

Opaheke School

Sharing, Caring,
Learning and Achieving

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.

It's great to have everybody back on deck after the term break. The students seem refreshed and ready to make the most of term 3.

Mission, vision and values survey

We have already received some wonderful responses from the survey responses collected at the **Student Led Conference** evening.

Now we are looking for more. You will have received a link to the survey today. We would really appreciate it if you could spare 5-10 minutes of your time to complete it.

Attendance

At least 90% of our students were at school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week. It seemed almost too good to be true! And it was. The rain and cold weather on Friday must have been terrifying because we only had 78% of our students here. That is over 130 tamariki at home! Such a shame because Feel Good Friday is probably the best day of the school week. We have our **Celebration Assembly** on Friday afternoons and play sports and games afterwards.

Achieving personal best

Our focus value for term 3 is *Achieving Personal Best*. At last week's assembly I challenged the Year 5-8's to do their best at tomorrow's cross country. My expectation is that every child gives it a go. You don't have to **be** the best, and I don't expect every child to be amazing at distance running, but I do expect that every child will give **their** best. Parents if you have a reluctant runner in your household, can I ask that you deliver a similar themed message and remind them that the endorphin (happy hormone) release after the race will make them feel really good.

Have a great week,

Noho ora mai,
Jade Tawhiti.

2023 LEARNING CONFERENCES



IT WAS SO LOVELY TO SEE YOU ALL!

If you were unable to make it, we would still love to see you! Please contact us so we can arrange a time to share our awesome learning experiences with you.

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.



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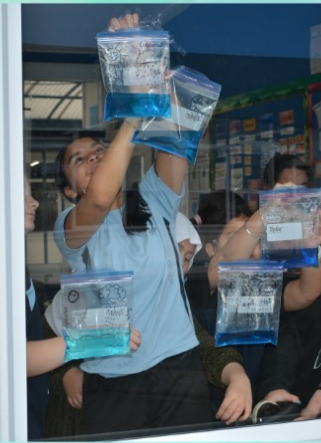


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CONGRATULATIONS



Room 4



Room 5



Room 6



Room 7



Room 8



Room 1



Room 2



Room 3



Kanuka



Manuka



Languages

These students have all done extremely well in a particular aspect of school life.

Semester Awards are given for the following:

Excellence – academic excellence across curriculum areas

Achievement – in a particular subject or subjects

Merit – notable gain, improvement in a particular subject or subjects

Diligence – perseverance and application

Citizenship – reflective, self motivated, open minded respectful

Sport – effort and improvement or ability

Languages – effort in a particular language (for year 7/8)

Congratulations to the students who received awards who were not able to be present at the assembly

Semester Award Recipients



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term two focus is 'Achieving Personal Best'.

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

Great work team!



Term 3 Week 1

Gold Award Mathletes

Congratulations to Gurnoor R4, Manraj R6, and William Manuka 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!



Board SchoolDocs Review Term 3

TERM 3, 2023 POLICY REVIEW

Review topics this term:
Learning Support, as well as Inclusive Education and
Māori Educational Success.

REVIEW CLOSES: 22 SEP 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.



 **SchoolDocs**
Policies and Procedures



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YEAR 8 CAMP ADAIR

WEEK 9 TERM 2



ON TUESDAY THE 20TH OF JUNE THE YEAR 8S WENT ON THEIR SCHOOL CAMP UNTIL FRIDAY THE 23RD. EVERY DAY WE DID DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE CONFIDENCE COURSE, LEAP OF FAITH, CRATE STACK, SHELTER BUILDING, ARCHERY AND CARGO NETS. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES MADE EVERYONE CHALLENGE AND PUSH THEMSELVES TO TRY NEW THINGS. ON THURSDAY WE DID A FOUR HOUR HIKE AT THE COSSEY DAM AT HUNUA FALLS. WHEN WE GOT BACK, SOME OF US DID THE MUD SLIDE ACROSS THE RIVER. ON THE LAST DAY WE DID THE CAMP ADAIR CHALLENGE AND GOT TOLD BY OUR TEACHERS THAT WE WOULDN'T GET THAT MUDDY, BUT AT THE END IT TURNED OUT TO BE A BIG MUD FIGHT. OVERALL, CAMP WAS GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PEERS AND CHALLENGING YOURSELF TO TRY NEW THINGS.

