

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 3



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

Some of you may have noticed the old school sign needed to come down at the front of the school last week due to wood rot. This opens the door for an opportunity and so we have Pukeko and Te Kokako o Otanewainuku children working on a new signage project for the grass area by the Kea Crossing. Thank you Pukeko.

On Monday all our students had an opportunity to engage with a group of Japanese students to be immersed in various cultural art and craft sessions. Another good example of cross-cultural interaction. Thank

you to "Let's Homestay" for providing this opportunity.

New classrooms update

Our new classrooms project is progressing. Some may be wondering about this. The architectural design and consent process is underway. The current delay however is in relation to the work required from Heritage New Zealand.

Because our site is a site of significance due to our long history and the site being location for a hotel prior to 1900, this process is required before we can progress. I have been very proactive and persistent in pushing the urgency of this project, especially because of the current state of Tui and the numbers of children in Kiwi increasing.



We are doing the best we can to create a sense of urgency and I have the Ministry being as supportive as they can. We are looking into additional temporary spaces if this is going to go on for much longer.

Snow Trip

Our group of 40+ students are on this trip as I write and full report back will be given next week. It is fair to say there is a lot of fresh snow on the mountain for them!

Learning Support Initiative

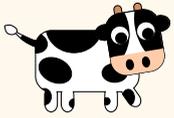
Some of you may be aware of this topic in the media at present. Basically, schools have been asking for an additional staffing allocation for our school SENCO so more time can be given to supporting children with additional learning needs, including gifted and talented.

However, this has turned into a political debate due to the fact this is not how the resource is being offered to schools. For a start, most Tauranga schools are missing out on the first tranche of staffing, and secondly, the staffing is going to schools who make use of a system that in some ways adds another layer of administration.



Rest assured, I am actively advocating for an equitable, more straight forward solution to this matter on behalf of many Tauranga Schools. A bit like the school donations bill! there is a strong level of support for an alternative approach.





Calf Club



Calf Club is on Friday 18 October.

Here is the link to the Calf Club information.

<http://bit.ly/OropiCalfClub2019>

There is also lots of information available on the School website under Calf Club. More information will be updated in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the Oropi School Facebook page and Calf Club event page for updates and information.

It's not too late to be a sponsor for Calf Club. Email office@oropi.school.nz or call 543 1479 if you would like more information.

Important dates for Calf Club:

- Calves must be born on or after 20 July.
- Lambs must be born on or after 1st August
- Goats must be born on or after 1st August
- Chickens must have been ordered through the school to enter in the chicken competition. Chickens not ordered through the school office can be entered under the Open Pet Section.

Entry forms are due in before Friday 20 September. Entry forms must be printed off and handed to the office. Print from the website or collect an entry form from the office.

Now is the time to start thinking about your hanging basket. Check the link on the left for tips on planting your basket.

New in 2019!

Scarecrows are out in 2019 and we are introducing a new section where children can build a bird box.

Dan has made a sample that we will share in the coming weeks. Start planning your bird box creation now!



Calf Club Sponsors 2019

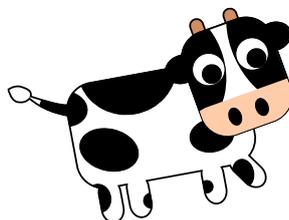


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It's not too late to be a sponsor!
Contact the office today!

Root To Tip Success!



Last Saturday Oropi School had two teams cooking in the regional final of Garden to Table's 'Root to Tip' Competition – Year 5 & 6 students created a two course menu that uses seasonal and local produce resourcefully and produces minimum waste.

Four teams were selected from the Bay of Plenty entries to cook their recipes against the clock for professional judges at Toi Ohomai and two of those teams were from Oropi School! Samantha Newton and Grace Kang created a Korean dish Bibimbap (mixed vegetables with rice) and Authentic Apple Pie with a Lemonade drink. Yali Cottan teamed up with her friend Jai from outside the school and create Goats Cheese Tortellini with Herb Oil, Roasted Beetroot and Fennel. Dessert was Tahini, White and Dark Chocolate Semifreddo Domes with Orange Sauce, Crumbed Pistachio and Candied Orange.

We are so proud of the achievement of both teams; to cook under time pressure in a large commercial kitchen with professional cooks looking on and asking questions was a challenge but they were superb and so calm under pressure. After wonderful feedback for both teams, Yali and Jai were crowned the Bay of Plenty Regional winners. The judges praised their creative use of ingredients, demonstrating a variety of different cooking skills, presentation and most importantly taste.

They travel to Wellington in two weeks to cook against the other regional winners at the national final, including cooking for celebrity chef Al Brown. Good luck Yali and Jai!

Sport Update



Year 3 & 4 Hockey

The Year 3 & 4 Hockey team had an outstanding result against Tauriko. A 4 - 2 win with goals (2 each) from Blake and Carys. The team continues to grow in confidence and ability and are playing better and better together.

