

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 2



## Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our new whanau that have started at Oropi School this term. We were pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you all on Monday morning.

It has been a very settled start to the term, with the benefits of brilliant weather! We are very proud of all that we can offer at Oropi School.

The following programmes are in full swing again already:

- Garden to Table
- Language Bites (Mandarin and Maori)
- Choir practices have begun for the August Music Festival

and Music lessons begin again next week.

Thank you to Michelle Muller, our Sports Coordinator and the parents who have volunteered to help manage or coach sports teams. We have the following sports taking place this term:

- Hockey
- Basketball
- Netball
- Year 7&8 children registering for the AIMS Games

It may seem a while ago now, but towards the end of last term we had our Kaumatua Day / Grandparents Day. This was a huge success with a high level of attendance! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting this. The experience has given us a lot of 'food for thought' for the future. We got really positive feedback about the day and helpful suggestions for future events. I can easily see it becoming a regular event and we have a lot of things we can consider for this. We will keep you informed and definitely want to do it again.

I want to finish with an acknowledgment to Chris Price, Infamous Designs, who has completed the School Van signage. Thanks Chris, looks very cool. Our school van will surely be the envy of all school vans out there driving around town?!

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew King  
Principal | Oropi School



## 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**

Please remember to sign in to the office if you are coming on site during School hours. This includes parents coming on site for volunteering within the classroom and garden to table helpers. This is a health and safety requirement so we can account for all children and adults during the day.

If you need to collect your child during school hours, please report to the office before collecting your child.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

On Tuesday 1 June School will close at the earlier time of 12.30pm after the cross country and we will be holding parent teacher interviews from 1pm until 7pm.

The purpose of these interviews will be to give you an academic update of your child's progress, needs, and where they are at.

To book an interview, please check the Hero message sent today or go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=cztsg>

School buses will run at the earlier time of 12.40pm.

## **School Assemblies**

School assemblies are being held in Week 4 and 8 this term. Special dates can be viewed by going to the School website and click on the calendar tab.

## **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](http://www.oropi.school.nz) and clicking on Calendar.



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# Oropi School

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## Cross Country Overview 2021

**Date:** Tuesday 1st June 2021    **Postponement date:** Friday 4th June 2021

**Venue:** School grounds, as unfortunately the neighbouring paddocks are no longer available.

**Senior School Event:** 9.10am – 10.40am

Race Order:    Year 8 Boys/Girls  
                    Year 7 Boys/Girls  
                    Year 6 Boys/Girls  
                    Year 5 Boys/Girls  
                    Year 4 Boys/Girls



**Junior School Event:** 10.40am – 11.30am

Race Order:    Kiwi Boys/Girls  
                    Year 1 Boys/Girls  
                    Year 2 Boys/Girls  
                    Year 3 Boys/Girls

In preparation for this event, all children will require:

- Oropi School Polo Shirt (or plain blue T Shirt)
  - Black Shorts
  - Junior School – appropriate clothing for running
  - Suitable Footwear (or children may run barefooted at their own risk)
  - Warm Clothing
  - Large Drink
  - **Asthma Inhalers or any other medication considered appropriate**
- } Middle and Senior School Runners

At the conclusion of the event, parents are more than welcome to take their children home as school closes at 12:30pm in preparation for parent teacher conferences.

Buses will run as usual at the end of the event. If you intend to take your child home directly please inform the office.

**Parents and friends of the school are welcome to spend the morning with us and support our runners. Please look for the designated supporters area.**

We look forward to you joining us,  
**Oropi Staff**




**RANGI KAUMATUA**  
Kaumatua Day  
Wednesday 14 April 9am - 10.30 am

Nau mai haere mai ki te rā kaumatua o te Kura o Oropi

Oropi School would like to invite our Kaumatua to engage in morning activities with their mokopuna



# Garden to Table

The weather was fantastic for the first week of school and the Piwakawaka kids enjoyed their first ever garden to table session. We started with a tour of our kitchen, and a little chat on how the kitchen part works, before we got into cooking.

We made a yummy crumble with the pears we picked from our orchard a few weeks ago and enjoyed that with homemade custard, using some fresh eggs from our chickens.

Ruru, Kea and Te Hokioi also started GTT this week and cooked courgette fritters, a mixed salad plus the crumble.

Being new to the garden, Piwakawaka Williams and Kea took the time to have a tour of the garden, exploring all the beds and learning what our compost, worm farm, greenhouse and garden shed are for. Ruru and Te Hokioi were able to get straight into some jobs after a quick reorientation, clearing some of the tomato and sunflower plants, tying up the pea tendrils, harvesting radishes, feeding our young seedlings and sowing marigold and cavolo nero seeds. The worms have been busy over the school holidays, we had a lot of worm wee to collect.



## ANZAC Day



Thanks for the efforts of Emma and Maisy, raising a total of \$230.80 for the RSA. Well done girls.

## Celebrating Sporting Successes Outside of School



On the 18th April it was the Tauranga Motorcross Club prizing giving for the 2020/2021 motorcross season. Here are the results.

Levi Townley - 1st 8-11 years 85cc

Jay Killgour - 5th 7-11 years 79-125cc Trail

Ashton Brown - 2nd 7-11 years 65cc MX

Jagger Townley- 2nd 8 - 11 years 65cc Pro

Excellent effort boys. Well done!



Declan, Caeden & Hunter all competed in the St Pats Monster Mountain Bike Under 12 Competition at Luna Park in Taupo. They all did well and had a blast in their first competition!

## Have you downloaded the Hero app?

All notifications are now sent in Hero. If you find you cannot read the full message you will need to download the Hero app. See the Hero page further on for information or pop into the office and we can assist you.

