



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



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

A special thank you to our PTA team and volunteers for running the recent Family Funfest. It was a huge effort to bring it all together especially with bad weather on the day. Thank you to our families who came out to support the event and to the local sponsors for their generous donations.

A reminder that we have a **Teacher Only Day** next Friday the 24th of November. Staff will be learning about the new NZ curriculum 'Te Mataiaho'. So no school for our tamariki.

Ko te rā o whakanui ki Ōpaheke 2023. Our Celebration Assembly day is set for the 12th of December. Junior (Y0-4) assembly gets underway at 10.30am and the Senior (Y5-8) assembly starts at 1pm in the hall. All families and whānau are welcome to attend. Families of students who will be receiving awards will get an advance notice phone call from the office.

The long hot summer days are taking it out of our tamariki. I have noticed children fading away in the afternoons, Fridays especially. So, parents, please remember early nights and extra sleep hours for our students are really important at this stage of the year.

I need you to help me with something. The after school pickup has been a little 'hairy' lately. In particular, the vehicle congestion on Tasman Drive. The situation has not been made any easier with large scale residential developments in close proximity to the school. I am in communications with Auckland Transport and council to try and find a solution to what is likely to be a long term issue. Long story short, we need LESS vehicles on Tasman Drive. So for now, can I ask that you consider the following options:

- *Make your child walk home*
- *Park your car in a 'regular' spot NOT on Tasman Drive, and get your child to walk there. It won't hurt to make your child walk a bit further.*
- *Park your car in a 'regular' spot NOT on Tasman Drive, and come into school to collect your child.*

All it needs is a family chat at dinner time, choose an option above and maybe do a couple of practice runs this week.

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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Sport

Year 7/8 Counties Touch Tournament

Last Wednesday, 12 year 7 and 8 boys represented Ōpaheke School at the Counties Touch Rugby Tournament. It was a jam-packed day full of adrenaline and emotion! Our boys came first in their pool of 6 teams to take on Rosehill Intermediate in the semi-final. It was an extremely tough game for the team. With the score being 1 all at full time (and a full crowd by this time!), a player was lost from each team every two minutes until a try was scored. The boys were down to 3 players on the field when Rosehill scored in the corner! We came away with 4th place out of 12 teams, an impressive performance from everyone. It was like watching the RWC final all over again! A huge congratulations to the team for the effort they put in, they made our community proud!

A big shout out to all those who came to support and transport the team, and to Dylan K for refereeing the games, without you, these events aren't possible for our ākonga.



Book Fair

Get excited! Our annual Book Fair starts Thursday 23rd of November. This is our major fundraiser of the year for our school library and a chance for you to do some early Christmas shopping! The Book Fair will be open at the following times: 8 am - 8:45 am and 2 pm - 2:45 pm on Thursday 23rd, Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th of November. Eftpos will be available.



SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
**TEACHER
ONLY DAY**
Friday 24 November

School Crossings

Please remember we as parents, caregivers and guardians are role models for our tamariki. We should be teaching and leading by example.

Our school crossings on Tasman Drive, Opaheke Road and Short Street are there to ensure our children have a safe way to cross the road. Please encourage your child/ren to use these crossings before and after school, even if it means they have to walk a little extra or wait a little longer for traffic to stop. If you are crossing the road with your child/ren please ensure you also use our crossings so that you are modelling good behaviour.

Did you know in New Zealand it is actually an offence to cross the road within 20 metres of a fixed crossing, it is considered illegal and you can be fined.

Help us to protect our tamariki and keep them safe as well as teaching them to do the right thing.



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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 5

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

PTA Notices

The wet weather proved to be a challenge but after some reshuffling and the sun shining right on time, the FunFest was a huge success.

Everywhere you looked there were people laughing and having a great time. From food stalls to carnival games, dunk machine and fun activities there was such a positive vibe on the school grounds.

It was the first time since covid began that we were able to hold an event like this. The first time we could bring the school community together.

The PTA would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, teachers, school councillors, and supporters for helping us achieve what we did. We couldn't have done it without you. To the school community, thank you for coming along to help celebrate the near end of 2023.

The PTA has received some beautiful thank you cards from students. Knowing they had an amazing time makes it all worth while.

The FunFest raised over \$10,000.



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IMPORTANT DATES

15 Nov	Y7/8 NC Athletics	6 Dec	Y5-8 Service Assembly
16 Nov	Y5/6 NC Athletics	7 Dec	Peer Mediator Celebration
21 Nov	Y7/8 CZ Athletics	12 Dec	Y1-4 Junior Prizegiving 10.30am
22 Nov	Rising Foundations Day	12 Dec	Y5-8 Senior Prizegiving 1pm
22-29 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair	14 Dec	Y8 Last Day and Graduation
24 Nov	Teacher Only Day	14 Dec	Librarian Celebration
29 Nov	Board Thank You to Parents Evening 6pm	15 Dec	Y1-7 Last Day - 12pm finish
4 Dec	Board Meeting 7pm		
5 Dec	Rainbows End CARE 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 4	Week 5
R1		Pranavi
R2		Rozanne
R3		Jaecob
R4		Armaan
R5		Ma'ata
R6		Aurora
R7		Austin
R8		Gabe
R9		Jordyn
R10		Luke
R11		Elliott
R12		Samreen
R15		Yusuf
R16		Mateo
R17		Lily T
R21		Piper
R22		Emma
R23		Priszleen
R24		Annie
R25		Lucas
R26		Sehaj
Junior Hub		
Kanuka		Braith
Manuka		Lourdess

No Assembly - FunFest

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