

Opaheke School

Established 1968

Sharing, Caring,
Learning and Achieving

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are a Microsoft Showcase School

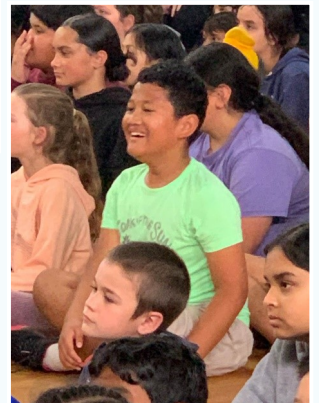


Kia ora koutou katoa, talofa lava, bula vinaka, malo e lelei, kia orana, namaste, malo ni, asalaamu alaikum, and warm greetings to you all.

Mālō e lelei

As the end of term draws near, it has been really pleasing to see the progress many of our tamariki are making in their learning. Interestingly, we have noticed a number of children being collected early from school. We want to squeeze the most out of our learning day so please avoid picking up your child before the end of day bell. Leaving class early means children will miss out on important learning and end of day notices.

Papakura High School's Tongan group visited us yesterday and put on a dance performance for our tamariki. The positive energy and excitement created in our hall during their performance was off the chart and if you live nearby you probably would have heard us. We are grateful to have created the vā (connection) with Papakura High. Malo 'aupito Papakura High School.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sun 15th Oct - Kapa haka wānanga 10am-2.30pm

Fri 27th Oct - Dress rehearsal performance at school assembly (open to whānau)

Thurs 2nd Nov - Rangatahi Festival

Fri 24th Nov - Teacher Only Day Curriculum Refresh

On the topic of performing, our kapa haka group are building towards the **Rangatahi Cultural festival** on the 2nd of November. This is a 2 day festival and involves hundreds of students from the various schools in Papakura. We have planned to hold a dress rehearsal of our Rangatahi bracket at the Friday assembly in week 3 next term. This will be an open invite for any whanau to come along and watch.

We have a **Teacher Only Day** scheduled for next term, on Friday 24 November. Teachers will be working on the new curriculum changes and how these changes impact the Opaheke curriculum. There will be **NO** school that day.

A special shoutout must go to Mrs Sumandana who teaches in Room 22. She has recently completed her Master of Contemporary Education. Congratulations!

From the Board table

On behalf of the Opaheke School Board, we would like to thank each and every school parent who took the time to complete the **Mission, Vision, and Values Survey** that has been in circulation for the past 2 months. We received 112 responses. Each response was of value and together they painted a compelling picture of what we value and what we want for our children's education. On the next page are some draft feedback ideas that the senior leadership team have extracted from your responses and the Board considered at last night's meeting. What do you think? This is still a work in progress, and we want to 'pass the ball' back to you for further consideration. You will receive an email and Skool Loop notification with a brief survey linked to this. The purpose will be for the Board to see whether you like it or not. It won't take long to complete.

Malo 'aupito
Mr Tawhiti

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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.



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MOTTO

Current: Sharing, Caring, Learning and Achieving

- Remove completely. No strong connection to that motto
- Just leave logo and school name
- Or weave something from our vision or values into a motto



**ŌPAHEKE
SCHOOL**

Sharing, Caring, Learning and Achieving

VISION - Through our collective mahi we aim to :

Find, nurture and celebrate the uniqueness of every child.

Locate the ponga tree, find the fern. Behold the shining silver underneath.

This is a narrative to link Ponga Road and the Ponga tree which is in our logo, and that on the Ponga tree is a silver fern. A silver fern's shining side is on the underside of the leaf, hidden from view. It is about every child possessing something special and our mahi being the relentless search for it, development of it and celebration of it. Your feedback placed having confident children as a really important outcome of their education here. I would hope that through this vision, we would see children with a strong sense of identity and who have had opportunities to showcase and celebrate their strengths and passions.

