

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 6



Kia ora Whānau

Thank you to our PTA and their helpers for organising last week's annual Disco. It was a great success and our tamariki enjoyed themselves. The next event for the PTA is the Bingo Night next Friday. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

There are many other special events and happenings coming up for our children as well. The choir is shaping up for an amazing

performance on September 8th with many staff all booked to go along. It is so nice to have this annual event up and running again. AIMS Games starts shortly for our Year 7&8s entered beginning the week of September 4th.

We have had an initial meeting about our 125th Anniversary Celebrations which are likely to happen in April 2024, towards the end of Term 1 or early Term 2. Some great ideas are being

floated. If you have any thoughts on this, please feel free to get in touch with me.

You may be aware that we have some building projects coming up. Soon works will be able to commence on our Kiwi Classroom Block. This will not require Kiwi class to move temporarily. The work is all roofing related and it is a relatively short project period. We are hoping the bulk of the work will happen in the next school holiday period.

The major property project will be on the three classroom block Kea, Ruru, and Te Hokioi. We have an initial design drawn which will enable the two toilet blocks to be refurbished and altered, including reducing the footprint area of the toilets. This is so we can internally link and increase the area of all cloak bay spaces between the classes to become breakout / additional work rooms.

We are hoping for this three classroom block project to commence in late November and finish in February. We are now working on a plan for where these classes will work from during the term time period affected and will be able to accommodate all classes. Further updates will be provided once we have a programme plan from the project manager.

The other matter we are working on is our bus routes. This project has not been

forgotten and we are working on scenarios, costings, routes, and timetables of all bus routes. We want to come up with the best possible solution that is as fair and reasonable as possible and so this needs considerable time. Whatever solution we come to won't be in affect until the start of 2024. There may be a temporary plan in place for Term 4 only to optimise our bus runs to get us through the rest of 2024.

Andrew King
Principal

Kylie's corner

- Calf Club is coming up in 8 weeks. Please check the Calf Club page on the school website and commit to entering at least one category.
- AIM's Games kicks off next weekend. All the best to our athletes. See page 4 & 5 for their athlete profiles.
- Remember, we have a Kahui Ako teacher only day on Monday 18th September. School is closed on this day.
- I managed to catch a couple of netball games over the last two weeks and thoroughly enjoyed seeing Ōropi kids in action. See further on for my netball report.
- We are excited to include the School Production information in the newsletter today. Make sure you check it out, it's going to be awesome!

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

DRESS UP AS YOUR
MUSICAL IDOLS

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

BOOZE BUS available @ 12am - \$5pp

Please indicate if you need transport when purchasing tickets

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is with great delight that we announce the **Ōropi School Musical - 'The Beetles.'** Deep in the jungle of the Amazon, lives a colony of beetles beneath the tangled roots of an ancient old fig tree. For almost a year, scientist Seth and his team have been observing the beetles—collecting data and all kinds of oh-so, valuable information. But one day, bulldozers appear on the horizon and threaten the beetle's peaceful existence. Seth wants to save the colony of course, but he won't be able to...not as a human anyway. So join us on stage in a flurry of song, dance and drama as we delve into the world of beetles in the rainforest with oh so much colour! **'The Beetles'** will be shown on **Tuesday, staff November 28 at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 29 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** at the **Bethlehem Performing Arts Centre** This highly anticipated event is one not to be missed. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of Term 4.

Tickets: \$25
School Students: \$20

We urge you to encourage your children to practice their dances and songs at home. This can be achieved by logging on to the Gobsmacked website: www.gobsmacked.nz

Click to **Sign in for School Productions**

Enter your details and your school's Secret Signup Code: **OS265**

Check your email for your own personal password and login to Gobsmacked for resources.

To receive regular updates regarding the progress of your child, go to our website, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram. From here you will see pictures and video footage of students preparing for their musical.

If you would like your children to get into the performing arts spirit before their show next term sign them up to the **2-day Gobsmacked Holiday**

Programme that's only \$25 a day – October 5 & 6. Go to www.gobsmacked.nz to register.

