Term 3, Week 10 20th September 2023

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Kia ora koutou,

As I am writing this, I am listening to the Podcast that our Year 6/7 students created as part of their extension opportunity at South Learning Centre Year 6/7 Podcast

The podcast highlights many of the awesome aspects of our kura - our Student Council, our learning opportunities, our local history and a couple of interviews with both long standing stunning staff members, Robyn, Karen G and Caroline and new staff member, Joseph. A huge shout out to Kylah, Adalee, Arlia, Hannah, Emma, Coby, Louie, Sam, Jack R, Catalina, Khloe, Robbie for their awesome mahi / work!.

Some other highlights from this term from our staff include:

- Strum, Strike, Blow was a really fantastic event and the students had a blast!
- Ki-o-rahi tournament we won the Te Kotahitanga Award for demonstrating unity through cooperation and teamwork.
- The volleyball net being put out everyday on the top field and students learning the proper rules and having great rallies
- Year 3/4 Kapa Haka our group of kids have put together a bracket for Tühono in Term
- Big Breakfast was an awesome opportunity to connect with whānau and people of our community - thanks to Home and School for leading this
- Celebrating Te Wiki o te reo Māori
- Lit Quiz our 'hand drawn' banner won the top award; our teams came 3rd and 6th out of 20 teams
- Watching our 'scobys' grow. We gave them tea at the start of the term and have seen them slowly turn into kombucha. They are called 'Teay' and 'Shevaun' and checking in with them has been a highlight for the tamariki each day!
- Seeing students progress with pronouncing words, sounding out and becoming confident readers all round.
- Rock Quest loved seeing our students perform on the big stage and showcase their
- Pasifika performance our students continuing to celebrate their culture loud and proud
- Walking up Rāpaki track with the Year 5-6 team. The kids were amazing and so supportive of one another. Every single child made it up.
- Science Fun we love the science boxes; The Bug Man came to visit; a lamb came to visit; we grew crystals and learned about magnets. We harvested from the garden and cooked with the amazingvegetables we grew. Yum! We love science!
- Cricket coaching sessions









- The visiting 'Play' Treasure Island and watching the dress rehearsal of Moana at St Marks
- Our class reward time with Room 19 after filling our 'Aroha jar' Lots of fun games organised by our big buddies.
- Student engagement with reading and positive progress. One student commented she can now help other family members read and can read street signs and billboards.

Have a fabulous couple of weeks; take care and we will see you soon!

Ngā mihi,

Sally and the amazing Team at Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School







Welcome to our new students and their Whānau/families: Kieran Rm1

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Term 3 Dates

Board Hui 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

# Term 4 Dates

Mihi Whakatau	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Year 5/6 Woodend Camp	16-18th Oct
Non Uniform Day (Yr 7/8 Fundraiser)	20th Oct
Labour Day	23rd Oct
Yr 7/8 Market Day	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Athletics (sprints)	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Athletics (sprints postponement)	6th Nov
Junior Disco 2-3pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Senior Disco 4.30-6pm	8th Nov
Sth Zone Athletics 09.30-am12pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
HAS Movie Night	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Show Day	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Teacher Only Day	20th Nov
Tuhono at Town Hall	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Canterbury Athletics	29th Nov
Year 8 Fun Day at Jellie Park	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Tabloids	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 8 Leavers Assembly	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 8 Activities & Dinner	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Last Day	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec

### 2023 TERM DATES

 Term 3
 17th Jul-22nd Sep

 Term 4
 9th Oct-15th Dec



# Te Ara Tika o Ōpāwa (The right path for Ōpāwa)

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. This term's value is *Excellence* (Hiraka) and each fortnight six children are selected to have a pizza lunch with Sally in the Boardroom. The pizzas are generously sponsored by Cassels and sons – The Brewery. The following children enjoyed pizza with Sally lastMonday: Mila Rm1, Zac, Gracie & Eveline Rm2 and Te Rangimarie & Cayden Rm3

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in mufti with their buddy. The following children were selected: Talosia & Tazmyn Rm13, Manu & Olive Rm18 and Gabe & Tom Rm19



# Mana Ake 'Phone Call' opportunity

What is it? This is an opportunity to receive a phone call from Alisha Keith one of our Mana Ake kaimahi/team members to discuss any wellbeing and/or mental health issue for you and your whānau/family. The kaimahi work alongside the school to promote wellbeing and provide support.

Kaimahi have a diverse range of skills and include, social workers, counsellors, teachers, youth workers and psychologists.

**About Alisha:** My background is in Social Work and my passion is working with children. I love my job and value the importance of supporting the well-being of our tamariki. It is a privilege to be a part of supporting them in many different ways. I enjoy learning about the tamariki and implementing their interests into the sessions we have, however I can.

