

4 March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

We wanted to reach out and say the biggest thank you to our families. It has been a very hectic week here in school with online meetings with families, camp, Youth Town activities and making arrangements to cover classes where teachers are unwell or having to isolate as they are household contacts. Thank you to the road patrol parents who are covering extra crossing duties. Our student training had to be cancelled and this leaves a gap which is being covered by parent volunteers. This week we have seen the Ōpaheke School community of whānau, students and staff pull together, support each other and look out for one another. As a community we really are living the school vision of 'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Achieving' together.

Unfortunately, we struggled to get relievers for all classes this week. When we needed to quickly switch to online learning for some classes we received overwhelming support which enabled us to provide learning for all in a safe and productive way. Your quick responses in collecting children when they are unwell and providing information that helps us plan ahead is greatly appreciated. To all our whānau we say a huge thank you.

We also want to acknowledge the students who have shown great flexibility and have adapted to working in different ways; sometimes with different teachers. Thank you for helping one another to manage change at short notice. I think the Senior Leaders in our school secretly enjoyed being back in classrooms.

Thank you also to our staff who are working with our students. They are putting in some long hours, picking up extra duties and every day they arrive with a warm smile and a commitment to make each day a good day of learning.

Finally, our thoughts are with all of our families who are unwell. We wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon.



thank you!

Wishing you a very happy weekend.
Noho oro mai,

Denise Horley
Acting Principal