

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 6



Kia ora Whanau

Some of you may wonder why I have put out requests for chicken pictures? It all started when I had the Calf Club Day chicks stored in my office for collection. I took a video clip of it and posted it to the NZ Principals' Facebook Page with a question "what are your distractions today?"

Since then, I have posted everyday due to demand and interest in hearing about the life of Chickens in Oropi.

Alongside each chicken picture and story, comes a message for the day. At the moment, this is keeping spirits up in our leadership space and causing lots of laughs and collegiality. And it's fun for me as the storyteller!! I've made names for all the chickens I have used. Today's message was about making mistakeshow we all make mistakes, and learn from them. The other day, it was about preparing for Level 3 and keeping within our bubbles at school.

I showed pictures of the chickens in houses explaining how the chickens had broken the rules and from that was able to summarise some key points of Level 3.

From my reading of emails, zoom meetings, and social media postings, it sounds like there are lots of great stories of our Oropi kids, staff, and parents finding fun and new ideas for how to fill their time in lockdown. Awesome work. Heaps of creativity going on out there. Thanks everyone for doing your bit to enable our kids to remain engaged and creative. Remember, creativity is the highest form of intelligence!

I miss being at work and personally find it quite challenging trying to work from home and be in zoom, email, and phone mode. There is nothing like face-to-face interaction and engagement to do the job! However, the reality we will need to remember is that when we all go back, we will be going back to Level 2, which is still going to have a major impact on events, trips, sports, and whole school gatherings. Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Year 5&6 Camp for Tui Ridge and of course AIMS games are cancelled. As a leadership team, we are just looking ahead one week at a time to make decisions on cancellations and postponements. As we postpone or cancel, we will keep families informed.

Thank you everyone for your understanding and support. Hopefully Level 2 will come soon!

Kia kaha

Nga mihi nui

Andrew King | Principal

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.

School Photos are ready to order

By now you should have received an email from Claire Fraser who took our school photos in August.

If no passcode has been received, you can email Claire directly at claire@clairefraser.nz and she will give you the information you need to place the order.

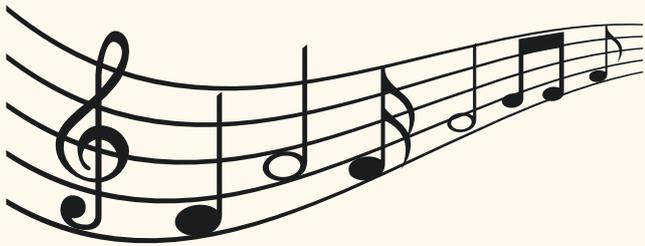
Please remember there is an early bird discount of 10% for orders placed by 8pm, Saturday 4th September 2021.

Year 5 & 6 Tui Ridge Camp

Check Hero for details on the postponement of the Year 5 & 6 camp to Tui Ridge. We are looking into moving the camp to term 4 or booking an alternative outdoor education experience for Pukeko & Kotare classes.

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

Kotare Hockey



A surprise visitor came to watch the Kotare hockey team on 14 August. Thanks so much for your support Mrs Pendergrast. And thanks as always to coach Nigel Burling.

MR MAC'S BOOKS
BOOKS KIDS WANT TO READ

READ ALONG!

LIVE reading of
THE SUPER WEIRDOS!

Mr Mac will be reading *The Super Weirdos and the Battle of Bash* - LIVE on Saturday the 4th of September at 4pm!

Be into WIN the book he reads by SHARING the live stream!

www.mrmacsbooks.co.nz

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

**SCAN ME TO
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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**.



OROIPI SCHOOL'S LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE!

WELLINGTON TO TOKYO!

