

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6



Kia ora koutou

Thank you for all the feedback on project options for property works in the school with the additional \$250 000 in funding we received from the Ministry of Education.

The majority of the 125 responses supported work in relation to covering the courts and doing some work with the school swimming pool.

What we will be doing now is some research into the options for these projects and associated costs, including deciding if we will apply for additional funding to help progress these sorts of projects to an even higher standard than the \$250 000 can provide.

The feedback from surveys is always interesting and valuable as it gives us new insights and ideas, and tells a story in terms of understandings and perceptions.

On that note, I am taking this opportunity to feedback on the additional ideas mentioned in the survey:

- The Junior Toilet Block project is still going ahead. We have already had the basins, pans, and urinals upgraded in all blocks throughout the school. The remaining part of this project is to replace the floor and wall lining in the junior block
- All our drinking fountains have now been upgraded

- The bus area and parking topic is always a highlighted issue which is totally valid. However, it is hard for the school to be able to do all that is required and we must prioritise projects that will benefit children and their educational opportunities the most. In saying this, a lot has been done to address traffic and parking issues. It is still not ideal which we are aware of. However, any future considerations here will be part of other projects.
- There were great ideas regarding play areas, like the gully, which we will be able to fund and do over time in stages, such as climbing structures.
- The multipurpose space and library being bigger is certainly something we are aware of.
- Having a dedicated space for Art and Music will be possible once we are back to having a spare classroom which will be the case once our new classrooms project is complete
- We are not aiming to build more buildings and keep growing the school. As explained over the past two years, building works that are happening are to accommodate existing numbers. Works to date have actually enabled our green spaces to remain relatively the same because; 10 years ago, the gully was not a usable space, the Kokako Garden did not exist because there was a leaky building classroom there which was demolished to make way for greenspace, and the library/MPR space has made greater efficiency of building space in that part of the school and not actually increased our building footprint. The Korimako block and other classroom block that will be nearest the field add some building footprint. However, this is 'cancelled out' by the building efficiencies mentioned.

Andrew King
Principal

Splash & Dash

This coming Tuesday 17th March will be the school Splash and Dash. This is a fun event that signals the end of school swimming. The times below are for each team's event.

Otanewainuku

Team 9 am - 10 am

Puwhenua Team

10 am - 11 am

Mauao Team

11 am - 12 pm

Children will all need togs and towel for this event. Parents are welcome to come and support their child. Any parents who are willing to help marshal, please email your child's teacher.

Donations

As I am sure you are all aware, there is a lot of media attention in relation to what is now called a donation for past and current payments parents have made to the school.

I am fully supportive of parents requesting receipts for the past four years of payments now classified as donation. It is thanks to the School Donations Amendment Bill that this situation and possibility has arisen and something I tried to explain and highlight at the time when the revised guidelines came out in October last year. It appears this has been an oversight by the Ministry and Government.

While I am unapologetic for highlighting this issue publicly, I am very mindful of the huge extra

workload and pressure this puts on school office staff.

Kylie and Lyn are already receiving a lot of requests for receipts for past payments that can be claimed as donations.

Because of past and current methods of accounting, it is not a simple process to provide these receipts. It is possible, but cannot be actioned straight away. This is also because it is new territory for our accountants, auditors, the IRD, Kindo, and our student management system providers ETAP.

We will be setting aside a time to do this in the near future and in the meantime will keep a record of requests. Please allow us time to sort this situation and your receipts will be provided in due course.

Dental Unit

This arrives on Monday March 16th. I have had a meeting with the Dental Managers this morning and have been given assurances and proof that there have been a significant review of processes for ID of students. Dental therapists are now required to site three forms of ID before proceeding with a student and within the management system, they have to tick this has been done before proceeding with the patient. We have Cheryl Wright and Karen Gibson as our Dental Therapists starting on Monday, who are new to our school and are trained in all revised procedural requirements.

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.

We do not carry this information over from 2019, so you will need to update the office with pick up information.

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.

SunSmart

Please remember, school hats are compulsory for all of Term 1 and Term 4. If you have lost your hat and need a new one, they are available at the office for \$20. Children are also allowed and encouraged to wear sunglasses at school but this is the responsibility of families. The school will not take responsibility for the loss or damage of children's sunglasses.

It is essential that students apply their sunscreen at home in the morning and bring sunscreen to reapply during the day. Unfortunately we do not have the resources to supply sunscreen for 300 students (we do have some for top ups).

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.

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.

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.



PTA

Thank you to those who have supported both our Frozen Friday and Harvesting Basket Fundraisers, we have had great success with both of these. The harvesting baskets are selling fast and we only have 24 left, so get in quick to secure yourself one!

