



ŌPAHEKE SCHOOL

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

Tēnā koutou katoa

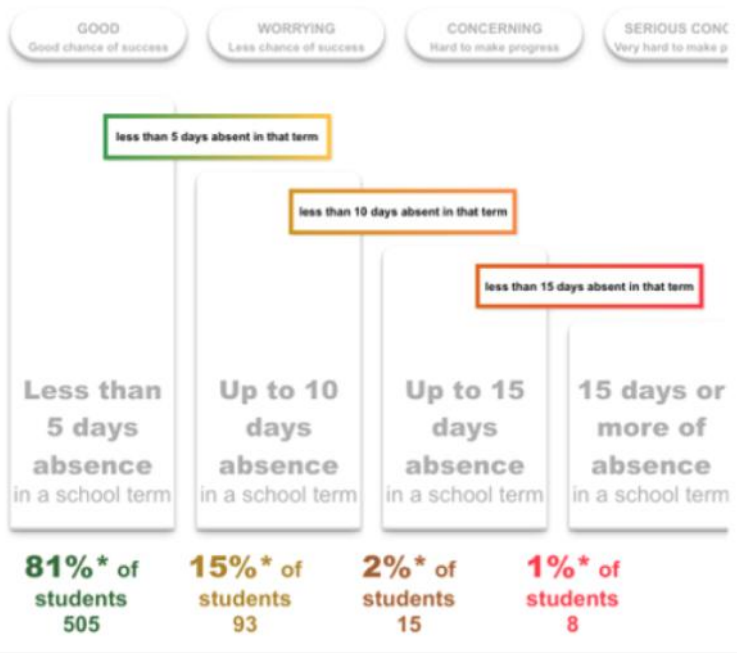
Attendance

We are still flying high with our attendance and are already exceeding the Nationwide target of 80% - a goal set for 2030, I might add. Thank you very much for your efforts with this. I will be getting in touch with families who are setting the standard with good attendance. If you get an email, please take it as a thank you from me and give yourself (or your child) a pat on the back.

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.



Student Dress Code

I feel like now is a good time to revisit our student dress code. Although we do not have a uniform, we still have clear expectations that students dress in a way that is safe, acceptable and appropriate for school. These standards are based on practicality, safety (jewellery, hats), and the understanding that our students are still children. Please take a moment to look through our student dress code on the next page of this newsletter. If your child arrives at school not meeting these expectations, we will work with them to correct this during the day and may contact you if required. We appreciate your support.

Pyjama Day is coming up on Friday the 26th of June. The student councillors are organising it and promoting the day. You can come in your PJs and bring a gold coin donation, which will go towards new PE equipment for our new astroturf sport facility. The councillors also ask that we keep it to PJs and or slippers only. No blankets, pillows and soft toys. They don't want them to get damaged or go missing.

Noho ora mai/ Stay well
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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Student Dress Code

At Ōpaheke School, our students have the privilege of wearing mufti to school. Students are asked to exercise good judgement, in accordance with Ōpaheke School Rule No. 5 (under School Rules), while adhering to sun safety policies.

Extract from Rule 5: Know the right things to bring and the right things to wear.

As a 'Sun-Smart' school, we require our students to be suitably covered whenever they are working or playing outside. This includes the upper torso being suitably covered and sunhats on heads. Cotton is the recommended fabric for clothing.

As school is a formal place of work, mufti should always be of a high standard, with students avoiding unacceptable fashion fads.

- The correct Ōpaheke School P.E. uniform is to be worn by senior school students for all physical activities and sport events.
- Approved Ōpaheke School sunhats must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4 and are recommended, as weather requires, for Terms 2 and 3.

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Gang-related clothing items are not permitted.
- Hoods not to be worn over the head.
- All tops must be fitted over the shoulders.
- Low-cut clothing, revealing in nature, is not permitted.
- Clothing must not have inappropriate or objectionable pictures, words or slogans.
- Hats are not to be worn inside buildings.
- Hair colour should be natural i.e. no pink, blue etc.
- Piercing adornments in any part of the body other than the ear is not permitted. Plaster or tape covering of piercings is not acceptable. Plain metal studs are acceptable earrings for pierced ears. Should there be a medical reason for wearing anything other than the recommended earrings, a note from the parents/caregivers must be sent to school.
- Cultural adornments are acceptable provided a note from the parents/caregivers is sent to school.
- Swimwear must be appropriate, i.e. one-piece swimsuit rather than bikinis.

The following should be kept for out-of-school occasions and should not be worn at school:

- Fingernail and toenail polish
- Make up
- Hair or body glitter
- Tattoos or tattoo stickers
- Jewellery

Our full Dress Code can be found on our school website: <https://www.opaheke.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Opaheke-School-Student-Dress-Code.pdf>



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Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week



Room 3 had visitors Katherine Matamua with the Ulingaholo Moving Forward Pasifika Association supported by Rowena Rooney from Blue Turtle Designs come in last Friday to create some beautiful Samoan art in recognition of Samoan Language Week.

