

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2025 TERM 1 WEEK 4



KIA ORA KOUTOU

As we head toward mid Term 1, it is good to be able to reflect on the strong sense of community that is generated from situations that arise. I am referring to the Senior School Shed burglary. As a school, we are so grateful for the support and donations to ensure our senior school shed can continue operations at no cost the school, including adding a security system. Thank you so much everyone who has been able to give their time and/or donate to the school. In particular, I would like to thank Jenna Taylor for coordinating the collection of tool replacements and the sausage sizzle at Mitre 10.

A school Facebook post the other week highlighted the importance of Year 7&8 at Oropi Schools. Having Year 7&8s at our school

is an important element to support a culture of “tuakana-teina.” This is a concept placing value on older children having positive connections and relationships with younger children. It is good for our older and young students. We have two Year 7&8 classes in 2025. Currently they are at their Leadership Camp in Mount Maunganui and I look forward to hearing about how that all goes. They have also been attending their Technology programme at Taumata School, which offers excellent programmes in Food Technology, Soft & Hard Materials, with the latest equipment and technology to learn with.

Thank you to all parents who were able to support our classes as they have been attending Beach



Education over the past two weeks. Water Safety Education is an important part of our school curriculum, and offering beach education once every two years is part of that. It is essential for 'kiwi kids' to be educated about water safety. This is a passion of mine personally as well. On that note, we look forward to seeing many of our at the School Swimming Sports next Wednesday. It is an important opportunity for our strong swimmers to compete and for our non-competitive swimmers to give it a go. If you are able to assist with time keeping and marshalling, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew King



Beach Education - Tul classes



Technology Year 7 & 8





Thanks a million for always being there for us!

Our recent sausage sizzle was a fantastic success! A huge thank you to everyone who got stuck in—whether you helped run the BBQ, donated onions, designed posters, or supported us on the day. Your efforts made a real difference, and we truly appreciate your generosity. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting our senior shed project. Thank you for being part of our school community!





THANK YOU!

On behalf of the school community I would like this opportunity to thank Bunnings for the extensive donation of new tools to replace the stolen items from the Senior School Shed.

These items, along with what has been donated, will be sure to support the continuation of our programme.

Thank you Bunnings, especially to Michelle for delivering everything to us



As our international programme continues to grow in 2025, we are actively seeking families in our community that would be willing to host **international students**.

The first group of **Hong Kong** students will be visiting Ōropi School **from July 7th to 18th** and our groups from **China** will be in **August**.

Host families would provide accommodation (separate bedroom, shared facilities) for 1-2 students, transportation to/from Ōropi School as well as 3 meals per day. **A weekly homestay allowance of \$400 per student is paid to host families as recognition of the time, cost and effort involved.**

Hosting overseas students provides an opportunity for families to build cultural awareness, language exchange, establish international connections and to develop Ōropi students' global citizenship.

Expressions of interest or queries, please email nick@oropi.school.nz

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| Week 4 | 24 Tech Kōrimako-Lewis → | 25 | 26 | 27 Leadership Camp → | 28 | 1 | 2 |
| | Beach Education - Tūi Sarah K and Tūi Dowson | | Beach Education - Pūkeko Sarah P and Pūkeko Jess | Beach Education - Ruru, Kea, Kiwi Sarah, Kiwi Anna | | | |
| Week 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 Swimming Sports - Memorial Pools | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| Week 6 | 10 Year 5/6 Camp - Ōkātaina → | 11 | 12 Teacher Only Day - Kāhui Ako. School closed | 13 Year 7/8 Top School | 14 Year 5/6 Top School | 15 | 16 |
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| Week 7 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 West Cluster Swimming | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| Week 8 | 24 Tech Kōrimako-Pendergrast → | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 1 |
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TERM 1: Number of weeks: 10 **Term start and end dates:** Tuesday, 4th February – Friday, 11th April

School holiday starts: Saturday, 12th April **Important Dates:** Wednesday, 12th March – Teacher-only day (school closed)



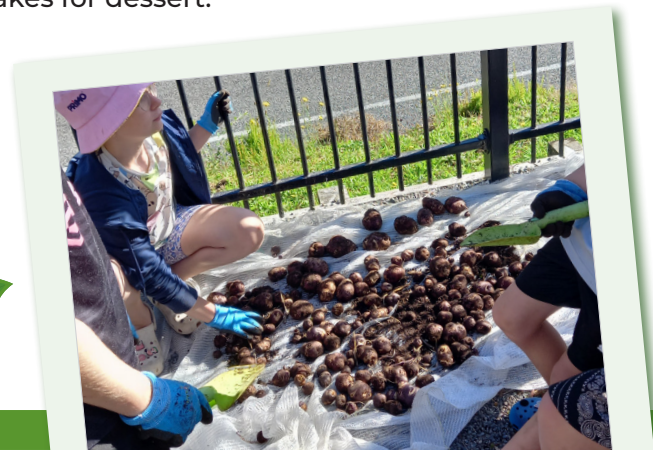
GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

