



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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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

Welcome back! You have to love the beginning of the year. With renewed energy, the possibilities for the year ahead are always a source of excitement.

We have loads of new faces across the staff team. You will see them further on in the newsletter. It is tremendously exciting to have them onboard, and they have hit the ground running.

If you have been into school you have probably seen some of the building work. While there are a few bits and pieces left to do, the classrooms look light, bright and spacious. The addition of air conditioning units is also an added bonus this time of year. I must take my hat off to the entire construction team for their massive efforts getting the classrooms done over the break.

Our dragon and his friends have been repainted over the summer break. A huge thank you to the PTA and Mrs Newbold for rolling up their sleeves and bringing these back to life over the break. They look amazing and we all love them.

Study leave

In late 2024 I was the recipient of a MOE study award to undertake a significant research project linked to overseas trained teacher induction and NZ curriculum delivery. Rather than take this leave in 1 block, I have decided to spread it out over the year. This means that for a decent portion of this school year, I will be offsite on a Thursday and Friday as I undertake work linked to this research. In my absence Jane Hamlin and Nikkie Laing will share acting principal duties. So if you don't see me out and about on Thursday and Friday, that's where I am.

Learning

Whilst the beginning of the year is a nice time to build relationships with classmates and teachers, it is also the time of year where we set the tone for learning, progress, and achievement. I have been through lots of classrooms and the learning hum is amazing. Teachers have got stuck in straight away. So can I ask parents to encourage the following:

- Praise and make a big deal of your child if they come home and are willingly to talk about their learning, get stuck into homework or read a book without being asked. This is SELF MOTIVATION! And we love it.
- If your child is tired at the end of a long hot school day, ease off on the school stuff and just read them a book before bed. Well rested kids learn better.
- Get them to bring their togs and towel to school. Cooling off in the pool is a good thing.

We have **Whanaungatanga Week** coming up soon. This is our way to connect with you, and learn more about your child and your hopes and aspirations for their learning this year. Stay tuned for more information.

Have a great 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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Learning at Ōpaheke



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Cyber Safety Agreements



Digital technologies and devices like laptops and tablets are tools that can help us learn at school in all sorts of ways. We can look at interesting things online, talk to people, create new ideas, and learn how to do different things on apps and websites.

When we use digital technologies, we need to learn how to keep ourselves safe, and make good choices in ways we behave when we are online. At Ōpaheke School we call this being a 'digital citizen'. Good digital citizens help to make our school a safe and positive place for everyone.

Our user agreements outline what Ōpaheke School does to help make

learning online safe, and what we need to do. It is not always easy to understand everything about online spaces, because there are so many things to use and explore, and that's why it's important that we all try to make it as safe as possible.

At Ōpaheke School we have two versions of user agreement. One for year 1-3 students and one for year 4-8 students. Students in Year 4 this year must complete a new cyber safety (student user) agreement to reflect their increased use of devices in the senior part of our school. Completed agreements can be given to your child's teacher or emailed to the school office.

You can find copies of our current user agreements on our school website:

My Mobile Learning

We are a Microsoft Showcase School and we use digital devices to help with teaching and learning.

All students in year 4-8 bringing their own device to school will need to have this form completed and returned before they can use their device at school. The 2025 form is the same as the 2024 form, if your child completed a form in 2024 and they still have the same device they do not need to complete another form. A new form is only required when they get a new device (as we record the serial number of the device on the form).



The form can be found on our school website: <https://www.opaheke.school.nz/our-learning/my-mobile-learning-2/>. Please note, this is a digital form which can be filled out on your computer or phone and returned via email. However, if you do need a paper copy please let us know and we will get one sent home with your child.



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Sport

Water Skills for Life

Water Skills for Life with Swim Magic and Aktive Sports is started this week. Please help your child to remember their togs on the required days as per timetables which have been emailed out for Year 1-4 students. Year 5-8 students will receive their timetables in due course. If in doubt, send them with their togs and towel everyday (this is sometimes easier with the younger kids). Students in year 4-8 will end this programme with a trip to Massey Park Pools. Participation in the school-based lessons is a requirement to attend this final lesson.

