

OPAHEKE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers
Year 8 students had a fabulous time at Camp Adair from February 25 to 28. They were challenged by the adventure activities on site and I was able to do the hike with the students on one day. I was impressed by the enthusiasm, motivation and determination of the students. The Year 7 EOTC week also challenged students. They walked up Rangitoto, completed the high wire challenge, completed a water safety course and were challenged by a range of problem solving activities at school. A big thank you to the parents who helped out at EOTC and the camp.

Congratulations to the students who competed at the North Counties Swimming Competition at the Massey Park Aquatic Centre on Thursday 6 March. Opaheke School placed 2nd overall, a great effort by all. Congratulations to ex-Opaheke School student, Natasha Tulp, Top in the World (first equal) in the Cambridge Exams for Design and Technology. It is always great to see Opaheke School students succeeding in high school and beyond.

Sean Valvoi
Principal

COMPLAINTS POLICY

In accordance with the Parent Concerns and Complaints Policy, generally the first course of action is to make an appointment to discuss the matter of concern with the class teacher or staff member involved. If the matter is not resolved then the second course of action should be the Deputy

Principals Mrs Marquet for Years 1-4 or Mrs Cantley for Years 5-8. If the matter is still not resolved then this should be referred to the Principal. Finally if the matter needs to be taken further then a letter may be written to the Board of Trustees or Principal. The Principal can then address the matter with the BOT.

EASTER BASKET RAFFLES

Please help support the School PTA with an Easter Egg donation. “Big or Small Easter Eggs” can be brought to school all this week.



Eggs will go into hampers and tickets will be on sale from this Monday 17th until next Friday 4 April for \$1 each. Winners will be drawn at School Assembly. Raffle ticket books will be sent home for students who wish to sell them and tickets will be available for children to buy at school and after school. The student who sells the most tickets will also win an Easter Egg Hamper for themselves!!

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

MEASLES OUTBREAK

Between late December 2013 and 24 February 2014, there have been 47 confirmed measles cases reported in New Zealand: 29 in Auckland, 15 in Bay of Plenty/ Lakes, and three in Wellington. Some of these cases have been in pre-school aged children. A total of eight cases have required hospitalisation to date. Most cases have occurred in unimmunised people, and immunisation remains the best way to prevent infection and spread within the community.

There are ongoing measles outbreaks in places like the Philippines, Australia, Europe, UK, Africa, Asia, India and North America. So international students, families travelling to these areas over the holidays, or with visitors from these countries should be aware of the symptoms.

Measles symptoms:

Measles is a highly infectious disease that affects both adults and children. Measles is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, followed by a rash which tends to start on the face, before moving over the head and down the body. The rash develops about 3 days after the other symptoms start. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation.

The best protection against measles is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all children. MMR vaccination is also free for

susceptible adults born after 1 January 1969 who have not received two doses of a measles containing vaccine. For further health information on measles and measles immunisation please visit the Ministry of Health website

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/measles>

or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website

<http://www.immune.org.nz>. You can

also call the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.

READING EGGS/ MATHLETICS PROGRAMMES

Both programmes are web based: Mathletics - a payment of \$30 per child is required to register children for the school year—which allows access at school and at home. Registration Forms are available from the School Office. Reading Eggs, is a programme for students in Year 1 –3. The cost is \$20 for the school year. Please visit the website www.readingeggs.co.nz if you would like further information. Registration forms for Reading Eggs have been sent home with all Year 1-3 children, for those who wish to enrol. Final day for enrolments for both of these programmes will be Friday 14 March.

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

[Emilie Buchwald](#)

ROAD PATROL CROSSINGS

Opaheke School has three patrol points that we monitor to give children safe access for crossing roads to get to school. We have always had a small band of parents who help our road patrol monitors. We are finding that we are not getting enough parents to cover rosters for these roads. PLEASE look at whether you can spare 20 minutes to help out. We are getting very concerned at the blank spaces on crossing rosters. Opaheke Road—helpers are scheduled on either morning (8am—8.20am) or afternoon (2.30—2.45) and this duty comes up approximately 1 session every 2 weeks depending on the numbers of helpers we have. ***Tasman Drive—only morning sessions from 8am—8.20am—at present we have no volunteers here so really need some helpers.***



Parents 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. Parent supervision ensures that we can make these busy roads as safe as we possibly can for all our children to cross. If your children use these crossings your help ensures that we can make these busy roads as safe as we possibly can for all our children to cross. Remember that if we all rely on “someone else” to do things “someone else” can become overloaded! Please send a note to the School Office with your details if you can help out.

LUNCH MENU

The PTA have added a small mince pie to the lunch ordering menu. Lunches are available Tuesday and Friday. Children order from their classrooms before school starts.

Mince Pie	2.50
Small Mince Pie	1.00
Sausage Roll	1.50
Pizza Stick	1.00
Cream Doughnut	1.50
Muffin Blueberry/Chocolate	1.50
Wholemeal Vege Sandwich	3.00
Gingerbread man	1.20
Choc chip cookie (large)	1.50
Choc crackle	1.50
Ham/Chicken/Egg Sandwich	2.60
Chicken or Ham Filled Roll	3.00
Chicken or Ham Wrap	3.00
Small Quiche	3.00
Milk Choc/Banana/Strawberry	1.50
Just Juice Box	1.50
Orange/Apple	.50

PARK SAFELY AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

This term our school is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally. **The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance'** There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence. Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We all know that taking a family to a night at the movies can be a very expensive evening....did you know at the Redhill Community Centre we have a **FREE family movie** every second Saturday at 6:00pm. Next family movie showing is on **Saturday 15th March at 6:00pm – Open Season 3** (children must be accompanied by an adult). Redhill Community Centre Tel: (09) 297 2040 www.redhillcommunitycentre.co.nz

Karaka Vintage Day, Sun 23 March is a family day out for all ages. Supported by Auckland Council local boards, see machines, tractors, vintage cars, military vehicles, mash helicopter, planes plus Karaka Museum tours, displays, stalls, live entertainment and kids activities including rides, bouncy castles and water slides! <http://www.karakavintageday.co.nz/> for more info.

YOUTHTOWN Kura Community Touch Come on Down to Keri Downs Park and play some **FREE** social touch with friends and family, every Friday from 5pm. Starts Friday 14th March 2014.5PM – 6:30PM – UNDER 12 YR'S 6:30PM – 8PM – 12 YR'S & OVER Location: Keri Downs Park, Redhill, Papakura Contact: Phillip Neal Phone: 021528643 Email: papakura@youthtown.org.nz

Weetbix TRYathlon Opaheke School Group

I have registered Opaheke School into the North Shore Weetbix TRYathlon occurring on Sunday 6 April for all students 7 years old and over. Students who have shown an interest will have a permission form which must be completed and returned by Friday along with the entry fee. Parents must transport their child to and from the event or know someone who can do this for them. The PTA is helping to organise the team and are subsidising the cost by \$20.50 so that it will only cost each child \$15. If your child did not receive a notice and you would like your child to enter you can collect one from the school office. Sean Valvoi



COMING EVENTS

Fri 14 March Counties Zone Swimming—Years 7 and 8

Tues 18 March BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Fri 21 March Junior Swim Carnival 10.45am

Wed 26 March Counties Zone Cricket

Quiz: What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in one thousand years.

Best Wishes

Sean Valvoi

Principal

Answer to Quiz: THE LETTER 'M'

Fun Fact

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

