



# 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.

I trust you all celebrated Waitangi Day in a way that was meaningful to both you and your family. We have been fortunate to have a couple of shorter school weeks as we ease our way back into the year and build up our back to school stamina. Even the three days we had last week proved to be a bit too much, with a few of our little ones having a nap during the Friday afternoon assembly.

After a few years of massive change, it has taken some time to return to normal operation. We want to continue the push towards solid ground at Ōpaheke School too. So we are trying to simplify things. By simplify, I mean, focus on the things that matter. This could prove to be a lot easier said than done, as we will have to navigate further education changes this year. However, we have drafted a strategic plan which signals our intent, and guides our aspirations and actions for the next two years. I have shared this below.

We also have a more detailed 'Annual Plan' which has more detail on the who, what, and how of this strategic plan. But we don't want to bore you with the details. Whilst it may not be immediately apparent, most of the content in this strategic plan has been drawn from 'your' input and feedback from past surveys and meetings. The board and senior leadership team pulled all of the ideas together. Take a note of our new vision and values. I would like to think this strategic plan provides us with something solid, something simple, and something we can grasp onto and embrace as we move forward as a school and provide the best for your child's learning.

As always, we welcome your feedback. So if you have any, please send it to the [office@opaheke.school.nz](mailto:office@opaheke.school.nz).

Ngā mihi  
Mr Tawhiti

**Whakawhanaungatanga Hui**

**THURSDAY  
FEB 15TH  
1.00-4.45 PM**

**BOOK NOW**

To book your meeting go to  
**[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code)**  
and enter code : 3dug9

Or call our office team  
to book in with them.

**Early school finish time of 12.00pm**

| Strategic Plan<br>2024-2025                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|  <b>ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Our Vision:</b> Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai- Together we will find, nurture, and celebrate the potential of every child. |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Our Values:</b> Respect, Effort, Integrity                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| ASPIRATIONS                                                                                                                  | <b>A great place for every learner</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>No learning barriers</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Outstanding Teachers</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| OUTCOMES                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusive environment</li> <li>Broad, rich, and exciting curriculum</li> <li>Engaged whanau</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids are at school</li> <li>Kids have what they need to learn</li> <li>Responsive and adaptive learning support systems</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every teacher is an outstanding practitioner</li> </ul>                                                                     |
| ACTION                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culturally responsive pedagogy staff and board development</li> <li>Implement new Te Mataiāho curriculum</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen transition to school and early intervention process</li> <li>Increased LST capacity and capability</li> </ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Our Ways of Working' induction for NEW staff</li> <li>Ongoing best practice PLD delivery for ALL teaching staff</li> </ul> |

### CONTACT US

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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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# Learning at Ōpaheke



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## Water Skills for Life

Water Skills for Life with Swim Magic and Active Sports is starting this week. Please help your child to remember their togs on the required days as per timetables attached. If in doubt, send them with their togs and towel everyday (this is sometimes easier with the younger kids). Students in year 4-8 will end this programme with a trip to Massey Park Pools. Participation in the school-based lessons is a requirement to attend this final lesson.



with Swim Magic and Active Sport

Starts Monday 5th February  
Check the timetable for your child's swimming days



## YEARS 3 & 4

Week 2 - 9th February

| FRI |
|-----|
| 23  |
| 21  |
| 22  |
| 12  |
| 24  |
| 25  |
| 26  |

Week 3 - 12th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS |
|-----|------|-----|-------|
|     | 24   |     | 25    |
| 12  | 23   | 12  | 24    |
| 21  | 25   | 21  | 23    |
| 22  | 26   | 22  | 26    |

## YEARS 5 & 6

Week 2 - 5th February

| MON |
|-----|
| 1   |
| 2   |
| 5   |
| 7   |
| 6   |
| 8   |
| 18  |

Week 3 - 12th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS |
|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 6   | 7    | 1   | 7     |
| 2   | 8    | 6   | 8     |
| 5   | 18   | 5   | 18    |
| 1   |      | 2   |       |

## YEARS 1 & 2

Week 2 - 5th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| JH  |      | 11  | JH    | 11  |
| 9   |      | 15  | 9     | 15  |
| 10  |      | 16  | 10    | 16  |

