



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.

Loads of students have been sent to my office recently. You may have seen these kids pop up on our facebook feed as Principal Award recipients. These students are all well underway with their 'learning climb'. It is and always has been a privilege to see the growth of our tamariki firsthand and to celebrate alongside them. So, I invite you to come along to the **Student Led Conference** evenings, and you can jump into our seat and see what our kids have been getting up to.

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. We are up to 50% of families already booked in. So please lock in your preferred time as soon as you can. Remember these take place on the 3rd and 4th of July.

If you missed our previous newsletter regarding cell phones, can I please ask that you do not allow your child to bring a cellphone to school unless **absolutely** necessary. Thank you to the families who have already enforced this at home, we appreciate it.

Last week was Samoan language week. As part of the celebrations, Wednesday was dress up in your culture day. This day really showcased the beauty of our school- the cultural diversity we have across our students and staff. Have a look at some of the pictures on our facebook page. We are very lucky.

We officially announced our head students last week. As it was Samoan language week it seemed fitting to share this proverb 'o le ala i le pule o le tautua' (the pathway to leadership is through service). Service is about people doing stuff that makes something or someone better. Both of these students lead through action and they understand the importance of serving others. These two students encourage and uplift their peers and work hard to make our school the best it can be. A huge congratulations to Ruby Erdos and William Drikibau.

Have a nice end to the week.

Ngā mihi nui,
Mr Tawhiti.



It's time for our Learning Conferences

JULY
3 & 4

BOOK
NOW

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.

Further information sent via
email today.

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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



Counties Boys Rugby

On the 28th May several of our Year 7 & 8 boys were involved in the Counties Zone Rugby Tournament at Bruce Pulman Park. They joined with students from Papakura Normal School to form a U55 kg team and an Open grade team.

The boys showed commitment and determination, training for several weeks in the lead up to the competition.

It was a great day for rugby! North Counties had plenty of support on the sidelines with a great turn out of our Ōpaheke whānau supporting the teams.

The U55 kg team had an awesome day out, finishing 2nd in their grade having won all their games up until the final against Manurewa Intermediate. They were great to watch, plenty of running, rugby and consistent effort all day.

The Open team went from strength to strength over the day with wins against both Rosehill and Pukekohe Intermediate, finishing 3rd in their pool. Some flash tackles, run away tries, strong carries from our props and brilliant goal kicking made for an exciting tournament.

A huge thank you to Kevin Moorhouse from Papakura Normal for coaching the U55kg team and to Letitia from Counties Rugby for her work with the Open team in the lead up to the tournament. Thanks also to Ardmare Marist for the jerseys and Corban Glendinning (Ardmore Marist RDO) for coaching the Open team on the day.

A special mention to Mickey's whānau for their support and getting our U55kg boys to Papakura Normal each week for training. Also, to the parents who helped with transport on the day, ngā mihi nui kia koutou.

Well done to these boys for getting involved and giving it 100%, you represented Ōpaheke with pride!

U55 kg – Mickey, Eli R, Rakshen, Jermaine, Preston, William and Dallas.

Open – Tyreece, Kade, John S, Eric, Palolo, Sitani, Ike, Shaun, Salvation, Sione and Odin.



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Samoan Language Week



Last week was Samoan Language Week. The students celebrated in many different ways, from learning traditional Samoan games at lunch time to doing various classroom activities learning about Samoa and their culture. We also held a cultural dress day where all our students had the opportunity to wear something that represented their own culture. It was so lovely to see such a variety of cultures represented around our school.



Pasifika Talanoa

Last Wednesday, we held our first Pasifika Fono for 2024. Despite the horrendous weather, we were lucky enough to talanoa with those who braved the rain to come together to ensure our Pasifika students are supported in all areas of their learning journey. To support our plan, we welcomed Kootuitui ki Papakura, who talked about their Healthy Homes Initiative and how we can make sure our homes are warm, dry and healthy over the winter months, which in return will ensure our tamaiti are staying healthy and attending school everyday.

