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Dear Parents,
Welcome back to a new School year with all of its promises, excitement and challenges. My greetings to our new families and a warm welcome back to our more ‘experienced’ parents. May your association with our fine school be both enjoyable and stimulating.

FIRST DAY
Always an exciting occasion for

students, teachers and parents coupled with some tension. A total of **32** new pupils have been enrolled to date.



New Teachers

This year we welcome three teachers new to Opaheke School. Ms Georgina Howell from St Mary's School. Mr Oliver O'Connell from Aka Aka

School near Waiuku. Miss Charlotte Walker who had been working as a relieving teacher at School late last year.

Congratulations too to Mrs Melissa Peagram formerly Miss Brown. Melissa was married during the holidays.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Saturday Netball*
- *School Amenity 2010*
- *Parent Information Evening*

TERM DATES 2010

Term One for 2010 will begin on Wednesday 3rd February and finishes on Thursday 1st April.

Term Two begins Monday 19 April ending on Friday 2 July.

Term Three begins Monday 19 July ending Friday 24 September.

Term Four starts Monday 11 October ending for 2010 on Thursday 16 December.

You might like to mark these on your calendar!

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: Next Thursday evening 17th February. Come along and find answers to questions about class expectations, homework, Bible In Schools, class routines and Workshop Technology.

Time 7.00pm NE—Yr4: Rooms 9 to 16 and 21 to 26.

7.30pm An introduction to all teachers in the senior quad or the hall if wet.

7.45pm Years 5 to 8 Rooms 1-8, 19 and 20. We look forward to seeing as many parents as those who came on the first morning of school this year. Parent Interviews will be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening 31st March.

TEACHER ONLY DAY: Last Tuesday, Opaheke School hosted 320 primary teachers from all Papakura primary schools for a professional development day on the teaching of Reading. This was a major achievement requiring attention to detail and careful planning. Thankyou to all staff who assisted with setting up classrooms for the workshops and the hall for the plenary sessions.

WHATS NEW FOR 2010

- Implementing a new nationwide curriculum that is future focussed emphasising key competencies for the future work places.
- Continuing with the Papakura Achievement Initiative or PAI. This year the emphasis will be on lifting levels of comprehension in Reading and will be the School's major professional learning focus.
- In property, the Board are planning a major interior upgrade throughout the year of Rooms 1-12.
- In May this year, parents will elect the next Board of Trustees who will act in a governance role for the School over the next three years.

SCHOOL AMENITY 2010

The Board of Trustees resolved that the 2010 amenity will be kept at the same level as for 2009.

TRAVEL WISE SCHOOL

This term we would like families to use sustainable means of transport when going to and from school. This means catching the bus or walking at least the last 200m to school. There will be class challenges and prizes during the term. Watch this space...

COOL SCHOOLS

Mrs Laing, assisted by Miss

That is :

\$150 for one child
\$200 for 2 children
\$240 for 3 or more children. Thankyou to those parents who have already paid this. School amenity is tax deductible. By paying this amount our School's Board can budget for additional teaching staff especially in the junior school and this year they are funding 0.8 extra staffing to lower the pupil teacher ratio. The PTA are also assisting the overall curriculum by funding the school's Enrichment programme for the more able students in Year 5 to 8. We do understand that February is a tough month for parents with School stationery, amenity, Technicraft fees for Yr 7/8 plus camp fees for Year 8 parents. We are very happy to assist parents by setting up automatic payment over the year. For parents who would like to set up automatic payments the School ASB

Banks and Mrs Williams will be training up our pupils to take on the role of playground mediators. The Cool School programme is aimed at resolving playground disagreements in a way that encourages pupils to take ownership of problems within the playground. Yes, there will still be teachers on playground

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YEAR EIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

This week our Year 8 students plus some brave parents are attending an outdoor education camp at Hunua with Miss Banks, Miss Walker and Mrs Stride.

"If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done."

Anonymous

duty, but the mediators will supplement the work they do.

