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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.

Kia ora whānau and welcome back to term 3.

Thank you for attending the student led conferences at the end of term 2 and also thanks to those who took the time to provide feedback. Here is a summary of the parent feedback.

We received **169** comments and suggestions.

The vast majority were comments which either:

1. Thanked the teacher for their work.
2. Expressed gratitude for the opportunity to see their child's learning.

A small number of suggestions for improvement were made. A common theme was for more teacher interaction and involvement. For example *"better one-on-one"*, *"rather have spoken to teacher directly"*, *"dedicated teacher time"*, *"miss the 1-1"*

Other feedback included:

- *More clarity around the process on the night*
- *More ideas on how parents can help at home*
- *Written goals to take away*

We are going to consider your responses further with the hope of improving our future Student Led Conferences.

We received 360 parent responses.

97% feel that they know more about their child's learning.

99% found the experience positive and of value.

Storytime with Mr T

I took the opportunity to share a wee story with our tamariki at last week's assembly. I played the renowned 'Pirate's Plank' 15th hole at Cape Kidnappers golf course in the term break.

The daunting hole with the South Pacific ocean on one side and wild "snake" infested jungle on the other side was just too much for me, and I proceeded to send 3 golf balls into the abyss. I asked the children, *"If I were to play 'Pirate's Plank' again, what should I do differently, to get a better result?"*. To be honest, I did not expect the response I received, but am absolutely thrilled that I did. Lilian D from Room 5 raised her hand and said, *"You should have focussed on what you actually wanted to do, not what you didn't want to do"*. I was taken a back by the power of Lilian's words. How simple. The thought of sending my tee shot into the water or into the jungle did indeed fill my head, and as they say, thoughts become action. I then quickly spun Lilian's words so that they could make sense for our kids when they are here at school. Look for opportunities and always focus on the positives, not all the things that could go wrong. So don't be afraid to:

- ∞ Ask to join in a game at lunchtime.
- ∞ Put your hand up to ask a question or give an answer.
- ∞ Try something new like singing or join a performance group.

And just in case you were wondering, Victor Y from Room 26 approached me at the road crossing not long after the assembly and correctly informed me, *"There aren't any snakes in NZ, Mr Tawhiti"*.

Term 3 is set to be an action packed term with lots on. We have Pacific language weeks, field trips, Harold and the life education bus, performing arts visits, author visits, cross country, rugby league, basketball, touch rugby, Mathex and Epro8 tech competitions amongst other things.

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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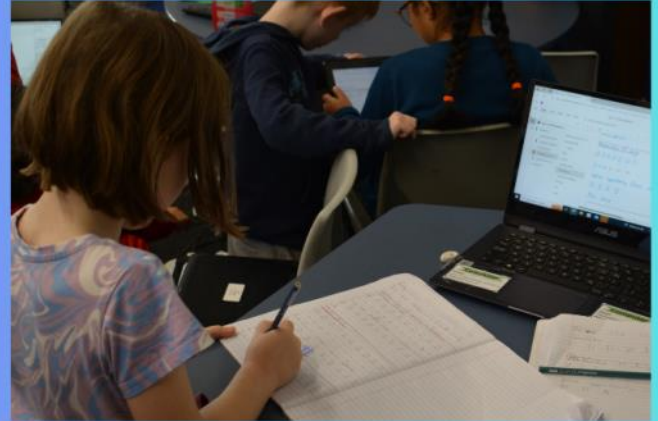


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Sport

Steelers Visit

Our year 5-8's had a great afternoon last Wednesday, hanging out with Counties Steelers players Salesi Tuifua (Prop - Karaka), Cam Church (Loose Forward - Karaka), Nikolasi Muli (Hooker - Karaka), and Blake Makiri (Outside Back - Manurewa) before they begin their NPC season on 10th August. Fifty students who represented Ōpaheke at the North Counties 7's Tournament last term, began their afternoon with a meet and greet. They took the opportunity to ask the players a number of questions, including what club they play for, what schools they went too, and the most popular question being "New South or Queensland!" Students were then lead through a number of rugby skill drills, a couple of games and some serious competition to prove they had what it takes to beat 'the professionals!'

