

# OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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## “The Opaheke Way”

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Dear Parents,  
I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break and welcome back to a very busy 9 week Term. To date we have enrolled 8 new pupils and more are to start next week.

### **NEW LUNCH ORDERING FOR MONDAYS WITH "JUST GOOD LUNCHES"**

A card with information about a new lunch ordering option has been sent home today. Just Good Lunches have healthy, homemade, lunches delivered to school for morning tea. We are offering this on Mondays, starting next Monday 21st of October. You need to place your order by 9pm on Sunday night, and have set up your account and put some money in (by internet banking or credit card) before ordering—  
[www.justgoodlunches.co.nz](http://www.justgoodlunches.co.nz)  
Yoghurts are on the ordering list however we ask parents not to order these because of problems with disposal of pottles that have not been finished, especially in the

Junior Area. We will continue with lunch ordering as usual on Tuesdays and Fridays. The school does not make a profit from Just Good lunches. However, the PTA makes a small profit from the ordering on Tuesdays/Fridays that we put back into our school for resources for our children.

### **CARNIVAL FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

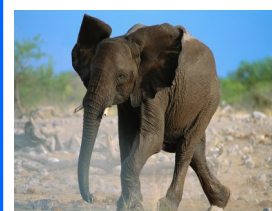
Thirteen days to go!! Thank you to all of those parents who have volunteered their time to help out on stalls for the afternoon. However this is our one major fundraising event and we still need helpers. Please contact your child's teacher by note if you have not already volunteered your help. This is the PTA's big venture for the year and the money they raise goes towards extra computers, books, and equipment for your children at school. We look forward to seeing everyone on hand for our big day.

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

- AMENITY DONATION
- PTA REQUEST
- CALENDARS/DIARIES/CARDS PTA FUNDRAISER

### **Fun Fact**

Elephants are terrified of bees and have a special distinct vocalisation for “runaway the bees are angry”



### **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

### **PTA REQUEST**

We are looking for a business(es) that would consider sponsoring the cost of getting a large banner made up to put in the main street of Papakura to advertise our carnival (similar to St Mary's School) If anyone knows of any companies that may be interested in helping with the cost of this please contact the office.



**OPAHEKE SCHOOL CARNIVAL**  
**1 NOVEMBER**

“You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one.”

[John Lennon](#)

### **SCHOOL AMENITY**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families who have paid their school amenity donation this year. This money makes a huge difference to the extra resources that we can provide for your children and helps fund extra teacher staffing so that we can keep class/teacher ratios lower. To those parents who are still paying this off we appreciate your efforts. To those parents still to pay we appreciate any contribution you can make to support our efforts to provide your children with all the extra benefits to give them a 'first class' education.

### **PTA CALENDARS/DIARIES/CARD FUNDRAISER**

Order forms for this PTA fundraiser have been sent home. Calendars cost \$12 each or a pack of 8 cards for \$13. This is a popular fundraiser and they all make great Christmas presents. Children have created their own art work for these. Orders will close on Friday 25 October.

### **NEW CLASS YEAR ONE ROOM 18**

As we have large numbers of five year olds, it has been necessary to start another class of Year Ones this term. They will be in Room 18 and their teacher is Mrs Joanna Molyneux. Mrs Molyneux is known to many children as she has been teaching part-time in our Junior School this year. P.M.P will not operate this term. Mrs Ruyg will run a modified version outside, weather permitting.

## **END OF YEAR CONCERTS**

*Grandparents Day*

Monday 9 Dec.

*Parents Concerts*

Wednesday 11 Dec.

Junior NE—Year 4

10.30am –11.30am approx.

Senior Year 5 –8

7.00pm plus End of Year

Awards Prizegiving

*Year Eight Graduation & Prizegiving  
Evening*

Monday 16 Dec

## **GREENHOUSE/GARDEN**

Our greenhouse is now on site and situated by the flag pole outside Rooms 4 and 8. We are looking for a parent/grandparent who may have an interest in gardening to help the children establish seedlings in the glasshouse and assist them with transplanting and managing a garden for the school. If you can help or know someone who might be interested please let us know.

