



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.

Property

You may recall me mentioning an extensive building and courtyard upgrade earlier in the year. With our roll tipping 650 and continuing to grow, there are no spare classrooms to accommodate students if construction work commences. So I am currently making a plan with contractors to find the path of least disruption. Some of the exterior work may start next term, however, early 2025 may present the best time to do the interior work on classrooms 1-8.

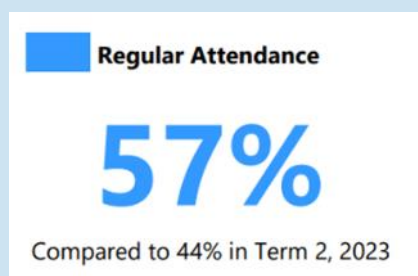
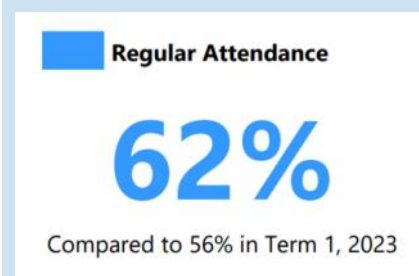
Perimeter fencing We are working with the Ministry of Education to hopefully construct new fencing along the entire perimeter of the school. As you will be aware, our current perimeter fencing is substandard in various places.

The school board is also fully committed to the construction of a **new senior playground**. We are in the process of securing the funds for this large project. A new junior playground and astroturf covering on the courts are the next outdoor projects.

Attendance

Our school was the recent recipient of praise from our Ministry of Education senior advisor. Miriam Asolupe was very impressed with the increase in our regular* attendance compared to 2023.

Naturally, our term 3 attendance figures have taken a hit with a lot of lingering illness. What was quite interesting is that our attendance had a huge spike on the day the helicopter arrived, and I am pleased to note that our school daily attendance has been great everyday since. So a pat on the back to the families who have helped us with this. We will continue to keep pushing.



* a regular attender is a student who attends school 90% + of the time.

Have a great end to the week,

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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Sport

Y7/8 Touch

Year 7 & 8 Touch Sessions with Counties Touch and Papakura High School

The year 7 & 8 team are very fortunate to be involved with a Counties Touch (in partnership with Papakura High School) initiative over the final four weeks of Term 3.

Three rangatahi (under the guidance of a Counties Touch facilitator) are coming into school on Wednesday afternoons to coach and referee skills sessions with our Year 7 & 8 classes.

The goal of the programme is to strengthen relationships between partner schools in the community and develop confidence in rangatahi to deliver and facilitate sessions with tamariki.

What is super cool is that all three Papakura High School rangatahi have a connection to our kura. We were happy to welcome back Tasi Saufoi and his brother Tua Tasi. We also welcomed TJ who has a younger brother currently in Year 6. It is always good to see the Ōpaheke connection stay strong!

We look forward to developing our touch skills over the next few weeks.



Lunchtime Basketball Competition

Our Y5-6 students enjoyed some friendly lunchtime basketball on the 28th August.



JUNIOR SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY 25,
SEPTEMBER
10:45 AM

WHĀNAU WELCOME!
PLEASE MEET ON SCHOOL COURTS



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Food For Thought - New World Trip

This year, as part of our Inquiry topic and Health lessons, the Year 5 & 6 classes worked with nutritionists to learn about different food groups, nutrients, and reading food labels. As part of the programme the classes had 2 sessions with the nutritionist in class. These lessons included looking at the fat, sodium and energy levels for different foods as well as determining what levels make them everyday, sometimes, or occasional foods. After the in-class sessions, the students went to visit the local New World store to put practise what they had learnt about reading food labels.



Teacher Appreciation Day

Thank you to our students and families for making a big effort to show your appreciation of our teachers on Friday last week. I shared some words with staff at morning tea, acknowledging the little things they do that most people outside of the school gate don't see. I have the privilege of seeing them wrap around your children, celebrate their successes, or take a firm approach when needed, all to ensure your children enjoy a wonderful education and to be the best young people they can be. They are inspirational.