**How to access it:** email lisa@opawa.school.nz; with your name and contact details and Lisa will get back to you to arrange an appointment time

Teachers Only Day

# Teacher only day: 20<sup>th</sup> November



# School Lunch Orders



## OPAWA SCHOOL

2023 Term 3 Lunches

SUSHI EVERY WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY order before 8:30am







it's simple all you need to do is register an account at

- 1. Login/Place an Order
- 2. Create an account
- 3. Add member/s include name, school and classroom number
- 4. Under Lunch Orders select student name Start order and place your order
- 5. You will be directed to the make a payment page 6. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successful' or check 'Order History' tab
- 7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565565)



# **Tuesday**

To place an order for your child, simply visit www.subway.co.nzschools, log on, select SUBWAY School Lunch Programme -Ferrymead Branch and follow the instructions to place an order before 9am each Tuesday. Please note that you can order days beforehand if you wish.

Please remember snacks are still required when your child has ordered lunch

# **School Uniform**

Our uniform supplier is:

Mainland Uniforms 189 Peterborough Street City

Phone: 377-6771





## **Uniform Dress:**

Students are expected to take pride in their appearance.

- Please see <a href="http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html">http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html</a> for the full Ōpāwa School uniform.
- The uniform should be clean, tidy and named.
- Only the long sleeved Ōpāwa School undergarment (gunmetal grey) should be visible under the Ōpāwa polo
- Socks/tights plain navy, black or white.
- Shoes must be black, brown or predominantly white trainers, leather shoes or sandals.
- School sun hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Plain black or beige bucket/wide brimmed hat or cap.
- No nail polish and/or makeup to be worn at school.
- Coloured hair is not appropriate.
- Hair accessories: plain black, nave or orange headbands, ties, ribbons, bows or clips. Ties, ribbons, bows or clips to be no longer than 8cm in diameter.
- Drawing on skin and tattoo transfers are not acceptable.
- One piece swimming togs are recommended.
- No jewellery should be worn except watches and ear studs or sleepers. No other earrings. Any other jewellery, including rings and necklaces can be a safety hazard and are not to be worn at school. All jewellery must be removed for sport. Variations due to cultural or religious beliefs are allowed on written request from parents/caregivers.

The final decision on all matters relating to the uniform resides with the principal







# PLINKY PLONKY

PIANO STUDIO

Hi! I'm Anne Marie.

I'm a piano teacher in **Huntsbury**.

I teach **4 year old to adult beginners** and offer a playful introduction to making music.

If you're curious about playing the piano.

- facebook.com/plinkyplonkypiano
- (\$) 30min \$25 | 45min \$38 | 60min \$50





# AKOTECH CodeCamps October School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own Al Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have Literati Lab just for girls, which includes Al Art & Animation.

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

St Margarets College: 25th - 28th September & 5th - 8th October

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 25th Aug

Siblings Save 6%



### **FREE MOBILE DATA**

For some New Zealanders, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing essential health and wellbeing information and digital health services. Those who cannot access information and services often have the highest needs. Zero Data is a joint initiative that removes this barrier by providing free access to the websites of health, social services, education, housing and more from your smartphone. Zero Data is available to anyone using a mobile device connected to the Spark, Skinny, One NZ, 2degrees, Warehouse Mobile, Slingshot or Orcon mobile networks. If you don't have credit, all you need to do is turn on your data and visit www.zero.govt.nz











Heathcote Cricket Club

# JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

# Registration Day Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am - 12pm

Season 2023/24

Saturday Morning Cricket for Year 3 through to Year 8

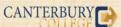
Friday Night 'Have-A-Go' cricket from 5.30 - 6.30pm

Junior Club Captain Matthew House mhouse1818@mail.com and 022 043 1142 Heathcote Cricket Club Cnr Port Hills Road & Bridle Path Road, Christchurch

www.heathcotecricket.co.nz



### **Homestays Required for Cultural Exchange Students**





Canterbury College is an English language school based in the heart of Christchurch. We are currently looking for families to host our students arriving later in the year. If you and your family are interested in Japanese culture and would like to accommodate a Japanese student, please contact us as soon as possible.





Duration: 28th Nov - 17th Dec 2023

> Homestay Fee: \$300+ per week

> We accept homestays from most towns in Selwyn and Waimakariri

➤ More intakes coming in 2024



Call: 03 365 1920 Text: 021288 8790 Email: doris@cancan.com



#### Kowhai Vet - Your New Local Vet Clinic

Attention all pet owners! We're thrilled to become a part of your community with our recently opened vet clinic that's dedicated to keeping your furry friends healthy and happy. Whether you have a curious cat, a playful pup, or any other beloved companion, our clinic is designed with their well-being in mind.

Compassionate Care: Our experienced and friendly team believes in a fear-free approach to pet care. Your pets' comfort and happiness are our top priorities, and we strive to create a stress-free environment for every visit.

Sustainability: We're not just caring for your pets – we're caring for the planet too! For every new patient we welcome, we fund the planting of a native tree in our region, contributing to a

 $^{\circlearrowleft}$  No Rush: Our longer appointment slots ensure that your pet receives the attention they deserve, and you have plenty of time to discuss their unique needs with our skilled veterinarians.