For example - Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi (universal whakatauki) - Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

VALUES - We value:

Respect – Whakaute / manaakitanga

Effort- Whakapaukaha

Integrity- Ngakaupono

Respect and honesty came through strong in parent responses. We included the term **integrity** because it is about doing what is right, when nobody is looking which encapsulates honesty. **Effort** has been put in place of **Achievement/Excellence** because achievement looks different from one child to the next. But effort, as in giving OUR best not necessarily being THE best is what we want to promote.

Mathex Competition

On Monday night, students participated in the Interschool Mathex Competition for Year 6 - 8. Each team consisted of 4 students who worked collaboratively to solve a range of maths problems. The competition for each year level lasted for 30 minutes. In this time, the times were given one question at a time to solve, if they got it correct, they were given the next question. There was a maximum of 20 questions for them to answer. In the Year 8 competition, there was a tiebreak question given to 3 schools to determine the final placings. Our team involved in the tiebreak just missed out by a matter of seconds and ended up in 4th place. The other Year 8 team, (Braith, Noor, Hayden and Tyla) placed 2nd in that event. Well done to all the students who took part.



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Sport



Y5-8 North Counties Volleyball

The North Counties Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, 22nd August was quite an exciting event! Our school had teams entered in all four grades: Year 7&8 girls and boys, and Year 5&6 girls and boys. The event took place at Bruce Pulman Park Arena, and each of our teams played four matches against the schools Papakura Normal, Kauri Flats School, Te Hihi, and ACGS. The students enjoyed themselves and reflected positively on the outcomes of their games. It's also wonderful that there was strong support from parents who came out to cheer for the players. Events like these provide valuable experiences and opportunities for students to engage in healthy competition and teamwork.



North Counties Y5-8 Basketball

Congratulations to the year 5/6 boys and the 7/8 boys for their successful basketball matches at Bruce Pulman Arena on September 5, 2023. Winning three of the matches they played is a remarkable achievement, and it's clear that their mindset, determination, and teamwork were key factors in their success. A massive thank you to Moko-Iti who was a brilliant referee on the day.



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Daffodil Day



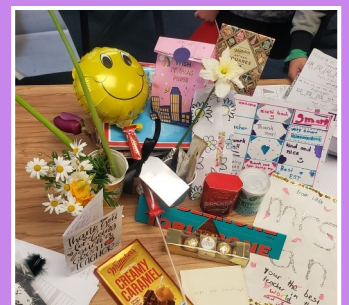
Our Annual Daffodil Day fundraisers were a huge success once again. Thank you to everyone who donated a coin to our students coin trail for daffodil day. Our staff also did their annual morning tea/auction fundraiser. Together we raised over \$1,100 for the Cancer Society.

This fundraiser is close to many of our hearts, with the effects of cancer touching many of us personally in one way or another. So a really enormous heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this awesome effort.



Teacher Appreciation Day

As the principal, I have been fortunate enough to observe - firsthand - and on a daily basis the amazing work our teachers do. Amazing work that they probably don't even realise is amazing, because it's just what they do. Planning and teaching well thought out lessons, managing children when they have wobbly moments, working with parents, coaching sports teams, wiping runny noses on cold mornings, counselling children when they need it. Teaching is neither art nor science. It is a craft, a fine balance of the two but must be powered by an immense heart for children, of which all of our teachers have. It is a privilege working alongside our teachers, because I get to see how great they are and how much of a difference they make for our kids. They received a lot of aroha, so I know our parents and students appreciate them too.



Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term three 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 6



Term 3 Week 7

Gold Award Mathletes

Congratulations to Charlotte R6 and Wanessa 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!



MĀORI
LANGUAGE
WEEK

11-17
HEPETEMA
2023

TE WIKI
O TE REO
MĀORI



11-17 Hepetema 2023
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



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Out of Zone Enrolments 2024

Applications close 11 October
Ballot drawn 18 October

Ōpaheke School Board is likely to have 13 x New Entrant places for out of zone enrolments for 2024.

