



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.

2023 has been a whirlwind year with many changes, a few challenges and successes a plenty. I think this year can be summed up with 3 words. Growth, change, and possibilities. Firstly, growth.

Our school has experienced a surge in pupil numbers this year. With many new families and staff joining the Ōpaheke School community. We have 648 students currently enrolled.

Change. New families, new personnel, new ideas and new initiatives have meant we have had to adapt and try new things, whilst still retaining the things we know we do well. Change has happened to our physical environment and this will continue to change and take a new shape with significant building developments on the horizon.

As we round out the year, it is fitting that I must make a number of acknowledgements, for we cannot make great things happen without the collective efforts of a number of individuals and groups.

Firstly, to the board. Jenn, Alex, Moe, Doug, Sonija, and Elizabeth. You have continued to provide sound governance this year. More importantly you have trusted me and our team to do what we do, supporting us wholeheartedly. So a big thank you.

Our staff team have worked extremely hard this year. Driving improvements in learning and keeping our organisation stable and functioning. A special team to be apart of and a special thank you to you for all of your efforts. Enjoy a well deserved break.

To our PTA and parent volunteers who have worked tirelessly this year in both fundraising and general activity. Your efforts have made school a better place for our children in many ways. Thank you.

Families and friends. We have appreciated your support and positivity throughout the year. We look forward to your continued support next year.

We must also say a reluctant farewell to several staff members. Mrs Angela Bosch who taught in Room 21 will be heading closer to home to teach at Mission Heights Primary. Mrss Elena Bernardo who has been teaching in Room 2 this year, will be taking on a new position in Central Auckland. Finally, Mrs Gabriela Aviles, our Spanish language teacher is moving on. We would like to thank them for their service and wish them all the best in their new positions.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our new staff members for 2024. Mrs Stacey Madden (Manurewa West School) and Miss Sophie Dixon (Reremoana School). Mrs Lisa Sewell will be join our Learning Support Team.

Kaiako Korero. We understand that your child may experience some back to school jitters next year. Kaiako korero, is your opportunity to pop in and say hello to your child's new teacher before school starts in 2024. This will be held between 2.00 – 2:30pm on the 30th of January 2024. No appointments necessary. Just pop along with your child. The office will send a reminder panui next year.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

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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PRIZEGIVING 2023

Our annual prizegiving evening was held on Tuesday 12th December. Thanks to all who attended to acknowledge the many achievements and successes of our amazing students.



Braith C - Dux, John Wallace Memorial Cup, MacLachlan Family Cup, Les Fleming Cup



Hayden C - Rudsits Family Cup, Collins Family Cup



Noor D - Principal's Cup



Charlotte T - Les Fleming Cup, Languages Cup



Jonathan-Ryley H - John Family Trophy



Elizabeth C - Lofroth Cup



Genevieve S - Nancy Betts Cup



Daranay Heng - Nancy Betts Cup



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Liam-Ray S - Pam Petherbridge Cup



Mete T - Sandra Banks Cup



Logan P - Warren McDowell Cup,
Languages Cup



Wyatt H - Robinson Family Cup



Moko-Iti K - Rountree Cup



Tyla Y - Dispositions Cup



School Councillors



Aria W, Lana W, Harrison F, Joe F
- 100% Attendance

We extend our warmest congratulations to everyone who received an award and our Head Boy, **Braith C**, and Head Girl, **Charlotte T**, and all their families.
and our School Councillors:

Braith C, Elizabeth C, Noor D, Colby D, William D, Ruby E, Logan P and Charlotte T



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2023 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

YEAR 0-4 AWARDS				
	Striving for Excellence	Teamwork	Achieving Personal Best	Respect for self and others
JH	Mason S	Pearlynn D	Eva P	Lily O
R16	Teghman S	Jaskeerat H	Mishel H	Harmandeep S
R15	Xavier Y	Eliora O	Loto S	Gurnoor K
R9	AJ A	Quinn D	Ninke V	Amaira R
R10	Saatchi S	Brylee A	Gurnoor B	Kiaan S
R11	Abby F	Nyla Y	Aaliyah-Jai A	Ajo S
R12	Mackenzie P	Dylan L	Samreen I	Ava P
R17	Jacob G	Lily T	Losana H	Lheon D
R21	Alan W	Carol S	Nora Z	Ishman S
R22	Cyrus O	Gurmukh S	Almir S	Celeste N
R23	Priszleen K	Tyler D	Romeo S	Amaal N
R24	Annie A	Libby T	Vincent B	Eni V
R25	Tejas J	Lynell P	Antonio S	Arlen C
R26	Ben S	Jaiysheil S	Sehaj G	Pariya A

