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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.

Teacher Appreciation Day

This Friday the 5th marks our annual Ōpaheke School Teacher Appreciation Day. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible mahi of our dedicated teachers. They do far more than deliver lessons - they inspire, support, and uplift our tamariki every single day. They are relentless and they are passionate, and it is a privilege working alongside them.

This Friday, we invite you to join us in showing gratitude. Whether it's a kind word, a note of thanks, or a small gesture, it will mean a lot to our teachers.

Farewell

As we welcome in a new school board, we say farewell to three board members who have made a significant contribution at Ōpaheke School. Mr Alex Banfield, Miss Jenn Jury, and Mrs Moe Tu'ipulotu departed the Board in August, to make way for a new generation of parent representatives. Alex who began his board tenure in 2019 and Moe in 2021 came onto the board alongside Jenn in what were to become critical years as the school grappled with the impacts of COVID-19. During these years, Jenn Jury, who was already well established on our board having started in 2013, provided experience and outstanding leadership. Her 12 years on the board have been immense as she has not only overseen two principal appointments, but like Alex and Moe, had to navigate COVID-19 and other unexpected challenges whilst keeping the school heading in a positive direction. I have valued their astute insights, patience, and common sense approach. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their contributions, not only as board members but also as parents. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours and as always the Ōpaheke door is always open, and we hope to see them again in the near future.

Good luck to the All Blacks this weekend.

Mr Tawhiti

Friday 5th September

Coming up....

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Help us show our wonderful, dedicated teachers how much we appreciate them and all they do for our tamariki. Students could make a card, pick some flowers or simply tell their teacher how much they appreciate them.



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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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Football Skills Sessions

Last week we had our final session with Kailey Short from Northern Region Football. Students have learned some valuable football skills and enjoyed being out on the field giving games a go! Kailey enjoyed her time at Ōpaheke with our Year 7 & 8 students so much, she has offered to come back in next term to run additional sessions. Well done to our tamariki for their positive attitude towards taking on new challenges!



Auckland Zone Cross-Country

Huge congratulations to Quinn Hans who competed in the Auckland Zone Cross-Country on Friday the 22nd of August at Pukekohe A&P grounds. He put in a super effort amongst the best Year 7 Boys in Auckland to finish 75th.



UPCOMING
TEACHER ONLY DAY
24th October

MAUNGAKIEKIE CROSS COUNTRY

Whānau, please join us for our Junior School Cross Country Event!

Wednesday 17th
September

10:45AM
MEET ON THE
SCHOOL COURT

Kia ora whānau,

A reminder that Ōpaheke School is collecting Yummy Stickers from fruit. Every sticker helps our school earn new sports gear for P.E. and playtime. Please keep adding stickers to your collection sheets and hand them in to your teacher or the office!

Sheets are due by **Friday, October 13th.**

Thanks for helping us stay active!



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term three focus is 'Achieving Personal Best'.

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



Daffodil Day

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our coin trail for Daffodil Day. Our students around the school are looked very bright and yellow in their outfits.

Our staff also done their annual raffle and auction with a shared morning tea to raise funds towards our schools contribution.

Together our school raised over \$1,534 for the Cancer Society.



Hawkins Youth Theatre

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Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White
Book by Julian Fellowes - Lyrics by Glenn Slater
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

24, 25 & 26 Sep @ 11am, 27 Sep @ 7pm, 28 Sep @ 2pm
1, 2 & 3 Oct @ 11am, 4 Oct @ 1pm & 5pm

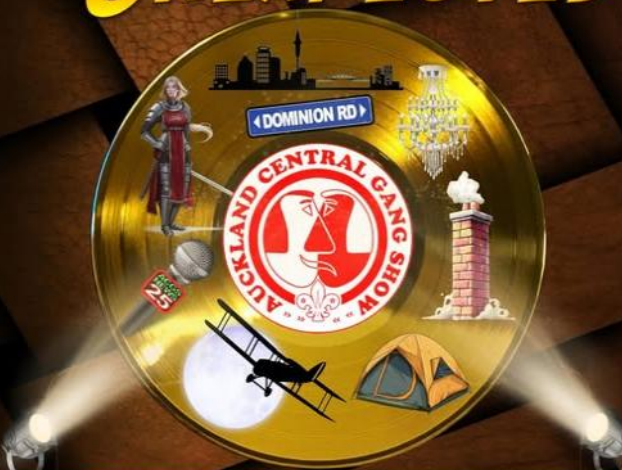
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MONDAY 1ST SEPT. SUNDAY 7TH SEPT.
TUESDAY 2ND SEPT. WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPT.
WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPT. THURSDAY 11TH SEPT.
FRIDAY 5TH SEPT. FRIDAY 12TH SEPT.
SATURDAY 6TH SEPT. SATURDAY 13TH SEPT.

