

Ōpāwa School Newsletter



Week 11
Term 1

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,

Wow – another term is almost over and it is time to reflect on some of the highlights for the term. On the verandah, we have had sixteen students successfully transitioned to school this term. Completing your first term at primary school is a very big milestone and we are so pleased that our children have settled in so well. They have been wonderfully supported by Rach, Tara and Jeanette. Thank you to our new parents for choosing us to work alongside you and your children. *"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."* **Henry Ford**

In our Year 2/3 area, all of the students and teachers worked collaboratively to complete our entry in the Odering's Garden Show. This required enormous teamwork and was a wonderful learning experience for all of our teachers and students.

In our Year 4-6 area, the community time that we have started this year has been an excellent way for our students to give back to our community. It is important that our children are able to 'give' of their time and skills to both members of our community (Chatswood) and to our environment – gardens, river and playground. I am sure that over the two week break, there will be many opportunities for our children to transfer the things they have learnt through community time at school.

Our senior students have been stunning role models and the senior student leaders in particular have set a very positive tone in and around school. They led the whole school tabloids and also organised the mufti day that raised \$432 for the regeneration of plants in the Port Hills, following the fires. We are very proud of the Year 7/8 students who completed in the Bluelight Police Team Competency competition and came second. Zara and Zane both showing their sprinting prowess by recording the fastest equal times against the speed laser. And Zane placing 5th in the Canterbury swimming champs – 50m freestyle, having only learnt to dive and tumbleturn 2 weeks earlier!

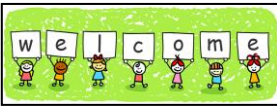
Our teachers have completed over 10 hours of professional learning about Storytelling, alongside teachers from St Marks School and Waltham School. We have learnt how to teach children to re-tell stories and how to sequence and map stories, both verbally and in writing. It has been fantastic hearing about children's excitement and enthusiasm for writing as a result of stories being told to them. We will continue this work next term, as we know that our children are beginning to expand their oral and written language as a result of this different approach to writing. Thank you to our teachers for their commitment and dedication to trying something new and taking risks. You are excellent role models for our 21st century learners!

We are very excited to have Kate McDonald and Rachael Langley joining our teaching team next term. Kate will be teaching in R15 for the rest of this year and Rachael will be teaching R12 for most of next term while Julie O'Neill is on leave.

I hope that you all have a restful and relaxing couple of weeks. If you're able, please take time for yourself and take time with your whānau.
Be safe.

Noho ora mai

Sally



We welcomed AJ and her family to our school recently.

This Term's Highlights

Room 2/3's highlights

Our highlights were making new friends

Room 11's highlights

Sending our thank-you letters to the fire fighters who fought the Port Hills fires, and getting a signed poster and a reply from them.

Training for cross country and graphing the laps of the route we ran.

We changed our reading group to names of fruit. Jen brought along real fruit that we sketched and then ate for lunch!

Room 13's highlights

On Tuesday the 11th April Room 13 took part in a session run by the fantastic people at Jolt Diversity Dance Project. The session was about celebrating difference through dance and challenging perspectives about disability. All of the Room 13 students really enjoyed taking part in the interactive dance. We would all like to thank Michael, Sam, Janelle, Rochelle, Josie, Bidy, Cameron, Lyn & Renee for including us in such a special project. Pictures below:

Room 17's highlights

Kendra (teacher trainee from University of Canterbury), amazing Riverways HL, Blog - lots of sharing our learning with family and whanau, Futsal – we loved the coaching and have some kids with real talent.

Room 19's highlights

Celebrating the success gained by class members with swimming, cross country & out of school achievements. Futsal was popular with all.

Student Council highlights

Support of funds contributed by our community during mufti day, to help restore vegetation on the Port Hills. Successfully planned and implemented Tabloids.



Te Ara Tika O Ōpāwa (The right path for Ōpāwa)

Year 0-3

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. This term's value is Respect- Manaakitanga 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

**Senior Kapahaka Wananga (Rooms 11-19)
Sunday 6th August , 10am – 3pm in the school hall**

(ALL children must attend, so please put this date in your diary now)

School Accounts

At the end of each year your child is given a list of activities that need to be paid during the following year. This gives everyone the opportunity to know what cost they will incur during that year. These fees will be charged to your children's accounts.

Two weeks ago statements were sent to all of our families. To date we have had very little response from a large number of families.

Please contact me ASAP so we can arrange to set up automatic payments or to see if we can help you in some other way. It is surprising how quickly a \$5.00 AP to the school every week clears up the account and starts to show as a credit.

A number of accounts have arrears from 2016. These arrears need to be paid now. PLEASE come and see me if you think there may have been an error made on our behalf.

On a more positive note a HUGE BIG THANK YOU to the families that have paid their accounts.

Leeanne, Ōpāwa School Office Manager

Tabloids / PB4L Event

Thank you very much for participating in the term1 Tabloids run by the Ōpāwa Student Council. We had lots of fun running these activities for the students.

We hope you had plenty of fun and enjoyed yourselves, Also, a big thanks to all the parents who came along and watched and helped out with all the students. We really appreciate all the help that was given to us.

First	Rakaia	344 points
Second	Avon	339 points
Third	Heathcote	335 points
Fourth	Waimakariri	330 points

Results



Ōpāwa School Cross Country Results



On Monday we held our Year 4-8 Cross Country at school. It was great to see the enthusiasm whilst running, and the encouragement from the students. Thank you to the parents who helped make this event possible. Here are our top performers from the day. Further information will follow regarding the zone teams.