Tailored Services: From routine check-ups and vaccinations to advanced treatments and surgeries, our clinic offers a comprehensive range of services to keep your pets in tip-top

Local Support: We're proud to support local businesses by offering a selection of New Zealand-made treats, food, and grooming products. Enrich your pet's life while contributing to our community!

Support a local business and discover a whole new level of care for your furry family mer Your pet's well-being is our passion, and we can't wait to welcome you at Kowhai Vet!

# We are looking for parents to undertake PAID market research!

We are a nationwide market research recruitment company based in Auckland. We are looking for New Zealand parents to share their opinions on a range of topics in online or face-to-face projects.



Interested? See our website: www.primeresearch.co.nz Or email Steph: stephanie@primeresearch.co.nz





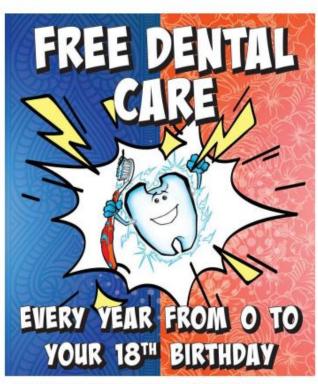












Whether you are at preschool, home school, primary or high school, a training course, working or are unemployed – you can receive free dental care every year.

That should give you something to smile about!

COMMUNITY Control service

commdental@cdhb.health.nz 0800 846 983



Te Whatu Ora

- Community Dental Clinics are closed from
  - o Monday 25/09/2023 reopening on
  - Monday 09/10/2023.

We have limited appointments available over the Holiday period.

- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: <u>commdental@cdhb.health.nz</u> to book an appointment.
- If you <u>cannot attend</u> your booked appointment, please let us know so we can book another child.

# 5 Tips for Healthy Teeth

- · Brush morning and night
- Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and fullstrength fluoride toothpaste (1000ppm)
- · Spit don't rinse!
- · Brush your baby's teeth as soon as they appear
- · Supervise brushing until eight years old



Improv for Kids Holiday Program

Sept. 25-27, 2023 9am-3pm Monday-Wednesday

Register at Eventfinda or info@meegwai.com

Malthouse Theatre 71 Colombo St.

Aimed at 8-12-year-olds, this mini holiday camp will be 3 days filled with interactive theatre games, storytelling, physical comedy and all sorts of make 'em ups, with absolutely no phones and no devices... 3 days of action-packed, extreme silliness and maximum laughter!



fresh air and so vital in these disconnected and difficult times all the more so for being brought to us, and us brought along day I ever had at school' - Student at St. Peter Paul. Lower Hutt

"Wow, I can't believe that tudent came out of her shell and of her shell and participated like that, she always hangs back and hides in class". -Teacher of Year 8

fun...got to do a lot of stuff we hadn't done before' - Year 3 student, St. Peter Paul Lower Hutt



info@meegwai.com







# The Great Canterbury Duck Race

Sunday 5th November, 12pm - 2pm **Bridge of Remembrance** 

### JOIN HAROLD THE GIRAFFE FOR A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT!

Watch on as hundreds of ducks race down the Avon, take part in activities on the riverside and get a bite to eat.

Get quacking and show your support for the work of Canterbury Life Education Trust, supporting children and young people to make positive choices for their health and wellbeing.

### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

1.00pm - Graham Consulting Corporate Race

FOR MORE INFORMATION www.lifeeducationcanterbury.org.nz/duck



Unit 3/171 Waltham Rd, Sydenham







School Holiday Painting Workshops Term 4 After School Art Classes

Suitable for 4yr-Adult

FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT www.katsartstudio.co.nz



Is your child looking for a new sport this summer?

Waimairi Surf Club are on the search for clubbies aged 7+ Email waimairi.juniors@gmail.com for more info!





# CANTERBURY TRIATHLON CLUB JUNIOR TRAINING

Introduce your kids to the fanstatic world of triathlon training with swim, bike and run sessions at a variety of locations around Ōtautahi, Christchurch.

Give them the confidence to swim in open water and ride their bike on the road.

The focus is on skills and having FUN!

- 2 sessions a week over the summer terms
- Age range from 10 -15 years
- · All abilities welcome
- · Experienced coaches

For more information visit www.canterburytriclub.co.nz/junior or email junior@canterburytriclub.co.nz



With the school holidays just around the corner, we've got a fantastic show that'll make those days off even more special. The Court Theatre is bringing you *The Kuia and the Spider*!

Journey into the forest with Kui and Pūpai as they find out how to save the spider world from the damage of humans.

Adapted from the beloved children's book *The Kuia and the Spider* by Patricia Grace, *Te Kuia me te* 

Pungawerewere takes you beyond the kitchen to find out what the old lady and the spider are really arguing about...

Performed in English with te reo Māori kupu (words) throughout. Perfect for primary-school-aged tamariki and their whānau.

Where: The Court Theatre, Bernard Street, Addington, Christchurch

Dates: 27 September - 7 October 2023

Times: 11am and 1pm

**Buy Tickets** 



