

# OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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## “The Opaheke Way”

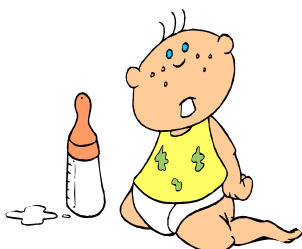
Newsletter No 12/11

Dear Parents,  
Greetings to all of  
you from a very wet  
winter at school.

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank those parents who took the time to complete the survey about our School. They have already compiled a list of the responses and will have an additional meeting to analyse the parental comments to decide on their

**Fun Fact**  
*Children  
grow faster  
in the  
springtime!*



future actions. Some points can be implemented, others will have to be delayed, a few may not be able to be initiated. The two lucky draws for families answering the questionnaire were taken ‘from a hat’ at assembly and went to the Molyneux family (gift basket) and the Ross family (Snow Planet family voucher).

### H1N1 FLU VIRUS

Advice received from the Ministry of Health is that there is an increase in the numbers of people with ‘Swine flu’ the H1N1 virus. Some schools are experiencing very high absences and we have been notified of at least one diagnosed case of swine flu of an

adult who works at our School. The essential message for all of us at both home and school is to;

✓ Practice good personal hygiene. Wash and thoroughly dry hands after going to the toilet and before eating or touching food.

✓ Keep hands away from your mouth and nose.

✓ Stay at home if you are sick.

✓ Cover your mouth with a tissue or your arm when coughing or sneezing.

At School we have anti bacterial hand rinse in each classroom and supplies of tissues. Teachers will also talk with students about essential hygiene. If everybody takes

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### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *Bookweek*
- *Kia Kaha*
- *Dental Clinic*

the above precautions we should be alright.



### **SCHOOL AMENITY**

The following is the Bank Account for the Opaheke School Board of Trustees if you would like to set up an automatic payment.

**ASB Bank**

**12 3031 0728049 00**

### KIA KAHA

Our Year 5/6 classes have just started a Health/Social Sciences unit about preventing bullying in schools. With the assistance of the police Youth Education Services, the kia kaha programme will be taught to the 5 classes. Kia kaha means to be strong, to stand tall and encourages all children to treat others with respect without resorting to bullying behaviour. Our thanks to Constable Gamlen who is leading this unit.

### BOOKWEEK

Beginning next Monday, we have BOOKWEEK at school. Always a favourite time for both students and teachers a range of activities have been planned for all to enjoy. Although every week is a bookweek some special features of interest have been planned by

### DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Team wishes to inform you that they will be moving to Rosehill Intermediate Dental Clinic (ph 2987 523) on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010. If children need urgent dental care ring 0800 4336 825. At the moment they can still be contacted on 2999770 until

Mrs Cantley, Mrs Pryor, Mrs Smith and the student librarians. You may be interested in a book review of a personal favourite.

### BOOK REVIEW—MR WRATT

*The Iron Man by Ted Hughes* – is a children's story told over five nights. It appeals to boys because the main character lives on a diet of iron obtained from cars, trucks, and other vehicles. It's a tale of how good ultimately triumphs over evil. Funny, quirky, clever with repeated phrases that the class can also join in on. The other main character, a boy named Hogarth has some different ways of solving world problems. Highly recommended, easy to read, thought provoking.

### SCHOOL SPEECHES

Students in Yrs 5-8 are presently preparing and delivering their speeches as a part

16<sup>th</sup> August when they move.

### ROSEHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2011

A reminder to parents that the closing date for all in-zone applications is today. For out of zone applications the closing date is Wednesday 1 September.

of our oral language programme. For some, speeches are easy, for others they are high stress occasions. The ability to present a speech is really important in today's world of communication and we look forward to the annual Opaheke Speech finals at 7pm on Thursday 19th August.

### MATHEX

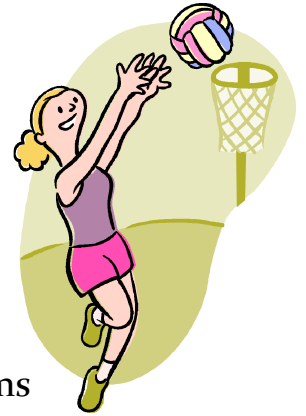
This year 3 teams have been entered in the Counties schools Mathex competition held at Telstra Centre last evening. Four students make up a team of Yr6,7 and 8 who have been coached by Mr Curtin. Mathex is a challenge where a number of mathematical problems have to be solved in a given time. This is high level problem solving in a pressure situation.

### PAPAKURA RESOURCE CENTRE

The centre will be re opening on 1st October in the Accent building on the ground floor. This is good news for both local schools and for families who have patronised the resource centre in past years.