Years						
Yr 4 Boys	Camdyn J	Austin McK	Max GD	Ethan S	Nathan C	Dylan F
Yr 5 Boys	Stan J	Brooklyn OC	Damian H	Christian A	Coen N	Conway A
Yr 6 Boys	Keenan D	Bryce S	Hunter N	Emil HH	Rydan G	Dylan F
Yr 7 Boys	Harvey C	Harry S	Kayden D	Shannon A	Lachlan J	Billy J
Yr 8 Boys	Kaito I	Enzo M	Zane N	Caleb WW	Max B	Jesse N
Yr 4 Girls	Chanelle M	Bailie E	Anna K	Tamara OD	Keita H	Sophia M
Yr 5 Girls	Fenella C Saoirse M	Maddie S Hannah F	Alexa G Grace P	Poppy E Ava B	Mya J Ava R	Rhiannon B Chloe M
Yr 6 Girls	Alice M	Lilly E	Nikita W	Ferne H	Hattie McC	Eva T
Yr 7 Girls	Amelia PB	Mya H	Carangel G	Isla H	Rosie H	Milly M
Yr 8 Girls	Zara S	Sui E	Maiko G	Kaitlyn C	Lucy-Rose	Angel C

The South Zone competition will be held in week 3 next term.

After school care

Following Sport Canterbury's decision to withdraw from providing after school care nationwide, we have been working tirelessly to ensure that our students and families have access to quality after school care on our school site from the start of Term 2. At present we have agreed to trial CASPA using our school hall and grounds for Term 2. We will be supporting them to ensure that this is successful and can continue. *Please be aware that the CASPA after school programme is an independently organised and managed after school care programme.*

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the CASPA after school programme please contact Caroline on 03-3499260.

Term Dates for 2017

TERM 1

Thursday 2nd February – Thursday 13th April

TERM 2

Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July

TERM 3

Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September

TERM 4

Monday 16th October – Tuesday 19th December

SCHOOL TERM DATES

UNIFORM PURCHASES

Stephanie from Distributors Direct, will be here next on Thursday the 4th May between 2.45 and 3.30pm in the Library foyer, with a good supply of our uniform items available for families to make purchases.

Our suppliers of uniform are:

- * **Distributors Direct** productquery@gmail.com - 021 559383

Distributors Direct have an excellent website where you can purchase uniforms online now. Go to www.distributorsdirect.co.nz to use this facility.



- * **The Warehouse**, Eastgate Mall, Linwood (short supply of orange polo tops at the moment though)

FREE desktop flat screen monitors in good working condition– come to the school office either today or tomorrow between 2.30 and 3pm (first in first served)



Community News

- **Entertainment Book** - Please help raise money for Child Cancer this year by purchasing the 2017/18 Entertainment Book. See Debbie, Rachael or Lianne in the office, email debbie@opawa.school.nz or phone 022 3191181 to pre-order your book now.

- Wood for sale - \$200 for a regular (caged) trailer load – it's Elm and is from the tree in front of the office, where the 'throne' now rests! Please contact the office to arrange pick up and payment.

Pre-order Now





Our school lunches can be ordered using Lunchonline. This is an online service where parents/caregivers set up their own account, order lunch **and pay online. The lunch is then delivered** to school on a Wednesday in time for our lunch break. Our Food Provider(s) offer healthy choices along with some treat options. So to view the menu or to set up an account and/or place an order, just go control + click below:

www.lunchonline.co.nz

PLEASE REMEMBER SNACKS ARE STILL REQUIRED WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS LUNCH ORDERED

New online ordering will be available from Term 2, 2017

With online ordering there's no need for envelopes, however this option is still available.



To place an order for your child, simply log on to the online system, and follow the instructions below to place an order by 9am each Tuesday.

Visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and select SUBWAY® School Lunch Programme.

Either create an account or login by following the prompts.

Select your school and complete the 'student name' and 'class' fields. You can then choose to start a New Order or choose a favourite order from the list.

Follow steps 1 to 3 to build your sub and add any drinks or sides – remember to select the ingredients you want on the sub.

Confirm your order and pay via *Credit Card*. Please note that no sauce/dressings options are offered, so if you want your child to have a sauce/dressing, then please write your sauce/dressing option in the 'SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS' area in step 4.

Note: if you are placing multiple orders for multiple children, you will need to finalise payment for the first order before starting the process over again to place any subsequent orders. Credit card payment ONLY is accepted

Subway have simplified and nutritionally improved their School Lunch Programme menu to satisfy any picky eaters and are a great way to help get their recommended daily serve of veggies. As you can see we are no longer allowed to offer flavoured milk or juice as part of our School Lunch Programme.

Updated prices

New price will take effect from the beginning of Term 2 2017.

LUNCH MENU

All subs are made on freshly baked white or wheat bread with lettuce, tomato and cucumber as standard.

MINI SUB		SUBWAY 6-INCH SUB		SUBWAY FOOTLONG		SIDES	
Chicken Strips	\$5.50	Chicken Strips	\$6.50	Chicken Strips	\$10.50	Bag of sliced apples	\$2.00
Ham	\$3.60	Ham	\$5.00	Ham	\$8.00		
Roast Beef	\$3.60	Roast Beef	\$5.00	Roast Beef	\$8.00		
Turkey	\$3.60	Turkey	\$5.00	Turkey	\$8.00	Mini Pump	\$2.00
Veggie Delite	\$3.60	Veggie Delite	\$4.50	Veggie Delite	\$7.50	Cookie	\$1.00

New Menu