



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.

Kia ora koutou

We are right in the middle of the learning climb here. Our students are knuckling down with their learning and we are seeing some really good shifts in individual student achievement. With spring just around the corner we hope to see warmer weather and a reduction in the winter illnesses we have at present.

Teacher only Day—October 29, Term 4

We have a Teacher Only Day set for next term. Once again this is for our staff to do work associated with further changes to the curriculum. Please pencil this date into your calendar now and we will give you further reminders closer to the time.

Kia maiea tō rā/ Have a fulfilling day

Mr Tawhiti



Attendance Snapshot Term 3, Week 1-5



Term 3

Schoolwide
Attendance

86%

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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

Y5/6 North Counties Cross Country

Well done to all our year 5 & 6 Cross Country participants who attended the North Counties competition at Te Hihi School last Tuesday. It was a wet and windy day but this group of Tamariki had an amazing time. All our runners pushed through the new terrain which was a lot different to what they had been running at school!

A big congratulations to the following students who placed amongst the top 10 of their group, with each group having around 80 runners.

Year 5 Girls: Pranaya S - 2nd

Year 5 Boys: Luke W - 2nd

Year 6 Boys: Lennon K - 3rd and Quinn H - 6th



Y7/8 Counties Zone Cross Country

Well done to Oviya who represented North Counties in the Counties Zone Cross Country on Friday 23rd August at the Pukekohe Showgrounds.

Oviya did very well to complete a very challenging uphill course!



Y7/8 Touch Rugby

Next week the Year 7 & 8 students begin a touch rugby module with Counties Touch and Papakura High School. We are lucky to be involved in this pilot programme where students will learn the skills involved in the game with sessions every Wednesday afternoon for the next 4 weeks. Papakura High School students will be helping our students and improving their own coaching and refereeing skills. An awesome opportunity for our Tamariki!



Pasifika



A massive thank you to our Pasifika group students for their outstanding performance at assembly last week. This was a fantastic way to end Tongan Language Week.



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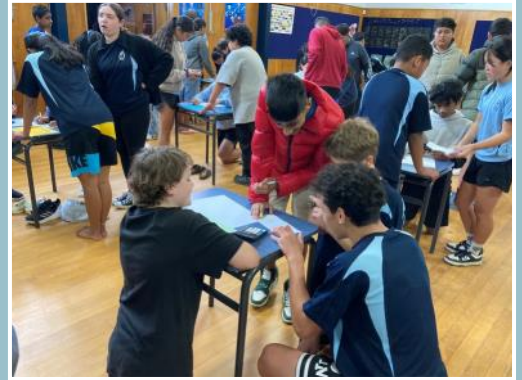


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Y5-8 Interhouse Mathex



This year, Maths Week Aotearoa took place from the 12 - 16 August. At the end of the week, our school Interhouse Mathex event for year 5 - 8 students took place. This is an exciting and competitive mathematics event where students are randomly placed into house teams to test their mathematical skills in a fast-paced, team-based environment. As a team, they solve a series of challenging problems under time pressure, fostering teamwork, quick thinking, and a love for mathematics. The event not only highlights the importance of maths but also encourages students to develop their problem-solving abilities and enjoy the subject in a fun and engaging way.



Cyber Safety

Constable Varinder paid our senior students a visit this week to talk about cybersafety - staying safe online and the harms of cyberbullying.



PTA MEETING 18 Sep 2024

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



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



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Library Celebrations

We have just finished an awesome fortnight of celebrating reading, books and our school library. Here at Ōpaheke our students are keen readers, and our library is well utilised, with our top student issuing a massive 331 books! Combined our top ten student readers have issued 1989 books so far this year with Dog Man and The Baby-sitters graphic novels topping the most popular books borrowed by our students.

READNZ subsidised a visit from Toby Morris, who spoke to our year 3-6 students, he shared the behind the scenes process of creating a page in a graphic novel and all the work and editing that is involved. Toby is a well known illustrator too, he designed the latest Edmond's Baking Powder box, so you might have some of his work hiding in your pantry.

Our first ever StoryWalk was a success, it was wonderful to see families reading the story together (even if it was a bit windy!) and older siblings reading to younger siblings. We are thankful to SLANZA, Scholastic, StoryWalk and author Swapna Haddow for their generosity for sharing the book 'But Then...' with us. Hopefully this is the start of a new Book Week tradition!

Perform Education wowed us again! This performance is a highlight of Book Week and the performers weave together themes from several NZ books to tell a wider story. The theme this year was friendship and kindness and being aware of how our actions can affect the feelings of others. There was lots of audience participation, from dancing to a few lucky students getting to be a part of the action too. We are thankful to our PTA for their continued support of funding this event so all students can take part, it is so special to have the opportunity to watch a live performance here at school.

