

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 3



Kia ora Whānau

Senior School Athletics

Over the past two weeks our senior classes (Year 5-8) have been practicing for our school athletics sports which was held today. It was great to see the level of engagement from students as they competed in a range of track and field events, and concluded the day with class relays. Other than our school swimming sports, this is one of the few sporting events that has been able to be held this year, and will determine which students qualify to

compete at the West Cluster (Year 5/6) and Zone (Year 7/8) Athletic Events later in November. These results will be presented in a subsequent newsletter.

Class Structures 2021

Staff are about to begin considering the placement of students in classes for the 2021 school year. A number of factors are taken into consideration during this process in ensuring the best outcome for students throughout the school.

Should you wish to discuss the placement of your child/children, please make contact with Amanda King, Sarah Weston, Jaimee Donaldson, or myself, and we will note your thoughts, in preparation for this process to get under way.

Visitors in School

A number of groups have visited our school over the past week, including a group of 30 Assistant and Deputy Principals from the Waikato Region, on Thursday. While providing an opportunity for our visitors to view some of the programmes in operation within our school, these visits also provide a forum for our school leaders to enhance their leadership capacity through conducting tours of the school, and discussing our physical and natural learning environments. Our Kapahaka Group is also an essential component of these visits, forming an integral part of the pohiri, and mihi whakatau. Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of these events this week.

Kotare Camp

Our two Year 5/6 classes head off on camp to Ngamuwahine next Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs Pendergrast, Miss Anna, and a number of parents. Having been shelved earlier in the year due to lockdown restrictions, it is great that this EOTC learning experience can finally take place, considering all the planning and preparation involved. We wish all involved, an exciting and safe outdoor experience, and look forward to hearing of their adventures upon their return the following week.

Kia pai o rangi whakataa.

Enjoy your weekend

Robert Lewis | Deputy Principal



Road Works

Oropi Road/Pukemapu Road Roading Improvements Just a heads up the above project is due to kick off next week. Works consist of constructing a new roundabout at the intersection of Pukemapu Road/Oropi Road, shared footpaths leading to bus stops, signage and road markings. Could you please advise your staff and parents to be aware of reduced speed limits and slight delays due to traffic management through the site.

Mid Term Elections

Nominations for Mid Term positions for our Board of Trustees are now open. You will have received three emails, two with nomination details and how you nominate. Nomination forms are available from School if you haven't received them. Please note nominations close on Sunday 1st November. We look forward to your interest.
Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer

Calendar Art

We have opened up a third order for calendar art. This will be the final opportunity to order calendar art. All orders must be placed online before 9am Wednesday 4 November.

Enrolments

Now is the time to enrol your soon to be 5 year old. We have new online enrolment system. Go to www.oropi.school.nz and click the enrol now tab on the home page. We would like these in as soon as possible for any 5 year old due to start School between now and December 2021.

Leavers

If your child is leaving at the end of the year and you have not notified the office, please send an email to office@oropi.school.nz

Important Dates

- Kotare Camp Wednesday 4 November
- Frozen Friday 6 November
- Korimako Higgins Camp Monday 16 November
- West Cluster Athletics Monday 16 November
- Frozen Friday 20 November
- Mauao & Pūwhenua Athletics Tuesday 24 November
- TGC Orientation Thursday 26 November
- End of Year Awards Tuesday 1 December
- Pukeko Gallery & Library visit Thursday 3 December
- Frozen Friday 4 December
- Ruru & Te Kokako Gallery & Library visit Friday 4 December
- Korimako Lewis Camp Monday 7 December
- Reports coming home Monday 7 December
- Year 3 Mauao Team Camp Thursday 10 December
- Last Day of School Monday 14 December 1 pm
- First Day of 2021 Wednesday 3 February

Garden to Table

It was a busy week at Oropi School with visiting groups checking out the new kitchen and the garden on Wednesday and Thursday. All our visitors looked very impressed when they saw our tamariki slicing up lots of different vegetables to fill steam-fried dumplings. We also harvested some good sized chinese radish, which we pickled to eat alongside the dumplings.

In the garden this week we sowed more seeds including celery, zucchini rampicante, snake beans and watermelon. We are excited about the snake beans as we've never grown them at school before and each bean can grow up to 1 metre long! Now that most of our seedling stock is sold, we were able to get into the greenhouse to clear it out for planting.

We also pulled out a naughty patch of raspberry canes that had taken hold in the wrong spot, and silverbeet, spinach and lettuce that have bolted. The kids clearly enjoy 'ripping stuff out' jobs and the chickens enjoy all the extra greens as a result.



Term 4 Sport

Year 4 Flippa Ball

The Year 4 Flippa Ball team started the season off with an awesome 6-3 win against the Greenpark Snappers. This group showed fantastic teamwork, especially as it was their first ever game together.

It was wonderful to see the teammates looking for each other when passing, and thinking about their positioning in the pool. The first goal of the season was scored by Emma Weston, with Phoenix McHannigan awarded Player of the Day for his outstanding debut as goalie. Flippa Ball is a fast and exciting game and everyone is looking forward to seeing what this team is capable of!

Year 5 & 6 Flippa Ball

The year 5/6 Kotare Flippa team had a strong start to the season, and the final score didn't really reflect how competitive the Oropi team looked despite having a number of players new to the sport.

The new players (Lexi, Phoenix O and Ryder) all found their straps very quickly, and all seemed to enjoy their first game. We seem to have found a specialist goalie in our midst- Phoenix must have saved 4 or 5 sure goals, and was awarded player of the day for his stellar efforts.

