



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 and greetings to all

Well here we are. The last week of term 3. It has been an action packed term. We have had field trips, performing visits, a helicopter landing, we even got on TV. It hasn't been all fun and games though, with a lot of classroom learning mixed in for good measure. The number of 'good news' stories is at an all time high. 'Chuffed' teachers talking about their tamariki and the jumps they are making is a regular thing in the staffroom during breaktimes. It makes me happy.

As always, approaching the end of term is a small milestone and we do reflect back on the term. So I would like to thank you for your support. Sometimes we lean on your support in less than ideal circumstances, maybe a difficult phone call, but it is all with the shared aim of raising the best young people we can. So your support when things get tough is actually more important than when things are going well.

Sharing the love with our families

We have whole-school assemblies in the hall on Friday afternoons. This is our opportunity to come together and celebrate learning. Unfortunately, due to the sheer size of our school, we do not openly invite whānau and friends to attend these, because we struggle to fit our tamariki into the hall as it is. So the safety implications of overcrowding have to come first. We would love to have you all there though, perhaps, we need to win lotto and build a bigger hall. Anyhow, senior leadership are exploring ways to get you into our school, so you can share the joy of learning with us. Obviously outdoor events -such as the cross country we held yesterday and today- are easy. However, managing large scale indoor events need more consideration. For instance, if you attended the Maungarei Matariki breakfast you would understand, because despite that being for only 1 of our 4 teams, the hall was bursting at the seams. We do make a big effort to capture images and video for our Facebook page, that is one way we can share the love of learning with you, this is especially so for our whānau who cannot come into school because of work commitments.

Term 4 will be a big term with a lot of things happening as well as the usual end of year celebratory events. So rest up, recharge and get locked in for it.

Have a great end to the week. See you all back on the 14th of October.

Mr Tawhiti

Have a great end to the week,

Mr Tawhiti.

TERM DATES FOR 2025

Term 1 - Tuesday 4 Feb to Friday 11 Apr

Term 2 - Monday 28 Apr to Friday 27 Jun

Term 3 - Monday 14 Jul to Friday 19 Sep

Term 4 - Monday 6 Oct to Wednesday 17 Dec

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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



Touch Lessons

Touch lessons with rangatahi from Papakura High School have continued over the past two weeks. Our students have enjoyed learning new skills and it has been great to see them becoming more confident on the field. We are looking at a touch tournament in term 4 where the students from PHS will fulfil all roles of coaches, managers and referees. This has been a wonderful initiative to be involved in, many thanks to counties touch and Papakura High.



Kade's Rugby Success

Congratulations to, Kade T, who received multiple awards at the Karaka Rugby Club prizegiving over the weekend. We love to hear about our students extra-curricular achievements outside of school.

Kade has worked so hard and played such a leading role for his Year 8 team at the Karaka Rugby Club this year (they only lost one game all season and bet that team in the final last weekend). After winning the Year 8 Championship with his team last weekend (which was the first Karaka junior team to do this for many years) Kade was awarded Karaka U13's Team Player of the Year, Karaka Junior Club Player of the Year, Overall Junior Team of the Year and received a 9 Years with the Club Medal.

His awards were very much deserved and we are so proud of his dedication, commitment and team work.



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Kiwi Challenge Results

Awards of Excellence

We are thrilled to be able to celebrate excellent attainment in the kiwi competitions for the following students. They all attained the grade of Excellence placing them in the top 9.5% of students who competed.

Congratulations to:

Leo N – Year 5 Excellence in Maths
Anaru B – Year 6 Excellence in Maths and Science
Eli C – Year 6 Excellence in English and Maths
Evan D – Year 6 Excellence in Science
Kylemore F – Year 6 Excellence in English and Science
Oviya V – Year 7 Excellence in English and Science

Merit Awards

A huge congratulations to the following students for achieving the award of Merit in the kiwi competitions. Students who receive a Merit are in the top 25-10% of Students who competed in the competitions.

