



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



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.

Kia ora and welcome back

Great to see the happy faces at the school gate last week. Many of them parents too. I hope you managed to get some quality family time over the break. Term 4 signals the final part of the learning climb. This means we aim for kids to keep making big strides in their learning. We will keep pushing right until the end of the year. One thing we ask from you, mum and dad, is that other than getting your child to school, to make sure they are getting plenty of sleep. With longer summer evenings ahead, the kids will lead you to believe that they are nocturnal. But they need more rest now than any other time of year.

If you are new to the school, keep in mind, that we run a Breakfast Club every morning, 8am-8.25am in the hall. We also have Grab 'n' Go lunch items consisting of sandwiches, fruit, baking, and other random items if kids forget their lunch. The Grab 'n' Go lunch basket is at breakfast club and then goes to the office for late arrivers. So if your whare gets hectic in the morning, don't worry, we have kai here.

Purua tō pōtae! Hats on this term. The sudden onset of long hot term 4 days can increase the likelihood of over-tired tamariki. Which equates to children who struggle to learn and self-regulate behaviour. We want kids to keep cool to keep their cool. So wide brim hats and drinking plenty of water will help.

A special thank you to the following whanau who helped out with our Kapa Haka Wananga on Sunday.

Mahu Rawiri and Sandy Harman for their continued expert tuition

Drayton and Rebecca Bamfield, and Kao King in the kitchen and sorting kakahu

Johannah Rawiri and Kowhai Williams for supporting the kids and bringing the hype

It was a big day of learning, as our roopu (group) prepares for their Rangatahi Festival performance in three weeks time. We have a full dress rehearsal at next Fridays assembly at 1pm. You are welcome to come along and watch.

Our PTA team are in the final stages of preparation for the Family Fun fest. They have done an amazing job putting it all together, and it is sure to be a great night. Apparently the principal may even get dunked? Spread the word now and get in behind our PTA's efforts.

Quite interesting to see the world cups of two of our favourite sporting codes overlapping. With the Rugby World Cup taking place in France and the Cricket World Cup getting underway in India. What makes it more interesting is that for the first time in each events history, our Blackcaps cricket team are more favoured to win than our rugby team. Who knows? We may even bring two cups back home.

Ngā mihi

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.



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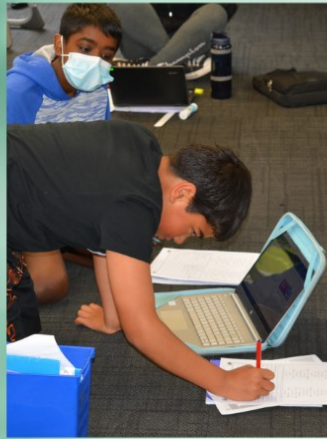


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Welcome

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Ko Pukekiwiriki te maunga e rū nei taku ngākau.

Ko Hunua te awa e mahea nei aku māharahara.

I tipu ake ahau ki Papakura

Ko Mathew taku hoa rangatira

Tokowhā ā māua tamariki

Ko Natalie Hayhow ahau.

No reira, tēnā koutou katoa.

Kia Ora koutou katoa, bula vinaka, talofa lava, malo e lelei, namaste, asalaamu alaikum, malo ni and hello to you all.

My name is Natalie Hayhow, and I have the pleasure of joining the Maungarei team, teaching a class of inquisitive year four students in Room 26 this term.

I am delighted to join the Ōpaheke School community. I grew up in Papakura, where my husband and I raise our four children.

I approach my role as a teacher from a student-centred perspective, I have a strong commitment to biculturalism, I am passionate about inclusivity in education, and I am committed to innovation in the classroom. In my classroom, I strive to instil a sense of



ownership and responsibility among students, empower them to self-regulate and collaborate with others, and help them nurture their unique qualities and abilities.

During the times when I am not at school, I am most often found wearing supporters gear and providing a "mums taxi service" for my tamariki who participate in a variety of sports, clubs and activities in and outside of our community. As I am out and about on the field, courts or even at Pak n Save, it is always a pleasure to hear "Hi Mrs Hayhow", so if you or your tamarki recognise me, please say hi, I would love to meet you!