Water Polo

The first Water Polo team that Oropi has fielded in many years launched into this season with the help of Otumoetai School, who like us didn't quite have enough players. So together, our combined schools team dove straight into a very tough first game against Omanu School. Our players were mostly new to the sport, but quickly got to grips with the game in the deep Toi Ohomai pool. The final score reflected the strength of Omanu, who are a very talented team, but Oropi and Otumoetai played with all their heart and kept it up right to the final whistle, with just a single sub. We are looking forward to our next game tonight!





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Rippa Rugby

Rippa Rugby kicked off on Thursday afternoon at Greerton Marist for a 6 week season. Oropi has seven teams entered from year 0 - 6. It's great to have the new venue available at the bottom of the hill. Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to manage or coach a team, we really appreciate your support. Based on the smiles, everyone was having a great time.

Pukeko Rippa

The Year 3 & 4 Pukeko team play against Greerton Village Rangers scoring 4 tries to 6 to Greerton. There is some great talent in this team, and some players who haven't played before but they all came together and played very well. Player of the Day was to Haylee Killgour, the speed on those legs was impressive!

Ruru Rippa

The Ruru Rippa team were absolutely amped about playing their first game, and lined up against a very fast and skillful Greenpark team. Greenpark managed to score a few fast tries before Ruru found their feet and answered back. It was a fast and fun game, and all the players enjoyed themselves on the field. Players of the day were Jasmine and Waimirirangi, who did a great job on defense and anchoring the attack for the team. Special thanks to Hikawai who stepped in as a super-sub!



Korimako Rippa

Our year 5-6 Korimako Quick Rip team played an action-packed game against The Merivale School Flyers on Thursday. Player of the day went to Eloise Dean for her long power runs and a beautiful try that was achieved with the help of Kiani's great set-up! Awesome Girl Power!

It was a loss to us this time but we're ready to make a rippin' come-back next week!



Rippa Rugby continued...

Kotare Rippa

The Kotare year 5/6 Rippa team had an action packed game against Greerton Village Blazers. The team all gave 100% and got better and better as the game progressed. The final score did not reflect the many near tries and successful rips. Player of the Day went to Max McCawe who had a great game including scoring a storming try.

Piwakawaka Rippa

Piwakawaka Rippa Rugby had a great first game of the season. It was a quick game, with lots of rips, tries and fun. Well done to all the new and experienced players for trying your best and working together. Player of the day was Jasper for helping his team mates and scoring several tries.

Weetbix TRYathlon

- Entries are open for the Mt Maunganui Event on Sunday 22 November at Arataki Park.
- Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.
- Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash
- To enter the TRYathlon visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/
- Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for Oropi School when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.



Order Honey in Kindo



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\$16

Fundraiser Price

Normal Retail Price \$21



\$12

Fundraiser Price

Normal Retail Price \$20



\$12

Fundraiser Price

Normal Retail Price \$20



\$12

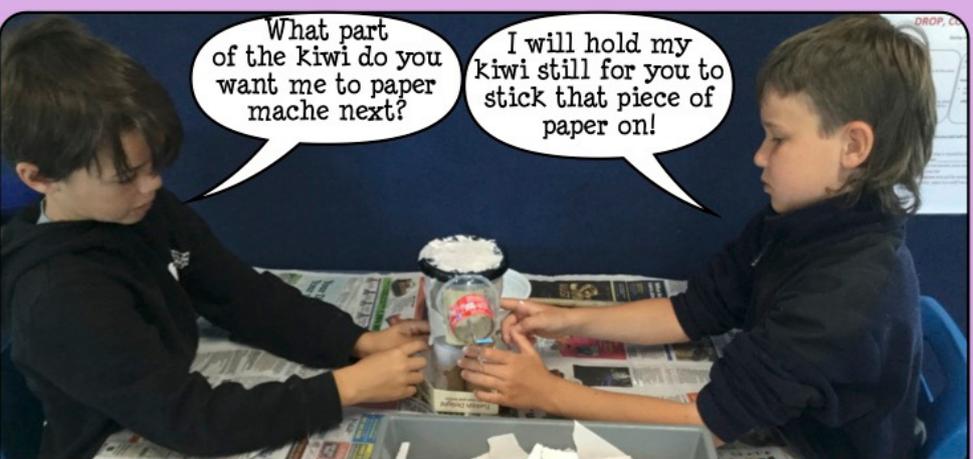
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Pukeko News



Olly, Jaden, Aston and Jake baked gingerbread. They did so as this was connected to books we have been reading on fairytales in Reading time.



We are choosing different ways to present our Inquiry projects! Chase has chosen to create a 3 D kiwi as his project is about an endangered creature!



In Discovery we have been designing and planning our pottery before we make it!



Garden to Table has started for both of our classes and it was great staying at school for it and cooking in the new kitchen!



Look at the doll that I made!



Oropi School PTA

FROZEN FRIDAY ICEBLOCK FUNDRAISER

**Cash Only. Bring your change to the
lunch eating area at lunchtime.**

**FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER**

**\$1.50 each. Juicies & lemonade
popsicles available**

**The money raised will go towards
new junior and senior reading books.**

Second Hand Bike Drive

Good Neighbour wants your second hand kids bikes to clean, fix, and **deliver to deserving families for Christmas.**

Deliver to:
**My Ride, 37 Totorā Street,
Mount Maunganui**

From 19th October to 15th November.
Please only donate good condition,
working order kids' bikes
(12inch to 26inches).

Help us keep deserving kids active in
their neighbourhoods this Christmas!



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.

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.