



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.

The PTA funfest is almost upon us. A lot of hard work has gone into this event so we hope to see you all here Friday afternoon. Action gets underway at 4pm.

There is a lot happening in the remaining six weeks of the school year. It is a busy time for all. Students are continuing the learning climb, teachers are monitoring and assessing progress as well as writing reports, and staff are preparing for the celebratory events in the last week of term. Parents, take a close look at the calendar on our website and make a note of any events that may be of interest to you. This year we are introducing a **Junior Prizegiving** to go alongside our **Senior Prizegiving** on the 12th of December. We would love to see whānau and friends at these.

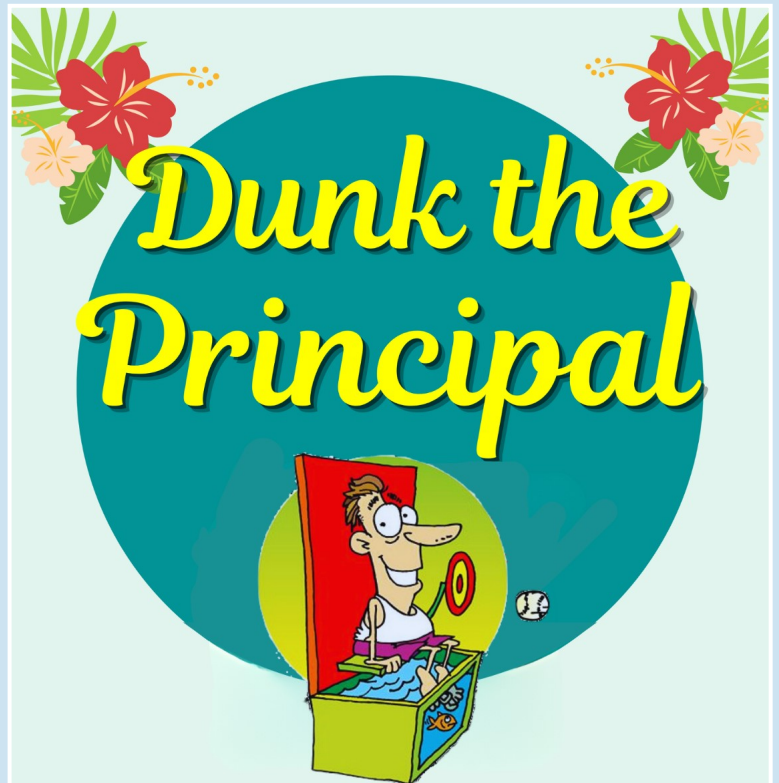
Senior Leadership are starting to plan classroom placements for next year. If your child is not returning to Ōpaheke next year, please let the office know. Also if you live in zone and have a child due to start with us in 2024 and you haven't already let us know, please give us a call or send us an email to start the process. Thank you.

You may have seen a few physical changes around the school. Our painters are in the final stages of painting our school, the weather has proven to be a challenge for the painters, but they are almost there. We also have new updated signage making its way around the school. Interior upgrades to the library and Room 18 have also been completed and further electrical upgrades will start soon. We have some major classroom restructure projects in the 2024 pipeline. However, with a stretched trade industry and material delays we are proceeding with caution as we want to minimise disruptions to our learners and staff.

I looked at the forelorn figure of Sam Cane on Sunday, as he sat on the bench after receiving a red card in the world cup final. His efforts against Ireland a fortnight earlier were the key reason the All Blacks were even in the final. But, sport can be cruel. As the All Blacks Captain, leading his team in a game of that magnitude, leaving the park and indeed leaving his team to battle would be his worst nightmare. I felt for him, and I get a sense that many other kiwis feel the same. Sam will be feeling the pain more than anybody else, and I think it is important to remember that we should be looking to awhi and wraparound people when they are down.

Ngā mihi

Mr Tawhiti



**COME DUNK MR TAWHITI, THE TEACHERS
OR YOUR FRIENDS AT THE FUNFEST**

BRING YOUR OWN CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND
TOWEL IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A GO AT 6:30PM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2023 4-7PM.

CONTACT US

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Papakura 2113
Phone (09) 298 5410

office@opaheke.school.nz
www.opaheke.school.nz

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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Sport



Year 7/8 North Counties Touch Tournament

Well done to our year 7 & 8s who participated in the North Counties touch tournament on the 24th October. A full day with great results!

Well done to our mixed team who came 3rd, our girls' team who came 4th and a huge congratulations to our boys' team for coming first place. They will be heading off to Counties Zone today.

A big thank you all those parents who helped throughout the day, and to Dylan C and Mr Tawhiti for refereeing! Your support is always appreciated.

