



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.

There is a beautiful learning hum in our classrooms. I am obviously delighted, so I took the opportunity at assembly to praise our tamariki and remind them that they are the *'authors of their learning journey'*. The teacher will always be there to guide and support, but they - the children - are the authors, the writers and ultimately determine the outcome of the 2025 chapter of their learning journey. **Student Led Conferences** in the last week of this term are the perfect setting for our 'authors' to share their learning journey with you. If you are new to our school, this is a pinnacle learning event and the biggest celebration of learning we have. They will take place on the 25th and 26th of June. Pencil these dates into your calendar now. Students will go home at 12pm on Wednesday 25th June to accommodate these. Booking instructions will be sent out next week. As we get closer and the excitement builds, we will let you know how you can take part.



The first signs of winter are here. Time to encourage reading at home. I have told the kids that I expect them to be reading for at least 30 minutes every night. So you can give them the word too, tell them that "Mr T said so". Not reading on phones and electronic screens, but reading hard material. Newspapers, comics, novels, picture books. Teachers will help supply them with reading material, but I also encourage you to take them to the local library, to stock up. The more books, the better.

Upcoming Teacher Only Days

We have set 2 teacher only days later on this year. These are Ministry of Education allocated days to enable us to work with experts on the new NZ Mathematics curriculum. The dates are as follows:

Term 3 - Friday 1st August (week 3)

Term 4 - Friday 24th October (week 3)



Blocking the School Driveway

It has come to my attention that some parents have been blocking the Tasman Drive entrance during morning drop-off. This makes it difficult for our road patrollers to do their duty safely due to the backlog of cars. With more roadworks about to start nearby, congestion is going to get worse. I am talking to a very small group here, but if this is you can I ask that you use parking spaces further on down Tasman Drive.

Thank you.

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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Welcome

Mrs Tracy Povey

Hi, my name is Tracy Povey, and I'm excited to be joining the Ōpaheke team as a Learning Support Teacher primarily working with ESOL students. I am truly passionate about supporting children in their learning journeys, particularly those who require a little extra encouragement and care to thrive. It is a real privilege for me to be part of such a nurturing and vibrant school community. I believe that every child has unique strengths and potential. I am committed in helping them grow in confidence, independence and joy for their learning.

Outside of school, I am a proud mum of five amazing children, and I recently became a grandmother, which has been such a blessing! Family time is really important to me. I love getting outside for long walks, having good laughs with my whānau, and, whenever I can, treating myself to some delicious chocolate!

I look forward to connecting with you all and contributing to the positive and inclusive spirit that makes Ōpaheke School so special.



Board SchoolDocs Review

TERM 2, 2025 POLICY REVIEW

This term we are continuing to review topics in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section.

REVIEW CLOSES: 27 JUNE 2025

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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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term two focus is 'Respect for Self and Others'.

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

Great work team!



Term 1 Week 10



Term 2 Week 1



Year 5-8
The University of Canterbury's Great

Kiwi Challenge

ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE



The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. All participating students will be awarded a certificate, and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the entry form which has been emailed out along with the correct fees by the 7th May.



Entries due by 7th May 2025

ANZAC Day Commemorations



Poppy Week

The School Councillors raised \$426 through poppy week donations for the Papakura RSA Welfare Trust. Thank you for your support.

Field of Remembrance Ceremony

We held our annual Fields of Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday 29th April. The whole school assembled on the field for the ceremony. Thank you to Allan who played the Reveille and the Last Post on the trombone. At the end of the ceremony the students laid poppies at our field of crosses as they left. The poppies have now been collected and are on display in our library. If you are passing the library pop in to get a closer look. Our School Councillors did a wonderful job of leading the ceremony.



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NEW LUNCH ORDERS

REGISTER TO ORDER



\$1 from every order goes to our school

- Simple and convenient online ordering system
- View and order lunches for the entire term in advance
- Add funds to your wallet anytime to help manage your budget
- Orders can be changed or cancelled up until 9am on the day; ideal if your child is unwell
- Multiple menu options available to suit a range of dietary needs; including Gluten Free & Vegetarian
- Wallet balances can be refunded by contacting Dollar for Schools



Term 2
Dates

Friday 9th May - Pizza
Friday 6th June - Sushi
Friday 27th June - Subway



Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

PIZZA DAY 9 MAY 2025

MINI PIZZAS FROM \$7.50



DOMINOS PIZZA
Delivered to school for
lunchtime

MINI PIZZAS FROM \$7.50
Gluten Free & Vegetarian
Available

Order Online

<https://dollarforschools.co.nz/>

PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

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

MAY 28 @ 7PM

ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN



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MORNING TEA



Spoil yourself Monday 12th May

Pop in to the staff room after drop-off from 8:30am to have a well deserved hot or cold drink and yummy treats!



Come celebrate you!
Mums, nanas, aunties all welcome!
Preschoolers welcome.
Come make some new friends and meet the ladies on the PTA.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:
pta@opaheke.school.nz
or phone 298-5410

WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU
THERE!

IMPORTANT DATES

7-8 May	Y5/6 Ambury Park Trips
9 May	PTA Pizza Day
12 May	Mother's Day Morning Tea
12 May	Board Meeting 7pm
16 May	Pink Shirt Day
16 May	Support Staff Day
21 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
27 May	NYLD - Councillors
28 May	PTA 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

New Peer Mediator Logo

We recently held a student design competition for a new logo for our Peer Mediator Vests. There were many amazing and thoughtful entries, but there could be only one winner. Congratulations to Adella (pictured) and Mia from Room 3 for their amazing winning design! It was clear to the judges that they had really thought about their logo design. The hand drawn logo was converted to digital by Mrs McCormack and then added to the vests. Don't they look fabulous? Our Peer Mediators are very proud to wear these vests when on duty.



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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STAR AWARDS

Term 2 - Respect for Self and Others

Room	Week 10	Week 1
R1	Rachelle	Mia
R2	Freya	Aleena
R3	Adella	
R4	Chloe	
R5	Celeste	Austin
R6	Arav	Florea
R7	Jaxon	Pranaya
R8	Bhavy	Edison
R9	Te Koha	Gurnoor
R10	Jordan	Kily
R11	Nina	Nina
R12	Neeana	Missiah
R15	Neiva	Gurshabad
R16	Salman	Oliver
R18	Tanveer	Harmony
R21	Eliora	Elise
R22	Harper	Fateh
R23	Piper	Jaskeerat
R24	Taylor	Elliott
R25	Scarlet	Manseerat
R26	Quinn	Maanveer
Pikopiko	Mehr	Gagandeep
Te Rito	Abimanyu	Maximus
Kānuka	Caleb	
Mānuka	Candice	Kylemore
Kauri	Austin	Lee-T