Our last Frozen Friday will be held on Friday 27th March, bring along \$1.50 for an iceblock or a juicie.

If you would like to receive PTA updates or help with anything PTA related please email:

ropi.pta@gmail.com

Lauren and Sarah

PTA co-chairs

Garden to Table

This week, both Kotare classes and Mr. Lewis's Korimako class used up more summer vegetables by cooking ratatouille, cornbread and mixed leaf salad with avocado dressing. The cornbread was especially popular and it is a quick and easy bread, that can be made all year round using frozen or canned corn and it goes really well with soup or stew.

Fantastic pear harvest on Wednesday; we picked about 150 Doyenne du Comice pears and there are still more higher up - we just need a taller ladder! On Friday, Korimako Lewis will harvest the Braeburn apples which will be our first ever apple harvest from the Kokako Garden. Other jobs this week included cutting back the fennel patch, weeding the poppy garden, assembly and installation of our new garden arches, and another green caterpillar hunt on the broccoli.



Wow!



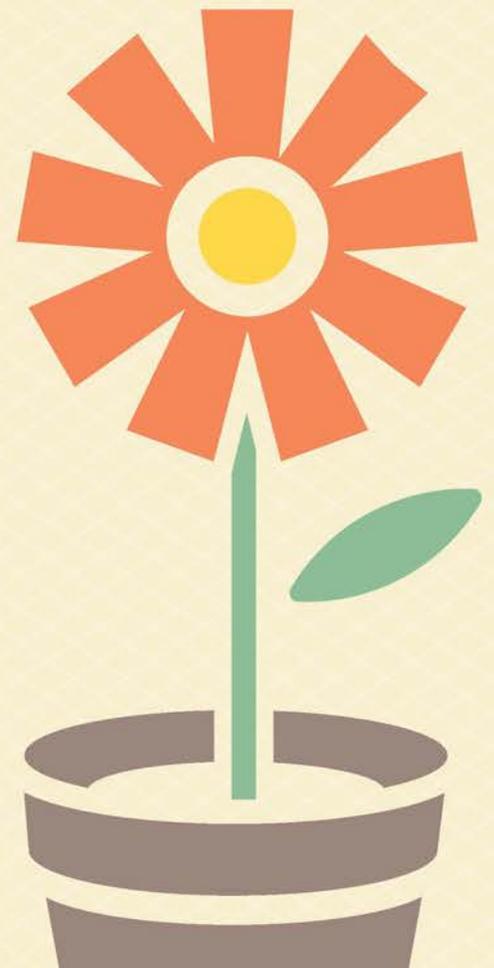
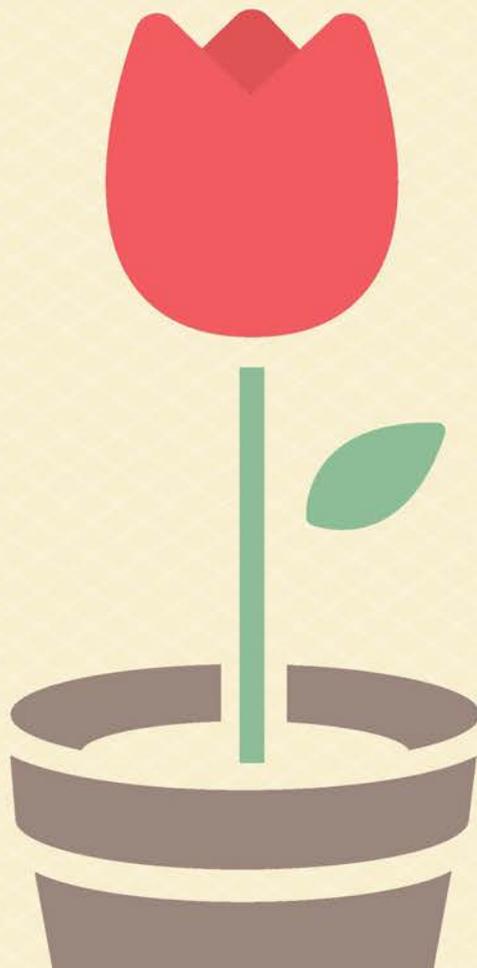
Harvesting Baskets Fundraiser

FUNDRAISING FOR MIDDLE AND
SENIOR SCHOOL INQUIRY RESOURCES

Great for collecting
your garden goodies.
These would make an
excellent Mother's
Day gift.

ONLY \$25 EACH,
NORMAL RETAIL PRICE
\$39.99.

