

# OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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## “The Opaheke Way”

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Dear Parents, greetings to all of you as we move into springtime. Soon it will be the end of the Third Term. Over the last two weeks of this term I am visiting schools in Melbourne, similar to Opaheke and attending the Trans Tasman Primary Principals' Conference also in Melbourne. It is always informative to share educational innovations and experiences.

### **SUMMER IS COMING**

Check your children have school sunhats to wear in Term Four. It is compulsory for all students to wear school uniform sunhats during Terms One and Four when outside at play. Hats cost \$12 (plain) or \$18 (crested) and are only available from the school office. We will allow one week from the beginning of Term Four. By the beginning of Week Two all children will be expected to have their hats. As this is a uniform item please do not purchase variations of the hat as these

are not acceptable. We appreciate all parents attending to this promptly.

### **PTA CALENDAR FUNDRIASER**

Order forms for this fundraiser will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4. Calendars are \$11 each, pack of 8 cards for \$12 or this year a Diary for \$15. The calendars are very popular with parents, with plenty of space for writing notes each month. Children are presently creating their own art work for these. They make wonderful Christmas presents.

### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Jessica A. Year 8 who won the Papakura Interschool Speech Year 7/8 Competition for 2012. This is the second year that an Opaheke student has won this award.

Argyle M. Year 7 came 2nd and Joshua P. Year 7 came 5th in the Interzone Crosscountry held at Paparimu School.

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- MAD BUTCHER FUNDRIASER
- END OF YEAR EVENTS
- TOUCH COMPETITION

### **Fun Fact**

**The word “listen” contains the same letters as “silent.”**



### **SCHOOL AMENITY**

The following is the Bank Account for the Opaheke School BOT if you would like to set up an automatic payment.

ASB Bank  
12 3031 0728049 00

### **ENROLMENTS**

If you live out of our School Zone and have a child/New Entrant starting at Opaheke School in 2013 you will need to make an application for an Out of Zone Enrolment. Applications will open on 3 September 2012 and close on 18 October with a ballot for places held on 26 October.

### **LUNCHES**

These are available to children on Tuesdays and Fridays. Parents are needed to help collate the lunch orders in the office on these mornings from 8.30 until approx. 9.15am. You are only rostered on approximately once per month. We need volunteers as the lunch room is run as a fund raising venture for the PTA and contributes to resources and equipment that the PTA fund. We have lost some of our helpers who have

started employment and we need to replace them. Please contact the office or email Gail at [rng.dickie@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:rng.dickie@vodafone.co.nz) if you can spare an hour. Thank you.

### **YEAR 7/8 CHOCOLATES**

This camp fundraiser has finished and we would like all outstanding money sent in thank you. We will be selling chocolates after school until the end of Term for any children who would like to support us.

### **Quote**

“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.”

[Mae West](#)

### **PTA EVENTS:**

PIZZA LUNCH—Last term, as a special treat for the end of term, we arranged for Hell Pizza to supply us with a pizza delivery for lunch. This was very popular and we will be repeating it again for the end of this term— delivery on Thursday 27 September for those children who have placed an order.

### **END OF YEAR EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Grandparents Day—Friday 7 December

Parents Concerts—Tuesday 11 December—NE-Y4 10.30am, Y5-8 7.00pm

Thursday 13 December—Year 8 Graduation

Tuesday 18 December—School closes for the year at 12.30pm

### **END OF TERM**

School will finish for Term 3 next Friday 28 Sept at 1.30pm. Term 4 will start on Monday 15 Oct and finish on Friday 18 Dec. Note that children are dismissed from the hall on the last day of each term. The Ponga Road bus will also leave at 1.30pm on the last day. Term 1 for 2013 will begin on Monday 4 Feb and finish on Friday 19 April.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**

Thank you to all of our families who made our Teacher Appreciation day on Friday 7 September a special day for teachers. It is a nice way for students to acknowledge and thank their teachers.

## **MAD BUTCHER FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all our families who have supported this fundraiser, and congratulations to those who have won a meat voucher. As we advertised in previous newsletters the Mad Butcher in Takanini has been offering to support our school. For a limited time, when you make a purchase at the Takanini store, just say you are a supporter of Opaheke School, and he will make a donation for every dollar spent. If you write your name on the back of your docket you will also go in the weekly draw to win a \$20 meat voucher. All funds donated from the Mad Butcher at Takanini will go towards the purchase of a class set of computer tablets for the junior school. Support the Mad Butcher at Takanini and that in turn supports Opaheke School.

## **A POEM**

*"I cannot go to school today"  
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.  
"I have the measles and the mumps,  
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.*

*My mouth is wet, my throat is dry.  
I'm going blind in my right eye.  
My tonsils are as big as rocks,  
I've counted sixteen chicken pox.*

*And there's one more - that's seventeen,  
And don't you think my face looks green?  
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue,  
It might be the instamatic flu.*

*I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,  
I'm sure that my left leg is broke.  
My hip hurts when I move my chin,  
My belly button's caving in.*

*My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,  
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.  
My toes are cold, my toes are numb,  
I have a sliver in my thumb.*

*My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,  
I hardly whisper when I speak.  
My tongue is filling up my mouth,  
I think my hair is falling out.*

*My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,  
My temperature is one-o-eight.  
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,  
There's a hole inside my ear.*

*I have a hangnail, and my heart is ...  
What? What's that? What's that you say?  
You say today is ..... Saturday?  
G'bye, I'm going out to play!"*

[Shel Silverstein](#)

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

- Ardmore School Agricultural Day Saturday 22nd Sept -Animal Judging 9am-10.30am. Gala 10.30am-2.30pm. Lots of fun for the family including Silent Auctions - Bouncy Castle - Raffles—Smash & Crash - Food - Drinks - and much more.
- ASB Holiday Fun Football for children aged 7-11. Each session includes skill-based training with plenty of chances to play football games. McLennan Park Arimu Road Papakura. Mon 1—Fri 5 Oct 9am-1pm each day (early drop offs or late pickups by arrangement). \$75 for the week pre booked or \$20 per day (casual) contact Andrew on 022 0890 350 or anjod1@xtra.co.nz

## **COMING EVENTS**

Thur 20 Sept	Learning Conferences 3.00-5.30pm for some Yr1-4 children's parents
Fri 21 Sept	Counties Badminton Year 7/8
Mon 24-Wed 26	Year 6 Camp at Chosen Valley
Thur 27 Sept	Hell Pizza Lunch
Fri 28 Sept	School closes for Term 3 at 1.30pm
Mon 15 Oct	Term 4 starts

Quiz: Try to rearrange the letters of NEW DOOR to make one word

Best Wishes

*Murray Wratt*  
*Principal*

Answer: NEW DOOR rearranges to make ONE WORD