Po Ako

Tālofa lava, mālō e lelei, bula vinaka, kia orāna, fakaalofa lahi atu, warm Pacific greetings

Starts in
Term 4
(Wed 11th Oct)

PASIFIKA STUDENTS AT ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

PO AKO

A free community after-school
learning & homework session
every Wednesday, 2.30–3.45pm
in the Maker Space
(next to the Ōpaheke School library)

- For Ōpaheke Pasifika students of all ages
- Famili/fanau are welcome to come along
- Fully supervised by Pasifika parent volunteers
- Snacks provided, transport home available



To register your child/children for Po Ako,
please contact either of the Po Ako coordinators:

Moe Tu'ipulotu: 0211599543 Sandy Harman: 0274137690

Pasifika parents can also directly register their child(ren) for Po Ako at any time, by filling in this short Google form online:

<https://forms.gle/nhbWp513eF5xJqvr8>

Kapa Haka

See below programme for the Rangatahi Festival held at Mangipikopiko School in November.

Our schools Kapa Haka Group will be performing on Thursday 2nd November.

PROGRAMME

RANGATAHI FESTIVAL

celebrating cultural diversity

A festival for our Papakura students, whānau and community members to enjoy and celebrate our youth, performance arts and cultural diversity.

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

9:30AM	Pōwhiri
10:15AM	Papakura Intermediate
10:45AM	Te Hihi School
11:05AM	Papakura Central School
11:55AM	Opaheke School
12:15PM	Conifer Grove School
12:50PM	Drury School
1:10PM	Kelvin Road School
1:30PM	Rosehill Intermediate
2:00PM	Day 1 Closes

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

9:30AM	Papakura Normal School
10:20AM	Redhill School
10:55AM	Karaka School
11:15AM	Cosgrove School
12:30PM	Ardmore School
12:45PM	Rosehill School
1:05PM	Keruru Park Campus
1:40PM	Mangapikopiko
2:00PM	Papakura High
2:30PM	Closing



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2ND - 3RD NOVEMBER



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Congratulations!



We are delighted to celebrate Kylemore's impressive results in the 2023 University of Canterbury 2023 KIWI Competition.

The KIWI Competitions were highly contested by students from over 450 schools throughout New Zealand, participating in multiple competitions and year groups.

Kylemore attained the highest score in the Year 5 English Competition. We are delighted to congratulate Kylemore on the tremendous achievement of attaining the grade of **Distinction**.

Kylemore's success continued in the KIWI Maths and Science Competitions where he was awarded the grade of Excellence in both subjects.

Well done, Kylemore! Keep up the good work.

Awards of Excellence

We are thrilled to be able to celebrate excellent attainment in the KIWI Competitions for the following students. They all attained the grade of **Excellence** placing them in the top 9.5% of students who competed in the competitions.

Congratulations to:

Braith C, Year 8 Excellence in Maths

Oviya V, Year 6 Excellence in English

Elijah Y, Year 5 Excellence in Maths

Harrison F, Year 5 Excellence in English

Athea P, Year 5 Excellence in English

Well done on your success and hard work.



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Congratulations!

Merit Awards

A huge **Congratulations** to the following students for achieving the award of **Merit** in the KIWI Science, Maths and English Competitions. Students who receive a Merit are in the top 25– 10% of Students who competed in the competition.

Braith C, Year 8 Merit in English

Cooper M, Year 8 Merit in Science

Hayden C, Y8 Merit in English and Maths

Wyatt H, Year 8 Merit in Maths and Science

Aria W, Year 6 Merit in English and Maths

Campbell O, Year 6 Merit in Maths and Science

Harrison F, Year 6 Merit in Maths

Ānaru B, Year 5 Merit in English and Maths

Eli C, Year 5 Merit in English, Maths and Science

Elijah Y, Year 5 Merit in English

Ethan B, Y5 Merit in Maths

Rahul K, Year 5 Merit in Science



Achieved Awards

Students who placed in the top 50–25% receive the grade of **Achieved**. A huge congratulations to all those students who gained achieved recognition.

Darien L-C, Year 8 Achieved in English

Logan P, Year 8 Achieved in English

Charlotte T, Y8 Achieved in English and Maths

Hayden C, Year 8 Achieved in Science

Mikayla C, Year 6 Achieved in English

Devam S, Year 6, Achieved in English and Science

Jace H, Year 6 Achieved in Maths

Oviya V, Year 6 Achieved in Maths and Science

Rahul K, Year 5 Achieved in Maths

Cooper M, Y8 Achieved in English

Noor D, Year 8, Achieved in Maths

Braith C, Year 8 Achieved in Science

Hibah A, Year 7 Achieved in English

Molly C-D Year 6, Achieved in English

Winnie Y, Year 6, Achieved in English

Kayne P, Year 6 Achieved in Maths and Science

Ānaru. Year 5 Achieved in Science

We would like to congratulate all students who took part in the KIWI Competitions.



