



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

He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka- A choppy sea can always be navigated

America's Cup champions, White Ferns cricket world champions, the Blackcaps beating India in India!! What a weekend of sport. The whakatauki I shared above, is apt I feel. Team NZ navigated the choppy waters of Barcelona to dominate in the Americas Cup sailing and retain the Auld Mug, the Blackcaps beat India at home in the first cricket test, a feat that hasn't happened in 36 years. Cricket's equivalent to beating the Allblacks at Eden Park. And our White Ferns cricket girls overcame the odds to beat South Africa and win the T20 world cup on Monday morning. Lots to be proud of and their respective pathways to success have by no means been smooth sailing. Congratulations.

We are trying to squeeze as much learning as possible into this term. We have noticed a small number of parents coming to collect children early from school. Unless there is a good reason, we would much rather you wait until the bell goes at 2.30pm. Taking children home early eats away at learning time for your child and is disruptive to the working classroom.

A reminder that next Tuesday the 29th October is a **TEACHER ONLY DAY**, So no school.

Have a nice long weekend

Mr Tawhiti

TERM DATES FOR 2025

Term 1 - Tuesday 4 Feb to Friday 11 Apr

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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

Maungakiekie Cross Country

Our Year 0-2 students enjoyed their Junior Cross Country on the 25th September. They all completed regular training at school leading up to the event and there were smiles all around as each and every one of them crossed the finish line.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in their respective groups:



Five Year Old Girls

1st - Eva
2nd - Cassidy
3rd - Milica

Y1/Six Year Old Girls

1st - Willow
2nd - Pearlynn
3rd - Nina and Paige

Y2/Six Year Old Girls

1st - Neeana
2nd - Rolene
3rd - Gretel

Y2/Seven Year Old Girls

1st - Sophia
2nd - Skylar
3rd - Zara

Five Year Old Boys

1st - Heaven
2nd - Joseph
3rd - Dustyn

Y1/Six Year Old Boys

1st - Mason
2nd - Clayton and Thomas
3rd - Luke

Y2/Six Year Old Boys

1st - Tony
2nd - Keehan
3rd - Ricky

Y2/Seven Year Old Boys

1st - Mathew
2nd - Dilawar
3rd - Yusuf



Maungarei Cross Country

On Tuesday, 24 September, Team Maungarei held their annual cross-country event. It was wonderful to see so many parents and whānau come along to support your child. Our students showed great determination and sportsmanship.

The following students were placed:

Yr 3 Girls

Scarlett Rm 22
Lily E Rm 12
Zoe Rm 12

Yr 3 Boys

Quinn D Rm 25
Kippin Rm 21
Reuben Rm 22

Yr 4 Girls

Gemma Rm 26
Frankie Rm 25
Summer Rm 26

Yr 4 Boys

Austin Rm 26
Kavish Rm 24
Grayson Rm 26

Special Awards: Effort

Cheyene R21
Roman Rm 24



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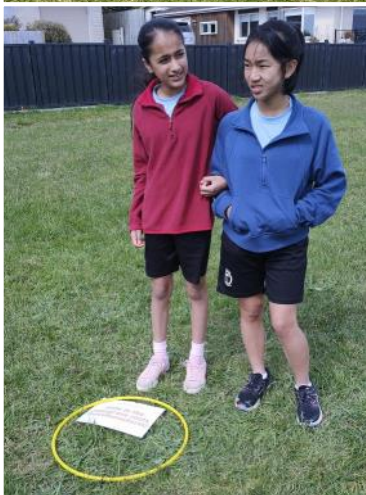


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Y7/8 Estuary Trip



Maungawhau enjoyed a trip to the Wharf Street Estuary as part of our inquiry work this term. The students walked to the park area, and took part in three different activities run by Mountain to Sea. Students learnt about the estuary habitat, creatures and plants that live there. They also got to explore a taonga box, with lots of fascinating treasures in it.



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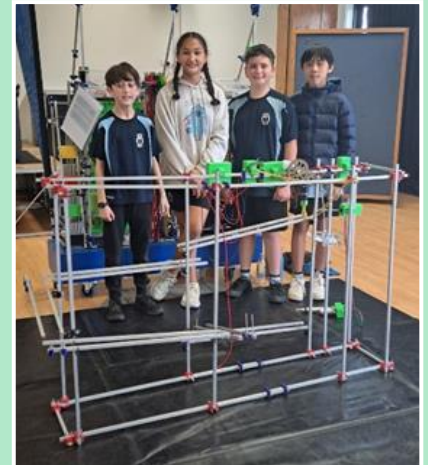
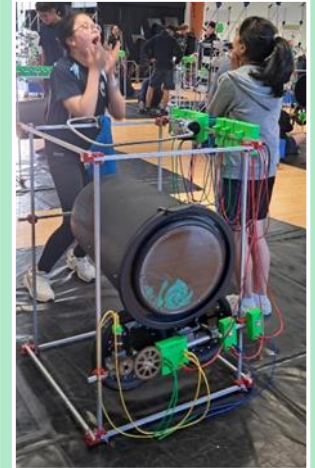


