

# KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 4



## Kia ora Whānau

I am hoping the surge in sickness over the past two weeks is now behind us as we head towards the half way mark of Term 3. Thank you for your support and understanding as we have navigated this.

On Monday of this week I was able to make some exciting announcements to the children in Assembly.

Next week, we have the additional Uno & Stepping Logs being added to the senior playground, and later this term our Scooter track is going to get a makeover with jumps and also a path extension behind "the hill". This will revive 'wheels' play. The additional playground equipment is thanks to a successful funding application and the scooter track enhancements are being funded by the

WBOPDC funds we got for the Consultation evening the school facilitated. And we will tag our Calf Club Day profits to the Scooter Track project as well.

Thanks to the PTA, we are making progress with the Fire-pit and Senior Sandpit project. I will keep you posted once the works commence for this.

We were also successful with another funding application to add more solar panels to our school. Thank you Mark Weston!

So all-in-all lots of good news for the week! Remember to support the upcoming events:

The School Disco is next Friday  
Bingo night on 1st September  
And get those Calf Club entries rolling in.

Andrew King  
Principal

## Knowledgeathon payments

If you pledged an amount for Knowledgeathon sponsorship and haven't made payment yet, we're keen to wrap this up before the next PTA event - which is the school disco next week. Please make payment into the school account as follows:

Ōropi School BOT

12-3440-0087772-00

Reference: Knowledge & child's name

## Chickens arrive next week

Chickens arrive on Tuesday 15th August. If you have ordered chicks, please drop in a name box or cage in the morning to help us distribute 300 chickens. Betty & Kylie are dropping off Pyes Pā chicks and then should be at Ōropi by 2.30pm. Please make sure you are fully set up this weekend so you're good to go. Start working on your pet diary too.

## Calf Club lambs

If you would like help finding an orphan lamb or calf, please contact Kylie in the office. We are in contact with a few people who may be able to help.



# MID-WINTER SCHOOL DISCO



**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED**

**3-5PM @ OROPI HALL  
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**

**TICKETS: \$6 ON KINDO**

**SPOT PRIZES** Oropi School PTA Presents **LIVE AUCTION**

## R18 MUSIC BINGO

"MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES"  
ALL ROUNDS ARE MUSIC ROUNDS

**1ST SEPT 2023 - 7.30 PM**  
**OROPI COMMUNITY HALL**

\$150 FOR A TABLE OF 8 | BAR OPEN 7.30-11.30 PM  
OR \$20 PER PERSON | EFTPOS AVAILABLE

TICKETS via Kindo  
or email: [oropi.pta@gmail.com](mailto:oropi.pta@gmail.com)

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MUSICAL IDOLS**  
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BOOZE BUS available @ 12am - \$5pp  
Please indicate if you need transport when purchasing tickets



青年女高音歌唱家 刘懿萱  
青年男中音歌唱家 周楠

## 海上丝绸之路

The 5th "Silk Road Melodies"  
International Concert Tour  
China-NZ Music and Culture Festival

DATE: 12/8/2023 18:30 ADDRESS: Bethlehem College Performing Arts Center  
24 Elder Lane, Bethlehem, Tauranga 3110



新西兰百乐艺术团

 Zhang Yifeng 张艺峰  
 Wang Jiahao 王嘉豪  
 Zhou Wenzhao 周文照  
 Zhou Jiahao 周嘉豪  
 Peng Jiahao 庞嘉豪  
 Li Jiahao 李嘉豪  
 Li Jiahao 李嘉豪  
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**TAURANGA  
BOYS' COLLEGE**  
Best for Boys | Tama Tu Tama Ora

## INQUIRY OPEN EVENING

6pm Thursday 17 August  
Room 46 near the Tennis Courts

An information evening for all  
Year 8's thinking of attending  
Tauranga Boys College.

**FIND OUT MORE  
ABOUT INQUIRY  
HERE**












## Technology @ Taumata





# Health & Safety

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- Child/ren returning from an appointment. Sign in.

# Accommodation Wanted

Homestay Accommodation Wanted for International Students from China in 2024

3 weeks during February 2023

A weekly allowance of \$320 is paid to the Host Family all inclusive including meals being provided and transport to & from Ōropi School.

Please email [andrew@oropi.school.nz](mailto:andrew@oropi.school.nz) for more information.





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# Garden to Table

Last week, Te Kokako, Pukeko and Korimako Lewis cooked a veggie tray bake with chickpeas and served it with a herb sauce and flatbread.

Mandarin up-side- down cake was on the menu too. We have been making the tray bake for quite a few sessions already and its always popular.

Roast veggies taste so much better when they have got a bit of char on them. It's also a good recipe to use when we only have smaller amounts of lots of different vegetables, because a wide range of harder vegetables can be cooked that way.