## EPRO8



Well done to the teams who participated in E-Pro 8 at Tauranga Intermediate last term.

## Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is a change and loss education programme. It supports children following significant life events e.g. separation and divorce, death, school transitions, migration and natural disasters.

The programme uses the imagery of the seasons to describe and understand the experience of grief.

Trained 'companions' facilitate small groups of 4 - 6 children over 8 sessions that run for approximately 40 minutes. Each session explores a theme such as:

- Life is like the seasons
- Change is part of life
- Valuing my story
- Caring for my feelings
- Making good choices

Alaina will be facilitating a group next term. If you feel your child would benefit from this programme, please get in touch with Alaina - [alaina@oropi.school.nz](mailto:alaina@oropi.school.nz)

## Camp Fundraising

The Te Kokako class have a trip later this year to Waitangi. We are driving up in vans and are staying at a local Marae for 4 nights. We have 28 children with us and will require 10 adults to support. We anticipate the total cost to be \$5,000. It is extremely important to the school and parents that everyone has the chance to attend, and so we are busy fundraising. We appreciate your support... and thank you for the opportunity you give the Tamariki to learn more about the Treaty of Waitangi and experience the grounds where it was signed and also other activities pertaining to the area and its history. See the flyer further on in the newsletter on how you can support the fundraising efforts or go to Kindo.



## What people say about *Seasons for Growth*

"I felt a lot better because I was letting all the pain out. Sometimes in school I'd feel like crying about it, and I nearly cried. Then I just held it in. But when I went to *Seasons for Growth* I could just let it out, and talk about it. I didn't need to cry because I could talk about it" (Matt, 9).

"Having other people with the same problem to talk to has really helped" (Antonio, 12).

"I'd like to think my son wasn't affected by the divorce but I know he was. The program has helped him to know that it happens in other families too" (Parent).

"The *Seasons for Growth* training has helped me to realise the impact that change and loss can have on kids' behaviour at school" (Teacher).

"This program has been a source of great joy for the children who have participated in the program over the past ten years. It has been a source of satisfaction to me and I continue to be amazed at the results of this wonderful program" (Companion).



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## Like the seasons our lives shift and change



- ◆ Friends come and go
- ◆ We lose someone we love
- ◆ Parents and families separate
- ◆ We move to a new place
- ◆ We experience a natural disaster
- ◆ Illness impacts our life
- ◆ Our family's work-life changes

*Seasons for Growth* is an innovative grief and loss education program that uses the imagery of the seasons to illustrate the experience of grief. It aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people (aged 6-18) who are dealing with significant life changes by:

- ◆ exploring the impact of change and loss on every-day life
- ◆ learning new ways to respond to these changes.

Trained adult 'Companions' facilitate the small group program, where participants support and learn from each other in age appropriate and engaging activities.

Young people learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief and build their communication, decision making and problem solving skills within a supportive peer group.

## Program structure

*Seasons for Growth* is a small group (4-7 participants) program of 8 sessions, plus a celebration.

The Children's Program has three levels:

- Level 1: 6-8 years
- Level 2: 9-10 years
- Level 3: 11-12 years

Supporting materials for the children's program include individual participant journals, beautifully illustrated by Stephen Michael King, newly recorded *Seasons for Growth* music, and a range of links to online resources.

Level 4 is also available for young people 13-18 years, and *Seasons for Growth* Adult and Parent Programs are also available.

## Companions

Trained adult 'Companions' facilitate each *Seasons for Growth* group. Companions may be school/agency staff, endorsed parent volunteers or other suitable adults who undertake a two-day training workshop and receive subsequent accreditation from Good Grief to deliver the program. Good Grief provides Companions with regular opportunities to meet, network and learn throughout the year through Reconnectors, newsletters, conferences and the website.



## Outcomes for children

*Seasons for Growth* provides the support and space for children to:

**learn** about how different people respond to change, loss and grief

**understand** that it is normal to experience a range of grief reactions

**explore** new approaches to dealing with change and loss in their lives

**build** communication, decision making and problem solving skills

**participate** in a supportive network of peers and adults

**integrate** their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others.

***Seasons for Growth* is an education program. It does not provide counselling or therapy.**



# Oropi School *Environmental Update*

After completing our Rubbish Bin Audit early last term, we are implementing some changes...

- New RED landfill bins in each class.
- Clearly labelled landfill and recycling class bins.
- Educating students about what rubbish should be placed in each bin.
- Compost bins in the lunch eating areas.

We also successfully saved 663 writing implements from entering our Landfill through the Terracycle Recycling Programme.



# Oropi School Fundraiser for the Te Kokako trip to Waitangi



We're making  
**yummy**  
**MEMORIES**



**\$16**  
Fundraiser Price  
Normal Price \$27



**\$12**  
Fundraiser Price  
Normal Price \$20



**\$12**  
Fundraiser Price  
Normal Price \$20



**\$12**  
Fundraiser Price  
Normal Price \$2

# Hero - New School App

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- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
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- 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**.



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# eZlunch MENU

Oropi School / Term 2 2021



2 Taurikura Dr  
Tauranga Crossing  
Tauranga 3171  
07-543 0547

## PLAIN PETITA PITA

Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Vegemite Petita	\$5.50
Free Farm Bacon	\$6.00

## WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA

Wholemeal Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Vegemite Petita	\$5.50

## GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA

GLUTEN FREE Free Range Chicken Petita	\$7.50
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

## PETITA SALAD BOX

Free Range Chicken Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
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

## DRINKS

Cool Ridge Water 750ml	\$4.00
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Term  
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for more information



# Wacky Hair Day!

**When:** Thursday 6th May (Week 1)

**Why:** Earlier this year Apanui School fell victim to a fire, we would like to help them along their way to rebuild and resupply their classrooms.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation.

