

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 2 WEEK 10



Kia ora Whanau

Our school has been abuzz with preparations to ensure that this year's Matariki festivities are filled with joy, unity, and a deep appreciation for Maori culture. One of the highlights of our celebrations will be the Matariki breakfast and hui.

To make our Matariki celebrations truly memorable, whanau and tamariki from Te Kōkako o Ōtanewainuku have been working hard to prepare a traditional hāngī for the class.

We would also like to take a moment to recognise the incredible efforts of our tamariki (children) in their preparations for our Matariki celebrations. They have poured their hearts and souls into perfecting their singing and Kapa Haka performances. Their performances promise to be thrilling, showcasing talent and culture.

Our Matariki celebrations go beyond just a festive gathering. They are an opportunity for us to delve into the significance of Matariki and its cultural importance. To enrich our understanding, we have organised various activities and workshops, all designed to deepen our appreciation for Maori customs and traditions. Whanau are welcome to join us back at School after the hui for these workshops.

We extend our gratitude to the staff, parents, caregivers, and community members who have supported us in organising these festivities. Your dedication and active involvement have been instrumental in creating an inclusive and vibrant Matariki celebration for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, see you early on Friday morning.

Ōropi School Staff

Lost Property

It is amazing how quickly the lost property box fills up with unnamed clothes and shoes. Please check the lost property boxes before Friday. All unclaimed items of clothing will be donated to charity in the holidays.

Book Fair

Ōropi School is hosting its very own Book Fair. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon, and it will be a Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!

This is a great opportunity to raise funds to increase books in the library. Every book sold raises funds for this. The Ōropi Bookfair will open from Tuesday the 1st of August – Friday the 4th of August. The Bookfair will be available for you to walk through and purchase books before and after school from 8.15 – 9am and 2.30 to 3.15.

This exciting celebration of reading will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room or the Library. We will have some great activities to support this event where children can win prizes, including a coloring competition, book reviews and a Book Character Dressup Day.

Tuesday 1 August – Book Fair Opens

Wednesday 2 Thursday 3 August – Book Fair open before and after school

Friday 4 August – Book Fair open before and after school and Dress Up Day

Classes will also have the chance to visit the book fair to preview books and write a wishlist.

Book Fair will include the following

- Books for all ages
- Cuddly toys
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Lockable Diaries/Notebooks
- Posters, Keyrings, Stationery
- And free bookmark with every purchase
- Eftpos is available.

Thanks for your support!

Paula Crabbe (Librarian)

Support Staff Week

Omn Tuesday, we celebrated our fantastic team of support staff. Everyone was presented with special cards created by Tui kids and all staff enjoyed a very delicious morning tea on Tuesday.



BOP Cross Country



A great day out today for our two Ōropi representatives at the BOP Cross Country. Olive placed 9th in the Eight Year old girls race and Heath also placed 9th in the Ten Year old boys race! Very proud of these two! It was a challenging run, lots of hills and mud, making it tricky terrain to negotiate!



Matariki

*During Matariki we celebrate our unique
place in the world...*

Nau mai Haere mai

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023

8.15AM BREAKFAST

9.30 AM AWARDS CEREMONY

ŌROPI MEMORIAL HALL

**WHANAU ARE WELCOME TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS
BREAKFAST IN KINDO BEFORE FRIDAY**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TE KŌKAKO O ŌTANĒWAINUKU?

We are very excited for Matariki in Te Kōkako! The tamariki have jumped right into their week long preparation for our school hāngī! On Monday, our year 7&8's went down to Pak n Save to buy the remaining food items. Later in the week, we all will be working hard with whānau volunteers to prepare the kai so it may be lowered into the hāngī pit.



We have all been working very hard all term with Whaea Teowai and Mr Mac to continue our Kapa Haka journey and create a performance that we can proudly share with our school community. We have been learning new Waiata and perfecting our voices so we may deliver an AMAZING Performance in our Celebration Hui. We cannot wait to show you.



Through our discovery learning, we have been exploring bone & wood carving with Matua Nass. We are learning and practicing skills such as sanding, drilling and using tools such as Hammer & Chisel.



We hope to see you all at the Matariki Celebration Hui! Mā te Wā!

Garden to Table

Edie from Piwakawaka Carter grew a massive pumpkin this year and kindly donated it to garden-to-table, so last week both Piwakawaka classes and Kea used the pumpkin to make gnocchi with a tomato and herb sauce and an upside-down mandarin cake.

This week we had more gifted produce to work with: A box of lemons. We used the lemons to make mini muffins with a centre of tangy lemon curd. It's really easy to make, but make sure you don't let it boil, so you don't end up with scrambled eggs in it. Homemade curd contains less sugar than the store bought one, and has a stronger lemon flavor. For our main dish we cooked roasted vegetables with a herb and sour cream sauce.

Piwakawaka had a busy morning of gardening last Wednesday; planting red cabbage, spinach, broccoflower, poppies, marigold and cauliflower. The weather was iffy last Friday so Kea investigated seeds in the classroom. We soaked a broad bean in water and cut it open to see what the inside of a seed looks like and learned that seeds have a 'coat' for protection and a 'lunchbox' of food to help them grow until they develop roots. We looked at three seeds; marigold, calendula and pea and noted the differences in how they look, how they feel and how they behave when they drop. We learned about the different, clever techniques that seeds use to get away from their 'mother' plant and how the features of the seed help them to do it.