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Epro8 Competition



This year we entered 2 x year 5 & 6 teams and 2 x year 7 & 8 teams into the Inter-School Science & Engineering Competition known as EPRO 8. This event is designed to promote engineering, science and problem solving. Students work collaboratively in teams of 4 to complete as much of a challenge as they can in 2 ½ hours. This year, the challenges the teams could choose from were to build a roller coaster, washing machine, scooter or an air conditioning unit. The students worked well together in their teams and we are very proud of their efforts. In the Year 5 & 6 competition, one team came 3rd equal and missed out on moving forward to the next round after competing in a tie break. Our other Year 5 & 6 team came 1st equal and are progressing through to the next round in a few weeks.



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Our Staff Are Learners Too



In the holidays Mrs McCormack, along with over 220 other school librarians attended the SLANZA (School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa)

Conference at Christ's College in Christchurch. It was an information packed few days, with speakers from across Aotearoa and Australia, sharing some of the latest research in literacy and libraires. The one big takeaway from the research shared at the conference is how important adult reading role models are. If you can find some time to sit and read alongside your child, we are all busy, so try setting a timer for just 10-15 minutes and make it a part of your daily or weekly routine. Reading



fiction helps develop critical thinking, builds empathy through connection and understanding, it improves core literacy skills and concentration, we can all benefit from making time to read fiction!

During the conference Mrs McCormack also presented a workshop about how we use our Makerspace to support Inquiry based classroom learning and shared some practical ideas for projects on limited budgets, participants also had a chance to do a 'maker' craft too.

Alice in Wonderland Production

Congratulations to many of our past and present students who performed a live productions of Alice in Wonderland at the Hawkins Centre over the school holidays.

It was a full house for most of the 14 days that they performed. The commitment and enthusiasm was obvious by the high quality of this production in both the acting and the imaginative scenes and costumes.



Want to pick your child up early?

If you can please keep in mind the disruption this causes not only to your own child's learning but to other children's learning and daily routines as well.

We have full school assemblies from 1pm to 1.30pm on a Friday each week. Please note children will not be permitted to leave during assembly time. If you require your child to be picked up during this time on a Friday please ensure you let the office or your child's teacher know in advance so they can organise for your child to be kept out of assembly and they can wait for you at the office. This will minimize disruption to the other students during assembly time.



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Welcome to Mr Roshil Kumar

My name is Roshil Kumar, and I am a qualified Primary School Teacher from Fiji, with over 8.5 years of experience in primary education and 2 years working as an Early Childhood Teacher in Queenstown, Aotearoa. Currently, I teach the New Entrants here at Ōpaheke School, where I am committed to creating a positive and supportive learning environment that nurtures the holistic development of each ākonga (student). My teaching is grounded in delivering engaging, inclusive, and meaningful experiences, honoring both the diverse learners in my classroom, The Treaty of Waitangi and the New Zealand Curriculum.

What I enjoy most about my mahi (work) is seeing the curiosity and growth of tamariki (children) as they explore new ideas and concepts. It is deeply rewarding to see their progress and know that I am playing a role in their learning journey. I strive to cultivate a classroom atmosphere that fosters whakamana (empowerment), wānanga (learning), and a lifelong love of learning.

A whakataukī that guides my teaching philosophy is:

“Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti aroha o tātou mahi” - Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

This reflects my belief in recognising the individual strengths and potential of every ākonga and ensuring their learning experience is meaningful and enriching.

Outside of kura (school), I enjoy outdoor activities and spending time with my hoa rangatira (wife), Sheeral Sonika. We love to explore nature through hikoi (hiking), travelling, we enjoy experimenting with healthy vegetarian kai (food) and visiting temples for spiritual growth and devotional service. Having recently moved from Queenstown to Auckland, we are excited to embrace this new chapter and the opportunities it brings.



Y8 Camp Fundraiser

*Anything
But a back pack
day*

1ST OF NOVEMBER

GET CREATIVE AND
BRING ANYTHING
BUT YOUR
BACKPACK THINK
OUTSIDE THE BOX—
USE A BASKET, A
BUCKET, OR EVEN A
SUITCASE.



**GOLD COIN
DONATION TO HELP
FUNDRAISE FOR THE
2025 YEAR EIGHT
CAMP!**



Loud Shirt Day



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Loud Shirt Day fundraiser run by the our school councillors. We raised \$337 to go towards cochlear implants for people with hearing loss.



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term four focus is 'Striving for Excellence'.

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

Great work team!



