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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.

I trust you all managed to get a bit of quality family time in over the recent term break. It is really nice to be back on deck and diving straight back into learning.

Head Students

I had the pleasure of announcing our head boy and head girl at Monday's school assembly. When making these decisions you naturally reflect on the attributes of leaders. Donald McGannon once said "Leadership is an action not a position.", and John Maxwell coined the following definition "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

The only thing I will challenge in Maxwell's quote is that leaders do not always 'know the way' but they are courageous enough to look for it. With those understandings in mind it became pretty clear who our head boy and girl should be. For they are thoughtful and considerate, often withholding their thoughts and words at councillor meetings, but providing sharp clarity when they do speak. They have been at Opaheke School for a long time, and they have a solid understanding of the Opaheke way and their duty as both senior students and councillors. Finally, they both have spark - which to me is important - and as such are daring and not afraid to have a little fun now and then (such as taping the principal to the wall). Congratulations Charlotte T and Braith C. We are all very proud of you.



Winter Sports

I managed to watch some of our students in sporting action over the weekend. Watching junior sports becomes more enjoyable as you get older and it is something we must not take for granted. So for all the volunteer parent referees, coaches and managers out there thank you for giving up your time, and sharing your knowledge and passion in order to make junior sports possible. I shared that message with our tamariki at assembly, and asked that they show respect to all our volunteer parents who make sports possible for them. Parents can I please ask that you encourage your children to **ALWAYS** thank their coach after every training and weekend match. I think that simple act will go a long way.

Attendance is on the up!

You have probably heard a lot about attendance in the news and on the radio. I don't want our school to accept this and fall into the same basket.

So we continue to keep a close eye on who is and isn't turning up to school. I am pleased to note that in these early stages of term 2 we are seeing a slight increase in attendance with our whole school attendance sitting in the low 90% range. Furthermore, I want to thank the families I contacted late last term for your positive response and efforts to get your children to school. I will be doing another round of phone calls and potential home visits in 2 weeks time for those who pop up on our attendance radar. Before I do this please reach out to us if there are hurdles in your household or any other challenges that may be preventing regular attendance. We like to know so that we can help where possible. Your tamariki are our tamariki too, and a problem shared is a problem that will be halved.

Noho ora mai,

Jade Tawhiti.

CONTACT US

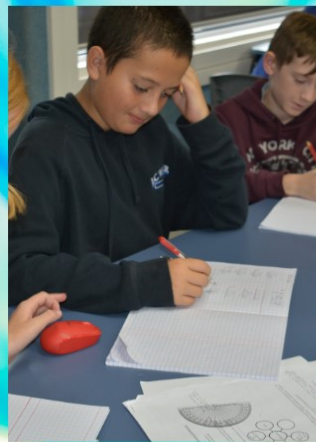
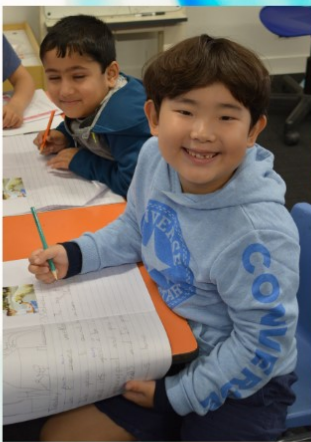
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We look forward to seeing your child at school by 8.25am ready to learn each day.
School finishes for all students at 2.30pm.



LEARNING AT ŌPAHEKE



Sport

Room 26 - Infinity Tag

Room 26 have been keeping active by playing Infinity Tag for fitness.

They are developing more strategies and invasion skills each time they play.

Fitness is a fun way to keep active and regular physical activity can help improve mood and overall emotional well-being.



Upcoming Events:

Counties Zone Orienteering – Thursday 4th May

Counties Zone Football, Year 8 girls team representing North Counties- Tuesday 9th May

Rugby Trainings for Year 7&8 North Counties Teams, Open Girls, Under 55kg Boys and Open Boys - Tuesday afternoons 1-2pm

Counties Zone Rugby Tournament- Boys, 30th May, Girls, 13 June



Y7/8 Physical Education

The Year 7 and 8 students have started skills based Physical Education lessons each Friday. The lessons will cover skills and drills connected to five sports. This term our focus is on rugby, tag, netball, hockey and football.

Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform on their sports day.

Rugby skills covered in week 1 were learning how to pass and catch accurately and how to drop kick a rugby ball.



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Welcome to Mrs Lunjevich

Saskia Lunjevich has joined us as a Learning Support teacher, to help teachers and students by providing support to students with their intellectual, social, emotional and physical needs.

