

Dear Opaheke School whānau,

Principal: Sean Valvoi

At our latest Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September we discussed Opaheke Schools annual end of year activities specifically Year 8 Prizegiving, Year 8 Graduation, Parents Concerts and Grandparents Day.

**We regret to inform you that the Opaheke School BOT have decided, for 2020, to:**

- **cancel Junior and Senior Parents Concerts**
- **cancel Grandparents Day**
- **plan for Year 8 Prizegiving**
- **plan for Year 8 Graduation**

#### **PARENTS CONCERTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY 2020**

Due to uncertainty around COVID-19 government alert levels, and with the health and safety of our school community at the forefront of our decision, we have decided not to hold parents concerts or grandparents day in 2020. We also feel the time spent preparing for concert items could be better applied to further classroom learning time this year, seeing as we have lost many weeks of classroom time in 2020 due to COVID-19 lockdowns at alert levels 3 & 4. We have made this decision early so whānau/families do not plan time off from work and/or travel in accordance with these events.

We are sincerely sorry to make this decision as it is certainly a highlight on the school calendar for children and whanau/families alike. We hope next year brings a more certain future and the chance to showcase our Opaheke students' performance talents at 2021 end-of-year concerts.

#### **YEAR 8 PRIZEGIVING & GRADUATION 2020**

**Dates are set as:**

- **Year 8 Prizegiving – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**
- **Year 8 Graduation – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**

We have decided to go ahead with planning for year 8 prizegiving and graduation, as these events signify the end of an era for these students who will move onto college in 2021. A potential contingency plan for year 8 prizegiving would be an online streaming for whānau/families to view, if numbers are restricted to gatherings of 100 or less at alert level 2 or 2.5.

Graduation is a bit trickier and we will plan scenarios with the senior teachers. Whānau/families of year 8 students will be kept informed of developments as we get closer to December.

Thank you for your understanding. Know our decisions are made with our school community at heart.

Ngā mihi māhana,



Jenn Jury

Opaheke School BOT Chairperson.

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