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term four focus is 'Striving for Excellence'.

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

Great work team!



Term 3 Week 10



Term 4 Week 1

Board SchoolDocs Review Term 4

TERM 4, 2023 POLICY REVIEW

Review topics this term:

Religious Instruction/Religious Education,
Curriculum and Student Achievement and
Health Education.

REVIEW CLOSES: 15 DEC 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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Policies and Procedures



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PTA Notices

ŌPAHEKE PTA NEEDS...

FUNFEST HELPERS

We need your help on Friday 3rd November to make our whanau event awesome!

We'll need help with prep work, stalls, games and more!

Contact:

pta@opaheke.school.nz or
phone: 298-5410 to help out



Our Funfest is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers to help out.

This year we are using an online booking system for volunteers. If you are available to help please click on the link below and follow the instructions to volunteer for the activities and times that suit you.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/9xpn3>

If you have any questions or would like more info please contact the PTA on opahekecarnival@gmail.com or give the office a call on 09 2985410.

FAMILY FUNFEST 2023

Grand Bake Sale

We'd love for you to come along at Funfest and get yourself some baking or sweets on the night.

We are asking each family to donate a cake, muffins, cupcakes, slice, biscuits or sweet treat for sale at our Cake and Lolly Stalls.

Next Friday a plate and notice will come home with your child/ren to return to school Nov 3rd with baking. We welcome all baking, cultural treats or snacks to sell on the night.

We also need helpers on Friday 3rd to help receive in baking at the hall.



Parents please watch out next Friday for a notice and plate which will be sent home requesting baking to be done and brought into the school on Nov 3rd for the Funfest event. There will be a sticker attached to the notice for labelling their baking.

Funfest is gearing up to be a great event for our school whanau! We have lots of amazing raffles and silent auctions to give away on the night! Bikes, family days out, golf, yoga, grocery hampers and so much more!! Lovely food available on the night and some great market stalls. Bring along the family and grandparents for an awesome night out of fun and games!!"

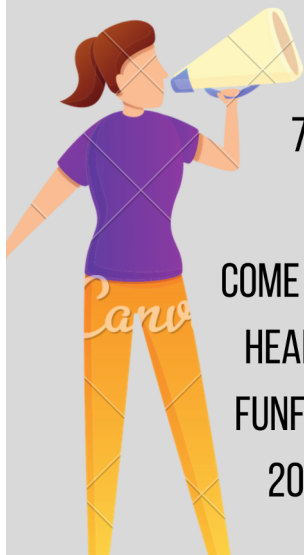
ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL PTA MEETING

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

7PM IN THE STAFFROOM

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COME JOIN THE TEAM TO
HEAR ABOUT FAMILY
FUNFEST, EVENTS FOR
2024 AND MORE!



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IMPORTANT DATES

18 Oct	PTA Meeting 7pm	1 Nov	Y7/8 Counties Zone Touch
18-20 Oct	Y6 Camp	2 Nov	Rangatahi Festival
19 Oct	Y7/8 Counties Zone Volleyball	3 Nov	PTA Funfest 4-7pm
20 Oct	Y5 EOTC - Big Foot Adventures		
23 Oct	LABOUR DAY - No School		
24 Oct	Y5-8 Touch Tournament		
24 Oct	Board Meeting 7.10pm		
26 Oct	Y5-8 Athletics		
27 Oct	Loud Shirt Day		

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 4 - Striving for Excellence

Room	Week 10	Week 1
R1	John	Aroush
R2	Tevita	Rhys
R3		Nina
R4	Anne	Hayley
R5	Lily	Theia
R6	Shanaya	Neville
R7	Japleen	Harrison
R8	Amelia	Ollie
R9	Ninke	Ninke
R10	Harper	
R11	Taylah	Ritik
R12	Lily	Yashwin
R15	Gurtaaj	Kane
R16	Neeana	Sahib
R17	Ryan	Jacqueline
R21	Alan	Yaamin
R22		Grayson
R23	Summer	Lucas
R24	Udaybir	Libby
R25	Payton	
R26	Declan	Pariya
Junior Hub	Huia	Lily
Kanuka	Aaron	Cooper
Manuka		Dean

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