

Term 4, Week 9
6th December 2023

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Kia ora tātou,

Where has 2023 gone? As we enter the home straight for the year, we have much to be grateful for and we want to thank you for your part in such a successful year for our students and kura / school. Here are some of the highlights from our year:

- The year 3/4 trip to Victoria Square and Margaret Mahy!
- Room 3 worked with Room 18 Buddies to make waka hourua
- The Year 3/4 tūhono performance and then the seniors Tūhono competition
- Watching the ākonga in Room 11 become brave and persevering learners
- Games afternoon with our big buddies
- Swimming
- Senior Kapa Haka group came 2nd overall at the Tūhono Competition at the end of week 7. They also came:
 - 1st- female leader
 - 1st- choral
 - 1st- best small group singers
 - 1st- traditional musical instruments
 - 1st- best student guitarists
 - 3rd- action song
- Room 14 attended the art exhibition 'SHIFT - The Urban Art Takeover' at the Christchurch Museum. They had a great time, were exceptionally behaved, interacted well with another school who was there at the same time, and showed huge respect to the exhibitors and guides.
- 21 Students Graduating from Children's University
- Ki-o-rahi tournament - we won the Te Kotahitanga Award for demonstrating unity through cooperation and teamwork
- South Zone athletics at Hansen Park. Almost 50 students represented our school and six qualified for the Canterbury Champs next week
- Year 8 fun day at Jellie Park
- Year 5/6 students won 'best original music' AND 'school with the 'most personality' at the 'Top of the Pods' Podcasting Competition held recently across Canterbury!

On behalf of our Opawa Crew, I want to extend a really 'meri kirihimete' / 'merry christmas' to you and your whānau and a safe and happy holidays. We look forward to seeing many of you over the next few days at our end of year celebrations and most of you back in early February 2024 for another awesome year together.

Ngā mihi,

Sally





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 4 Dates

Board Meeting	6 th Dec
Tabloids 11.45-1pm	8 th Dec
Home & School Picnic at school 5-7pm	8 th Dec
Reports & 2024 class placement	11 th Dec
Letters sent home	
Year 8 Leavers Assembly	13 th Dec
Year 8 Activities & Dinner	13 th Dec
Last Day 12 noon finish	15 th Dec

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1	
Personal Learning Plan hui (PLP)	1 st & 2 nd Feb
Staff Only Day	5 th Feb
Waitangi Day	6 th Feb
Classes Begin	7 th Feb

Te Kura o Ōpāwaho/Opawa School Personal Learning Plan (PLP) HUI February 1st and 2nd 2024

Each hui is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time for each meeting with your child.

Booking your PLP

The booking website will open Monday 11th December 2023 at 4 pm & will close Monday 29th January 2024, at 9 pm.

1. Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **KUTJEUQG**, and click **Go**.
2. Enter your name, email address, and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you need to book a PLP with by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the **Book Interviews** button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the **Book** button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.
6. Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking **My Interviews** at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews.



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



Uniform Update

We are rolling out new skorts and shorts which are now black. Either the old or the new can be worn and are available at Mainland Uniforms.



Term 4 school-wide important dates:

(Print out and pop on your fridge)

Week 9

- Wednesday 6 December - Board meeting
- Friday 8 December - Tabloids 11.45-1pm (whānau welcome) more information to come
- Friday 8 December - Home and School picnic 5-7pm at school

Week 10

- Monday 11 December - Reports and 2024 class placement letters sent home
- Wednesday 13 December - Year 8 Leavers Assembly 10-11am. Yr8 Whānau invites to follow
- Wednesday 13 December Year 8 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Thursday 14 December - Year 7/8 Fun Day at school (wear school uniform and bring a change of clothes)
- Friday 15 December - school finishes at 12 noon



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

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ADVENTURE BACK TO SCHOOL DELIVERY



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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 pretend 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

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

Venues: Canterbury Uni & St Andrews College

Dates: 8th - 11th & 15th - 18th January

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 14th December

Siblings Save 6%





Opawa Community Church Carol Singing

Join the Stedfast Brass 6pm Friday 15 December

cnr Aynsley Tce and Opawa Rd, wet or fine

Sausage sizzle, scones and drinks for sale from 5.30pm

Bring your own seat / rug and a picnic dinner with you

Our Op Shop will also be open 15 December 4- - 6pm

Christmas Day 9am worship in the church



COMMUNITY dental service



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

Community Dental Service will be closed for the holiday period:

Closed from: Monday 25 December 2023

Reopen: Monday 08 January 2024

Four of our community dental clinics will be open during January 2024 (from Monday 8 January 2024 – Friday 26 January 2024):

Northcote (24 Tuckers Road)
Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
Hillmorton (80-82 Sylvan Street)
Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you back

Kirihimete KOHA KAI

HELP A WHĀNAU HAVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

How can you help?

Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust is arranging 200 Christmas meal boxes to be delivered to whānau this Christmas. Our Kirihimete Koha Kai Box contains everything whānau need to make a special Christmas meal.

Every gift, big or small is gratefully accepted.

Monetary donations can be given online at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/koha-kai>

Donations can be dropped off to:
Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust
Level 3, 7 Winston Ave, Papanui or we can collect.

For more information, please contact
Candice on kohakai@tepuawaitanga.maori.nz or 021 974 382

If you are interested in donating to this kaupapa please get in touch.



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How can you help?

Please get in touch if you can donate one, two or more of:

Jelly x 200

Gravy x 200, 3-pack roast meat flavour

Boxes of stuffing x 200

Tinned beetroot x 350

Tinned fruit salad, large x 100, small x 200

Pavlova x 200

Christmas pudding x 200

Fruit/Vegetable store gift cards

Catering boxes of butter x6

Catering boxes of mini salt and pepper x2

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Te Puawaitanga
ki Ōtautahi Trust

We are also accepting monetary donations.

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The Joy of Christmas



49 Malcolm Avenue, Beckenham, Christchurch
On Saturday & Sunday - 2nd and 3rd December 2023
between 10am and 3pm

To revel in the beauty of this Cottage decorated especially for Christmas.
A truly delightful experience for Christmas lovers of all ages...
Entry fee \$5 only - Children free



All proceeds to Good Night Sleep Tight Charitable Trust