- TYLA

BEFORE CAMP I FELT NERVOUS BECAUSE IT WAS MY VERY FIRST CAMP IN MY 12 YEARS OF LIFETIME. WE ARRIVED AT CAMP ADAIR ON A TUESDAY MORNING, AND WE ALL HAD AN EXPLORE TO OUR NEW CABINS AND AREA THAT WE CAN PLAY AT. OUR FIRST ACTIVITY AT CAMP WAS THE MUDDIEST OF THEM ALL, THE CONFIDENCE COURSE. DURING THE CONFIDENCE COURSE WE DID RELAYS, SOLOS, TEAM ACTIVITY, AND A WHOLE TEAM ACTIVITY. ON THIS TRIP I USED THE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OPAHEKE LEARNER. I SHOWED HOW TO BE A SELF-REGULATOR WHEN I KNOW WHAT ACTIVITY WE HAVE NEXT I WOULD GET MY CLOTHES READY OR WEAR MY WETSUIT IF I AM DOING SOMETHING MUDDY/WET. ON THE QUIZ NIGHT I SHOWED HOW TO BE A THINKER BECAUSE I HELPED CONTRIBUTE AND HELPED THEM ANSWER QUESTIONS. ON THE CONFIDENCE COURSE I SHOWED HOW TO BE A COLLABORATOR BECAUSE WE HAD A GROUP ACTIVITY WHERE WE COULD NOT BREAK THE LINK, WHICH WAS HOLDING ELBOWS TOGETHER. IF WE BROKE THE LINK, WE WOULD HAVE TO DO A CONSEQUENCE. ON THE SHELTER BUILDING I SHOWED HOW TO BE AN INNOVATOR BECAUSE I WORKED WITH THE TEAM AND USED THE ENVIRONMENT TO BUILD THE BEST SHELTER TO STOP WATER FROM DRENCHING US. LASTLY, I SHOWED HOW TO BE A CHALLENGE TAKER WHEN I DID THE LEAP OF FAITH, I WAS ONE OF THE TWO PEOPLE IN OUR GROUP TO JUMP OFF THE POLE. UNFORTUNATELY, I DID NOT HIT THE BALL.

- NOOR



I ENJOYED THE LEAP OF FAITH AND ARCHERY THE MOST. LEAP OF FAITH FOR HELPING ME CONQUER MY FEAR OF HEIGHTS, AND ARCHERY BECAUSE IT WAS A GOOD CHALLENGE AND IT FELT GREAT TO HIT THE TARGET. I FOUND THE LEAP OF FAITH THE MOST CHALLENGING BECAUSE OF HOW HIGH THE POLE WAS (12.5 METRES TALL). I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO TRY THE LEAP OF FAITH AGAIN BECAUSE I WANT TO BE ABLE TO STAND ON TOP OF THE POLE AND HIT THE ORANGE BALL.

- HAYDEN



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WE WENT TO CAMP FROM TUESDAY 20 JUN – FRIDAY 23 JUNE.
WE DONE ACTIVITY'S SUCH AS CONFIDENCE COURSE, ARCHERY, LEAP OF FAITH, CRATE STACK, SHELTER BUILDING AND CARGO NET.
WE WENT ON A FOUR HOUR HIKE ON THURSDAY AND AFTER WE HAD AN OPTION TO DO THE MUDSLIDE.
ON FRIDAY WE DID THE CAMP ADAIR CHALLENGE WHERE WE DID GAMES AND ENDED UP GETTING REALLY MUDDY.
THE ACTIVITIES WERE REALLY FUN BUT SOME OF THEM WERE CHALLENGING TO.
THE FOOD THERE WAS REALLY GOOD.
WE HAD MEALS LIKE NACHOS, BUTTER CHICKEN AND BURGER'S
-NEVAEH M



THE ACTIVITY I ENJOYED THE MOST WAS THE CONFIDENCE COURSE BECAUSE IT WAS SO MUCH FUN AND AFTER WE HAD ENOUGH TIME WE ALL HAD A MUD FIGHT. AT THE END I WAS COVERED IN MUD.

I FOUND THE MOST CHALLENGING ACTIVITY WAS THE CARGO NET BECAUSE IT WAS HURTING MY HANDS AND MY BODY WANTED TO GIVE UP BECAUSE IT WAS TIRED.

