

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 2



Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to 2024 which is certain to be a fulfilling and exciting year ahead. It has been a really positive start for our staff and tamariki. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the changes in our bus routes. We will be reviewing progress with this every week. However, we need to balance this with our priority of teaching and learning programmes for our tamariki.

We started the year with a Pohiri to welcome our new local and international students, and staff on February 1st. We are excited to have you join our community and hope your time at Ōropi is fulfilling and rewarding. In the "Our People" section of the website, you will see our new staff and where they work in the school.

A lot of our non-contact time prior to school starting and at teacher only days is preparing for our work related to priorities for the year. Later in February we will be posting our Strategic Plan on the Website. In the meantime, here is a list of areas we have been working on and will continue with:

- Literacy & Numeracy Programmes
- Nz Histories Curriculum
- Our Graduate Profile. We are reviewing our Teaching and Learning overview.
- How we will promote and increase attendance percentages
- Student Leadership initiatives

We look forward to working with you all this term and trust the year has started well for you all. It is good to have our children now in the routine of school.

Andrew King
Principal

Buses

Kindly inform the school office in advance if your child has designated days for pick-up and won't be utilising the bus. It is essential to provide notification before 2 pm if your child won't be taking the bus. This helps ensure the timely departure of buses at the end of the day, as any confusion in this regard can potentially disrupt the process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in maintaining an efficient and smooth transportation system for all students.

Bus information is available on the school website, including timetables and bus agreement forms.

<https://www.oropi.school.nz/>

Music with Katy

Get ready for the return of Music with Katy this week! There are a few openings for students to join in during Term 1, particularly in the Senior Marimba group (Y6,7,8) and Year 5/6 piano. Students wanting to study piano / keyboard must have their own instrument at home. We also have limited space available in the Year 2 class, featuring a mixed instrumental group— the exclusive option available for Year 2 students. To enrol, simply send an email to office@oropi.school.nz. Lessons take place during the school day, and the cost is \$65 per term. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for musical exploration!

Lunches

Every Thursday, Pita Pit lunches are up for grabs through Kindo for purchase. A variety of options await you, and orders can be placed until 9 am on Thursday. Rest assured, your delicious lunch will be delivered to the school before lunchtime, ensuring a convenient and tasty meal for those who choose to partake.

Gobsmacked

If you missed out on purchasing the professional video recording on a USB of the Gobsmacked musical 'The Beetles', there are still a few more you can purchase from the school office. All you need to do is put \$25 into the bank account below and show the confirmation on your phone or pay \$25 cash to the school office. Last day for purchasing a USB from the school office is Friday Feb 16, 2024.

Account Name: Gobsmacked Productions Ltd

Account Number: 02-0466-0401340-000

Reference: Students full name: (eg: JWest)

Code: USB

Particulars: Oropi

If you enjoyed your experience with Gobsmacked in 2023, this year they are offering a musical theatre class that costs \$15 followed by a FREE dance, drama, singing and art class (Christian based themes) starting Tuesday March 5.

When: Every Tuesday starting March 5 (Musical Theatre 5 - 5:30) and Gobsmacked Ministries will run from 5:30 - 7pm. Note: you can choose to come to either or classes.

Where: TGASDA church - 25 Moffatt Rd, Bethlehem

Term 1 Sport

At Ōropi, fostering active lifestyles and team spirit is at the core of our values. As we kick off Term 1, we're excited to offer a diverse array of sports opportunities for our students. From basketball to rippa rugby, football to volleyball, flippa ball to mountain biking and BMX, there's something for everyone to enjoy and excel in. We believe in the power of parental involvement, as some sports rely on the support of dedicated helpers. We warmly encourage parents to join us in creating positive and memorable experiences for all our young athletes. For further details on sports activities and how to get involved, please visit our school website. Should you have any questions about our sports options, feel free to reach out to Rochelle at sports@oropi.school.nz.

Website link or check HERO

<https://www.oropi.school.nz/243/pages/15-sport-events>

International Students at Ōropi

We are delighted to have international students at Ōropi School again. Having diversity of cultures in our school is good for all our children because it 'brings to life' our Global Citizenship curriculum. This is about making sure Ōropi children place value in connecting with other cultures, normalising this, and learning from, with and about other cultures.



Follow us

SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME

Micah playing in his band at our school lunchtime concert

Frankie Venter performing at our end of year concert

Want to play the guitar?

