

# KOKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 4 WEEK 9



## Kia ora Whānau

Last week was just amazing and proof that all the time and energy going into the school production "The Beetles" was all worth it! Thank you so much everyone for your support in creating an amazing memory for all tamariki, staff, and whanau at Ōropi School.

This is our last newsletter for 2023. We currently have our Year 7 & 8's on camp, Mauao Team (Juniors) go on their day trip to

Ōmokoroa Beach tomorrow, and Pūwhenua (Middle team) have a Dodge Ball Tournament on Friday. On Friday, you will also be receiving notification of your child's 2024 class placement along with their end of 2023 Report.

Please note we are sending out details about buses for 2024 before the end of the term and which bus your child will be placed on.

If you do not receive this information, please contact the school office. For the first week of term, these revised bus runs are likely going to have a few unforeseen timetabling, pick up, and drop off issues arise. Please understand this could be possible and to be ready to make contact with the school office directly during the first week of term so that we can address this with the bus company.

On Wednesday of next week we have our Year 8 school leavers delivering their speeches to the school in the Ōropi Memorial Hall at 10:50am, followed by the whole School Prize Giving, starting at 12:45pm, finishing at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. Our Year 8 Leavers then have their farewell dinner on the Wednesday evening. On Thursday, December 14th, your child will have an opportunity to spend some time with their new class teacher for 2024. Our new staff members will be at the school on this day for their induction and to meet their students.

Important dates to note for the start of year:

- January 25th - January 30th, Teacher Only Days
- January 31st - Ra Whānau Mai and New Entrant Day
- February 1st - Official 1st Day of Instruction
- February 5th - Teacher Only Day "Graduate Profile & Revised Curriculum"

I wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing festive season and holiday with family and close friends. Let's hope the sun is shining more than last summer and enjoy those long summer days. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year well and rested.

Andrew King

Principal

## Year 8 Speeches & Prizegiving

Here is the plan for Year 7 speeches and prizegiving next week.

Wednesday 13 December

Ōropi Memorial Hall

10.50am - midday Year 8 Speeches

12.45pm - 2.30pm Prizegiving

A message has been sent in HERO to all families of children receiving an award.

School will finish on Friday 15 December at 12.30pm. Buses will depart shortly after 12.30pm. **If your child is not attendning on Friday, please ensure you notify the office as we must account for all students, even on the last day of school.**











## GOBSMACKED – The Beetles Merchandise

### Professional Videography

We are thrilled to announce that a professional videographer captured the entire musical in detail as it unfolded on stage. No need to fret about missing that 'special moment.' We captured it all for you. If you would like to purchase a USB please order one by putting the following details into the Gobsmacked bank account below.

**USB - \$25 (*will be delivered next week*)**

### Gobsmacked T-shirts

Mark your experience with a Gobsmacked T-shirt



**Gobsmacked T-shirts - \$30**



### Gobsmacked Banking Details

Account Name: Gobsmacked Productions Ltd

Account Number: 02-0466-0401340-000

Reference: Book/USB/T-shirt/size

Code: Pick/ed up at theatre/school

Particulars: Name/school (eg. JenWestR8)

***NOTE: T-shirts and USB's can be purchased and ordered from the school office with a parent by showing your confirmation through internet banking or putting cash into the box. Please put all details into the banking details and if you are paying cash please make sure you have filled out the form on the table (will be in school office from Monday Dec 4).***

## GOBSMACKED SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM COMING SOON

**COMING January 22 – 26, 2024. SAVE THE DATES! – [www.gobsmacked.nz](http://www.gobsmacked.nz)**

**WHEN: Holy Trinity Church**

**WHERE: Monday – Friday, January 22 – 26 (9 – 3pm)**

We will be partnering with the charities LOVEtheONE and Morning Star who are bringing over several children who wear artificial limbs, amongst them is a famous dancer, Kate Liao who lost her legs in an earthquake but can still dance because of her artificial legs. She will be helping me teach the dances and songs and will be bring with her a TV crew and her 9 million online followers will be watching her bring this show to the stage.

All proceeds go to their charity.

[www.gobsmacked.co.nz](http://www.gobsmacked.co.nz) 0800 gSmack (476225)





Term 4 & 1

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*Updated 4 December*



# Garden to Table

As the term winds down, the Kōkako garden is winding up into Summer. This term our junior and middle classes have had lots of practice planting corn, pumpkin, squash, aubergine, tomatoes, chillies, capsicum, potatoes, kumara, zucchini, cucumber, beans and more which form the foundation ingredients we will cook with next year. With a warm summer forecast and our new rain water collection tank operational, we cross our fingers for bountiful crops.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful whānau volunteers. We are fortunate to have whānau who give time to cook and garden with our tamariki.

