



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.

Greetings to our families and friends.

We had 31 students present their case to be a student councillor this year. The largest applicant group we can recall. It was a really hard task having to decide on the final group but we took comfort in the fact that we know we have a very strong group of up and coming young leaders at Ōpaheke.

Congratulations to the following student councillors: Sonny A, Kourtney A, Mika C, Aariya C, Harrison F, Athea P, Devam S, McCabe S, Oviya V and Ariana Y.



PTA needs you

I attended the PTA AGM last week. What a cool group. They do their best to fundraise, so our kids get the best learning resources and opportunities - over and above what our school provides. More importantly, they are passionate about bringing our community together, openly discussing ways to support and include our new families. You should turn up to the next PTA meeting on the 30th April. There are loads of laughs and they will welcome you with open arms.



Spruce up Sunday

School attendance has been sitting at a daily average of 89% over the past month. Our best days were Wednesday 5th March 93% and Wednesday 19th March 92.5%. We need to be averaging 94% to be above the MoE target, so we are not too far off. Our Monday percentages are low though. I reckon if we were to channel a bit of Liam Lawson and get quicker out of the blocks on a Monday, we will see a drastic improvement. So perhaps dedicate an hour on Sunday afternoon to prepare your kids and household for a strong start on Monday which will lead to a great week of learning. We call it 'Spruce up Sunday' at our place. My high school age boys are very slow at

the beginning of the week, so we dedicate an hour late on Sunday afternoon to get sorted for the week. Mum will do some baking, the boys will trim their fingernails and toenails (yip, yuck), wash hair, catchup on their homework, get uniform and sports gear packed for the week. Then they can chill. We think it helps, give it go.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

Mr Tawhiti.

CONTACT US

Tasman Drive
Papakura 2113
Phone (09) 298 5410

office@opaheke.school.nz
www.opaheke.school.nz

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.



SELF REGULATOR



THINKER



INNOVATOR



COLLABORATOR



CHALLENGE TAKER

Learning at Ōpaheke



CHALLENGE TAKER



COLLABORATOR



INNOVATOR



THINKER



SELF REGULATOR

Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term one focus is 'Teamwork'.

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

Great work team!



Term 1 Week 7

Sport

Counties Swimming

Huge Congratulations to Kayne who represented Opaheke School at the Counties Zone Swimming on 14th March. He finished 2nd in each of his races with two new PB's. He was very close to winning the 50m freestyle. Next stage is Auckland champs where the competition will be very tough. His goal is to make a final.

Fantastic work Kayne, we are so proud of you.



Eye on Nature 2025 – Wellbeing-Taiao and Me



A group of 30 Year 5 and 6 students from the Rangitoto team had the amazing opportunity to participate in Eye on Nature 2025, an event organized by the Beautification Trust, Auckland.

We were fortunate to have the Auckland Museum join us at the Botanic Gardens, where we explored our connections to nature and even created music inspired by the natural world. Our tamariki also engaged in discussions about *Te Whare Tapa Whā*, deepening their understanding of well-being.

The learning continued with *BeezThingz*, where students discovered how bees make honey and even got to try on a beekeeper's suit! Later, they took part in a hands-on biking experience, learning how to change a tyre - an essential skill for one of the most eco-friendly modes of transport.

To wrap up this incredible day, we worked with the *Heart Foundation* to create healthy eating plans, reinforcing the importance of balanced nutrition.

This was truly a day of expanding our knowledge while keeping an *Eye on Nature*.



SELF REGULATOR



THINKER



INNOVATOR



COLLABORATOR



CHALLENGE TAKER

PTA Notices



Please be advised that Cream Donuts WILL NOT be available for the next 3 weeks of lunch orders.

School lunches as currently run will finish at the end of term 1. A new supplier and system is currently being investigated, and we will update you as we proceed.

The PTA wish to thank the parents, grandparents and Real World Living team for processing orders each week. We'd like to also thank the Lunch Monitors for their help each Thursday morning. We couldn't have done this fundraiser without you all!

Thank you to the school community who has also supported this weekly service for the past few years. We've really appreciated your custom, and we look forward to bringing you all something new and exciting soon.

Ōpaheke School PTA wishes to....



We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your lunch orders over the past few years. Thank you to all our volunteers who came each week to help out!

Last day for lunch ordering - April 10
Delivery - Friday April 11

Thank you for your support!!



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

PLEASE NOTE: NO OLDER SIBLINGS ALLOWED, ONLY CURRENT STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

THURSDAY 10 APR, 2025

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

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

Come join the team to hear about the Family Funfest, Disco, Events and other PTA activities for 2025. All welcome!

30th April @ 7pm

ALL WELCOME! INCL CHILDREN



CHALLENGE TAKER



COLLABORATOR



INNOVATOR



THINKER



SELF REGULATOR

This page has been left
blank on purpose



SELF REGULATOR



THINKER



INNOVATOR



COLLABORATOR



CHALLENGE TAKER

IMPORTANT DATES

26 Mar	Y8 Gardasil Dose 1
26 Mar	Y7 Boostrix Talk
2 Apr	Polyfest
3 Apr	NC Football
8 Apr	Y7/8 WSFL (some classes)
10 Apr	PTA Disco
11 Apr	Last day of Term 1 (normal finish time)
12-27 Apr	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
30 Apr	PTA Meeting 7pm
12 May	Board Meeting 7pm

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

Paid Advertising



Contact us today
to try our fantastic
dance classes!

Ballet, Jazz,
Contemporary,
Lyrical, Acro, Musical
Theatre, Hip Hop and
more!

0211238395
office@gsda.co.nz
www.gsda.co.nz

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



CHALLENGE TAKER



COLLABORATOR



INNOVATOR



THINKER



SELF REGULATOR

STAR AWARDS

Term 1 - Teamwork

Room	Week 6	Week 7
R1		Ariana
R2		Grace
R3		Jasmine
R4		Samantha
R5		Alan
R6		Ryker
R7		Finn
R8		Jacob
R9		Colton
R10		Heaven
R11		
R12		Aahana
R15		Alaina
R16		Irene-Rose
R18		Calais
R21		Montana
R22		Alivia
R23		Laker
R24		Kenzou
R25		Ben
R26		Lillian
Pikopiko		Regan
Te Rito		Rieko
Kānuka		Amelia
Mānuka		Anne
Kauri		Cheryl

No Awards Assembly