

OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,
Welcome to the mid point of Term Four. Teachers are busy doing assessments and preparing end of year reports.

TREASURE QUEST

What a marvelous show! For months the actors, dancers, back stage hands, with help from teachers and some Parents, had practised day in day out to present a polished production and they delivered. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved. A special thank you to Mrs Cantley who produced and directed. Please note the following additions and alterations to the 'Treasure Quest' production helpers:
Lighting and Sound: Amy Andersen & Nathaniel Brown
Scenery: Grateful thanks to Mrs Susan Lowe for her help with the wonderful scenery
Backstage: Hannah Fern. A DVD is being prepared and is available for sale from the School Office for \$10. If Parents have any photos that can be electronically emailed

to the school office we would like to use these for our School archives.

POOL KEYS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

This year the Board of Trustees has decided to again open up the swimming pool for use during out of school hours, for families who have paid their School Amenity Donation for 2013. Keys and Application forms will be available from 2nd until 13th December or until keys run out. We will be needing helpers to monitor the pool over the holiday period. If you can help please let the office know.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Notices regarding these were sent home with junior children last week. If you did not receive one please send a note to the office and we will send one home with your child. Applications close on Friday 15 November.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- PTA EVENT
- SWIMMING LESSONS
- FAREWELL FOR ME WRATT

Fun Fact

Some wasps sleep while hanging from their teeth



CoolClips.com

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

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 plus End of Year

Awards Prizegiving

7.00pm

Year Eight Graduation

Monday 16 Dec

“Insanity is
doing the same thing,
over and over again,
but expecting different
results.”

[Narcotics Anonymous](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Caitlyn T. Yr8—chosen for the NZ Gymnastics International Development Programme Level 10: Second Overall, First Vault, Third bars, Third beam First Floor—a fantastic result.

FAREWELL EVENING FOR MR WRATT

Please join us in celebrating Murray’s successful career as Principal of Opaheke School on Wednesday 4th December 2013, 6pm – 8.30pm, Opaheke School Hall. This will be an open evening for all parents, past and present, and past students (there is a separate informal afternoon for past students who are still at high school which will be held on Thursday 12 December from 1-3pm in the School Hall).

No children please. Please RSVP number attending to office@opaheke.school.nz before Wednesday 20th of November 2013. If you are unable to make the evening, but would like to leave a message for Murray, please email the school office at the above email address.

YEAR 7/8 CAKE STALL

The Year 7 & 8 Team would like to thank all parents who contributed baking to the cake stall held last term and all the children who purchased items. Over \$670 was raised. This money will be put towards the upgrading of the Year 7 & 8 quad area.



COMMUNITY MOBILE DENTAL UNIT:

The Dental Clinic will be based at Opaheke School until the end of Term 4. If you would like to make an appointment for your child please phone them on 837 9135. Some children will be bringing home forms to advise parents of dental work that needs doing. These require parental permission and we would ask that parents return these promptly with children as the Clinic is here for a limited time.

OPAHEKE SCHOOL CARNIVAL 1ST NOVEMBER 2013 THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Hi everyone, the carnival is over and except for a few showers on the evening, it was a great success! Our initial figures show we made just under \$13,000, and this does not include the profits made from our playstructure raffle (profits from this will be finalised in our next school newsletter). From this massive effort, the PTA has been able to say yes to a new set of 12 COWS (computer on wheels) for the school. So THANK-YOU!! We have a pile of thank-you's from the PTA carnival committee.

We would like to thank our sponsors (in alphabetical order):

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Without the support of these businesses, we would not have been able to raise as much money. So keep them in mind when you are shopping, it would be appreciated if, where possible, our school could support the businesses that have supported us. We would also like to thank: the Opaheke school office ladies for their support leading up to the carnival and on the evening in the money exchange office, Kevin Chester for his help beforehand and with dedicating a whole day to helping us set up and run the carnival, the teachers and staff of Opaheke school, especially Marilyn Read and Renae Allison for liaising with us and the other teachers to coordinate the evening, the parents of Opaheke school children for your kind donations leading up to the carnival, help with setup on the day of the carnival and, running stalls and coming along with your children on the evening to support the event. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologise, your help was also valued greatly. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, OUR EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE OR SUCCESSFUL, SO WE ABSOLUTELY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU!!! UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 20th November: PTA Meeting, 7pm, school staffroom. All welcome!

Thursday 28th November: School Disco NE-Y4 5.30 - 6.30pm, Y5-Y8 6.45 – 8pm

Wednesday 4th December: PTA Thank-you and Murray Wratt's farewell evening 6 - 8.30pm.

Monday 9th December: Grandparents Day

Tuesday 17th December: Hell Pizza lunch ordering

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUTHTOWN BREAKAWAY FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 17TH 2013 – JANUARY 24TH 2014 Want something to do these Holidays? Does this sound like you? Water sports, Team challenges, Outdoor Adventures, Art Workshops, Sports & Games, Cooking and Awesome Day Trips. Limited Spaces Available online at www.youthtown.org.nz get in quick. Contact: Sean Parkinson Phone: (09) 297 7386 Email: papakura@youthtown.org.nz

COMING EVENTS

Thus 14 Nov	Sausage Sizzle
Fri 15 Nov	Road Patrollers 2014 Training Session with police
Tues 19 Nov	Board of Trustees meeting Y7—8 North Counties Athletics Day
Wed 20 Nov	PTA Meeting 7pm all parents welcome Y5 –6 North Counties Athletics Day
Wed 27 Nov	Road Patrollers and Bus Monitors to Rainbows End
Thur 28 Nov	End of Year Disco
Wed 4 Dec	PTA Thank You Evening for parents—all parents welcome, this is also a time for parents to farewell Mr Wratt
Fri 6 Dec	Rosehill College Orientation Day for Y8 pupils attending in 2014 11.30-100pm
Thurs 12 Dec	1-3pm ex students of Opaheke School are invited to say goodbye to Mr Wratt on an informal basis in the School Hall

Quiz: how can you make seven even?

Best Wishes

Murray Wratt

Principal

ANSWER: Remove the letter "s", turning it into the word "even".



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