

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 8



## Kia ora koutou

### **Arotake me te whakanui**

#### **Reflecting and Celebrating**

This week we have had the opportunity to reflect upon the year that was 2020, and celebrate what we have achieved as a learning community.

At our Prize-giving Assembly on Wednesday morning:

- We celebrated and acknowledged members of staff who are moving on at the end of the term, and the contribution they have made to Oropi School.
- We celebrated students who have upheld our school values during the year.
- We celebrated students who have achieved success in academic learning areas.
- We celebrated students who have demonstrated leadership and citizenship across the corporate life of our school.
- Our Year 8 Students celebrated and reflected upon their time with us through their end-of-year

speeches, giving us an insight into their thoughts about our school, and their dreams and aspirations for the future, and they marked the end of their time at Oropi School, as a group, at their Year 8 Dinner on Wednesday evening.

So even though we have had to negotiate our way through uncertain times during much of 2020, we have still had many things to reflect upon, acknowledge, and celebrate as a learning community, during the course of the year.

Thank you to the many parents, friends of the school, and members of the wider school community who were able to join us for our celebrations during the week. We continue to appreciate your interest, support, and involvement in our school 'happenings'.

Have a great weekend.

Robert Lewis | Deputy Principal

# 2021 Information

## 2021 Term Dates

We are pleased to be able to confirm the following:

The first day of school for all children will be Wednesday February 3rd at 8:55am. We begin with a Pohiri at 9:00am to welcome all new staff, students, and families, followed by tea/coffee and muffins.

We finish school on Friday December 17 **2021** at 1pm

Term 1 February 3 - April 16

Term 2 May 3 - July 9

Term 3 July 26 - October 1

Term 4 October 18 - December 14





## 2021 Teacher Only Days

In 2021, we will be utilising four of these days as follows:

- Tuesday February 2nd for start of year planning
- Friday April 16 for work on our new Student Management System (HERO)
- Friday July 2nd to attend a Kahui Ako Conference with all Tauranga Peninsula Schools
- Monday September 27, to work on Term 4 planning and our Student Management System (HERO)

These dates are showing on the 2021 calendar. This can be accessed via the School website [www.oropi.school.nz](http://www.oropi.school.nz)

## End of Year

- School will finish at 1pm on Monday 14 December. If your child will not be attending School on the last day, please remember to notify the office. Buses will leave School shortly after 1pm.
- Reports are coming home on Monday.
- Class confirmations will be sent towards the end of next week.
- Stationery packs can be ordered anytime from the end of next week. Information is on the School website under 2021 Stationery.
- We are changing our student management system at the end of this year. We would appreciate all overdue fees being paid before Friday 11 December.

## Updating Information

Remember to update the office if your contact details have changed. Text messages and emails go directly to the Primary caregiver from the enrolment form. If you would like emails and text messages to be sent to both parents, please notify the office by emailing [office@oropi.school.nz](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz)

## Enrolments

Now is the time to enrol your soon to be 5 year old. We have new online enrolment system. Go to [www.oropi.school.nz](http://www.oropi.school.nz) and click the enrol now tab on the home page. We would like these in as soon as possible for any 5 year old due to start School between now and December 2021.

## Stationery 2021

Once families know which classes their children will be in next year (being announced next week), you can order stationery packs by going to the School website and clicking on the 'newsletter, events, lunches, payments tab, and selecting 2021 Stationery.

All other fees including bus fees will be invoiced later in January once our new SMS is up and running.

# PTA Update

At the end of the year Sarah and Lauren will be stepping down as co-chairs of the PTA. This means that there is an opportunity for someone, or a couple of people, to take over going forward from term 1 next year. Please let us know if you are interested as it would be great to get it confirmed for the start of the new year.

Email: [oropi.pta@gmail.com](mailto:oropi.pta@gmail.com)

Lauren and Sarah

# Calendar Art

We have followed up with Kids Art Works today and they confirm there are still a few late orders on their way. ETA will be before the end of this term.