YEAR 5-8 AWARDS						
	Excellence	Achievement	Merit	Diligence	Citizenship	Sport
R1	Mannatpreet S	Anne N	Vivaan W	Angi P	Jonah V	John C
R2	Odin K	Stella G	Escalade D	Skylah S	Robbie P	Salvation I
R3	Louise K	Nina F	Parv S	Alishba M	Caleb H	Maia H
R4	Elijah Y	Devam S	Anaru B	Elly K	Akhbar M	Zavier D
R5	Anraj S	Daniel P	Bethany G	Aleena P	Diamond S	AJ K
R6	Lana W	Ariana Y	Aurora J	Shanaya A	Stunner D	Oliver S
R7	Kylemore F	Harrison F	Ariyana D	Winnie Y	Japleen K	Damien A
R8	Campbell O	Kayne P	Katya R	Macabe S	Mika C	Gabriel E
Man	Nikita K	William D	Trey H	Hannie B	Wanessa H	Preston K
Kan	Joel I	Cooper M	Clarissa L	Katie W	Colby D	Caja S

LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES				
	Samoan	French	Te Reo	Spanish
Y7	Melanie S	Ruby E	Stella G	Ava V
Y8	Imagejiin A	Alishba M	Luke P	Braith C

TECHNOLOGY AWARDS				
	3D Design	Food Tech	Multimedia	Hard Materials
Y7	Ruby E	Anne N	Mila A	Ava V
Y8	Noor D	Noor D	Noor D	Noor D



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HUI WHAKANUI KI ŌPAHEKE



Striving for Excellence



Teamwork



Achieving Personal Best



Respect for Self and Others

Congratulations to the students who received awards who were not able to be present at the celebration assembly.



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Y5-8 SEMESTER AWARDS



Excellence – academic excellence across all curriculum areas



Achievement – notable achievement in a particular subject or subjects



Merit – notable gain and improvement in a particular subject or subjects



Diligence – conscientiousness, perseverance and application to all tasks



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Y5-8 SEMESTER AWARDS



Citizenship – reflective, self motivated, open minded and respectful



Sport – high level of skill and showing respect for the rules of competition



Languages – effort and achievement in a particular language (for year 7/8)



Technology – effort and achievement in a particular area (for year 7/8)

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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 8



Term 4 Week 9



JANUARY 2023

Office Opening Hours



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UNIFORMS
OR HATS?

HAVE ANY
OTHER
QUESTIONS?

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY
FRIDAY 26 JANUARY
TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

END OF THE YEAR

Friday 15th December 2023

12:00 noon finish



Sport

Year 7/8 Auckland Athletics Championships

Caja, Jonathan-Ryley, and Logan represented the Counties Zone in the Auckland Athletics Champs at Mt Smart.

They had a brilliant time.

Jonathan-Ryley was in Y8 boys long jump. His best jump was his first and a new PB of 4.75m to finish 8th.

Logan was in the first of 4 heats of Y8 boys 400m. He won his heat then had to wait to find out the times from the other 3 heats. Overall Logan finished 2nd with a time of 58.94.

Caja had endured a torturous wait for her turn at long jump but she managed to jump a fantastic 4.04m.

Thank you again Tracey, and well done to all 3 of you for an amazing effort, you made Opaheke School proud!



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It was another busy year in the library and makerspace! Highlights included hosting several authors, participating in National Simultaneous Storytime, and of course Book Week.

This year students and teachers borrowed a total of 23,763 books! A new record, Over 3,000 more than last year!

Mrs McCormack worked with a fabulous team of student librarians, who have worked hard to keep the library tidy for everybody.

There has been a hive of activity in the makerspace, with craft, and lego clubs and it is the base for the garden club too. There have been lots of things made, maybe you might have been fortunate to receive a handmade gift made in the makerspace?

Our goals for the library in 2024 include issuing even more books, (let's see if we can break the 2023 record) and getting some more furniture for students to sit and read on as the library is a popular lunchtime spot.



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IMPORTANT DATES

14 Dec	Y8 Last Day and Graduation
14 Dec	Librarian Celebration
15 Dec	Reports sent home
15 Dec	Y1-7 Last Day - 12pm finish
25-30 Jan	Office Open 9am-2pm
31 Jan	First day of school - 8.25am start

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 8	Week 9
R1	Anne	Mobina
R2	Angel	Haylee
R3	Tammana	Johnny
R4	Mia	Devam
R5	Cooper	Quinn
R6	Grace	Giovanni
R7	Huia	Armani
R8	Mereana	Ollie
R9	Brooklyn	Ezra
R10	Brylee	Ella
R11	Hartaj	Cecilia
R12	Kenzou	Ava
R15	Ahmed	
R16	AJ	Irie-Kura
R17	Jaden	Makaio
R21	Luke	Alexandria
R22	Saskia	Manaia
R23	Lucas	Khaleesi
R24	Neriah	Leo
R25	Emaan	Payton
R26	Katelyn	Andrej
Junior Hub	Paige	Sam
Kanuka	Gen	Nevaeh L
Manuka	Jake	Mickey

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