

# KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 4 WEEK 4



## Kia ora Whānau

We're thrilled to kick off our journey towards this year's Whole School Production, The Beatles! This week, our students have already started their rehearsals with the exceptionally talented Mr. Lewis in our fantastic school choir groups. But that's not all! Next week, we have a special treat in store for our students. Patrice from the "Gobsmacked" production company will be at our school each day to work with classes on choreography, with her expertise

and energy, our students are bound to pick up some fantastic dance moves and add a whole new dimension to our production.

So as we journey forward to the Whole School Production, there's no doubt that the talent and determination of our students and staff will continue to shine brightly. Stay tuned for more exciting updates as we get closer to the grand performance – it's a show you won't want to miss!

The dates for the production are:

Tuesday 28 November 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 29 November 4pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 29 November 6.30pm - 8.00pm

A full rehearsal will be held on Monday 27 November. Full information on dates and logistics will be sent out soon in HERO.

Tickets are available to purchase in Kindo.

In the sporting news, the recent Junior Athletics event was a roaring success, with our Junior team putting in an outstanding effort. Our senior school students have their Athletics day tomorrow. Thank you to the families and whānau who showed up on the day to help and support. It is always nice to see our families at school celebrating our tamariki.

Ayn Harris

Deputy Principal

**Exciting News:** We have just received our Super Weirdos books for the library. We now have six copies of each book: The Battle of Bash, The Royal Roodle Rumble, and the new book, The Deathbeard Domination. Great to support local talent!

## Board of Trustees

Thanks to Justin, Tracey, Peta, and James for their nominations. We have two vacancies to fill. Voting closes on at 4pm Wednesday 15th November. Please check the next page for nomination profiles.

## Dance Achievement

We are so thrilled for current Ōropi student, Shyla Deegan, who has been accepted into the 2024 New Zealand School of Dance Scholars Programme.

As part of the programme, Shyla will travel to Wellington at least 7 times next year for specialised training in Classical Ballet. She is one of just a handful of students to be picked Nationwide and it is an absolute honour!



**WILLIAMS, Justin Charles**



My name is Justin Williams and I am standing for the Oropi School Board. I have a a six year association with Oropi School to date and have seen our two daughters flourish in this awesome environment with my Son set to join in 2024 as well.

I currently have a Co-Opted roll sitting with the Board and have enjoyed the exposure this has afforded me in this short time. I think my 20years experience in Business and Technical Management roles with a strong background in Health and Safety and people management will complement and support the schools needs. I am highly motivated to use this experience to further enhance and contribute to the best little school in the Bay of Plenty.

**MCINTOSH, Tracy**



MOE number 1870 Oropi School  
My name is Tracy McIntosh and I am standing for the Oropi School board. I live in Ohauti with my husband Eric and our four children, all of whom attended Oropi School. Amelia (Year 7), Kayla (Year 4), Lydia (Year 2), and Alex (Year 1).

I have been a registered midwife for over ten years and have been working at Tauranga Hospital for approximately 7 years. I am working at a leadership level, working on and off as shift coordinator. I preceptor student midwives and new orientating midwives to the hospital. I am also the maternity health and safety representative, and currently an active member of the SAMM (Severe acute maternal morbidity) review committee. During my kid's preschool years, I was heavily involved in a few roles at Greenpark playcentre, mainly property and I got my C3 playcentre training. When the kids began Maungatapu kindergarten, I joined the Kindergarten committee and was the grants officer for four years. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Kindergarten committee, supporting the teachers and the wider community. I would like to be able provide the same opportunity by joining the Oropi school Board of Trustees.

