

Term 1, Week 4
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Kia ora tātou!

We have had a very purposeful couple of weeks, with our main focus being getting to know one another and settling into our class and school-wide routines. Our new staff, students and whānau have been warmly welcomed and it hardly feels like this is their first year with us! Thanks to our fabulous Home and School (aka PTA) who hosted our community picnic last Friday night. This is an important tradition at our kura / school and is a fabulous way to connect and build whakawhanaungatanga / relationships - especially at the start of a new school year.

This year we are continuing to work alongside our Maths mentors for the second year (of three years). Kelly and Mon from DMiC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities - Massey University) worked with us last year too. The impact of this approach to teaching maths on the engagement of our students in maths lessons has been incredibly positive and our students are also now performing better in maths - from how they were performing at the beginning of 2022.

Finally and arguably most importantly, we want to acknowledge the huge challenges that Cyclone Gabrielle has created up north - and the challenges that will continue for some time. As a school community, we are very familiar with these types of 'events' and we are sending our best wishes to all those who are affected. Ironically it was this very day, almost to the minute (as I write this), in 2011 that our city experienced the life changing Christchurch earthquake. Whilst many of us have moved on from this tragedy, the memories and the impact of that event, are never far from our minds - nor the lessons learnt. Kia kaha to all!

Please remember that this Friday is a non uniform day to recognise and raise funds for those affected by 'Gabrielle'. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Ngā mihi,
Sally



Best wishes to Whaea Tracy and her rōpū (group) who are called Te Ahikaaroa. They're performing on Friday at 10.35 - 11.05am. The performances are being streamed live on [TVNZ](https://www.tvnz.co.nz) or [Māori Television](https://www.maori-television.co.nz). Also, this year, the organisers of Te Matatini have created a 'Haka Translate' which translates the brackets into English. To access just go to the [Te Matatini website](https://www.te-matatini.co.nz) and click the link at the top of the page.

HAERE MAI WELCOME

Welcome to our new students and their
Whānau/families: Emmett, Fern & Mila 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: Quino Rm1, Isla & Lillie Rm4, Devon Rm5 and Abel & Ella Rm10.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in mufti with their buddy. The following children were selected: Thom Rm13, Austin, Rory & Louie Rm17 and James & Benjamin Rm19.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1 Dates

BOT Meeting	TBC
Whānau Hui 5:30-7pm	1 st Mar
Paid Union Meeting	2 nd Mar afternoon
Swimming Sports at Waltham	2 nd Mar
Postponement	6 th Mar
HPV Vaccinations Yr 7/8	7 th Mar
Zones Swimming Sport	13 th Mar
Canterbury Swimming Sports	6 th Apr

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1	30 th Jan-6 th Apr
Term 2	24 th Apr-30 th Jun
Term 3	17 th Jul-22 nd Sep
Term 4	9 th Oct-15 th Dec

Out of Zone Enrolments Term 2 2023

If you have a child due to start school in **Term 2, 2023, and** you live outside our enrolment zone, you need to have completed an Out of Zone Application Form by **4pm, Wednesday, March 8th** (*this includes children who already have siblings at Te Kura o Ōpāwaho/Opawa School and live outside our zone*).

Please ring the school office, 3326374, and arrange for an Out of Zone enrolment form to either be sent home or collected from the school office.



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.

School Lunch Orders



Lunches

Sushi Factory every Wednesday & Friday

Order sushi before 8.30am

Delicious lunches delivered to your school

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

www.lunchonline.co.nz

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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



School lunch programme

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



Cornelia Didenco

VIOLIN TUITION

Born in Moldova, one of the ex-Soviet Union republics. Academical degree, Graduated of Moldavian State Conservatorium: Diploma in Speciality String Instruments – Violin, Soloist interpreter/ Symphonic Orchestra Artist/ Chamber Ensemble Artist/ Music Teacher.

Violin player of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, solo and chamber group performer, leader of the Resonance Ensemble.

More than 30 years teaching experience and 27 of playing in Symphony orchestra in both countries Moldova and New Zealand.

During the time in Moldavian Symphony Orchestra performed in La Scala, Sala Verdi in Milano. Has also, performed on other, prestigious stages in Italy, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Romania.

Being in New Zealand, has toured with CSO to Japan. Performed with CSO on the same stage with such celebrities as Dianna Krall, Cliff Richard, George Benson, Serj Tankian, Andrea Bocelli.

Currently teaching at CSM, SDMS, St.Martins, Te kura o Ōpāwaho/Opawa School, Hillview Christian school and privately both Violin and Viola, Theory of Music.

Cornelia Didenco came to New Zealand, 19 years ago. Married. 3 children. Enjoying family activities, gardening, cooking, accompanied by two cats and two cockatiels.