The following priorities apply:

- Priority One: Not applicable to Ōpaheke School
- Priority Two: Siblings of current students
- Priority Three: Siblings of former students
- Priority Four: Child of a former student of the school
- Priority Five: Children of Board employees or members
- Priority Six: Other applicants

AN APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FROM THE 30TH AUGUST 2023.

Chinese Language Journeys



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PTA Notices

Ōpaheke PTA presents

FAMILY FUNFEST 23

Friday 3rd November 4-7pm

Do you work for a business, or own a business that could support our family night to help raise funds for the school? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

We're after products, vouchers, experiences etc to raffle on the night to our Ōpaheke whanau.

If you can help us out, please contact the PTA at:
pta@opaheke.school.nz
or phone the office on: 298-5410 and someone will contact you.

Thank you!!



Ōpaheke School Disco

OUR ŌPAHEKE PTA INVITES YOU TO THE END OF TERM DISCO!
FOOD, DRINKS AND GOOD MUSIC!

YEARS 1 - 2 5:00PM - 5:45PM

YEARS 3 - 4 6:00PM - 6:45PM

YEARS 5 - 8 7:00PM - 8:00PM

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL HALL

ADMISSION \$2 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

CHILDREN ARE COLLECTED AT THE END OF TIME SLOT FROM SIDE DOORS

Come and join the

ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL PTA

at our next meeting:

Wednesday 6th September, 7pm
in the Ōpaheke School Staff room

We'd love to have you join us at our next meeting. Our small team of parents meets monthly to organise fundraisers and activities for the school such as disco, lunches, gala and much more!

We'd love to hear your ideas.
We look forward to meeting you!

email: pta@opaheke.school.nz

Phone the office: 298-5410

HELLO spring

PRIZE WINNERS!

1ST PRIZE - CAMPBELL O. (RM8)

2ND PRIZE - BEN S. (RM26)



CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR PRIZE IS AT THE OFFICE FOR COLLECTION. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PLACED ORDERS.
WE MADE \$838 FROM THIS FUNDRAISER!



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IMPORTANT DATES

6 Sep	PTA Meeting 7pm
7 Sep	Maths Morning
7 Sep	PTA Seed Order Collection
11-15 Sep	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
11-22 Sep	Life Education
12 Sep	Y7/8 CZ Basketball
13 Sep	Wig Wednesday
13 Sep	Y3/4 Cross Country
13 Sep	Science Fair Showcase

14 Sep	Y5/6 Author Visit
14 Sep	Epro-8 Semi Final
17-23 Sep	Chinese Language Week
21 Sep	Y5/6 Planting Trip
21 Sep	PTA Disco

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 6	Week 7
R1	Vela	Kristile
R2	Kade	Tyler
R3	Jahziah	Maarlen
R4	Melikiola	Akhbar
R5	Rebekah	Andre
R6	Charlotte V	Giovanni
R7	Austin	Kylemore
R8		Kayne
R9	Pesamino	
R10	Keehan	Ivy
R11	Evie	Abby
R12	Charlotte K	Mackenzie
R15	Eliora	
R16	Isabel	Matthew
R17	Lheon	Losana
R21	Alexandria	Harper
R22	Yunus	Gemma
R23		Kingston
R24	Luke B	Luke W
R25	Michael	Destin
R26	Lauaki	Te Arikini
Junior Hub	Pravi	Violet
Kanuka	Rhylee	Albie
Manuka	William	Jojo

REMINDER

Come and see your child in the classroom as they engage in their daily maths program.

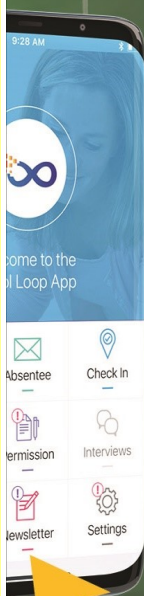
This Thursday
7 Sept
8.30-10am

PLUS!
Whānau who come along will go into the draw to win a **\$100 grocery voucher!**



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