Please provide the following clothing/accessories to complete their costume as well:

| Ensemble Character | Class | Clothing/Accessories to complete costume |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Scientists | Kotare T | Black shoes/jazz shoes |
| Fairies | Kea/Ruru Girls | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Moths | Korimako Girls | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Lady Bugs | Pukeko/Kotare Girls | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Dung Beetle Henchmen | Korimako Boys | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Underground Beetles | Kea/Ruru Boys | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Insect Spies | Te Kokako & Korimako Kim Boys | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| The Centipede | Kiwi | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Trees | Te Hokioi | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Butterflies | Te Kokako & Korimako Kim Girls | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |
| Loggers | Tui Jordan & Nick | Coloured t-shirt |
| Beetle Babies | Piwakawaka Trista & Cat | The entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked No Costume required |



Full information in HERO

www.gobsmacked.co.nz 0800 gSmack (476225)



SEPTEMBER 2 - 8

PLAYER PROFILES

PLAYER PROFILE



MASON

MTB CROSS COUNTRY

What is it that you love about this sport?

It's fun and exciting

Do you have any sports role models or athletes you look up to? Why do you admire them?

Jackson Goldstone because he's a mean rider

Can you share a special sports-related memory that stands out for you?

Hitting the gap at Ōropi MTB Park

What aspect of your sport can use some work and what aspect do you feel is your strongest?

I've been practicing technical sections of the course and I feel confident on the jumps.

Who is your greatest supporter who has helped you prepare for AIMS?

My Mum, my Dad, and my mates

PLAYER PROFILE



MAISY

INDOOR BOWLS

What is it that you love about this sport?

That it's something new for me that I enjoy.

How do you prepare for your chosen sport? Do you have a specific training routine?

We practice at the hall every Tuesday night before the Ōropi community bowls group. Hayden's grandad, Mr Winters, teaches us how to play and score. We have also practised with the team from Pyes Pā School on a Friday.

What are your goals for this year's AIMS Games? What do you hope to achieve?

I want to win! But mostly I want to have fun and meet new friends.

Who is your greatest supporter who has helped you prepare for AIMS?

My mum, she takes me to all of the practices.

PLAYER PROFILE



JAGGAR

MTB CROSS COUNTRY & ENDURO MTB

I'm competing in mountain biking in the AIMS games 2023 in both cross country and enduro. I like mountain biking because I like doing jumps. I look up to Jackson Goldstone, a young mountain biker that has already won a world cup at age 19. I prepare for AIMS by riding with my friends and family at Ōropi mountain bike park. We are lucky to have such a cool place to ride in Ōropi. I'm good at doing the down hills and jumps but it will be hard on the up hills cross country course. My Mum and Dad are my biggest supporters.



DANIEL

MTB CROSS COUNTRY & ENDURO MTB

What is it that you love about this sport?

I love riding and having fun with my friends.

Have you participated in any sports competitions or events before?

Rugby tournaments.

What are some of your proudest achievements?

Getting rugby player of the year 2 times.

Do you have any sports role models or athletes you look up to? Why do you admire them?

Dan Carter because he has the same name as me and he has scored the most points in the All Blacks ever and we are the same position.

What are your goals for this year's AIMS Games? What do you hope to achieve? Finish and not get hurt

Who is your greatest supporter/s who have helped you prepare for AIMS?

Jag and Mase and our mums



TOBYN

MTB CROSS COUNTRY & ENDURO MTB

Have you participated in any sports competitions or events before? What are some of your proudest achievements?

I have competed before and my proudest achievement is getting a large gash in my thigh.

How do you prepare for your chosen sport? Do you have a specific training routine?

AIMs fit through Dirtcraft - at their weekly sessions, riding at Summer Hill

What are your goals for this year's AIMS Games? What do you hope to achieve? Finish in the Top 100

What aspect of your sport can use some work and what aspect do you feel is your strongest?

Downhill is my strongest and uphill is my weakness



HAYDEN

INDOOR BOWLS

My favourite sport is water polo, but for AIMS Games I'm playing Indoor Bowls. I'm playing as an individual, and also in a pair with Maisy. My greatest supporter is my Mum, and it's awesome to have my Poppa teaching us how to play. We have been training once a week at the Oropi Hall, where we practise our technique and usually play a game.

