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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.



The **Book Fair** is here this week. So head on down to our library, peruse the beautiful selection, and purchase early Christmas gifts, or perhaps reward your child for an excellent report or student led conference.

It appears the term break cannot come soon enough, with a lot of winter illness across our school. A bit of rest over the break might just be what the doctor ordered. I too need a break from the Blues rugby supporters on our staff who have given me a hard time recently.

On the note of sport and health - I know this won't be news to anybody. But if your child is involved in winter sport, make sure they wear a warm jacket to games, and slip it back on if they are on the sideline or straight after the game. We don't want their warm bodies to cool down too quick, as this often triggers colds and the like. Your kids will try to tell you otherwise but you can tell them that "Mr T said so".

It has been a big push to the end of the term. With so much going on, we couldn't do it all without your support. So, I would like to thank our parents, grandparents and extended family for your support behind the scenes and on the ground. Your support comes in many forms, but I have listed just a few ways in which you have helped our school:

- Transporting kids for sports and field trips
- Donating kai for our grab 'n' go lunches
- Coaching teams
- Supporting PTA efforts
- Walking kids to school and picking kids up
- Doing road patrol
- Running Friday lunch orders

Finally, we say a sad farewell to Erika Langford, who is leaving us at the end of this term. Erika is our ESOL teacher and has done a wonderful job working with a large number of our students. We wish her all the best!

See you all next term. Noho ora mai. Stay well.

Mr Tawhiti



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Sport

North Counties Rugby 7s Tournament

Last Tuesday, we took 48 year 5-8 students to the North Counties Rugby 7s tournament at Bruce Pulman Park. It was a fantastic day out, with all of our students enjoying big hits, great runs, and muddy fields! Our four teams (year 7/8 boys, year 7/8 girls, and two year 5/6 mixed) represented us well showing great sportsmanship and resilience throughout the day. Thank you to all our parent helpers: Joe Tuineau, Jaclyn King and Penioni Drikibau, for coaching and managing our teams, giving them great pointers and supporting them through their games. It's always amazing to have our parents on the sideline sharing their wealth of knowledge.

Placings for the tournament:

Year 7/8 Boys - 2nd Place
Year 7/8 Girls - 2nd Place
Year 5/6 A - 2nd Place
Year 5/6 B - 3rd Place

Well done to all our tamariki who participated!



Coming Up in Term 3 for Sports

Week 1: Trials for year 7/8s rugby league (Friday)

Week 3: NC Intermediate Cross-Country (Wednesday)

Week 5: NC Primary Cross-Country (Tuesday) and Counties Intermediate Cross-Country (Friday)

Week 6: NC Primary and Intermediate Basketball (Wednesday) and Counties Intermediate Rugby League (Friday)

Y3/4 Matariki Breakfast and Our Living Museum

Our Year 3 & 4 students enjoyed a Matariki Breakfast with friends and whānau on Tuesday last week. They also had the chance to show off their Inquiry work for the 'Our Living Museum' which they presented after morning tea that day.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Matariki breakfast and to those who managed to make it down to share these experiences.



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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 8

Book Fair

It's not too late to visit our bookfair, it will be open today and tomorrow at the below times for you to visit, enjoy and hopefully buy a book or two.

Come to our Makerspace and have a look for yourself.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! All purchases benefit our students and gets more books into our school library!

Opening hours:

Wednesday 3rd July 8:00 – 8:30 am & 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 4th July 8:00 – 8:30 am & 2:20 – 2:45 pm



Bake Sale

Thank you to Room 1 and 2 families who provided yummy baking for the bake sale on Friday 21st June. We raised over \$1,000 to go towards the Year 6 camp later this year. Keep an eye out for the next bake sale when our Room 7 and 18 students will be preparing some delicious baked treats to sell.



Last week to check.

The lost property will be laid out in front of Room 18 each morning this week (weather permitting) as well as under the covered area on Wednesday 3rd July during the Student Led Conferences.

Please ensure your children check here for any items they are missing, there is a lot.

All items not collected by Friday will be donated to a charity.

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PTA Notices

PTA MEETING

24 July 2024

7.00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom

All Welcome (including children)



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

Change of Clothes

Due to the wet weather it is recommended students bring a change of clothes in their school bag. With the ground being so wet, slips and trips do happen and students can end up quite wet and muddy.

We have a very limited number of spare clothes at the office however they are not always available in the correct size for all students, it is helpful if they students can have their own spare change of clothes in their bag for when accidents happen.



NYLD

Our School Councillors had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day event on Thursday 23 of May at the Due Drop Events Centre at Manukau. This trip was made possible by the sponsorship from the PTA which was greatly appreciated. The focus for the event was to inspire, motivate and promote positivity to all of the attendees. This was definitely achieved and experienced by all students who attended the event.

Attendants were given a notebook to write down notes or words said by the speaker. There were six key speakers at the event - Brooke Neal; Former NZ hockey player, talked about sticking to your dreams, and when you have your dream or goal put it into action and work towards what you want to accomplish no matter how young you are. Change that critic into a coach (in your mind) and THINK POSITIVE. William Pike; Kiwi explorer and director of William Pike Challenge, said "Even with a disability I'm still doing fine." Te Kahukura Boynton; Entrepreneur, pointed out that, the grass is not always greener on the other side - so what you see others doing may look better but it is not always. Nate Wilbourne; Conservation and climate Justice Advocate and Founder of 'Gen-Z Aotearoa, said. "Use your skills to your advantage." and Klasky; Artist, reminded all that, "it's never too late to start something new" and lastly YAHYAH; Musician.

All speakers shared their journey from their beginning to where they are today. Each account was inspirational and motivating.

Each councillor completed their notebook and had a souvenir to bring back with them. An overall review for the experience given differs between everyone but all were definitely inspired by the words received from the speakers.

Written by Mika Chan.



Key ideas some of the Councillors took from the day.

Ruby	The path to success is not always easy and you may have to take different routes. Taking risks is hard or uncomfortable but that is where we grow the most.
William	The more you fail the stronger you become. Don't let others tell you what you can and can't do. It's never too late to pursue your dreams. Have faith and work on it.
Jonah	Don't give up - keep striving for what you want to achieve.
John	Never give up. Help your parents as much as you can.
Joe	The grass is not always greener on the other side - so what you see others doing may look better but it is not always. Don't let other's opinions define you.
Mika	Never to late to start something new.



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IMPORTANT DATES

1-4 Jul	Book Fair
3 Jul	Early Finish - 12pm
3-4 Jul	Student Led Conferences
4 Jul	Y7/8 Cross Country
24 Jul	PTA Meeting - 7pm
26 Jul	Y7/8 Rugby League Trials
4-10 Aug	Cook Islands Language Week
1 Aug	Y7/8 Stardome Trip
6 Aug	Board Meeting - 7pm

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 8	Week 9
R1	Cooper	
R2	Alexis	
R3	Lucian	
R4	Nikita	
R5	Sehaj	
R6	Pranaya	
R7	Freya	
R8	Athena	
R9	Perine	
R10	Taini	
R11	Reyansh	
R12	Hajun	
R15	Mateo	
R16	Pravi	
R17	Samson	
R18	Grace	
R21	Layton	
R22	Shanav	
R23	Lucy	
R24	Edison	
R25	Ezra	
R26	Ethan	
Junior Hub	Elljae	
Kanuka	Robbie	
Kauri		
Manuka	Escalade	

No Awards Assembly - Matariki

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