Students were also lucky enough to take home tickets to the Steelers first home game at Navigation Stadium in Pukekohe on 10th August and a sack of potatoes from their main sponsor Bhana Family Farms.

Thank you so much to Counties Rugby for organising this opportunity and all the best to the Steelers in their upcoming season.



Y7/8 Cross Country

Congratulations to the following Year 7 & 8 students who made the cross-country team to compete in the North Counties competition next Wednesday at Strathallan School.

Year 7 Girls - Oviya, Mika, Kourtney, Winnie, Ariyana, Jasnoor

Year 7 Boys – Devam, Rakshen, Jermaine, Lucian, Xavier, Kane, Akhbar, Jagjot, Dayton,

Year 8 Girls - Ruby, Ava, Tyler, Skylah, Adrienne, Wanessa, Joe, Vanessa

Year 8 Boys - Kade, Trey, William, Preston, Ahbay, Elisha, Tyreece, Odin, Ayaz, Kyle

Well done to all the students who trained hard over the last three weeks of Term Two. Good luck to our team for next week's big race!

Term 3 Upcoming Events

North Counties Rugby League Training Friday 12-1pm, Weeks 2-5

North Counties Intermediate Cross Country 7th August

Ōpaheke School Year 5 & 6 Cross Country 12th August

North Counties Primary Cross Country 20th August

North Counties Primary and Intermediate Basketball 28th August

Counties Zone Rugby League 30th August

This Term in Maungawhau

This term the Year 7 & 8 team will be focusing on Olympic sports and learning new skills in Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball, Hockey and Badminton. At the end of this term we have Counties Sports coming into school to run a Touch module with our tamariki. This will be supported by students from Papakura High School. A great initiative to be a part of!



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Colouring Competition



The Colour of Culture 1, and 2 were run by Borislav H, and Jojo R to embrace different cultures, as well as celebrating Matariki more uniquely; this provided a way for the winners to feel appreciated.

For Matariki 2024, students of any age had the option to participate in The Colour of Culture 2 for a prize. These colouring pictures were designed and drawn by Borislav and Jojo themselves.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Twilight (21) & Taylor (21)

Cecilia (21) & Ella (16)

Emma (26) & Maanveer (21)

Ninke (21) & Carol (26)

Saatchi (12) & Manaia (26)

Narika (21) & Clay (19)

Hamin (9) & Perine (9)

Lily (5) & Amaal (26)

John (26) & Mackenzie (21)

(Winners who were absent on the day of photo-taking had somebody else hold their picture for them)



Cook Islands Māori Language Week

Celebrate: 4-10 August

The 2024 theme for Cook Islands Māori Language Week is 'Ātui'ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga -connect me to the canoe of my tribe'

This theme derives from the overarching Language Week Series theme for 2024, 'Sustainability'.



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term three focus is 'Achieving Personal Best'.

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

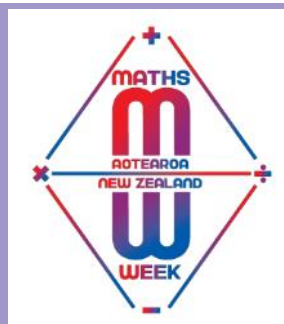
Great work team!



Term 3 Week 1

Maths Week/Wiki Pāngarau 2024

Maths Week is an event that is held each year, having been first held in 1998. Sponsored by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers, a number of resources are written and made available to teachers and students.



The aims of Maths Week are:

- to encourage students' interest in mathematics and statistics
- to give teachers resources that they can use in the classroom, particularly material that requires some research and which may not be readily available to them, or that can be used electronically in class
- to show the pleasure that mathematics can provide and some of the everyday places where mathematics and statistics can be used
- to give teachers material that can provide extension.

Maths Week 2024 will be held between Monday 12 August and Friday 16 August.

