



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are a Microsoft Showcase 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.

Year 8 Camp

We saw students push their physical limits on a 6 hour hike in the Hunua Range, scale the heights of cargo nets and climbing apparatus. We saw kids (..camp mums) 'dancing off' to earn an early lunch. I heard the encouraging chanting of kids, the reassuring words of camp mums and dads, and stories of late night mischief from our nocturnal boys. Moments of magic that you don't get within the confines of a classroom. Above all else, we saw kids grow and unearth something within that perhaps they didn't know they had. Having been involved in countless school camps I can assure you that you are 'always on' as an adult at camp. There is no down time, and staying 3 steps ahead of the play is exhausting. So a massive thank you to our amazing teachers, and camp parents for making it all happen.



Attendance

Pat yourselves on the back. We have seen above 90% attendance every day for the last 3 weeks, except for Monday this week (tired campers). This is fantastic. Keep the foot on the gas and get as many days in the bank for your child. You may not be able to dodge winter illness this year, so make hay while the sun shines.

The attendance bouquet has been thrown, but now I want to follow it with a brick. Lateness. We have an unacceptable number of late arrivers. The sign in queue in the office in the morning is shocking. Getting your child late to school is incredibly disruptive. Let me list the impacts a late child has on school operations:

1. They miss vital start of day learning and instruction
2. Teachers need to repeat instructions to late arrivers which takes away valuable time from students who **are** on time
3. Office staff have to direct children if their class is somewhere else in the school or offsite (e.g. kid's missed the class walk to Massey Pools this morning, and office staff were scrambling)

If you are a regular late arriver please make household arrangements that ensure your child is on time. If you are not sure whether you fall into this bracket, please contact me or the office as we keep comprehensive records of our late arrivers.

Tasman Drive Parking

A gentle reminder to families who drop off or collect students on Tasman Drive. Please be considerate of other motorists and residents along Tasman Drive. In addition to observing some erratic vehicle manoeuvring, we have fielded a complaint from a local resident citing school parents parking on their driveway. Whilst it is not the school's responsibility to enforce road and traffic control, we have the means to get some fast messaging out to our school families. So thank you in advance for your support with this.

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

North Counties Swimming Sports

Well done to all the year 5-8 students who participated in the North Counties Swimming at Massey Park Pools on the 23rd of February. It was a scorcher of a day and you all swam your best, good work.

Thank you the parents who volunteered their time to transport and help, without you these days wouldn't be possible.



Counties Manukau Rippa Rugby Module

Last week we were lucky enough to have Counties Manukau Sport come into school and run a rippa rugby module with some of our year 5 and 6 students.

The module included drills that introduced the students to some key skills and we ended with a few games to put these into practice. Our kids had an awesome time, with some super keen to give it a try this season. If you are looking for an awesome sport that everyone can be apart of this winter, you can visit the following websites to register for a team.

Thanks Counties Manukau Sport for this opportunity!

Drury: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/druryrugby/Junior-Rugby/Junior-Registration-Form>

Papakura: <http://www.papakurarugby.co.nz/junior-rugby-wasps/registration-junior>



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Y7 EOTC

Our year 7 students had an enriching and enjoyable educational experience outside of the classroom! Here's a summary of their activities and achievements.

Tuesday, 20 February - Auckland Botanical Gardens Outdoor Centre: Students engaged in practical, hands-on activities focused on safety and fun in outdoor settings. They learned skills such as pitching tents, cooking, and received education on tramping, orienteering, and emergency procedures. The day provided ample opportunities for team building.



Wednesday, 21 February - Mangere Mountain Education Centre: The students participated in Hiko Māori, delving into the history, culture, and way of life of the indigenous people who lived around the mountain. They also explored the geological aspects of the mountain as a volcano and its unique features,

Friday, 23 February - Youthtown:

A variety of activities were conducted, including archery, flintstone carts, bottle rockets, Adventure-Based Learning (ABL), team challenges, and a Burma trail/obstacle course. The collaboration between Youthtown and school staff ensured a diverse and engaging program.



Tuesday, 27 February - Vector Wero:

Teams worked on understanding moving water and river safety, combining theoretical knowledge with practical skills. Parental involvement in supervision was greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of the excursion.

Overall, the students demonstrated good behaviour and enthusiasm for learning new things. The teachers and students are grateful for the support from parents and acknowledge that the excursion wouldn't have been possible without their assistance. It was definitely a memorable and rewarding experience for all involved!