Having help from extra adults enables us to work in smaller groups, giving the kids more hands-on time and enables our younger students to develop their new skills with safe supervision. We have mums, dads, grandparents and even an awesome aunty who help us regularly. If you would like to get involved in 2024, get in touch with your child's classroom teacher in the New Year. No special skills are required, just a willingness to work alongside your own and other children in their class to guide them through the tasks that we set.





# Garden to Table

To our departing Year 8s, some of whom have been doing Garden to Table for six years now, we really hope you enjoy putting your skills to good use at home and at college. The show-stopping, three-course meals you researched and cooked at the end of last term, showed us how far you've come.

We hope you all have a go at growing your own food these holidays. You don't need a large garden; if you have a patch of dirt or a bucket, you have a garden! Start with a couple of your favourite veges and go from there. It really is easy and fun and - as Ōropi students will attest - taste even better if you grow them yourself.





# Term 1 Football

The extremely popular Fun First Football Programme is coming to Ōropi School in Term 1 with their fully inflatable football field!

They will be here every Monday after school on our sports field 3pm - 4pm.

This is for kids aged 4 years old - 9 years old! To Book your spot for Term 1 or for more info, please go to their website <https://funfirstfootball.co.nz/>.

Also, anyone who joins up in Term 1 will receive a Free FFF Tshirt!



**— GREAT NEWS —  
WE ARE COMING  
IN TERM 1  
OROPi SCHOOL**



**GO TO OUR  
WEBSITE TO  
BOOK TODAY**





# 3D club

A small group of 3D printing enthusiasts were lucky to be able to visit a local business and learn about how different types of 3D printers work. We saw lots of printers busy making things, including clips and brackets, dental appliances and prosthetic limb parts. We learnt that 3D printers can make flexible things like bike handlebar grips. We saw a resin printer working, and a huge Multi Jet Fusion (MJF) printer that prints using powder.

In 3D Print Club this year we've enjoyed learning about how to use our printer and how to create the digital files that it needs. We are starting to create our own 3D designs and we're looking forward to trying out more ideas next year.





# Rippa Rugby

## Year 3-4 Ōropi Eagles Girls Rippa Rugby Team

What a fantastic season it has been for this team. Being the only female team in the mixed division, they have held their own very well against the other mixed teams winning most of their games. They have shown great commitment attending trainings at lunchtime each week, and this has certainly paid off in the way they have been playing, not to mention how much fun they have had along the way! The girls have developed their defence skills in particular this season making many rips at crucial moments of games. They have shown great determination to keep their defensive line to stop the opposition players getting past. The team has also shown great teamwork. All the girls are so invested in the game that they are always looking for the ball. Its been awesome watching you all play. Bring on the next season!





# Volleyball

The year 7 volleyball Team had a great second to last game winning it by 6 points against Waldorf Steiner school. They were also lucky to meet Aidan Roberts a former Ōropi student who now plays for the NZ volleyball team. There was great team work during the game and the team worked hard for their win... it had everyone sitting on the edge of their seats!! Go the Ōropi Blockers.









# Kindo for leavers

## School Leavers – Notice re ezlunch / Kindo School Shop

- If your family is leaving our school and has been using ezlunch or Kindo, please make sure to stop any regular automatic payments that have been set up before the school year finishes. You may also need to transfer or close your account which can be done as follows: **Not sure if your new school is using Kindo?** If you're not sure if your new school is using Kindo, you can either ask them directly or go to "My Details" in your Kindo account and click on the list of schools to see if your new school is listed.
- **New school IS using Kindo.** If your new school is using Kindo, simply click on the new school from the list in "My Details" of your Kindo account and you'll be attached to the new school's menu. Any balance on your Kindo account will remain available to spend with the new school.
- **New school is NOT using Kindo, or you no longer need Kindo.** If you need to close your Kindo account, use the "Close Account" button within the "My Details" section of your Kindo account. You can either withdraw your account balance or choose to donate your balance to the school.

Please note that all withdrawals will be made via electronic payment to your New Zealand bank account. Kindo is unable to process cash withdrawals.

If you are wanting to withdraw your Kindo account balance or make a donation that exceeds Kindo's threshold (currently more than \$10,000 total within one year), Kindo may need to undertake some identity checks on you to comply with its obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Act 2009. Please action the withdrawal or donation in your Kindo account as outlined above and if these AML checks are necessary Kindo will advise of the next steps required in this regard. Kindo has endeavoured to make this process as pain-free as possible and appreciates your patience.



