

OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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“The Opaheke Way”

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Dear Parents,
I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all the parents, students and staff for making me feel so welcome at Opaheke School. Every school operates a little differently from each other and I must say that every hour of every day I am learning something new. From what I have seen already parents should feel confident that they are sending their children to a school where all students are valued, staff care about students' well-being and their academic progress, student are eager to learn and there are opportunities for students to be extended.

I went around to every class on the first day and one of the questions I asked students was why they were happy about being back at school. Almost all the students talked about their learning and progress through the year. A big welcome to 48 new students who have either come from another school or had their

very first day of school as a New Entrant. I am looking forward to meeting all parents at Family Fun Night next Tuesday.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

This will be held on Tuesday 18 February from 6pm-8pm. This event is for all families and it would be great to see everyone there. Mr Valvoi will address all the parents first and introduce staff and then it will be a chance for all to have a picnic dinner, and for the parents, staff and students to play friendly games of sports students have organised. The PTA will be having a sausage sizzle and selling cold drinks as a fundraiser for the school.

This will be a great start to the school year not to be missed.

PAINTING PROJECT

We would like some brightly coloured paint to repaint our tired and worn dragon in the junior area. If you have any paint lying around at home that you no longer want, can you please bring it to school.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- HELPERS NEEDED
- SCHOOL AMENITY
- STAFF
- OPAHEKE SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

Fun Fact

There's a mushroom that grows in the wild and tastes like fried chicken. Its name is Laetiporus.



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

Staffing and Classes 2014

Rm 1	Miss J. Hamlin (Senior Teacher/Team Leader Yr7/8)	Yr 8
Rm 2	Mrs B. Stride	Yr 8
Rm 3	Mrs N. Laing (Senior Teacher)	Yr 7/8
Rm 4	Mrs L. McFarlane	Yr 7
Rm 5	Miss C. Walker	Yr 7
Rm 6	Mr D. Curtin	Yr 6
Rm 7	Ms K. Edwards (Team Leader)	Yr 6
Rm 8	Mrs B. Archibald	Yr 5/6
Rm 9	Mrs V. McFlinn (Team Leader Yr2/Senior Teacher)	Yr 2
Rm 10	Mrs A. Ghaiee	Yr 2
Rm 11	Miss J. Pulman	Yr 2
Rm 12	Miss T. Bolstad	Yr 2
Rm 13	Miss L. Grey	NE
Rm 14	Mrs G. Williams (Team Leader NE/Y1 Senior Teacher)	NE
Rm 16	Miss Marquet	Yr 1
Rm 17	Mrs H. Lendrum	Yr 1
Rm 19	Mrs J. Christie	Yr 4
Rm 20	Mr .S. Cossey	Yr 4
Rm 21	Mrs M. Read	Yr 3
Rm 22	Miss R. Allison	Yr 3
Rm 23	Mrs R. Fairweather (Team Leader Yr3/4/Senior Teacher)	Yr 4
Rm 24	Mr O. O'Connell	Yr 3
Rm 25	Mrs P. Walker	Yr 5
Rm 26	Ms G. Howell	Yr 5

Part Time Teachers: Mrs H. Knight, Mrs B. Dunning, Mr I. Levien, Mrs J. Molyneux, Mrs V. Chatterton, Miss C. Powell

Languages: Mrs J. Woods, Miss T. Rountree, Mr P. Moradi, Miss C Powell

Support Staff: Mrs G. Burge (Principal's Secretary), Mrs K. Hotson (School Administrator) Mrs M. Willoughby (Attendance Officer)

Teacher Aides: Mrs S. Rogers, Mrs S. Lowe, Mrs M. Goodison, Mrs L. Ruyg, Mrs L. Ross, Mrs K. Hastings,

Librarians: Mrs L. Watkins, Mrs L. Pryor

Caretaker: Mr K. Chester

OPAHEKE SCHOOL NETBALL

Our Club will be running again this year for girls from Year 3—8 (all abilities encouraged). We are seeking coaches, managers and umpires. Past pupils with an interest in netball are welcome. Permission slips are available from the school office. Fees for the season are \$120 and are due by 5th March.