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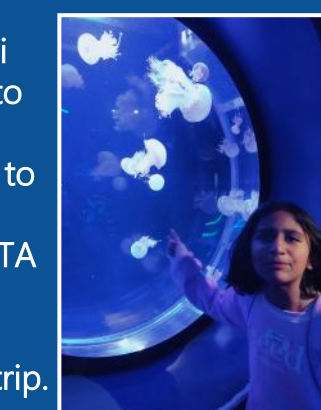
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Exploring the Deep Blue at SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's!

Last week, our Year 3 and 4 students embarked on an unforgettable underwater adventure at SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium. From walking through the awe-inspiring shark tunnel to getting up close with majestic stingrays and playful penguins, the day was packed with wonder and discovery. The interactive exhibits sparked curiosity and deepened our understanding of marine ecosystems.

A big thank you to our parent helpers and staff who made the trip smooth and memorable.

Team Maungarei would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for their donation towards the trip.



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Book Week Celebrations



What a wonderful few weeks we've had celebrating Aotearoa School Library week and Book Week.

Our whole school enjoyed the show - Maybe a miracle by Perform Education, where there were several NZ books woven through the performance. A massive thank you to the PTA for their continued sponsorship of this annual event. New York Times best selling Author Graci Kim spoke to our year 5-8 students, her message was not to be afraid of failure and to try everything! Learning from your failures sets you up for future success.

We were cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd for our Book Character Parade and even the road workers stopped for us!



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Sharing, Caring, Learning and Achieving

Out of Zone Enrolments 2026

Applications close 8 October 2025
Ballot drawn 15 October 2025

Ōpaheke School Board is likely to have 14 x
new entrant (Year 1) places for out of zone
enrolments for 2025.

The following priorities apply:

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| Priority One: | Not applicable to Ōpaheke School |
| Priority Two: | Siblings of current students |
| Priority Three: | Siblings of former students |
| Priority Four: | Child of a former student of the school |
| Priority Five: | Children of Board employees or members |
| Priority Six: | Other applicants |

**AN APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE FROM THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025.**



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PTA Notices

ŌPAHEKE PTA

GROCERY RAFFLE 3 HAMPERS TO BE WON!



Our annual Grocery Raffle is here!
Tickets are \$2 per ticket and one book of tickets is \$20
If you require more tickets, please see the ladies at the office

Drawn Wednesday
17th September

\$2 per ticket

All ticket books and money to be returned to school by Tuesday 16th September

3 Hampers to be won!

Funds raised will go towards the school. The more tickets that are sold means more funds raised for our tamariki and their learning.

Thank you from the Ōpaheke School PTA

PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

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

SEPTEMBER 17 @ 7PM

ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN



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 18 SEP, 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



Sushi and Subway
Fridays

starting Friday Sept 5th

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Both Options available every Friday
from Sept 5th.



Pizza Day
Friday Sept
19th



Order now or by 9am for delivery that day

\$1 for every lunch goes to
our School!



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IMPORTANT DATES

4 & 5 Sep	Y5/6 Botanic Gardens Trip
5 Sep	Teacher Appreciation Day
5 Sep	Learning Support Awareness Day
5 Sep	PTA Sushi or Subway Friday
8-19 Sep	Life Education
10 Sep	Wig Wednesday
11 Sep	Y1 Fossil Van Visit
12 Sep	Y2 Museum Trip
12 Sep	PTA Grocery Raffle Donations Due
12 Sep	PTA Sushi or Subway Friday
16 Sep	Y3/4 Cross Country
17 Sep	Y1/2 Cross Country
18 Sep	PTA Disco
19 Sep	Pyjama Day
19 Sep	PTA Pizza Day
19 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

TERM DATES

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

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

STAR AWARDS

Term 3 - Achieving Personal Best

Room	Week 7
R1	Ngaupoko & Malosi
R2	Hannah & Damien
R3	Boston & Lina
R4	Lennon & Ngakau
R5	Choyrell & Temukisa
R6	Kerashay & Macy
R7	Athena & Reshu
R8	Bhavy & Unaisi
R9	Wolf & Takeshi
R10	Kayla & JeanBeau
R11	Fateh & Harper
R12	Shakya & Kane
R15	Pravya & James
R16	Amy & Brody
R18	
R21	Zarni & Bing
R22	Miu & Gurnoor
R23	Loto & Georgia
R24	Ethan & Narika
R25	Mackenzie & Arlo
R26	Japman & K'larnya
Pikopiko	Nui & Serenity
Te Rito	Miles & Callen
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Mānuka	Giovanni & Anne
Kauri	Niklaus & Piper

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