ENROLMENTS 2010

If your child will be a New Entrant at this School in 2010 and you are uncertain if you have pre enrolled them could you please phone the office to check. Thank you.



SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that all students are expected to wear the School hat for Term One and Term Four. Pupils without a hat will be limited to resting under the large trees or staying within the covered quad areas during lunch-times. This is a uniform item and can only be purchased through the school office. Plain Hats \$12 Embroidered Hats \$18.

INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE BOARD?

For those parents considering putting their name forward for the next Board of Trustees an invitation to attend the Board's February meeting on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm is extended. Present Board members or the Principal are happy to answer questions about the role of the Board with any interested parents.

SATURDAY SCHOOL NETBALL TEAMS

Information is available from the school office regarding Saturday netball teams. If you would like your daughter to play please send them to the office for information. Teams start from Year 3, the cost will be \$110. Parents need to be involved with Club Duty and we are looking for managers and coaches.

Staffing and Classes:

Year 8

Room 1 Miss C. Walker, Room 2 Miss V. Banks (Team Leader Yr7/8)

Year 7

Room 3 Mr D. Curtin, Room 4 (Yr7/8) Mrs N. Laing (Senior Teacher), Room 19 Miss C. Powell.

Year 6

Room 5 Miss S. Macleod, Room 6 Mrs T. Walker (Team Leader Yr5/6)

Year 5

Room 8 Mrs T. Owen (Yr5/6) Room 20 Ms G. Howell

Year 4

Room 23 Mrs R. Fairweather (Team Leader Yr3/4 Senior Teacher) Room 25 Mr R. James, Room 26 Mr O. O'Connell

Year 3

Room 21 Mrs M. Read, Room 22 Miss C. Williams, Room 24 Mrs P. Greenman

Year 2

Room 9 Mrs V. McFlinn (Team Leader/Senior Teacher), Room 10 Mrs M. Peagram, Room 11 Miss T. Bolstad,

Year 1

Room 12 Miss J. Pulman (Yr1/2), Room 16 Mrs A. Ghaiee

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Room 13 Miss L. Grey, Room 14 Mrs G. Williams (Team Leader/Senior Teacher)

Miss T. Jolly Class Release Programme Teacher

Mrs B. Marquet Deputy Principal with special oversight for Year 1-4 classes

Mrs A. Cantley Deputy Principal with special oversight for Year 5-8 classes

Part Time Teachers : Mrs B. Stride, Mrs H. Knight, Mrs T. Beals, Mr I. Levien, Mrs P. Montofre. Term Two—Mrs A. Potter, Mrs J. Molyuneux

Support Staff: Mrs G. Burge (Principal's Secretary), Mrs K. Hotson (Office Secretary)

Teacher Aides: Mrs M. Willoughby, Mrs S. Rogers, Mrs L. Pryor, Mrs S. Smith, Mrs S. Lowe, Mrs A. Jenkins, Mrs M. Goodison, Mrs L. Ruyg, Mrs L. Ross

Caretaker: Mr K. Chester

Part Time Groundsman: Mr K. Nairn

Community Notices

1. Papakura Junior Wasps Rugby Registration Dates 16, 18, 24 Feb 6.00-7.30pm or 20th Feb 9.00am-12.00noon. Papakura Rugby Clubrooms Massey Park Ron Keat Drive ph 298 2877
2. Papakura Mayoral Challenge is Sunday 14 Feb at the Ardmore Airport 'Ride the Runway' Bike checks at 3.30pm ride starts at 4pm. Two Avanti bikes to be won!

COMING EVENTS

Year 8's	Camp Adair, Hunua for this week.
Mon 15 Feb	7.30pm PTA meeting in the staffroom. All parents very welcome
Thur 18 Feb	Parent information evening see times page 1
Tue 23 Feb	7.30pm Board of Trustee meeting
Mon 1 Mar	Travel Wise Week begins

Quiz: What is Opaheke School's Mission Statement?

Best wishes

Murray Wratt

Principal

Answer to Quiz: It's on the front page of this newsletter under the School name.