Week 3 - 12th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| JH  | 11   | JH  |       | JH  |
| 9   | 15   | 9   |       | 9   |
| 10  | 16   | 10  |       | 10  |

## YEARS 3 & 4

Week 4 - 19th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
|     | 26   |     |       | 23  |
| 12  | 24   | 12  |       | 24  |
| 21  | 25   | 21  |       | 25  |
| 22  | 23   | 22  |       | 26  |

## YEARS 5 & 6

Week 4 - 19th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| 1   | 7    | 1   |       | 7   |
| 2   | 6    | 2   |       | 8   |
| 5   | 18   | 6   |       | 18  |
| 8   |      | 5   |       |     |

Week 5 - 26th February

| MON | TUES |
|-----|------|
| 1   | 7    |
| 2   | 8    |
| 5   | 18   |
| 6   |      |

## YEARS 1 & 2

Week 4 - 19th February

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| JH  | 11   | JH  | 11    | 11  |
| 9   | 15   | 9   | 15    | 15  |
| 10  | 16   | 10  | 16    | 16  |

Week 5 - 26th February

| MON | TUES | WED |
|-----|------|-----|
| JH  | 11   | 11  |
| 9   | 15   | 15  |
| 10  | 16   | 16  |

## YEARS 3 & 4

Week 5 - 26th February

| MON | TUES | WED |
|-----|------|-----|
|     |      | 12  |
|     |      | 23  |
|     |      | 22  |
|     | 23   | 21  |
| 12  | 24   | 24  |
| 21  | 25   | 25  |
| 22  | 26   | 26  |

## YEARS 7 & 8

Wednesday 7th February  
Thursday 8th February  
Friday 16th February  
Thursday 22nd February



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## Graduating Teachers



We extend our warmest congratulations to Brittany Johnson and Jess McBain for graduating as fully registered teachers. New teachers undergo a two-year period of mentoring by an experienced teacher, to help learn the ropes. We thank Taryn Naidoo, Fleur Pedersen and Monique Marquet for their guidance and expertise over the past two years.

Brittany and Jess, it has been amazing to watch you grow and learn. Your commitment and passion to our profession is clear. Our ākonga are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers and positive role models. We wish you continued success and are glad to welcome you to the ranks of fully registered teachers!



## Welcome



### Mrs Stacey Madden

Kia Ora, I'm Stacey Madden, a teacher of the fantastic Year 8 Mānuka students and also the Team Leader for Year 7 and 8. I am enthusiastic about incorporating Te Reo Māori, Te Ao Māori, and Tikanga into my everyday teaching. I also enjoy teaching Kapa haka. What I enjoy most about teaching is the opportunity to inspire and empower my students to reach their full potential. It's

incredibly rewarding to witness their growth, both academically and personally, and to be a part of their journey towards becoming confident, independent learners. I am the Mum of 3 beautiful children, my youngest is also attending Ōpaheke School. When I'm, not at school, you'll likely find me out on my boat fishing with my family or going for runs with my dogs. I look forward to embracing the opportunities and adventures the year ahead brings.

### Mrs Lisa Sewell

Hi, I'm Lisa Sewell. In my role as a teacher aide I support students alongside the classroom teachers.

I enjoy working with children to help and witness them learn and grow to their full potential.

I live locally to the school with my husband and daughter who is a student in year 4 here at Ōpaheke School. As a family we

enjoy going out on our boat, fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving. I also enjoy crafts, gardening and volunteering at motorsport events.



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## Cyber Safety Agreements



Digital technologies and devices like laptops and tablets are tools that can help us learn at school in all sorts of ways. We can look at interesting things online, talk to people, create new ideas, and learn how to do different things on apps and websites.

When we use digital technologies, we need to learn how to keep ourselves safe, and make good choices in ways we behave when we are online. At Ōpaheke School we call this being a 'digital citizen'. Good digital citizens help to make our school a safe and positive place for everyone.

Our user agreements outline what Ōpaheke School does to help make learning online safe, and what we need to do. It is not always easy to understand

everything about online spaces, because there are so many things to use and explore, and that's why it's important that we all try to make it as safe as possible.

