

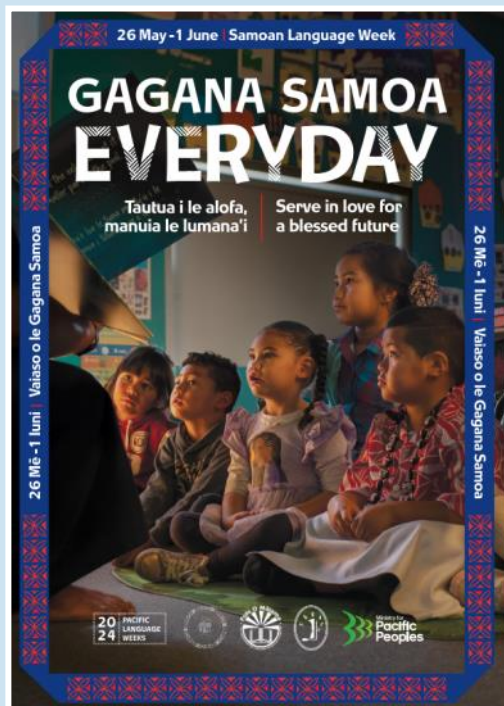


ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



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.

At last week's assembly I tried to explain our 'Learning Climb' (see illustration on next page) in a different way that perhaps our tamariki could understand. But I have since learnt that a number of our juniors believe that the learning climb is entirely about golf. So I will try to explain. Here goes. I have hit a rough patch with my golf. My rough patch is so bad that my handicap is rapidly deteriorating, playing partners gasp at my erratic shots, friends have offered me counsel after a poor round ("do we need to talk?"), the greenkeeper offered me special clubs to use, and my two boys who now regularly score better than me are even offering advice. It is a confusing time as I wade through all the advice and support of my peers, whilst knowing deep down that once upon a time I could play golf and that I do have the answer. *"But when will it come?"* I think to myself. The funny thing about it all is that I am actually starting to enjoy the struggle and although I am eager to rediscover my game, I am not worried. This is no different to the learning climb our children partake in everyday. Maybe they find the learning hard, perhaps they have recently celebrated success, but we want to encourage our students to enjoy the 'climb'. To expect things to get tough, and when they do climb to the top, be prepared for the descent back into a new climb or a new challenge. I told our

tamariki that I will keep them updated on my learning climb. I am sure you will hear about it too.

Cellphones We have a policy and procedure for managing cellphones at school. We have a very small number of students who bring cellphones to school and they know that they are required to hand them in to the office upon arrival to school. This is to ensure that they are safely stored and there is no possibility of use throughout the day. But we would much prefer that children did not bring cellphones at all. You can pass any messages on to your children via our office staff.

Can I please ask that you do not allow your child to bring a cellphone to school unless absolutely necessary.

Student Led Conferences This is the pinnacle learning event of the year and it is getting closer. Our children are preparing for this in earnest. As I write this, a staggering number of parents have already booked in. So please book as soon as you can for your preferred time. However, we are very flexible and we will make sure we can accommodate you. Remember these take place on the 3rd and 4th of July. Pencil these dates into your calendar now.



Teacher Only Day NEXT WEEK 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.

Have a nice end to the week.
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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THE LEARNING CLIMB



CONCEPT

- I have an idea... I'm ready to start exploring!
- I am ready to try and learn something new
- Take your first step on the learning climb

Karawhiua! - Give it a go!

CONSTRUCT

- You're starting to make connections now
- It is tough but it is making more sense to me
- It's good to have a better answer/solution/idea

He uaua tēnei - This is hard

CHALLENGE

- There are a lot of ideas to think about
- It can be confusing and frustrating
- I am wondering and questioning everything

Ehara i te tī - Keep giving it heaps

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU DID IT!

- I have reached the top, and I feel great!
- I feel proud of what I have achieved
- Share your journey, discuss how you got there

Kua puta a ihu - You have succeeded

COGNITIVE CONFLICT

- I'm feeling overwhelmed and confused
- There are so many things to think about
- How do I work this out, who/what can help me?

Kia manawanui! - Hang in there!

CONSIDER/REFLECT

- What have I learnt on my journey?
- How can I apply this to other areas of learning?
- Would I do anything differently for next time?

Me atā whakaaro - Keep thinking carefully

ARE YOU READY TO CLIMB?

- ✓ Learner dispositions
- ✓ Positive attitude
- ✓ An open mind



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Sport



Squash at lunchtime

Last week we had a visit from the Auckland Squash Association, who came in and set up their rally walls to give our tamariki the chance to try out a new sport! Students opted in to this experience and got to participate at during lunch play time. Everyone had so much fun! Thank you so much to Manu and Courtney who were awesome and showed us some new skills!

Papakura Squash Club have a club night each Thursday from 4-5.30pm where you can head down and have a go! If you would like more information, please email brittanyj@opaheke.school.nz or contact Papakura Squash Club.



Rugby Training

The Open team are training on Wednesday this week from 1.00-2.30pm and u55kg are training on Thursday from 12.00-1.00pm (boots and mouthguard required).



UPCOMING EVENTS



Counties Rugby Tournament

Bruce Pulman Park - Tues, 28th May.

North Counties Girls Netball Tournament

Papakura Netball Centre - Wed, 12th June.



**Wednesday
29 May 2024
6-7.30pm**

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PASIFIKA TALANOA

We need your help to ensure our tamaiti are reaching their potential, feel safe, and are supported as Pasikifa learners at Ōpaheke School. Come and talanoa with us!



