

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 8



## Kia ora koutou

It has been a very positive time in the life of Oropi School since our last newsletter! The Beach Education programme was a great success at Omanu Surf Club for all classes. The weather could not have been better for the week! At Oropi School we value the importance of providing water based sports and programme opportunities. Water safety is an important part of the curriculum for New Zealand children. A big thanks to Surf Life Saving New Zealand for their time and expertise!

It was such an honour to win the two awards for our Garden to Table programme at the TECT ceremony last Thursday night. We won the "Sustainable Future" award and the "Peoples' Choice" award. It is most definitely a recognition for our whole community because it is a collaborative effort involving everyone. We thank all for doing their bit. In particular, a big thank you to Amandine Monsaingeon who had the vision a few years ago now and completed many funding applications to equip the Kokako Garden.

And to Heron Rickard and Andrea Habacht as our Garden to Table specialist staff. Behind our staff, are a range of sponsors and volunteers also. The Garden to Table Trust CEO and regional rep Andrea Green were with us at the Ceremony and without the support of the trust, we wouldn't have the support and guidance we regularly get. It is affirming to know how valued the programme is and how beneficial to our children and families this is on so many levels.

Last week it was confirmation that the NZ Rural & Area Schools Leadership Association which I have endeavoured to set up over the past 18 months has been endorsed by the Ministry of Education and we have funding from the Ministry to support our mahi for the next three-five years. This is an important nationally recognized achievement because it is about supporting rural schools across the country to be networked and supported in what can be very isolating contexts. It is the first of its kind since the days of rural schools advisors, which rural schools used to have in the 1980s and 1990s.

Kia pai to rā whakatā

Andrew King | Principal

## Tall Poppies Swimming

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements at Tall Poppies Swimming.

### **Max McCawe**

100m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 100m Medley

### **Alyssa Salmons**

100m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke

### **Lily Smith**

50m Freestyle

### **Cruz Perry**

50m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 100m Medley, 50m Backstroke

## Rippa Rugby Results



Piwakawaka had an awesome game of Rippa on Friday 19th March against Greerton Grasshoppers. The team played a close but fantastic game winning 9 - 8.

Players of the day this week went to Payton W for an epic runaway try at the start of the game and Ruby C for her full commitment to getting those rips.

## Rippa Rugby Results

The Oropi Keas had an awesome game of Rippa on Friday. They played a game of tag bull rush as a warm up and were able to use the tactics in bull rush into their rippa game. Our players of the day were Matilda M for her fast running and try and Israel O for his ruthless determination and many tries. Great team work by everyone too.

## Summer League Netball

WINNERS!! Oropi Pukeko took top prize for their grade (section 2) in the Year 6 summer league at Tauranga Netball Centre.

After a winter impacted by Covid, our eight players had such a brilliant summer of netball - the team made impressive leaps in progress and had a huge amount of fun. Wednesday night's final against the Jetts2020 was pretty much tied the whole game until the last quarter when the Lawson-Banks siblings, Kiani and Ariki, scored 10

goals between them to give Oropi a clear lead. The final score was 17-10. Players, siblings and parents had hot chips and a sunset swim at Pilot Bay to celebrate a great netball season with a wonderful bunch of kids. The players would love to field a Year 7/8 team this winter - please contact the office if you're interested. Beginners welcome!

## Winter Sport Registration

Check your inbox or Facebook for the link to Winter Sport. Entries close this Sunday.

Sports available are Netball, Hockey, and Basketball.



## Top Schools

Top Schools, an Annual event at Gate Pa school which see Year 5 and 6 students in teams of 12 compete against each other for honour, pride and a trophy. With events such as Leaky Bucket, Thread the Needle, Horizontal Bungee, Lydia Ko, Train Tracks and many more its easy to see why the kids had so much fun.

Working as a team, supporting each other, leadership, communication and a sense of fun are all the key ingredients to a great night. Our Oropi representatives showed all these and more and did our School proud.

A special thanks to Mr Mac for running a training session for the team a couple of days beforehand and to Whaea Jaimee for herding the kids to each event and getting them organised. Thank you also to all our whanau who came down to support the team, cheering them on and enjoying much laughter.

Gate Pa put on a cracker night and I think it will be a highlight on our future sporting calendar in years to come.



## Celebrating Sporting Successes Outside of School



Elsie and Heath Meldrum have both enjoyed another season of Nippers at the Mount Maunganui surf lifesaving club.

Club champs were held 2 weeks ago and Heath took first place for the under 8yr olds and Elsie came 2nd in the under 6yr olds.

A great way to finish such a fun summer in the water.

## Aims Games 2021



Anchor AIMS Games returns to Tauranga in September 2021.

Every September, many thousands of 11 to 13-year-olds gather in Tauranga to compete against their age in a variety of individual and team sports. For many, this is their first experience of a super-scale sports event, complete with an opening ceremony, professional livestream coverage and world-class facilities. Anchor AIMS Games encourages an active life, fair play, and participation across a variety of sports.

Many professional Kiwi athletes have come through the Games on their way to specialisation and achievement on the world stage. So put 4 - 10 September in your diary and for more information please visit <https://nzaimsgames.co.nz/> Keep an eye out for further details from me in March and April. Registrations close in June.

