

# KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 5



## Kia ora koutou

No doubt many of you like myself will be anticipating an alert level change announcement this weekend. As soon as the school has any information from the Ministry of Education, we will update you. This bulletin usually comes soon after what is being announced by our politicians and Dr. Bloomfield. The first communications to you all will be on our Facebook page. Thank you for your understanding and patience with yet more cancellations and postponements.

Team Leaders will be in touch regarding alternative plans for the swimming sports and leadership camp that were scheduled for this week.

Some of you may be aware that there is a lot of change happening in education at a national level. Schools have a lot of initiatives coming our way to implement. This is because there has been a review of Education Policy that was set in 1989, called Tomorrow's Schools. Changes started in

2019 and continue. However, it is a slow moving machine, especially when you 'throw in' a pandemic in amongst the transformations! As an experienced Principal I am fortunate to be a part of some of the work behind initiatives. As the Principals' Council rep for Bay of Plenty, I am able to articulate the needs from the perspective of principals' in primary schools in Wellington a few times a year, especially in relation to rural school leadership challenges. One of the outcomes is to set up a professional learning network for rural school leaders, which I am also involved in. It all connects, with the aim of making sure leadership in primary schools, and particularly rural schools, is supported to do what we need to do.

At Oropi School, this is the first year of a structural change in our staffing. When you visit our school website, you may notice this - [https://www.oropi.school.nz/7/profile\\_areas/3-staff](https://www.oropi.school.nz/7/profile_areas/3-staff). We have moved away from having three teams and now have two teams - Mauao (Year 0-3) and Otanewainuku (Year 4-8). We have a Team Leader in each team and then a Senior Team Leader in each team as well, called Mana Rangatira. The purpose of this is so when we are rolling out new initiatives, like the use of HERO (our new student management system) we can streamline this a bit easier. It also enables leadership to be shared by two people in each team, so is very much a collaborative model. This connects with our school philosophy.

Thank you again for your understanding with the changes in levels and have a great weekend everyone.

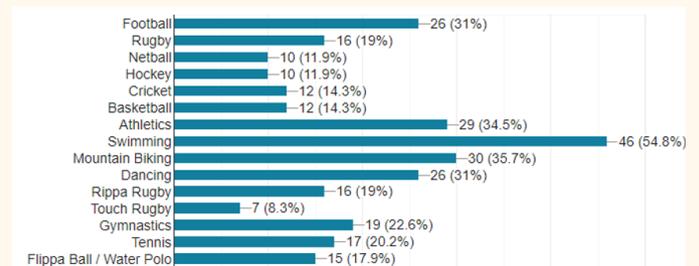
Ngā mihi nui

**Andrew King**

Principal | Oropi School

## Sports Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the sports feedback form. It's great to learn about all the different sports our kids are enjoying. Below is a summary of the main sports our kids do. We also have children who do Running, Taekwondo, Skiing, Martial Arts, Cheerleading, Karate, Motorcross, BMX, Surfing, Archery, Hunting, Fishing, Badminton, Volleyball, Dance, Roller Skating and Climbing.



It was also interesting to see what drives kids to want to do sports. Here is a summary of their answers.



It is clear to see that the main driver for our kids to do sport is overwhelmingly to have fun. It is really important we remember this when standing on the sideline cheering our kids on.

## Sports and Covid

The whole sporting landscape continues to be impacted by Covid. From Global sporting events to swimming sports at schools. I know this can be very frustrating for kids and parents alike to have sports interrupted. Therefore it is really important to remember at this time that our children are so lucky to live in NZ and still kick a ball around, ride their bikes or dance with their mates.

## Celebrating Sporting Successes Outside of school

Many of our children achieve success outside of school in their chosen sporting activity. It may be a high pass in a dance exam, passing another belt in martial arts, winning a motor cross competition or winning a medal at an archery competition.

We want to hear about these successes so we can celebrate with you and your child. So to share the achievements, please email [sports@oropi.school.nz](mailto:sports@oropi.school.nz) with a brief description of what your child has achieved and we will make sure we share it in our newsletters.

## Art for the office

The feedback for the new front desk layout has been really well received. We feel that it is lacking some artwork and we have decided to dedicate the back wall to a new theme each term and would love the kids to contribute. With the America's Cup about to start I thought we could showcase our support of Team NZ with America's Cup themed artwork. So if your budding artist is keen to help decorate the wall, we would love to see them bring in their own America's Cup artwork to the office and we will display as many as we can. If they can bring it in over the course of this coming week that would be awesome. Lets show our New Zealand spirit Oropi!