This week both Kotare classes and Korimako Peddle made minestrone soup with pesto and no-yeast bread rolls with herb and garlic butter.

Its always nice to have some warm soup on a cold winters day and the garlic butter rolls were a hit.

We baked the mandarin cake again, and with the horizontal cut mandarins looking like flowers, its very pretty as well as tasty.

A mix of all weathers over the last fortnight in the garden. We've had frosty mornings, a little bit of rain but also some glorious sunshine which we've made the most of. Last week Te Kokako finished preparing the pumpkin patch. With the weeds suppressed the whole area looks so tidy and underneath the mulch the soil will be improving for Spring. Pukeko had a cold rainy day so we worked inside; learning about the different parts of a plant that we are eating when we eat vegetables.






# Garden to Table

Korimako Lewis sowed poppies and purple broccoli for our garden and fed and mulched our young citrus trees. This week Kotare sowed capsicum, chillies, eggplant and tomato, did some weeding and feeding of the garden beds and brewed up some comfrey tea - a smelly but effective fertiliser made from comfrey leaves and


chicken poo steeped in water. It will now sit for a few weeks until it is REALLY smelly and then we can feed it to our crops. Korimako Peddle will continue on Friday with more tomato varieties to sow. It is very satisfying to have the first of our Seedling Sale crops underway to sell at Calf Club next term.





A huge thanks to our Ōropi School Community for the amazing support of book week! We had so much fun colouring in, dressing up, writing stories and making things. Thank you for the many book donations, these will help boost our library and support others in the community. Many fantastic books were also purchased and a portion of these sales come back to the school to help us keep the library full of interesting books. This year we raised \$960 for new books for the library. We really appreciate the support.








# ***Upcoming sports***

## **TERM 3:**

- BOP Primary Mountain Biking - 13th Sep (entries due 30th Aug).
- Fantails Football for girls 7-12 yrs. Mondays.
- Yr 3/4 Hockey Hubs - Mondays & Wednesday
- Yr 5&6 Winter Tournament, Week 9 - Tuesday & Friday (Basketball only).
- Girls Playing Sport Day - Friday Week 9

## **TERM 4:** Sports being offered

- Rippa Rugby
- Flippa Ball
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Fast Football



***Oropi School Website for details***



# Basketball



The Oropi Nets came away with an epic nail biting win 18-16 versus the BC Celtics on Friday night at QEYC.

With the winning goal scored in the last minute of the game!

It was a fierce competition with lots of cheering from the sideline throughout and plenty of high fives upon the final buzzer!

# Kōkako Netball



In an exhilarating match under the bright morning sun at the Mount, our school's Year 7 netball team, the Ōropi Kōkako, took on the formidable Whakamārama Mighty

Ferns. The game was a true display of skill and teamwork, with our team emerging victorious with a score of 19 to 8. The players showcased exceptional sportsmanship and fair play throughout the game, exemplifying the spirit of healthy competition. The team continue to improve week on week, with clever passing and impressive intercepts.

Congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance. We look forward to the two remaining games before an undoubtedly exciting final!

# Netball



Year 4 Ōropi Opals had an amazing tournament on Thursday at Tauranga Netball Centre. Five games in one day and the girls played their hearts out until the very end. We won all our games - such a well deserved result. We've all been enjoying a great season of netball together - a fun, dedicated, competitive team!



# Calf Club & Pet Day



Orphaned lambs more than 2 days old,  
available in Pyes Pa.

\$60 for Ram lambs (can be wethered),

\$70 ewe lambs

Discounts for more than one lamb.

Phone Josh 027 884 3807.

Available for collection now.

## ENTER NOW!

Entries for Calf Club & Pet Day close on  
Monday 18 September.

Calves - must be born on or after 20 July  
2023

Lambs - must be born on or after 1st August  
2023

Goats - must be born on or after 1st August  
2023

Chickens - must have been ordered through  
the school to enter in this category.

Chickens must be caged separately for ease  
of judging.

## Other Categories:

Open Pet - medium/large pet

The medium / large section of pet day  
includes animals such as ponies, calves,  
sheep, goats, dogs, and cats. Children  
cannot enter their pet into this section if it  
is already entered into the Calf Club  
category but this is a great option for your  
friendly pet lamb from last year.

## Open Pet - small pet

The small pet section includes animals such  
as rats, mice, guinea pigs, birds, bunnies,  
reptiles, chickens, and any other pet that  
would usually be kept in a cage or tank. All  
of these animals must have a pet profile or  
diary completed which is presented with  
the student's pet on the day.

**Hanging Basket** - One basket per child.

Check the Calf Club update for more  
details.

