



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.

Welcome back! I hope you managed to get time to relax and recharge the batteries, perhaps deal to those nagging household jobs. The timing of the long weekend was good because we have some tired children.

PTA

I attended the last PTA meeting. The PTA team have some awesome plans up their sleeve this year. The Funfest is being revived and will take place at the end of the year. This is a big project and they will need plenty of help.

The PTA along with our parents are also helping us around the fringes. They are encouraging safe parking along Tasman Drive. As you already know, Tasman Drive is busy. The current building work is making it worse. So these parents are working together to make sure it is safe for motorists, and more importantly for our tamariki. So our parents are watching, and they are willing to talk to motorists. If you want to avoid an awkward encounter, do the right thing when driving around our school. Our local police are also on board with us.

Attendance

I am really pleased with the consistency of our daily attendance. At least 90% of our kids are here everyday. This makes me happy. We try to set very high standards in all areas at Ōpaheke School, and I want our school to have the best attendance in Papakura.

Winter Sports

I hear that club sports are underway for a number of our children. I have received great reports on our student conduct during interschool sports. Things like Ōpaheke kids showing great manners, sportsmanship and teamwork. I don't want that conduct to stop at the school gate. All Ōpaheke kids should be as equally cool when they play for their clubs as they are for our school. So, **parents** can you please encourage children to play hard, play fair and give respect to opponents, coaches and referees. Perhaps, remind them to do the following:

1. Look opponent in the eye, shake their hand after the match. Say **"Well played"** and **"thanks for the game"**. Win OR lose.
2. Always say **"thank you"** to the referee and coach after the game.
3. NEVER ever argue with the referee.

Word gets around quickly, and I would like to know that our Ōpaheke kids are doing well with their weekend sports.

This is the last newsletter of the term, so I want to say thank you for backing our school and teachers. Term 2 signals the start of the learning climb, as the novelty of start of year activity subsides and students have now become familiar with classroom routines. So make sure everybody gets plenty of rest over the break, because we want to hit next term at full steam. Year 1-4 parents can I please encourage you to take your child to the library over the break. Keep their reading up. That would help us a lot. Thanks.

Have a nice end to the week and a fantastic upcoming school holiday.

Ngā mihi nui,
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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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 8

Counties Rugby Trials

Seven Year 7 and 8 Students Trained for the under 55 counties rugby team at Bruce Pulman park. They pushed through a range of different drills and displayed great skill. Congratulations to all seven students for officially making the team!



Sport

North Counties Football

Last week we took 60 students to participate in the North Counties Football Tournament at McLennan Park. Our tamariki represented Ōpaheke with amazing sportsmanship and fought hard in all their games. All teams played well with our Year 7 boys coming in second and narrowly missing out on moving through to Counties Zone Tournament. The Year 5 & 6 boys team won all their pool games and missed the finals due to points differential as with the Year 8 boys who came third in their pool due to a tie with Conifer Grove. Our exceptional Year 5 & 6 girls made huge improvements during the day, making the finals and coming in second. A huge congratulations to all those who participated, you are amazing! And a massive thank you once again to the parents who offer their time and commitment to coach and manage our teams at these events, without you, they would not be possible.



Auckland Swimming Championship

On Wednesday 20th March Kayne participated in the Auckland Swimming Championship, representing Ōpaheke School as part of the Counties Team. It was a new adventure for Kayne. It was at West Wave in Henderson, quite a trek for us from Ōpaheke! The pool was 25m long so required a turn in the middle of the race. There were judges checking if you did it right. In the 50m backstroke for year 7, there were 3 heats and Kayne finished 6th in his heat. One of the boys from Counties made the final!



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PTA Notices



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our PTA Easter Raffle. We had enough donations to make up 7 x prize hampers and Mr Tawhiti drew the winners out on Wednesday 27th March. Congratulations to the winners. Our PTA made around \$4,500 from this fundraiser.



PTA OFFICE HOLDERS

CHAIRPERSON - RENEE SEALES

TREASURER - RYAN MARSHALL

SECRETARY - REBECCA BAMFIELD

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**COME ON DOWN
FOR A BOOGIE
AND
FUN TIMES!**

OUR ŌPAHEKE PTA INVITES YOU TO
THE END OF TERM

**Ōpaheke School
Disco!**

FOOD! GOOD MUSIC!

ADMISSION \$2

--THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024--

YEARS 1 - 2 5:00PM TILL 5:45PM

YEARS 3 - 4 6:00PM TILL 6:45PM

YEARS 5 - 8 7:00PM TILL 8:00PM

ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL HALL

Opaheke School PTA

**MOTHER'S DAY
PHOTOSHOOT**

NZ Family Portraits
Papakura
Photoshoot

DATE: Sunday 7th April

Only \$20!

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

It's not too late, we still have sittings available.

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



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IMPORTANT DATES

7 Apr	PTA Family Portraits
9-12	Poppy Week
11 Apr	R3, 4, Manuka and Kanuka Swimming Survival Lessons
11 Apr	PTA Disco
12 Apr	Last Day of Term 1 - Normal Finish
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY
29 Apr	First Day of Term 2 - Normal Start
29 Apr	Field of Remembrance Ceremony

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 8	Week 9
R1	Manumi	
R2	Charlotte	
R3	Jasper	
R4	Katya	
R5	Vincent	
R6	Libby	
R7	Anraj	
R8	Sonny	
R9	Harnoor	
R10	Kane	
R11	Harper	
R12	Jordyn	
R15	Teghman	
R16	Gurnoor	
R18	Kristian	
R21	Taylor	
R22	Jennifer	
R23	Kawiti	
R24	Jacob	
R25	Alan	
R26	Carol	
Junior Hub	Cassidy	
Kanuka	Laurel	
Manuka	Omar	

No Awards Assembly - Easter Friday

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