

KŌKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 1 WEEK 2



Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to 2023 and a warm welcome to new members of our community. Our thoughts go out to our Auckland friends and family affected by the severe flooding. We also appreciate the understanding of our Oropi community regarding the recent rain and road closures that caused bus cancellations and changes to our Pohiri arrangements.

It was great to see many of you at the Rā Whānau mai Day on January 31st, despite the rain. This new event was well-received and we thank you for your support.

The year is off to a strong start with staff starting work on January 16th. They received professional training in Structured Literacy, Play-Based Learning, and Behaviour Management.

Please join us in welcoming our new teachers Catriona MacFarlane, Kimberley Higham, and support staff Rochelle Glover, Michelle Bourne, Carly Ellis, Jade Phillips, and Manasseh Taratoa. Information on staff roles and responsibilities can be found on our website at

https://www.oropi.school.nz/7/profile_areas/3-staff.

We are happy to see our children back in routine with programs such as Kapa Haka, Garden to Table, and Mandarin and Te Reo Maori starting this week. Stay updated with school events through our Calendar on the website at

https://www.oropi.school.nz/9/embedded_items/1-calendar.

Important events to keep in mind this term include Beach Education, Swimming Sports, and the John Parson "Internet Safety" Parent session.

Newsletters will now be sent out every other Thursday to ease Friday workload in the office. We hope this change will result in newsletters being read more often.

Andrew King
Principal

Teacher Union Meetings

Teachers Paid union meetings are happening on 02nd March. The school will remain open but children will be split into buddy classes on this day.

Playing sport in Term 1

Check Hero for sports options this term. All of the sport information can be found on the school website under the newsletter tab.

Junior Playground Upgrade

Exciting times! The fencing has now been put around the junior playground before the works begin to replace our junior playground with a new one. Please note that one entry point at the front of the school is now blocked (the middle gate). You can still access the school through the two gates on either side of the playground. To get to the school office and around the playground toward the staff car park area, you will have to use the stairs & ramp that goes up to the main office.

Thanks for your understanding everyone. The minor inconvenience will result in a brand new playground in about 3 weeks, weather dependent.

Garden to Table

The garden gods smiled on us for our first week of Garden to Table with lovely sunshine. The garden has had a tough summer so far. Watering certainly wasn't a problem but many of our core summer crops are a bit of a failure or well behind where they should be in February. There are still plenty of ingredients to work with; we just have to be creative, take care of the crops we have and get more plants in the ground.

We kicked off with both Kotare classes plus Korimako Higham on Friday. They all made a Vegetable Fried Rice using cabbage, snowpeas, spinach, kale, carrots and spring onions. On the side was an Asian-style Cucumber Salad, seasoned with ginger, sesame and soy and Carrot Mini Muffins for dessert. We used a red cabbage from the garden and found that once we stir-fried it, some of the purple colour came out and turned

the rice blue! One crop that has been successful with all this rain is cucumber so we had lots of them to de-seed and chop for the salad.

All the garden groups had seed sowing to do and by the end of the week we will have carrots, beans, broccoli, rocket, beetroot, mesclun lettuce, coriander and radishes sown. We gave our sad-looking corn a helping hand with a thorough weeding and a seaweed feed, we trimmed the flowers from the potato plants to encourage them to put their energy into making fatter potatoes, and planted more basil around the tomatoes. Korimako will be building a beanframe on Friday to support the beans we plant as well as planting new zucchinis as there should be enough summer left to get a decent harvest from them.



International Students at Oropi

We are delighted to have international students at Oropi 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 Oropi children place value in connecting with other cultures, normalising this, and learning from, with and about other cultures.



Nuts & Bolts 2023

ADMINISTRATION

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

View further information on our school website:

www.oropi.school.nz

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/OropiSchool>

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.

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

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.

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

Hoodie \$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.

PTA

We have a very energised group of parents on our PTA. They have been passionate about providing for our teachers and students. There are many facilities and school equipment that have been provided through their dedicated efforts. If you are interested in being a part of this please make contact by emailing oropi.pta@gmail.com

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.

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

BLOCK 1 8.55am - 10.40am

MORNING TEA 10.40am - 11.00am

BLOCK 2 11.00am - 12.40pm

LUNCH EATING 12.40pm - 12.50pm

LUNCH PLAY 12.50pm - 1.20pm

BLOCK 3 1.20pm - 2.40pm

SPORTS

Our Sports Co-ordinator is Rochelle Glover. She is passionate about sport and students participating in sport. Rochelle always communicates the various sports available at the beginning of each term so make sure you have seen this information. You can make contact with Rochelle regarding any questions directly on: sports@oropi.school.nz

MUSIC LESSONS

A HERO message has been sent to all term 4 musicians. See HERO for available space for Year 2 - 4 children.

MUSIC EXTRA CURRICULAR

At Ōropi School we have the following music lessons available this term. Whānau make arrangements directly with them for their children.

- Upton Music School who provide guitar lessons - contact them online to make arrangements or see the following advertisement.





Kōtare News



□ Kōtare Class would like to welcome you all back to Oropi School! We are so delighted to have some sunshine this week, which has enabled us to get outside and enjoy our great outdoor environment. We have been busy setting up our class routines and getting to know each other - We have another FABULOUS group of kids in Kōtare P! □



Garden To Table

Our first Garden to Table session was a HUGE success! We enjoyed eating fried rice, cucumber salad and carrot muffins. In the garden, we spent time looking at the effects of our VERY WET summer on our veges and plants. All that water and the lack of sun has meant that our garden hasn't produced the prolific crops that were hoping for.



