



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.

Mānawatia a Matariki

Matariki is upon us. A time to honour the past, celebrate the present and look to the future. Treasure the time this long weekend provides to reflect, appreciate the now, and perhaps make some plans for the remainder of the year.

Honouring the past

You may have seen pictures of our old senior playground being removed. This was erected in 1998 and 27 years later down it came.

While the piles of splintered timber and worn steel have gone, the many years of fun, laughter, and joy remain.



Celebrating the present

I am loving the young democratic citizens we have here.

- Room 16 wrote me letters lobbying for a flying fox, pool slide and ball pit. I had to front up to a room full of 6 year olds and explain that I have to undertake a feasibility study first. Talk about daunting!
- Room 25 wrote letters requesting a new playground. They are very happy that **THEY** actually made it happen....overnight!
- Hasrat in Room 1 penned an informative letter explaining why the Chiefs are the best team in Super Rugby, despite the majority of Blues supporters on staff giving me a hard time. The facts you presented were compelling Hasrat, and the fact that the Chiefs made the final while the Blues have to watch adds more validity to your letter. Thanks for supporting me Hasrat.

Looking to the future

While the old playground is a distant memory, we have a new playground set to take its place. The kids have been fortunate to see the progress and the excitement is building. All going well, I think we will open it on Monday morning.

Health and PE curriculum survey

Thank you to the parents who took the time to respond to the Health and PE curriculum survey that was circulated earlier this term. Two key themes emerged.

- Clearer explanation of Te Reo terms for those not familiar with the language; and
- Inclusion of digital media use and the link to wellbeing

We have a **Digital Citizenship** component that underpins every inquiry unit we teach. So although it is not under the 'health' curriculum as such, we give thorough coverage of responsible digital use and learn about some of the trip hazards the online world can present. As the online world is all around us, it is vital that you support us with this by keeping a close eye on digital use at home.

Student Led Conferences

It is next week. If you haven't booked in, do so. It's their moment so let's celebrate it!

Kia kaha, kia manawanui – Chiefs!

Be strong and go well.

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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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 7

Welcome

Mrs Sarah McKenzie

Kia ora koutou, I'm Sarah McKenzie and I am helping out in the office over the next few months. The main part of my role is enrolments and attendance, but I will also be assisting with any other jobs around the office when needed. I am enjoying working with the team, learning new processes and getting to know the students.

Outside of work I like watching and playing sport, reading, travelling and spending time with my husband John and my one-year-old son Lincoln.



**BOOK
NOW**

Reminder Learning Conferences 25th & 26th June

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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PTA Notices

Subway Lunch Orders

Delivered to the school for lunchtime

27 June 2025

FROM **\$8.00**



ORDER ONLINE UNTIL 9AM 27 JUNE
<https://dollarforschools.co.nz/>

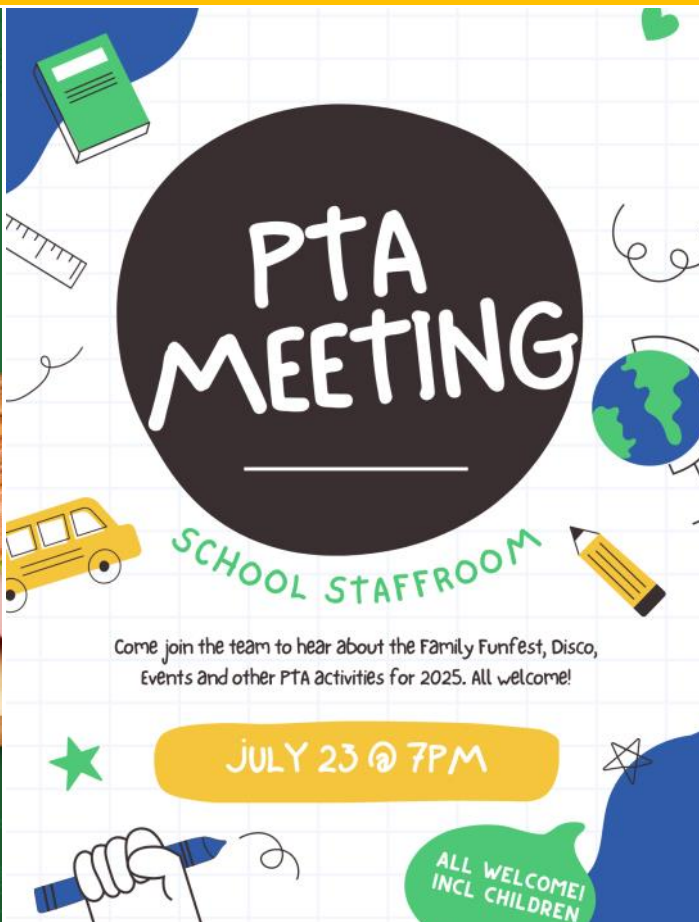
PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

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

JULY 23 @ 7PM

ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN



Book Fair

Our biggest library fundraiser for the year is nearly here! Our annual Book Fair will take place in the library from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th of June - with a late-night opening till 6pm on Wednesday 25th for Student Led Conferences. There will be a wide range of Scholastic books and products for sale, last year we raised \$972 for library resources, hopefully this year we can raise even more!

Opening hours:

Monday 23rd: 8am-8:20am - 2:20pm-3pm

Tuesday 24th: 8am-8:20am - 2:20pm-3pm

Wednesday 25th: 8am-8:20am - 12pm-6pm

Thursday 26th: 8am-8:20am - 2:20pm-3pm

Friday 27th: 8am-8:20am

OUR BOOK FAIR OPENS ON RĀHINA, MONDAY!

Catch the reading bug!



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IMPORTANT DATES

19 June Kiwi Comp - English
 19 June Y1/2 & Y3/4 Matariki Breakfast
 20 June MATARIKI - No School
 23-27 June Book Fair Open
 23 June Reports sent home
 24 June Kiwi Comp - Maths
 25 June Early finish - 12 noon
 25 June Y0-8 Student Conferences
 26 June Y0-2 Student Conferences
 27 June PTA Lunches - Subway

TERM DATES

Term 2, 2025 - Mon 28 Apr to Fri 27 Jun

Term 3, 2025 - Mon 14 Jul to Fri 19 Sep

Term 4, 2025 - Mon 6 Oct to Wed 17 Dec

STAR AWARDS

Term 2 - Respect for Self and Others

Room	Week 6	Week 7
R1		Ngaupoko
R2		Jordan-Lee
R3		Jasnoor
R4		Ngakau
R5		Ethan
R6		Declan
R7		Chozin
R8		Cyrus
R9		Ashley
R10		Dinewni
R11		Sebastian
R12		Leilani
R15		Nauma
R16		Jupkeere
R18		Leighton
R21		Yusuf
R22		Walid
R23		Jahzaiah
R24		
R25		Lily
R26		Charlotte
Pikopiko		Serenity
Te Rito		
Kānuka		Cooper
Mānuka		Raelyn
Kauri		John

No Awards Assembly

FINISHING EARLY

12 NOON
 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Wednesday 25 June

UPCOMING

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

1st August and 24th October

All our school news in one place

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