We offer group lessons during school time in the guitar truck. With space for up to 5 students, the truck makes learning fun and interactive. Lessons are 30mins in length and everything needed is in the truck.

During the year there will be opportunities to perform at a professional venue for friends and whānau!

Scan the QR code to sign up today!

hello@uptonmusicschool.co.nz

www.uptonmusicschool.co.nz

Oropi School
be all you can be | whāia te matauranga

TERM 1 SUMMER SPORTS

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

RIPPA RUGBY YR 1-8
BASKETBALL YR 3-8
SUMMER FOOTBALL YR 1-8
VOLLEYBALL YR 7-8
KIWI VOLLEY YR 3-6
FLIPPA BALL YR 3-6 / WATER POLO YR 7-8
SOFTBALL YR 1-8
MOUNTAIN BIKING YR 5-8
BMX YR 4 - 8

REGISTER ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

Registrations due by 3pm Friday 9th Feb

Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

eZlunch MENU

Order online... www.ezlunch.co.nz

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
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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)	\$5.90

DRINKS

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

2 Taurikura Dr
Tauranga Crossing
Tauranga 3171
07-543 0547

Order online... www.ezlunch.co.nz

Easily order & pay for your eZlunch using your 'myKindo' family account. MyKindo is a payment portal for a variety of services at schools and organisations. Your myKindo account can be topped up by debit or credit card (fees apply), or by bank transfer, in advance or at the time of purchase. To get started, 'create account' or log in to your existing myKindo account and add a member or student. Go to www.ezlunch.co.nz.

Need help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or call toll free 0800 EZLUNCH (09-869 5200)
8am-4pm Mon-Fri (except public holidays)

Flourish Drama Club

ENROL TODAY FOR A FREE TRIAL

www.flourishdrama.co.nz

Garden to Table

Tēnā koutou, welcome back to all our chefs and gardeners for 2024. It feels wonderful to have finally had a summer worth crowing about. The warm temperatures, sunshine hours and regular rain showers means we have generous produce to work with this term.

We kicked off on Wednesday with our two Kōtare classes and we will have both Kōrimako classes on Friday. We think they are a pretty capable lot so we challenged them with four dishes to make! Courgette and Corn Fritters use our plentiful courgettes and the first picking of corn when they are at their sweetest. On the side we have a Green Bean, Cucumber and Tomato Salad with a Basil

Pesto dressing and a cooling Cucumber Mocktail and Lemon Mini Muffins for dessert.

Our gardeners had to harvest quite a few vegetables and herbs for the four dishes but we took the time to explore the garden and see what has grown since Term 4 last year. Kōtare Alaina cleared out a couple of overgrown garden beds of weeds and flowers that have finished for the season. They sowed containers of leek seeds and feed some old silverbeet plants to the chickens. Kōtare Cowman sowed bean seeds directly into the garden under one of our new arches and coriander seeds into containers. They also weeded out the little box garden next to their classroom and we will think about what to plant in there.



Term 1

Important Dates

Week 3

13 February BOT Meeting

13 February Kapa Haka

15 February Music with Katy

15 February Life Education begins today Year 0 - 6

Week 4

20 February Kapa Haka

22 February Music with Katy

Week 5

27 February Art Gallery & Library trip Kōrimako Lewis

27 February Kapa Haka

28 February Swimming Sports at Memorial Pool - whole school

29 February Music with Katy

29 February Top Schools Year 7 & 8 Ōmokoroa No 1 School

1 March Top Schools Year 5 & 6 Ōmokoroa No 1 School

Week 6

5 March Kapa Haka

7 March Music with Katy

7 March World Book Day

Week 7

12 March Kapa Haka

13 - 18 March Technology @ Taumata Kōrimako Lewis

14 March Music with Katy

15 March Girls Playing Sport Day, Yr 4-6

Week 8

21 March West Cluster Swimming

Updated 5 February

PUKEKO TAPPENDEN 2024

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS ...

What a great start we have had to the year with welcoming International students to our classrooms! In Pukeko T we have been enjoying Team Building activities, exploring the bumblebees at work in the garden close by, and creating waka inspired by those in the movie Moana. The challenge for us now is to see if we can get our waka creations to float...



