

# KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 2 WEEK 2



## Kia ora Whanau

Welcome back everyone and especially to our new students and staff.

New children:

- Cora Thompson, Kiwi
- Max Schiller, Kea
- Roman Mahani, Pīwakawaka
- Addison Hyde, Kōrimako
- Alexis Hyde, Kōrimako
- Gabriella Farmillo, Pūkeko
- Ayla Farmillo, Kea

- Mila Kim, Kōtare
- Bailee Kim, Kōrimako
- Yuni Min, Kōrimako
- Pasang Ghising, Kōrimako

We welcome Luke Cowman who is our full time class teacher for the remainder of 2023 in Te Kōkako o Ōtanewainuku. Andrew Macdonald will spend some time supporting the programme in this class, along with Manasseh Taratoa, our full time Kaiwhina in this class.

Kapa Haka will continue as it did in Term 1 for the whole school but with a new Kapa Haka tutor, Teowai Webster, supported by Andrew Macdonald.

### **Important opportunities for parents**

I am pleased to note that this term we will have a parent meeting about the School Buses. The purpose of this will be to outline some key information about how we are funded and operate, summaries gained from the survey, and to get parent feedback on solutions for the future. This will take place in the Multipurpose Room on **May 15th at 5:30pm.**

On June 21st we will be hosting Sarah Aiono, CEO Longworth Education, at our School. She will be holding a parent information session at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. This will be about the role of play for children at home and school, why it is part of the educational programme at Oropi School, and how it fits with formal teaching & learning requirements.

### **Exciting news**

Thank to another successful funding application from our Chairperson Mark Weston, we have some additional items to add to our senior playground. We applied to Pub Charities and will be adding Uno logs and stepping logs for our seniors.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew King

Principal | Oropi School

## Teacher Only Day

On Friday 2 June, followed by King's Birthday on Monday 5 June.

## Carpooling

Are you on the user pays waiting list and interested to car pool with other families? Please email Kylie on [office@oropi.school.nz](mailto:office@oropi.school.nz) and we can help you arrange carpooling until there is space on the bus.

## Pink Shirt Day

Oropi is joining the Pink Shirt Day movement, Friday 19 May 2023, and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be hosting a Pink Shirt day on Friday 19th of May. Come to school wearing a pink shirt or something pink. If you are able to bring a gold coin donation it will be given to the Pink Shirt Day Organisation on behalf of the school.

# Year 3 & 4 Camp to Tōtara Springs

It was a lovely sunny morning with smooth winds last Thursday when Year 3 and 4 students from Tui, Ruru, Te Hokioi and Te Kōkako o Ōtanewainuku went on the bus for a lovely trip up and down the Kaimais and over to Tōtara Springs.

When we arrived we sat on some luscious grass and had some yummy food. After that, we went to our amazing cabins and got all of our gear set up. Then, finally... It was activity time!

It was an action packed couple of days with activities including Archery, Shooting, Rockwall, Hydroslices, Hot Pools, Team Building Games and Campfires. We even celebrated two birthday celebrations while we were away!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our awesome, dedicated and supportive parent helpers. Without their help, our camp would not have run so smoothly or have been so successful.

By Jackson Ellis and Nico Thomasen

It was an extremely sunny Thursday and when I came to school it was hectic. All of the parents were in a parent circle and in the middle was all of the luggage. When the parents went away, there was a circle with no luggage (It was actually quite funny).

Then we (including Tui, Ruru, Te Hokioi and Te Kōkako o Ōtanewainuku) got onto the bus with enthusiasm. Once all of the classes were on the bus, I started to read my book (the book was The Baby-sitters Club Book 10). Then a few minutes later, I heard the kids screaming "We're here!!!" and the parents saying "Calm down!!!"

Once we got out of the bus, we had morning tea and then had a safety briefing. Then we got split into groups... Group A, Group B and Group C. Payton and I (Payton is my best friend) were together in Group B.

First, we did Top Town and then we did Rock Climbing, Archery and Slug Guns. When it was time for dinner, we had lasagna, corn and a salad. For pudding, we had apple crumble. After that we had a campfire, then we went to bed.

In the morning, we went to breakfast then we did hydroslicing (I hurt myself, it was sore but I am okay). I sat next to Payton on the bus but then... the bus broke down so we had to go on to a different bus and we were late!

By Sophie Williams







# Garden to Table

Autumn has well and truly arrived at Oropi School this week. With squally rain blowing through the garden we had to use the classroom for eating and gardening on Wednesday. Ruru and Te Hokioi made oven-baked vegetable patties with courgette as the base and the Piwakawaka classes will be making the same on Friday but with kamo kamo pumpkin as the base vegetable. We enjoyed a side salad of a variety of leafy greens including lettuce, sorrel, rocket and beetroot leaves, topped with a creamy avocado dressing. Feijoas are still going strong so the kids made delicious Feijoa and Chocolate Mini Muffins.

