



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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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 to the new term and what a great start we have had with attendance. Thank you mum, dad, and caregivers for getting on board and helping us out. For the record, we had over 95% of our school here on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, and over 90% most other days. We have 67% of our students regularly attending (at school 90% of the time). This means we are 3% off meeting the government target for 2024. So we are very close and definitely on the right track. Well done to those making a big effort.

There is a nice buzz around the school at the moment. Perhaps this is because we have welcomed Mrs Kathryn Farr, Matua Dallas Maihi, and Mrs Sarah Miller to our team.

Student Led Conferences This is the pinnacle learning event of the year. I am really excited about having every parent and caregiver here to celebrate the learning of our tamariki. They will take place on the 3rd and 4th of July. Pencil these dates into your calendar now. Students will go home at 12pm on Wednesday 3rd July to accommodate these.

Upcoming Teacher Only Day We have a Teacher Only Day planned for Friday the 31st of May. This day is for teachers to do work associated with the curriculum changes the government has recently introduced. So **no** students at school on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding.

Social media and phone use Winter is approaching and more time indoors may mean more time on electronic devices. If your child is of the age where they are using social media to connect with friends, consider taking the time to do a quick check-in with your child. Simply to ensure they are using social media appropriately.

Perhaps do the following:

- Check that your child is not registered for an app that is above their age. Most social media apps have a minimum user age of 13 years, this includes 'Messenger'.
- Ask or view who they are communicating with.
- Talk about appropriate communication.

Children can easily be led down dangerous rabbit holes when using technology. So prevention is the best approach. I suggest having a korero with your child tonight if they use electronic devices and social media. But let's not forget the fact that our kids see each other face-to-face everyday. Perhaps tell them that they can wait till the morning to talk to them.

Property work We have had some property work completed over the break. This has included improved courtyard drainage, new heat pumps and lighting for half of our school, and a new PA System and bell upgrade. We are currently in the planning phase of major refurbishments to Rooms 1 – 8 and their adjoining courtyards. We hope to get these underway this year, and if all goes to plan, this will drastically alter the look and layout of the central part of our school.

Have a nice end to the week and happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

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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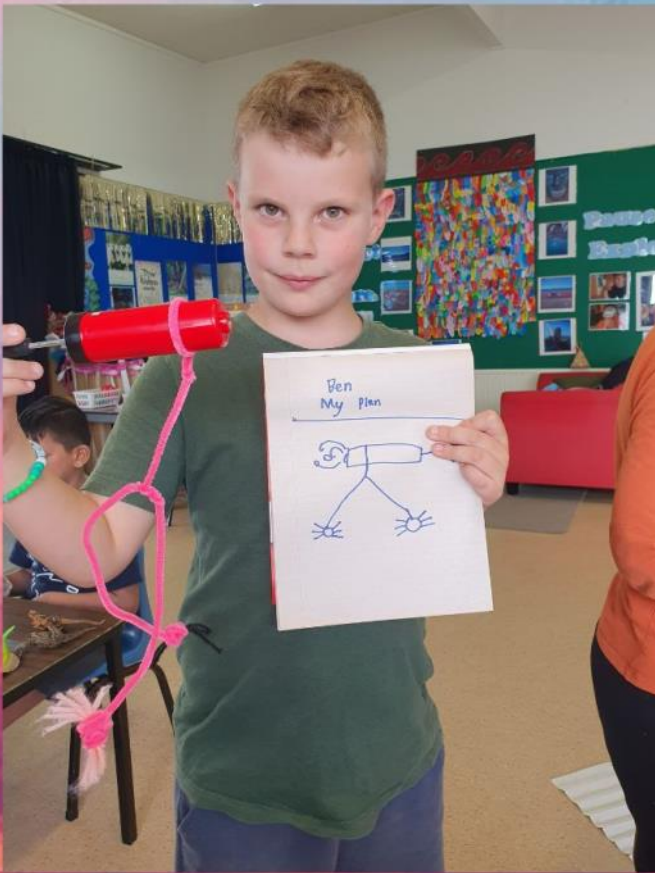


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Sport

North Counties Rugby Training

Year 7 & 8 rugby players have had a busy start to Term 2, training with their respective teams. We have boys playing in both the North Counties U55kg and Open Weight teams who will represent NC at the Counties Zone Tournament on the 28th May.