Nuts & Bolts 2023

ADMINISTRATION

Michelle Bourne and Kylie McHannigan make up the amazing admin team. Office hours at 8.30am to 3.30pm

Michelle: office@oropi.school.nz

Kylie: kylie@oropi.school.nz

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

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.

BUS

If you are collecting your child from school, you must notify the office before 2pm to allow enough time for us to update bus lists. Failure to communicate this often slows down the release of buses in the afternoon.

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

Hoody \$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 unless a note from parents is provided. Please ensure that all gear is clearly labelled. We strongly encourage students to bring goggles to support their swimming lessons.

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.

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.

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GIVE CRICKET A GO!



SCAN TO REGISTER NOW!

60 MINUTES
\$30 FOR 6 WEEKS
YR 1-4 / YR 5-8

CATCH! STRIKE! THROW!

TOWN	LOCATION	DAY	AGE	START & END	TIME	
GIRLS HUB	Mount Maunganui	Blake Park	Wed	Year 5-8	14-Feb - 20-Mar	4pm
	Mount Maunganui	Blake Park	Thu	Year 1-4	15-Feb - 21-Mar	4pm
GIRLS HUB	Matua	Fergusson Park	Sat	Year 5-8	17-Feb - 23-Mar	10am
	Matua	Fergusson Park	Sat	Year 1-4	17-Feb - 23-Mar	9am
Greerton	Pemberton Park	Fri	Year 1-4	16-Feb - 22-Mar	5pm	
Katikati	Katikati College	Tue	Year 1-4	13-Feb - 19-Mar	3.30pm	
Papamoa	Alice Johnson Oval	Thu	Year 1-4	15-Feb - 21-Mar	4pm	
Tauranga	Tauranga Domain	Fri	Year 1-4	16-Feb - 22-Mar	4pm	
Te Puke	Te Puke Domain	Tue	Year 1-4	13-Feb - 19-Mar	4pm	

TELL YOUR FRIENDS SO THEY CAN REGISTER TOO!

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SUMMER NAV SERIES 2024

Looking for a new exercise activity that is more than just a run?

Try the OBOP Summer Nav Series!

Starting 14 February 2024

A fun navigation adventure as you explore Tauranga and Rotorua parks + recreational areas

- Different location each week
- Go solo or as a team
- Run and/or walk
- Easy navigation
- Summer Nav Series Tickets available

Start any time between: 5-6.30pm Tauranga, 4.30-6pm Rotorua.

Visit as many of the 30 controls as you can in 60 minutes.
Plan your route to maximise your score.

Be warned - it's highly addictive!

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For all enquiries email orienteeingbop@gmail.com or contact Erin 021 386 977



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SUMMER NAV SERIES 2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
14-Feb Wed	Summer Nav - Rotorua 1	Tihiotonga Centennial Park
15-Feb Thur	Summer Nav - Tauranga 1	The Lakes South 'Te Ranga'
21-Feb Wed	Summer Nav - Rotorua 2	Rotorua CBD + Kuirau Park
21-Feb Wed	Summer Nav - Tauranga 2	Waipuna Park
28-Feb Wed	Summer Nav - Rotorua 3	Lynmore Streets
29-Feb Thur	Summer Nav - Tauranga 3	Otumoetai
6-Mar Wed	Summer Nav - Rotorua 4	Koutu
6-Mar Wed	Summer Nav - Tauranga 4	Bethlehem College
13-Mar Wed	Summer Nav - Rotorua 5	Hillcrest
14-Mar Thur	Summer Nav - Tauranga 5	Mount College / Omanu
20-Mar Wed	Summer Nav - Tauranga 6	Papamoa East
21-Mar Thur	Summer Nav - Rotorua 6	Redwoods

TAURANGA Registration from 4.45pm | Start between 5-6.30pm
Course Closure 7.30pm

ROTORUA Registration from 4.15pm | Start between 4.30-6pm
Course Closure 7pm

Simply turn up and enter on day. Don't forget to bring cash. For those of you planning on doing most of the events we encourage you to purchase a Summer Nav Series Ticket at the first or second event.

FEES	EVENT OBOP MEMBER	EVENT NON-MEMBER	SERIES TICKET OBOP MEMBER	SERIES TICKET NON-MEMBER
Child <5 yrs	Free	Free	Free	Free
School Child	\$5	\$5	\$15	\$25
Adult >18 yrs	\$10	\$15	\$30	\$60
Family	\$20	\$35	\$60	\$90

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