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Dear Parents, welcome back to what will be a very busy Term Three. With Speech competitions, Mathex, Science Fair, Bookweek and several sporting events on, a full and active learning time is ahead of us.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

The Board were very pleased with parents' responses to the survey. A total of 240 questionnaires were filled in by parents and this means that the Board can get a detailed understanding of how our school interacts with this parent community and vice versa. They will now collate the information and consider which sections they can address.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES/ LEARNING CONFERENCES

These were held late last term. Teachers are keen to catch up with those parents who have not been in for an interview/conference. Please phone the office or send a note to your child's class

teacher. There is still a number of parents yet to attend a meeting with their child's teacher and it is important for your child's learning that this happens.

BOOKWEEK

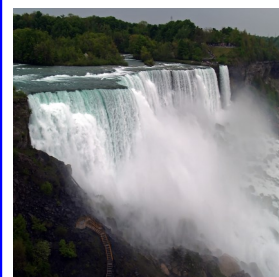
Always a favourite time of the year for both students and teachers. From Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August we have a range of activities planned to encourage good reading habits. While every week is bookweek, this is a special time of the school year. There will be a book character parade on the **Monday morning** to start the week and if fine characters will parade around the block. A storyteller, Stu Duval will work with classes on the Thursday and take workshops on cartooning on Friday. Other events will promote the library and encourage reading for enjoyment or information. The storyteller is being funded by the PTA therefore there will be no charge for children to attend.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SCHOOL CARNIVAL
- OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS
- PTA MOVIE NIGHT
- PTA RAFFLE

Fun Fact

The first man to survive going over Niagara Falls later died from slipping on an orange peel



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

NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS

From 1 November the mandatory use of child restraints in vehicles will be extended by two years, with all children required to be correctly secured in an approved restraint until their seventh birthday. The law will continue to require all children aged seven (until eight) to be secured in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle.

Please start thinking now about how you will meet the new requirements which come into force on 1 November. The lead in time takes into account the need for parents to plan ahead and make the most effective choices for their family.

Constable Grant Gamlen

School Community Officer Papakura

“Tell the
truth, or
someone
will tell it
for you.”

[Stephanie Klein,](#)

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Caitlin T. Yr8, 2nd overall in Christchurch schools gymnastics classic competition.

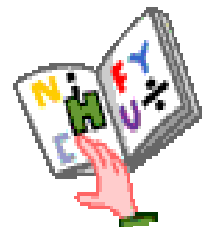
To those students who entered the Maths Challenge for Young Australians:

Year 8: Natalie J. (Distinction), Sahil T. (Credit), Luke W. (Participation)

Year 7: Joshua G. (Distinction), Mandy P. (Credit)

MATHEX

This is an interschool Mathematics competition to find out the best teams at Maths problem solving. We will be entering teams at Yr6, 7 and 8 levels. It all takes place on Wednesday 21st August starting with Yr6 teams at 5.45pm at Papakura Normal School.



PRODUCTION PROGRESS

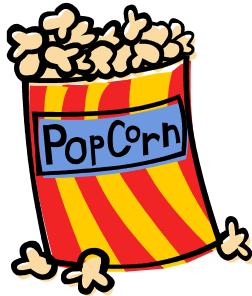
The dancers have now mastered their parts and Mrs Cantley's focus will now be on the actors learning their parts. Titled Treasure Quest this production is planned for the evenings of 6 & 7 November and will be a wonderful showcase for our Yr6, 7 and 8 students.

ENROLMENTS

If you live out of our School Zone and have a child/New Entrant starting at Opaheke School in 2014 you will need to make an application for an Out of Zone Enrolment. Forms are now available on our website and from the school office. Applications will be accepted up to and including Wednesday 4 September.

PTA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 2013 *SAVE THE DATE!! EARLY EVENING OF FRIDAY THE 23RD OF AUGUST.*

Bring the family along in your PJ's and /snuggle in for a great night with your classmates! To be held in the school hall: times and movie screening details to come next week.



SPEECH COMPETITIONS

Students are preparing for our annual School Speech Competition. This will take place starting at 7pm on Tuesday 27 August and provides an opportunity for students to showcase their ability. We hope lots of parents will attend to encourage their children.

ACCELERATING LEARNING

This term a small number of pupils in Yr 7 and Yr 2 are being withdrawn from class for extra tuition in Mathematics. Miss Walker and Mrs Lendrum are taking these small groups for one hour per day. It targets those pupils working below national standard and aims to accelerate their progress to a level

where they are working at national standard. Mrs Fairweather is currently working with a group of Yr 3/4 students in Writing which has the same aim.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The PTA are starting to collect goods for the school carnival on 1 November. Please send along to school any of the following that you have at home and no longer require: Soft Toys (clean please), old plates/crockery, books, toys (not broken thank you).



PTA PLAY STRUCTURE RAFFLE

Early this week families were sent home a book of raffle tickets for this major PTA fundraiser. Each book contains 5 tickets and we would appreciate all families trying to sell as many tickets as possible. If you are unable to do so please return any unsold tickets as soon as possible so that we can try and resell them. If you can sell more tickets that would be great and extra books are available through the school office. The child/family who sells the most tickets will receive a family pass to Rainbows End. Money raised from the venture will go to helping upgrade the schools computers, starting with new COWS (computers on wheels) that are used by the majority of the school's pupils.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMING EVENTS

Wed 7 Aug	7pm PTA meeting
Thur 8 Aug	Hearing and Vision testing at school
Tues 13 Aug	University of New South Wales ICAS Mathematics Test 7.30pm Board of Trustees Counties Yr7/8 Netball Competition
Thurs 15 Aug	Counties North Yr7/8 Badminton Competition
Mon 19 Aug	Book Week starts 8.45am Book Parade
Tues 20 Aug	Yr7/8 School cross country
Wed 21 Aug	evening, Mathex at Papakura Normal School
Thurs 22 Aug	Yr 5/6 School cross county
Fri 23 Aug	Counties Zone badminton competition Family Movie Night
Mon 26 Aug	Animal Control ranger at assembly. Topic: Safety with dogs.
Tues 27 Aug	Yr5/6 interschool cross country at Te Hihi School 7pm School Speech Competition

Quiz: Carol's mum has 3 daughters. The youngest girl is named Penny.
The middle daughter is named Nickle. What is the oldest daughter's name?

Best Wishes

Murray Wratt
Principal

ANSWER: Carol.