Congratulations to:

Declan D – Year 5 Merit in Maths
Lincoln F – Year 5 Merit in Maths
Tejas J – Year 5 Merit in English
Anaru B – Year 5 Merit in English
Athea P – Year 6 Merit in English
Elijah Y – Year 6 Merit in English and Maths
Ethan B – Year 6 Merit Science
Harrison F – Year 6 Merit in Maths and Science
Kylemore F – Year 6 Merit in Maths
Michael S – Year 6 Merit in Maths
Rahul K – Year 6 Merit in Maths
Devam S – Year 7 Merit in Science
Oviya V – Year 7 Merit in Maths
Winne Y – Year 7 Merit in English
Anne N – Year 8 Merit in English
Hibah A – Year 8 Merit in English and Science

2024 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates
and prizes
awarded

Achievement Awards

Students who placed in the top 50-25% received the grade of Achieved. A big congratulations to all those students for this achievement.

Congratulations to:

Kabilan P – Year 5 Achieved in Maths
Keena K – Year 5 Achieved in Maths
Tejas J – Year 5 Achieved in Maths and Science
Viaan N – Year 5 Achieved in Maths
Anraj S – Year 6 Achieved in Maths
Athea P – Year 6 Achieved in Maths
Aurora J – Year 6 Achieved in English
Bathany G – Year 6 Achieved in English
Eli C – Year 6 Achieved in Science
Ethan B – Year 6 Achieved in English and Maths
Evan D – Year 6 Achieved in Maths
Harrison F – Year 6 Achieved in English
Lana W – Year 6 Achieved in Maths
Mia M – Year 6 Achieved in English
Devam S – Year 7 Achieved in English
Kayne P – Year 7 Achieved in Maths and Science
Mika C – Year 7 Achieved in Maths and Science
Anne N – Year 8 Achieved in Maths
Aroush S – Year 8 Achieved in English
Gunreet S – Year 8 Achieved in Science
Payton W – Year 8 Achieved in Maths
Ruby E – Year 8 Achieved in English and Science
Vivaan W – Year 8 Achieved in Maths and Science



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Food for Thought: Shared Lunch



On Tuesday, the Year 5 & 6 students had their shared lunch as part of the Food for Thought programme they participated in this term. As part of the programme, we were given vouchers for New World to purchase the food for our lunch. The students had a healthy salad sandwich with hummus and their choice of meat, a muesli bar and a banana. As a treat afterwards, they were given a mini ice block. A big shout out to all the teachers that helped with serving the food as well as to Foodstuffs and New World for the food and delivery of the learning.



Yummy Stickers

These are due back by Tuesday 22nd October so that we can submit them to The Yummy Fruit Company



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to claim our share of free sports gear for our students to enjoy. The more stickers we submit, the more sports gear our students qualify for. If you can send any stickers/labels you have collected to school that would be greatly appreciated.



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Wig Wednesday

Thank you to everyone who participated with Wig Wednesday and to those who donated to the Child Cancer Foundation. We raised over \$270!



Fijian Language Week

Celebrate: 6 - 12 October

The 2024 theme for Fijian Language Week is: **'Vakamareqeta na Vosa Vakaviti - Nurture and sustain the Fijian language.'**

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



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MAUNGAKIEKIE TRIP TO MOTAT

Yay! Last week, the Maungakiekie Team went on a big red bus. It was a bit noisy but very exciting.

First, we went to the science centre. We made loud instrument toys. One made a loud screeching sound and the other made a banging sound.

There was a shiny bit of floor and we got to control what pattern it made.

