

Term 1, Week 2
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Te Kura o Ōpāwaho-Opawa School

Newsletter

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Kia ora tātou!

Nau mai, hoki mai - Welcome back to 2024!

The year has started incredibly well, with our ākonga/students settling into their new classes. Personal Learning Plan hui were very well supported, which helped our ākonga/students transition positively, and with greater confidence, to their new year level, and for some, their new class and kaiako/teacher. We all want to send a huge thank you to you, for supporting this very important beginning of the year process.

We warmly welcome 29 new ākonga/students and their whānau! We are excited that you have chosen our kura/school to be on this learning journey with you.

We also warmly welcome Jorjia Pender teaching in Room 17 (Year 7/8), Jo Gilbert teaching Monday - Wednesday in Room 8, with Tara Bigelow teaching Thursday & Friday (Year 3/4), Abbey Mountford, our new Office Manager, Valilea Taase and Rosie Saama supporting our ākonga/students as Teacher Aides, and we welcome back Tina Vea from maternity leave. Tina is part of our Teacher Aide team also.

Today the whole kura/school had the opportunity to welcome our new tamariki, whānau and staff at our mihi whākatau. We are very grateful for the ongoing support Hēmi Te Hēmi provides us, as we value this very special process of acknowledging and welcoming the new members of our kura/school whānau.

Our topic this term is Whānau. Learning also focuses on exploring and developing our understanding of our Cultural Narrative (Whole School), Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Years 3 - 8), establishing a positive learning environment and developing relationships through investigating 'Who am I?' and how to form positive connections (Whole School).

The kaiako/teachers are providing opportunities for the tamariki to develop their Executive Functioning skills. This is a set of mental skills that include working memory, flexible thinking, and self-control. We use these skills every day to learn, work, and manage daily life. Trouble with executive function can, make it hard to focus, follow directions, and handle emotions, among other things. Some people describe executive function as "the management system of the brain." That's because the skills involved let us set goals, plan, and get things done. When people struggle with executive function, it impacts them at home, in school, and in life. Through fun games, activities and exercises we can all strengthen our executive function.

To finish our first newsletter I would like share the following whakatauki: Ma te kotahitaka, e whai kaha ai tātau.
In unity, we have strength.

Have an awesome weekend and thanks for being part of our fabulous Te Kura o Ōpāwaho.

Ngā mihi,
Shevaun and the Ōpāwaho team.

JOIN THE BAND!

CSM Outreach Programme



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



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) 366 1711 / email office@csm.org.nz & outreachband@csm.org.nz

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1 Dates

Community Picnic	16 th Feb
Whanau Group Hui	21 st Feb 5.30pm
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.

Whānau Hui

Wednesday 21st February at 5.30pm

All parents and whānau are welcome to our first Whānau Hui for 2024.

We will meet in the staffroom at 5.30pm and start with a shared kai. (Please bring a plate to share).

Following this we will move to the library for a meeting, to discuss events and activities for the year.

Your input and ideas are important, so if you are unable to attend but have some ideas to share, please email these through.

Nau mai, haere mai!

email Whaea Tracy if you are able to come as I will organise a juicie for the tamariki.

tracy@opawa.school.nz

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

**Scholastic NZ Issue 1
closes on Friday 23rd
February**



Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School Uniform and Dress Code

Our uniform supplier is: Mainland Uniforms
189 Peterborough Street
Phone: 377-6771

Please see <http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html> for the full Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School uniform.

Uniform

Our kura/school has a compulsory uniform. All tamariki/children are expected to maintain a high standard of pride in their appearance and are required to wear correct uniform at all times. We ask for full parental support in ensuring the correct uniform is worn.

We are currently transitioning from the sand colour to black for the following items (both are acceptable):

- Black or Sand cargo shorts, cargo longs, skort
- We are transitioning away from the skirt and pinafore – both are still acceptable
- Opawa orange polo top
- Gunmetal grey long sleeved under garment
- Opawa Polar Fleece
- Black Senior jacket for Year 7 & 8 only
- Socks/tights - plain navy, black or white.
- Shoes must be black, brown or predominantly white trainers, leather shoes or sandals.
- Please note: Crocs are not suitable footwear for school use
- Plain black or sand hat – bucket, wide brimmed or cap (school label only – no other logos).
- Grey beanie (Winter)

Dress code

- The uniform should be clean, tidy and named.
- Only the long sleeved Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School under-garment (gunmetal grey) should be visible under the Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School polo shirt.
- School sun hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- No nail polish and/or makeup to be worn at school.
- Coloured hair is not appropriate.
- Hair Accessories: plain black, navy or Ōpāwaho orange headbands, ties, ribbons, bows or clips. Ties, ribbons, bows or clips to be no larger 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 plain 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

School Lunch Orders

Please remember we are a water only school. Snacks will still need to be provided if lunch is being ordered.



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)



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.

Community News

Courageous Conversations And Reiki Healing

Guidance, Clarity, Self Discovery, Healing

Julez Aitken
Intuitive Reiki Healer
Life & Wellness Coach

027 449 5869

reikiwithjulez@gmail.com



STOKED - GIVE SURFING A GO!



After school and weekend
lessons



SEND US AN EMAIL FOR MORE INFO

HELLO@STOKEDSURFSCHOOL.CO.NZ



TERM ONE 2024

Trailblazers is an initiative that utilises the power of running and the magic of nature to help rangatahi develop self-confidence, social and emotional skills, leadership, determination, and resilience to stress.

Rangatahi will actively participate and challenge themselves to complete events, gain a strong sense of belonging, develop positive relationships and experience great achievement.

The program is open to children of all abilities in school years 5-10, from the age of 10+. No previous running experience required.

We will be exploring the beautiful trails around Ōtautahi Christchurch from 4.00pm on Tuesdays.

**CONTACT US
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

AOTEAROA.TRAILBLAZERS@GMAIL.COM



2024 AUDITIONS!

*Are you a girl aged 10-17
who loves to sing?*

**Girls' Choir Ōtautahi rehearses at
The Arts Centre on Wednesdays
5.30-7.30pm (during term-time)**

**Auditions for new members will take place on
Wednesday 14 February
5pm - 7.30pm**

CONTACT US
chchgirlschoir@gmail.com
**for more information or to
book an audition time**