Year 5 & 6 Hockey



Oropi/AGC/TAS Pukeko year 5/6 hockey team had another great win on Saturday, cheered on by the team's amazing supporters.

Year 3 & 4 Basketball

The Year 3 & 4 Basketball team had a thrilling game on Tuesday against GSS Magic. The game was tied with seconds on the clock until Luke took a shot and scored the winning goal just before the final whistle blew. He was the hero of the game and was also awarded player of the day. Well done team and thanks Luke for the winning shot! The team moves into the quarter final round next week against Omanu.

Parking

Please remember that the bus turnaround area is not a drop off zone. This must be kept clear at all time for buses. This is especially important now that the Kea crossing is operating.

We encourage families to park at the hall and walk along the path to School and use the Kea crossing.

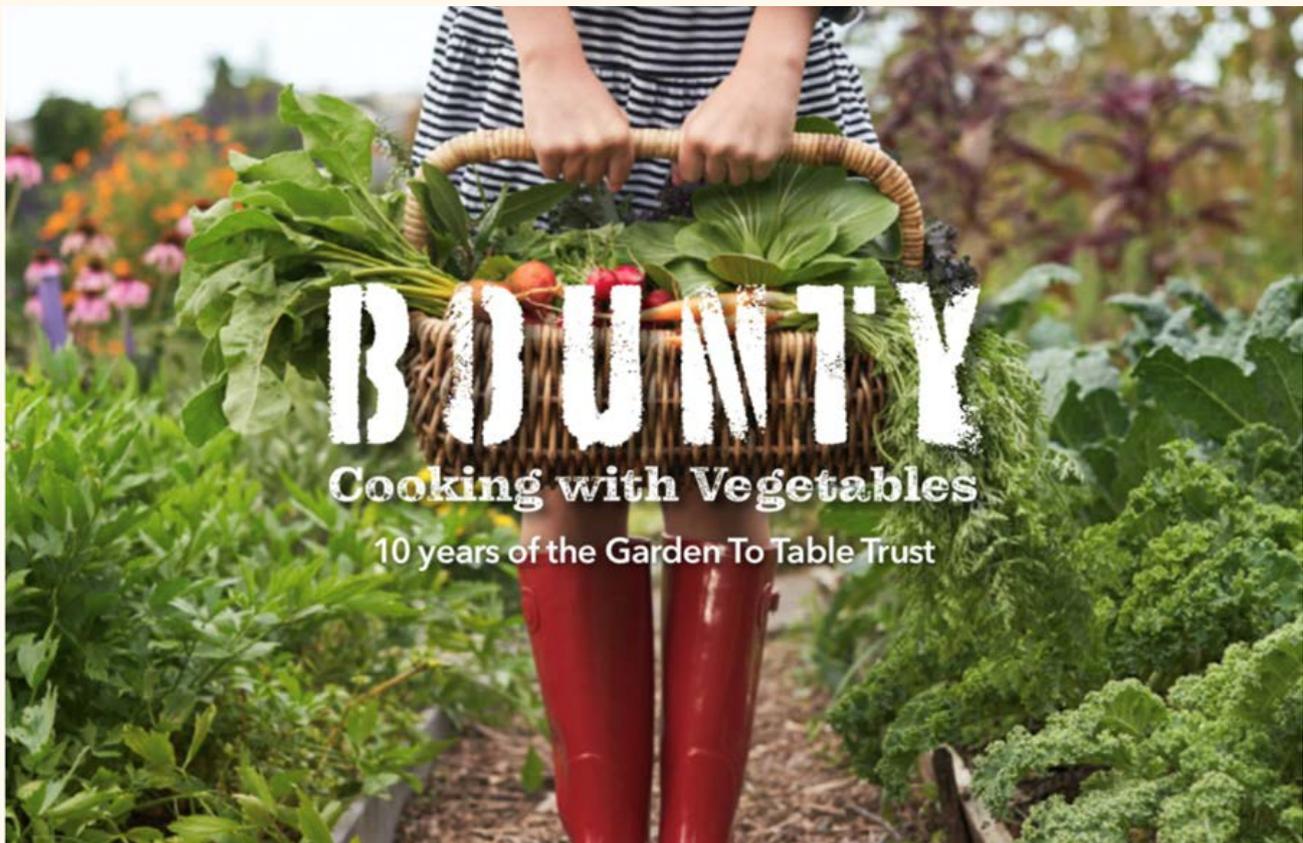
School Photos

School photos are coming up on Monday 2 September. If you are the coach or manager of a School sports team and would like to book in a team photo, please confirm with the office so we can send team member information to Photolife for their ordering system.

Foodbank Appeal

We are taking donations for the Foodbank appeal. Please donate the following items: Tinned soup, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, creamed corn, cereal, pasta, rice, canned vegetables, shampoo & conditioner, pasta sauce.