I SHOWED I WAS A SELF-REGULATOR WHEN I GOT UP IN TIME AND LINED UP IN TIME.
I SHOWED HOW TO BE A THINKER ON THE CRATE STACK BECAUSE I LEARNT HOW TO BALANCE THE CRATES AND GET TALLER.

I SHOWED I WAS A COLLABORATOR ON THE SHELTER BUILDING BECAUSE MY TEAM WORKED TOGETHER TO BUILD A SHELTER IN THE BUSHES.

I SHOWED I WAS AN INNOVATOR ON THE SHELTER BUILDING BECAUSE I LEARNT DIFFERENT WAYS TO BUILD A SHELTER WITH NATURAL RESOURCES.

I SHOWED HOW TO BE A CHALLENGE TAKER WHEN I DID THE LEAP OF FAITH BECAUSE I WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO DO IT AND WHEN I GOT TO THE TOP MY LEGS WERE SHAKING BUT I DID IT AND IT WAS SO WORTH IT.

-AMELIA



MY FAVORITE ACTIVITY WAS THE CARGO NET BECAUSE IT WAS PRETTY FUN TO CLIMB I JUST DIDN'T LIKE PULLING THE ROPE. MY LEAST FAVORITE ACTIVITY WAS PROBABLY THE CONFIDENCE COURSE BECAUSE IT WAS REALLY COLD AND ALL MY CLOTHES WERE REALLY MUDDY.

-JOHNNY



THROUGHOUT THE WEEK WE COMPLETED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CRATE STACK, CARGO NET, LEAP OF FAITH, CONFIDENCE COURSE, ARCHERY AND THE MUD SLIDE.

MY FAVOURITE ACTIVITY WAS THE CONFIDENCE COURSE. THIS WAS BECAUSE WE HAD A MUD FIGHT AT THE END.

I FOUND THE MOST DIFFICULT ACTIVITY WAS THE LEAP OF FAITH. THIS WAS BECAUSE I WAS SO SCARED BECAUSE THE POLE WAS SHAKING. IF I COULD GO AGAIN I WOULD DEFINITELY TRY TO GET TO THE TOP AND JUMP OFF THE LEAP OF FAITH POLE BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET TO THE TOP.

ON THIS TRIP I USED THE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OPAHEKE LEARNER. I SHOWED HOW TO BE A SELF-REGULATOR WHEN I GOT LINED UP QUICKLY AND GOT TEAM POINTS. WE WON THE TEAM COMPETITION. ON THE CRATE STACK I SHOWED HOW TO BE A THINKER BECAUSE I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO STACK THE CRATES AND MOVE MY FEET.

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Welcome



Miss Paige Jarvie

Hi, I am Paige Jarvie,

I am the Year 3 kaiako in Room 17. I am very excited to be working here at Ōpaheke School. I'm looking forward to helping the

children grow and reach their goals.

I love helping my students reach their goals and aspirations. I have a passion for Maths and making learning fun and challenging for all my students.

In my free time I love to spend time with my family and friends. I have two younger brothers, one is a builder and the other is a chef. I love to read lots of books. I have set a goal to read 60 books this year.

Mrs Sumandana

Hi, I'm Sumandana, I am the new teacher in Room 22.

I love seeing students learn and strengthening their individual potential to become lifelong learners.

I have been teaching for the past 15 years from ECE to Year 5 both internationally and locally. I enjoy gardening, cooking and spending time with my two Kids: Elvira and Evyan.

I believe in the importance of education for creating a better tomorrow.



Mrs Kris Burden

Hi, I'm Kris. I am fortunate to be teaching in Room 3, Year 8. My role is to guide this group of Ōpaheke senior students to find their strengths and build their confidence as they prepare for Year 9.

For a number of years I have been a teaching principal in small rural schools. It is cool to be back in the classroom, participating in 'hands-on' education. Working alongside Year 8 students is very rewarding. They are developing lifelong skills, both social and academic. We have great discussions about world issues, sport, goals and ambitions. Most of all, with teaching, no two days are the same!

Outside of school I enjoy gardening and a range of crafts. I am currently working on my certificate in horticulture, so I know what it is like for my students having to learn new skills.

This is the second time I have taught at Ōpaheke School (both times in Room 3!). The first time my daughter and son were students here. I am very proud of them as they are adults now, chasing their own dreams.



