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Dear Parents,
Greetings to all of our families as we continue on into Term Two. We have started this Term with 20 new pupils to our school.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominations have now closed for our next Board of Trustees. Every three years parents have the opportunity to stand for the Board and all parents receive voting paper if more than five adults are nominated. Our Board, like most Schools has five parent representatives and one staff representative and the Principal. Together these seven members provide governance for Opaheke School. They draw up a budget, employ staff, prepare policies and set the overall direction the School will move towards. It is a very responsible task and this School has been governed wisely in past years by dedicated Board members who give considerable time to Board business.

RHYTHM INTERACTIVE

Notices have been sent home to advise parents that this show is booked for Tuesday 21 May. We would like to encourage parents to let children participate in this show. We had this group perform last year and the children thoroughly enjoyed the performances. This is a hands on show with children using African styled hand drums to participate, with a question and answer session after each performance. The cost is \$4.50 per child and payment is due by this Friday 17 May. If you require another permission slip please let your child's teacher know.



WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Miss Kim Neal who will be teaching Room 17, Year 1 for the remainder of this year.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CLASS PHOTOS
- PTA QUIZ NIGHT
- WHEELS DAY
- SCHOOL PRODUCTION 'TREASURE QUEST'

Fun Fact

The moon is actually moving away from Earth at a rate of 3.8 cm per year.



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

DENTAL CLINIC

Work is proceeding on converting our dental clinic into a small group teaching space plus storage. Having this additional space will make a big difference to our group teaching capability.

PMP

Parent/grandparent helpers are urgently required for our PMP Programme to work with our junior children. If you are able to assist one morning a week or fortnight could you please contact Lesley in Room 18 or a note via your child's teacher.

GREENHOUSE

We have successfully applied for funding from the Fonterra Grass Roots programme to purchase a greenhouse. Once it is build on site we hope to encourage our children to grow and cultivate plants.

Quote

“I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down.”

Abraham Lincoln

'WHEELS' DAY

This Friday the 17th children are allowed to bike or scooter to school, however, they must be wearing a helmet to do so.

ANZAC DAY POPPIES

We appreciate the support given by our families for our poppy day collection for ANZAC day. We raised a total of \$207.10 which was sent on to the RSA. School Councillors represented our School at the Anzac Day parade during the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr Curtin who was married in the holidays, congratulations to Xeng Hui and David.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TRIATHALON held on 12 April at school:

1st (Year 5) Ayva R. Room 25

1st (Year 6) Paige J. Room 6

1st (Year 7) Jayden H. Room 4

1st (Year 8) Benjamin Mc. Room 1

MATHLETICS: Gold certificates for Ryan W., Matthew D., Hilke L., Pia L.

RUGBY: Douglas K. and Ronan M. who were selected to attend the Leslie Rugby Coaching Clinic in the April holidays –they were sponsored by our cleaning contractors—Crest Cleaning.

BUS TRANSPORT CHANGE OF ENTITLEMENTS FOR YR7-8 STUDENTS

Previously to be eligible to use the school bus at no charge students needed to live more than 3.2km from school and be aged from 5-9 years or 4.8km for students aged 10 years of age or over. As from 6 May this criteria has changed and any students from Years 1-8 who will be using the school bus need to simply live more than 3.2km from Opaheke School. If this change affects your child the office will let you know by separate letter.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 12 June. Soon your child/ren will be given an envelope with their name on it to bring home and if you wish to order a class photo of your child please return the envelope with payment. All children will be included in the photos whether they order or not. NB-ONE ENVELOPE MUST BE RETURNED FOR EACH CHILD'S ORDER. We will also again be taking individual portrait photos and these are scheduled for Friday 2 August.

TREASURE QUEST DONATIONS

We have decided to change the name of the school production to 'Treasure Quest'. This is to make it more of our own production, as some parts of the story have been change when writing the script. We have started to look at scenery for the production in Term 4. We need unbleached calico, thermal curtaining or a similar fabric that can absorb paint and will make suitable material for stage backdrops. In total we need 2 curtains of 27 square metres each for stage backdrops. If you know of a source for these, we would be grateful, please contact Alana Cantley (Deputy Principal). We also need donations of old house paints—water based or oil. These are excellent for painting backdrops and donations of paint will save the school a lot of money. Any tins of paint can be dropped off at the school office. The more we can have donated will save the school a lot of money and will be gratefully accepted.

PTA ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

This will be held on Friday 21 June. Lots of fun and laughter, a night off cooking if you want to order pizza. Throughout the evening wine, beer and juice is available to purchase. Mark the night on your calendars, make up a table and test your knowledge skills. Tickets will be on sale shortly, keep an eye out for more information. If any parents have items they would like to donate for spot/door prizes, the coin slide for the bottle or prizes for the place getters would be gratefully accepted and can be left at the school office, or contact Josie at ajwickers@xtra.co.nz.

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

At present, there are a large number of library books being lost. Every year book losses total in excess of 250 books. This amounts to a huge loss for our library and a huge expense to replace. Previously this fee has been \$20. We are now changing this to \$10. There will be a book amnesty until the first week in June, after which time letters will be sent home requesting the flat rate of \$10. Please search for any missing books and return these promptly to school. To discuss alternative payment options, please contact the library through the school office or email library@opaheke.school.nz

LUNCH ROOM MENU

Notes have been sent home today advising of changes of options and prices. Please contact the office if you do not receive one.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

ROSEHILL COLLEGE Event: Rosehill College Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Parent Forum. Parents of all Year levels – Primary/Intermediate and Secondary – Year 8 parents particularly welcome. **Date:** Wednesday 22 May, **Time:** 7.00 – 8.15pm, Rosehill College staffroom. Rosehill College has been making plans to become a BYOD school in 2014 and the school would like to communicate current intentions to its wider parent community. Parents are encouraged to bring their questions and suggestions.

Is there a parent living in the Marne Road/Orion St/Calvert St area who picks their child/ren up each day and would be able to transport a junior school pupil home each afternoon. Please contact the school office if you may be able to help.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 16 May	Yr6 classes to MOTAT Yr3/4 classes hold a cake stall
Fri 17 May	Wheels Day
Tues 21 May	Rhythm Interactive 7.30pm Board of Trustees meeting
Thurs 23 May	School Councillors organise a sausage sizzle at lunchtime Counties Zone Boys Soccer tournament
Fri 24 May	Yr3/4 cases to Papakura Marae (one half)
Thurs 30 May	Voting closes for next Board of Trustees
Mon 3 June	Queens Birthday holiday

Quiz: Can a man marry his widow's sister?

Best Wishes

Murray Wratt
Principal

ANSWER: NO HE WOULD BE DECEASED.