# Important Dates

**All dates showing on the School calendar. Go to [www.oropi.school.nz](http://www.oropi.school.nz) and click on the calendar tab.**

- Korimako Lewis Camp Tuesday 8 December
- Reports coming home Monday 7 December
- Jan's Farewell & Friends/Volunteers of the School Thank you morning tea Tuesday 8 December
- Music Concert Wednesday 9 December
- Year 3 Mauao Team Camp Thursday 10 December
- Mauao Trip - Te Puna Quarry Thursday 10 December
- Last Day of School Monday 14 December 1 pm
- First Day of 2021 Wednesday 3 February

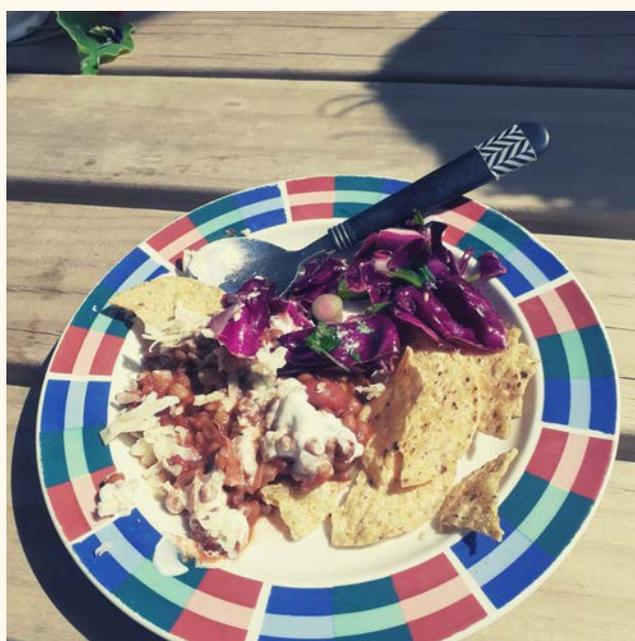


# Garden to Table



This week was the last session for Pukeko and luckily the sun shone as we had plenty to do. We had visitors from Tokoroa School who were keen to learn from us as they embark on their Garden to Table journey starting from Term 1. Pukeko were wonderful hosts and cooked a delectable two-course feast. Using a donation of tinned tomatoes, corn chips and sour cream left over from Korimako Higgins' camp, we made Lentil and Tomato Sauce Nachos with a Red Cabbage Slaw, followed by Chocolate Cupcakes with Macerated Strawberries and Chantilly Cream. Our visitors were very impressed and we had to reassure them that this was definitely a 'special occasion' menu!

In the garden we planted out Honeynut Squash, cucumbers, aubergine and swan plants. We prepared our carrot bed for fresh seed for 2021. We tidied up the greenhouse and put some of our leftover seedlings out on the Kokako garden stand for families to take home. As the year draws to a close, there will be left over seedlings that we won't use so please help yourself if you see anything you would like on the Kokako Garden stand in front of the main office.



# Term 4 Sport

## Pukeko Flippa Ball

We played a ferocious game against the Greenpark Snappers this week. Although we lost the game, everyone had a great time and finished with huge smiles! Players of the day were Theo who really got involved this week and scored a magnificent goal, and Emma whose enthusiasm infected the whole team. Next week is finals week - we will be in a play off for 7th&8th out of the eighteen teams in our league.



## Piwakawaka Rippa

The Piwakawaka Rippa Rugby team finished the season on a high. The players gained lots of confidence and skills during the last games and the several players scored their first tries during the game. They played so well that we had four players of the day; Luke, Payton, Cooper and Jesse.

Well done everyone!

## Basketball

We had a fast challenging game against the Maungatapu Thunder on Monday night. Although it was a defeat the team kept going and giving it

their all. Player of the day went to Vivy Gorrie for been a consistent player and Milarn Gardiner for holding the fort and been there for her team.



## Ruru Rippa

Ruru Rippa had their last game of the season last night. They were having so much fun building human pyramids they were late onto the field, but had an awesome game anyway! They are working so well as a team, supporting each other and building confidence in their rugby skills. So great to see such wonderful teamwork Ruru.





## Pukeko Rippa

The Pukeko team played an awesome game against Greerton Village. Tries were scored by Mason, Hikawai, Oscar, Haylee, and Phoenix. It was a close game with GVS taking the win by 1 try. Players of the day were Cooper & Piper.



