

Term 1, Week 4
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Kia ora tātou!

We have had a very purposeful start to the year, with our main focus being getting to know one another and settling into our class and school-wide routines. Our new kaimahi/staff, ākonga/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 whakawhanaungatanka/relationships - especially at the start of a new school year.

This year we are continuing to work alongside two of our essential external partners to continue to ensure success for all ākonga/students through collaboration and inclusive education. The Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) are supporting our team to embed The Executive Functioning Toolkit into our daily teaching and learning programmes. The impact of this approach will have life long benefits for all learners. Mana Ake provide wellbeing support for ākonga/students in primary school years 1-8 across Canterbury. Currently, they are supporting, whānau, individual ākonga/students and small groups to develop their ability to understand and manage emotions (big and small), worries (big and small), parental separation, grief and loss and friendship/relationship challenges. Below is information about Mana Ake, what they offer and how to access their support.

CSM music lessons are underway for a number of our Years 5 to 8 ākonga/students. Thank you to Hamish for liaising with Jody and her team. Remember that any Years 5 to 8 ākonga/students can sign up for the band programme at any time, should they wish to join. You simply scan the QR barcode on the flyer that went home, the post below, or the poster on the office window.

Finally, we would like to introduce our Student Council Executive. Chairperson - Mali, Deputy Chairperson - Olive, Secretary - Lucy and Treasurer - Cooper. An aspect of what they and the wider council do, what they are planning to do, and how they support and enhance life at our kura/school will become a regular fortnightly feature in our newsletter in the "Student Council Corner"

Noho ora mai,
Shevaun and the Ōpāwaho team.





Welcome to our new ākonga/students and their whānau/families:
 Room 1: Alyssa, Efie, Finn, Ramsey, Willa, Zagan
 Room 2: Ben, Caela, Caspar, Genelia, Katie, Oscar, Taua
 Room 3: Charlie, Colm, Felix, Khylo, Mali, Thea, Thomas
 And across the school Sophia, Xavier, Luca, Miya, Alba, Jaliyah, Esmae, Leah, Ātarea, Nidhi, Issa, Iona

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1 Dates

Board Hui	28 th Feb 7pm
Swimming Sports Waltham Pool	1 st Mar
Swimming Sports Postponement	5 th Mar
Zones Swimming Sports	11 th Mar
Tabloids (TBC)	Mar/April
Colour Your Day	22 nd March
Good Friday	29 th Mar
Easter Monday	1 st Apr
Easter Tuesday	2 nd Apr
Last Day of Term 1	12 th April

2024 TERM DATES

Term 2	29 th Apr – 5 th Jul
Term 3	22 nd Jul – 27 th Sep
Term 4	14 th Oct – 18 th Dec

NB – There will also be two additional Staff Only Days at dates yet to be determined in line with Ministry of Education requirements. These will not need to be 'made up' as they are part of the Ministry allocated time to teachers for Curriculum professional learning.

JOIN THE BAND!

CSM Outreach Programme

Flute! Clarinet! Saxophone!
Trumpet! Trombone! French Horn!
Bass Guitar! Percussion!

Christchurch School of Music
A Hui Hui

Your child can learn to play an instrument at school with the CSM Outreach Band Programme!

Children who learn music build confidence, increase their learning abilities, sharpen organizational skills and gain valuable social, physical and academic skills. Most importantly learning an instrument in the band is fun!

Scan the QR CODE to go to the enrolment form

TO ENROL:
www.csm.org.nz/enrol & select 'Outreach Band Programme'
 Or, call (03) 356 1711 / email office@csm.org.nz & outreachband@csm.org.nz



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.

We offer an initial 'Drop In' opportunity (this can be face to face or by phone) to chat through concerns/issues. At this time we decide on the best way to support you moving forward.

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

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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



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

KIDS IN THE CITY

20 - 28 Welles Street
Saturday 9th March 2024
10.30am - 3.00pm
Entry by donation

Brought to you by Red and The Wailer

COME EAT, PLAY AND SHOP AT OUR NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY, POP UP MARKET IN ŌTAUTAHU CHRISTCHURCH

KIDS IN THE CITY

Exciting news! There's a fantastic new market in town, and you won't want to miss out on the fun.

What's on offer?
High-quality stallholders for the best shopping experience
Local eateries to try
Face painting and bouncy castles for endless entertainment
And the best part? No tickets needed—just bring a donation and you're in!

Additional perks:
Ample street and paid parking available
Pram-friendly for our littlest attendees
Dog-friendly

Worried about the weather? Don't be! We've got a backup date if needed, and we'll announce it over on our Facebook page if required.

Mark your calendars, spread the word.

We'll see you there!

EAT. PLAY. SHOP

WELLES STREET

COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING LESSONS

A BRIGHT FUTURE
In coding lessons, your child will learn useful technology skills which help prepare them for success in our increasingly digital world. They'll have fun creating cool games while learning to code from expert tutors.

AGES
9 to 11
12 & 13
14 to 16
17 to adult

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SUNDAY 7TH APRIL
SOUTH HAGLEY PARK, CHRISTCHURCH

7 - 10 YEARS:
RUN 1KM
CYCLE 4KM
RUN 500M

11 - 15 YEARS:
RUN 2KM
CYCLE 4KM
RUN 1KM

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The Athlete's Foot **pushbikes** **INOVO PROJECTS**

COVID-19 **COVID-19** **COVID-19**

RIP INTO IT
CANTERBURY RUGBY!

3:30pm **14 AND 21 MARCH** **Malvern Park**
Tamariki years 3 - 8 180 Immes Road, St Albans

Register for this free event!

Colour your Day

FRIDAY 22 MARCH
BREAK OUT YOUR BRIGHTEST OUTFIT TO HELP KIDS STAND UP FOR STANDING OUT

Colour your Day
Supporting E To Tangata
Tackling Tūi Poppy Syndrome in Aotearoa