Year 5-8 Athletics Day

The weather was nice enough to let the sun shine for our schools Year 5-8 Athletics Day on Thursday 26th October. All the students enjoyed participating in the various activities and even the staff put a team together for the relay race in the morning.

Congratulations to the students who made it through to the teams representing our school at the North Counties Athletics Days in November.



Loud Shirt Day



It was great to see all the loud shirts around the school last Friday in support of Loud Shirt Day. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to this worthy cause. We have raised over \$200 for this charity.



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Year 5 E.O.T.C

In week 2 of term 4 the year 5s had E.O.T.C (Education Outside the Classroom) activities. The activities were learning life skills at Botanical Gardens, orienteering at Totara Park and BigFoot Adventures who hosted team building activities at school.

At the Botanical Gardens we cooked sausages, pitched tents, tramped and went orienteering. We cooked sausages on a metal base that had a piece of wood supporting it and the metal base had a gas canister in it. Pitching tents was interesting because the metal bars supporting it were foldable and the tents were easy to pitch. When we were tramping we made loads of stops at trees and it was cool to learn about the Nikau, Totara tree and the Bushman's "toilet paper" and "comb". Orienteering was tiring to do, and it was hard to find the flags, because there were so many to look for.

When we were at Totara Park we did tramping, orienteering and a game called Carnivores vs Omnivores vs Herbivores. The thing about tramping was that we went around the same place 3 times in circles which was very annoying. We did orienteering twice, the first one was a smaller course and simpler to do and the second was a larger course and harder to do. The game at the end was lots of fun. It was like hide and seek but there are 2 types of taggers and the taggers can tag the other taggers and the hiders can run away.

BigFoot Adventures was amazing for teaching team work. Some of the activities were slingshots, marshmallows, Alaskan Baseball, Towers of Hanoi, aqua duct and tanks. Slingshots was about two people holding the ends of a slingshot while everyone was loading them with bean bags and shooting them.

The marshmallows game was hard because we were trying to make a bridge with pink and white plates and some people had to have two people on them and they were also getting taken by some of the people doing the games. Alaskan Baseball was lots of fun because we got to throw a rubber chicken (Chuck/Chuck Jr) around and we all squished into a circle to pass it over or under. Towers of Hanoi really made you think. It was very confusing to do; thinking "does this go here or there?". One of the most popular activities was aqua ducts because everyone liked it and was probably the best team building activity. On tanks there was a person with a blindfold on and they picked-up bean bags and tried to throw it at the other team's tanks while people were yelling saying "MOVE RIGHT/LEFT" or "SHOOT".

By Eli Chatterton



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Year 6 Camp 2023

In week 2, the year 6 students went to camp for 3 days. The activities we did at camp were Balance Island, Confidence Course, Raft building, Archery, Kayaking, Trolleys, Orienteering, Team Balance and the Bushwalk. In the evening, we got to do a quiz about food, general knowledge, animals, sports, kiwiana and a bonus round. Luckily at camp, we had some wonderful and caring parent helpers to help guide us on each activity.

When we first got to camp, we were assigned to our activity group lines. The leaders needed to be collaborative with their group because they had to make sure no-one was left behind and everyone was having fun. Teams needed to be challenge takers whether it was something they had tried, or something they hadn't tried.

For most students, the confidence course was the most challenging activity because there were slippery ropes you had to swing on, tyres you had to jump on, nets you had to climb and the water was beneath you, giving some pressure. Raft building was one of the hardest challenges because building a raft with some bottles, loose rope and bamboo sticks, carrying 7 people, is not easy. On the bushwalk, we saw lots of beautiful greenery on the way, animals peacefully chewing on the grass, birds tweeting on trees, and foggy mountains that were perfect for viewing. Students are very much looking forward to year 8 camp next time.

By Winnie Yang



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Our year 6's went camping at Chosen Valley in Week 2. It was AWESOME! Everyone had such a great camp experience and gave every activity their absolute best. We are so proud of all the students who displayed the Learner Dispositions and made this camp amazing for us all.

Each of the students set three goals for camp to focus on during our time at Chosen Valley Camp. We have been reflecting on these in class, and we all agree that we really developed our teamwork and leadership skills!



Confidence Course in full swing!



Balance Island



The Confidence Course was our favourite!

The most important thing we did while we were at camp was make friends. Our activity groups and cabin groups introduced us to a whole group of people we haven't necessarily interacted with much before... and it was amazing! Every single person at camp made a whole lot of new friendships. Woo hoo!



