



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



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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.

Greetings to our families and friends.

Head Students

Huge congratulations to our 2025 Head Students, Macabe S and Aariya C. They consistently demonstrate our school values and are excellent role models for all of our students.



Senior playground I am very excited to announce that construction of our brand new senior playground will commence this Friday the 6th of June and hopefully be completed by Matariki weekend. A huge thank you must go out to the Ōpaheke School board for initiating the project, our PTA for their significant financial support, and Helen Whitcombe at Funding connection for her behind the scenes work with local charitable organisations.

Speaking of the board and some of the cool things they do...

Does being on the board interest you?

Are you interested in making our school the best place for EVERY child?

Do you want to help make decisions that support our staff?

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 to be able to work well in a team. Have a think about it as we approach board elections next term. You are welcome to turn up to our next board meeting to see what's involved.

Or...

Perhaps you want to support our school in a different way. What about jumping on the PTA team? They are always looking for new people to help out and bring creative ideas. If you're interested, keep an eye out for their next meeting and just turn up.

Student Led Conferences

Our tamariki and kaiako (teachers) have been putting their all into getting ready for this. We are exactly 3 weeks away. This is a showcase learning event and has been apart of the Ōpaheke Way for many years. We think we do it really well. For some of you out there, myself included, who may have been accustomed to Parent-Teacher interviews, there is reason we do it like we do. As always it is based on educational research.

"Not only is the student the best person to tell their parents what they have learnt, but if we believe that students build their knowledge by communicating what they know, then providing an opportunity for the students to tell their family what they know can significantly assist with that learning." Absolum, (2006)

Professor John Hattie published a revised list (2025) of the most effective influences on student achievement. Student self – reporting continues to be one of the most significant influences linked to raised student achievement

With that being said, we also value speaking directly to parents. So, if you wish to discuss something important with the teacher please arrange a time **after** our SLC week. We want to preserve the mana of the occasion and the mana of your child as they share their learning with you. It's their moment so let's celebrate it! 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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Y1/2 - 'I am a Helper' Dress Up Day



To end this term's inquiry and to celebrate our learning about helpers within our community, the Maungakiekie team enjoyed a day of dress-ups. There were doctors, nurses, vets, firefighters, police officers, soldiers, construction workers, road workers, mechanics, pilots, teachers, and more!

We also had the Papakura Coastguards visit, bringing two big boats for us to hop on and explore. We learned about the important role our Coastguards play in keeping everyone safe while out on the water and the importance of wearing a lifejacket. Thank you, Papakura Coastguards.

There was also a surprise visit from Marshall from The Paw Patrol. We appreciate you coming all the way from Adventure Bay to see us.

A big thank you to our families and caregivers for supporting our children with their outfits for the big day. We hope you enjoyed hearing about all the learning that our ākonga have participated in.



STUDENT REVIEWS

Guess what!? On Friday the Maungakiekie team dressed up like community helpers. I dressed up as a firefighter because we were learning about community helpers for inquiry. Next, we went to see a big coastguard boat. We saw a small boat too and took a photo on the boat! Lastly, we went to the hall and Marshall from paw patrol came! We took a photo with him with all the classes.

- Cassidy

Guess what!? On Friday we had a very fun day because we dressed up as community helpers. I was super happy. We dressed up as a community helper because of the inquiry we have been learning about. But the fun part was assembly. Marshall from paw patrol came to assembly! It was so fun.

- Vienna

I am a helper! On Friday, the Maungakiekie team dressed as community helpers because we have been learning about them in Inquiry. I dressed up as a vet. At the field, there were coastguards at the backgate. The coastguards gave up their time to come teach us about their boat. At the hall, we took photos next to Marshall the Paw Patrol dog! What a fun day.

- Lily

Wow! On Friday, Maungakiekie had an 'I am a helper day' because of our inquiry. We saw a boat. It was a coastguard boat. After, we saw Marshall the firefighter from paw patrol in the hall.

- Alvar



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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 4



Room 11 - Year 2
2024

Student Names will Appear Here

OPAHEKE SCHOOL PHOTOS

12TH JUNE - CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
13TH JUNE - TEAM AND SIBLING PHOTOS

SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS.
THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PHOTOS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING/ORDERING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AFTER THE PHOTOS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. YOU WILL BE EMAILED AN INDIVIDUAL KEY CODE FOR YOUR CHILD WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ORDER.

National Young Leaders Day

This year the School Councillors had the delight of attending the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD). This was the 25th year of the event. The theme for this year was "Stronger Together". Throughout the day, this message was clearly promoted within the speakers' presentations. All students were given a notebook to use for taking notes while listening to the presenters.

The NYLD event included motivational talks from young New Zealand leaders. This year's speakers were inspirational and helped sponsor the main idea of the day. The first speaker was Cam Calkoen. He is a professional speaker and dream chaser who expressed how, his journey proves that with belief, determination, and a positive mindset, anything is possible. The second speaker, Julia Arnott-Neenee, is a CEO and co-founder of her own business Fibre Fale. She committed to getting justice and creating impactful futures. The third speaker was Jase Te Patu.

He spoke about mental health awareness and how no one is alone in the journey. The fourth speaker was Elisa Harley, at 18 years old she is the CEO for her business Enivo Pots. She shared her journey, that started at 13 years old, and conveyed how she worked together with several people and companies.



Every one of the presentations gave a message, lesson, or idea for all of the students to take back with them. This excursion was made possible thanks to our PTA, as they paid fully for all 10 councillors. National Young Leaders Day was an impactful day that benefitted all the School Councillors and gave every attendee many memories.

By Mika Chan



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SUSHI DAY

6 JUNE 2025

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PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

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

JUNE 18 @ 7PM

ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN

SAVE THE DATE!!

OPAHEKE SCHOOL PTA FUNFEST

ON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

A FUN EVENING OF GAMES, FOOD AND
ACTIVITIES... WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!!

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Opaheke School Pta FUNFEST

7 November 2025

CAN YOU HELP???



Do you own or work for a business that could support our Funfest?

Is your business able to provide or help with any of the below?

- Donations of vouchers, items or experiences for raffle prizes
- Food truck or food stalls
- Donations or discounts for consumables (plates, serviettes, cake boxes etc)
- Activities - large or small
- Printing or sign writing

Any support is greatly appreciated, no matter the value. In return, business logos are included in our advertising.

All donations can be dropped to the school office or contact the team on funfestsponsors@gmail.com



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IMPORTANT DATES

5 June	Y7 Boostrix Vaccination
6 June	Y5-8 NC Netball
6 June	PTA Sushi Lunch Orders
12-13 June	Photolife Photos
16 June	Board Meeting 7pm
17 June	Kiwi Comp - Science
18 June	PTA Meeting 7pm
19 June	Kiwi Comp - English
19 June	Y3/4 Matariki Breakfast
20 June	MATARIKI - No School
24 June	Kiwi Comp - Maths

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 4	Week 5
R1	Stunner	
R2	Andre	
R3	Haukawarua	
R4	Sumeet	
R5	Ishman	
R6	Tarah	
R7	Teeyah	
R8	Manaia	
R9	Falak	
R10	Tami	
R11		
R12	Sahib	
R15	Kaison	
R16	Mason	
R18	Kabilian	
R21	Isabel	
R22	Gurnoor	
R23	Sophia	
R24	Evie	
R25	Nyla	
R26		
Pikopiko	Harsifat	
Te Rito	Azaan	
Kānuka	Damien	
Mānuka	Izz	
Kauri	Tyler	

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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