

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 7



## From The Principal

On Tuesday morning our Kapa Haka Group performed at Ra Whakangahau Omokoroa, hosted by Omokoroa No. 1 School. We were one of six schools invited to perform, and share in this cultural experience. Our Kapa Haka Group put on an amazing performance, captivating the audience with their opening haka, and continuing with their accompanying waiata. The event provided a great opportunity to engage with other schools and enjoy a range of diverse performances.

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka performers, and a special thank you to Whaea Hinenui and Matua Rangiriri for their vision and passion, along with the parents who provide incredible support for this group.

Next week is a big week for the school community and we look forward to seeing many of you at the End of Year Celebration on Thursday next week. Please take the time to double check times and dates for the remainder of the term, including our finish date and start of year dates which are further in the newsletter.

### Community Consultation Feedback

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the 50+ responses (and representation) received so far from the online survey and meetings held this week. It is very important when making decisions for the future to get parent perspective to inform our decisions.

I am hoping to put together this feedback into a summary, like we did for the Camps Survey, however, I am unsure if I will get this done before the end of the year. Please be reassured though it is being used to inform our Annual Plan.

We have some very helpful feedback for the following aspects of school operations and development in 2019:

- Te Reo & Tikanga Maori
- Learning about other cultures and languages
- Computers, ICT, and Digital Technologies
- The 4 new classrooms
- The Gully, Kokako Garden, and Garden-to-table programme
- KRSA
- PTA
- Music programmes

Some points I would like to clarify, as explained in previous newsletters:

- Our 4 new classrooms are to cater for current numbers, NOT to enable more growth. The current portacom classroom (Tui) will be taken away when the four new rooms are in place. We will not be building the rooms on the field, in the gully, or in the Kokako Garden areas. This build will mean we will have more spaces available again such as a Multipurpose Room and classroom available for additional programmes we run in the school.

- Our goal is to enable the involvement of all classes in the Garden-to-table programme next year and so we are working through a process to see how we can make this happen

- Half the Gully is currently open and at the start of December we are going to get the top pathways retained and re-built. Then in Term 1, involve the children in planting, creating guidelines, and designating areas for such activities as the mud slide and suitable parts for bikes.

# This Week

## WBOP Athletics

This week we had 7 students from Oropi School competing at WBOP Athletics. Kendall Robson for 60m and 100m sprints and the year 6 relay team.

Cole Dean for 60m sprints and shot put  
Ben Marshall for shot put and discus  
Stefan Pendergrast for high jump  
Cameron Unwin for cricket ball throw  
Ben McKinlay for cricket ball throw  
Mikayla MacDonald for cricket ball throw.

All students were a credit to our school, performing at a high standard and being excellent role models. Although we had no placings Kendall reached the sprint finals. A big thank you to those parents that were able to transport and help on the day. These events are not possible without your support and we greatly appreciate it.

## Teacher Graduation



As 2018 draws to a close we have two staff members who have completed their final certification and will be attending a Graduation Function later today. Congratulations to Lucy Elliot and Jordan Williams who have both spent the past two years at Oropi School as beginning teachers, and are now fully qualified. They have both made significant contributions to our school during that time, and we wish them every success as they further their career in education.

# Rippa Update

A well-earned win again yesterday for the Oropi Korimako team. Eloise captained the side to an 11-9 win against the Selwyn Ridge Tornadoes. An even game till halftime with the tornadoes edging the score by 1 point.

But the Korimako stormed home with determined defence & three great long range tries from Daxston & Riley. Players of the day were Max McCaw & Sam Brann.

# Thank You!



Thank you to Rebecca Hayes and Barclay Engravers for engraving our Calf Club & Pet Day trophies at no charge.

# Reminders

Here are a few things that are coming up in the next two weeks:

## Week 8

Tuesday 4 BOT Meeting

Wednesday 5 Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Thursday 6 End of Year Celebration

Friday 7 Year 8 Speeches, Tennis

## Week 9

Monday 10 Te Ohanga depart for Camp

Tuesday 11 Pukeko & Te Hokioi depart for camp

Wednesday 12 New Entrant Visits 9 am

Thursday 13 Te Kokako O Otanewainuku Year 6 Graduation 5.30 pm

Friday 14 Tennis, New Entrant Visits 9 am

Reports Home Today

# Garden to Table



Te Ohanga's final Garden to Table session of 2018 wound up being a totally unplanned 'Spiced Pumpkin Muffin' BAKE-OFF between the boys and the girls!!! Mr Lewis presided as judge, declaring the girls the winners, based on taste and presentation! Well done Team Girls!