**AS A FAMILY: RUN, BIKE, WALK,
SCOOTER, POGO, SKIP, ROLLER
BLADE, SKATEBOARD, HOVERBOARD**

**LOG YOUR DISTANCE AND TELL WHO PARTICIPATED IN
THE GOOGLE SHEET LINKED IN THE CAPTION!**



*Appreciating
Paraolympians*



STEM Challenge

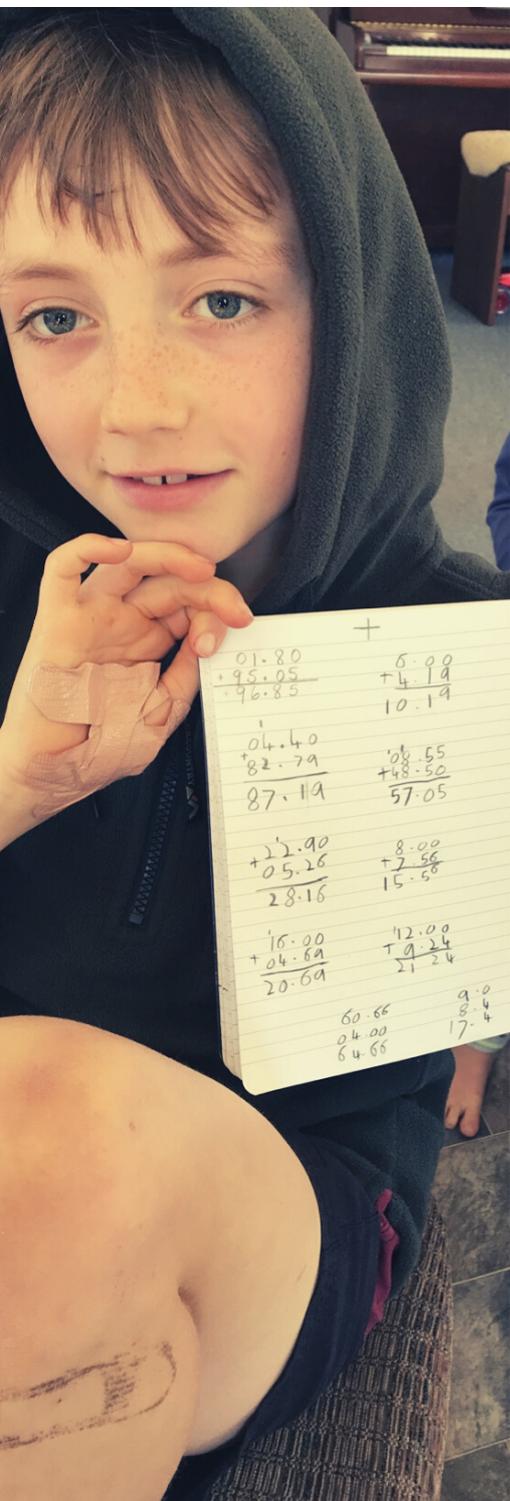


*Mr King's
Lockdown antics*



Getting out in nature





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TUI RACHELLE HOME LEARNING



King Nathan ready for tomorrow 😊

Waiting for our Tiara and Tie Zoom

TIARA AND TIES AFTERNOON TEA



Way to go Hunter! Looks like a great climbing tree!

This is the bat that came to tea



I would feed him berries and nuts.

Fantastic drawing Lucas, love it! what would a bat have for tea?

The Lion Who came to tea With Liam



scavenger hunt mum made

That is so awesome! Did you have to go and find all of those things?



- SCAVENGER HUNTS
- CLIMBING TREES
- READING
- MAKING CRAFTS
- BAKING



NICE Job!

ONE TASK WAS TO MAKE OUR NAMES FROM THINGS IN NATURE



GREAT work!



TE HOKIOI CLASS

SPCA CUPCAKE DAY FUNDRAISER!

We sold many, many cupcakes and raised \$658 for animals in need at the Tauranga SPCA. WOW!!



Garden to Table

All of a sudden it is Spring! Yesterday we had our own Garden to Table session here at home, sowing seeds for the school garden and to sell at Calf Club next term. My helpers Arthur and Polly sowed three varieties of cucumber, two varieties of squash and sunflowers. Without some of our usual equipment, we had to make do with what we have here at home. First we sowed the cucumbers in a seed tray. Sunflowers and squash don't like to have their roots disrupted, so we made little newspaper pots to sow the seeds into that can be planted straight into the garden once they're bigger.

Newspaper pots are easy to make at home; find a round jar with a diameter of the pot you want to make. Cut a strip of newspaper slightly taller than the height of pot you want to make. Roll the jar in the newspaper strip with some of the newspaper hanging over the bottom of the jar. Fold the overhanging flap of newspaper under the bottom of the jar and crease it hard to make the bottom of the pot. Slide your jar out and...voila... little pot.

To sow seeds at home you will need:

Seeds - ask at home if you already have some or whether you can buy some. You can buy seeds cheaply from some supermarkets plus retailers such as www.kingsseeds.co.nz sell them online. You could always try collecting seeds from your vege scraps at home and see if they will germinate; just make sure they are New Zealand-grown vegetables.



Garden to Table

Container - You can sow seeds into any clean container, as long as it has holes in the bottom for drainage. Yoghurt pots or takeaway trays work well, just use a hammer and nail to gently punch some holes in the base. If you use newspaper pots, sit them in a tray or container so that they are easier to move around.

Soil - If you don't have seed raising mix, use a kitchen sieve to sift potting mix, garden soil or aged compost. Catch the finer soil that passes through the sieve and use that as your soil.

Warmth - many seeds need warmth rather than light to germinate. A sunny windowsill is ideal or a sheltered spot outside in the sun, but move your tray somewhere warm at night. The top of your fridge or in your hot water cupboard is a good spot. As soon as your seeds germinate, you will need to move them into the sunlight otherwise they become very 'leggy'.

Your seed packet should say how deep to sow but a good rule of thumb is to sow twice as deep as the size of the seed; the bigger the seed, the deeper you sow. Label the container with what you have planted and keep them watered. Small containers dry out quickly so you will need to water at least daily. Different plants take different amounts of time to germinate, anywhere from a few days up to a month. Keep an eye on them and move the tray into the sunshine once they germinate. Once you have two sets of leaves on your little seedlings, it will be time to pot them on..





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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...

Animal judging starts at 10.00am

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
- Invisible Office Chartered Accountants
- Mr Mac's Books
- ASB
- Farmlands

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.



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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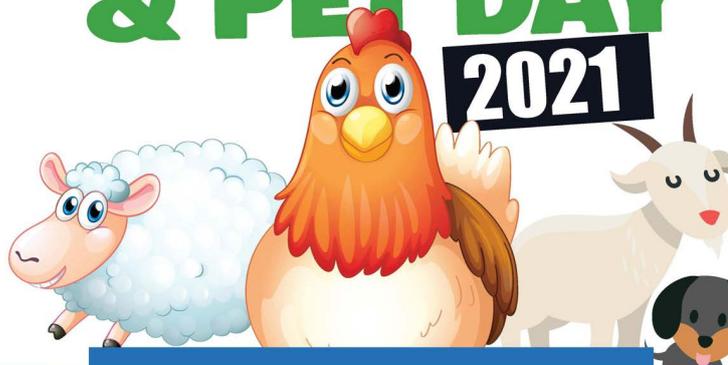
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Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation >>>

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
& PET DAY
2021



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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