The awesome team from Kootuitui treated all families who signed up with a prize pack that included new curtains, blankets, hot water bottles and a digital thermometer. Congratulations to the Drikibau family who took this home, I'm sure you will all be toasty in this cold weather! Enjoy some photos of our night and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event. If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Johnson at Brittanyj@opaheke.school.nz



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Blind and Low Vision Workshops



Last week, our Year 1-6 students were lucky enough to have a visit from Dan, his guide dog Ezra and Renee from our school P.T.A. Dan, Ezra and Renee joined us from the Blind and Low Vision New Zealand organisation. We were the first school in the North Island to take part in their workshops! They visited us to educate our tamariki about how we can help people who are blind or have low vision in our community. We also learnt about what the job of a guide dog is and even got to see Ezra in action leading Dan through an obstacle course! Here are some of the take aways from tamariki in the Maungakiekie team...

- If I see a guide dog walking, I need to ask to pat it first - Isabel
- Guide dogs can dodge obstacles - Ethan
- Guide dogs know that the yellow spots on the road mean to stop. They stop for their owner before they cross - Da in
- People with low vision can see yellow, it is the last colour they can see – Sophia

A huge thank you to Dan, Renee and Ezra from Blind and Low Vision for their mahi and bringing awareness to our tamariki about this important topic. We are grateful for the opportunity!



PhotoLife Photos




Student Names will Appear Here

ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL PHOTOS

13TH JUNE - CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
14TH JUNE - TEAM AND SIBLING PHOTOS

Your child's photos will be taken at School on **Thursday 13th June** for class and individual photos. All students who are present at school will have their photo taken.

On **Friday 14th June** PhotoLife will be taking Team Photos of the Librarians, Netball Teams and School Councillors. Netball players (and team coaches/managers) will need to come to school in their full netball uniform and Councillors will also need their Councillor uniforms for the photo.

They will also take any sibling photos which are requested by returning the 'Sibling Photo Request Form' which has been sent home with students and is also available at the school office.

Photos will be available for viewing/ordering a couple of weeks after the photos have been taken. You will be emailed an individual key code for your child with further instructions on how to order.



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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 4



Term 2 Week 5

Sausage Sizzle and Pyjama Day



What a fantastic day last Thursday. Everyone looked so cozy and warm in their Pyjama's and it was a perfect day for a warm sausage sizzle at lunch time. Thank you to everyone who participated and thank you for all the work the school councillors put into making the day possible. They raised over \$1,000.



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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**

Don't miss out, get your orders in now.

Order forms are due into the school office by tomorrow **(Thursday 6th June)**.

If you would like another order form these are available from the school office.

Payment via cash or online banking to the PTA account.

Order collection will be Tuesday 25th June from the school hall.

PTA MEETING 19 June 2024

7.00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom

All Welcome (including children)



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

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IMPORTANT DATES

5 & 6 Jun	Auckland Museum Visit
6 Jun	Y7 Boostrix Vaccinations
6 Jun	Pie Orders Due Back
12 Jun	NC Girls Netball Tournament
13 Jun	PhotoLife - Individual/Class
14 Jun	PhotoLife - Team/Sibling
17 Jun	Board Meeting 7pm
18 & 19 Jun	Mānuka Bike Skills
19 Jun	PTA Meeting 7pm
20 & 21 Jun	Kānuka Bike Skills
21 Jun	Y6 Bake Sale
24-27 Jun	Y1/2 Matariki Breakfasts
25 Jun	Y3/4 Matariki Breakfast
25 Jun	Oxford Pie Pick Up
26 Jun	Book Fair Arrives
28 Jun	Matariki - No School

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 4	Week 5
R1	Arhaan	Manumi
R2		Evangeline
R3	Joe	
R4	Baninder	
R5	Payton	Michael
R6	Leo	Keena
R7	AJ	David
R8	Sonny	Arlen
R9		Vienna
R10	Loto	Miu
R11	Gretal	Yusuf
R12	Jace	
R15	Mishel	Jaskeerat
R16	Dustin	Zarni
R17	Avleen	Meleane
R18	Neriah	Wiremu
R21	Twilight	Narika
R22	Nyla	Jahziah
R23	Everleigh	Lily
R24	Kingston	Aivamaire
R25	Michael	Brooklyn
R26	Grayson	Lachlan
Junior Hub	Kaylani	Eljjae
Kanuka		Aariya
Kauri		
Manuka	Karapenya	Palolo

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