## PTA

At Oropi School we are lucky to have a great little PTA. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the PTA, please come along to the Staffroom on Thursday 11th March at 9am. All welcome! I understand how busy life can get so if you are unable to attend but still want to be involved or help out when you can, please email [oropi.pta@gmail.com](mailto:oropi.pta@gmail.com) and I can include you in our PTA emails. Lauren Shaw

## Scooters at School

A reminder that all children who bring scooters to School must be wearing their helmet at all times while riding their scooter. No Helmet, no scooter. Please also remember that bikes are not permitted at School, unless it is a planned bike day with your class.



## Aims Games 2021

Anchor AIMS Games returns to Tauranga in September 2021. Every September, many thousands of 11 to 13-year-olds gather in Tauranga to compete against their age in a variety of individual and team sports. For many, this is their first experience of a super-scale sports event, complete with an opening ceremony, professional livestream coverage and world-class facilities. Anchor AIMS Games encourages an active life, fair play, and participation across a variety of sports. Many professional Kiwi athletes have come through the Games on their way to specialisation and achievement on the world stage. So put 4 - 10 September in your diary and for more information please visit <https://nzaimsgames.co.nz/> Keep an eye out for further details from me in March and April. Registrations close in June.



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# Garden to Table

Wednesday morning was a bit wet, so Piwakawaka Oswald's garden group had to hide in the classroom to stay dry. They still managed to harvest a big array of vegetables so the kitchen group could cook potato gnocchi with a summer vegetable sauce and apple slaw. We used courgette, tomato, eggplant, capsicum and basil for the sauce, freshly dug potatoes for the gnocchi and red cabbage, carrot, apple and fresh herbs for the slaw. The sun came out for Tui's session and we were able to enjoy our food sitting outside. The garden was heaving with courgettes this week. We picked a dozen on Wednesday alone! Spinach, beetroot and cauliflower seeds were sowed and left to germinate in the greenhouse. We are going to chance our luck and hopefully squeeze in a quick crop of potatoes before the weather gets too cold so we had to get the soil ready and prepare our seed potatoes.



# Hero - New School App

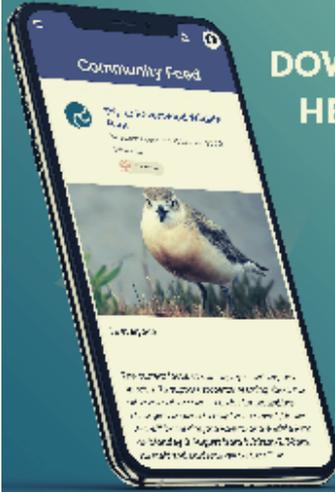
We are delighted to launch our new communication and reporting system, Hero. An online sharing platform with complementary smart app.

Hero allows schools to customise an online environment that enables teachers, students, and families to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

With Hero, you have the ability to:

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals,
- read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related webpages
- customise your account by adding a profile images

**SCAN ME TO  
DOWNLOAD HERO**



**DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP TODAY**

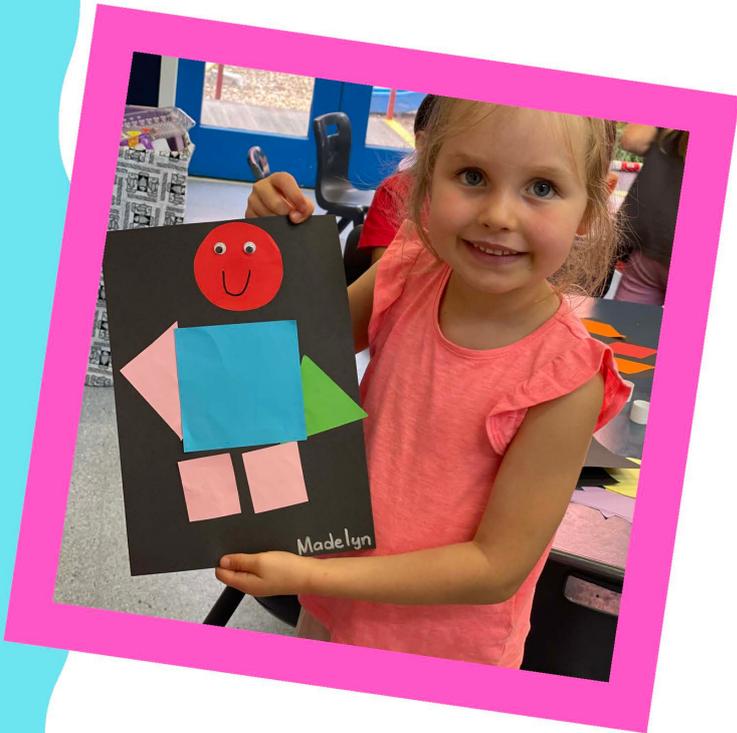
Log in to customise your account and view:

- Student learning stories, progress and goals
- School notices
- Surveys and Trip Permissions
- School term dates
- School calendar
- Absence notifications
- Navigation to other school-related webpages and more!