Garden To Table News



Garden to Table are launching their own cookbook in November. The GTT co-founder and chairperson Catherine Bell has written the cookbook in honour of the GTT 10th birthday to raise funds for Garden to Table.

Bounty is a beautifully designed and photographed book all about cooking and growing vegetables. More than a recipe book, each chapter focuses on a specific vegetable and contains a plethora of reliable hints and tips for growing vegetables at home.

Pre-orders are now being taken for Bounty. The price is \$39.95. For each book pre-purchased by August 25, \$5.00 will be donated to the School to help sustain our Garden to Table programme.

Please note that you can order the book here:

<https://www.epicurepress.co.nz/> and enter the unique code Oropi.

To save the \$12 postage fee you can copy the link below into your browser and the School will place a bulk order, Postage if ordered through School is \$3 per book.

<http://bit.ly/OropiGTTBountypreorder>

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>

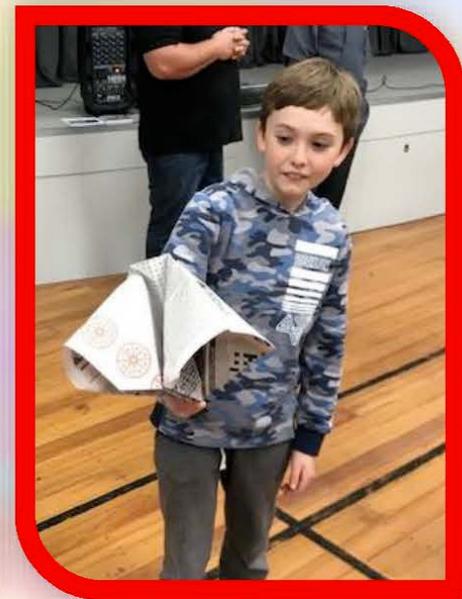
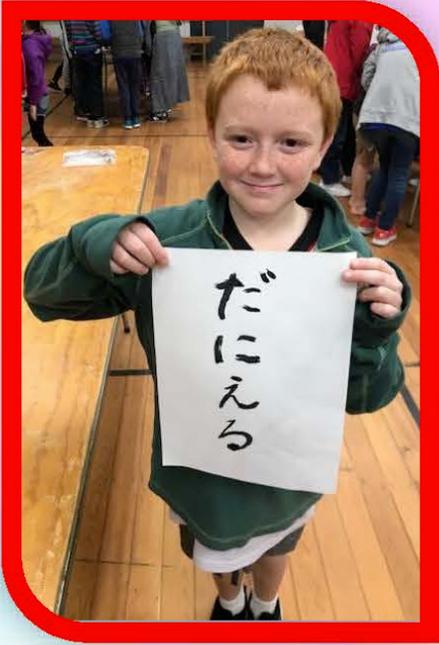
If you already have a mykindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website.



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.

Te Hokiioi



Students having fun and learning lots from the activities with the Japanese Cultural Group



Ball Practice is well under way. We have learnt the Gay Gordons, Maxina, Ball in the Jack and the Bunny Hop. We are currently learning the Waltz. What fun!

What's on at Oropi School

Term 3 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	12 - 16 August	TGC parent & student interviews from 9 am 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice Choir tickets available to public	Tough Guy & Gal Music Lessons 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	Choir Rehearsal TBC Open Night 6pm	TGC Open Night 5.45 pm	
5	19 – 23 August	11 – 12.30 Ball Practice BOT Meeting 4.45pm	Music Lessons 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice BoT Meeting 4:45 pm			Pyes Pa Exchange Root to Tip Finals Wellington
6	26 – 30 August	Boostrix Year 7 TBC Year 12 PE class with Year 5 & 6 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	Music Lessons 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice			West Cluster Basketball  Choir at Baycourt Rehearsal Choir Performance 7pm
7	2 - 6 Sept	School Photos Dental caravan on site TBC out of zone enrolments close today 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	Music Lessons 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice	School-wide Open Day 9 - 10.40am		
8	9 – 13 Sept	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori /Māori Language Week Ball Practice 11-12.30	Music Lessons 11 – 12.30 Ball Practice			Oropi School Festival of Cultures - Whole School involvement
9	16 Sep - 20 Sep	Oropi Chinese Language Ball Practice 11-12.30	BOT Meeting Winter Tournament Music Lessons	Tall Poppies Problem Solving 6:30pm @ Tauriko School Junior school cricket awareness	Junior school cricket awareness	PP Winter Tournament Senior Ball 
10	16 Sep - 20 Sep		Y5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi Music Lessons Junior School Dance Day	5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi TGC Testing Year 8 9am - 11am	5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi	5/6 Camp Pukeko/ Te Hoikioi Dental Caravan Leaves



Mmmm ..
Grapefruit



Winter
Gardening



Heading
up the
Mountain



Ball
practice



Ski
Trip
Fun!



So
focussed!



Planting
seeds



In the
Garden