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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 4

Yummy Stickers

Our school is collecting Yummy stickers for our share of \$200,000 of free sports gear! Just collect

stickers and cut out labels from bags and boxes of Yummy fruit and bring them into school. If you would like your own collection sheet to make it easier to bring them in they can be collected from the office, or downloaded from here: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf-Sticker-Collection-Sheet-compressed.pdf>

Hopefully we will be able to receive some fabulous new sports gear at the end of the year.



Board Notice



We are currently seeking a Learning Support Teacher required for 15 hours per week during term time. The role is 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:

kathryn@opaheke.school.nz

Application form and more information can be found here:

www.opaheke.school.nz/our-vacancies

Applications close when a suitable candidate is found.

PTA Notices

JUICIES SALE

COME ON DOWN TO THE HALL

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
END OF SCHOOL BELL IN THE
HALL

\$2 EACH

LEMONADE - ORANGE
WILD BERRY - TROPICAL

** NEW **

GF / DF COCONUT JUICIES
STRAWBERRY OR MANGO



ORDER
THURSDAY
FOR
DELIVERY
FRIDAY



SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

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



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PTA Notices

The PTA have arranged to take your 10x13" (253x330mm) colour Family Portrait normally valued at \$79.00 for only **\$20.00**. This is Great Value!! Other Photos are also available. Family, friends, neighbours and relatives are all welcome, even the family dog may like to join.

The venue is at Ōpaheke School. You will receive your appointment time after you return the registration voucher (which has been emailed out to families) along with your \$20.00 cash payment. It is important to keep to the appointment time to ensure minimal delay.

An adult member of the family or group must be in the photo. Viewing and collection of your portrait will be approximately 10 days later.

Please note - customers must view their own portraits or offer is void, no refund will be made if you fail to keep appointment.



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!



**STUDENT CROSSING
OPAHEKE ROAD
MONDAY 2:30-2:45PM
&
THURS 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



The PTA are running a fundraiser Easter Raffle and each family has been given a book of 10 tickets to sell. We would greatly appreciate your help selling the tickets to friends, family, neighbours...anyone you can!

There are at least 4 x Easter hampers to be won.

All ticket books and money need to be returned to your child's teacher no later than Monday 25th March 2024.

All funds raised will go towards the school. The more tickets that are sold means more funds raised for our tamariki and their learning. If you require more books to sell please see the amazing ladies in the office. If you do not wish to sell your tickets, or can't sell any more than what you have, please return the unsold tickets to the office asap so we can give them to others who want to sell more.

On behalf of the PTA, we thank you for taking part in the Easter Raffle and for helping us to help the school.

Please continue to donate easter goodies. The more chocolates we receive the more Easter hampers we can give away to make Easter extra special.



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IMPORTANT DATES

7 Mar	Rms 1, 2, 5, 26 Swimming Survival
8 Mar	PTA Juicies Sale - 2.30pm
13 Mar	North Counties NZ Tag
18 Mar	Eye on Nature Trip
18, 21 Mar	Maungarei Trip
18 Mar	Board Meeting 7pm
28 Mar	Rms 12, 21-25 Swimming Survival

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 4	Week 5
R1	Harrison	
R2	Stunner	
R3	John S	
R4		
R5	Ngahuia	
R6	Leo	
R7	Ma'ata	
R8	Stunner	
R9	Eva	
R10	Isabel	
R11		
R12	Abby	
R15	Madison	
R16	Kiaan	
R18	Jazleen	
R21	Samara	
R22	Ajo	
R23	Temukisa	
R24	Adrishia	
R25	Ava	
R26	Gemma	
Junior Hub	Heaven	
Kanuka		
Manuka	Hannie	

No Awards Assembly

PARKFEST

Central Park Opaheke Rd, Papakura

ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY
23
MARCH
10AM - 2PM

Local Entertainment
Community Stalls
Food Trucks
Market Stalls

Clowns
Facepainting
Bouncy Castle
Plus so much more



Come along and enjoy a family fun day in the park

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



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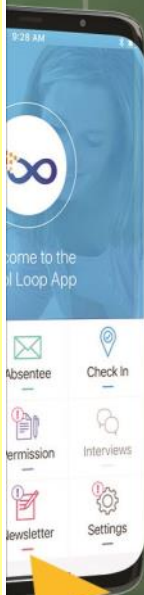
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