

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 1 WEEK 8



Kia ora Whanau

What a fantastic busy week it is at Ōropi School this week! We have had visitors from other schools coming to see how we implement our curriculum in the junior school, and we have an Open Day for our Garden to Table programme tomorrow where we have visitors coming to see what we do and offer in this amazing programme.

The school pool remains open due to the heating system working amazingly thanks to the care and attention of our wonderful caretaker, Kevin Hogan. Many of our Year 7&8s competed in the Tall Poppies Swimming Competition on Monday. On Wednesday we had the "Girls Playing Sports" day with about 30 Oropi girls attending this at Blake Park.

Many thanks to Rochelle Glover who has coordinated this event. Today we have had our Bus Monitors receiving training with Constable Taele Mefiposeta. Tomorrow we have a visit from the Consulate-General of Japan staff who will be running cultural activities for senior school children on Friday.

Phew, what a range of rich learning opportunities and activities happening for our children.

Thank you all for the amazing contribution to the Bus Run survey that went out on Tuesday. We have about 150 responses so far. This is a fantastic response which will help inform what we do. The data is giving us good quality information to base our decision making on. Remember, there will be a workshop for parents either at the end of this term or first part of Term 2. At this meeting I will share facts about how we are funded and how it all works, then we will workshop your feedback on possible solutions and scenarios to decide how our Bus Runs will operate from Term 3 2023.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew King
Principal | Oropi School

Kōkako Cookbook

We were so excited to see a cookbook order come through recently from the Tauranga City Libraries after these gorgeous girls (pictured below) submitted a special request. Two copies are now in circulation at the local libraries.

Remember, the Kōkako Cookbook is still available to purchase. Go to the school website and click on buy cookbook.



Teacher Only Day

Remember that we have a Teacher Only Day on Monday April 24th for Curriculum Refresh Professional Development.

Therefore term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26 April after ANZAC Day.

Remember all of these dates are available by clicking on the calendar icon on the school website.

Girls Playing Sport Day

This week, 30 girls from Y4-6 took the opportunity to participate in an action packed Sports Day at Blake Park. The girls were able to experience a range of different sports including; badminton, soccer, ripper rugby, hockey, basketball, golf and netball. It was very well organised and a lot of learning and fun was had by all.

The girls were even treated to meeting a couple of elite netball players, Claire Kersten and Bailey Mes, who play for 'The Magics' and also 'The Silver Ferns'. Thanks very much to the parents that spent the day taking a team to each sport rotation and for Rochelle Glover, for organising the day. We would certainly be keen to do this event again next year!



Attending School

Oropi School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education, and wants to support our students to maintain regular attendance.

Students who attend school regularly learn more and achieve better results.

As parents, you have an important role in ensuring that your child attends school whenever it is open, unless there is a good reason for his/her absence. Acceptable reasons for absence include sickness or serious family circumstances, such as bereavement. Where there is a good reason for absence, please contact our school to let us know as soon as possible.

Your role in ensuring your child's regular attendance is so important that if you allow your child to miss school without a valid reason, you can be prosecuted under the Education Act 1989. While Oropi School does not want to prosecute any parent for their children's absence, we do take regular attendance seriously. We will be monitoring all unexplained absences and if students frequently miss school without an explanation being provided, we will be contacting parents to request a meeting and to work with you to encourage better attendance.

If the unexplained absences persist, we will send a formal warning letter, and may involve other agencies, such as the Truancy Service, to follow up on the reason for the absence.

Please work with us to support your child to attend school regularly.

Attendance is important and every day counts.

Keeping your contact details up to date

Remember to keep your contact information up to date with the office. We must be able to contact parents and caregivers if necessary, especially if your child is unwell. This includes your phone numbers, physical address, and email address.

Closing Gates

To ensure the safety of all children on site, please ensure the gate you enter and exit is securely closed once you pass through.

Sport Update

Cassie won this awesome opportunity through ANZ bank to be a future captain at the game last weekend and invited Payton as her partner. They got to high five all the team as they ran on the court... really cool day!



The basketball team had a great game recently playing Selwyn Ridge with a win 12-2, star shooter Cooper and player of the day to Andre. Such a great team and their skills are improving every week.



The West Cluster Swimming Competition was held Friday at Greerton Pools. 20 of our Y5/6 students represented Oropi School and did us proud.