Meet other parents



Mea'ai provided



Prizes to be won



Discuss important information



We will also have special guests from the Kootuitui ki Papakura Warm Dry Homes and EnergyMates Team talk about how they can help you and your aiga have a cozy and healthy winter season and provide support with those pesky winter power bills.

Please RSVP to the school office by Monday 27 May for catering purposes



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Learning Conferences

It's time for our
**Learning
Conferences**

**JULY
3 & 4**

**BOOK
NOW**

We are excited to announce our learning conferences will be held this term, July 3rd & 4th!

Learning conferences are a great opportunity for you to get involved with your child's learning. Our students love sharing their learning journey with their parents, and it allows you to discuss their learning with their teachers too.

These conferences are a real highlight for us, we love seeing students engaged with their parents and excited about their learning.

We hope to see you all there and encourage you to book now so you don't miss out on your preferred time.

To book your conferences go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code and enter the relevant event code.

For Year 3-8 students enter d5dy2
For Year 1 and 2 students enter 3y552

Or call our office team to book in with them.

Support Staff Day

Last week we celebrated Support Staff Day. Mr Tawhiti pondered a couple of questions.

Why do **our** support staff make such a difference at Ōpaheke School?

- They all have shared ownership of this place and many have a personal investment (kids who have been here or through here, or they have worked here for many years).
- This ownership of Ōpaheke School means they want the best for our school and our tamariki.

They show this in many ways. Noticing and fixing things, helping to get kids to school and on time, running breakfast club, tidying our kitchen, decorating our staffroom with various assorted pot plants, helping our new parents. These little things are big things because they all add up to make our school better.

What makes a great work environment?

Having:

- People who have each others backs,
- People you can rely on,
- People who are relentlessly positive, willing to have a moan about things we can improve, but their default is happiness.

Our support staff are all of these things. They say kids need significant adults in their lives, but us big people need them too. We take comfort in the SUPPORT of our support staff. We are so grateful to have them.



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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 2 Week 3

Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 17th May there was a sea of pink at Ōpaheke School. So many of our staff and students wore pink and/or donated a gold coin to help raise awareness and funds for the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Pink Shirt Day aims to help eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Together we raised over \$300, thank you to everyone who contributed.



Pyjama day & sausage sizzle!

From the 24th until the 29th of May we'll be selling sausage sizzle tickets for \$2 each. You can exchange your ticket for a sausage on the 30th of May.

Along with the sausage sizzle, we'll be having a pyjama day. Bring a gold coin to be able to wear your pjs for the entire day on the 30th May.

If you do not eat beef, feel free to bring along your own precooked sausage.



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ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL PTA MEETING MAY 22, 7PM - IN THE STAFF ROOM



WHAT IS THE PTA?
Parent - Teacher Association



WHO RUNS IT?
The Chairperson, secretary and treasurer lead the meeting agenda



WHO ELSE CAN COME ALONG?
The PTA is for everyone! All whanau and teachers in the school



WHAT DO THEY DO?
The PTA's purpose is to raise funds and do small projects



WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR FUNDS?
All money raised goes towards school activities, camps, resources & more!



HOW DOES IT BENEFIT ME?
It means camp fees are lower, more resources for your child



WHAT ELSE?
You get to meet new friends, teachers and learn how the school runs



WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!
Come along to our meetings and join in! We'd love to meet you!

OXFORD PIES FUNDRAISER

Baked fresh and chilled, ready for the freezer

FAMILY PIES

Mince **\$11**
Mince & Cheese
Curry Mince
Steak
Steak & Cheese
Pepper Steak
Bacon & Egg
Creamy Vege
Apple
Apple Crumble
Apricot
Blackberry & Apple

LUNCH PIES

5 pack - **\$15**
Mince
Mince & Cheese
Steak & Cheese
Bacon & Egg
Chicken & Vege

MINCE SAVOURIES

6 pack **\$8**

LAMINGTONS

6 pack - **\$8**
Chocolate
Strawberry

SAUSAGE ROLLS

5 pack **\$11**

ORDERS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL BY JUNE 6TH
PIE COLLECTION TUESDAY JUNE 25TH -
PICK UP FROM HALL AFTER 2PM

email: pta@opaheke.school.nz
for more information and order forms
phone: 298-5410

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.

OFFICE PHONE: 298-5410

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!!

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✉ pta@opaheke.school.nz



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IMPORTANT DATES

22 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
23, 24 May	Y5/6 Mangere Mountain Trip
23 May	NYLD
26-31 May	Samoan Language Week
28 May	Counties Boys Rugby
29 May	Pasifika Fono - 6pm
30 May	Sausage Sizzle and Pyjama Day
31 May	Teacher Only Day
3 Jun	King's Birthday
5, 6 Jun	Auckland Museum Visit
6 Jun	Y7 Boostrix Vaccinations
6 Jun	Pie Orders Due Back

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	Week 2	Week 3
R1		Quinn
R2		Bethany
R3		Damien
R4		Briannah
R5		Chozin
R6		Amelia
R7		Lennon
R8		Rebecca
R9		Clayton
R10		Xavier
R11		
R12		Luke N
R15		Paige
R16		Prabhnoor
R17		Alvar
R18		Palvi
R21		Khaedy
R22		Etupati
R23		Choyrell
R24		Bhavy
R25		Harper
R26		Tyler
Junior Hub		Brody
Kanuka		Angel
Kauri		Ike
Manuka		Madison

No Awards Assembly

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Chill Out KIDS PROGRAMME

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT MASSEY PARK POOL

PICK UP FROM SCHOOL. AFTERNOON TEA. SWIMMING. ACTIVITIES. FUN!

CONTACT SANDRA AT MCC@CLMNZ.CO.NZ OR 02718100077

MASSEY PARK POOL

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