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PLAYGROUP

# CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY FUNDRAISER

✦ SANTA ✦ CHRISTMAS CRAFT ✦ GAMES  
✦ SAUSAGE SIZZLE ✦ COFFEE CART  
✦ FACE PAINTING ✦ AND MORE

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
10AM - 12PM  
1295 OROPI ROAD



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Upcoming  
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2024

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# MODEL TRAIN SHOW

20th & 21st January 2024

Open 10—4.30 daily

Tauranga Boys College, Gymnasium

Parking & Public Entrance off  
Devonport Road.  
(Opposite 14th Avenue)

Entrance Fees: Adults : \$7 Children:(12 & Under) \$3







**WAIMARINO  
EDUCATION TRUST**

# SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

2023: 18TH - 22ND DEC

2024: 3RD - 26TH JAN

8AM TO 6PM

JUNIORS: 5-9 YEARS

SENIORS: 10-13 YEARS

**BOOK NOW!  
SPACES  
ARE  
LIMITED!**

## WAIMARINO PARK DAY OPERATES DAILY\* ONLY \$55

Our Holiday programme provides ample entertainment for children during the school holidays.

We have a mixture of onsite- activities here at the Waimarino Adventure Park, and off site adventures making the most of the attractions in our region.



**BOOK ONLINE:**  
[WAIMARINOTRUST.CO.NZ](http://WAIMARINOTRUST.CO.NZ)  
07 576 4233

"This is the first holiday programme that my daughter has come home **BEAMING** from all her adventures. The staff are so lovely and welcoming.  
**HIGHLY RECOMMEND!**" - Alex V.

### BUS SERVICE

We offer a morning and evening bus service from Otumoetai and downtown Tauranga. Turn over for pricing and bus schedule!  
WINZ subsidies available.

### ADD LUNCH

Lunch options are available to be included in your booking. For an additional NZ\$20 per day include a nutritious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea! This can be booked as a once a week treat, or for every day!

### OUR ACTIVITIES

Priced from \$55 per day  
Turn over to see this holiday's activity schedule along with pricing and add ons!



## JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MON 18TH DEC	TUES 19TH DEC	WED 20TH DEC	THURS 21ST DEC	FRI 22ND DEC
<b>PARK DAY ONLY</b> Wairoa River Clean Up!	<b>TEDDY BEAR PICNIC</b> Teddy bear picnic. Bring along your favourite fluffy friend for some picnic & crafting fun!	<b>PLAYGROUND (OFFSITE)</b> We're off to play on an EPIC playground just down the road! + bring togs if you want to swim	<b>MINI TRY-ATHLON</b> Ready, set, GO HAVE FUN! Challenge yourself and your friends with our epic mini TRYathlon series.	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Come to Waimarino for the final day of 2023 and enjoy the festivities!
MONDAY 1ST JAN	TUES 2ND JAN	WED 3RD JAN	THURS 4TH JAN	FRI 5TH JAN
<b>CLOSED NO HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</b>	<b>CLOSED NO HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</b>	<b>PARK DAY ONLY</b>	<b>GAMES, GAMES, GAMES!</b> Everyone get excited for the crazy Waimarino games day!	<b>BEACH DAY (OFFSITE)</b> Grab a bucket and shovel; let's go to the beach! Who will build the biggest sandcastle? + bring togs
MON 8TH JAN	TUES 9TH JAN	WED 10TH JAN	THURS 11TH JAN	FRI 12TH JAN
<b>REDWOODS ADVENTURE (OFFSITE)</b> We're off on an expedition - what will we find? + bring covered shoes	<b>PLAYFUL PIRATES!</b> Arrrrr you ready to launch catapults, race boats and find some treasure? Come in costume!	<b>PADDLE PARTY</b> Jump in a boat for some fun and games on the beautiful Wairoa river!	<b>BERRY FUNI (OFFSITE)</b> Grab a basket and lets go berry picking! Plus we'll make some yummy treats with our harvest.	<b>TIE DYE DAY!</b> Let's get crafty and make some funky wearable masterpieces!
MON 15TH JAN	TUES 16TH JAN	WED 17TH JAN	THURS 18TH JAN	FRI 19TH JAN
<b>WAIMARINO OLYMPICS</b> Waimarino Olympics. Come along for the most FUN olympics possible - who can make the biggest splash?	<b>PADDLE BOARDING (OFFSITE)</b> We're off on an exciting SUPing adventure! + bring togs	<b>SPLASH'N' SLIDE</b> Today is the day to do water-everything! Slides, balloons, challenges... don't forget your togs!	<b>BUDDY'S AND BIVVY'S</b> Grab a friend and have a go making a shelter (plus more) during this survival themed day!	<b>SWIM AT THE SPRINGS (OFFSITE)</b> Pack your walking shoes and your togs to finish the week with a cruisy getaway!
MON 22ND JAN	TUES 23RD JAN	WED 24TH JAN	THURS 25TH JAN	FRI 26TH JAN
<b>ECO FUN!</b> Learn about our environment and build hotels for the Waimarino wet! + bring covered shoes	<b>MATAKANA GET-AWAY (OFFSITE) + \$10</b> Today we are off on an exciting island adventure! Departing Waimarino at 9am + bring togs	<b>TRY IT DAY</b> Give everything a go today! Climbing, swimming, paddling and more + bring togs	<b>PICNIC AND EXPLORE (OFFSITE)</b> We're heading out for a walk and to have some tasty kai in nature. + bring covered shoes	<b>END OF SUMMER CARNIVAL</b> Lets wrap up a fantastic summer with an exciting carnival-themed day!

## SENIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MON 18TH DEC	TUES 19TH DEC	WED 20TH DEC	THURS 21ST DEC	FRI 22ND DEC
<b>PARK DAY ONLY</b> Wairoa River Clean Up!	<b>TIE DYE FUN!</b> Get your creative juices flowing and make something funky to wear!	<b>WAIMARINO OLYMPICS</b> Today we are hosting the Olympics - with a unique Waimarino twist! Who's the speediest kayaker?	<b>PICNIC AND PADDLE (OFFSITE)</b> We're going for a kayak, what will we see? A bird, a plane, a Glowworm?	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Come to Waimarino for the final day of 2023 and enjoy the festivities!
MON 1ST JAN	TUES 2ND JAN	WED 3RD JAN	THURS 4TH JAN	FRI 5TH JAN
<b>CLOSED NO HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</b>	<b>CLOSED NO HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</b>	<b>PARK DAY ONLY</b>	<b>STROLL AND SWIM (OFFSITE)</b> Pack a ball or frisbee, we're off to the Mount for a chill beach day! + bring suitable walking shoes and togs	<b>TRY-ATHLON</b> Challenge your buddies (and yourself) with another epic Waimarino TRYathlon. + bring togs
MON 8TH JAN	TUES 9TH JAN	WED 10TH JAN	THURS 11TH JAN	FRI 12TH JAN
<b>WAIROA ADVENTURE</b> Learn some paddling skills and join us for a paddle up the river!	<b>WATERFALL WANDER (OFFSITE)</b> An expedition over the other side of the Kaimais - let's go chasing waterfalls! + bring closed toe shoes	<b>BOOGIE-BOARDING</b> Bring your board, show us your skills and learn a thing or two about surf safety! + bring togs	<b>SPLASH'N' SLIDE</b> Come to Waimarino for a wicked water day! Slides, balloons, challenges... don't forget your togs	<b>ROCK HOP (OFFSITE)</b> Hop, skip and jump your way down the Wairoa river + bring togs, old shorts, covered shoes
MON 15TH JAN	TUES 16TH JAN	WED 17TH JAN	THURS 18TH JAN	FRI 19TH JAN
<b>BIG KANU (OFFSITE)</b> Join us for a day of team work and laughter as we cruise up the river - don't fall in!	<b>TRY IT DAY</b> Test your abilities and see how many iconic Waimarino activities you can conquer! Are you brave enough to face the blob?	<b>MATAKANA EXPEDITION (OFFSITE) + \$10</b> Let's go explore this beautiful island and see who can make the biggest splash! + bring togs	<b>NAVIGATION DAY! (OFFSITE)</b> See how good your map reading skills are while wandering around the beautiful hills!	<b>PADDLING FUN!</b> It's SUP time! Can you do yoga on a paddleboard? Learn some new skills today! + bring togs
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<b>SAPPHIRE SPLASH! (OFFSITE)</b> Let's go wandering in the NZ native bush and cool off after at the pools! + bring covered shoes and togs	<b>CHALLENGE DAY</b> Today is all about team work! Oh, and competing against the other teams in some crazy challenges!	<b>PADDLE BOARDING (OFFSITE)</b> We're off to the beach for a paddle boarding getaway + bring togs	<b>KAYAK GAMES</b> Jump in a boat, have a play, maybe learn a thing or two along the way! + bring togs	<b>END OF SUMMER CARNIVAL</b> Lets wrap up a fantastic summer with an exciting carnival-themed day!

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### BUS TIMETABLE: \$8 EACH WAY

OTUMOETAI  
8:00am-8:10am Pick Up: Corner Vale St and Bureta Rd  
5:15pm-5:25pm Drop Off: Corner Vale St and Bureta Rd  
TAURANGA CENTRAL  
8:15am-8:25am Pick Up: Arundie Street, Tauranga Primary  
5:00pm-5:10pm Drop Off: Arundie Street, Tauranga Primary

### ADD LUNCH FOR \$20:

ON SITE  
Morning Tea: Fruit, Muffin  
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Toastie, Fruit  
Afternoon Tea: Juice, Cookie, Chips  
OFF SITE  
Morning Tea: Fruit, Muffin  
Lunch: Ham, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich, Fruit

### DAILY FEE:

PARK DAY: \$55\* Except 22/12, 26/11  
ONSITE ACTIVITY: \$60  
OFFSITE ADVENTURE: \$65\*  
\*Some off site adventures may have an additional charge see description of day



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