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Sharing, Caring, Learning and Achieving

Out of Zone Enrolments 2025

Applications close 15 October 2024
Ballot drawn 23 October 2024

Ōpaheke School Board is likely to have 9 x Junior School (Year 0-2) places for out of zone enrolments for 2024.

The following priorities apply:

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| Priority One: | Not applicable to Ōpaheke School |
| Priority Two: | Siblings of current students |
| Priority Three: | Siblings of former students |
| Priority Four: | Child of a former student of the school |
| Priority Five: | Children of Board employees or members |
| Priority Six: | Other applicants |

**AN APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE FROM THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024.**



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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 6



Term 3 Week 7

Student and Whānau Support Fundraiser

DRAWN
THURSDAY 12TH
SEPTEMBER

**\$2 PER
TICKET**



New World Papakura in partnership with the Ōpaheke Residents Group have kindly donated a treat hamper to raffle off. All funds raised will go towards our Harakeke Fund (Student and Whānau support). Raffle tickets are \$2 and can be purchased from the office.

Daffodil Day

Our Annual Daffodil Day fundraisers were a huge success once again. Thank you to everyone who donated a coin to our students coin trail for daffodil day. Our staff also done their annual morning tea/auction fundraiser. Together we have raised \$1,360 for the Cancer Society.

This fundraiser is close to many of our hearts, with the effects of cancer touching many of us personally in one way or another. So a really enormous heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this awesome effort.



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PTA Notices



COME ON
DOWN FOR A
BOOGIE AND
FUN TIMES!

OUR ŌPAHEKE PTA INVITES YOU TO
THE END OF TERM

Ōpaheke School
Disco!

FOOD! GOOD MUSIC!
ADMISSION \$2

THURSDAY 26 SEP, 2024
YEARS 1 - 2 5:00PM TILL 5:45PM
YEARS 3 - 4 6:00PM TILL 6:45PM
YEARS 5 - 8 7:00PM TILL 8:00PM
ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL HALL

PTA MEETING
18 Sep 2024
7.00pm - Ōpaheke School Staffroom
All Welcome (including children)



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

HATS REQUIRED FOR TERM 4

Our school hats
are required
during the
summer terms
one and four.
You can
purchase these at the office for **\$14 each**.



MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK



**TE WIKI O TE
REO MĀORI**
14 - 21 o Hepetema 2024

Ake Ake Ake A FOREVER LANGUAGE

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country.

The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the *resilience, adaptability and endurance* of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.

NEW ZEALAND CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK

22 SEP - 28 SEP 2024



New Zealand
Chinese
Language Week
新西兰中文周
www.nzclw.com



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IMPORTANT DATES

12-19 Sep	Epro8
14-21 Sep	Māori Language Week
18 Sep	PTA Meeting 7pm
18-27 Sep	Life Education
22-28 Sep	Chinese Language Week
24 Sep	Y3/4 Cross Country
25 Sep	Y1/2 Cross Country
26 Sep	PTA Disco
6-12 Oct	Fijian 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 6	Week 7
R1	Ariana	Eden
R2	Bethany	Melikiola
R3	Tyler	Mickey
R4	Aayat	
R5	Annie	Samson
R6	Keena	Luke
R7	AJ	Chloe
R8	Ben	Katelyn
R9	Violet	
R10	Fateh	Xavier
R11	Skylar	Angela
R12	Luke F	Elliott
R15	Elijah	Fuani
R16	Ella	Harmandeep
R17		Ezmae
R18	Elvira	Kyle
R21	Hartaj	Conary
R22	Angel	Lily C
R23	Asyia	Lily B
R24	Paul	Jacob
R25		Dylan
R26	Karman	Priszleen
Junior Hub	Logan	Terrence
Kanuka	Armaan	
Kauri	Namanpreet	
Manuka	Sione	Payton

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Chill Out
KIDS PROGRAMME

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AT MASSEY PARK POOL

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

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