The Book Parade on Friday was a wonderful way to finish the week, it was fabulous to see our students dressed in a wide array of costumes and there were some inventive homemade costumes. Thank you to all that came out to support and cheer on our students as they walked around the block, there were toots and cheers and waves from passersby and our students really enjoyed this long standing Ōpaheke tradition.

Celebrating reading, books and our library is something that we do every week, studies have shown how important reading for pleasure is and how it is linked to success in lots of areas of life. Try and find ways to share books with your whānau, audio books are great for car rides, or playing while making dinner and are free from Auckland Libraries. You can sign up online and access them straight away: <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/membership-information.aspx>

We are so thankful to the organisations and visitors who helped make our Aotearoa School Library Week and Book Week such a success!



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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 4



Term 3 Week 5

Teacher Appreciation Day



Friday 6th
September

Coming up....

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Help us show our wonderful, dedicated teachers how much we appreciated them and all they do for our tamariki. Students could make a card, pick some flowers or simply tell their teacher how much they appreciate them.

Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day!

Opaheke School is running a Daffodil Day fundraiser for people with cancer. If you wish to participate and support the cancer society bring a gold coin donation to wear yellow on Friday 30th August!



WE'RE TAKING PART IN
WIG WEDNESDAY



Help us support
Kiwi kids with cancer



Josh,
diagnosed
age 10

Johnny,
diagnosed
age 8

Miya,
diagnosed
age 5

Thom,
diagnosed
age 5

11th September



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Learning Support Awareness Day

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29 August 2024

Tomorrow is Learning Support Awareness Day!

Our learning support staff perform a wide range of tasks each day to help support the learning, hauora and teachers here at Ōpaheke. We are fortunate to have a fantastic team of professional Learning Support educators.

The following is just a small insight into some of the day-to-day support that they provide to our student community:

ESOL sessions (English for speakers of other languages)

One-on-one classroom support with students who have alternative needs

Group work for learning support for subjects such as maths, writing and reading

Helping to support morning transitions into school

Supporting students in the playground and teachers in the classroom

Giving extra support with social learning groups

Creating resources

Running Pause & Connect, providing a fun, safe play-space for students who struggle with the regular hustle & bustle of the playground

Ensuring students are supported on trips and other school events e.g. cross country

Running other core school activities such as leading cultural groups, and running breakfast club



Learning Support Awareness Day

29 August 2024

All tamariki in Aotearoa deserve access to the support they need to thrive in education.

This can look like a teacher aide, specialist, or professional advice for teachers.

The need for learning support far outstrips provision – for every seven tamariki who access support, three miss out. Ministry of Education learning support staffing has a 16% vacancy rate.

Teachers, education support staff, principals and learning support specialists agree on what is needed:

- Increase the number of teacher aides
- Increase the number of learning support specialists

This is how the Government could really make a difference in education for tamariki.

Sign up for info on how you can help make the change our tamariki need at: nzelteriuroa.org.nz/campaigns/nga-aukaha



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IMPORTANT DATES

29 Aug	Learning Support Awareness Day
30 Aug	Daffodil Day
30 Aug	Counties Rugby League
2 Sep	PTA Fathers Day Morning Tea
2-6 Sep	Y5/6 Food for Thought
6 Sep	Teacher Appreciation Day
9 Sep	Board Meeting 7pm
11 Sep	Wig Wednesday
12-13 Sep	Epro8

TERM DATES FOR 2024

Term 3 - Monday 22 Jul to Friday 27 Sep

Term 4 - Monday 14 Oct to Friday 13 Dec



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STAR AWARDS

Term 3 - Achieving Personal Best

Room	Week 4	Week 5
R1	Quinn	Kylemore
R2	Isla	Maysie
R3	Ava	Ariyana
R4	Jermaine	Caleb
R5	Teeyah	Cameron
R6	Amelia	Mateen
R7	Anne	
R8		
R9	Dinewni	Ameerah
R10	Da in	Nate
R11	Samson	Azariya
R12	Amyra	Lillian
R15	Solomon	Marvin
R16	Dustin	Ivy
R17	Dustyn	Colton
R18	Antonio	Aria
R21	Georgia	Cecilia
R22	Hamish	Harsirat
R23	Khalessi	Romeo
R24	Nirvana	Aurelia
R25	Solomon	Sithun
R26	Gemma	Tyler
Junior Hub	Kaison	Kiaan
Kanuka	Blake	Monika
Kauri		
Manuka	Kyle	Princess



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