



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.

So proud of the jumps our tamariki are making in their learning. As we round off our final assessments for end of year reports, it is exciting to see all the hard work showing in the results. What makes it even better is when the children can see and explain the progress they have made.



Our kids are keeping their feet on the pedals and chugging steadily towards the end of the year. I even had reports of students telling other classmates (even older siblings) to keep their feet on the pedals, echoing my recent korero at school assembly. Mums, dads, and caregivers, you can help with this kaupapa (task) by simply monitoring the tiredness levels of your children over the coming weeks. Not too many late nights this time of year please, we don't want sluggish learners at school. We want to finish strong.

Have a great rest of the week,
Mr Tawhiti.



THANK YOU

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER FROM 6PM

AS A WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD
WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR SCHOOL, THE
ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL BOARD WOULD LIKE TO INVITE
YOU TO OUR

THANK YOU TO PARENTS EVENING IN THE STAFFROOM

WHERE THEY CAN SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION
WITH DRINKS AND NIBBLES

Please let the school office know if you can make it
RSVP: 09 298 5410 or office@opaheke.school.nz by
22nd November

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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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Learning at Ōpaheke



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MAUNGAKIEKIE GYMNASTICS

Wow! We went to gymnastics on Friday and we went on a big bus. First, we did some exercise and we played games too. Next, we lined up in our six groups and we did some activities. I did a roly polly! I was scared of crossing the beam. My favourite part was jumping on the trampoline!

Rolene, R10

The Maungakiekie Team went to Gymnastics! First, we went on a bus to Bruce Pulman Park Gymnastics Centre. I enjoyed playing on the trampoline. The activities I can describe are where you jump on the grey mat on the foam pit. There was a hop scotch, you had to jump on the mats. The most challenging activity was the beam.

Isabella, R10



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Sport



Papakura High School and Counties Touch Tournament

On Wednesday 6th November we had 55 Year 7 & 8 students competing in a touch tournament against Redhill School held at Papakura High School.

The tournament was run by Counties Touch in partnership with Papakura High School. The programme teaches college students to be part of the game at a coach, referee, event manager or official level. We enjoyed welcoming these students into our school last term to run coaching sessions with our Year 7 & 8 students as part of the programme's pilot.

The tournament centered around Touch NZ core principals of AWHI. What is AWHI?

- AWHI focuses on creating a positive & encouraging environment for our touch community.
- AWHI is underpinned by four principals; Attitude, Whānau, Harmony & Integrity which make up the acronym – AWHI.
- Setting a standard of what is acceptable behavior is key to ensuring all involved thrive within our environment.
- It's our (Touch NZ/Community Connect) own unique way to address sideline behavior.
- It involves understanding people, their beliefs, values, and cultural norms that shape their lives.

It was an awesome day for our tamariki, some who have not played before and many who enjoy the game at a competitive level.

A highlight was beating the Papakura High School students in an exhibition game held during the lunch break. They talked a big game but failed to deliver and our students were thrilled to come away with the win!

We also saw our ex-student Tasi Saufoi awarded for his efforts in the programme, having not missed a lesson and completing all the required assessments successfully. We love to see our students doing well.

At the end of the day we came away with a bag full of new touch balls thanks to Rebel Sport.

A great day of sport!



Y7/8 North Counties Athletics

The following students represented Ōpaheke School at the North Counties Athletics on the 13th November.

Year 7 Girls - Oviya, Ariyana, Kourtney, Aangel

Year 7 Boys - Kayne, Jermaine, Sonny, Eli R

Year 8 Girls - Tyler, Kyla

Year 8 Boys - Kade, Tyreece, William, Trey

Congratulations to Kourtney, Oviya, Sonny, Trey, Jermaine and Kyla who made the 100m and 200m finals.

Our Year 7 Boys Relay team, Eli R, Sonny, Jermaine and Kayne, finished 3rd.

The following students placed in their respective events and will be representing North Counties at the Counties Zone Athletics on Wednesday 19th November.

Tyreece - 3rd in Discus, Jermaine - 3rd in the 100m, Tyler - 2nd in the 100m, 3rd in the 200m and 3rd in the 400m, Kade - 2nd in 100m, 2nd in the 200m, 3rd in the 400m and 2nd in Long Jump, Kayne - 2nd in High Jump

Special mention to Ariyana and William who ran hard all day, coming in hot on their heels!



