

Term 3, Week 4
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Kia ora koutou,

It has been lovely to see the sun a bit more and also see some daffodils appearing around the neighbourhood. We are definitely getting closer to spring! With the change of seasons, comes a change in our Office staff. After almost 10 years with us, Leeanne (Office Manager) is moving to a new challenge at Pareawa Banks Avenue. Her last day with us is this Friday. We want to thank Leeanne for her contribution to our school. Leeanne has always tried her best to put our people first - children and whānau / families and staff and she has always been a team player - something we really value. We wish you all the best with your new challenge!

Thanks for your patience while we continue to host plenty of people wearing high vis around our school. It is super exciting (and well overdue) work being completed on our drainage. We are cautiously optimistic that this mahi / work will make a positive difference to our environment and help make a school an even better place to be.

We have lots of great learning opportunities happening at the moment for our ākonga. On Friday we hosted NZ Playhouse and they performed Treasure Island. The purpose of this is to provide our ākonga with a professional theatrical experience - it was educational, engaging and enjoyable with lots of interaction and laughing - so important for us all.

Yesterday we had a group of senior students attend the second of their three sessions at South Learning Centre learning about podcasting. We also had a group of Year 7/8 students attend a 'digifest' event combining our local curriculum and minecraft and today some Year 5/6 students will attend a similar event. These (digifest) events have been driven by our Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning and provide opportunities for our staff and ākonga to learn and connect with other students / staff in our local community.

Thanks to the awesome members of our Home and School team who met last week to map out the remainder of the year. We have calendars being processed; we have pies being made and we are hoping to bring our Big Breakfast back later this term... watch this space!

Enjoy the sun everyone.

Ngā mihi,

Sally



HAERE MAI WELCOME

Welcome to our new students and their
Whānau/families: Corith Rm2.



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 last Monday: Lidia Rm2, Olivia & Quino Rm4, Isabella Rm9 and Mela Rm10.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in mufti with their buddy. The following children were selected: Zarah Rm12, Emma & Cassia Rm13 and Felix, Shayla & Lucy Rm 18.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 3 Dates

Board Hui	9 th Aug
Pasifika Performance Aurora Ctr TBC	19 th Aug
Staff Only Day	25 th Aug
Transition to School Hui	30 th Aug
Big Breakfast	30 th Aug
Strum, Strike, Blow, Christchurch	6 th Sept
Arena 6-7:30pm	
Lit Quiz Somerfield School 12-3pm	13 th Sept
Choir at Haeata 12-2:45pm	13 th Sept
Board Hui	13 th Sept
School Photos	14 th Sept
Cashmere High School Testing Yr8's	14 th Sept

2023 TERM DATES

Term 3	17 th Jul-22 nd Sep
Term 4	9 th Oct-15 th Dec



MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

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

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

**Teachers
Only
Day** 🍏

**Teacher only days:
25th August
20th November**



OPAWA HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

10 great flavours! \$8.50 each



*Chicken, cream cheese & chilli *Steak *Mince, cheese & relish *Vegetarian *Mince
*Apple *Apricot *Apple crumble *Apple & boysenberry *Boysenberry & apple crumble,
with chocolate

Order pies through Lunchonline.co.nz

1. Register an account if you are not already registered:
<https://orders.lunchonline.co.nz/Home/RegisterAccount>
2. Add member/s including your name and classroom
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select School Items and buy your pie

The new look Lunchonline now has Lunch Orders and School Items separate:

Go to School Items (below School Lunches) – Select Member- Start Order.

Drop down on Pies and order!

PIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL ON AUGUST 25TH –ORDERS CLOSE AUGUST 11TH

Email: info@lunchonline.co.nz with any queries

School Lunch Orders


www.lunchonline.co.nz

OPAWA SCHOOL

2023 Term 3 Lunches

**SUSHI EVERY
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY**
order before 8:30am



To open a Lunchonline account..
it's simple all you need to do is register an account at
www.lunchonline.co.nz

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.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



Feedback on the raised crossing upgrade on Opawa Road

Christchurch City Council are inviting community feedback on the raised crossing upgrade on Opawa Road near our kura. There is a short two question survey to complete, we encourage all our school community to fill out the survey – students, parents, caregivers and teaching staff. The link to the survey can be found here –

https://christchurchcc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FiCmk44jNaHQHA

The survey will be open until 23rd August.

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 AI 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 AI 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

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