## **SUN HATS**

A reminder that the School Board of Trustees has a policy of compulsory sunhats for children in Terms 1 and 4. Our uniform hat is royal blue full brimmed. This is a uniform item and variations of this are not acceptable. The hat can only be purchased from the School office. Plain \$12 or Logo Embroidered \$18. All children should now be wearing these.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Zone Gymnastics Results Term 3

*Team Results*

Yr5 Girls—3rd

Yr7 Girls—2nd

Yr8 Girls—2nd

Yr8 Boys—2nd

*Individual Results*

Yr5 Eilis M. 3rd on the beam

Yr8 Caitlin T. 1st on Floor, 2nd on

Vault, 2nd overall Yr8 Girls

Yr7 Vettori F. 2nd on Floor

Yr8 Jesse R. 3rd on Floor

Yr8 Carlin D. 3rd on Vault

University of NSW Mathematics Results

Distinction 90-99%:

Pulkit B. and Ethan P. Yr5;

Phillip L. Yr6; Joshua G. and Mandy P.

Yr 7; Luke W. Yr8.

Credit 70-89%: Rachael B.,

Matthew D. and Olivia P. Yr 4;

Yamaia E. Yr5; Kimberley G. Yr6; Cian

D., Hanah F. and

Rawiri M. Yr7; Inayat H., Mehtab H.,

Angus C., Benjamin M. and Argyle M.

Yr8.

## **REMEMBER OUR**

### **CAKE/CUPCAKE COMPETITION**

***As part of the carnival we will hold a cake decorating competition for the Mums (or Dads) and a cupcake decorating competition for the kids. Cakes will be judged on decorations and then prizes***



***sold at the val. Great are up for***

***grabs!!!!***

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**White Ribbon Fun Day 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013.** This event encourages men to work and never commit, condone or remain silent about violence towards women. It also allows women to never have to live in fear of violence at the hands of men, 12:00 am – 4:00pm, Haymen Park, Manukau City.

**Redhill Community Centre Term 4,** parenting courses and a parenting seminar:

Parenting Teens In The Digital Age -This "Hot Tips" seminar is presented by John Cowan from "The Parenting Place". The Early Years – 0 to 6 years of age. This program is for 6 weeks and will be starting Tuesday 22 October. It is being held during the day from 12:30pm until 2:30pm and childcare is available to those registered (if required). ). Tweens & Teens – 12 years +. Again, for 6 weeks and will be an evening course starting Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 7:15pm to 9:30pm.

Tel: (09) 297 2040 [www.redhillcommunitycentre.co.nz](http://www.redhillcommunitycentre.co.nz)

**Papakura Cricket Club Inc** have moved to Bruce Pulman Park, and magnificent facilities will be coming our way soon. The Year 8's have a coach lined up, so all we need is some keen young players! Any interested parties [info@papakuracricket.com](mailto:info@papakuracricket.com) or phone on 0276-873-912.

### **COMING EVENTS**

Tues 22 Oct	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed 23 Oct	Yr6 children to Camp until 2pm
Thur 24 Oct	Yr5 children to Sonshine Ranch
Fri 25 Oct	Calendar Orders close for PTA fundraiser
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day. School closed.
Fri 1 Nov	School Carnival 4—7.30pm Yr1/2 classes to MOTAT Counties North Yr7/8 Touch Tournament
Mon 4 Nov	Hearing and Vision Testing
Wed 6 Nov	Treasure Quest show 7.00pm
Thur 7 Nov	Treasure Quest show 11.00am and 7.00pm

Quiz: We are not flesh, scale, feathers or bone but we still have fingers and thumbs of our own. What are we?

Best Wishes

*Murray Wratt*  
*Principal*