

Sharing, Caring,
Learning and Achieving

Opaheke School

Established 1968

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are a Microsoft Showcase School



Kia ora koutou katoa, talofa lava, bula vinaka, malo e lelei, kia orana, namaste, malo ni, asalaamu alaikum, and warm greetings to you all.

Resilience

Mrs McCormack has recently celebrated some students who have shown both resilience and perseverance using a needle and thread to make Mother's Day cards. Students sticking with a task and mastering it is such a good thing. Brad Smeele a former NZ pro wake boarder spoke to our student councillors at last week's National Young Leaders day. He became a tetraplegic after a horror wake boarding accident and shared his journey battling with depression and redefining his life. Brad summed up resilience and perseverance when he said "*winners are just losers who never gave up*". Profound words.

Bully Free Week NZ

This week marks Bully Free Week NZ. The theme for this year's week is 'Power for Good'. Which is about supporting children and young people to use their Power for Good – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible. I recall Mrs Smit along with the teachers in Maungawhau reminding tamariki in the senior school to be upstanders NOT bystanders. This whakaaro very much aligns with this year's Bully Free Week 'Power for Good' kaupapa. When Mrs Smit and her team explained the term 'upstander' they said that we usually know what is right and what is wrong, and when something is wrong what do you do about it? An upstander will take action and a bystander won't. An upstander may seek the help of a duty teacher or perhaps take it upon themselves to resolve the situation with the use of positive and redirecting words. An upstander's actions set a clear and powerful example for others to follow.

Epro-8 Week

We have our Epro-8 technology challenge running here at school all of next week. One of the fundamental understandings of the technology curriculum is *intervention by design*. Students understanding the use of intellectual and practical resources to create technological outcomes, which address issues. Think of State Highway 25A between Kopu and Hikuai. That is a prime example of a major engineering challenge that needs to be overcome. During Epro-8 week children in Years 5-8 will be presented with tasks and challenges that they must apply both theory and practical elements to overcome. It is very exciting and I look forward to seeing our children in action.

Have a great week.

Noho ora mai,
Jade Tawhiti.

Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA
FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ

Mental Health Foundation
OF NEW ZEALAND
mauri tū, mauri ora

EVERYDAY
UPSTANDER

PINK
SHIRT
DAY^{ED}

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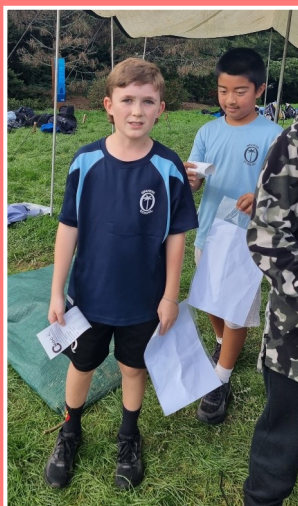
We look forward to seeing your child at school by 8.25am ready to learn each day.
School finishes for all students at 2.30pm.



LEARNING AT ŌPAHEKE



Sport



Counties Zone Orienteering

On 8 May 2023 a group of Ōpaheke students across years 5 to 8 took part in the North Counties Orienteering Zone Day. The event required the students to use special drawn maps and a compass to navigate their way around the course. More than 700 students across Aotearoa took part in the event. Below are the names of students that have made placement:



6 th Place	10 th Place	16 th Place
Charlotte S	Kayne P	Akhbar M
Aria T		Zavier D
Oviya V		Cooper M
Mika C		Ishnoor S
Aria W		Torin M



Basketball Hoops in School Competition

A group of our Year 8 students created a video to enter us into a competition to win new hoops at school. We need loads of votes to help us win.

Votes close **Tuesday 23 May**.

[Hoops in Schools x Court Kings | Basketball New Zealand](#) (to view video)

[Hoops in Schools x Court Kings Giveaway | Vote now! Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) (to vote)



Bullying Free Week - Fletcher's Walking Wish

\$4 'Bee Kind' pins/badges – Available to order from Monday 15th to Friday 19th

\$3 Assorted pins/badges – Available for purchase on Thursday 18th

See attached flyer with more information for this fundraiser which our school is supporting during Bullying-Free Week next week.

All proceeds will go towards Fletcher's Walking Wish.

You can also donate directly via the Givealittle page if you prefer:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/fletchers-cp-journey>

Bullying-Free Week Fletchers Walking Wish

Kia ora, Opaheke School families and wider community.