We are still enjoying lovely summer weather in week 3 and 4 but we also feel that autumn is just around the corner. The days are getting shorter and the mornings mistier. That's a sign for us gardeners to start planning ahead for winter. The garden groups from Kōtare and Kōrimako have started their seed sowing for winter brassicas, leek, snow peas and coriander. We have to be very careful with planting out small brassica seedlings, because the end of the summer is also the favourite time of the white butterfly. Its caterpillars are of the "very hungry type" and brassica plants are their first choice of food. After sowing and planting out seedlings, we normally put netting over the beds to protect the precious baby plants.

Kōtare Lee's class dug out another bed of potatoes, this time māori potatoes, which have a purple skin and are a bit smaller.

The kitchen group served up a delicious pizza, made with a quick base made with self raising flour (remember to check out our recipes on the school website) and a topping of fresh tomato sauce, sweet corn, capsicum, eggplant and basil pesto. We had carrot and orange mini cakes for dessert.



26th Annual TAURANGA MULTICULTURAL Festival



SAT, 22ND MARCH, 2025 - 10AM-5PM

Historic Village, 17th Ave West

- Entertainment • Food • Craft • Art exhibition
- Discovery Tents • Children's activities
- Parade of Nations @ 12 noon

**GOLD
COIN
ENTRY**

"Te Moana Nui o te Kanorau - The Great Ocean of Diversity"



**Postponement Date:
29TH MARCH 2025**

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Hosted by Pahoia School

Saturday
1st March
9am
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Early Bird
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Growing Through Grief will be running the Seasons for Growth programme at Ōropi School in 2025.

Seasons for Growth is a small-group programme that supports children dealing with change, loss, or grief. It helps them develop resilience, express their feelings, and learn coping strategies in a safe and supportive environment. If your child has experienced separation, divorce, the loss of a loved one, or other significant changes, this programme may be beneficial.

The sessions will run at school, during school time by trained facilitators who are police vetted. The programme will run for 8 weeks for one hour each session.

If you are interested in your child attending, Please fill out an online referral form ASAP on the Growing Through Grief website: <https://acw.org.nz/seasons-for-growth-enrolment-form-children-and-youth-programme-school-only/> or please ask at school for a paper enrolment form.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this programme - please contact Alaina Parkinson (SENCO) alaina@oropi.school.nz or Tauranga Growing Through Grief Coordinators Tracey Maris: tracey.maris@acw.org.nz or Myra Taikato: myra.taikato@acw.org.nz

Kindred Kids

Let's Bake It!

After school baking workshops

Step into our kitchen for weekly baking adventures where kids will master the art of creating delicious treats while learning essential culinary skills in a fun, encouraging environment!

Dates Every Thursday from February 20th through until April 10th (no class March 27th)

Time 3.45 pm - 5.15 pm

Cost \$315 for Term 1 (7 exciting sessions!)
Designed for young bakers aged 9-12yrs

Venue Welcome Bay Community Church,
340 Welcome Bay Rd, Tauranga

Limited numbers!
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NUTS & BOLTS 2025

ADMINISTRATION

Office hours at 8.30am to 3.30pm

Email: office@oropi.school.nz

Phone: (07) 543 1479

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

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Thank you to everyone who has been notifying the school in writing if your child is away during term time for more than three days. It is important that the office receives confirmation of this from a parent, including your child's date of return to school.

It is important to note that we are required by law to use Ministry standard attendance codes. Absence for holidays during term time is classified as unjustified.

SICKNESS

In the unfortunate situation where a child vomits at school, we strongly recommend that the child is picked up from school at the parent's earliest convenience. We require the child to remain absent from school for 24-48 hours, depending on what the sickness is. If the cause of the sickness is because of a migraine, anxiety, or travel sickness, the school will respond to this on a case-by-case situation.

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 health and safety reasons, we need to know who is on the school grounds. Please report to the office if you are picking up your child early, arriving late, or if they have been at an appointment and have returned to school.

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

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 across the driveways of our neighbours.

Please do not park in the staff car park.



SEND YOUR SNAPS!

We encourage all sports teams to send in their images, results, or action shots from their activities to be featured in our next newsletter!
Please email: hannah@oropi.school.nz



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Oropi School / Term 1 2025



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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

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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 Vegemite 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 |
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