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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.

Remembering the Past

We had a special visit from former principal Mr Murray Wratt last Thursday. Mr Wratt was the Ōpaheke School principal from 1988-2013. Our library block is named in his honour. It was nice to see the long held connections Murray still has with current staff, with plenty of hugs and stories shared at morning tea. I think the words "welcome home Murray", from one of our kaiako summed up the sense of belonging a school provides and his important place in the Ōpaheke School story.

Celebrating the Present

Why I love my job!

I am always very pleased to hear student success stories; most recently one in the shape of our Year 8 netball girls winning the North Counties competition and progressing through to the Counties Manukau Champs. What was more pleasing was the way in which they went about it. Demonstrating kindness and respect towards their opposition and holding themselves with humility throughout the competition. Ka rawe girls!

I also met a group of senior boys who were 'upstanders' and took positive action in the playground when a situation was escalating. Rather than being bystanders and letting things happen, they took it upon themselves to act. There were many positive outcomes from their action. They helped the students at the centre stay out of trouble, the teachers did not have to spend unnecessary time following up on an incident because it didn't happen, and finally the boys received praise and a small reward.

Looking to the Future

Kapa haka Matariki Assembly

Our senior kapa haka group have been practising hard in preparation for a Matariki performance at the end of this term. More details to come closer to the time.

Good habits

I had a chat with a principal from a Papatoetoe school last week. We were talking about student attendance and how it has become a big issue for NZ schools. Our conversation then led into habits. Good habits and not so good habits. Getting kids off to school is a good habit, probably the best habit you can adopt in terms of setting your child up for success. But to be honest, with the many disruptions we have had (C___D, cyclones, strikes), as well, as some of the extreme messaging around staying home if sick, it has been all too easy to form a casual approach to getting to school. This has become a bit of a habit and a REALLY hard one to break. So I get it and I understand, but now is the time to break the habit. Because this short term habit of staying home is going to have some long term implications for our children. The academic progress they will make by being at school will set them up for success as will the regular social interaction they get with peers. A day away from school, is no different than us big people being away from work for a day. We feel out-of-sync on our return and try to play catch up. The research says that forming a habit can take a bit of time (59 + days/2 months). So we need to get cracking. Perhaps consider trying the following routines to start developing a strong, ready-for-school habit:

- Get your kids to do a 5 min **Ready for School** ritual before dinner. This means they can relax after dinner and also have an easy morning e.g. *Is your bag packed, lunchbox emptied, PE gear or change of clothes, shoes for tech kids, lunch sorted?*
- Get your kids to set a morning alarm. *We have a staggered alarm system in our home so my teenage daughter and son don't clash in the bathroom! It works well.*

Have a great week and kia kaha, kia toa Chiefs!

Noho ora mai,

Jade Tawhiti.



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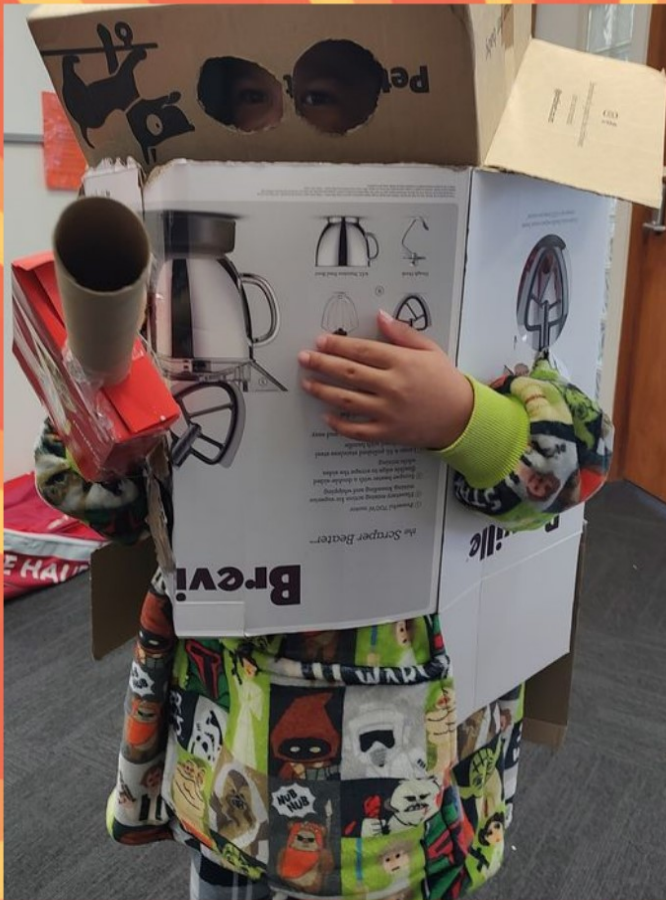
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We look forward to seeing your child at school by 8.25am ready to learn each day.
School finishes for all students at 2.30pm.



LEARNING AT ŌPAHEKE



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Sport



Y5-8 North Counties Netball

Our Netball girls had an amazing time playing their hearts out at Bruce Pulman Park for the North Counties Netball Competition. They all showed great sportsmanship.

Both Y5/6 teams played 5 games each. Team A (Green bibs) won 2 out of 5 games. Team B (Blue bibs) won 3 out of 5.