My name is Cindy Erdos, also known as Mrs Erdos, currently a part-time teacher at Opaheke School. I have been teaching at Opaheke School for the past 14 years, both full-time and part-time, teaching a variety of year levels along the way. I have most likely taught your child or previous children during my time here. I have four beautiful children myself, who have or are currently attending Opaheke School. My youngest child Fletcher, is nearly four years old and will be my last child to come through our amazing school.

In our house, Fletcher is considered an 'extra cool' kid and is neurodiverse. Fletcher experienced a difficult birth, which resulted in his diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, Spastic Quadriplegia LIII. Fletcher presents as Spastic Diplegia, with his legs being the limbs mostly affected. This disorder affects movement, muscle tone, balance, and posture.

You might not be aware, but Bullying-Free week is coming up next week. I would like to highlight it's importance and draw upon your support to make it memorable. Bullying-Free week is an opportunity for schools and their communities to raise awareness about bullying and promote inclusion. Schools that encourage respect, celebrate difference, and promote positive relationships make it difficult for bullying to be tolerated.

During Bullying-Free week, my daughter Ruby Erdos, would like to run a fundraiser for Fletcher to highlight the importance of the week and to raise funds towards Fletchers Walking Wish. To do this we are selling a special enamel pin of a bee with the phrase, 'Bee Kind.' This pin can be put on bags, clothes, hats etc. If you would like to order a pin to support Bullying-Free week and Fletcher on his journey, you can purchase one of these pins by placing \$4.00 in an envelope, with your child's name, how many pins you would like and the total. The pins will be ordered and delivered to your child in the next few weeks. Your child can order from Monday—Friday next week.



We will also have a pop-up stand next week, on Thursday the 18th, where students can purchase an additional pin, from a range of fun and creative designs. Students will just need to bring \$3 change on the day, and they will have the opportunity to purchase a pin.



We would like to thank you in advance for your support on this journey and are thankful for any further donations to Fletchers givealittle page. We are open to families, businesses and groups holding additional fundraisers for Fletcher, as helping hands are always appreciated.



Note: All proceeds from the fundraiser will be collected by the school and deposited by the school to Fletchers givealittle page.



NAPA Fundraising Goal

One of our goals is for Fletcher to receive intensive therapy in Australia. Fletcher is booked to attend the Sydney NAPA center this year in June, where he will receive different therapy tools specific to his needs. He will attend a three week program, where he will receive intensive therapy for up to 3-5 hours per day. Each intensive and associated costs, can range between \$15,000-20,000 dollars. Fletcher has been recommended to attend twice a year.

SDR Fundraising Goal

Another goal is to help give Fletcher a life changing surgery called SDR, which has the potential to enable Fletcher to walk independently. This surgery is performed in America by renowned surgeon Dr Park at St. Louis Children's Hospital. For the surgery and associated costs, it is estimated to cost \$120,000 and upwards.

Give A Little Page

Fletchers Walking
Wish - Givealittle



Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term two focus is 'Respect for Self and Others'.

Well done to all our students who received awards over the last two weeks.

Great work team!



Term 2 Week 3



Term 2 Week 4

Gold Award Mathletes

Congratulations to James R4, Charlotte and Aurora R6, Azam, Oviya and Evangeline R7, Haukawarua R8, Leo R24, Tyla, Nevaeh and Daranay Kanuka who have attained their gold award certificates for Mathletics over the last few weeks. It takes 20 weeks of consistent effort to achieve one of these awards.

So much hard work!



Mothers Day Arts and Crafts

A group of students have been challenge takers, learning new skills such as how to thread a needle, make a pompom out of wool and creating paper flowers. They have shown perseverance and dedication working over many lunchtimes to complete these very special cards and gifts for their mum. Great work everyone.



SELF REGULATOR



THINKER



INNOVATOR



COLLABORATOR



CHALLENGE TAKER

PTA Notices

Opaheke School's

**FUNDRAISER
PHOTOSHOOT**

**NZ Family Portraits
Papakura
Photoshoot**

DATE: Sunday 11th June



The PTA have arranged to take your 10x13" (253x330mm) colour Family Portrait normally valued at \$79.00 for only **\$20.00** on the 11th June This is Great Value!! Other photos are also available. Family, friends, neighbours, relatives all welcome, even the family dog may like to join. The venue is at Opaheke School, Tasman Drive, Opaheke. You will receive your appointment time after you pay your \$20.00. It is important to keep to the appointment time to ensure minimal delay.

An adult member of the family or group must be in the photo. Viewing and collection of your portrait will be approximately 10 days later.

Registration forms have been emailed out and can also be picked up from the school office. \$20 cash payment is due when you return the completed registration form to the office. Please note this is a PTA fundraiser so only cash payments will be accepted, EFTPOS is not available for this.