Available on the **App Store** and **Google Play**.



# KIWI IS IN TIP TOP SHAPE



This week in Kiwi we have been learning about shapes. We have noticed that there are shapes everywhere, our classroom, in puzzles, in our drawings and even outside! We have made shape robots. We are all excited to be learning at school.



## 2021 Information

### 2021 Term Dates

We are pleased to be able to confirm the following:

Term 1 February 3 - April 16

Term 2 May 3 - July 9

Term 3 July 26 - October 1

Term 4 October 18 - December 17

### 2021 Teacher Only Days

In 2021, we will be utilising four of these days as follows:

- Friday April 16 for work on our new Student Management System (HERO)
- Friday July 2nd to attend a Kahui Ako Conference with all Tauranga Peninsula Schools
- Monday September 27, to work on Term 4 planning and our Student Management System (HERO)

These dates are showing on the 2021 calendar. This can be accessed via the School website [www.oropi.school.nz](http://www.oropi.school.nz)

## Parking

We have recently had issues with people illegally parking their car in the disabled car park.

Unfortunately this has resulted in at least two occasions when a disabled member of our community has been unable to use the car park.

As we only have one disabled car park, can we please respectfully request that only those with valid permits for the disabled car park use this car park.

## Kindo

Working together with Kindo, Oropi School can now bring you a fantastic way to view and pay for your child's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle! It is our preferred method of payment and we encourage you to set up your account today.

The help desk at Kindo are super helpful, so please click the "I need assistance" tab if you have an error message or you can screenshot the issue and email the office.

2021 fees and donations are now showing in your Kindo account. Please note that we are still working to enter bus and event credits from 2020.

If you have any queries, please email us at [office@oropi.school.nz](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz)

## 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.



## 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 well 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](mailto:healthandsafety@oropi.school.nz)

## 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.

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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.



Order online by 9am  
for delivery Thursday

# ezlunch MENU

Oropi School / Term 1 2021



2 Taurikura Dr  
Tauranga Crossing  
Tauranga 3171  
07-543 0547

## PLAIN PETITA PITA

Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Vegemite Petita	\$5.50
Free Farm Bacon	\$6.00

## WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA

Wholemeal Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Vegemite Petita	\$5.50

## GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA

GLUTEN FREE Free Range Chicken Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Roast Beef Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Pulled Pork Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Garden Veggie Petita	\$7.00

## PETITA SALAD BOX

Free Range Chicken Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Roast Beef Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Pulled Pork Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Falafel Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Garden Veggie Petita Salad Box	\$6.50

## SIDES

Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$2.50
Brownie Chocolate Fudge	\$2.50
Brownie Chocolate Fudge GLUTEN FREE	\$2.80
Pita Chips with Aioli Dipping Sauce (large)	\$3.90

## DRINKS

Cool Ridge Water 750ml	\$4.00
Charlies 200ml Tropical Juice	\$2.00
Charlies 200ml Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.00

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8am-4pm Mon-Fri (except public holidays)

# JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER 2021

GREERTON

**SATURDAY 6th March 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

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**Wednesday 10th March 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

MARIST

**SATURDAY 13th March 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

*Chiefs & Crusaders*

**REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE** but you must attend registration day to be weighed in as per B.O.P.R.U rules

*Club socks available for purchase.  
Used boots for sale.  
Bring your old boots to trade in.*

Contact us for further details at: [juniorrugby@greertonmaristnz.org.nz](mailto:juniorrugby@greertonmaristnz.org.nz)

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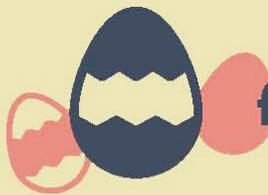
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**EASTER SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

**Koikoi Reserve, The Lakes Tauranga, 9.30am - 5pm**



## family easter egg hunt

**9.30AM - 10.30AM**

Search for hidden letters around the lake to make a word  
and win an Easter egg for the kids



## 2 x round the lakes fun run/walk

**11AM - 12PM**

**\$1000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON**  
**(BEST DRESSED, THEME & SPOT PRIZES)**

All ages welcome to register - (\$10 entry fee for 15+ years)  
All proceeds to Trek - In support of Kiwi kids

## join the fun at koikoi reserve

**12PM - 5PM**

**LIVE LOCAL MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES**

**family zone** - bouncy castles, face painting, food stalls

**licensed zone** - befeater pink gin, brancott bubbles, good george beers and ciders

**v.i.p zone** - 4 drink tickets plus low & slow bbq lunch \$55p/p (limited seating)

This is a licensed event so byo alcohol is not permitted, you may byo food  
and non alcoholic drinks, but these will also be available on site.

For more details and V.I.P & fun run registration head to good local facebook page



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