

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 12



Kia ora koutou

We have made it through a long term and it has been like no other! Thank you everyone for your support and understanding over this time. We are looking forward to a new term with some degree of more normality for events, happenings, and routine. Teachers are in the middle of planning what is set to be a positively busy term.

I bring your attention to the Matariki Events & Ceremony we will be having on Friday 31 July. Please mark the date and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Also coming up in Term 3 is the Book Week. This is happening the week of September 7th. There is an exciting line up of things planned for this, including the scholastic books for display and purchasing which will be on display in the Multipurpose Room.

Jan Pendergrast needs some volunteer support for this event given that she will be in the middle of moving from the shipping container to the actual library again.

Please email her if you are able to volunteer some time to support the move and set up for book week: jan@oropi.school.nz.

You will notice that for the Matariki Celebration we are going with the idea of a Breakfast in the morning rather than a Hangi this year. This decision has been made on the basis of lessening the burden of fundraising and volunteer hours needed from our community in light of the current Covid-19 impact. We also want to make the Ceremony as close to the start of the day as possible, to help parents make requests to their work for a bit of time off at the start of a day rather than during the middle of the day. It is important to have all the children in the school present too. This is the basis for not making it an evening event as well. When we do evening events like this, we find many of our younger children do not come and miss out on the experience.

Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 3 will be held on Wednesday August 19th from 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The school will close at 12 pm on this day. Please make plans for your child to be cared for from this time on that afternoon. Buses will leave school from 12pm. The afternoon is therefore counted as one of our Teacher Only Days as approved by the Ministry in 2019.

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

Thank you everyone and have a safe and enjoyable winter break.

Nga mihi nui
Andrew King



Matariki

On Friday 31st of July we will be having our school Matariki breakfast followed by the awards assembly at the hall. The breakfast will start at 8 am followed by the assembly at 9 am, finishing by 10.30 am at the latest.

Disco

Oropi School Matariki Disco
'A Night Under the Stars'
Thursday 30th July 3 pm -5.30 pm
Oropi Memorial Hall
\$5 ticket

\$10 per family

Tickets include afternoon tea and sausage at the disco

More information coming out next week.

Dental Van

The dental van has now left School. For relief of pain services, please contact Greerton Village School dental clinic or phone 0800 TALKTEETH

Calf Club

Calf Club & Pet Day is on Friday 16 October. Information will be updated shortly on the website. Plans for the raffle will begin shortly. If you are a business and would like to sponsor Calf Club by either making a cash donation or donating an item for the raffle, please contact Kylie in the office.

Group Day

This years Group Day AGM will be held on Thursday 9 July 2020, 7 p.m., at 168 Soldiers Road, Rd 1, Lower Kaimai.

All welcome. Discussions will include whether this event will continue or not. If you are interested in this event continuing please come along and put your hand up to help with/take over this event.



2020 Oropi MATARIKI Breakfast Celebration Friday 31st July

Whānau, parents & caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai!
You're invited!

We invite whānau, parents and caregivers to come and join us for the morning to celebrate Matariki.

This year as a celebration we will be having a breakfast in the morning followed by an awards assembly.

The Kapa Haka group will perform and some children will be receiving certificates for outstanding leadership within our school values.

Kai - Food

We ask that you donate food, cutlery and specific items this year so that the breakfast is free for everyone who wants it. Classes have been delegated items to bring to make it a little easier.

Alternatively, you can make a donation of \$5 to the school office.

Piwakawaka classes – Fresh fruits & yogurt

Tui classes – Eggs

Kiwi classes– Buns

Korimako classes – Cans of baked beans

Kotare – Pre-cooked sausages

Ruru - Paper cups, paper bowls, spoons.
(Please donate biodegradable if possible)

Pukeko classes – Hash-browns

Te Kokako ō Otanewainuku – Bread

We would like this to all be donated by **July 28th** please so that it can be prepared and ready to go for Friday. Items can be dropped off to the school office or classes. Thank you.

The timetable is as follows:

BREAKFAST Friday 31st July

Location: Oropi Hall

Time: 8.15am – 9am *(Please arrive between these times for kai, bus children will be dropped at the hall)*

ASSEMBLY Friday 31st July

Location: Oropi Hall

Time: 9.15am – 10.30am

Kotare News

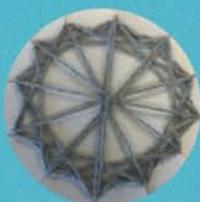
YAY!!! We have finally moved into our new classroom! We love how big the class is, the break-out space and the deck.