SCHOOL AMENITY

The Board of Trustees amenity will be \$170 for one child, \$220 for 2 children, \$250 for 3 or more children with the classroom material fee of \$12 per child. There is a \$10 discount if this is paid before 31 March. Thank you to those parents who have already paid this. If you would like to set up an automatic payment or for online banking please see the front page for our bank account details. By paying this amount our School's Board can budget for additional teaching staff especially in the junior school and this year they are funding extra staffing to lower the pupil teacher ratio. We understand that February is a tough month for parents with School stationery, amenity, Technicraft fees for Yr7/8 plus camp fees for Year 8 pupils and do appreciate parent support.

CROSSING ROSTER

Parents/helpers are needed to monitor the crossing on Opaheke Road and Tasman Drive (morning only). Children are rostered on duty from 8.00 am until approx 8.20 am and 2.30 pm until 2.45 pm. Adult supervision is needed to help support the Road Patrol Monitors. Helpers are rostered on either morning or afternoon and this duty comes up approximately 1 session every 2 weeks depending on the numbers of helpers we have. You are asked to be available while the Patrol Monitors are on duty and only need to stand to the side of the monitors in a prominent position to give them support if needed. They are all trained and very reliable. If you feel you can spare 20 minutes every 1-2 weeks please send a note to the office

with your contact details. Please help us make our crossing as safe as we can for your children.

LUNCHES

These are available to children on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Fridays we need parents to help bag lunches up and distribute them to the rooms. Helpers are only rostered on approximately once per month and need to be at school from 11am—12pm. We need volunteers as the lunch room is run as a fundraising venture for the PTA and contributes to resources and equipment that the PTA fund. Pre schoolers are welcome, please phone Zena on 0272687096 if you can help.

SCHOOL POOL

A big thankyou to our parents who supervised our school pool over the Christmas break. Without these people the pool would not have been available to those families who purchased a key. Now that the pool is closed to families we would appreciate the return of the keys, thank you.

SCHOOL HATS

Please remember that these are a uniform item, and can only be purchased from the school office. Children not wearing the correct hat will have to remain in the shaded area at break times until the correct uniform hat is provided. We appreciate your support with this matter.

*“May you live every day of
your life.”*

[Jonathan Swift](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Drury Junior Rugby Registrations for 2014: Wednesday 19th February (4.00pm – 7.00pm) and Sunday 23rd February (9.00am – 10.30am) Drury Rugby Club – 10 Tui Street, Drury (behind the Mobil Petrol Station on the Great South Road) \$60.00 per child, \$55.00 per child if registering more than 1 child. Please contact the following people, should you have any questions: Karen 021 763337 rodkaren@clear.net.nz or Tammy 021 667212 tammy@mortgageaccess.co.nz

Registrations for Ardmore Marist Junior Rugby for 2014 GRADES U6 – U13: Thursday 13th Feb 5.30pm – 7.30pm; Wednesday 19th & 26th Feb 5.30pm – 7.30pm; Thursday 6th March 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Team Sports Complex (CLUB ROOMS), Bruce Pulman Park, Walters Road, Papakura. (Entrance opposite Grove Road)

Registrations Papakura City Football Club: all grades www.papakuracityfc.org.nz Junior grades (11 & under) phone Leif on 027 687 6043. Youth grades (12+) phone Andrew on 022 089 0350.

COMING EVENTS

Thur 13 Feb	Yr7/8 Swimming Sport Massey Park Pools 9.30am
Tues 18 Feb	Family Fun Night 6-8pm
Thur 20 Feb	Yr 8 Camp Helpers Meeting 5.15pm
Tues 25 Feb	Yr 8 Campers leave
Fri 28 Feb	Yr 8 Campers return approximately 1pm

Quiz: Emma was running a five mile marathon. With the end in sight she sprinted past Chloe who was in second place, and triumphantly crossed the finish line. Why didn't Emma win the marathon?

Best Wishes

Sean Valvoi
Principal

ANSWER: She was still in second place.