## Scooters at School

A reminder that all children who bring scooters to School must be wearing their helmet at all times while riding their scooter. No Helmet, no scooter. Please also remember that bikes are not permitted at School, unless it is a planned bike day with your class.

## Hero Notifications

Remember to download the Hero app so you are receiving the full messages sent out. See page 9 for the details. In the meantime, remember to check your spam folder in case any messages have gone in there. Hero is the preferred way to report an absence for your child. It is the easiest way to get a message directly to the class teacher and office. Contact the office if you need help downloading the app.

## PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTA meeting last week. We had a very productive meeting and lots of ideas were shared. We have seen a good increase in our PTA membership which is wonderful!

I will continue as chairperson for this year. Any support is always welcome so if you are keen to be involved or help out in any way with the PTA please email [ropi.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ropi.pta@gmail.com)

Thanks

Lauren Shaw

## 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. Thank you.





# Garden to Table

Another week of fantastic weather for GTT....Last week Piwakawaka O and both Tui classes cooked courgette pasta and with the first peaches from our tree, peach crumble. This week Pukeko and both Kotare classes tried out a new vegetable called spaghetti squash. We made a lentil bolognese sauce to eat with the squash, a salad on the side, and apple and cinnamon muffins for dessert. Even the spaghetti squash does not exactly taste like spaghetti, it does certainly look like it.

The garden crews were very busy bees, there are always lots of jobs to do in Autumn. We pulled out our dwarf yellow bean plants which have finished producing. Meanwhile another group sowed peas which will replace the beans on the bean frame once they've germinated. Peas enjoy cooler weather so they are perfect to plant now. Other groups collected sweetpea and calendula seeds; bagging and labelling them for planting next Spring. We also sowed kale, leek, and cabbage seeds for winter crops. After a few weeks of ripening in the sun, we finally brought in our bright yellow Spaghetti Squash. We weighed them and the biggest is a whopper at 2.81kg!

We're on a winning streak; Zealandia, who are a vegetable seedling wholesaler, drew Oropi School's name in a competition and we won 100 seasonal seedlings for the garden! Pukeko had a good time opening the carton and sorting through our seedlings; kale, beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, parsley and lettuce. What a head start on winter planting! Pukeko and Kotare prepped

some beds with fresh compost so that we can get planting next week. They also picked the remaining apples and all the pears from the orchard so they are refrigerated for the coming weeks.



# 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

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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**.



Sinking or floating:

The

# titanic



## Relating to others

We worked together to build our own ships. We discussed together the shape, design and materials used to build ships. We wondered if paper, cardboard, leaves or wood would be best at floating! We watched as they sank! We made little lifeboats for our cicada shell passengers and wondered what it must have been like for the real passengers and crew.



## Sinking or floating

Wow! We've had an awesome week in Kea! We have loved sharing our knowledge and learning new things about sinking and floating. We all knew about the famous ship the Titanic. We enjoyed sharing facts and stories.



## Writing

The Titanic has really inspired us to write this week. We wrote recounts of our experience escaping in a life boat. We described the freezing iceberg and waters, enormous, grand ship and frightened passengers.



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Oropi School / Term 1 2021



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Tauranga Crossing  
Tauranga 3171  
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## 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
Charlies 200ml Tropical Juice	\$2.00
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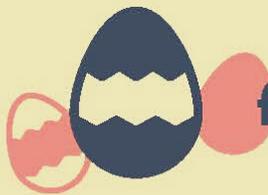
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**EASTER SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

**Koikoi Reserve, The Lakes Tauranga, 9.30am - 5pm**



## family easter egg hunt

**9.30AM - 10.30AM**

Search for hidden letters around the lake to make a word  
and win an Easter egg for the kids



## 2 x round the lakes fun run/walk

**11AM - 12PM**

**\$1000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON**  
**(BEST DRESSED, THEME & SPOT PRIZES)**

All ages welcome to register - (\$10 entry fee for 15+ years)  
All proceeds to Trek - In support of Kiwi kids

## join the fun at koikoi reserve

**12PM - 5PM**

**LIVE LOCAL MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES**

**family zone** - bouncy castles, face painting, food stalls

**licensed zone** - beefeater pink gin, brancott bubbles, good george beers and ciders

**v.i.p zone** - 4 drink tickets plus low & slow bbq lunch \$55p/p (limited seating)

This is a licensed event so byo alcohol is not permitted, you may byo food  
and non alcoholic drinks, but these will also be available on site.

For more details and V.I.P & fun run registration head to good local facebook page



New Zealand China Friendship Society and Multiculture BOP

Present a

# COMMUNITY DINNER

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

# MENG FOON

**Race Relations Commissioner**

**MC - Greg Brownless**

**WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 6.00pm**

**DANIELS IN THE PARK**

*Five panelists representing Tauranga's Cultural Diversity will give their thoughts on Tolerance and Discrimination in NZ then Meng Foon will speak on this.*

**\$45** Tickets available from:

- **House of Travel - Willow Street**
- **Multicultural Tauranga - Historic Village**
- **or online at 01 0434 0108000 00**

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