**TROUGHTON, Peta**



If I haven't met you, Hi! My name is Peta (like the boy) and I have 2 kids at Oropi Primary- Toby in year 4 and Juno in year 2. We live in Upper Ohauti on our family farm and live in the house my husband grew up in. Don't worry I have added a dishwasher and insulation. I grew up in Australia on Awabakal land in the Newcastle

region in a place that feels very much like Tauranga. My kids say things like esky and thongs, can laugh like kookaburras and have been taught the art of eating an ice block really fast AND are very proud Kiwis. I have loved slowly learning some Te Reo since moving to NZ over a decade ago- first through Te Wananga and then through Toby and Junos interest. We have so much to learn from our First Nations cultures. I have zero experience on boards. Zip. None. But I do have experience in speaking up, saying the hard things and advocating. I was a High School Chaplain in Australia and loved being part of that community and I valued what our team was able to accomplish for the children we educated. I believe in inclusion, giving things a red hot crack, chocolate, seeing others for the best they can be, wholistic person first approaches, honesty, kindness... and that no-one makes good decisions on an empty stomach.



Kia Ora Koutou  
My name is James Price. I was born and raised in the Oropi community and am very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend Oropi school between 1992 and 2000. I have 2 children currently attending the school.

I have a keen passion for Oropi school the community and its further development and performance into the future. I have worked within the sport and exercise field following my studies at Massey University and maintain a love for Health, sport and fitness. Over the last 13 years I have worked for Oranga Tamariki in the youth justice sector which has provided me significant learning opportunities around youth development, management experience and people leadership. I am keen for the opportunity to assist the school in supporting children's learning to help them grow prepare and develop into the future.

Thanks for your consideration.  
James

**PRICE, James**

# KŌTARE P T4 UPDATE



We have been working extremely hard during **Wā Tūhura** in Kōtare P this term on our 'Create It' self directed learning. We have tamariki involved in woodwork projects, stop motion, gardening, baking, sewing, creating outdoor games, Christmas crafts and more! We love learning new skills and being creative during Wā Tūhura.



## Food For Thought

We were very fortunate to be involved in the Food For Thought programme where we learnt loads of nutritional information about fresh and processed foods and drinks. We put our learning into action during our visit to Pak'nSave and were VERY surprised at the differences between the food products.



# Garden to Table

Our main dish for the last two weeks with both Piwakawaka classes, Kea, Ruru, Te Hokioi and both Tui classes, was fried rice. Most of the kids know it as a take-away dish from the local chinese. It is actually very easy to make and traditionally eaten as a breakfast dish in many Asian countries to use up the rice leftover from dinner the night before. Our fried rice was made with lots of different vegetables, like cauliflower, snowpeas, celery, greens and cabbage. A few scrambled eggs made a nice addition too. Last week we had a daikon salad on the side, this week it was lettuce and both times with an asian inspired sesame dressing. For our dessert last week we had beetroot and chocolate cake and this week, a coconut slice with citrus syrup.

During our very wet week last week, Piwakawaka and Kea were indoor gardeners. We learned about the different shapes, sizes and features of seeds and how these features enable them to spread and grow. We finished the lesson by growing sunflower seeds, collected from the garden last summer.

This Wednesday we were lucky with a fine break in the weather so Ruru and Te Hokioi were able to get outside in the garden. After a quick lesson on how to pick fruit correctly to avoid damaging the branches or the fruit, Ruru picked all the remaining mandarins. The trees were covered in drips so we got very soggy as we snuck under the branches to find the last few that were hiding.



# Garden to Table

We graded the mandarins; dividing them into edible ones and ones to be composted.

Te Hokioi had an exciting new seed to grow today; hue. Hue are not edible but were traditionally grown by Maori and dried to become a vessel for storing or carrying water or food, turned into musical instruments such as flutes, drums and shakers as well as decorative or ceremonial items with designs carved, woven or burned onto the skin. We were gifted nine precious seeds by Garden to Table so Te Hokioi took extra care to look after every seed; clipping the taringa or 'ears' of the seed to allow water to penetrate and sowing them into moist, warm soil. Fingers crossed that at least some germinate!