It was so cool to see our Samoan students in the school proudly wearing their traditional dress.



Year 7/8 Stardome Trip



In Week 6, our Year 7 and 8 students visited Stardome as part of their inquiry studies into space. During the visit, they learned about different star constellations and explored the wonders of our universe. Students were fascinated to discover just how small Earth is in comparison to the vastness of space beyond. It was a valuable learning experience that helped deepen their understanding of the concepts they have been studying in class.



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Room 23
2025



Student Names will Appear Here

Shorts Required on

With winter here and the ground getting muddier, this is just a friendly reminder that students must be wearing shorts to be allowed to play on the field and morning tea and lunch time.

If you have a young child that tends to get muddy in winter please help to ensure they have a spare change of cloths in their school bag.



OPAHEKE SCHOOL PHOTOS

11TH JUNE - CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

12TH JUNE - TEAM AND SIBLING PHOTOS

SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS.

THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PHOTOS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING/ORDERING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AFTER THE PHOTOS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. YOU WILL BE EMAILED AN INDIVIDUAL KEY CODE FOR YOUR CHILD WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ORDER.

Seasonal Updates, Anytime

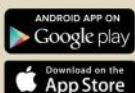


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PTA Notices



Opaheke School Lunches Term 2

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Sushi and Subway
Fridays



Pizza and Sushi Day
Friday June 19th



Order now or by 9am for delivery that day

\$1 for every lunch goes to
our School!



PTA MEETING

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

Come join the team to hear about the discos and other fundraisers the PTA are organising for 2026. All welcome!

JUNE 17TH @ 7PM

ALL WELCOME!
INCL CHILDREN

Oxford Pies Fundraiser



Our PTA are doing their annual Oxford Pies fundraiser again this year. Order forms

have been emailed out and sent home with students. You can also collect another one from the school office if you need to.

Orders due by: Tuesday 16th June 2026.

Delivery date: Thursday 25th June 2026 from 2pm at the Opaheke School Hall.

STAFF ONLY CARPARK



Unless you are STAFF or an AUTHORISED user, please do not use it, this includes:

- Driving up it
- Parking in it
- Dropping kids in it
- Turning around in it

**Opaheke School Pta
FUNFEST
13 November 2026**

CAN YOU HELP???

Are you or your business able to provide or help with any of the below?

- Donations of vouchers, items or experiences for raffle prizes
- Donations or discounts for consumables (plates, serviettes, cake boxes etc)
- Activities - large or small

In return, business logos are included on our Facebook page and any promotion to the school community.

Any support is greatly appreciated, no matter the value.
All donations can be dropped to the school office or contact the team on funfestsponsors@gmail.com

MARKET STALLS

Come sell your craft, housewares, clothing, toys or games!
Book a table spot for \$40
E-mail pta@opaheke.school.nz to book

Follow our updates on
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/opahekeschoolfunfest>



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IMPORTANT DATES

11 Jun	PhotoLife - Class and Individual
12 Jun	PhotoLife - Team and Siblings
16 Jun	Y5-8 North Counties Netball
17 Jun	Kiwi Challenge - English
17 Jun	PTA Meeting 7pm
19 Jun	PTA Pizza and Sushi Day
23 Jun	Kiwi Challenge - Maths
25 Jun	Kiwi Challenge - Science
25 Jun	Oxford Pies Delivered to School
26 Jun	Y3/4 Elderly Morning
29 Jun-3 Jul	Scholastic Book Fair
1 Jul	Y5/6 Food Truck Display
1 Jul	Learning Conferences (12pm finish)

TERM DATES 2026

Term 2, 2026 - Mon 20 Apr to Fri 3 Jul

Term 3, 2026 - Mon 20 Jul to Fri 25 Sep

Term 4, 2026 - Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec 2026

STAR AWARDS

Term 2 - Respect for Self and Others

Room	Week 7
R1	Niko & Brock
R2	Palvi & Samuel
R3	
R4	Evan & Zarah
R5	Lily & Jayceon
R6	Everleigh & Siri
R7	Jace & Scarlett
R8	
R9	Camilla & Christina
R10	Rangat and Leo
R11	Paige & Nathan
R12	Koen & Aarav
R15	Kyla & Lyric
R16	Baani & Zorawar
R18	Luke & Jacob
R21	Hannah & Mercedes
R22	Nina & Colton
R23	Amy & Ivy
R24	Zariah & Summah
R25	TJ & Aahana
R26	Elijah & Jaskeerat
Pikopiko	Ariki & River-Jordan
Te Rito	Ming & Samrath
Kānuka	Malavika & Shaveer
Mānuka	Hazen & Madhusudan
Kauri	Brylee & Mackenzie

LEARNING CONFERENCES

WED 1ST JULY

12pm finish

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