

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 8



Kia ora Whānau

Thank you to those who were able to support the Bingo Night on Friday Night. This was another very successful fundraiser event for the school. I would like to thank Carly Ellis and Keri Horton for their massive amounts of time and effort put into this. A good evening had by many. We have a number of enhancements happening around the school grounds that this fundraising will support:

- Aceline Line marking painting for concrete area games

- The Fire Pit and Sandpit area
- Extension of the scooter track
- Water Play area behind Pīwakawaka

On Monday night we had the Year 7 & 8 Information Evening for parents and Year 6 children considering their options of schooling for those who are currently in Year 6. This was well attended. If you did not get a chance to come along and would like to discuss Year 7 & 8 at Ōropi School, feel free to make a time to

come and chat with me or visit our Year 7 & 8 classes in action. We are very proud of what we do for our Year 7 & 8s. The same teachers remain there for 2024; Mr Lewis and Mrs Peddle.

Many of you will have been keeping up with the AIMS Games happenings this week. Well done to our Year 7 & 8 competitors who took part in this experience for Mountain Biking and Indoor Bowls. We look forward to entering more children next year.

The big event we prepare for tomorrow night is the Ōropi School Choir Performance at Baycourt. All the very best to our amazing Choir who I am sure will stand out! A big thank you to Heron Rickard & Kat Hamill for the hours of costume making and to Robert Lewis for the hours of getting our Choir up to an amazing standard.

Andrew King
Principal

Speech Update

We heard the top Year 5 and 6 speeches from each class during the Year 5/6 Ōropi School Speech Competition last week. These speeches included topics such as 'Why we should speak more te reo' and 'How to protect penguins'. The winning Year 5 speech was delivered by Israel Ottesen who spoke about 'Why smoking and vaping should be banned' and the winning Year 6 speech was delivered by Polly Rickard who shared her opinion why 'Bananas need to be squared.' These students went on to represent Ōropi School at the West Cluster Speech Competition on Wednesday at Tauriko School. They both presented their speeches confidently to the gathered audience and panel of judges, and definitely shone amongst the other contestants, with Polly placing first in the Year 6 division! She will go on to represent Ōropi School at the Western Bay Speech Competition later this term. Congratulations to both Israel and Polly for your great achievement!



Bingo Night

The Music Bingo Night held last Friday, organised by the PTA, was a resounding success. The event saw an impressive turnout, with numerous parents and community members coming together to support our school. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Keri Horton and Carly Ellis, the PTA organisers, the night was a hit.



The event managed to raise an impressive \$3,900, which will be put towards various school projects to benefit the students and enhance the educational experience. It was a memorable evening filled with music, fun, and community spirit, the quality of the costumes was outstanding!

\$3900 RAISED!

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.

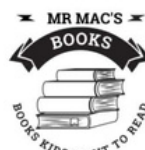
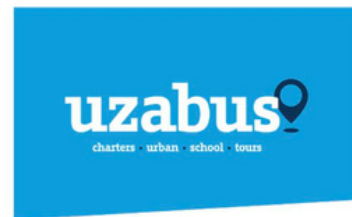
Bird Box - One entry per child. Check the
Calf Club update for more details.

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.

Our Sponsors



Garden to Table

Winter has finally moved on and to celebrate the beginning of spring we made one of the kids favorite dishes: Macaroni cheese... but with a vegetable twist. Last week Te Kokako and Pukeko added broccoli and leafy greens and this week both Kotare classes also had a big, white cauliflower to cut up. We did not waste the leaves either, they also got sliced up and added in.

A perfect side dish was a salad made with lovely lettuce from the garden and a sweet and sour honey mustard dressing.

For dessert last week we made jam drop biscuits, with homemade cherry guava jam. This week we used up some left over apples from the disco and baked apple and chocolate mini muffins with some lemon curd on the side.



The Kokako garden has enjoyed the recent sunshine, so much so that we actually had to water the garden last week - it feels like months since we've had to get the hose out! But the rain rejoined us this week, giving our Spring crops a good drink.

Seed-sowing for our upcoming Seedling Sale continues in earnest with all classes seeing exciting progress in the greenhouse. The warm conditions have made germination swift and productive so we will have a busy weeks ahead repotting them for sale. Te Kokako sowed three varieties of zucchini; Black Beauty, Cocozelle and Goldrush. Pukeko continued the cucurbits; sowing Jaune et Vert Squash, Sunbeam Squash and Crystal Apple Cucumber. Korimako Lewis sowed Blue Prince Pumpkins and did some tidying, weeding and planting jobs around the garden and welcomed visitors last Friday for an Open Day.

