



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.

Late Arrivers

Once again thank you for your response to my plea to get kids to school on time. We have noted a slight reduction in children arriving late and disrupting learning.

Attendance

So far we have **65%** of our school student population attending regularly. The Ministry of Education target and our school target for 2024 is for **70%** of our student population to be regular attenders*. We have 107 students (18%) just sitting below the 'regular attendance' bar (80-90% attendance). It won't take much to bump those kids into the 90% attendance GOLD STAR bracket. Even if we get half of those 107 kids to avoid having 1 or 2 days off a term, we will be safely above our 70% target.

* Regular attendance is being at school at least 90% of the time. To be a regular attender you need to have NO more than 4 days off a term, or NO more than 2 days per month.

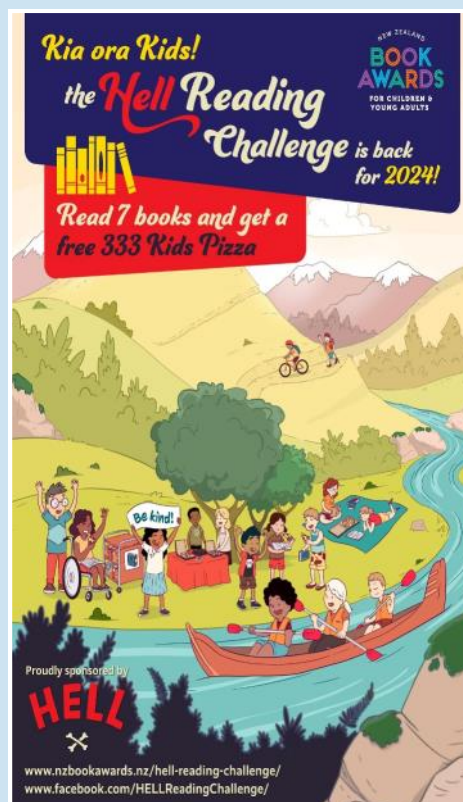
As for the other 102 students who sit in the moderate and chronic absence bracket, there is a lot of work to be done. But, if you want to take your child's education seriously and want to get back on track with attendance, we are more than happy to help. If this is you, then I think the first step is to reach out to our office to get the actual attendance picture for your child.

Student councillors

We had 22 wonderful and worthy applicants for the 10 student councillor positions. It was a very hard decision whittling the 22 down to 10, and have no doubt that those who may have missed out this time, will take on future leadership roles as they all have considerable potential. We are however, very pleased to announce that we have landed on our student councillors this year. They exemplify the attributes we need for the high level of responsibility the role requires. A key change to our student council kaupapa which we started last year was about using their leadership to give back and serve our school and our students. Fundraising for new basketball hoops and backboards, play gear for our juniors, and running our **breakfast club** were just some examples of giving back, and it is also about leaving a legacy too. A huge congratulations to our student councillors. Ruby, Mika, Aroush, Joe, Ava, Odin, Jonah, William, Ike, and John S.

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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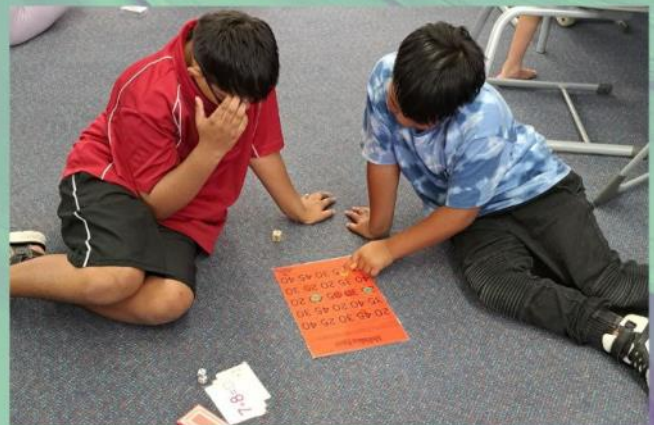