**Bird Box** - One entry per child. Check the  
Calf Club update for more details.

**Hobbit House** - One entry per child. Check  
the Calf Club update for more details.

**Scarecrow** - Check the Calf Club update for  
more details.

**Best Dressed Pet** - open to any animal.  
Animals must be on a lead at all times.



# Term 3 & 4 Important Dates

## Term 3

### Week 5

**14 August** Tauranga Boys' College Year 8 visit

**15 August** Chickens arrive today 2.30pm

**17 August** School Disco

### Week 6

**25 August** Daffodil Day

### Week 7

**31 August** Learning Open Day

**1 September** Adults Only Bingo Night

**2 September** AIMS Games Kick off tomorrow

### Week 8

**4 - 9 September** AIMS Games

**8 September** Choir Performance

### Week 9

**11 September** Auditions for Production

**12 September** Winter Sports Tournament Year 5 & 6

**14 September** Te Wā Tuku Reo Maori: Maori Language Moment

**15 September** Girls Playing Summer Sport

**15 September** Winter Tournament Basketball Year 5 & 6

### Week 10

**18 September** Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day: School Closed

**20 September** Tall Poppies Problem Solving 6.30pm ACG

## Term 4

### Week 1

**13 October** Calf Club & Pet Day

Updated 8 August 2023



我叫....  
Wǒ jiào.....

My name is.....  
Pronounced: War jow....

**Oropi School**  
SINCE 1899  
be all you can be | whāia te matauranga

# cafe club

## pet day

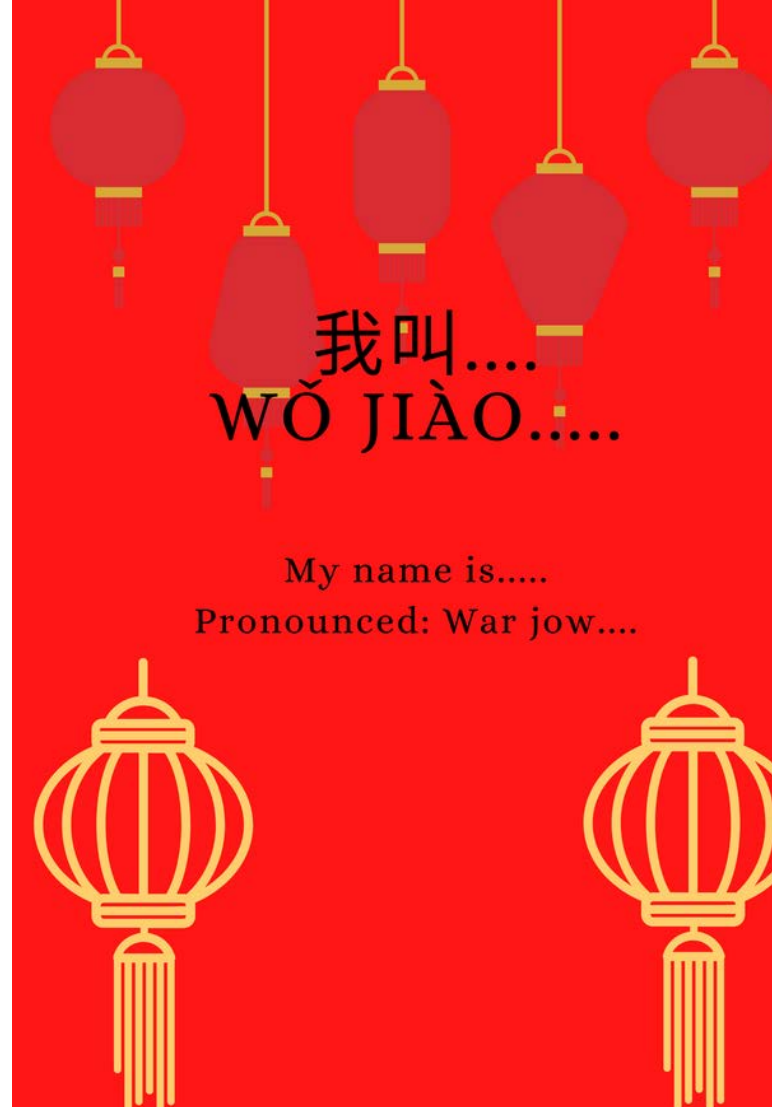
### COUNTRY RODEO DRESS UP THEME!

# Friday 13th October 2023

From 9:30am • Animal Judging starts 10:00am

Animal Judging • Hobbit Houses • Bird Houses  
Scarecrows • Hanging Baskets • Indoor Exhibits  
Possum & Rabbit Hunt  
Cafe • Raffle • Sausage Sizzle  
**& MORE!**

OROPi SCHOOL | 1334 Oropi Road, RD3, Tauranga | 07 543 1479



Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

# eZLUNCH MENU

Oropi School / Term 3 2023  
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

**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
Charlies 200ml Apple and Orange Juice	\$2.00

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



# 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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## 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

## **MORNING DROP OFF**

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.

## **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](mailto:oropi.pta@gmail.com)

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## **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.