



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.

Breakfast Club is up and running again. This is open to all of our tamariki and is supplied by the school for free. Breakfast Club is held in the hall from 8am-8.25am every morning. We also have 'Grab 'n' Go' lunch supplies donated from our school community.

Attendance. I am pleased to note that last week - our first full week of the school year - saw our daily attendance exceed 90% for the whole week. This is the first time in a very long time we have seen this. Normally, we see a drop off in attendance on Monday and Friday (83-86%) and this is a point of frustration. But last week was pleasing and offers a glimmer of hope for a year of high attendance.

I want to share another attendance insight. Throughout the school year I receive a surprising number of letters from families requesting approval for extended family holidays. Medical absence and the occasional family emergency are things that we understand and accept. Everything else, however, needs a good hard rethink. Do the benefits of the absence outweigh those of your child's learning? If you want validation of the importance of school attendance, have a quick look at our student achievement from the end of 2023. It is alarming, and really sad because those numbers are kids. Any future approved absence requests of this nature will receive a response emphasising my above points.

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EOY achievement for students who have 40% or greater absence

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Have a nice end to the 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

Ōpaheke School Swimming Sports

We've had an awesome start to sport at Ōpaheke for 2024 with our senior swimming sports being held during week 3. It was a great day out and the students thoroughly enjoyed participating in an event designed for their capability. Well done to our students listed below who qualified for the North Counties swimming event being held at Massey Park Pool on Friday 23rd February.



Year 6: Lana W, Athea P, Mia M, Chloe D, Giovanni T, Lennon K and Noah U

Year 7: Mika C, Ariyana D, Jasmine A, Kayne P, Akhbar M and Deimos T

Year 8: Tyler T, Skylah S, Mila A, Kade T, Sonay U, Tyreece H and Deijhan E



Thank you to Counties Manukau Sport

To really get sports going this year, we are sending a big thank you to Counties Manukau Sport for supplying our school with brand-new sports balls! The kids are over the moon and can't wait to give them a go!



Welcome to Our New Staff

Miss Sophie Dixon

Kia Ora everybody. My name is Sophie Dixon and I am excited to be joining your community as Team Leader in the Maungakiekie Team. I am teaching in Room 10 with Year 2 students and am really enjoying the warm welcome the Ōpaheke community have given me so far. I am passionate about building relationships with tamariki and supporting them to learn and grow. Outside of school, my favourite place to be found is at the beach with a good book! I love to spend time with my friends and family and enjoy hiking and seeking out new beautiful spots around Aotearoa. I look forward to getting to know you all.



Mrs Ashely Kumar

Hi, Kia Ora, everyone! I hope you're as excited as I am to embark on this incredible learning journey. My name is Ashely Kumar, and I am from the beautiful islands of Fiji. I have ten years teaching experience overseas and 1 year in New Zealand. I am absolutely thrilled to be a teacher at Ōpaheke School. With a passion for education and a commitment to success, I believe every child is capable to learn. I am married and have one child (a super energetic toddler). I enjoy reading, socialising and watching documentaries.



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WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA HUI



IT WAS SO LOVELY TO SEE YOU ALL!

If you were unable to make it, we would still love to see you! Please contact us so we can arrange a time to meet and discuss the goals for your child this year.



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term one focus is 'Teamwork'.

Well done to all our students who received awards over the last two weeks.

Great work team!



Term 1 Week 3

Keeping up-to-date

Want to know what is happening in our school?

Information on upcoming events and reminders are emailed out to parents and caregivers as well as posted on our school facebook page and Skool Loop.

We also regularly post on our school facebook page to celebrate learning and achievement as well posts about our as daily activities.

Fortnightly Newsletters are emailed out and put on facebook and the school website.

What's Happening

Board SchoolDocs Review Term 4

TERM 1, 2024 POLICY REVIEW

Review topics this term:

Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Board Responsibility, and Documentation and Self-Review Policy.

REVIEW CLOSES: 12 APR 2024

Have your say!

Follow the instructions below to read and review applicable policies.

1. Visit the website <https://opaheke.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (opaheke) and password (achieving).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Start your review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures



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PTA MEETING 21ST FEBRUARY

7:00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom

All Welcome (including children)



email: pta@opaheke.school.nz for more info

Easter

RAFFLE



The PTA would love for you to donate an Easter treat to the raffle prize pool. Items can be Easter eggs of any size, shape or flavour. The more eggs, chocolates or sweet treats we get in, the more prizes we'll have.

Please drop off your item/s to the school office from now until March 22nd. Raffle tickets out soon!

email: pta@opaheke.school.nz for more information, or call the office on 298-5410



HARVEST FAMILY CARNIVAL

a free Children's Day event

*** inflatable slide ***

pony rides kids ferris wheel
games kids merry-go-round
parents café sausage sizzle
shows prizes + more

Sunday
3 March

3pm-
6pm

3 Beach Road, Papakura

(09) 299 9394
www.hcc.net.nz

harvest
christian church

Ōpaheke School
Grab n Go Lunches

FOOD DRIVE

DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE SNACKS,
FRUIT OR LUNCHBOX ITEMS YOU CAN
DONATE TO OUR CAUSE?

School helps some of our tamariki
with lunch when needed. Can you
help with any pantry items, fruit or
sandwiches that can be frozen?

If you can, please drop off at the
office.

For More
Information:

Phone Number
298-5410

Contact Person
Office staff



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IMPORTANT DATES

21 Feb	PTA Meeting 7pm
20-27 Feb	Y7 EOTC
23 Feb	Y5-8 North Counties Swimming
27-1 Mar	Y8 Camp
5 Mar	North Counties Cricket and Ki o Rahi
8 Mar	Y8 Gardasil 9 (Dose 1)
13 Mar	North Counties NZ Tag

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 2	Week 3
R1		Diamond
R2		Isla
R3		William
R4		Akhbar
R5		Annie
R6		Libby
R7		Rahul
R8		Athena
R9		Sam
R10		Ethan
R11		Rylie
R12		Brylee
R15		Lily O
R16		Ella
R18		Katalina
R21		Cecilia
R22		Rose
R23		Lheon
R24		Cyrus
R25		Frankie
R26		Amaal
Junior Hub		
Kanuka		Sonay
Manuka		Lukiah

No Assembly - Swimming Sports



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