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Library Notice



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BOOK AMNESTY

We have a lot of school books out in our community still awaiting return. If you have any Ōpaheke School readers or library books at home, please return these to your child's classroom or the school office.

Don't be shy, no questions asked, books can be returned at any stage.



Y7/8 Fundraiser

BAKE Sale

A fundraiser for Year 7
EOTC and Year 8 camp 2025



Biscuits, Cakes and Slices -
selling for \$1 or \$2 each

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
SALES AT MORNING TEA

Y8 Orientation/Transition Days



Papakura High School

Invites all enrolling students to our Annual Year 8
Orientation Day

Monday 9 December 2024
9:30am – 2.30 pm

Students will:

- get a tour of our kura
- be introduced to different subject areas
- meet key people including:

Kaitohutohu (tutor teachers)

Kaitiaki (prefects)

Kaiāwhina (student leaders)



Students should meet in our school hall at 9:15 am wearing their intermediate uniform. Lunch will be provided.



Email: enquiries@papakurahigh.school.nz

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ROSEHILL
COLLEGE
HĀ TĀTAU E HANGA HANGA AITE TAIAO HIRANGA

Year 8 Transition Day 9th December

For Ōpaheke School Students

Transition Day will begin at 8.40 am with students gathering at the Rosehill College Hall, and finish at 3.10pm. Students need to go straight to Rosehill College in the morning and not be dropped off at Ōpaheke School.



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PTA Notices

Thank you to our community for coming and supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Funfest. The weather was brilliant and the evening was a huge success.



Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at our Funfest last week, without you the event would not of been possible.
Congratulations to the winner of the \$100 prezzy card draw for volunteers.



— Voucher Winner —

SORINE FAATASI



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Thanks to our Family FunFest



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Special thanks to Families &

Individuals

For their contributions:

The Fraser Family
The Foster Family
The Campbell Family
Declan Fraser
Lisette Young



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IMPORTANT DATES

21 Nov	Bake Sale	9 Dec	Rosehill College Transition Day
26 Nov	Y3/4 Athletics	9 Dec	Papakura High Orientation Day
28 Nov	Board Thank You to PTA - 6pm	9 Dec	Board Meeting 7pm
29 Nov	Carols in the Park	10 Dec	Junior and Senior Prizegivings
3 Dec	Y3/4 EOTC	11 Dec	Librarian Celebration
4 Dec	Rainbows End Care Day	12 Dec	Y8 Last Day of School
5 Dec	Peer Mediator Celebration	12 Dec	Y8 Graduation
5 Dec	Service Assembly	13 Dec	Y1/7 Last Day of School
6 Dec	Y3/4 CT Whānau Morning	13 Dec	12pm finish

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to enhance and develop
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and wellbeing

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TERM DATES 2024-2025

Term 4, 2024 - Monday 14 Oct to Friday 13 Dec 2024

Term 1, 2025 - Tuesday 4 Feb to Friday 11 Apr

Term 2, 2025 - Monday 28 Apr to Friday 27 Jun

Term 3, 2025 - Monday 14 Jul to Friday 19 Sep

Term 4, 2025 - Monday 6 Oct to Wednesday 17 Dec 2025

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notifications on your phone to
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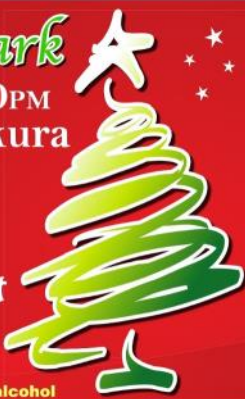


Carols in the Park
29 November 5:30PM
Central Park Papakura

☆☆☆☆☆
A FREE FAMILY EVENT

Children's Choir
Bands & Local Talent
Spot Prizes
Food Vendors

www.hcc.net.nz | no smoking, vaping or alcohol



Papakura Local Board **harvest**
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Chill Out
KIDS PROGRAMME

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AT MASSEY PARK POOL

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

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

MASSEY PARK POOL

STAR AWARDS

Term 4 - Striving for Excellence

No assemblies in Week 4 or 5

Reminder to keep disruptions to a minimum for all students.

If you need to collect your child during the school day for any reason please either call the office or email us to let us know in advance. The next few weeks have lots of fun end of year activities and award assemblies etc scheduled as well as curriculum learning. We would love for as many students as possible to be able to participate and enjoy everything that is on offer at this exciting time of year.



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