Two of our students are going on to represent us at Western Bay of Plenty Swimming Championships, Ashton Salmons and Piper Horton.

We wish them the very best!

Winter Sport

See HERO for the full post including links to the sports page of the school website.

All sporting information, flyers, and registrations will be available through the school website.

Please check this periodically as I will be updating as events come out. A weekly Hero post will also keep you updated.

SIGN UP FOR WINTER SPORT NOW through the school website Sport & Events | Oropi School

- **Hockey** Year 1 - 8 (Register by Monday 3rd April).
- **Netball** Year 1 - 8 (Register by Monday 24th April).
- **Basketball** Year 1 - 8 (Register by Monday 3rd April).
- Greenpark School Golf fundraiser tournament - The funds raised will be used to purchase new sports equipment and for Cyclone Gabrielle relief.
- Blue Rovers Football Club Muster - last chance to register this weekend

AIMS GAMES: 2nd -8th Sep. We would like to get an idea of who is interested in participating, please fill in the form on the website.

Garden to Table

Last week Te Kōkako, Pūkeko and Korimako Lewis had fun chopping up pumpkin, potatoes, courgette, corn and herbs for a mixed veggie tray bake. We have been making this dish a few times now, adding in whatever vegetables suitably for roasting we have available. For a side dish we made avocado, tomato and cucumber salad and for dessert apple sponge pudding.

This week both Kōtare classes and Kōrimako Higham made a healthier version of curly fries. We cooked them in the oven and served them with a herb dipping sauce. We used one of our favourite gadgets to make the curly fries: An apple peeler/corer. The kids enjoyed cutting the potatoes into long, thin strands using the peeler. We baked rhubarb and chocolate mini muffins and served them with a yummy passion fruit curd.



Potato harvest time! Te Kōkako had a messy but fun session last week harvesting our Red Rascal potato patch. They had to remove the dying stems above ground and then excavate underneath to remove the potatoes with as little damage as possible. It was a challenge to find every single one as every time we went back to double check we seemed to find more! Pūkeko pruned the water shoots from the cherry trees, fed the feijoa hedge and planted out more zinnia flowers. Kōrimako Lewis had a very rainy gardening day so we stayed indoors and did some science experiments to learn about the structure of soil and how important it is to grow food, fibre and timber for all 8 billion of us!

This week Kōtare got a huge amount of work done in the garden, including feeding the citrus, tomatoes, broccoli and zucchini, sowing romanesco broccoli, kohlrabi and turnip seeds, weeding, clearing and composting garden beds. Friday is our quarterly Garden to Table open day so Kōrimako Higham will be hosting 10 visitors from other schools and organisations interested in learning what Garden to Table is all about.



Kea News



Slime Crazy!

In Kea this week we have been loving making slime. We have been trying different recipes to see what changes occur and why that makes our slime stretchier or runnier.



New junior playground!

We have been having so much fun exploring our new junior playground. We have been able to try new skills and conquer some of our fears. This week we have even written a piece of writing talking about all of our favourite parts. Thank you again to Mark Weston (Board of Trustees chairman) and TECT for making this awesome playground happen. We LOVE it!



Swimming

We have loved being able to get in the pool on both Tuesday and Thursday this week. We feel very lucky to have a heated pool so that we can enjoy swimming throughout the whole of term 1.



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WINTER SPORTS


Please register on website by Monday 3rd April

NETBALL YR 1-8
BASKETBALL YR 1-8
HOCKEY YR 1-8

REGISTER HERE

Plus extra information and events

GOLF TOURNAMENT
AIMS GAMES
BLUE ROVERS FOOTBALL



KUPU HOU


NEW WORDS

"HE AHA TŌ PĪRANGI?"
"WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?"

TIKANGA
CORRECT WAY
KAITIAKITANGA
PUT YOUR RUBBISH IN THE BINS.
IF YOU SEE RUBBISH, PICK IT UP.

Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation

With John Parsons



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. Oropi School invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

John Parsons is NZ's leading authority on Safeguarding children online. He is a published author and signed copies of his book 'Keeping Your Children Safe Online' will be available on the day.


Topics covered during his presentation include:

- Online grooming.
- Sexting.
- Cyber bullying.
- Learning to repel & report.
- Future proofing for employment.
- Screen time.
- Sleep.
- Families that eat together heal together.


Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely and ethically. Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step.

**Oropi Hall
3rd April
6.30pm**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE




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TAURANGA

Thursday 6th April 2023

Donut Day

Glazed Donut \$3.50

Order on Kindo before 12pm Monday 3rd April

Nuts & Bolts 2023

ADMINISTRATION

Josie Third and Kylie McHannigan make up the amazing admin team. Office hours at 8.30am to 3.30pm

View further information on our school website:

www.oropi.school.nz

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/OropiSchool>

ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Teachers are on duty at all times during the morning and lunchtime breaks.

Accidents of minor nature are treated at school in the sick bay/medical room.

Parents, or a nominated adult are contacted if an accident is of a serious nature. If parents and designated emergency contacts are unable to be contacted, the school will use discretion in obtaining medical aid. Parents will be notified if their child becomes ill and needs care at home.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please notify by HERO, email or phone to the school office by 9.00am on the morning of the absence.

School office: (07) 543 1479

Email: office@oropi.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY

It is amazing how quickly the lost property box fills up with unnamed brand new clothes and shoes.

Please remember to clearly name all items of clothing. Unnamed articles of clothing can be found in the lost property bins outside some classrooms.

SIGN IN AND OUT

In case of an emergency and for our Health and safety reasons we need to know who is on the school grounds. We therefore ask that you use the ipad at the school reception desk to sign in and out.

Reasons you need to use the ipad:

- Child/ren are late. Sign in.
- Child/ren are leaving school for an appointment or because they are sick during school time. Sign out.
- Parent/friend/family member is helping during school hours or attending a class event. Sign in and out.
- Child/ren returning from an appointment. Sign in.

KINDO

Working together with Kindo, Ōropi School offers you a fantastic way to view and pay for all your child/children's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle!

You can:

- view and make full or part payments on your family account

- register and pay for sports events and trips
- support fundraisers
- order school lunches.

More information can be found on our website.

SUN SAFETY

Ōropi School is a Sunsmart Accredited School. In accordance with our Sun Protection, regulation school sun hats are to be worn during break times in terms 1 and 4. They can be purchased from our school office. Children without sun hats will be directed to stay in designated shaded areas.

UNIFORM ITEMS

We have uniform items that are available to purchase through our school office.

Sun hat \$20.00

Polo shirt \$35.00

Hoodie \$65.00

Jacket \$60.00

START OF SCHOOL DAY

We understand that students are keen to arrive at school and this is encouraging; however, before school, teachers use this time to meet and prepare for learning. They are not actively supervising students in the playground. Please consider the time you are dropping your child/ren to school and this is not to be before the first school bus at 8.15am.

SWIMMING

Swimming is a mandatory part of the Physical Education and Health programme. All children will participate with their class. Please ensure that all gear is clearly labelled. We strongly encourage students to bring goggles to support their swimming lessons.

PTA

We have a very energised group of parents on our PTA. They have been passionate about providing for our teachers and students. There are many facilities and school equipment that have been provided through their dedicated efforts. If you are interested in being a part of this please make contact by emailing oropi.pta@gmail.com

PARKING

For the safety of everyone, please cross the road at the road crossing by the bus turning bay. Do not walk across the road on blind corner.

We encourage families to park at the Hall and walk up the path to school, especially while the road works are being completed. Please use common sense and refrain from parking across the driveways of our neighbours.

Please do not park in the staff carpark.

Term 1 & 2

Important Dates

Week 9

29 March New Entrant visits

30 March Tennis Lessons with Klaus

31 March PTA Family Bingo Night

Week 10

3 April John Parsons Parent Information Evening

4 April BOT Meeting

5 April Whole School Hui 11.45am at the hall

6 April Donut Day

6 April Term 1 ends

Term 2

Week 1

24 April Teacher Only Day

25 April ANZAC Day

26 April Term 2 commences

27 April Tennis catch up lesson

27 - 28 April Year 3 & 4 Camp Totara Springs

Week 2

4 May Tennis catch up lesson

Week 4

15 - 18 May School Photos

17 - 18 May Year 5 & 6 Camp Tui Ridge

18 May Pink Shirt Day

Week 5

26 May Parent Teacher Conferences. School closes at midday.

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