Miss Kelly Garrick

Kia ora, my name is Kelly Garrick and I am very excited to be joining Ōpaheke's amazing Team of Teachers in the Junior Hub where I will get to provide our youngest tamariki with a fun, nurturing environment where they will gain a passion for learning.



I am a busy mum to 4 girls who like to swim, dance, sing, ride bikes, and go hunting for the coolest playgrounds. We spend most of our summers camping up at Mangawhai where we also do a lot of swimming, fishing, sea biscuiting and barbequing.

I have spent the last 18 years as an Early Childhood Teacher, offering care and education to children aged 0 to 6 years and have loved being a part of their growth and development as I watch them achieve all of their mental and physical milestones. I look forward to meeting you all and supporting your children in developing to their fullest potential.



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Book Character Parade

Reminder - Book Week Character Parade

Friday 18th August

It is a long-standing tradition to have a Book Character Parade during Book Week. This year our parade will be on Friday the 18th of August. Costumes do not need to be expensive or elaborate and can be as simple as a paper mask. It is a highlight of Book Week and students enjoy wearing costumes on this day.



Anywhere except in a chair!

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WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ALL THE AMAZING WAYS AND PLACES WE CAN READ AND SHARE STORIES!

Be imaginative, take a photo of you reading - anywhere except a chair!

Email photos before Thursday the 10th of August to: library@opaheke.school.nz or send via messenger on the Ōpaheke School Facebook page.

We have some wonderful prizes and winners will be announced during **BOOK WEEK - WEEK 5**



Our librarian Mrs McCormack loves audiobooks! If you see her out and about walking with headphones on - she is listening to an audiobook, borrowed for free from Auckland Libraries. During the holidays she read 17 books! Audiobooks can be enjoyed in so many ways, on car rides, and at home without headphones too.

The Audio Publishers Association state that audiobooks "build and enhance vital literacy skills such as fluency, vocabulary, language acquisition, pronunciation, phonemic awareness, and comprehension" lots of the same benefits as reading a physical book.

You can join the Auckland Librarians online and access their digital collection for free without even having to visit the library, and you can start to enjoy their collection of audiobooks straight away.

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/.../membership...>



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Epro8



Last week we had two year 5 & 6 and two year 7 & 8 teams of students take part in the EPRO 8 Inter-school Competition. The event is designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving. At the competition, the students are given 4 different challenges and as a team they need to choose which one they are going to work on. Each team displayed excellent team work, perseverance, and commitment to the task while being challenge takers. We are very proud of our teams and their results with 2 teams placing fourth in their event. Braith, Noor, Lizzie & Logan came 2nd and will be progressing through to the semi-finals. Congratulations everyone.



PTA Notices

SCHOOL LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN UP TO A GREAT TEAM!

Thursday

8:20 - 9:30am

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



Friday

11:15am - 12:45pm

Working alongside another adult, 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



IMPORTANT DATES

26 Jul	PTA Oxford Pies Delivery
27 Jul	Y5/8 Cross Country
30-5 Aug	Cook Islands Language Week
1 Aug	Board Meeting - 7.10pm
2 Aug	PTA Meeting - 7pm
4 Aug	Year 6 Bake Sale
7-11 Aug	Maths Week
8 Aug	Y5/6 Whitebait Connections Trip
11 Aug	Y5-8 Mathex Competition

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 Sept

Term 4 - Monday 9 Oct to Friday 15 Dec



STAR AWARDS

Term 3 - Achieving Personal Best

Room	Week 1
R1	Deijhan
R2	Nivesh
R3	Olivia
R4	Malosi
R5	Bethany
R6	Ariana
R7	Ashton
R8	Macabe
R9	Hajun
R10	Missiah
R11	Nyla
R12	K'larnya
R15	Reyansh
R16	Isabella
R17	Ritchie
R21	Piper
R22	Almir
R23	Kavish
R24	Ivanka
R25	Hazen
R26	Samuel
Junior Hub	Mason
Kanuka	Nevaeh M
Manuka	Hannie

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429 Great South Road Papakura

Morin is our centre manager; with a highly motivated ECE qualified teaching team.

We are open Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm.



We are inviting our community/communities into our centre.

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Call Morin on Ph: 09 217 3165

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