## Kotare Rippa

Our final game of the season did not disappoint. Loads of try's, excellent rips and great team work led to a fast paced and action packed game that was exciting to watch. Riley showed great pace to score two tries as did Max and Jai. The most impressive thing was the great team spirit with some beautiful passes and supportive play. The final score was 5-2 to Kotare. Well done Kotare Superstars!



## Korimako Rippa

Korimako Quick Rip were unable to play their final game of the season due to a late withdrawal from their opponents. Kiani & Ariki were however welcomed to Oropi's Kotare team! Thanks for your inclusivity Kotare & congrats on the win!

Meanwhile, the remaining Korimako team members played a friendly match against each other before receiving their end-of-season certificates & enjoying their juicies! Friendly-match player of the day was Aidan Kim, while Phoenix Ottesen - our super star honorary player of the season - received a well-deserved certificate for his commitment to our team. A 'get well soon' shout-out goes to Zane Delany who also supported us this season. From all of us in Korimako team, we hope you recover from your injury ASAP Zane!





**HAVE A GO SESSIONS**



**& ACADEMY FOOTBALL**



**WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?**

## KELLY SPORTS TAURANGA

This summer holiday Kelly Sports Tauranga is bringing back cricket and football with a BANG! Having played sports since the age of 5, I have a huge passion for helping to grow and develop children's ability and confidence in the sporting arena. I have been a part of the Northern Districts Men's squad and have been lucky enough to play alongside Blackcaps Kane Williamson, BJ Watling and many more.

Owner/Operator: Anish Desai

### **HAVE A GO SESSIONS - Years 1 - 6**

If your child loves cricket or football, then get them along to our fun and enjoyable programme. Whether they have played before or just want to give it a go, we have it covered. We will play games and activities based around learning and developing basic cricket and football skills in a fun and inclusive environment.

#### **Prices & Session Times at Tauranga Girls' College**

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Have A Go Sessions run Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for 3 weeks starting January 12th through to January 28th 2021. You can choose to book either cricket or football, but if you're sport crazy, why not book both? If you do, don't forget to pack your lunch!

<b>Cricket:</b>	9am - 12pm	\$25
<b>Football:</b>	1pm - 4pm	\$25
<b>Double the Action:</b>	9am - 4pm	\$45

### **ACADEMY FOOTBALL - Years 4 - 8**

If your child has a passion for football and has goals and aspirations to further their development, then get them along to our Academy Football programme. This is for children who play at a competitive level. Our sessions will be based around developing their skills in all facets of the game!

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Academy Football will run on Fridays for 3 weeks - the 15th, 22nd & 29th of January 2021.

<b>Academy Football:</b>	9am - 12pm	\$35
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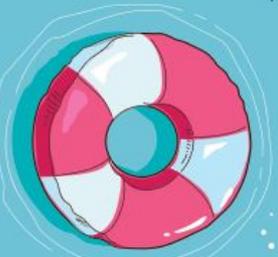


A great way to maintain reading levels over summer!

# KIA KAHA TE PĀNUI SUMMER READS

KIA KAHA TE PĀNUI – SUMMER READS is a fun, free summer reading programme for ages 5-18. Share what you read with us over the summer holidays and receive great prizes! Participants also receive a fun-filled booklet of reading challenges and games!

Programmes are available from all Tauranga City Libraries from **Wednesday, 16 December 2020**, while stocks last.



# CHRISTMAS Holiday Programme 2020

WE ARE WINZ APPROVED!