There are approximately 200 competitors in Indoor Bowls at AIMS Games this year. I would love to come in the top 75, or even in the top 50! I am really good at strategy and thinking several moves ahead to play a strategic game. I enjoy Indoor Bowls because it is fun to play.

My proudest sporting achievement so far is winning a bronze medal at the Rowan Brown Memorial U12 Water Polo Tournament this year.



Zespri AIMS GAMES
KIWIFRUIT

GOOD LUCK & ENJOY YOURSELF!

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.

Netball Action

I had an awesome time catching our fantastic Ōropi School netball teams in action recently.

First up, on August 12th, I headed over to the Mount to watch the Year 7 & 8 Kōkako team take on Aquinas College. It was a pretty tough game and there were a few spills on the court. I witnessed some impressive defense from Maisy and Emma carved it up on court like she was set on x2 speed. But the most impressive performance was from Baileigh who has never played netball before and was a natural on court, always hungry for the ball. It was awesome to see Baileigh, one of our international students embracing one of our favourite NZ sports. A big thanks to Sarah Weston, Linda Moody, and Alaina Parkinson for coaching and managing this awesome team. We have some big plans for the Kōkako's in 2024!

Next up, I got to see the cuteless overload of our Year 1 & 2 team in action against Mount Primary. These little champs might be small in size, but they've got a gigantic amount of enthusiasm. A special mention to Grace Gilmour who joined the team 3 weeks ago and was a natural talent on the court! A huge thanks to Rochelle Glover for coaching these players, I admire your patience.

We are working on new uniforms for next year for this team, so if anyone out there is keen to sponsor a set of netball dresses, please contact me.

Fast forward to Saturday, August 19th, and I back at the courts. This time, it was the Year 4 team locking horns with Mount Primary. This team has a few feisty little players who were very confident on court. The goals were flying through the hoop for an impressive win. Great work from Lucy Townley and Jolanta Williams for guiding this team through the season. It will be exciting to see this team as they progress through the grades.

Here's to more cheers, more high-fives, and more amazing moments on the court. Until next time, keep that netball spirit soaring high!

Kylie.



ŌROPI FERNS YR 5-6 TEAM



Our team has had an epic season so far, each player has worked really hard to improve on their skills. Throughout the season they have had a chance to play different positions which allows them to understand the whole game and strategies to get the ball down the court. Team members must communicate with one another and work together to defend, attack and score goals. With some wins and some 'learning games' we have enjoyed the process of what you can take from each game as a team. Each game has empowered our girls to work together and represent Ōropi School, with grit and determination to boost through the rest of the season for our semi and finals this weekend!



ŌROPI FERNS YR 5-6 TEAM



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

Ōropi School Website for details

Enviro Update

Students in Kōtare P have continued to collect writing implements throughout this year and have now filled our Terracycle Box, which contains 1759 pens, felts and markers! This is 18kg of plastic which will be recycled into new products. We are pleased to have diverted all this plastic waste from our landfill. If you have any used pens, felts or markers that you would like to recycle, please bring them to Kōtare P!



Garden to Table

We've enjoyed spectacular winter warmers over the past fortnight. Last week the kitchen crews from Te Kokako, Pukeko and Korimako Lewis made Minestrone Soup, swimming with carrot, turnip, pumpkin, broccoli and silverbeet and a dollop of Winter Pesto on top. Then they made No Yeast Bread Rolls - a quick and easy option for bread when you don't have time for rising - with a garlic and herb butter spread which was delicious dipped into the soup! To finish we made (Heron's favourite) Louise Cake. We made our own jam filling out of cherry guava puree from Mrs Benge's tree at home.

This week Kotare and Korimako Peddle are making a new dish for us, which hails from North Africa, called a Tagine. This is a stew that can be made from meats and vegetables (but just vegetables here at Garden to Table), with warming spices, the sweetness of dates or dried apricots and a dollop of yoghurt. To dip into it we made

Flatbread with Herbs and added fennel seeds for an authentic Moroccan flavour and then a Green Salad of mixed lettuces with a Honey Mustard Dressing. Dessert this week are Jam Drops, a delicious biscuit again using jam made from Mrs Benge's cherry guavas.

