

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011, 7.00pm**

**Present:)** Josie Wickers(JW), Cameron Fairweather(CF), Marilyn Read(MRe), Jo Bertram(JB), Mike Gilmore (MG), Trish Walker (TW), Richard Guess (RG), Nikkie Lainge (NL), Mandy Wood (MWd), Tracie Gibson-Morling(TGM), and Vivienne Karakia (VK)

**Apologies:** Lisa Ross(LR), Wratt(MW), Brenda Gooch (BG), Melissa Pegram(MP), Murray Wratt (MW)

**Introduction - CF**

Minutes moved (JB) and Second (TGM)

**Treasurer's report –VK**

Moved (TGM) and Second (JB)

**Principal report – TW**

**Roll** =589

**Staffing Changes:** none

**Grounds and Buildings:** Rooms 1 & 2 now finished, classes back in these rooms.

**1. General Comments:**

*Class Visits:*

24 Aug: Junior School (9 classes) to Auckland Zoo

2. *Speech finals* organised on evening 25 August at School. A good number of parents came to enjoy the occasion. Both of the winners went on to contest the Papakura Schools interschool competition and won their competitions.

Anna Fairweather Y5/6      Caitlyn Pritchard Y7/8

3. *Book Week:* 29 August to 2 September.

Book parade on Thursday 1 September around the immediate School streets and visiting author, Tessa Duder on Friday 1 September.

4. *Daffodil Day:* collection for Cancer Society on 26 August, organised by the school councillors.

5. We are currently hosting four student teachers, three from University of Auckland, and one from Massey University.

6. PTA organised a most enjoyable Quiz evening 2 September at School. Much hilarity, Cameron Fairweather an excellent quiz master.

7. *Visitors to School have included:*  
Constable Grant Gamlen to work with Year 5/6 classes on keeping ourselves safe.
8. *Sporting Occasions have included:*  
24 Aug: Counties North Y7/8 cross country at Strathallan School  
26 Aug: Counties North gymnastics field day for Y5-8 at Counties Gymsport Stadium  
31 Aug: Counties Zone girls basketball at Papatoetoe – organised by Miss Hamlin  
6 Sept: Counties Zone Y7/8 cross country at Paparimu School 9 students participated  
6 Sept: Visit by two All Blacks to School – Kieran Read ex Opaheke School student and Andrew Ellis to meet our pupils.  
9 Sept: Counties North Y7/8 badminton field day  
9 Sept: School organised a Black Out Day to coincide with opening of Rugby World Cup. Y3/4 classes prepared for 'Rugby Hall of Fame' in the hall.  
15 Sept: Inter school rugby game with Drury School. Unfortunately we lost.
9. Visiting Teachers from Glenbrook School 6/7/8 September to observe our teachers taking Reading lessons.
10. *Professional Development:*  
Mainly to do with PAI – Writing programmes. There has been a mix of class observations, workshops, after school sessions and demonstration lessons.  
Miss Walker and Miss Spurdle have completed the Numeracy training programme.  
Mrs Read to a day's course for special needs co-ordinators
11. We have sufficient funding from the regional Sports Foundation to subsidise the after school cricket coaching in Term Four plus the after school and holiday swimming tuition programme if the Board is agreeable.

*Chess Tournament:* Opaheke teams joined in the interschool tournament. Opaheke A 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Opaheke B 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **BOT Report - MG**

Thanks to PTA

IT inventory – looking at stock ie/ update etc

Afterschool care – looking into

Out of Zone – high applicants

ITC policies

Thanks for the new BBQ

BOT discussed new term dates – principles meet to discuss and agree dates

**Teachers Report – MRe**

Teachers very happy!!!

**General – all**

Discussed Tuesday lunchroom orders as they are very light. Zena could look at other healthy option for Tuesday lunches

Suntan lotion fundraiser for Yr5/6 - will start selling in Term 4 and possibly in Term 1. Fundraiser for school camp.

Meeting closed 8.00pm, next PTA Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 @ 7.00pm