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Learning at Ōpaheke



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Sport



North Counties Tag

On Wednesday 13th ō Māehe Ōpaheke had three teams participating in the North Counties Tag Tournament held at Bruce Pulman Park. Miss Johnson had done an awesome job of organising a full day of games for the many Papakura schools who attended. All three teams represented Ōpaheke well, showing excellent sportsmanship and respect towards the referees. It is always great to see our Ōpaheke students standing out for all the right reasons. Some of our tamariki had not played Tag before and it was wonderful to see their skills improve throughout the day. The Year 8 boys had some tough competition in the first three games but came away with two wins at the end of the day. The Year 5&6 teams had a great day with very close games. Well done to these students for stepping up and being challenge takers! Many thanks to Brooke H, Colby D, Jasmine D and Jonathan F who helped referee and manage the teams on the day. To the many parents who came down to watch a game or two and support our tamariki, thank you!



Counties Swimming

Congratulations to Kade and Kayne for their fabulous swimming at the Counties Swimming event on the 8th March. Both boys did extremely well in their races.

Kade made the finals for 100m freestyle finishing 5th and 50m freestyle final finishing 8th.

Kayne made the finals for 100m freestyle finishing 5th, 50m freestyle finishing 5th and 50m backstroke finishing 3rd.

Special thanks to Tracey for her support with transport and supervision on the day.



PARKFEST

Central Park Ōpaheke 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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CAMP

Year 8 Camp Adair

February 27th - 1st March 2024



My first highlight is on the confidence course because at first, I thought I wasn't going to do it, but I ended up giving it a go and really liking it. My second highlight is archery because at first, I couldn't hit the board, but the more times we went, the better I got at it. I found the giant ladder quite challenging because it was difficult to use the rope to pull myself up. I had trouble getting my leg up to the rope. I feel proud that I pushed myself and tried to go out of my comfort zone and would give it a go even if I was scared and didn't want to. I was a challenge taker because I participated in all activities even when I didn't want to, and I gave it my best go and just tried my best overall. I have learned that you may not always get along with your team, but you can always try your best to work together and be a good team player. This is important because sometimes you don't get along with people, but you just learn to make it work. It was amazing; I loved it, super fun, and just a blast. I'm so glad that I went and that I participated in as much as I could.

• Stella



From the 27th of February to the 1st of March, the Year 8s enjoyed a camp at Camp Adair. We slept in cabins and ate in our activity groups. We had the opportunity to participate in a range of exciting activities, including a 6-hour hike to Hunua Falls from the camp. I mostly enjoyed archery because I sang the whole time. I also enjoyed the mudslide. It was nice to experience new activities and people in a different sort of environment. I was proud of myself in the end because I gave everything a go. I learned that I could do anything I set my mind to and that whenever I made a mistake it was ok because "mistakes are another step to success."

• Melaine



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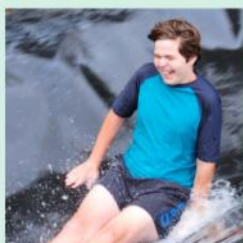
Soon after we set up our cabins, the song 'Happy' started playing. This meant we had to line up outdoors in our activity groups. Our parent helper helped us name it. Our finalised activity group was called 'Fast & Furious.'

Now it is time to start the first activity:

Orienteering. Orienteering is the activity that requires people to find letters throughout the entire camp and turn the scrambled letters into a word that will be approved by the teacher when complete. Then, you can move on to the next word to find the letters of. After hours of tirelessly walking around, we found all the letters. The word turned out to be two words actually: 'Hunua Rangers.'

Later, we walked to a wobbly bridge that crossed a small river. No more than three people could cross at once due to safety reasons. At the other side of the bridge was the mudslide. The mudslide is tall and goes downhill straight into a small patch of fresh mud water. It was shallow, and I wanted to give it a go! Non-participants sat on a bench at the bottom of the slide and rated the splash sizes of the people who used the slide. The experience there was quite fun.