The weather looks a bit 50/50 for Tui on Friday but whether it rains or shines, we will start designing our 'Guinea Pig' māra. This will be a dedicated garden bed to grow greens and other nutritious veggies suitable for feeding to Hawk and Mickey, our school guinea pigs.



West cluster primary schools Kapa haka Festival



# Rā Whakangahau

THURSDAY 16TH OF NOVEMBER 2023

10AM-2PM

PERFORMANCES BY:

GATE PĀ, GREEN PARK, TAUMATA, GREERTON, MERIVALE, ŌROPI, PYES PĀ,  
TAURANGA SPECIAL SCHOOL AND GUEST PERFORMANCE BY TE WHĀNAU O TE

MARO HAUHAKE!

HOSTED BY GATE PĀ SCHOOL, PUKEHINAHINA

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# 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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# Term 4 Important Dates

## Week 5

**7 November** West Cluster Athletics

**7 November** BOT Meeting

**10 November** Marimba group rehearsal at Tauranga Primary

**11 November** Marimba group performing at Tauranga Primary at 11am

## Week 6

**15 November** BOT Voting closes today

**15 November** Intermediate WBOP Zone Athletics

**16 November** Rā Whakangahau @ Gate Pā School

## Week 7

**22 November** Primary WBOP Athletics

**23 November** Tauranga Girls College Orientation Day 9am

## Week 8

**27 November** School Production Rehearsal

**28 November** School Production Rehearsal. Performance 6.30pm

**29 November** School Production Rehearsal. Performance at 4pm & 6.30pm.

## Week 9

**5 - 8 December** Year 7 & 8 Camp

**8 December** Junior School EOY Trip to Omokoroa

## Week 10

**13 December** Year 8 Speeches 9.30am

**13 December** End of Year Prizegiving 1pm

**15 December** Last school day 12.30pm



Updated 31 October

Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

# eZLUNCH MENU

Oropi School / Term 4 2023



2 Taarukura 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
Vegetable 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 Vegetable 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

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How many people are in your family?  
Pronounced: Knee ja yo jee coal ren?





**OROPHI**  
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



**ART SHOWCASE 2023**  
WE INVITE YOU TO OUR 2023 ART SHOWCASE  
16TH AND 17TH NOVEMBER

EXHIBITING OUR STUDENTS AMAZING CREATIONS,  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CLASSES WE OFFER,  
ENGAGE IN A VARIETY OF INTERACTIVE ART OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO BE A PART  
OF AND SEEING SOME AMAZING LOCAL ART CREATORS WORK

**WHERE: 131 POKIE ROAD,  
TAURANGA**

**THURSDAY 16TH NOV  
11.30AM-7.30PM**

**FRIDAY 17TH NOV 9.30AM-  
5PM**

**ENTRY GOLD COIN  
DONATION**

**LIVE ART**  
WATCH LIVE ART BEING  
CREATED  
BY ART SOCIETY  
MEMBER  
KAREN HOLBROOK

**CHALLENGE TABLE**  
ADULTS CAN TRY CREATING  
ART SIMILAR TO WHAT WE  
DO IN OUR ADULT  
CHALLENGE EVENING  
COST \$5

**HAVE A GO TABLE.**  
A SPACE WHERE CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS CAN DO SOME  
ART INSPIRED BY REFERENCE  
PICTURES.

**VIEW THE  
INCREDIBLE ART  
CREATED  
BY OUR AMAZING  
STUDENTS DURING  
THE 2023 YEAR**

**VOTE FOR ART  
COMPETITION  
FINALIST'S ARTWORK**  
USE YOUR TOKENS TO  
VOTE FOR ARTWORK DONE  
BY DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

**BUY SOME NEW ART**  
OUR STUDENTS AND  
CREATORS WILL HAVE ART  
AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE/ORDER. ADD  
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HOME OR TICK OFF SOME  
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Charity Event

**Saturday 4th November**

**RACE STARTS AT 10AM**

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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.

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