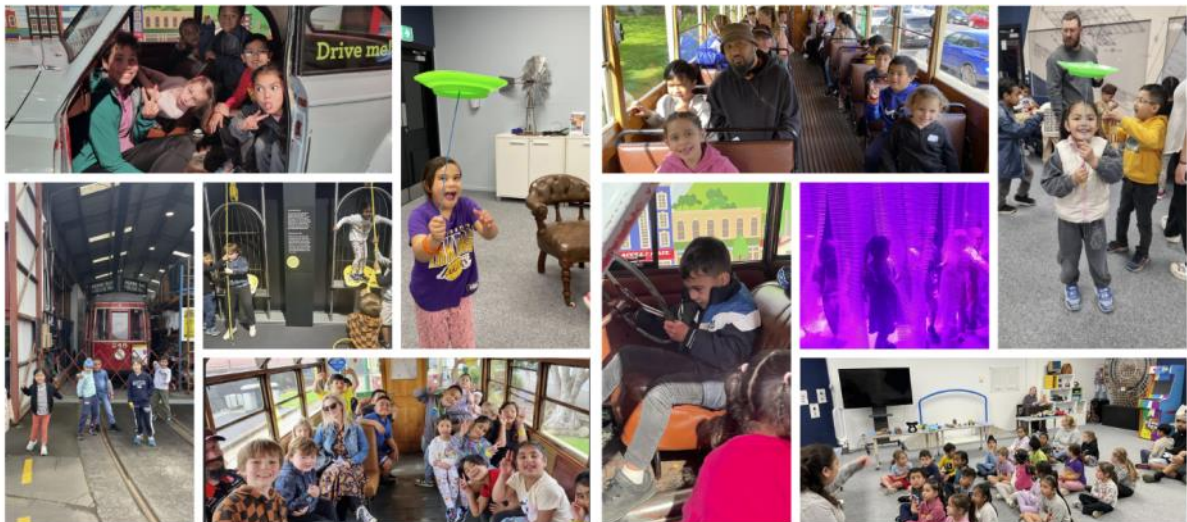
Also, there were some purple curtains and when you went inside and looked up, we saw our reflection! We had lunch in the dome and Miss Dixon called the roll.

I can't wait for another school trip!
Ella - Room 10



On Tuesday we went to MOTAT on a bus. Room 9, 10, 11 and Junior Hub came. First, we went to the dome to put our bags away. Next, we did the roll and then we went to our parent helpers. We went on the playground! We went to see tram parts and we went upstairs to see more. It was lots of fun! We explored lots and we stopped for some lunch. We got to have a play in a play area and we climbed on a toy train.

Gurnoor - Room 11



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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 9



Board Notices



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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:

- 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.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



Our Junior and Senior Kapa Haka Groups both performed at our Week 9 assembly last week. This



was a fantastic way to finish off Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Our Kapa Haka students have been working hard on their performances and are looking forward to sharing these with their whānau at the PTA' Funfest in November.



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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

23 Oct 2024

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



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

OPAHEKE SCHOOL DISCO

PARENT HELPERS
NEEDED!

4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-9PM | THURS 26 SEPT
PLEASE EMAIL PTA@OPAHEKE.SCHOOL.NZ

Opaheke PTA presents

FAMILY FUNFEST

8th November 2024

Do you own or work for a business that could support our Funfest raise money for the school?

Donations of vouchers, items or experiences to raffle or donations towards setup are greatly appreciated, no matter the value.

In return, business logos are included in our advertising.

Do you need a spring clear out?

We are after donations of good condition soft toys, board games and toys. Big or small, all are welcome.

If you can help, please contact the Funfest Team at funfestsupporters@gmail.com or phone the office on 298-5410.

Donations can be dropped at the school office by 11th October



Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



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IMPORTANT DATES

26 Sep Y7/8 Estuary Field Trip
 26 Sep PTA Disco
 6-12 Oct Fijian Language Week
 15 Oct Out Of Zone Closes
 15 Oct Y6 Camp Parent Mtg
 17 Oct Epro8 Competitions
 18 Oct Loud Shirt Day
 23 Oct Out Of Zone Ballot

23 Oct PTA Meeting 7pm
 23-25 Oct Y6 Camp
 23-25 Oct Y5 EOTC

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Term 4 - Monday 14 Oct to Friday 13 Dec

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STAR AWARDS

Term 3 - Achieving Personal Best

Room	Week 8	Week 9
R1		Lana
R2		Austin
R3		Jasper
R4		Katya
R5		
R6		Ivanka
R7		Sumeet
R8		Ruby
R9		Mason
R10		Sonja
R11		Paula
R12		Vereti
R15		Neeana
R16		Pravi
R17		Annrosa
R18		Hannah
R21		Ritik
R22		Amir
R23		Matileti
R24		Jermaynn
R25		Alan
R26		Amaal
Junior Hub		Logan
Kanuka		
Kauri		Adrienne
Manuka		

No Awards Assembly



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