Our Year 8 girls came in first and will be off to Counties Zone in Term 3.

Congratulations, girls, and thank you to the parent helpers who helped make the day possible.

Counties Zone Boys Rugby

Under 55kg North Counties

We walked away with 2 wins and 2 losses and finished 3rd.

Game 1 Win vs Greenmeadows 14-12

Game 2 Loss vs Manurewa Int 0-34

Game 3 Win vs East Counties 26-0

Game 4 Loss vs Pukekohe Int 7-12

Open North Counties

In our pool, we were unstoppable, scoring 18 unanswered tries, and shutting out our 4 opponents. The results of pool play were as follows:

North Counties vs Randwick Park: 29 – nil, NC WIN

North Counties vs Greenmeadows: 36 – nil, NC WIN

North Counties vs Waimahia: 17 – nil, NC WIN

North Counties vs Papakura Intermediate: 20 – nil, NC WIN

We then had Rosehill in our semi-final, who were a team filled with union players. Our boys played their hearts out and were unlucky to lose, but only 7 – nil. Rosehill went on to play Manurewa Intermediate, which was also a close contest, with Manurewa only scoring the winning try in the last seconds. This means our boys would have had a good game with MI, if they had made it through to the final.

The team were visibly disappointed to have to go to the 3rd/4th playoff against Waimahia but they put it behind them and won their final match 20 – 7, giving them 5 wins out of 6 and a total points differential of +108 (For: 122, Against: 14).



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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 8

Gold Award Mathletes

Congratulations to Pranavi R1, Macy R24, Amelia and Ben R26 who have attained their gold award certificates for Mathletics over the last two weeks. It takes 20 weeks of consistent effort to achieve one of these awards.

So much hard work!



Student Led Conferences

**BOOK
NOW**

Reminder Learning Conferences 28 & 29 June

To book your conferences go to
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code
and enter the relevant event code.

For Year 3-8 students enter: **udu8s**
For Year 1 and 2 students enter: **rbaje**

Or call our office team to book
in with them.



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PTA MEETING

14 June 2023

7.00pm - Online (Teams Meeting)

All Welcome (including children)



Ōpaheke School PTA

Upcoming Pie Fundraiser

Order forms out now!

Family pies (meat/fruit/vege), small pies, savouries, sausage rolls and lamingtons.



whaa hoo!

You deserve a TREAT!

Help us raise funds and fill your freezer with tasty Oxford Pies treats. Order forms available now.



Order forms & payment due: June 23rd

(note: one payment per family/whanau)

Delivery & Pick up at hall: July 26th

If you can help to sort orders Wed 26th
please contact the PTA:

PTA@opaheke.school.nz or ph: 298-5410

The next PTA fundraiser for term 2 is a winter warmer selling Oxford pies, savouries and sweet treats. Order forms with pricing etc have been sent home with children and are due back June 23rd.

Please share the love and our fundraising efforts with family and friends. These usually sell themselves, so you don't need to do much work to fill in your form with lots of orders.

Please mark clearly on the form what is ordered, and please have one payment only per family (order form) for all your family and friends orders. This will make it easy to collate orders and payments. Account information is on the order form.

Delivery and pick up will be Wednesday, July 26th from the school hall, sometime after lunch/end of day. You will be required to collect ALL ORDERS for those on your order form, you can then organise the delivery of your friends and families orders yourself. If you are unable to make this day, please make sure someone else can collect and distribute for you. We do not have facilities to hold orders over night at school.

If you need more order forms, please see the school office. If you have any questions please contact the PTA via PTA@opaheke.school.nz or phone 298-5410. Thank you once again for your support in raising funds for the school.



IMPORTANT DATES

14 Jun	PTA Online Meeting 7pm via Teams
14-19 Jun	Kiwi Challenge
15 Jun	PTA Family Portrait viewings
16 Jun	Papakura High School Principal Visit for Y8's
20-23 Jun	Year 8 Camp
21 Jun	Y5-8 NC Rippa and Tackle Rugby
23 Jun	Oxford Pie Fundraiser order forms due
23 Jun	Y5-8 Semester Awards
26 Jun	Mid-year reports sent home

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 7	Week 8
R1		Ayaz
R2		Tyler
R3		Imagejiin
R4		Gurnoor
R5		Rahul
R6		Alexis
R7		Damien
R8		Mia
R9		Jahzaiah
R10		Gurnoor
R11		Abby
R12		Samara
R15		Eliora
R21		Jensen
R22		Cyrus
R23		Losana
R24		Laurell
R25		Katalina
R26		
Junior Hub		Jaskeerat
Kanuka		Caja
Manuka		William

No Assembly - King's Birthday

28 Jun	School finishes 12.30pm
28 Jun	Y3-8 Student Led Conferences
28 Jun	Y1/2 Conferences
29 Jun	Y1/2 Conferences

Planning for 2024 onwards

New to our neighbourhood?

Welcome!

If you live in our school zone, have you pre-enrolled your pre-school children with us? Pre-enrolling helps us with our future planning. Let us know if you have any children who are due to start with us this year, next year or later.

You can see more about our school zone on our website:
<https://www.opaheke.school.nz/enrolments/our-home-zone/>

We warmly invite you to contact us on:
Ph 2985410 or office@opaheke.school.nz



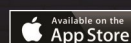
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