

Term 1, Week 10  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# Te Kura o Ōpāwaho/Opawa School

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Kia ora tātou,

What a wonderful whirlwind of a term! And just like that, our first ten weeks together is coming to a conclusion. We have had an incredibly successful term, quickly and smoothly settling into new routines within our learning spaces. Thank you for all that you have contributed to this success.

This term we hosted the training band from Christchurch School of Music, which includes students from our school and several other local schools. About a third of our students are involved in music lessons and next term we are re-starting our Year 5-8 choir. We are also hoping to get ORB resurrected - Opawa Rock Band, as we have numerous capable musicians in our school - both on staff and students. Watch this space!

It has been exciting to see the range of break time activities that our staff have provided every day this term. This has included the following variety of activities throughout the week –

- Dodgeball Year 5/6, 7/8
- Football Year 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
- Dance with Stephanie Year 3/4
- Choir/Singing with Kez Year 3/4
- Colouring with Tara Year 0-2
- Library Year 0-8
- Kēmu Māori with Jemma
- Walking Group with Sharon and Philippa Year 3-8
- Board games with Caroline Year 5/6
- Homework Club with Robyn Year 0-8
- Gardening with Eleanor Year 0-8

Due to popular demand, we are training about a dozen more PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) early in Term 2, alongside Sport Canterbury.

A very warm welcome back to Don Chittock - former Board member and Board Chair. Don has been co-opted to our Board for the duration of the Playground Project and it is great to have Don's experience and knowledge back with us. We will be able to update you very early next term about the playground build and we want to acknowledge that this has been a source of interest and frustration for many of our community for some time now. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support!

Tomorrow, we farewell one of our long standing staff members - Learning Support specialist, Sharon Townsend. After 22 years of continuous service across a range of areas, Sharon is heading into a new chapter of her life and a very well deserved one - spending more time with her grandchildren, travelling, and gardening other exciting 'projects'. Whilst we are very sad to see Sharon leave, she leaves with our warmest and best wishes - THANK YOU Sharon for all you have contributed to our kura / school. We will miss you!

And finally, we are really excited to announce that Jordan Edwards has been appointed to teach in Room 17 for the remainder of the year. Jordan has been relieving in our school this term and it is awesome that Jordan will be working with us on a regular basis. Thank you to Wendy for her outstanding work in Room 17 this term, to set the students up for a successful year.

Have an awesome Easter and we can't wait to see you all on Wednesday 26th April, to start Term 2.

Ngā mihi,  
Sally

# HAERE MAI WELCOME

Welcome to our new students and their  
Whānau/families: Keaton & Lyla Rm1.



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

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. This term's value is **Manaakitaka (Respect)** 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 on Monday: Finnegan, Leon Rm3, Greysen Rm9, Ella Rm10 and Rhyddian & Eli Rm11.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in mufti with their buddy. The following children were selected: Talosia Rm13, Holly Rm14, Charlotte & Isabella Rm17 and Aubrey & Emily 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](mailto:lisa@opawa.school.nz); with your name and contact details and Lisa will get back to you to arrange an appointment time.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Term 1 Dates

Canterbury Swimming Sports 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

### Term 2 Dates

Teacher Only Day 24<sup>th</sup> Apr

Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

Cross Country (Hansen's Park) 5<sup>th</sup> May

Cross Country PP date 10<sup>th</sup> May

EPro8 Yr 7/8 Hillmorton High 15<sup>th</sup> Jun

School 5-8pm

Swimming Yr 3/4 at Te Pou  
toetoe 19<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Jun

Board Hui 21<sup>st</sup> Jun

### 2023 TERM DATES

Term 1 30<sup>th</sup> Jan-6<sup>th</sup> Apr

Term 2 24<sup>th</sup> Apr-30<sup>th</sup> Jun

Term 3 17<sup>th</sup> Jul-22<sup>nd</sup> Sep

Term 4 9<sup>th</sup> Oct-15<sup>th</sup> Dec

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



\$2

Every **THURSDAY** for all of Term 2

Orders can be made on Online Lunches or Cash

Cash must be in an Envelope  
With your Full Name  
Room Number  
And your lunch order  
By 9am on Thursday

Home And School

## Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY  
dental service

### Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**  
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:  
Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)  
Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)  
Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)  
Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.



### Te Aratai College Open Days

**Wednesday 31st May, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd June, 2023**

These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action. Whānau must book these visits online, via our online school booking system or use our QR code.

*Links and the QR code will be provided to your school in the weeks leading up to these dates*

### Te Aratai College Open Evening

**Tuesday 6th June, 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm.**

These sessions will start promptly at 4.30pm and at 6pm, with Principal, Richard Edmundson addressing our visitors, followed by a guided tour of the kura, connecting with ākonga, kaiako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome.