Board SchoolDocs Review

TERM 3, 2024 POLICY REVIEW

This term we are reviewing policies in the second half of the Employer Responsibility Policy section after last term's review of appointment and employment policies.

REVIEW CLOSES: 27 SEPT 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

PARENT HELPER NEEDED!



STUDENT CROSSING

**TASMAN DRIVE
TUESDAY 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

PTA MEETING 21 Aug 2024

7.00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom
All Welcome (including children)



email: ptaopaheke.school.nz for more info

Rosehill College is delighted to welcome ākonga and their whānau entering Year 9 in 2025 to their Open Day.

Open Day:

- **Date/Time:** Saturday, 10th August. Tours will run every hour starting at 9am.
- **Details:** Year 8 ākonga and their whānau will be led on school tours visiting key curriculum areas and school facilities. Each tour will begin with a quick welcome in the hall and will rotate around the school, stopping at key Faculty displays. The tour will conclude in our library, where staff will be available to support whānau in completing enrolments for 2025.

They also invite parents to join them for their Year 8 Enrolment Information Evening:

Year 8 Enrolment Information Evening:

- **Date/Time:** Tuesday, 6th August at 6pm
- **Details:** This evening is dedicated to providing information regarding the enrolment process, shared by their SLT member. Please note that no enrolment will take place during this evening.

Rosehill College thank you for your support. For any further information, please refer to their enrolment page on their website.

Rosehill College 2025 Enrolments



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In Zone Online Enrolments 2025

We recommend using our online enrolment application for a quick and easy process. If you need help or lack internet access, visit our reception. For more information, join us for the Pre-enrolment Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 6th August 2024, at 6 pm.



Check Zone and Complete Form
Ensure you are in the correct zone and complete the online enrolment form



Upload Documents
Gather and upload all required documents



Submit Application
Review and submit your application online

Required Documents

- 3 Completed Rosehill College Forms
- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Council Rates Bill or Tenancy Agreement
- Latest Electricity Bill or Water Bill
- Immunisation Certificate
- Legal guardianship documents (if applicable)

Please submit the online application by 30th August 2024.



Out-of-Zone Enrolments 2025

For all Out-of-Zone enrolments, please complete the enrolment process using a hard copy. If you have not yet received an enrollment pack, you can pick one up from our reception.

Rosehill College may have the following number of placements available.

- Year 9 - 20 placements
- Year 10 - 10 placements
- Year 11 - 10 placements
- Year 12 - 10 placements
- Year 13 - 10 placements

The exact number of places will depend on in-zone applications.



Required Documents:

- 2 Completed Rosehill College Forms
- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Latest school report
- Immunisation Certificate
- Legal guardianship documents (if applicable)

Out-of-Zone enrolment application closes on 4th September 2024.



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IMPORTANT DATES

4-10 Aug	Cook Islands Language Week
1 Aug	Y7/8 Stardome Trip
6 Aug	Rosehill College Enrolment Evening
6 Aug	Board Meeting - 7pm
7 Aug	Y7/8 NC Cross Country
9 Aug	Y6 Camp Bake Sale
10 Aug	Rosehill College Open Day
12-16	Maths Week
12-16	NZ School Library Week
18-24 Aug	Tongan Language Week

TERM DATES FOR 2024

Term 3 - Monday 22 Jul to Friday 27 Sep

Term 4 - Monday 14 Oct to Friday 13 Dec

STAR AWARDS

Term 3 - Achieving Personal Best

Room	Week 10	Week 1
R1		Ryleigh
R2		Ruth
R3		Devam
R4		Briannah
R5		Tarah
R6		Ivanka
R7		Mia
R8		
R9		Samuel
R10		Elise
R11		Marshall
R12		
R15		Ted
R16		Maazkhan
R17		Atharv
R18		Kristian
R21		Kaydence
R22		Scarlett
R23		Lheon
R24		Lucas
R25		Niko
R26		Grayson
Junior Hub		Harseerat
Kanuka		Hibah
Kauri		
Manuka		Lilly-rose

No Awards Assembly

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