



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.

Tēnā koutou katoa

With the temperatures rising we are so lucky to have a school pool, it is a luxury not many schools have. We are also very grateful for Mr Chester - our caretaker - who does a great job keeping it in tip-top shape.

On the theme of keeping things in good shape. We have the construction of much needed perimeter fencing starting in the next few weeks.

It has been a bit of a struggle here lately, due to the impact of coloured sand containing asbestos. We have had multiple samples tested, and as a precautionary measure have had to isolate and relocate classrooms while testing and remediation is completed. Not the thing we really needed as the end of year approaches. Thanks for your understanding as we navigate this situation.

As promised I will be sending home hard copies of our **board survey** with your eldest or only child today. Please fill it in. If you do you will be in the draw for 1 of 4 \$50 No.1 Shoe Warehouse Vouchers. We will keep the online survey open too if you prefer electronic. If you have already submitted an online response and want to go into the draw to receive the shoe vouchers, simply notify the office.

Have a great end to the week.

Ngā mihi – Many thanks



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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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Sport

Y5/6 North Counties Athletics

Well done to all the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the North Counties Athletics event in week 6. You were an amazing group to take out and you represented our school with pride. It was awesome to see the sportsmanship, respect, and mana as you competed in a range of events. A huge thank you to Ngahuia's parents for helping us transport the gazebo and supervising our tamariki while they were waiting for their events, and to Mrs Hastings for her help throughout the day.



Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 3 of their event:

Year 5 Boys: Choyrell - 3rd 100m.

Year 5 Girls: Temukisa - 1st shot put, Summer - 3rd shot put.

Year 6 Girls: Ruby - 2nd 100m and 2nd long jump, Tarah - 3rd 800m, Payton - 3rd high jump, Eni - 2nd shot put and 2nd discus, Ngahuia - 1st Discus.

ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL
MAUNGAREI ATHLETIC'S DAY
YR.3-4



WHEN: 2 DECEMBER 2025

WHERE: SCHOOL FIELD

TIME: 8.30 AM - 12 PM

Parents and whānau are welcome to attend.
We look forward to seeing you.

Y7/8 North Counties Athletics

On Friday 14th November, 16 of our Year 7 & 8 students competed at the North Counties Athletics competition at Massey Park. Despite a massive dump of rain early in the day, the students had a great time and competed well against the many other North Counties schools. Quinn and Lennon were tied equal for second place in the Year 7 Boys 1500m race, Lennon also coming second in the 800m race. Kane had a great day at his last school athletics event, finishing 3rd in both the 1500m and 800m races. Izz showed us how fast he can run, qualifying for Counties Zone in the 400m event. Giovanni and Ariana both came in the top three at high jump to also qualify for Counties. Well done to them! Special mention to Sonny and Kourtney who both finished a very close 4th in their finals races. An awesome effort.



Team - Lennon, Noah, Izz, Quinn, Damien, Giovanni, Ariana Y, Aurora, Grace, Chimanda, Winnie, Kourtney, Xavier, Eli, Sonny and Kane
Huge thank you to all our parents who came to support and to Tracey and Kilani-Mae who ran the shotput event on behalf of Ōpaheke.

Y7/8 Counties Zone Athletics

The rain stayed away for the Counties Zones Athletics at Massey Park on the 18th November. We had a small but mighty team of Ōpaheke students representing North Counties in both track and field events. Congratulations to Giovanni for placing 3rd in Year 7 boys high jump.

Team - Lennon, Quinn, Izz, Giovanni, Ariana and Kane



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Celebrating!

STAR Award Recipients

Our term four focus is 'Striving for Excellence'.

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



PTA Notices



Lunches Term 4

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Sushi and Subway
Fridays
(excl Pizza days)



Pizza Day
Friday Dec 5th



Order now or by 9am for delivery that day

**\$1 for every lunch goes to
our School!**



Fundraising Success for Year 8

Our Year 7 and 8 teachers and students have been working hard to fundraise for next year's Year 8 Camp at Camp Adair. Maungakiekie and Maungarei had an absolute blast at their lunchtime dance parties, showing off some incredible dance moves!

The bake sale was also a huge success, with plenty of delicious treats for all Ōpaheke students to enjoy.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Ōpaheke whānau for your ongoing support. Your generosity helps make amazing experiences like camp possible for our students.



Carols in the Park

28 November 5PM
Central Park Papakura

☆ **A FREE FAMILY EVENT** ☆

Children's Choir Bands & Local Talent
Spot Prizes Food Vendors

hcc.net.nz | no smoking, vaping or alcohol



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IMPORTANT DATES

26 Nov	Board Thank You to Parents 6pm
28 Nov	Carols in the Park 6pm
2 Dec	Y3/4 Athletics Day
5 Dec	Rainbows End Trip
9 Dec	Rosehill College Transition Day
9 Dec	Y3/4 Botanic Gardens
11 Dec	Service Awards Ceremony
12 Dec	Senior Prizegiving - 10.30am
12 Dec	Junior Prizegiving - 1.00pm
15 Dec	Librarian Celebration
15 Dec	Y0-4 Market Day
16 Dec	Y8 Graduation and last day of school
17 Dec	Y0-7 last day of school - 12pm finish



STAR AWARDS

Term 4 - Striving for Excellence

Room	Week 7
R1	Cyrus & Ariana
R2	Grace & Gurnoor
R3	Huia & Dayton
R4	Chloe & John
R5	Lheon & Raysheil
R6	Samson & Tejas
R7	Kristian & Antonio K
R8	Solomon & Ruhi
R9	Zoe & Colton
R10	Jordan & Heaven
R11	Dustin & Atharv
R12	Quan & Shammah
R15	Delilah & Kahu
R16	Milica & Cairo
R18	Ainul & Eseta
R21	Avyaan & Reyansh
R22	Prabhnoor & Miu
R23	Luca & Aisyah
R24	AJ & Cheyene
R25	Zoe & Saatchi
R26	Jordyn & Ritik
Pikopiko	Savina & Kaion
Te Rito	Blake & Saskia-Rose
Kākanō	Malcolm & Niklaus
Kōwhai	Leena & Tanaaz
Kānuka	Andrew & Caleb
Mānuka	David & Izz
Kauri	Tevita & Khylan

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1, 2026 - Wed 4 Feb to Thurs 2 Apr

Term 2, 2026 - Mon 20 Apr to Fri 3 Jul

Term 3, 2026 - Mon 20 Jul to Fri 25 Sep

Term 4, 2026 - Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec 2026

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