

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 4



Kia ora Whānau

Communication and community input is a strong feature of Oropi School. We value collective thinking and contribution from parents, staff, students, and other stakeholders. This gives a sense of confidence and clarity with our future focus and vision for the school. It makes what we do more purposeful and gives us a sense of 'all being in this together'. As a school, we are very transparent with our parents and share a lot of information about our operations.

These features of our school are intended so that we have a culture of trust and support for one another. However, as is the case with any way of operating, there can be unintended 'side effects'. One of the 'side effects' that can occur in a high trust, transparent context, is assumption and misinterpretation of information. This happens when parents have lots of information about the running of a school, which can sometimes give an imbalance of power or feeling amongst

parents about how much influence they can and should have about decision making.

This week I have noticed some of this behaviour in the context of class placements for 2021, opinions of some staff members, in relation to a recent delay with the User Pays Bus, the size of the school, and in a couple of operational procedures. To be honest, it has been a hard week for staff responding to some parents. So I am taking the opportunity to remind parents that ALL staff at Oropi School are fundamentally first-and-foremost here for the kids, to make our school the best it can be for them. All staff members are doing the best they can to make the right decisions. Our intentions are to do the right thing and make the best decisions. No staff member is purposefully trying to annoy people or make decisions that will knowingly create consequences. We ask for respect in what we do. Our staff are all trained and knowledgeable in their field of work. We are to be trusted and respected. No decision making is randomly made.

With every decision and way of operating there is a reason and justification for how something is. This doesn't mean that we are not open to changing the way we do things if it is needed. We are very open to adapting and changing. Just know and trust that we are always aspiring to do things in everybody's best interest. We need to remember and recognise that Oropi School is a highly effective school with nationally and internationally recognised learning. We get visitors from around the country every week! We are an example of school effectiveness that is talked about. Like I said to staff earlier in the week, in an era where well-being is such a priority, we need to stop and think about what we are doing to support one another's well being. This is often very simple and we don't need to over think what this can look like! It can be as simple as doing acts of kindness for someone else. The good news is that we often get acts of kindness from parents. Every week in fact! Thank you. We all need this, we are all human beings.



We ask that when there is something that needs to be changed or 'fixed' that people raise their concerns respectfully. Social media is not that place for this. The User Pays Bus delay discussion is an example of this. We have taken down this thread from our Facebook account. Emails also can be the wrong platform as well because messaging can easily be misinterpreted in emails. The best form of communication is good old face-to-face and by phone.

Nga mihi nui

Andrew King

Principal

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

Vaping

The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020 commences on 11 November 2020, amending the Smokefree Environments Act 1990 and renaming it to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990. Changes will be phased in over a period of 15 months.

From 11 November 2020, the existing prohibition on smoking at schools is extended to include vaping. You must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that no person vapes in any part of your school, whether inside or outside, at any time of day. 'No Vaping' signage must be displayed by 11 May 2021. 'No Smoking and Vaping' notices can be combined or on separate signage. Signage and stickers will be available for order through the Smokefree website in 2021. If you have any questions email vaping@health.govt.nz.

Important Dates

All dates showing on the School calendar. Go to www.oropi.school.nz and click on the calendar tab.

- Frozen Friday Friday 13 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

Somehow we managed to make it through a rainy week without getting significantly rained on during garden to table! Te Kokako and both Pukeko classes created a Roasted Root Vegetable stew with Herbed Flatbreads and a Mixed Leaf Salad. The harvest basket was a riot of colour with beetroot, carrot, parsnip, potatoes, beans, radishes, silverbeet and lettuce of many shades. The kitchen crew had plenty of veges to wash and chop before roasting them to bring out their natural sweetness. The garden crew continue to pull out the remains of winter vegetables to make room for summer. We planted out Spaghetti Squash and Baby Bear Pumpkins, and sowed carrots for 2021 harvest. Our beans and peas took a hammering in the wind so we helped them out by re-tying the stems to their supports. Plenty more weeding and feeding the soil to prepare the empty beds for summer bounty.



Term 4 Sport

Year 4 Flippa Ball

The Pukeko Flippaball team had an exciting game against TPS Stingrays. The team took the win 4-3. Goal scorers were Emma, Luke, Hayden, and Phoenix.