Speaks languages: Moldavian/Romanian, Russian, English.

Fees \$40 - individual 30 min. or group of two students \$20 each (beginners)
 \$26 - individual 20 min.
 Group of three students \$15 each for 30 min. (beginners)

Contact number 021 1047711

Email address didencocornelia@hotmail.com

WORK READINESS FOR WOMEN **COURSE STARTS 23 FEB 2023**

This five-week short course is a fantastic way to kick-start your journey into a new career pathway, it will support women looking for a change, entering the workforce or restarting their careers. Please enrol in the course via:

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HAVE A GO DAY!

LINWOOD RUGBY CLUB AND TAMAI SPORTS ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A RUGBY 'HAVE A GO DAY'.

THIS WILL BE RUN AS A RUGBY FESTIVAL WHERE TEAMS ENTERED BY SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE IN GAMES OF TOUCH, RIPPY AND/OR TACKLE.

DATE: FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023

TIME: TBC

LOCATION: LINFIELD PARK

AGES: YEAR 0-8

INCLUDED IN THE DAY:

- BUSES FROM SCHOOL TO VENUE
- BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- FACE PAINTING
- BRAIDS & FADES
- BOOT BAGS & OTHER TREATS
- CERTIFICATES WITH QR CODE
- SOUND SYSTEM

COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING



A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our lessons will expand your child's horizons. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era. Learning to code is great for student's brains as it develops regions of the brain associated with both math and language. Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world.

WHO

Students aged 9 to 18

WHAT

Beginner and advanced coding lessons where students learn to create technology

WHEN & WHERE

Online at home
One hour per week
4pm, 5pm, or 6pm weekdays

APPLY NOW (Free Trial Lessons Available)

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codingnz.com

 **Christchurch Envirokids**

UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

WHEN?: Anytime from 10AM - 3PM

WHERE?: Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

FREE



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E-waste Hands-On Learning with EcoTech

This is a hands-on experience where we will discuss the importance of dealing with e-waste in a responsible way.



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Envirokids Valentines Upcycle Crafting with Creative Junk

Get crafty with Envirokids and Creative Junk and make special Valentines Day gifts for your loved ones.



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Become a Cloud Expert!

We will learn all about the different types of clouds and what role they play in our every day lives.



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International Polar Bear Day

Learn all about polar bears, their habitats, and how climate change is affecting them.

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Years 5 to 13

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Junior Registration Sunday 12 March

9am – 12pm in the Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

Please register your child online through our website before you come - see link in post

Then pop down to our junior registration morning so your child can be weighed, try on their team jersey, jacket or shorts for correct sizings. There is limited old stock of shorts and socks; new stock can now be purchased through our online store.

See you there!



Registrations are Open for the 2023 Season!!!

We are a family friendly club with teams for all ages and abilities.

Year 3 - Year 6

NO TRIALS - teams are put together based on skill, school and friends.

*Ensure to put information on the registration form with your player's ability, school, and friends who would like to be in a team together so we can organise this as best we can.

Year 7 and 8

TRIALS will be held on Sunday 5th March and Sunday 12th March at Hagley courts.

Year 7: 5th March 9.00am-11.30am ; 12th March 1pm-3pm

Year 8: 5th March 10.00am-12.00pm ; 12th March 1pm-3pm

Important Change for 2023 Year 7 & 8 Trials

Please note that trialling is optional for being placed in a team.

However, if you wish to be considered for the Year 7 & Year 8 A & B teams then you must trial. See our website for further important details and note you must be registered prior to attending trials and before being allocated to a team. We strongly recommend attending both trials, and if your player can't a trial its important the Club is informed by emailing cashmerenetball@hotmail.com with details of which trial you can and which trial you can't attend (this enables selectors to manage trials fairly for all).

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and Website for further updates.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cashmerenetballclub>

EVENING SPRINT HANSEN PARK & SCHOOLS

Summer Sprint series 2023

Tuesday 14 March 2023

Map: Hansen Park & schools
Event Type: Evening Sprint
Planner: Jack Vetcher & Greta Prince
Controller: Sara Prince

Evening Sprint. Hansen Park & schools.

Three sprint orienteering courses (distance 1.5km - 3km), with something to suit everyone, from beginners to experts. Includes easy course for those who are new to the sport and would like to give it a go. All welcome! Event suitable for the whole family.

For entry details, payments, costs and event timings see the sprint series website: <https://papo.org.nz/series/view/32/summer-sprint-series-2023>

Travel directions & Parking:

Event will be based on Riverlaw Terrace, to the south of Hansen Park (across the Heathcote River). Near to 364 Riverlaw Terrace.

Park on Riverlaw Terrace or adjacent residential streets.

Dogs under effective control are allowed.



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SATURDAY 4TH MARCH
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1PM KICK OFF