Term 1, Week 2 – 10 th -14 th February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	11	16	10	
10	15	Pikopiko	11	
	16	9	15	

Term 1, Week 3 – 17 th -21 st February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	9	11	Pikopiko	
16	10	15	9	
Pikopiko	11	16	10	

Term 1, Week 4 – 24 th – 28 th February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	16	11		
11	Pikopiko	10		
15	9	9		
		16		
		Pikopiko		
		15		

Term 1 Week 2, 10-14 February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Room 12 Room 21 Room 22	Room 23 Room 24 Room 25 Room 26	Room 12 Room 21 Room 26	Room 22 Room 23 Room 24 Room 25	

Term 1 Week 3, 17-21 February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Room 12 Room 25 Room 26	Room 21 Room 22 Room 23 Room 24	Room 24 Room 25 Room 26	Room 12 Room 21 Room 22 Room 23	

Term 1 Week 4, 24-28 February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Room 23 Room 24 Room 25	Room 12 Room 21 Room 22 Room 26			

Lunchtime Fun in the Sun



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Welcome

Mrs Mageshni Moodley

My name is Mageshni Moodley, and I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful learning community as an educator. With over 15 years of experience in education, my passion for teaching continues to grow each day. Originally from South Africa, I moved to New Zealand two years ago and have embraced the new experiences and beautiful landscapes this country has to offer.

When I am not teaching, I love spending quality time with my family and visiting the beach, which brings me a great sense of peace and joy. I am deeply committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of our children while fostering an inclusive and enriching learning environment. I am passionate about delivering the highest quality education, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported, and



inspired to reach their full potential. I also believe in celebrating cultural diversity, recognizing the importance of different backgrounds and perspectives in shaping a well-rounded learning experience.

I look forward to sharing my knowledge, learning alongside the children, and building meaningful connections with both students and their families.



Mrs Tayla Brown

I am a newly appointed Year 7 teacher with 8 years of experience. I will be teaching in the Maungawhau Team. I focus on guiding my students through their educational journey by creating a positive learning environment. I strive to inspire curiosity and foster a love for learning.

What I enjoy most about my work is building rapport with my students. I aim to create

relationships grounded in respect, integrity, and a shared understanding that we are all committed to doing 'our' best in everything we do. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing students grow in confidence and succeed in their personal and academic endeavors.

Outside of school, I enjoy staying active at the gym, spending quality time with my husband Shane, and caring for our 17-month-old son, Ronan. I'm a fan of the beach and swimming, and I also love cooking. Family is at the core of everything I do, and they serve as my motivation and my "why". They are my constant source of support and inspiration.

I am passionate about continuous personal and professional growth. I strive to be the best role model I can for my students, always keeping an open mind and a willingness to learn. I'm excited for what this year holds and am eager to create memorable experiences with my students.

Stay tuned for more new faces in the next newsletter.

Mrs Amy Muir

Kia ora, My name is Mrs Amy Muir. I have heard amazing things about Ōpaheke School and am so excited to be teaching here!

I will be the teacher starting the next New Entrant class 'Te Rito' in the Junior Hub this term. Currently I am doing teacher release in the Maungakiekie Team. I love starting new learners on their journey into school and have a passion for teaching literacy. I am a mum of 3 children currently attending Rosehill Intermediate and Rosehill College. Outside of school I love going for walks, going to the beach, going camping and most of all shopping! I also enjoy going with my children on scooter and bike rides. My favourite food is chocolate, and I love to bake. I look forward to meeting lots of children and whānau, so come and say hi!



PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

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

26th February @ 7pm

ALL WELCOME!
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IMPORTANT DATES

18-21 Feb	Y7 EOTC
18-21 Feb	Y8 Camp
26 Feb	PTA Meeting 7pm
24 Feb	Board Meeting 7pm
26 Feb	Y5/6 NC Tag Tournament
28 Feb	Y8 Gardasil 9 Talk
4 Mar	Y5-8 NC Swimming

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



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed



TERM DATES 2025

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

ORDER
THURSDAY
FOR
DELIVERY
FRIDAY



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch orders have started back for the term. Order each Thursday 8-8:20am in your class. Lunch delivered Friday to your lunch spot.

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

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



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PARK FEST '25

**SAT
8 MARCH**

10.00AM - 2.00PM

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 PAPAURA**

food / live entertainment
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 events for the whole family!



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