Senior Shed

This term in Kōtare P we are participating in a **Spinning Top Championship!** Each student is spending time in the shed with Sarah, making the perfect spinner. Once the spinning tops have been decorated and the contestants have practised their technique, the great 'Spinning Top Championship' will take place.





Oropi School PTA

FROZEN FRIDAY ICEBLOCK FUNDRAISER

Order in Kindo.

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 3 MARCH
FRIDAY 17 MARCH

\$1.50 each. Lemonade popsicles & juicies available.



UPTON MUSIC SCHOOL



GUITAR LESSONS!

ELECTRIC, ACOUSTIC AND BASS GUITAR

WE OFFER

- SCHOOL TIME TUTION**
We offer group lessons during school time the guitar truck. With space for up to 10 students, the truck makes learning fun and interactive.
- AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS**
At our local studios in Otūmoetai, we offer both group and individual lessons.
- BAND TUTION**
In partnership with The Jam Bus we will be offering existing students the chance to join a band and hit the stage!
- PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
During the year there will be opportunities to perform at a professional venue for friends and whānau

SIGN UP TODAY!

Scan QR code 

www.uptonmusicschool.co.nz
hello@uptonmusicschool.co.nz
Otūmoetai 3110

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QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday April 29th | Oropi Memorial Hall

Doors open 6.30pm | Quiz starts 7pm


\$200 per team (maximum 8 people)
Don't have a team? Join a table for \$30 per person

Book online at oropiplaygroup.co.nz

ONE COMPLEMENTY DRINK | BAR | FOOD PROVIDED
SILENT AUCTIONS | RAFFLES | SPOT PRIZES | EFTPOS

Quiz winners prizes sponsored by:

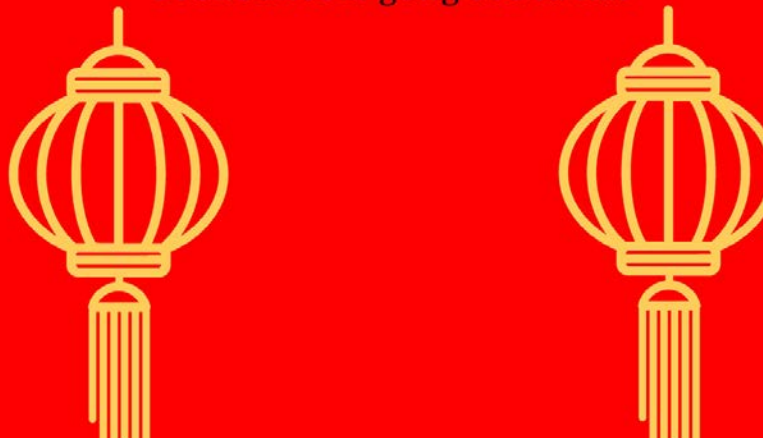


GŌNG Xǐ FĀ CÁI

May you have a prosperous New year! (New year greeting)

Pronounced: gong see fa kai



Term 1

Important Dates

Week 3

- 13 - 15 February Kōrimako Lewis @ Technology
- 13 - 16 February Life Education Year 6 - 8
- 16 - 17 February Kōrimako Higham & Te Kōkako @ Technology
- 16 February Tennis Lessons #1 with Klaus
- 17 February PTA Frozen Friday

Week 4

- 20 - 21 February Kōrimako Higham & Te Kōkako @ Technology
- 24 February Beach Education Tui & Te Kōkako
- 23 February Tennis Lessons #2 with Klaus
- 24 February Scholastic Issue 1 orders due in

Week 5

- 27 February Beach Education Tui & Kea
- 1 March Beach Education Ptwakawaka x2
- 2 March Beach Education Ruru & Te Hōkioi
- 2 March Teacher Union Meetings. School remains open.
- 2 March Tennis Lessons #3 with Klaus
- 2 March Top Schools Year 5 & 6
- 3 March Beach Education Kōrimako & Te Kōkako
- 3 March PTA Frozen Friday

Week 6

- 6 March Beach Education Kōtare & Pukeko
- 7 March School Swimming Sports @ Memorial Pool
- 9 March Tennis Lessons #4 with Klaus

Week 7

- 16 March Tennis Lessons #5 with Klaus
- 17 March PTA Frozen Friday
- 17 March West Cluster Swimming Sports

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2023 Term Dates

Term One: Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 6 April

Term Two: Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Term Three: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term Four: Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December



Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation

With John Parsons



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. Oropi School invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

John Parsons is NZ's leading authority on Safeguarding children online. He is a published author and signed copies of his book 'Keeping Your Children Safe Online' will be available on the day.

Topics covered during his presentation include:

- Online grooming.
- Sexting.
- Cyber bullying.
- Learning to repel & report.
- Future proofing for employment.
- Screen time.
- Sleep.
- Families that eat together heal together.

Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely and ethically. Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step.



Oropi Hall
3rd April
6.30pm



www.citizen21.co.nz

www.facebook.com/ehnpresence20

PLEASE HELP

Oropi School support the Auckland flood victims

Things to donate:

(Please only donate items in good condition)

- Pillows
- Canned food
- Clothes
- Blankets
- Food containers
- Cleaning products



Please bring donations to
Kotare P by 3.00pm
Friday the 17th of February.

Donations will go to:



MUMA is one of a founding group of pan-tribal organisations across New Zealand that set out to foster the economic, social and community development of Māori living in cities. For over 30 years, they have led a movement to advocate for, forge and shape the rights of Māori.

NZ Ethnic Women's Trust (NZEWT) The group supports women of all ethnicities (predominantly from countries in Africa, South Asia and the Middle East), a high proportion of whom are from refugee backgrounds.



Organised by Isabel, Charm, Evija, and Elliot