



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.

Student Led Conferences

You should have received booking instructions for this late last week. We have also included it further on in this newsletter. Our 'authors' are gearing up to share their learning journey with you. If you are new to our school, this is the biggest celebration of learning we have. So make sure you get in early to get your preferred time slot.

Board

Have you ever wondered what our board does? Five parent reps, one staff rep, and the principal meet as the 'board' twice a term in the evenings. The board is a governing group. This sounds daunting but it isn't really. Quite simply, governance is making sure that all aspects of the school are serving its people (tamariki, staff, and families) and our organisational aims. When the board meets, they talk about students learning, helping staff in their work, and making decisions that make Ōpaheke the best school possible. Things such as getting us a new playground, hopefully more classrooms, and more support staff. Every now and again they have to make courageous decisions, I think back to Cyclone Gabrielle as an example.

You don't have to be an expert in a particular field or anything like that, you just need an open heart, an open mind and work well in a team. You are also welcome to attend any board meeting as an observer to have a look and listen to what happens for yourself. Have a think about it as we approach board elections next term.

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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It's time for our **Learning Conferences**

**JUNE
25 & 26**

**BOOK
NOW**



To book your conferences go to
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code
and enter the relevant event code.

For Year 3-8 students enter **qk9f2**
For Year 1 and 2 students enter **6vaft**

Or call our office team to
book in with them.



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Y5/6 Ambury Farm Visit



Rangitoto has been investigating fibres and fabrics as part of their Inquiry learning this term. We are figuring out which fibres have properties to make the most effective coaster.

In Week 2, we had the opportunity to visit the scenic Ambury Farm. Ambury Farm lies along the coast of the Manukau Harbour in the suburb of Māngere Bridge. Here, we came into contact with horse hair, rabbit fur, wool, silk and other fabulous fibres, learning where it comes from, what it's used for, which ones are renewable and why that's a good thing.



The sights, sounds and smells of the shearing shed were a time of fun and learning. We found out some amazing facts about wool and watched a sheep being crutched (the removal of wool from around the tail and between the rear legs of a sheep). We all had the opportunity to transform the wool fibres into strong thread by hand-spinning and turning the carded wool into felt.

In addition to this, we had a walk around the vibrant farm, seeing sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys, horses and angora rabbits. The day was a wonderful adventure, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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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 2 Week 3

Y1/2 - 'I am a Helper' Dress Up Day



This term, the Maungakiekie team has been learning about people in our community who help us, and the ways we can be helpers too.

To celebrate our work on this inquiry, we will dress up as a helper we would like to be. Come in your best costume, ready to share your learning with other classes! We will have opportunities to make something to wear in class, too.



Pink Shirt Day

It was wonderful to see the sea of pink around Ōpaheke School on Friday 16th May. By taking part in Pink Shirt Day we're doing our part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthy fundraiser. We raised over \$400 as a school to go to the Mental Health Foundation to help build a kinder, more inclusive Aotearoa.



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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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PTA's first Pizza Day through Dollar for Schools on the 9th May. **We sold 219 pizzas** which raised \$219 for the PTA to help fund resources and trips for our tamariki.

Our next lunch day is sushi on the 6th June. We look forward to seeing all your orders coming through at www.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!

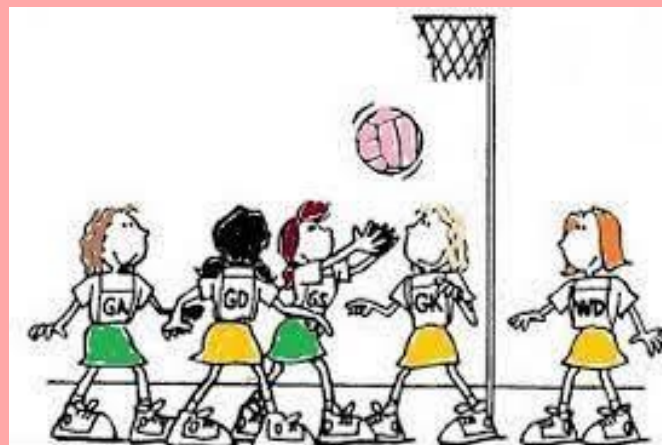
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ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN

Sport

Y5-8 North Counties Netball

Just a reminder that there is netball practice this week and next week for our year 5-8 students who have signed up to represent our school at the North Counties Netball Tournament. The North Counties Netball Tournament is on Wednesday 4th June at Papakura Netball Centre, Bruce Pulman Park.



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IMPORTANT DATES

23 May	Y1/2 Dress Up Day
27 May	NYLD - Councillors
28 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
2 June	KING'S BIRTHDAY (No School)
4 June	Y5-8 NC Netball
5 June	Y7 Boostrix Vaccination
6 June	PTA Sushi Lunch Orders
12-13 June	Photolife Photos
16 June	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

STAR AWARDS

Term 2 - Respect for Self and Others

Room	Week 2	Week 3
R1		Daniel
R2		Zarah
R3		Sonny and Poutama
R4		Laurel
R5		Summer
R6		Mateen
R7		Naman
R8		Adrishia
R9		Huia
R10		Cassidy
R11		Hamin
R12		Kaho
R15		Hamin
R16		Pravi
R18		Lucas
R21		Paula
R22		Ethan
R23		Guru
R24		Luna
R25		Akilan
R26		Hajun
Pikopiko		Baani
Te Rito		Octavia
Kānuka		Japleen
Mānuka		
Kauri		Asiya

No Awards Assembly

FINISHING EARLY

12 NOON
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Wednesday 25 June

UPCOMING

TEACHER
ONLY DAYS

1st August and 24th October

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