Papamoa Centre: 72 Market Place Papamoa  
Greerton Centre: 8 Kiteroa Street Greerton  
10th December to 18th December 2020  
Hours: 8am - 6pm (7am early start extra \$5)  
Cost: \$50 + Trip day fees as stated  
Bookings: <https://coastkids.almplus.com/Account/Login>

\*\*Summer HP & Special days after Feb 1 are advertised separately\*\*

Mon 7 Dec	Tues 8 Dec	Wed 9 Dec	Thurs 10 Dec	Fri 11 Dec
<p>Days until the Holiday Programme Begins</p> <p>(BSC / ASC as normal for schools that are still operating)</p>	<p>Days until the Holiday Programme Begins</p> <p>(BSC / ASC as normal for schools that are still operating)</p>	<p>Days until the Holiday Programme Begins</p> <p>(BSC / ASC as normal for schools that are still operating)</p>	<b>Christmas Disco</b> Time to give your body a shake down, and stretch those arms and legs out at our CK Disco	<b>Top Town &amp; Waterbomb Games</b> Let's get fired up with some team mini games
Mon 14 Dec	Tues 15 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Thurs 17 Dec	Fri 18 Dec
<b>Santa Sacks &amp; Water games</b> We are making a personalised Santa Sack just in time for Christmas! Bring your togs for the arvo	<b>Christmas Craft &amp; Cooking</b> Christmas crafts and some yummy baking for the morning, then get ready for some water games **bring togs	<b>Secret Santa's Workshop</b> You can be a gift giving elf today in Santa's workshop, we have a few homemade treats also	<b>Christmas Cookie Bake</b> Who loves COOKIES??? Gingerbread, and sugar cookies all day long, plus some cool Christmas games!	<b>Christmas Party</b> \$40 short day (we close at 3pm) Join us as we party in preparation for the most wonderful time of the year! p.s. We close early at 3pm today!!

If you are seeking care for Monday 21st December – Wednesday 23rd December 2020. Please make an enquiry to our Parent Support Team by emailing: [parentsupport@coastkids.net.nz](mailto:parentsupport@coastkids.net.nz). (Care for these days will be subject to minimum numbers enrolling)

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- Bookings are subject to availability and require 48 hours to process.
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- Change of clothes, including sun hat
- Togs, Towel & Sunblock
- Large Healthy Lunch & snacks & water bottle
- Enclosed Footwear

FULL T&Cs please see: <https://coastkids.almplus.com/>

Please arrive by 8.45am! Daily Plans are available in centre



# AIR TRACK TUMBLE CLASS OROPHI SCHOOL

Beginner and advanced classes for all school years



**Term 1** **Friday Lunch 12:40-1:20p.m**  
**19th Feb - 16th April on back field**  
 9 weeks with graded certificate **\$ 95**

Book online at

[www.thegymnasticacademy.com](http://www.thegymnasticacademy.com)

