

# OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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## “The Opaheke Way”

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Dear Parents,  
Greetings to all of you as we hopefully soon enjoy the Springtime.

### **READING**

Learning to read so that you can read to learn is critical to surviving in our modern society. We are still a print based culture and even with the advent of information technology and computers, books still reign. If you can read thank your primary teacher (s) and support us at school during Bookweek.

### **SCHOOL SECURITY**

In the last few weeks our teachers have had items stolen from classrooms, by adults, while they have been out of the room. In light of this situation we have implemented new security procedures. Gates will now be locked during the school day and all parents/visitors are required to call at the office. If any lunches or personal items need to be dropped off for students these can be left at the office

and children will be asked to come and collect them. We will require anyone needing to be in the school grounds to wear a yellow ID tag to let teachers know they have signed in at the office. It is with sadness that we have had to lock the gates during the day, it is inconvenient for teachers, pupils and parents, and is a sad reflection on some in our school community.

### **MATHEX COMPETITION**

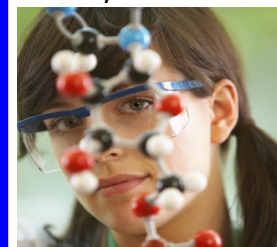
Congratulations to Mr Curtin and our Mathex Teams who participated in the competition held at Papakura Normal School on the 9th of August. We were very proud of them with our Year 8 team being placed third. It`s a great competition to be a part of and special congratulations to Jonathan, Anqi, Timothy and Lachie.



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

#### **Fun Fact**

Bullet proof vests,  
fire escapes,  
windshield wipers,  
and laser printers  
were all invented  
by women.



### **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

## **BOOKWEEK**

Bookweek starts on Monday 27 with a range of activities planned for all to enjoy. Although every week is a Bookweek some special features have been prepared by Mrs Pryor, Mrs Smith and the student librarians. We will be having a Book Character Dress Up Day on Thursday 30 August. Children come along dressed in a costume from a favourite book and we will have a parade around the school block if the weather permits.



## **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 15 October with a Ballot for places held on 23 October.

## **Quote**

“If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking.”

[Haruki Murakami](#)

## **SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS YEAR 5 –8**

These will be held in the School Hall tonight, Wednesday 22 August at 7pm. All parents and older children are welcome to come along and listen to the best of our speech makers from the Year 5,6,7, and 8 students.

**SATURDAY NETBALL PRIZEGIVING** Last Saturday the school netball teams finished the season and celebrated with a prizegiving in the school hall. A special thank you to all of our coaches, managers and umpires. A special acknowledgement to Viki Chatterton our School co-ordinator who has worked tirelessly to ensure that the teams met the necessary requirements for taking part in the competition. Results:

Opaheke Stars Future Ferns—Most Improved, Katie Bertling/Player of the Year, Scarlett Goldsworthy

Opaheke Lightning Future Ferns—Most Improved, Esperance Reeve/Player of the Year, Nakoia Ashford

Opaheke Magic Juniors—Most Improved, Amiee Jeffery/Player of the Year, Hayley James

Intermediate—Most Improved, Nadine Gronous/Player of the Year, Annie Mills

**ROAD PATROL HELPERS** Do we have a parent/grandparent who can help our road patrol monitors on a Tues or Wed afternoon (fortnightly starting next week). Please contact the office if you can spare 15 minutes on these days.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**

A long standing Opaheke School tradition, the first Friday in September is a special day for students to acknowledge and thank their teachers. We look forward to making our teacher's day a special one on Friday 7th September.



## **NOTIFYING ABSENCES**

Our School provides an answer phone service for parents to let the School know if their child is absent from school. This can be done at any time of the day or night. All class teachers are required to keep a legal record of each child's attendance. A comment on attendance and punctuality is included in each half year written report. Our attendance staff member can be required to make up to 40 phone calls in a morning to track down students. Parents' co-operation in phoning the school is appreciated and expected.

## **MAD BUTCHER TAKANINI FUNDRAISER**

The **Mad Butcher Takanini** is 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.

## **FANCY HAVING A GO AT MARRZIPAN DRAMA**

Marrzipan Drama are considering running Acting and Performance lessons at School next term, one



afternoon a week, after 2.30pm. Each 45 minute lesson has a maximum of 12 students. Lessons start with fun acting games and warm ups and the rest of the lesson is spent rehearsing group or solo pieces that are performed at least twice at the end of each term. Cost \$159 or \$20/week. Please send a note of interest to the school with contact details if you are interested.

## **CELEBRATING ACADEMIC SUCCESS UNSW Science Results 2012**

**Distinction 90-99%**

**Year 6** Mandy P., Joshua G.

**Year 8** Timothy F.

**Credit 70-89%**

**Year 4**— Ethan P.

**Year 5**— Amelia C., Kimberley G., Timothy J., Phillip L.

**Year 6** Astrid L.

**Year 7**—Angus C., Amy D., Natalie J., Sahil T., Caitlin T., Luke W.

**Year 8**— Luke E., Nadine G., Daniel M, Anqi Y.

Congratulations to the above students.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

Hunua School PTA Fundraiser: A night at the Alexander Raceway Trots Tickets are \$45 per person or \$40 if booking a table of 10 people, includes a 3 course dinner, free entry and parking and approx 10 races during the evening. If you fancy placing a bet there is a tote in the room as well as a cash bar.

## **COMING EVENTS**

Wed 22 Aug	School Speech Finals in the School Hall 7pm. Yr5/6 Crosscountry Interschool Competition for selected students at Te Hihi School
Thur 23 Aug	Counties Zone Yr7/8 Basketball
Mon 27 Aug	Bookweek starts
Thur 30 Aug	Bookweek parade if fine Counties North Yr7/8 crosscountry at Strathallan School.
Mon 3 Sept	Out of Zone Applications Open
Tue 4 Sept	Inteschool Speech Finals morning Yr7/8 at Opaheke, Yr5/6 at Papakura Central
Wed 5 Sept	Counties Zone Yr7/8 crosscountry at Paparimu School
Fri 7 Sept	Teacher Appreciation Day
Wed 12 Sept	Yr7/8 Classes to Manurewa Botanic Gardens
Thur 13 Sept	Yr7/8 Classes to Manurewa Botanic Gardens
Fri 14 Sept	Movie Night in the School Hall

**Quiz:** This famous English folk hero was first mentioned in the 14th century. There is little evidence that this man was any more than a hero created by the common people. He had a generous and gallant nature and lived by shooting the king's deer. He was unrivalled with the quarterstaff and bow and he gave liberally to the poor and to honest folk in distress around Sherwood and Barnsdale. His friends included Little John, Will Scarlet and Friar Tuck. His name was . . .

Best Wishes

*Murray Wratt*

*Principal*

Answer: Robin Hood