Saskia enjoys getting to know the students she is working with and helping them achieve their goals and seeing how proud they are of themselves and the confidence it gives them.

She has 3 children with partner Brett who is a local Drainlayer and Warriors superfan. Isla 9 and George 6 both attend Ōpaheke Primary School and young Eva is 4. Saskia and her family have lived in Ōpaheke for 5 years and love our community.

They enjoy going for walks at the botanical gardens, going to the movies and arcade and spending time with their wider family.



School Councillors

We have a wonderful group of Year 7 & 8 students that have been appointed as School Councillors for this year. They have a busy year ahead planning activities for our students, organising school fundraising events as well as leading fundraisers for different community organisations. They are looking forward to having the students support these activities. Congratulations Ruby E, William D, Braith C, Logan P, Noor D, Colby D, Charlotte T and Elizabeth C.



hands up if you're ready to sign with us!

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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 2

PTA MEETING

3 May 2023

7.00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom

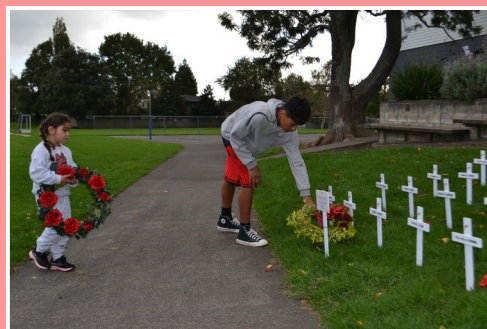
All Welcome (including children)



ANZAC DAY

On Anzac Day, our school councillors took part in the 9:00am Civil Parade in Papakura. During the service, they laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the base of the Cenotaph.

The following day at school, they hosted our annual Fields of Remembrance Ceremony. At this, they provided some background information relating to ANZAC Day, read the poems "In Flanders Field" and "For the Fallen". The school flag was lowered during the Last Post and raised again when the Reveille was played. Neil M and Isabella S laid our school wreaths at the front of our field of 15 white crosses. At the conclusion of the ceremony, students placed wreaths or poppies that they had made, at the base of the crosses as they walked back to class.



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PTA Notices

Our term 1 disco raised just under \$2,000 after expenses. Thank you to all the helpers, councillors and teachers who helped make the disco a huge success.

The PTA fundraisers in term 1 raised approximately \$6,000 in total to help with school resources and activities for our children. We greatly appreciate all the incredible effort and support.



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 Ōpaheke School, Tasman Drive, Ōpaheke. 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN UP TO A GREAT TEAM!

Thursday

8:30 - 9:30am

Working alongside another adult to collate the lunch orders. When finished dropping the order into the bakery.



Friday

11:15am - 12:30pm

Accepting the lunch order food from the bakery and putting it into the PTA lunchroom warmers. Sorting food into trays for collection by students.

We are still on the hunt for more volunteers to help with lunch orders. If you can help, please contact the PTA or school ASAP. Thank you!

✉ pta@opaheke.school.nz ☎ 298-5410




Board Notices

Ōpaheke School School Board Elections

Staff Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, there was only one valid nomination received, the following staff representative has been duly elected:

ELIZABETH VAN DER KLIP



TERM 2, 2023 POLICY REVIEW

Review topics this term:
Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

REVIEW CLOSES: 30 JUNE 2023

Have your say!

Follow the instructions below to read and review applicable policies.

1. Visit the website
<https://opaheke.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (opaheke) and password (achieving).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Start your review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



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IMPORTANT DATES

3 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
4 May	Y5-8 Counties Zone Orienteering
8-14 May	NZ Sign Language Week
9 May	Counties Zone Girls Football
9 May	Board Meeting 7.10pm
11 May	NYLD
19 May	Pink Shirt Day

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 1	Week 2
R1		Ike
R2		Ruby
R3		Luca
R4		Damien
R5		Isla
R6		Grace
R7		Oviya
R8		Mika
R9		Lexi
R10		Lochlan
R11		Twilight
R12		Kenzou
R15		Aahana
R21		Lucy
R22		Lheon
R23		Bhavy
R24		Reshu
R25		Finn
R26		Zac
Junior Hub		Vivaan
Kanuka		Katie
Manuka		Ava

No Assembly - Teacher Only Day

ABSENT NOTIFICATIONS

Is your child going to be absent from school?

You can let us know through the 'Absentee' option in the Skool Loop app. You can also call us on 09 298 5410 or email us on office@opaheke.school.nz.

If you are planning a trip during the school term (that is not able to be taken during the school holidays) please email a request for your child to have time off school to the Principal at office@opaheke.school.nz



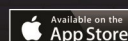
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