A huge shout out to Teesh from Counties Manukau Rugby who is providing her expertise through training our Open Team, your time and knowledge is greatly appreciated.

Trainings are:

U55kg - Thursday 9th May at Papakura Normal

Open - Friday 10th May at Ōpaheke

Please make sure your son comes to school with his mouthguard, boots and a drink bottle, ready to make the most of the time we have to train.



Good luck to all our Ōpaheke students who are playing various extra-curricular weekend sports! It is always great as teachers to hear about the games our tamariki play on the weekends.

Netball

Some of our girls are training on a Tuesday at lunch time in preparation to represent our school at the North Counties Netball Tournament to be held on the 12th June.

We also wish our Ōpaheke School netball teams well as they begin the season. They are training after school hours during the week and playing on a Saturday morning at the Papakura Netball Centre.

'Grab n Go' Lunches

Ōpaheke School
Grab n Go Lunches

FOOD DRIVE

Our school helps some of our tamariki with breakfast and lunch when needed. Sanitarium and Fonterra supply weetbix and milk for the breakfast club. The 'Grab n Go' lunches are supplied by donations from our staff and other whānau who can help. If you can help with any pantry items please drop them off at the school office.



Donation ideas

- Gladwrap
- Sandwich bags
- Snack bags
- Jam
- Nutella
- Marmite/Vegemite
- Luncheon
- Tomato sauce
- Bread
- Margarine
- Cheese slices
- Baking
- Fruit
- Muesli bars
- Individual packets of : rasins, chips
crackers & pretzels
etc.



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Welcome

Mrs Kathryn Farr

*Tēnā koutou katoa
Kāore ōku toto Māori, engari ko Aotearoa te whenua
i whakatipu mai i a au.
Nō Kotirana, no Ingarani, no Airani ōku tūpuna.
E noho ana au ki Ōwairoa.
Ko Kathryn Farr tōku ingoa, engari ko Whaea Kathryn
ki ngā tamariki.
Ko au te Tumuaki Kaituarā o te kura o Ōpaheke.*

*Ka tēnei tāku mihi ki ngā tangata whenua o te rohe
nei.
Ka mihi hoki au ki ngā tūtohu whenua o te rohe nei.*

*Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā kotahi tātou
katoa.*

Greetings everyone

My name is Kathryn Farr and I am the Assistant Principal of the junior school (years 1-4). The children know me as Whaea Kathryn.

I come to Ōpaheke School with over 20 years of teaching experience, most of this in junior classrooms. I believe in a strong learning culture and am passionate about working with teachers to improve student outcomes. It is important to me that everyone can experience success, whilst standing strong as who they are. I am committed to my role as Tangata Tiriti, to honouring and enacting Te Tiriti in everything I do.

I live in Howick with my husband and two teenage children. When not at school, I am often found supporting my children in their sports. I love to read, walk along the beach and spend time with my family and friends. One of my favourite things to do is to play cards and board games on a rainy day.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know our Ōpaheke school community.



Mrs Sarah Miller

Hi my name is Sarah Miller, I am honored to be working alongside the wonderful team as a learning support at Ōpaheke school.

I have been apart of the Ōpaheke family for many years now as my 3 oldest children have gone through Ōpaheke with our youngest Grace, who is a year 6, still here.

My interests include watching my children at their sports and dancing. I also enjoy arts and crafts.

Matua Dallas Maihi

Kia ora, my name is Dallas Maihi and I am pleased to have been appointed teacher of Ōpaheke School's new Year 7/8 expansion class (Kauri). Although new to the school in term 2, I have been teaching for ten years and served in the education sector for almost two decades.

I have extensive life experience in a multitude of diverse trades which I am able to call upon to enrich the learning opportunities and experiences offered to our tamariki. My passion is nature and our environment (especially things Tangaroa based). This will become evident throughout my classroom programme, with an emphasis on water safety, water confidence, and of course 'kaimoana'.

As a qualified commercial skipper, I will also teach many components of the NZ Boat Master course which includes Navigation, Emergency/Distress, Weather/Tides, etc. As an avid fisherman, our kids will learn various fishing techniques, knots, tackle, and rope work. A student favourite is constructing eel traps (hinaki) and learning about Māori cultural fishing practices.

