



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.



We have some happy sad news. Denise Horley has won her first principal position and will be leaving us at the end of this year. Miss Horley will take the helm of Sandspit Road School in Waiuku. Denise has been deputy principal for the last 9 years at Ōpaheke, and has made a difference with countless students and teachers. Denise, we want to extend our gratitude to you for your relentless mahi and commitment to our school and to our people. Best of luck at Sandspit Road School!

The new coalition government has signalled some intent to make changes to our education system. The proposals are now with the Ministry of Education and sector bodies who are providing feedback. Some of the key changes for primary schools are as follows:

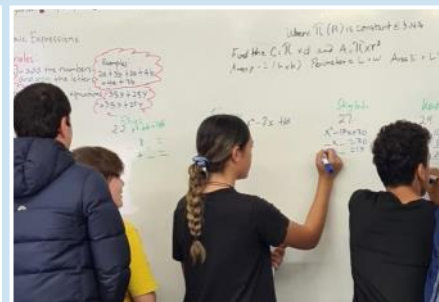
- *Banning the use of cell phones.*
- *Compulsory requirement for primary and intermediate schools to teach one hour a day each of reading, writing and maths starting in 2024.*
- *Appointing an expert group to redesign the English and Maths curriculum for primary school students.*
- *Changing the Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum.*

It is a little difficult at this stage to tell you how or even if these changes will impact what we do here at Ōpaheke School. But if they do, we will look to keep you informed throughout next year.

Ko te rā 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.

Thank you to mums and dads who have made an effort to get tired children to bed early. I have noted more settled and focussed children at this time of year than usual. I have also noticed an improvement in the afterschool congestion on Tasman Drive. So thank you for helping us to have a smooth end of year wind down.

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 5/6 North Counties Athletics

The North Counties Athletics event at Massey Park on November 16, 2023, was quite an exciting and challenging day for our year 5 and 6 students! It was wonderful that 45 students participated in various track and field events, showcasing their skills and determination.

Enduring hot weather with little shade can be tough, especially during physical activities like athletics. It's commendable that all the students gave their best effort and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the event. Participating in multiple events is no small feat, and it's great that the students were willing to take on such challenges.

A big congratulations to all the students who took part, not only for their achievements but also for their dedication and positive attitude. A heartfelt thank you to all parents for being there to encourage and cheer on the young athletes.

Events like these not only provide a platform for physical activity but also promote teamwork, resilience, and a healthy competitive spirit. It's clear that the students, along with their supportive parents, contributed to making the North Counties Athletics event a success. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 7/8 North Counties Athletics

On Wednesday 29 year 7 and 8s took to the track and field events at Massey Park in the North Counties Athletics Competition. An eventful and fun day out, our kids worked extremely hard and had some great results! Thank you to Logan's mum, Tracey, for coming along to help out, it is always appreciated.

Well done to those who participated and congratulations to the following students who will be representing North Counties at the Counties Zone event:

Year 8s

Caja: 100m, 400m, High Jump, Long Jump

Charlotte: 1500m

Nevaeh M: 400m

Logan: 400m

Iliesa: High Jump

Jonathan-Ryley: Long Jump

Year 7s

Kade: High Jump

Tyreece: Shotput



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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 6

JANUARY 2023

Office Opening
Hours

WANT TO
BUY
UNIFORMS
OR HATS?

HAVE ANY
OTHER
QUESTIONS?

WE'LL BE OPEN
9AM - 2PM

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY
FRIDAY 26 JANUARY
TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

PTA Notices

We've made around \$20k this year from our discos, Oxford pies, Kings Seeds, Juicies, raffles, family photos, calendar art, lunches and the Family Funfest.

A huge thank you to all those people who have volunteered their time during the year to support our events, fundraisers and weekly programmes for the school. We couldn't run these events or programmes without your dedication and support. You turn up tirelessly each week to help the kids, fill in forms or stand out in the rain, hail, wind or sun. Thank you so much! Enjoy your rest and holidays!

ORDER
THURSDAY
FOR
DELIVERY
FRIDAY



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Have you worked hard all term and deserve a treat? Now is the time to get rewarded!