Our gardening groups learned about companion plants this week and after talking about how

some plants help each other in various ways, we sowed companion pairs of seeds for the school garden. We sowed coriander and cabbage, dill and broccoli and marigold and cauliflower. Some of our Ruru cooks who had finished their jobs early popped out in a break in the rain to pick the first of our Autumn green beans to refrigerate for next week. The bean teepee had a great show of flowers in the warm, settled late summer so it's nice to finally see a thriving vegetable crop after a challenging few months in the garden. Fingers crossed for better weather for Piwakawaka on Friday so our gardeners can spend some time outside!





# ŌROPI SCHOOL PHOTOS



## 2023



Tēnā koutou

I'm looking forward to working with all the lovely staff and students at Ōropi School again this year.

It will take a week to photograph every single student and class group. I know you'll be eager to see the results and I will notify you when they are ready to view. Please expect an email around mid to late June with your passcode(s).

The online shop will give you the freedom to view and purchase your choice of photos. Prices remain the same as last year along with early-bird and quantity discounts. I have also introduced an individual portrait and class photo package this year.

Sibling photos can be booked using the online calendar. Please follow the steps in the brochure.

I look forward to seeing some fantastic smiles!

Ngā mihi nui

Claire



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## PLACING YOUR ORDER

### VISIT

- Visit [www.clairefraser.nz/schools](http://www.clairefraser.nz/schools)
- Click on [FIND MY PHOTOS](#)

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- A passcode ending in 23 will be emailed to you (a few weeks after the photos have been taken).
- Type in the passcode and your photos will appear under the relevant tabs (Student photos / Class photos)

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- Click on a photo to enlarge
- The products menu will appear to the right and you can add to your cart
- You can view another child's photos by clicking [FIND OTHER PHOTOS](#)
- Once you order 3 photos in the same format, a quantity discount will be applied.

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- Proceed to Check out
- You will be asked now to log in to your account, or create an account if you are a new customer
- Choose payment option and place order
- Follow the directions to pay via Paypal, Credit Card OR Bank Transfer.

### NEED HELP?

Contact Claire:  
SMS or Whatsapp 021 537 567  
Email: [claire@clairefraser.nz](mailto:claire@clairefraser.nz)

## INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PHOTOS

Monday 15th - Thursday 18th May

Your child's teacher will notify you of their class photo day.  
Individual photos will be taken on the same day.

*Students absent on photo day will  
not be photoshopped into the class photo.*



## SIBLING PHOTOS

Monday 15th - Thursday 18th May

Please book a sibling photo using the online calendar.

Go to: [clairefraser.nz/schools](http://clairefraser.nz/schools)  
Click on [SIBLING PHOTO BOOKING](#)  
Enter the passcode: [2023SIBS](#)  
Click on Ōropi School. Click to highlight a date.  
Scroll down to choose a time.

Please choose carefully. If you need to cancel or change your booking, you'll need to contact Claire directly.

Before and after school times available.  
Other children not attending Ōropi School are welcome to join their siblings for the photos.

The  
grandparents  
will be wanting  
an updated  
photo!



## DISCOUNTS

### EARLY BIRD

Order within the first five days of the photos going online to receive a 10% discount on your entire order.

### QUANTITY DISCOUNT

All photos are available to purchase individually, but when you order more of the same product you will receive a discount.

*No group ordering please, the quantity discount is to benefit individual families with large orders.*

## PRICES

Digital download - **\$19**

Class Photo Print - **\$19**

4 x 6" print - **\$16**

5 x 7" print - **\$19**

8 x 12" print - **\$25**

Wallet sized photo set - **\$19**

Individual & Class Package - **\$34**



## WHAT TO REMEMBER

- Check you child is looking neat and tidy. Younger students are scheduled to be photographed in the morning.
- A selection of up to 5 individual portraits will be offered per student.
- Families having sibling photos will also have a selection of photos to choose from.
- Sports Teams and Kapa Haka groups are scheduled to be photographed too. Please look out for notices from your school with dates and times.



## DIGITAL DOWNLOAD

When ordering digital downloads, you will be able to download your photos directly from the online shop.

If you are paying by bank transfer, you will be emailed when your download is available (it may take a few days to process).

When paying by credit card or Paypal, you will be able to download your digital files immediately.

Downloading onto a laptop or desktop computer is best. It may be difficult to get photos off your phone or tablet to print. Also, the file size may be too large for your device.

Remember to back up your digital files for future use.

## PRINTS

Orders containing prints will be delivered to Ōropi School reception and handed out to the eldest child attending the school. Please note that print orders may take up to 6 week to process.

Photos are printed on matte high quality photographic paper.

Class photos will be laminated.





# PINK SHIRT DAY

When: the 19th of May

Where: Oropi School

What to do: Wear something pink and feel free to bring a gold coin donation

By Amber Bollen

## PUKEKO PLAY

IN DISCOVERY, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN COMING UP WITH IDEAS ABOUT A TALENT THEY COULD SHOW OFF FOR THE CAMP CONCERT. WE HAVE TWO DANCE SHOWS AND STAND UP COMEDY. OUR CAMP PREP IS WELL UNDERWAY AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED IN PUKEKO! NOT ONLY THIS, WE HAVE A CLASS KAHOOT QUIZ IN THE MAKING TO TEST EVERYONE'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE. SOME STUDENTS ARE ALSO CREATING A WHARE FOR THE WALL, INSPIRED BY MASON DURIE'S WHARE TAPA WHA MODEL.






Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

## ezlunch MENU

Oropi School / Term 2 2023

**Pita Pit** 2 Taurikura Dr Tauranga Crossing Tauranga 3171 07-543 0547

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| <b>PLAIN PETITA PITA</b>                    |        |
| 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 |
| <b>WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA</b>                |        |
| 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 |
| <b>GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA</b>              |        |
| 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 |
| <b>PETITA SALAD BOX</b>                     |        |
| 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 |
| <b>SIDES</b>                                |        |
| 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 |
| <b>DRINKS</b>                               |        |
| Cool Ridge Water 750ml                      | \$4.00 |
| Charles 200ml Tropical Juice                | \$2.00 |
| Charles 200ml Blackcurrant Juice            | \$2.00 |
| Charles 200ml Apple and Orange Juice        | \$2.00 |

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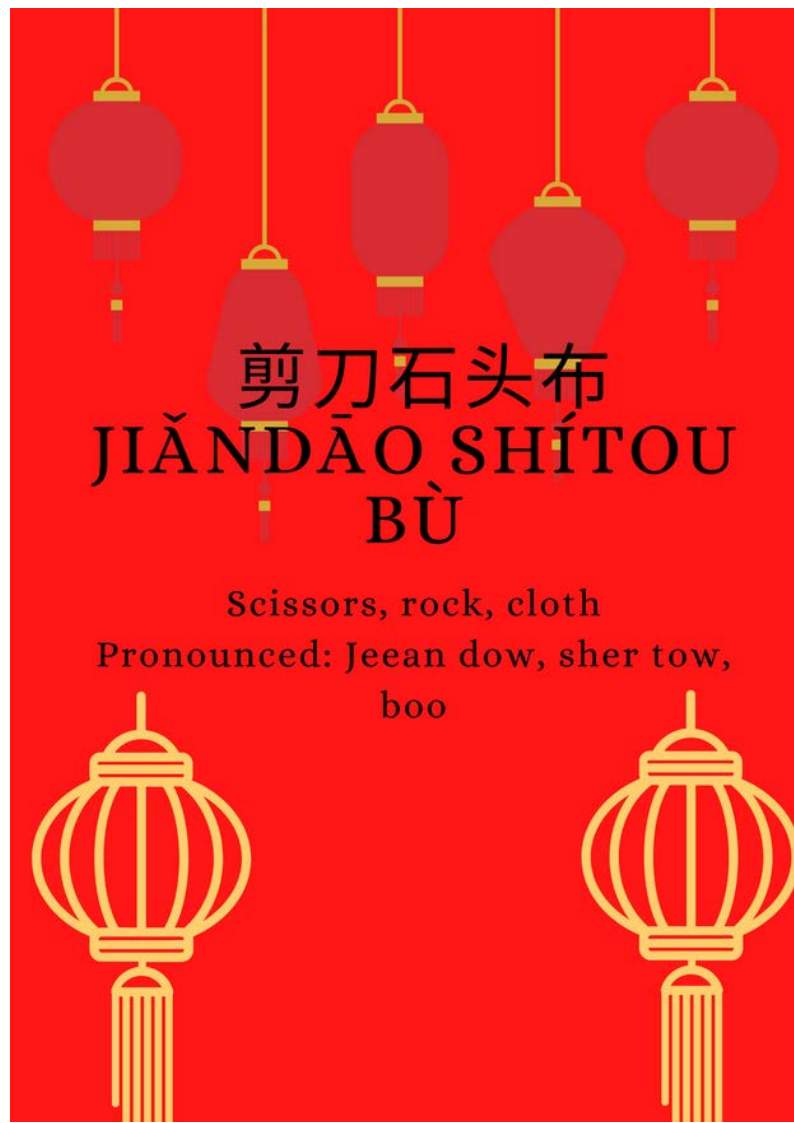
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# 剪刀石头布

## JIǎNDǎO SHÍTOU BÙ

Scissors, rock, cloth

Pronounced: Jeean dow, sher tow, boo



# Term 2

# Important Dates

## Term 2

### Week 3

NZ Sign Language Week

**9 May** Enviro Club trip

**11 May** New Parents Hui

**12 May** Amazing Race

### Week 4

**15 - 18 May** School Photos

**15 May** Parent Bus Meeting

**17 - 18 May** Year 5 & 6 Camp Tui Ridge

**19 May** Pink Shirt Day

### Week 5

**22 May** School Cross Country

**23 May** Tall Poppies Cross Country

**24 May** Tackling Clinic

### Week 6

**29 May** New entrant visits

**1 June** West Cluster Cross Country

**2 June** Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day. School closed

### Week 7

**5 June** King's Birthday

**6 June** New entrant visits

**6 - 9 June** Kōrimako Lewis Technology @ Taumata

### Week 8

**13 June** WBOP Cross-country

*Updated 4 May 2023*



# 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.

## 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](mailto: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.**



## **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.