keep the slugs and snails away. We sowed more spring onions, 'violet' and 'snowball' cauliflower, nasturtium and broad beans. We pruned back the rosemary and lemon tree that try to trip us as we pass. All our remaining pumpkins and squash have now been harvested and are finishing their curing in the winter sun.



KOTARE T NEWS

A great start to Term 2...



We have been learning about healthy foods. We went to Pak n Save to do some more research. We all had a great time and we all have learnt a lot more now about how much sugar, salt and fat are in processed foods. A big thanks to the parents who came too!

WOW

We have been learning what proportions make a healthy dinner!



School cross-country time. WOW!! The students who made top 6 from our class were Jade, Aleriya, Chase, Lachie and Amelia. Aleriya almost made it to Western Bays coming in 10th at West Cluster. (The top 7 go through to Western Bays). Well done all of you for giving it your all as the Gate Pa course is hard!

I just need to hold this steady now so I can use the hot glue gun...



WOW

Marble run making...

Maddison and Stella made a marble run. It took a long time in Discovery to make it be able to stand because it kept falling over. It works well now...



In buddy time on Friday mornings we have been making flying cars and other exciting things with loose parts.

Created by Stella Tolley and Maddison Boyd. Edited by Mrs Tappenden.

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.



Advertising spots selling fast!

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.



Oropi School Fundraiser for the Te Kokako trip to Waitangi



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