Purchase via kindo from Monday 9th March.
Baskets will be ready to collect at school from Monday 30th March.
Get in quick as we only have limited numbers.



Sport Update



This weeks game 9/3/20

WOW what a game! We played Maungatapu Mavericks, they are one of the top teams in our grade. We had an amazing start, our team was on fire, we won the first two quarters up by 3 goals for a long time, half time unfortunately they came through and took the lead, it was a rough game to watch but our Korimako team are very strong and always knows to give it back and hold their ground. Final score was 22-14 to MGT. Our POD today was someone that worked so hard on their defence and was always wicked to steal and grab the ball when ever that person had the chance, that goes to Milarn amazing work on the court keep it up! You were on point!! Coach Makuini.



The Tui Rippa team lost their game but had a great game. Players of the day were Gideon and Loclan.



Last weeks game 2/3/20

We had a great start to our game leading in the first quarter considering we only had one sub. We lost by 6 goals in the end, yes it was challenging game as their advantage is their height they were very tall. POD went to Aidan he is improving all the time and I am so proud of him that he is beginning to understand the game and really pushing himself to be more involved. He is amazing to get our rebounds then passing off to his team mates to finish it off. Great stuff Aidan you are growing in this sport my friend.

Winter Sport

Check your inbox for the link to Winter Sports Information. We have Netball, Hockey, and Basketball available for the winter terms.

<http://bit.ly/OropiWinterSport2020>

Please complete the google form before 27 March.

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

Remember to call the office to report your child's absence.

Call 543 1479 and leave a message or email 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 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.



Ruru goings on

WRITING IN THE GULLY..
WHAT DO YOU SEE, HEAR,
THINK & WONDER??



I'm in the gully and I can see big giant trees. I can see black birds fluttering in the trees. I can hear birds tweeting a lovely tune, I can hear bees buzzing around. I think the gully is a wonderful place. Nature is the most beautiful thing in the world. I wonder why people would want to ruin it?

By Avarna Pretty.

I'm in the gully and I can see big trees with bright green leaves. I can hear a lot of cicadas making sounds with their wings, I can hear birds singing. The gully makes me want to have an outdoor class. I wonder why I can't hear many Tui's? I wonder why there's a drought?

By Leon Baijens.



Science experiements - chemical reactions!



Superstars choosing to use their lunch time to keep our school tidy!

Pedal for a cause!



THE GREAT K VALLEY CYCLE ADVENTURE

FAMILY FRIENDLY, SCAVENGER HUNT BY BIKE

Sunday 5 April 2020

11 AM - 3 PM

Kopurereua Valley Reserve, 17th Ave

REGISTER TODAY AT

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[thegreatkvalleycycleadventure](https://www.facebook.com/thegreatkvalleycycleadventure)



We invite you to join us for an action packed, scavenger hunt, by bike. Get your team together and register today.

The adventure will get kids and adults active while enjoying map reading, team building & puzzle solving skills.

A fun afternoon, brought to you by Tauranga Sunrise Rotary & in association with Bike Month.



Proceeds raised will go to Graeme Dingle Foundation Bay of Plenty - Supporting local kids with values and life skills programmes. Plus other local youth charities.



Rovers

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2020 SEASON



WINTER FOOTBALL

REGISTER ON MyCOMET

PRE SEASON

GRADE 8 TO YOUTH

Preseason training registrations now open

February 13th - 19 March (6 weeks)

Morland fox Park, Greerton

Grades 8/9/10: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Grades 11 - Youth : 6.00pm - 7.00pm

\$30 for 6 weeks

Register via **My Comet**



WINTER LEAGUE REGISTRATION now open

First kicks boys and girls ages 4-7
Junior football boys and girls - ages 8-15
Register to play via My Comet
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Not sure? Try a **FREE** trial lesson!

Lessons include speech, music & movement including mime & creative improvised drama in an atmosphere that emphasises cooperation and fun.

For further information on session times and locations, or to discuss how the programme could benefit *your* child, please phone Camilla May (Academy Principal)