## School Lunch Orders



### Lunches

**Sushi Factory every Wednesday & Friday**

**Order sushi before 8.30am**

**Delicious lunches delivered to your school**

**[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)**

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order



Phone 0800 LOL LOL (0800565 565)

[info@lunchonline.co.nz](mailto:info@lunchonline.co.nz)



## Tuesday

To place an order for your child, simply visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://www.subway.co.nz/schools), 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 <http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html> 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 shirt.
- 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, navy 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



# Community News



## 2023 Rugby Season is underway!

First training of the season  
Thursday 6th April 4.30pm @ the Rec

Come down and meet the coaches and  
managers.

If you can't make it down you can still register  
via the link below

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/lyteltonrugby>

Any questions or information required  
contact:

Cat Forster

Junior Club Captain

021 026 10830

[cat.forster@outlook.com](mailto:cat.forster@outlook.com)

## Flavoured lipbalm school holiday classes. 18 & 19 April 11am-1pm



My son is 10 and thinks  
store bought is better  
than home made lipbalm.  
I will teach you how to  
make your own, to take  
home and use in the  
quest to prove him  
wrong!



## Tama mai Saute dance academy presents Lota Nu'u

Directed and written by Albany Peseta  
Choreographed by Albany Peseta and Seira  
Ale

Sign up for 20 weeks of rehearsals for this  
production.

Live band, singing, acting and dancing. Based  
on the story of a Father and his struggle to  
keep his family together. His NZ born son who  
sees the word differently. A family trapped  
between culture and lifestyle. Then vs Now.  
Tradition vs modern. This show will bring  
laughter, sadness and humour. Come be part  
of the cast.

Fill in the link below. All details in the form  
below

Accepting ages from 6 years plus


<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpsc0utRKivdVI78PAVx3GVWJzrND37UJwwOzGCPsslsiBBg/viewform>

TAMA MAI SAUTE DANCE ACADEMY PRESENTS

## Lota Nu'u

PRODUCTION






# START YOUR CAREER

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E: [WORK@MASHKIDS.CO.NZ](mailto:WORK@MASHKIDS.CO.NZ)



## PRE-SEASON RUGBY AND LEAGUE TACKLE/PASS-CATCH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR PLAYERS SCHOOL YEARS 3-8.



*book now*

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PRE-SEASON TRAINING BEFORE THIS COMING SEASON, THIS WILL BE GREAT FOR YOUR CHILD OR TEAM. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE THE BEST PLAYER ON THE FIELD, JUST KEEN TO LEARN AND GET INVOLVED. THE PROGRAMME IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.**

**DATES:** 12TH , 13TH AND 14TH APRIL.

**WHERE:** GRAHAM CONDON CENTRE SPORTS HALL 2.

**TIME:** 9.30AM- 11.30AM

**COST:** \$100

**CONTACT ANTHONY**  
[ANTHONY@MOTIVATIONZ.CO.NZ](mailto:ANTHONY@MOTIVATIONZ.CO.NZ) WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME, DOB, ADDRESS, AND A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER TO CONFIRM YOUR SPOT.

*Thank you!*

[www.motivationz.co.nz](http://www.motivationz.co.nz)

## Motivationz Netball Holiday Programme



**DO YOU LOVE NETBALL?  
WANT TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS,  
PLAY GAMES, HAVE FUN  
THIS IS FOR THE BEGINNER NETBALLER AS WELL  
AS THE PROS**

**Age Groups:** years 5-8

**Location:** Graham Condon Centre

**Dates:** 12th,13th,14th April

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Cost:** \$100 pp




*please contact Anthony with your child's full name, DOB, address, and a contact phone number to confirm your spot*  
**Email:** [anthony@motivationz.co.nz](mailto:anthony@motivationz.co.nz)



**COME JOIN THE MOTIVATIONZ FAMILY NOW**  
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Cashmere Technical Football Club are looking for more female footballers with the birth years 2013, 2014 and 2015 for our In House 8th/9th Grade Girls teams at Centennial Park on a Saturday and our 10th Grade Girls teams at play at various locations around the city against different Clubs. If anyone is interested please email [trudyn@ctfc.co.nz](mailto:trudyn@ctfc.co.nz) for more information.



# COMMUNITY dental service



**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand  
Waitaha Canterbury

- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 7/04/2023 to 24/04/2023 for the upcoming school holidays.
- We have limited appointments available over this Holiday period 11/04/2023 to 21/04/2023.
- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz) to book an appointment. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.

## SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES - CHRISTCHURCH

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We are inviting scholarship applications from all adult educators who work in the literacy/language/numeracy/critical thinking/essential learning space. This is an opportunity for professional development that Educators may otherwise find difficult due to financial limitations or because the type of learning may not be prioritized by their organization or employer.

### Apply

[www.risingholme.org.nz/scholarships](http://www.risingholme.org.nz/scholarships)

Applications close on  
**Tuesday 6 June 2023**

To learn more, please contact:  
ace@risingholme.org.nz  
or call 03 332 7359



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Welcome to our Village Woolston Playcentre

# MESSY PLAY






**Messy Play at Woolston Playcentre**  
Mondays & Fridays, 10am-12noon  
For tamariki aged 0-6 years. Bookings essential.  
Woolston Playcentre, 29 Portman Street, Woolston  
Email: woolston@playcentre.org.nz or text/phone 027 808 7302