- Jojo Robertson



Throughout the week, we completed activities such as Confidence Course, Hike, Mudslide, Archery, Crate Stack, Cargo Net, and Orienteering. My favourite activity was the Confidence Course, as I enjoyed getting muddy, although it was gross, but I loved the challenge, and it turned out to be fun. The most difficult activity was the Tramp to Hunua Falls as you had to walk 2.5 hours to Hunua Falls and back up a steep mountain nicknamed Killer Hill, and it pushed me way past my limit and challenged me a lot. Another favourite activity was the crate stack. I would work hard to get to the top of the crate stack and try not to fall. I got so close to beating Ōpaheke's record of 25 crates, but I only got to 22 with 30 seconds remaining and then fell. I showed how to be a collaborator because I helped the team with the activities like the crate stack and the Giant's ladder. I showed how to be an innovator because I tried new activities for the first time and gave every activity a go. Lastly, I showed how to be a challenge taker when I finished the hike even though it pushed me past my limit and got to see the Hunua Falls after our hard walk.

- Ruby



A huge thankyou to the Ōpaheke staff, PTA and Parent Helpers who all contributed to make this event a success!

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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 6



Term 1 Week 7

PTA Notices



Only \$20!

Registration vouchers have been emailed out to families or you can pick one up from the office.

First in First Serve.

Support our PTA and get a lovely family portrait to keep.

Eye On Nature



Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Eye on Nature School Days Programme, organized by the Beautification Trust, on Monday. The Eye on Nature School Days Programme offered a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with nature and explore its wonders. This year, the theme for the programme was "Act Local – Growing with Te Taiao". Students had hands on experience on water sampling from the local awa (ph, nitrate levels and water temperature and the turbidity reading) animal pests and plant pests and recycling. Here are a few snapshots of the day. Thank you to everyone who helped with this fantastic day for our students.



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PTA Notices

PTA MEETING & AGM

20TH MARCH, 7PM

- Ōpaheke School Staffroom

All Welcome (including children)



We need a dedicated person or persons to help out the fundraising lead to organise planned fundraisers through the year. Come along to the meeting and join the committee to help out the school!

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

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!



STUDENT CROSSING

**OPAHEKE ROAD
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

EASTER RAFFLE!

\$2 PER TICKET, ONE BOOKLET \$20

FOR MORE TICKETS, PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE.
PLEASE RETURN MONEY AND TICKET STUBS TO THE
OFFICE ASAP.

LAST RETURN DAY FOR TICKETS AND MONEY IS MONDAY,
MARCH 25TH 2024

RAFFLE DRAWN: WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH
WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED

FOR MORE INFORMATION PH: 298-5410

More tickets at the office now!!

We have 100 books to get rid of so
come on in for more!!

JUICIES SALE

COME ON DOWN TO THE HALL

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
END OF SCHOOL BELL IN THE
HALL

\$2 EACH

LEMONADE - APPLE
WILD BERRY - TROPICAL

** NEW **

GF / DF COCONUT JUICIES
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IMPORTANT DATES

20 Mar	PTA Meeting & AGM 7pm	28 Mar	PTA Juicies Sale 2.30pm
21 Mar	Maungarei Trip	29-2 Apr	Easter Holidays
22 Mar	Easter Donations Due	7 Apr	PTA Family Portraits
22 Mar	PTA Portrait Orders Due		
25 Mar	PTA Raffles Due Back		
26 Mar	NC Football		
27 Mar	Book Club Orders Due		
28 Mar	Y3/4 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 6	Week 7
R1	Jordan	Giovanni
R2	Maysie	Ānaru
R3	Tyreece	Nikita
R4	Adella	Cara
R5	Kabilan	Luke
R6	Arav	Pranaya
R7	Grace	
R8	Declan	Lincoln
R9	Joseph	Hamin
R10	Eliora	Joseph
R11	Gurnoor	Gretel
R12	Luke F	Nikolay
R15	Joseph	Zorawar
R16	Missiah	Pravi
R18	Neriah	Sarah
R21	Arlo	Charlotte
R22	AJ	Oisin
R23	Jensen	Ishman
R24	Roman	Kavish
R25	Quinn	Nora
R26	Almir	
Junior Hub	Inaise	
Kanuka	Eli P	Winnie
Manuka	Trey	Anne

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