



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL



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We are a Microsoft Showcase School



Kia ora koutou katoa, talofa lava, bula vinaka, malo e lelei, kia orana, namaste, malo ni, asalaamu alaikum, and warm greetings to you all.

Kia ora everybody

Last day of the year

School finishes at the earlier time of 12pm on Friday the 13th of December for our Year 1-7s. The last day for Year 8's is Thursday the 12th with their Graduation dinner that evening.

Farewell staff

We bid farewell to Liza McFarlane, Shevone Kumar, Kris Burden and Natalie Hayhow as they move off in different career directions next year. I would like to thank them for their contributions to our school and to our learners, and wish them all the very best for next year.

New Staff

We are excited to welcome a number of new staff next year as we continue to grow as a school. We have secured Tayla Brown, Mageshni Moodley, Anika Lorenz, Amy Muir, Sydney Wehi, and Natalya Bridgeman as classroom teachers next year, and Mr Aidan Craggs as a learning support teacher.

Renovations

Rooms 1 to 8 and the adjacent toilets will receive extensive renovations over the break. The astro turfing of the courtyards will take place next year once all the renovations have been completed. We look forward to seeing the new and improved spaces.

The senior playground replacement has been delayed but looks set to be constructed in the first half of 2025.

Term 1 2025

The school office will be open 9am to 2pm from Thursday 30th January to Monday 3rd January 2025 if you have any queries or need help with anything before your child returns on the 4th February.

We have a **Teacher Only Day on the 3rd of February**. As always we will open the gates for **Kaiako Kōrero** on that day from 1pm to 2.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents and students to pop in, see their new classroom and say hello to their new teacher. We hope this helps any kids who may have the first day jitters.

Your child's class placement for 2025 will be emailed out during the week of 16th December 2024.

Term 1 officially starts on **Tuesday the 4th of February 2025**.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Kind wishes

Mr Tawhiti



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We look forward to seeing your child at school by 8.25am ready to learn each day.
School finishes for all students at 2.30pm.



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