Let it be stated for the record however, that the final opinion (from girls and boys alike), was that the boys' muffins did in fact, taste better! A big thank you to Mrs Williams for leading the boys' team in this challenge...it is fair to say that it is not just your music skills that will be missed around here!

# Coming Up

## End of Year Celebration

Thursday December 6, 12 pm

Oropi Memorial Hall

This is a formal ceremony where we invite all parents, friends and family members of our community to join us in recognising the successes and achievements of children at Oropi School. We farewell staff who are leaving, recognise highlights of the year, and give closure to the school year as we look forward to 2019.

This is followed by a Sausage Sizzle and Ice Blocks back at school from 1:15 pm. Families can bring along a picnic for the whanau and enjoy spending the afternoon together socialising with other families and school staff on the field and astroturf area of the school. Sports gear will be out and tea and coffee available for adults in the staffroom.

## Year 8 Leavers Speeches

Friday, December 7, 1:45 pm, Oropi Memorial Hall. This is an important tradition for our Year 8s in developing their leadership capacity. It is their opportunity to share their highlights and memories of their time at Oropi School before they head off to College. All parents, friends and family members of our community are invited to this important event also.

For both events we value and recognise the importance of having all children from Oropi School present and this is the main reason why we have the events during the day now instead of in the evening.

However, we understand that it can be difficult for some family members to take time off work or other commitments during the day and so we hope this gives you enough notice to make arrangements if possible.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these special end of year events.

## Last Day of 2018

We will finish the year on Tuesday 18 December at midday. Buses will be running at this earlier time.

## 2019

The 2019 School year starts on Thursday 31 January 2019.

The office will be open on the following days for confirming classes and purchasing stationery packs.

23 January 9 am - 2 pm

24 January 9 am - 2 pm

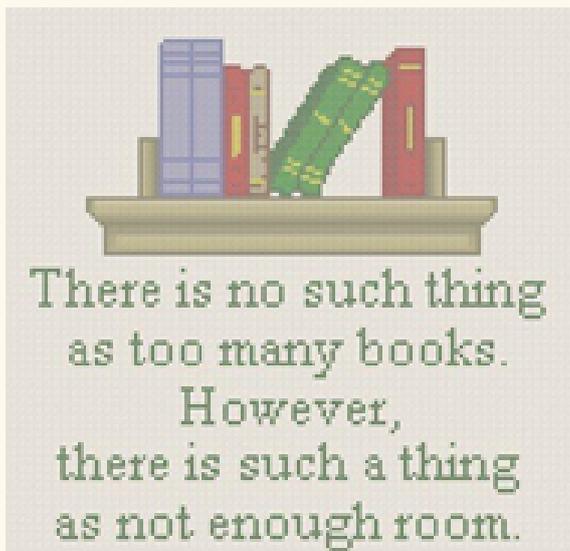
29 January 9 am - midday

30 January 9 am - 3 pm

## Weetbix TRYathlon

The new date for the Weetbix TRYathlon is Sunday 3rd February 2019 at Arataki Park in Mt Maunganui. Check your email for details.

## Update From the Library



The last day for issuing books will be 30th November, with ALL returns due on December 7th.

If your family is registered for ZAP Summer Holiday Reading, you may borrow books from 10th December. (Week 9)

'Does anyone have good quality children's books they no longer need or use? If so, would you like to donate them to the ZAP Summer Holiday Reading 'Swap Box'. Just drop them into the school library between 8.30 am and 3 pm. Thank you.

# Notices

## Absences

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

Call 543 1479 and leave a message or email [office@oropi.school.nz](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz).

Please include the class your child is in AND the reason they are absent.

## Bus Changes for 2019

Please make sure you have read the letter that was emailed on Tuesday 27 November. This includes important information about bus changes in 2019.

For the User Pays Bus Run ONLY • The pick-up and drop-off locations remain the same as 2018

For the Oropi Road-Warner Road Loop Run (Route 1) • This bus run for 2019 excludes Upper Oropi Road and Glue Pot Road (Glue Pot Road & Upper Oropi Road will become part of the Ohauti Bus run)

• The route will be: Oropi Road – Wood Road – Warner Road – Herford Road – Oropi School (the route extension as far north as Wood Road remains)

For the Ohauti Run

(Route 2a & b) • Glue Pot Road & Upper Oropi Road residents will be part of this route and will be dropped off first in the afternoon, then • The bus will return to school and pick up children for McPhail Road – Ohauti – Mountain Road

• The morning pick-up sequence for the two parts of this run are yet to be confirmed

• The Ohauti part of the run will no longer carry on to Adrine Lane. Instead it will go as far as Mount Misery only. The Ministry has stopped funding to Adrine Lane for 2019.