## SATURDAY NETBALL

This coming Saturday is the final morning for team competitions and our teams will hold their prize giving function in the School hall starting at 4.30pm next Saturday. On behalf of the School, congratulations to all of the girls for playing in the competition. Some teams fared better than others but that's the way it goes. A special thank you to all of our coaches, managers and umpires. A special acknowledgement to Wendy Beever, our School co-ordinator, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the teams met the necessary requirements for taking part in the Saturday morning competition. As Wendy will be stepping down from this position for 2011, we will need a replacement or two as the duties could be shared.



## MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last week we were privileged to be a part of the Papakura Primary Schools' music festival held this year at Te Hihi School. One matinee and two evening performances were of a very high quality and appreciated by those adults who attended. Congratulations to all of the musicians who took part and a special thank you to Miss Bolstad and Miss Walker who prepared and trained our senior choir of thirty students.



## CELEBRATING SUCSESSES

- \* Students selected for North Counties Y7/8 Basketball Teams—  
*Courtney Church, Johna Rawiri, Caitlin Pritchard, Teagan Smithson, Erica Fullerton, Sevia Luapene, Josh Watkins, Luke Doggrell.*
- \* Crosscountry -  
Yr8 boys: *Jeremy Collins 1st, Ronnie Shaddick 2nd, Nirai Taylor 3rd*  
Yr8 girls: *Gabriella Boyce 1st, D'Arcy Knight 2nd, Sevia Luapene 3rd.*  
Y7 boys: *Sean Henson 1st, Anthony Smith 2nd, Alex Greive 3rd.*  
Yr7 girls: *Jade Tulp 1st, Erica Fullerton 2nd,*

*Caitlin Pritchard 3rd.* Yr6 boys: *Harry Lunny 1st, Dylan MacDonald 2nd, Lochie Kerr 3rd.* Yr6 girls: *Kate Gregan 1st, Rachel Biggelaar 2nd, Emily Beever 3rd.* Yr5 boys: *Joshua Palmer 1st, Argyle Morling 2nd, Tate Fullerton 3rd.* Yr5 girls: *Caitlin Todd 1st, Rebecca Jeffery 2nd, Jessica Rubin 3rd.*

Counties Zone Netball Reps Yr7: *Erica Fullerton, Jade Tulp.*

Counties North Hockey Reps: *Connor Coulter, Anthony Smith, Vaughan Webster, Samuel Earl, Luke Doggrell.* This team was placed 3rd in the zone competitions.

## QUOTE

*You know you might be getting old when your favourite section of the newspaper is 50 Years Ago Today!*



*George Burns  
1896-1996*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

1. *Storylines* Free Family Day Aotea Centre Sunday 22 August 2010, 10am-3pm visit [www.storylines.org.nz](http://www.storylines.org.nz) for programme.
2. Epilepsy Foundation of NZ - Pool Party. Saturday 14 August 12-2.00pm, Massey Park Aquatic Centre. Free Swimming, Hydroslide, Sausage Sizzle, drinks and clowns etc. Free tickets available from the school office.
3. Community Indoor Netball children aged 6-12 years at Papakura Recreation and Fitness Great South Road Papakura. Wednesday 3.30—6pm Ph 298 6852 to enrol.
4. Auckland Girls Grammar School Out of zone applications close on 1 September 2010. Enrolment forms downloaded from [www.aggs.school.nz](http://www.aggs.school.nz) or ph 307 4180.
5. Opaheke Netball Prize Giving is to be held this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 4.30pm at school hall. This is the last week for **all** netball games. Teams that have come 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their grade are required to be at the Papakura Netball Centre August 21<sup>st</sup>. Check website for times.
6. **Ex Pupil** -Stacey Carter from Ray White Papakura is offering-\$100 donation to the school upon list & sale of any property. FREE Market Reviews or Appraisals. Call today to discuss

## COMING EVENTS

Wed 11 Aug	Y5/6 Counties North cross country at Te Hihi School Y9 2011 in zone enrolments close for Rosehill College
Thur 12 Aug	Y7/8 Counties North cross country at Strathallan School
Sat 14 Aug	Netball prizegiving in School hall
Mon 16 Aug	Bookweek begins. 7.30pm PTA meeting all parents welcome
Wed 18 Aug	University of New South Wales (ICAS) Mathematics test
Thurs 19 Aug	7pm School Speech Finals. Sausage Sizzle at school.
Fri 20 Aug	Book character parade
Tues 24 Aug	Y5/6 interschool speech finals at Papakura Central School 11am Y7/8 Counties Zone cross country at Strathallan School 7.30pm Board of Trustees meeting
Thur 26 Aug	Counties North gymnastics field day for Y5 to 6 teams
Fri 27 Aug	Daffodil Day Y7/8 interschool speech finals at Ardmore School 11am
Term 4	Y3/4 Cross Country—date to be finalised.

**Quiz:** Forward I am heavy, backward I am not. What am I ?

Best wishes

*Murray Wratt*

*Principal*