All of this is in addition to delivering full NZC coverage with a 'hands on' focus. Make learning fun!

Nga mihi



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term two focus is 'Respect for Self and Others'.

Well done to all our students who received awards at the last two assemblies.

Great work team!



Term 1 Week 10



Term 2 Week 1

Room 4 - Student Work

Description of a Summer's Day at the Beach:

As the smoothness of the sand met the watery presence of the azure blue waves; the tall palm trees accompanied by its lime green leaves blew in the smooth winds as high white clouds pass the sun looks down with its flaming hot glow. The shiny blue waves push forward then descends in unison forever keeping its formation. Sun losing its bright glow, it soon becomes night. As the sun descends to continue its inevitable orbit as the glowing bright stars and moon take its place, as the moons shining gaze reflects in the sparkling blue waters. Fish wriggle in unison together keeping their formation hoping the silver gilded fish wouldn't drift off, as they sparkle in the cold navy-blue depths of the Pacific Ocean.

Written by: Deimos Tate

ANZAC Day

Poppy Week

The School Councillors raised \$300 through poppy week donations for the Papakura RSA Welfare Trust.



Field of Remembrance Ceremony

We held our annual Fields of Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday 30th April. The whole school assembled on the field and at the end of the ceremony the classes laid poppies at our field of crosses.

Our school Councilors did a wonderful job of leading this ceremony. Also, a big thank you to Allan for coming in again to play the trombone.



Poppy Display

The poppies that students made for our Field of Remembrance ceremony were collected and are now on display in our library. Students used a variety of art techniques to make these impressive poppies, including collage and origami. If you are passing the library pop in to get a closer look.



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TERM 2, 2024 POLICY REVIEW

This term we are reviewing policies in the Employer Responsibility Policy section, focusing on policies and procedures about appointment and employment. We'll continue to review the rest of the section in term 3

REVIEW CLOSES: 5 JULY 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.



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PTA Notices



MORNING TEA

Spoil yourself Monday 13th May

Pop in to the staff room after drop-off from 8:20am to have a well deserved hot or cold drink and yummy treats!

Come celebrate you!
Mums, nana's, aunties all welcome!
Preschoolers welcome.
Come make some new friends and meet the ladies on the PTA.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:
pta@opaheke.school.nz
or phone 298-5410

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We are in need of a person to work alongside our current PTA fundraising co-ordinator. If you...

- Have the time to help run termly fundraisers
- Love to help out
- Have good computer skills
- Love working to deadlines
- Want to join a great team of people
- Want to make new friends
- Love raising money
- Like having fun!!

This is for you!! ☎ 298-5410 📧 pta@opaheke.school.nz



ORDER THURSDAY FOR DELIVERY FRIDAY

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch ordering will start Thursday, 9th May!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out on the night and who attended the disco at the end of last term. The PTA made \$3,200 at this fundraiser.



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!

STUDENT CROSSING

OPAHEKE ROAD WEDNESDAY 8-8:25AM

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

6-12 May	NZ Sign Language Week
9 May	Y3/4 Stardome Trip
13 May	PTA Mothers Day Morning Tea
14 May	Board Meeting 7pm
16 May	Support Staff Day
17 May	Pink Shirt Day
21,23,24 May	Y5/6 Mangere Mountain Trip
22 May	National Simultaneous Storytime 1pm
22 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
23 May	NYLD
31 May	Teacher Only Day

TERM DATES FOR 2024

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 2 - Respect for Self and Others

Room	T1, Week 10	T2, Week 1
R1	Athea	Mecedes
R2	Ruth	Whitney
R3	Dean	Shaun
R4	Mia T	Ava
R5	Hazen	Lynell
R6	Liliana	Libby
R7	Anne	Hasrat
R8	Te-Arikinui	Andrej
R9	Leo	Dinada
R10	Rolene	Ella
R11	Zara	Aahana
R12	Declan	K'laryna
R15	Nao	Nina
R16	Huia	Aria
R17		Elyzibeth
R18	Alyssa	Lily
R21	Maanveer	Ninke
R22	Mackenzie	Piper
R23	Eleanor	Tevita
R24	Leeh-Brohyn	Anastasia
R25	Max	Ethan
R26	Gurmukh	Gurmukh
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Manuka	Alexander	Wanessa

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