The Kotare classes gardened indoors due to the rain but we learned about companion planting, how we use it at Oropi School, and put our knowledge to use by sowing some companion plants; basil, cornflower and marigold. We have our fingers crossed for some fine weather on Friday for Korimako Peddle where we will see how our new worm farm is getting along and start potting up the seedlings that are large enough for sale.



ENVIRO CLUB TREE PLANTING



The Enviro Club were fortunate to visit The Pendergrast Memorial Heritage Park to contribute to the current Kokako Corridor project, which involves planting trees to re-establish the corridor between Otanewainuku and Kaharoa. This native corridor was destroyed many years ago during the development of the area. Learning about the benefits of reestablishing this native bush area and being involved in the planting was a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to understand the importance of engaging in sustainable practices and contributing to our Oropi Community. We would like to offer a gigantic THANK YOU to Hans Pendergrast for his time and expertise while we were at the Heritage Park.

Ōropi Emeralds Year 3 Team

The Ōropi Emerald's team finished off the season with a bang! It has been amazing to see just how far the girls have come in their first season of Netball. From having no clue where to go on the court, or what the object of the game was, to now knowing what their positions are, beginning to move around the court and defend their opponents, and scoring goals! Each and every player worked hard to improve during the season creating a great foundation to build on for next year.

The Ōropi Emeralds decided to end the season by entering the End of Season Year 3 & 4 Tournament. It was a great experience for the team to play in their first tournament. It was a test of their stamina to last the day with the many games they had. They all had loads of fun and even took part dressing up in fun outfits for the day. With a mix of wins and losses, they all took away some good learnings for the future.

Thank you girls for being an amazing part of the team this year and we look forward to seeing what next season brings.



Piwakawaka celebrate

Raksha BANDHAN

Ako/Learning

We have been learning about the Hindu festival Raksha Bandhan. Traditionally a celebration of the love between brothers and sisters, in recent times it has grown to include relationships between friends.

Whakaaro/Thinking

We shared ideas about how we can take care of each other at school.



Manaakitanga/Relating

We spent time preparing for our Raksha bandhan celebration. We made rakhi/friendship bracelets and a traditional Indian sweet.



Whanaungatanga/Belonging

On August 30th we officially celebrated Raksha Bandhan. We exchanged rakhi/friendship bracelets and shared sweets as a symbol of our commitment to care for each other, and our kura.

STEM In the Community



STEM In The Community visited the Year 5 and 6 students at Oropi School last week. They spent time constructing and programming Vex Robots and Solar Powered Moon Rover Robots. The students demonstrated great perseverance, problem solving and collaboration skills while engaged in the STEM robotics programme. Many students have developed an interest in robotics, coding and space exploration, which is fantastic!





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

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 9AM



A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING & CONNECTION

This is a celebration of learning and an opportunity for parents to engage with the school and their children.

Garden to table, play projects, Te wiki o Te reo Māori, House of Science kits, athletics training and much much more

Matua Ged's Memorial Rugby match kicks off at 11.10am followed by a free sausage sizzle.

End of Term Hui at 1.30pm at the Ōropi Memorial Hall.

Term 3 & 4 Important Dates

Term 3

Week 9

11 September Auditions for Production

12 September Winter Sports Tournament Year 5 & 6

13 September WBOP Mountain Biking

13 September TBC Testing for Year 8 boys

14 September Te Wa 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

20 September Rippa Rugby in school sessions Yr 1- 4

21 September Learning Open Day, Matua Ged's Memorial Rugby Match, End of Term Hui

22 September Last day of term 3

Term 4

Week 1

9 October Start of term 4

9 October Dental van arrives

13 October Calf Club & Pet Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is with great delight that we announce the **Oropi 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 showing on **Tuesday November 28 at 6:30pm** and **Wednesday November 29 at 4pm and 6:30pm** 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.

Adults: \$20.00 OR \$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		Black shoes/jazz shoes
Fairies		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Moths		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Lady Bugs		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Henchmen		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Underground Beetles		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Insect Spies		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
The Centipede		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Trees		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Butterflies		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked
Loggers		Coloured t-shirt
Beetle Babies		Entire costume is provided by Gobsmacked

MR MAC'S BOOKS

Grab the brilliant Super Weirdos books from Mr Mac! Help your kids find their love of literacy through these hilarious books as they follow Norm and Ruby journeying through space and time to understand the Alien Secrets to success! Perfect for kids aged 7-13



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In the new installment of The Super Weirdos series, Norm and Ruby grapple with the hardest challenge yet, Deathbeard! Norm finds out some incredible news about himself which allows him to learn ALL alien secrets! We have a limited number of books ordered, so grab a copy quick!



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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
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
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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."

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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.



OROPI WRITING GROUP

Marian Penman, Lila Parry,
Moana Bianchin, Annie Rae
Te Ake Ake, Carol Garden

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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.