New friendships



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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 4 Week 3

Board Notices

THANK YOU

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER FROM 6PM

AS A WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD
WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR SCHOOL, THE
ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL BOARD WOULD LIKE TO INVITE
YOU TO OUR

THANK YOU TO PARENTS EVENING IN THE STAFFROOM

WHERE THEY CAN SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION
WITH DRINKS AND NIBBLES

Please let the school office know if you can make it
RSVP: 09 298 5410 or office@opaheke.school.nz by
23rd November

Funfest is gearing up to be a great event for our school
whānau! 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!!

Just a reminder to please send your baked goods donation to
school on Friday 3rd November for the Funfest event. There would
have been a sticker attached to the plate and notice, which was sent
home last week, for labelling the baking.

PTA Notices



FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER
4PM - 7PM

FUNFEST TIMETABLE

4-5PM WELCOME & MUSIC

5-6PM QUICK FIRE RAFFLES

4:30PM DUNK THE PRINCIPAL

5:30PM DUNK THE TEACHERS

6:30PM OPEN TO KIDS/PARENTS

6:45PM RAFFLES DRAWN

7:00PM EVENT CLOSES



OPAHEKE SCHOOL - TASMAN DRIVE & SHORT ST ENTRY

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

CARNIVAL GAMES • MARKET • FOOD STALLS
•BOUNCY CASTLE • INFLATABLE OBSTACLE
COURSE • FAMILY GAMES • RAFFLES • HAIR SALON
•SILENT AUCTIONS • CAKE STALL
• EFTPOS AVAILABLE AT SOME STALLS AND FOOD
TRUCKS



email: opahekecarnival@gmail.com for more
information

SILENT AUCTION PRIZES



Stonex
Jewellers
\$180



Week Long Voucher to January
School Holiday Workshop
\$360



Voucher for Dance Classes
\$150



Road Trip Pack



2x Buy 1 get 1 free Paradise Valley Springs Vouchers
1x 4x4 thrill ride at Off Road NZ
2x Admissions to Ngatea Water Gardens
Family Pass to The Waterworks (2 Adults, 2 Children)
Chips & Biscuits
3x Packs of Farrah Wraps

Adventure Pack

Birthday Party Pack - \$215
\$40 Cake Voucher
Birthday Package (10 children, 4 Adults) \$175



2x Child Pass Adrenalin Forest (min height 140cm)
2x Supercare Pass at Spookers
1x Family Pass to Clip n Climb
2x Child Pass to Inflatables World
2x Child Pass to Parakai Springs
Family Pass to Scow the Ted Ashby at NZ Maritime Museum
1x Adult Pass to Treasure Island Mini Golf
2x 2 for 1 Vouchers at Burger Fuel
2x Child Passes to Gravity NZ Trampoline Park
2x 1 Slice Vouchers at Sals Pizza

Adventure
Pack
\$464

Milazo Bike - 26 inch red/Orange
Suitable for 15+ years
\$50 Warehouse Voucher for Helmet



Milazo
Bike
\$339



• Haier Freestanding Cooker
• Electric, 4 Elements, 60cm
• Model: HOR60S9CESX1



Ovens
\$1999 each



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IMPORTANT DATES

1 Nov	Y7/8 Counties Zone Touch
2 Nov	Rangatahi Festival
3 Nov	PTA Funfest 4-7pm
15 Nov	Y7/8 NC Athletics
16 Nov	Y5/6 NC Athletics
21 Nov	Y7/8 CZ Athletics
22-29 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair
24 Nov	Teacher Only Day
29 Nov	Board Thank You to Parents Evening 6pm

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 2	Week 3
R1		Abhay
R2		Stella
R3		Alishba
R4		Kymani
R5		Michael
R6		Oliver
R7		Winnie
R8		Mika
R9		AJ
R10		Saatchi
R11		Aaliyah
R12		Ethan
R15		Xavier
R16		Beerfateh
R17		Raysheil
R21		Eleanor
R22		Cheryl
R23		Kingston
R24		Flynn
R25		Vivian
R26		Viaan
Junior Hub		
Kanuka		Iliesa
Manuka		Lukiah

No Assembly

Includes Warehouse Stationery deals

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Friends & Family deals

Limited time | 30 October - 12 November 2023



See our Opaheke School Facebook page for the full flyer.

+2.5% of total sales will go to a charity of your choice.

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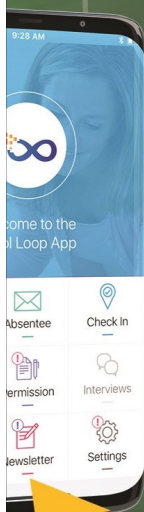
TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 24 November

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