Call Marie for more information **0211705426**



# SUMMER Holiday Programme 2021

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5th January to 29th January 2021  
Hours: 8am - 6pm (7am start avail at \$5 extra)  
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Junior Programme (Ages 5 – 8 Years)				
<b>Mon 4 Jan</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Tues 5 Jan</b> <b>Summerfest</b> Summer crafts, food, and some butt kicking water games! Togs are a must! As you will get wet today!	<b>Wed 6 Jan</b> <b>Superheroes</b> Dress ups welcome. Come prepared to battle villains and save the centre!	<b>Thurs 7 Jan</b> <b>Mini Olympics</b> Join us as we battle it out. Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in today's challenges	<b>Fri 8 Jan</b> <b>Limbo Party</b> Everyone loves a good limbo party with a Hawaiian themed twist. Let's see how low you can go??
<b>Mon 11 Jan</b> <b>Coast Kids Gala</b> Crafts, treats & mini games ready to go so prepared for an amazing day!	<b>Tues 12 Jan</b> <b>Slam Jump Inflatables (extra \$10)</b> We are off to play at the park, climb the playground and enjoy the sun!	<b>Wed 13 Jan</b> <b>POKEMON</b> Gotta catch em all! Get ready for pokemon mayhem at the centre!	<b>Thurs 14 Jan</b> <b>Pools &amp; Party (extra \$10)</b> We head off to cool down at the local pools & play some team games!	<b>Fri 15 Jan</b> <b>Spy Academy</b> Crack the code and solve the case, we are calling for all spies in the area!
<b>Mon 18 Jan</b> <b>CARNIVAL (extra \$10)</b> We are off to Trust Power for a sports carnival, so come ready to show off your team skills!	<b>Tues 19 Jan</b> <b>FACE THE COOKIE</b> Face the cookie, stack em all, Chopsticks Race, Cotton Nose – come ready to play!	<b>Wed 20 Jan</b> <b>Boot Camp</b> We're building an obstacle course today. Bring your stamina and get ready to get sweaty!	<b>Thurs 21 Jan</b> <b>Movies (extra \$15)</b> Join us at Capital Cinemas for the latest movie	<b>Fri 22 Jan</b> <b>Slime-tastic Party</b> Uh oh! Its time to get messy, come make your own slime and other messy craft options!
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b> <b>Athlete Factory (extra \$10)</b> We're off to speed school to learn some skills and drills from the masters!	<b>Tues 26 Jan</b> <b>Dance Fever</b> Come dressed to impress! Today, we have lots of disco fever fun to be had!	<b>Wed 27 Jan</b> <b>Waterbombs &amp; ART</b> We have a full morning of art projects for you all, then get into some wicked waterbomb games!	<b>Thurs 28 Jan</b> <b>The Wonkey Donkey (extra \$10)</b> A live show featuring Craig Smith Author of the Wonkey Donkey Book & song!	<b>Fri 29 Jan</b> <b>PAJAMA PARTY</b> Dress to impress – it our Friday, come PAR - TRAY with us!
Senior Programme (Ages 9-13 years)				
<b>Mon 4 Jan</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Tues 5 Jan</b> Welcome to day 1, we have survivor training to get you started with us!	<b>Wed 6 Jan</b> <b>MasterChef</b> Get your cooking and tasting skills ready to go, we are in the kitchen today!	<b>Thurs 7 Jan</b> <b>Laser Tag (extra \$20)</b> It's a round robin, so choose your team mates wisely. Only one team can survive!	<b>Fri 8 Jan</b> <b>Skate Park</b> Join us at the local skate park bring your scooters, boards, helmets along today
<b>Mon 11 Jan</b> <b>Adrenaline Forest (extra \$25) 1.4m tall min height</b> Not for the faint hearted come ready to extend your skills and overcome your fears!	<b>Tues 12 Jan</b> <b>FACE THE COOKIE</b> Face the cookie, Stack em all, Chopsticks Race, Cotton Nose – come ready to play!	<b>Wed 13 Jan</b> <b>Movies (extra \$15)</b> Join us at Capital Cinemas for the latest movie	<b>Thurs 14 Jan</b> <b>Summerfest &amp; Water Games</b> We get into a summer art project. (Bring your togs for our water games)	<b>Fri 15 Jan</b> <b>SUP Boards (extra \$25)</b> This is the perfect opportunity to learn true balance with a SUP lesson!
<b>Mon 18 Jan</b> <b>GUINNESS RECORDS</b> Will you be the new Guinness World Record holder?	<b>Tues 19 Jan</b> <b>Welcome Bay Pools</b> Join us for a nice dip at one of the local pools & make your own homemade pizzas!	<b>Wed 20 Jan</b> <b>Park Hopper</b> We are off to view a number of local parks & playgrounds in the neighbourhood. Come ready to explore!	<b>Thurs 21 Jan</b> <b>Slime and Paint</b> Join us for a messy art day, so come with your creative juices ready to flow	<b>Fri 22 Jan</b> <b>Rainbows End (extra \$4)</b> Rollercoaster, Bumper Cars, Goldrush, Stratofear, Fearfall, Powersurge, Bus leaves at 7am
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b> <b>Waterbomb Mania</b> If you love a good water play, then this is your day. Bring a change of clothes you will need them!	<b>Tues 26 Jan</b> <b>Aquatic Inflatables (extra \$10)</b> The ninja inflatable course will be in full operation!	<b>Wed 27 Jan</b> <b>MKR</b> Show off a combination of cooking skills & athletic skills in this head to head comp.	<b>Thurs 28 Jan</b> <b>Coast Kids Big Hunt</b> We are on a neighbourhood scavenger hunt! Prizes to be won today	<b>Fri 29 Jan</b> <b>Surf School (extra \$25)</b> Beginner lessons are ready to go, come learn how to be a seasoned surfer for summer

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# 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.