In Kotare we have been focusing on learning our times tables and fractions. We have been writing narratives and creative dreams, inspired by the BFG. For art we are creating large cardboard collage masks, based on Kimmy Cantrell artworks. We'd love you to come and visit - By Elise.



We have been busy celebrating Matariki by creating stars through weaving wool and paper.



Garden to Table

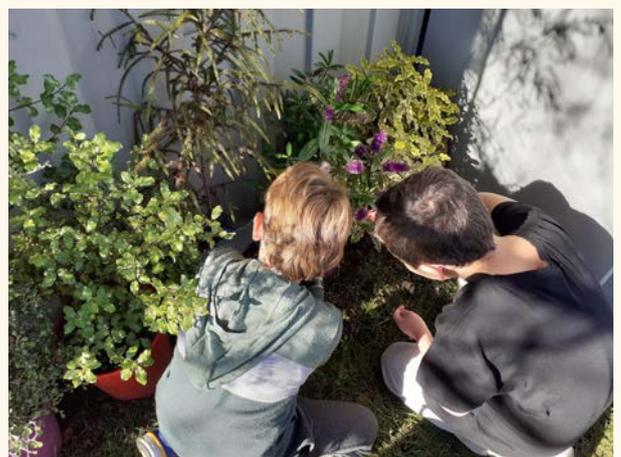
The last week of term has come around and once again we treated ourselves with a delicious pudding from our garden produce. Pukeko and Te Kokako made Pear, Apple and Rhubarb Crumble and made our own Vanilla Custard using eggs from our school chickens. Each group made their own crumble so we had plenty for second helpings.



It was sunny and COLD outside this week but working in the garden warms us up and works up an appetite for crumble! We topped up more of the garden beds with fresh compost and planted red kale and lemongrass donated by Heather and Sharona - thank you everyone who donates extra seedlings and seeds, it is really appreciated. Recently our only swan plant in the Kokako garden was damaged but we had two very thoughtful Pukeko students to the rescue. Emma W dug out self-sown swan plants from her own garden for us and Mackenna S bought in a homemade packet of swan plant seeds. We potted up Emma's seedlings and sowed Mackenna's seeds so that we will have plenty of swan plants this coming Summer to feed our Monarch butterflies.



Pukeko Norton will be helping prepare the ground to plant our feijoa and citrus on Friday morning. We look forward to sharing the results with everyone next term. Te Kokako weeded and fertilised Mrs Pendergrast's potted native garden outside the library and did a very thorough job of clearing weeds, rubbish and mandarin peels out of the citrus garden. It looks so nice and tidy now Te Kokako, ka pai tō mahi.



PTA

'A Night Under the Stars' disco is coming up early next term, in celebration of Matariki! If you are able to help on the afternoon of the disco this would be greatly appreciated please get in touch with Lauren or Sarah or via email: oropi.pta@gmail.com.

Save the Disco Date: Thursday, July 30th, 3.00 pm.
(Term 3, week 2)

Lauren Shaw and Sarah Poharama
PTA co-chairs

Bus Fees

Bus fees for term 2 are now overdue. Please contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan for fees. Term 3 bus fees are now showing in Kindo.

Music Lessons

Music fees are showing in Kindo, Please pay before the beginning of term 3 to ensure you secure your spot.

School Calendar



The School calendar is now live on the school website. To check the calendar go to:

www.oropi.school.nz and click on the calendar button top right of the home page.

Phrases of the week!

Each class is either receiving a Te Reo Māori or Mandarin lesson once per week.

Here are the weekly phrases you can practise at home too.

Me kai tātou

(Let's eat)

Wǒ jiào.....

(My name is.....)

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.

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.

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.





Tui have been busy building with the huge playing cards, making Matariki stars and using the cool long cardboard tubes - we also had an outside Library time! Happy holidays everyone 😊





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CALF CLUB & PET DAY 2020



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 16th October 2020** 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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OROPi SCHOOL PTA

GET YOUR

DANCE ON

A Night Under The Stars



**BUY YOUR TICKETS IN KINDO NOW. TICKET PRICE
INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Oropi Memorial Hall Thursday 30 July 3pm - 5.30 pm