At Ōpaheke School we have two versions of user agreement. One for year 1-3 students and one for year 4-8 students. Students in Year 4 this year must complete a new cyber safety (student user) agreement to reflect their increased use of devices in the senior part of our school. Completed agreements can be given to your child's teacher or emailed to the school office.

You can find copies of our current user agreements on our school website:

<https://www.opaheke.school.nz/our-learning/cyber-safety/>

## My Mobile Learning

We are a Microsoft Showcase School and we use digital devices to help with teaching and learning.

All students in year 4-8 bringing their own device to school will need to have this form completed and returned before they can use their device at school. The 2024 form is the same as the 2023 form, if your child completed a form in 2023 and they still have the same device they do not need to complete another form. A new form is only required when they get a new device (as we record the serial number of the device on the form).



The form can be found on our school website: <https://www.opaheke.school.nz/our-learning/my-mobile-learning-2/>. Please note, this is a digital form which can be filled out on your computer or phone and returned via email. However, if you do need a paper copy please let us know and we will get one sent home with your child.



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ORDER  
THURSDAY  
FOR  
DELIVERY  
FRIDAY



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch ordering will start  
Thursday, 15th February!

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

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

## PATROL HELPERS NEEDED!



**STUDENT CROSSING**  
**OPAHEKE ROAD**  
**MONDAY 2:30-2:45PM**  
**WED, THURS, FRIDAY**  
**8-8:25AM**

Please see the office ASAP if you can  
help out with our patrols to get the kids  
safely to school.

OFFICE PHONE: 298-5410

## PTA MEETING 21ST FEBRUARY

7:00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom

All Welcome (including children)



email: [pta@opaheke.school.nz](mailto:pta@opaheke.school.nz) for more info

The PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) welcomes you back to a new school year, our first meeting of the term is on 21<sup>st</sup> February in the staffroom. The PTA is a group for you, and your whānau. It is where we bring ideas for fundraising, beautifying the school and organising events in order to raise funds for school trips, camps, team events, sports teams, visiting educators and classroom resources. It is also a place to find out how the school runs, and ask any questions.

March is our AGM if you'd like to jump on the team. We also need helpers for end of term discos, Juicies sales after school, road patrol, Launchpad (Bible in School) and lunch orders on Thursday. Please contact the office or email: [pta@opaheke.school.nz](mailto:pta@opaheke.school.nz) for more information.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| 9 Feb     | Y5-8 Swimming at Massey Park |
| 13 Feb    | Board Meeting 7pm            |
| 15 Feb    | 12noon finish                |
| 15 Feb    | Whakawhanaungatanga Hui      |
| 21 Feb    | PTA Meeting 7pm              |
| 21-27 Feb | Y7 EOTC                      |
| 27-1 Mar  | Y8 Camp                      |

### 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 1 - Teamwork

| Room       | Week 10            | Week 1             |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| R1         | No Awards Assembly | No Awards Assembly |
| R2         |                    |                    |
| R3         |                    |                    |
| R4         |                    |                    |
| R5         |                    |                    |
| R6         |                    |                    |
| R7         |                    |                    |
| R8         |                    |                    |
| R9         |                    |                    |
| R10        |                    |                    |
| R11        |                    |                    |
| R12        |                    |                    |
| R15        |                    |                    |
| R16        |                    |                    |
| R18        |                    |                    |
| R21        |                    |                    |
| R22        |                    |                    |
| R23        |                    |                    |
| R24        |                    |                    |
| R25        |                    |                    |
| R26        |                    |                    |
| Junior Hub |                    |                    |
| Kanuka     |                    |                    |
| Manuka     |                    |                    |

## HATS REQUIRED FOR TERM 1

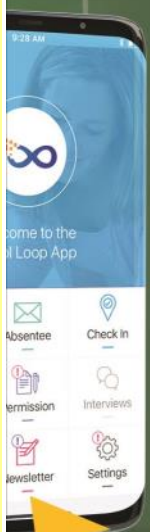
Our school hats are required during the summer terms one and four. You can purchase these at the office for \$14 each. We accept cash or EFTPOS.



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search 'Skool Loop' &  
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