## 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.

## Hats in Term 1 & 4



School hats are compulsory for Term 4. You can order in Kindo or call in to the office to purchase one. Available in one size at the moment. More mini sized hats will arrive at the end of Term 4.

## Homestay Families Wanted



We are looking for families who are interested in housing international students at the end of January. Chinese group arriving 27 Jan - 2 February. Children aged 10 - 14 years. For details, please email Carissa carissa@oropi.school.nz or phone the office 543 1479.

## Friday Lunch & changes for 2019



Pita Pit is available to purchase each Friday by going to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) Orders must be made online before Friday 9 am. If you do not have internet access, please order at the office.

The lunch ordering system will change in 2019 and you will be able to order Pita Pita in your Kindo account. The day will also change to a Thursday to free up Fridays for other fundraising options.

More information will be in the newsletter next week on how to close your lunchonline account and have any credits refunded to you.

# ZAP

## Summer Holiday Reading

Your Oropi School Library will be open during the holidays to give children an opportunity to issue and borrow books to keep their reading 'up to scratch'.

Research shows positive reading progress can be achieved with summer holiday reading. The effect of a summer with books can be seen in other curriculum areas like mathematics, and in levels of confidence generally.

Reading for Pleasure...

- is about enjoyment, empowerment for academic success, health and well-being, economic life chances and the development of empathy.
- improves literacy, social skills, health and learning outcomes.
- gives access to culture and heritage.
- empowers people to become active citizens.

Reading for pleasure is a door to success.

So, kids (and parents), grab some books and spend time reading for pleasure over the summer.

Remember, Mum or Dad needs to say it's okay.

Let me know. *Jan Pendergrast*

### Opening Dates:

from Term 4, Week 8 for issuing,  
then  
Wednesdays afternoons, 1-4 pm  
9th, 16th, and 23rd January

Be in to win  
a \$10 book voucher  
for the most books  
borrowed and read.  
Reading Log  
Book Mark  
Challenge  
Treats

### To sign up

Email  
[jan@oropi.school.co.nz](mailto:jan@oropi.school.co.nz)  
Mob. 027 223 8916

# PUKEKO ART EXHIBITION

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPEN ART EXHIBITION OF PUKEKO STUDENTS.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE EVENT, THE ART WILL STILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE CLASSROOM AT THE BEGINNING OF WEEK 8.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018  
5 - 6 PM

## Stationery 2019

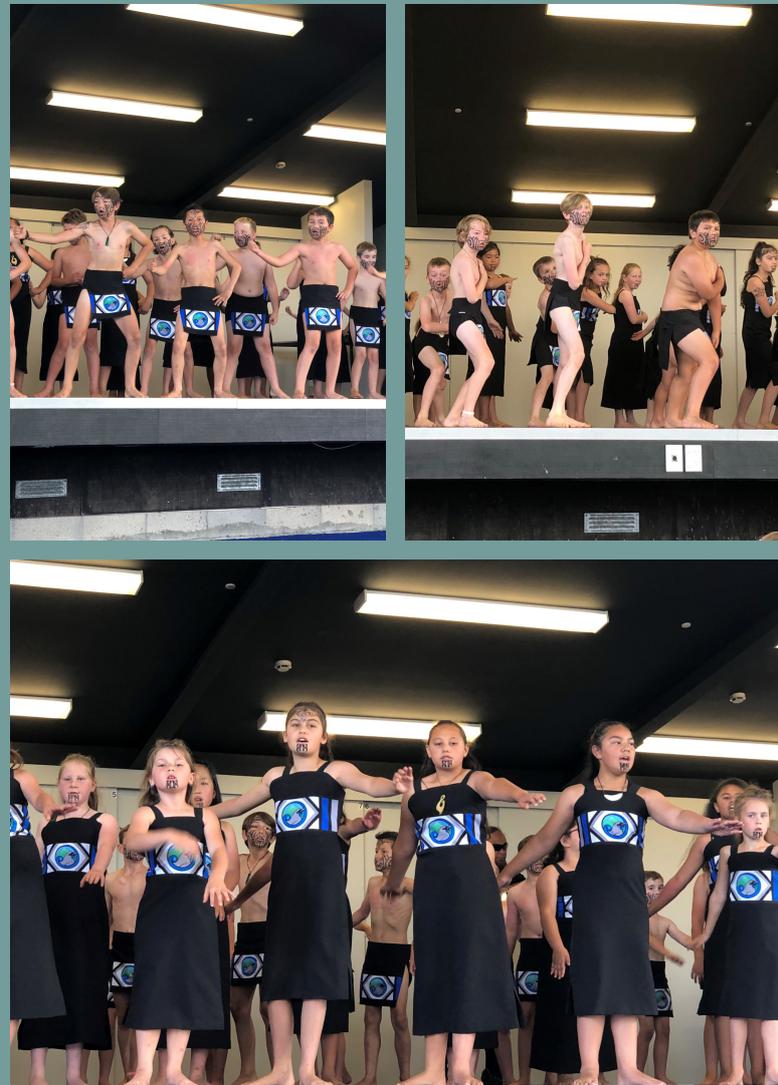
*Packs are available from the School office*