Lunch Ordering

PTA Lunch Orders are starting again from this week (order Thursday 18th / delivery Friday 19th).

OPĀHEKE LUNCH ORDERING 2023

Thursday - Please send your child to school with the money they need to order their lunch. A small note with items and cost can help our younger ones. At school a Lunch Monitor will come to their class and take their order 8-8:25am. **Please try to have the correct money or small notes**.

Friday - a Lunch Monitor will bring orders to their classroom for collection. Food will be in a bag, drinks/fruit in the tray, with their name. Make sure they understand to get both if needed.

If your child is away on Friday their lunch will be put into the freezer (if able to do so) and they can collect it on Monday. Please see the office in the morning and someone will reheat it for them.

Please note: No monetary Refunds can be given.

Name:			FRIDAY
Room:			
Item	How many?	Cost	Total
Mince Pie		5.00	
Sausage roll		2.50	
Mini Savoury		2.00	
Pizza Stick		2.00	
Chicken Skewer		5.00	
Chicken & Mayo sandwich		5.50	
Cream donut		2.50	
Choc donut		2.00	
Chocolate Muffin		2.50	
Gingerbread man		1.50	
Milk - Banana		1.50	
Milk - Chocolate		1.50	
Milk - Strawberry		1.50	
Juice box		1.50	
Apple		.50	
Total			\$
Money Given			
Change needed			\$



Every day COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

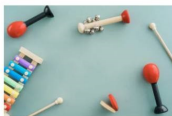
If your child is absent, please let the office know.
We aim to account for ALL students not present at school each day.
You can read more on our Student Attendance Policy on the
SchoolDocs website:
<https://www.opaheke.school.nz/opaheke-school-policies-2>.

This process helps to ensure your child's safety.

Ways to reach us!

- Ring the school 298 5410 to talk with office staff or leave a message
- Email: office@opaheke.school.nz
- Through the 'Absentee' section of the Skool Loop app
- Write a note and send it to school with a sibling

Maungakiekie Team



This term our junior children will be learning about the technological process. They will be using this process to make a musical instrument. We will also be focusing on how sound is made. As part of this learning experience, we would like to ask for your assistance. In week 8, we will be having a musical instrument building activity. We do need to increase our collection of recycled items such as cardboard boxes, plastic containers, paper towel rolls etc to ensure we have the materials that the children can/want to use. Please send these along to school with your child.

The children will be encouraged to talk to you about what they plan to make and what materials they may think that they need. They might even like to make an instrument at home with you. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make this term's learning experience a success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Junior Team



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Gagana Samoa

Samoa Language Week 2023

Mitamita i lau gagana,
maua'a lou fa'asinomaga

Be proud of your language and
grounded in your identity

PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS 2023

Ministry for
Pacific
Peoples
Tu Marauti mo nga hui o te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa



IMPORTANT DATES

18 May	Fletcher's Walking Wish - Pop Up Stand
19 May	Pink Shirt Day
19 May	PTA Family Portrait orders due
22-26 May	Y5-8 Epro-8
24 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
28-3 Jun	Samoan Language Week
30 May	Counties Zone Boys Rugby
1 Jun	Sausage Sizzle and Pyjama Day
5 Jun	King's Birthday (No School)

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 2 - Monday 24 Apr (TOD) to Friday 30 June

Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 Sept

Term 4 - Monday 9 Oct to Friday 15 Dec

STAR AWARDS

Term 2 - Respect for Self and Others

Room	Week 3	Week 4
R1	Mobina	Deijhan
R2	Madison	Joe
R3	Maia	Wyatt
R4	David	Devam
R5	Alan	Aleena
R6	Jazzleen	Stunner
R7	Cyrus	Evangeline
R8	Molly	Lucian
R9	Quinn	Piper
R10	Prabhnoor	Amir
R11	Nyla	Layton
R12	Lillian	Shanav
R15	Gurnoor	Ricky
R21	Choyrell	Luke
R22	Almir	Austin
R23	Losana	Leeh-Brohyn
R24		Kara
R25	Julian	Joshua
R26	Eseta	Lincoln
Junior Hub	Taghman	Mishel
Kanuka	Noor	Manraj
Manuka	Borislav	Joel

Spare Clothes for Winter

If your child tends to get dirty/wet in the winter months please ensure they come to school with a spare pair of clothes in their bag.

Students are only permitted on the fields at lunch time in winter if they are wearing shorts. If your child wants to play on the field at lunch time and they are wearing long pants to school please ensure they bring a pair of shorts in their bag to change into at lunch time.



**FOR ALL SCHOOL
NEWS IN TERM 2
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