Term 4 Week 1

Board Notices

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
**TEACHER
ONLY DAY**
Tuesday 29 October

Board SchoolDocs Review

TERM 4, 2024 POLICY REVIEW

This term we are reviewing the Finance and Asset
Management Policy section.

REVIEW CLOSES: 13 DEC 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.



 **SchoolDocs**
Policies and Procedures



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PTA Notices

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



ORDER
THURSDAY
FOR
DELIVERY
FRIDAY



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch ordering will start
Thursday, 24th October!

SEE THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO -
INFORMATION / LUNCH ROOM / MENU

PTA@OPAHEKE.SCHOOL.NZ
OR PHONE: 298-5410

HARVEST KIDS PARTY

Thursday 31 October

6 - 7.30pm

FREE ENTRY
PIZZA DINNER FOR KIDS
GAMES & PRIZES
PARENTS CAFÉ, DISCO
LOOT BAGS & MORE

3 Beach Road
Papakura

Come dressed as your favourite character
A safe alternative - NO Halloween costumes please
Numbers limited - SEE YOU AT 6PM!

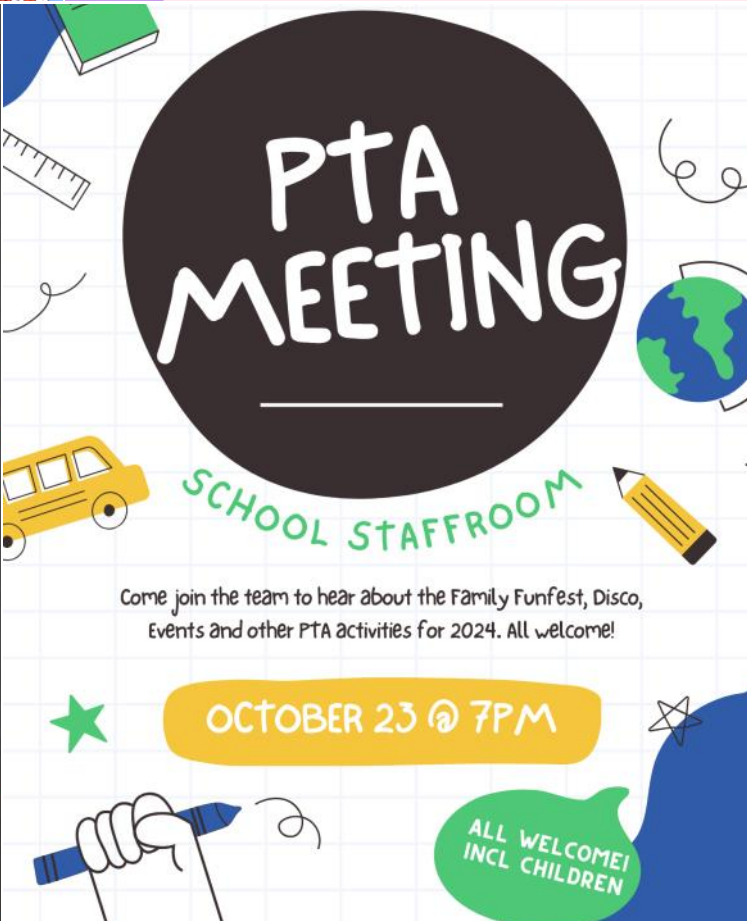
PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

Come join the team to hear about the Family Funfest, Disco, Events and other PTA activities for 2024. All welcome!

OCTOBER 23 @ 7PM

ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN



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IMPORTANT DATES

23-25 Oct	Y6 Camp
23-25 Oct	Y5 EOTC
25 Oct	Y7/8 Pool Session
28 Oct	LABOUR DAY
29 Oct	TEACHER ONLY DAY
30 Oct	Y7/8 Local Awa Visit
1 Nov	Anything but a bag day
4 Nov	Board Meeting 7pm
5 Nov	Y5-8 Athletics Day
8 Nov	PTA Funfest

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KIDS PROGRAMME**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AT MASSEY PARK POOL**

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SWIMMING. ACTIVITIES. FUN!**

CONTACT SANDRA AT MCC@CLMNZ.CO.NZ OR 02718100077

**MASSEY PARK
POOL**

STAR AWARDS

Term 4 - Striving for Excellence

Room	Week 10	Week 1
R1		Jordan
R2		Ethan
R3		Aroush
R4		Baninder
R5		Udaybir
R6		Ausami
R7		Marialee
R8		Zayd
R9		Koen
R10		Isabella
R11		Keehan
R12		Luna
R15		
R16		Luke
R17		Heaven
R18		Andrew
R21		Cecilia
R22		Kavaan
R23		Niklaus
R24		Brock
R25		Raysheil
R26		Summer
Junior Hub		Matthew
Kōwhai		Logan
Kānuka		Vanessa
Mānuka		
Kauri		

No Awards Assembly



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