### Office Hours

23 January 9am - 2pm  
24 January 9am - 2pm  
29 January 9am - midday  
30 January 9am - 3pm

School starts Thursday 31  
January 2019

Payment options: Kindo,  
Internet banking, or cash.



# KORIMAKO NEWS

We were lucky enough to visit the Emma Prill art exhibition at the Tauranga Art Gallery this term. It was Fabulous! We liked the 3D art with the different colours and shapes, and had fun creating our own display inspired by Emma Prill.



## **Science in Korimako**

We have been investigating Friction, water tension and Flight during CSI (Cool Science Investigations). We have been testing out our ideas to make new discoveries. We discovered that our spiders travelled the fastest on smooth surfaces which has the least amount of friction and our lighter straw rockets travelled further than our heavier straw rockets.



## **Athletics**

We have all enjoyed improving our throwing, jumping and running skills this term during our athletics programme. The Y4s competed well in our senior athletics and the Y3s are looking forward to having some fun in the Junior Fun Sports day.

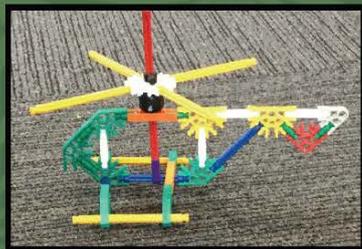


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## DISCOVERY CHALLENGES

In Discovery Challenges we have been making sewing bags, pillows, dresses. We have been making models out of k'nex and we have made, cars, planes, piano, trucks. We have also been writing Passion Projects. We have researched about horses, dogs, cats, and sharks.

By Danni Carter



## LIP SYNC

All of our year 4s are doing lip syncs with Mrs Tappenden. The boys and girls are all doing well.

All of the groups have different songs. These are some songs: Eye of the Tiger, Thunder, Red Stone Active, Demons.

By Paige Burston

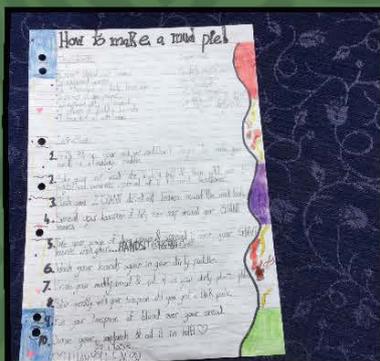


## WRITING

In Korimako we have been learning how to do procedural writing.

We have done sandwich writing and we got to make them and eat them. We also wrote a fantasy mud pie recipe with gross ingredients!

By Lilly Dishroon



## What's on at Oropi School Term 4 2018

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8</b>	3 Dec – 7 Dec		BoT Meeting	Year 8 Leaver's Dinner	End of Year Celebration 12pm @ Oropi Hall  	Year 8 Speeches 1.45pm @ Oropi Hall  Tennis Lessons 7 of 8  
<b>9</b>	10 Dec – 14 Dec	Te Ohanga Camp  	Pukeko Camp Te Hokioi Camp  	2019 New Entrant School Visits 9am- 11am	Te Kokako Graduation Year 6 5.30 pm	Tennis Lessons 8 of 8  2019 New Entrant School Visits 9am-11am  EOY Reports home today  
<b>10</b>	17 Dec – 18 Dec	Senior Reports home today	Last Day of School  Finish @ midday			

## What's on at Oropi School Term 1 2019

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21 Jan – 25 Jan			Class Lists available at School from today  Office Open 9am – 2pm	Office Open 9am – 2pm	Office is Closed today
<b>1</b>	28 Jan – 1 Feb	Auckland Anniversary Day	Office Open 9am – midday Staff offsite from midday	Teacher Only Day  Office Open 9am – 3pm	School Starts Today  	