We continue to plant and sow in the garden as winter nears its end. Te Kokako sowed onions and broccoli, Pukeko sowed borage and zucchini and Korimako Lewis sowed sunflowers and carrots. This week Kotare sowed cucumber and sunflowers, planted Livingston Daisy seedlings, planted a grapefruit tree, divided our chives plants, took cuttings from purple sage and planted early potatoes so that hopefully we can enjoy a crop in the last few weeks of the school year. Korimako Peddle will be installing a new worm farm and compost bin behind their classroom on Friday. It will be great to have multiple sites around the school to manage our compostable waste and reduce the amount of rubbish we send to landfill.



SCHOOL DISCO!

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE PTA AND EVERYONE THAT HELPED MAKE THE DISCO SUCH A FUN NIGHT!



GET READY FOR THE DANCE OFF - I THINK WE'LL WIN!



LET'S DANCE!

WE'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN...



...SO ARE US TEACHERS!



KOTARE T CREATING...

WONDER IF THE MOTOR WILL WORK?

DO YOU THINK THE BATTERIES WILL WORK?



KOTARE TAPPENDEN HAVE BEEN EXPLORING CIRCUITS AND HOW TO MAKE OBJECTS MOVE DURING DISCOVERY PLAY.

HEY WATCH THIS SPINNING DISC TAKE OFF...



I CAN'T WAIT TO SEW MY OWN SHOPPING BAG!



WOW!

DURING CONSERVATION WEEK WE HAVE BEEN CREATING SHOPPING BAGS OUT RECYCLED MATERIAL. WE ARE GOING TO USE A SEWING MACHINE TO MAKE THEM.

I HAVE TO CUT THIS IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO KEEP THE SIDES OF THE BAGS EVEN...



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!

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

Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

eZLUNCH MENU

Oropi School / Term 3 2023



2 Tauranga Dr
Tauranga Crossing
Tauranga 3171
07-543 0547

PLAIN PETITA PITA

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| 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 |
| Vegetable Petita | \$5.50 |

WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA

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| 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 Vegetable Petita | \$5.50 |

GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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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Term 3 Important Dates

Term 3

Week 7

29 August Tall Poppies Speeches

31 August Weetbix TRYathlon information session

1 September Adults Only Bingo Night

2 September AIMS Games Kick off tomorrow

Week 8

4 - 9 September AIMS Games all week

8 September Choir Rehearsal 9.30am - 2.00pm

8 September Choir Performance @ Baycourt

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

18 September Calf Club entries close today

19 September Casting List Production

20 September Tall Poppies Problem Solving 6.30pm ACG

21 September Learning Open Day, End of Term Hui & Matua

Ged's Memorial Rugby Match

Updated 22 August 2023



Beyond Coffee and Scones

Books available to purchase
from the school office \$25

Anthology II - Oropi Writing Group

Marian Penman, Gay Prasad, Annie Rae Te Ake Ake

"Blending memoir and make-believe, *Beyond Coffee and Scones* by Oropi Writing Group is a delightful collection of poems, tales, and art to while away an afternoon. Perfect for readers who enjoy their coffee with a slice of life."

— LEE MURRAY, USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR, BRAM STOKER AND SHIRLEY JACKSON AWARD WINNER AND AUTHOR OF *INTO THE MIST*

BEYOND COFFEE AND SCONES

This second anthology includes an assortment of fresh writing challenges, a medley of memoirs and a splash of poetry from six lovers of story-telling, the rhythm of words and a good morning tea.

Art stimulates writing and writing stimulates art. Gay's poem, *Darkness*, inspired Moana to create a series of paintings, including the cover painting, *Gluttony*. More inside.



Health & Safety

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. Please use common sense and refrain from parking on the road & 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.

MORNING DROP OFF

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.

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 if you are staying for longer than ten minutes.

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.

Accommodation Wanted

Homestay Accommodation Wanted for International Students from China in 2024

3 weeks during February 2023

A weekly allowance of \$330 per child and \$350 per adult is paid to the Host Family all inclusive including meals being provided and transport to & from Ōropi School.

Please email andrew@oropi.school.nz for more information.