Garden to Table

This week our Tui classes had their first fine Garden to Table day of the whole term so we made the most of it. The weather this year has been very strange and as a result we somehow had a harvest of chilli peppers, kumara and potatoes, none of which have any business being in the garden in winter, yet there they were!

A big thank you to Elly, Rio, Leon, Willow, Isabelle, Liam, Hudson, Cora and Jack from Pūkeko who took part in an extra session last Tuesday to show our visitors from Daegu in Korea some of the cool things that we do at Ōropi School. They rustled up Herbed Flatbread Pizza with Winter Pesto, showing off their awesome kneading skills. Our visitors were very impressed that Ōropi kids can make pizza from scratch and loved that we can work and learn outside in our productive garden.









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Oropi School

be all you can be | whāia te matauranga



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Have your business exposed to 500+ people and help support Oropi School

We would like to take this opportunity to invite YOU to become a sponsor or to provide a donation for this years Calf Club & Pet Day held on Friday 13th October 2023 to support our raffle fundraiser, or in support of food stall requirements.

**All contributions are recognised on the day
SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING IS WELCOME**

Your business would be advertised verbally on the day, in all flyer and booklet information that goes out and on our school website, newsletter and facebook page.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity to support Oropi School we would love to hear from you.

Contact the school office on 543 1479 or email office@oropi.school.nz.

thank you  **YOUR SUPPORT MAKES
ALL THE DIFFERENCE!**

Ōropi Emeralds

It was a wild and wet day but the Oropi Emeralds turned up in good spirits to take on any team that was keen to play. A huge thanks to Golden Sands Papamoa for making the effort to be there also to play against (We were the only 2 teams in the round to brave the weather!). It was tough in the rain however the team performed some great intercepts, showed skill to move the ball down the court and managed many shots at goal. They all fought hard and took out their first win of the season. What awesome grit team in appalling weather. It has been neat to see how far they have all developed in just 4 weeks! We look forward to the next 6 rounds of games.



Ōropi Kōkako

In an exhilarating display of skill and determination, the Ōropi Kōkako netball team emerged victorious in their game against Mount Maunganui Intermediate White, securing a commendable 11-6 win. The match, held on Saturday, showcased the exceptional talent and teamwork of both teams, with the Kōkako team ultimately proving to be the dominant force on the court. The team have a well-earned break for the next few weeks with the second round of the competition starting again in week 2.



Term 3 Important Dates

Term 3

Week 1

17 July Term 3 commences

18 July Hearing & Vision testing

19 July Tauranga Girls' College Year 8 Kōrero

20 July Sarah Aiono, play based learning 5.30pm

21 July Junior Tough Guy & Gal

Week 2

27 July Tauranga Girls College Open Evening

27 July - 1 August Korimako Lewis @ Technology

Week 3

31 July Book Fair Week

2 August Choir Rehearsal at Tauranga Intermediate School

2 - 7 August Korimako & Te Kokako @ Technology

Week 4

8 August BOT Meeting

11 August Chickens arrive today

Week 5

17 August School Disco

Week 6

25 August Daffodil Day

Week 7

1 September Adults Only Bingo Night

2 August AIMS Games Kick off tomorrow

Updated 26 June 2023



OROPi SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

2023

TUESDAY 1ST – 4TH
AUGUST 2023

BOOKS FOR SALE. ACTIVITIES. DRESS
UP PARADE AND MORE...
SEE THE KOKAKO NEWS FOR MORE INFO

COME
JOIN US



CAIR 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



PLAY BASED LEARNING WITH DR SARAH AIONO

Thursday 20 July 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Multi-purpose room

Come along and hear about the role of Play Based Learning
based on Sarah's research and how it fits into our school curriculum.



Order online by 9am
for delivery Thursday

ezlunch MENU

Pita Pit

Oropi School / Term 2 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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TAURANGA MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS



ROALD DAHL'S Matilda THE MUSICAL

BOOK
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC & LYRICS
TIM MINCHIN

21 Sept to 7 October 2023

Baycourt Community And Arts Centre **Tauranga**

BOOK NOW Tickets: ticketek.co.nz
Baycourt Box Office: 07 577 7188

mediaworks. Tauranga Musical Theatre Inc.

ACORN
FOUNDATION

Junior Art Awards 2023

PRIZEGIVING
21 JUL 2023

EXHIBITION
22 JUL —
01 OCT 2023

**Call for
Entries!**

**BOP
kids ages**

4-18

THEME:
**Ahurea Turakeri—
Cultural Identity**

toi
Tauranga
art gallery

ENTRIES OPEN 06 JUN / CLOSES 03 JUL 2023
artgallery.org.nz/events

**BASKETBALL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME 5-13 YRS**

**COST
\$39
PER CHILD
PER DAY**

JULY INTAKES

AQUINAS COLLEGE	9AM - 3PM
Tuesday 4 th Wednesday 5 th Thursday 6 th	
MERCURY BAYPARK	9AM - 3PM
Tuesday 11 th Thursday 13 th	

RACHEL GWERDER
General Manager
Tauranga City Basketball Association

07 572 1272
021 874 490

development@tauranga.basketball

Please follow the below link to register players
<https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/holiday-programmes/holiday-programmes>
If you have previously registered a player please use your existing login and password.

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.

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.

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.

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.