Year 5 & 6 Flippa Ball



The Year 5 & 6 Kotare team played the B.S Bruisers and won 7-1, goals from Carys and Caris, Elsa, Mac and Ryder.

Basketball

The Oropi Pukeko basketball team had their first game on Monday night against Welcome Bay School. Even though our team is made up of different year levels and experience we pulled together and walked away with a win of 28-22. Players of the day went to Vivy Gorrie for an amazing first game and Milarn Gardiner for been an awesome all rounder and goals.





10th Birthday

ULTIMATE FUN FEST



SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

COME FOR THE DAY 10AM - 3PM
CLUB DEMOS + ACTIVITIES
MUD DOG RUN
FAMILY FUN + MORE

7PM - 10PM OR THE NIGHT
LASER LIGHT SHOW
SIX60 ON THE BIG SCREEN
FOREST PICNIC

TECT Park, Whataroa Rd, (off Pyes Pa Rd/SH36), Ngawaro
Visit [westernbay.govt.nz/ultimatefunfest](https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/ultimatefunfest) for more information



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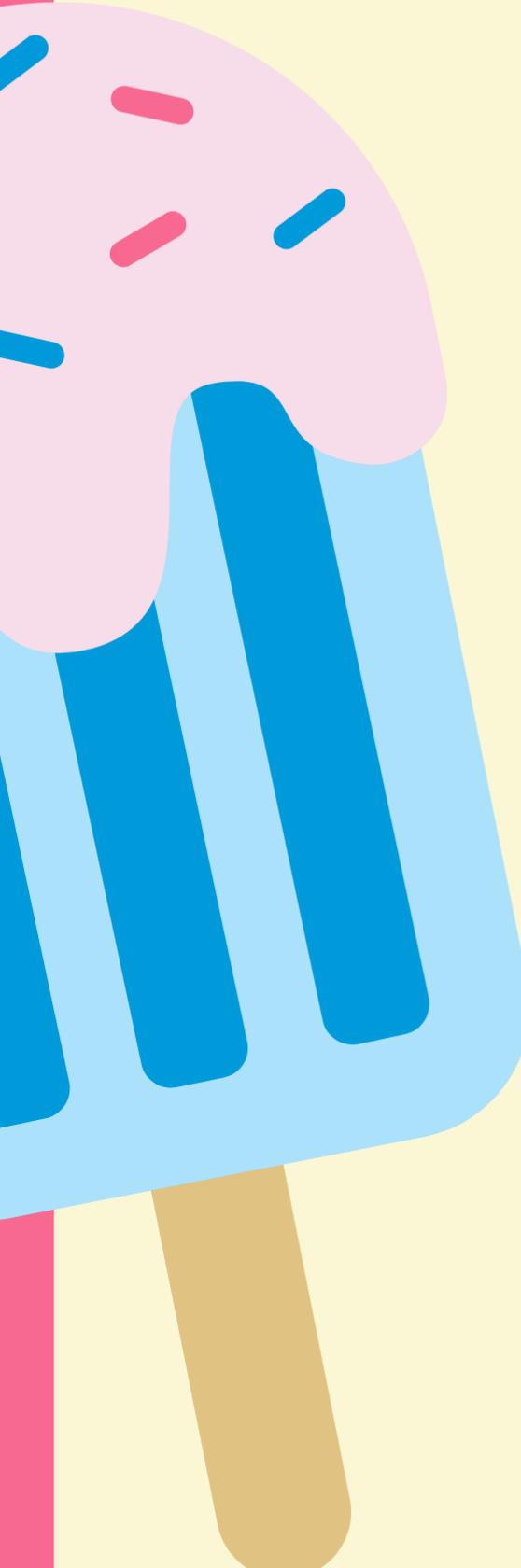
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Oropi School PTA

FROZEN FRIDAY ICEBLOCK FUNDRAISER

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

**FRIDAY 13 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.**

Making Waterguns

Korimako Higgins are making water guns for our camp which is coming up in week 6. Mr Higgins has planned for the us to have a massive water gun fight.

Some of the class have used a water bottle then hot glued a clear pvc pipe, with a spray cap on the end. Some other people have made their watergun out of 2 pvc pipes. One pipe is smaller and it pushes the water through the holes at the bottom.



Korimako Higgins

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.