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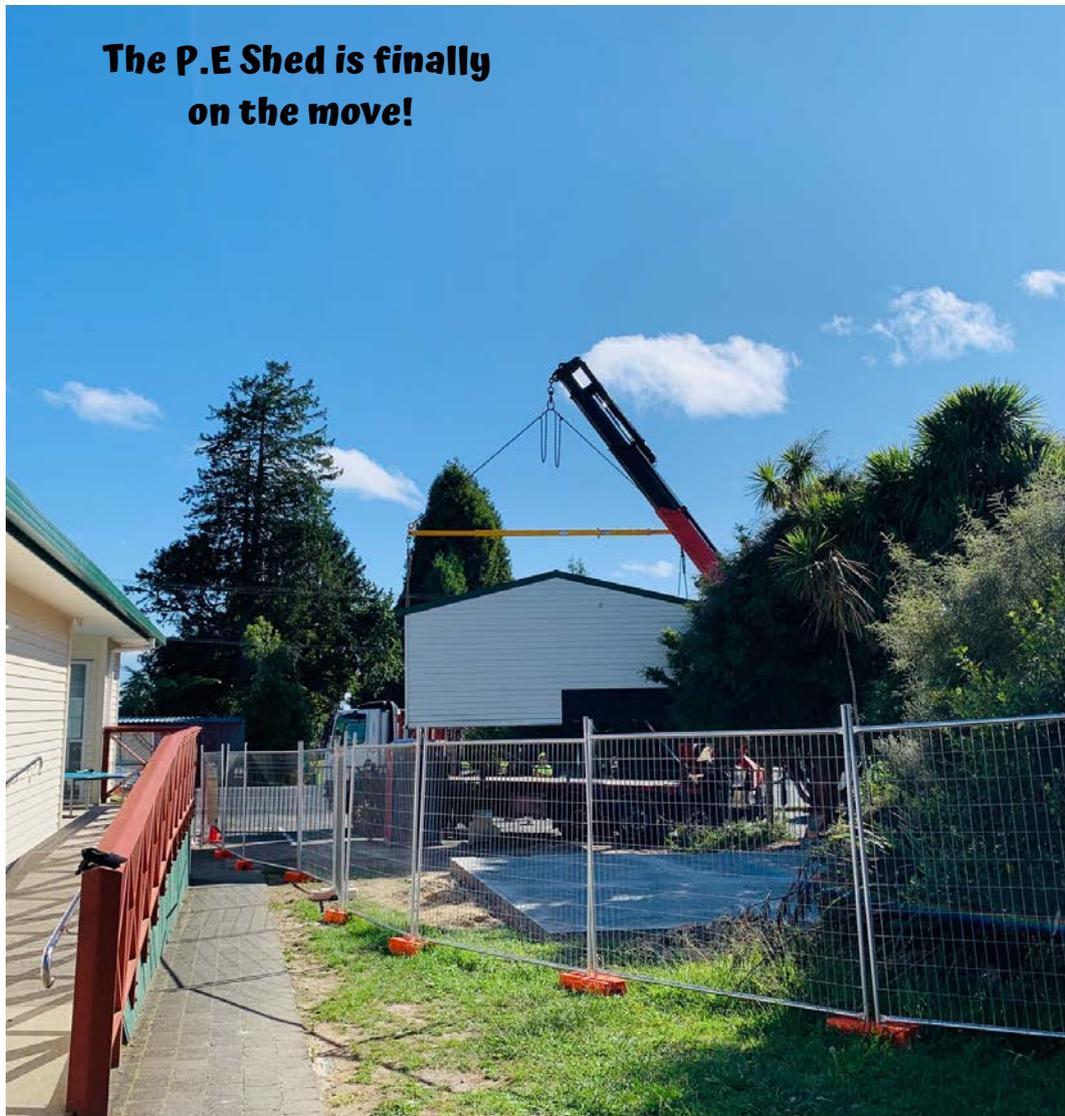
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What's on at Oropi School Term 1 2020

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	16 Mar - 20 Mar	West Cluster Swimming Greerton Pool	Basketball Have a go day with Tony Tga Basketball SPLASH AND DASH - WHOLE SCHOOL	Tennis 6 of 8	Top School Competition	Tall Poppies Swimming - Greerton Pool
8	23 Mar - 27 Mar		BOT Meeting	Tennis 7 of 8	Y5&6 EPro8 Challenge 9:30 - 12:30pm, Trga Int Y7&8 EPRo8 Challenge 5-8pm Leadership Camp	Frozen Friday Leadership Camp
9	30 Mar - 3 Apr			Tennis 8 of 8	Kõtare Camp Meeting	
10	6 Apr - 9 Apr	Pohiri for Ayn Harris			Last day of Term 1	Easter Friday

What's on at Oropi School Term 2 2020

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	28 April - 1 May	Anzac Day	Start of Term 2 Kõtare Camp	Kõtare Camp	Kõtare Camp	Kõtare Camp
2	4 - 8 May					
3	11 - 15 May		BOT Meeting			
4	18 - 22 May					
5	25 - 29 May					
6	1 - 5 June	Queen's Birthday				
7	8 - 12 June					
8	15 - 19 June					



**The P.E Shed is finally
on the move!**