November 30th and December 7th are the last two (2) weeks for ordering your lunch.
(there is no lunch ordering December 14th)

SEE THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO -
INFORMATION / LUNCH ROOM / MENU

PTA@OPAHEKE.SCHOOL.NZ
OR PHONE: 298-5410

Thank you

- For your support this year -



We couldn't have done it without you!
Your support helps our tamariki with many activities, camps and programmes.

For more info contact: pta@opaheke.school.nz



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Papakura High School

Invites all enrolling students to our
Annual Year 8 Orientation Day

Monday 11 December 2023
9:30 am – 2.30 pm



Students will:

- get a tour of our kura
- be introduced to different subject areas
- meet key people including:

Kaitohutohu (tutor teachers)

Kaitiaki (prefects)

Kaiāwhina (student leaders)



Students should meet in our school hall at 9:30 am wearing their intermediate uniform. Lunch will be provided.



SUPPORT LOCAL WHEN SHOPPING THIS CHRISTMAS

SANTA'S GROTTO

209 Great South Rd
Located inside Library
15 – 23 December
(closed Sunday 17th)

ROTARY SANTA PARADE

Sunday, 3 December
Great South Road – 3 pm

CHILLING IN THE PARK

Sunday, 3 December, Central Park – 3–5 pm

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Friday 1 December
From 5.30pm, Central Park

MEET SANTA and take your own photo

GIFT WRAPPING STATION

Gold Coin Donation to
Papakura Volunteer Fire Brigade

SHOP AND WIN COMPETITION

Spend \$20 at any Papakura store and go
into win \$1000 worth of Papakura vouchers.
Shop between 1 – 22 December. T&C's apply.

PAPAKURA

will be glowing
with festive night-
time Christmas
decorations

WRITE SANTA A LETTER

post into his mailbox
outside the library

VISIT WWW.PAPAKURA.CO.NZ FOR DETAILS OF EVENTS

Head to our website for everything you need to know about

#EATLOCAL #SHOPLOCAL #LOVELOCAL

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JOB VACANCY LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER



We are currently seeking two Learning Support Teachers required 5 days per week, 8.30am to 2.30pm during term time (25 hours per week, 40 weeks per year) to work with individual students with special needs (includes tiaki duties). The successful applicant must have a positive attitude, be a team player and be flexible to the students' needs. Experience with special needs students would be preferred.



Send us your CV, cover letter and completed application form to:

kathrynw@opaheke.school.nz



Application form and more information can be found here:

www.opaheke.school.nz

Applications close when a suitable candidate is found.



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IMPORTANT DATES

29 Nov	Board Thank You to Parents Evening 6pm
4 Dec	Board Meeting 7pm
5 Dec	Rainbows End CARE Day
6 Dec	Y5-8 Service Assembly
7 Dec	Peer Mediator Celebration
12 Dec	Y1-4 Junior Prizegiving 10.30am
12 Dec	Y5-8 Senior Prizegiving 1pm
14 Dec	Y8 Last Day and Graduation
14 Dec	Librarian Celebration
15 Dec	Y1-7 Last Day - 12pm finish

TERM DATES FOR 2024

Term 1 - Wednesday 31 Jan to Friday 12 Apr
 Term 2 - Monday 29 Apr to Friday 5 Jul
 Term 3 - Monday 22 Jul to Friday 27 Sep
 Term 4 - Monday 14 Oct to Friday 13 Dec

STAR AWARDS

Term 4 - Striving for Excellence

Room	Week 6	Week 7
R1	Eli	
R2	Princess	
R3	Parv	
R4	Jordan-Lee	
R5	Korah	
R6	Manraj	
R7	Ethan	
R8	Jasmine	
R9	Isabella	
R10	Gurnoor	
R11	Scarlett	
R12	Harsirat	
R15		
R16	Tony	
R17	Paul	
R21	Lucy	
R22	Celeste	
R23	Adrishia	
R24	Eni	
R25	Payton	
R26	Amelia	
Junior Hub		
Kanuka	Joel	
Manuka	Atena	

No Assembly - Teacher only Day

END OF THE YEAR

Friday 15th December 2023

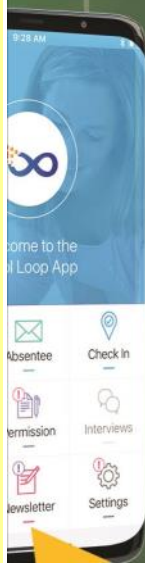
12:00 noon finish



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