

Ōpāwa School Newsletter

Week 1
Term 1

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,

A very warm welcome back to our children, families and whānau. It has been wonderful catching up with you all over the two days of Personal Learning Plan meetings. A special welcome to our new students and their whānau, mentioned below. We will formally welcome you at our Pōwhiri on Friday at 9.15am.

We have the privilege of welcoming Jen Purves to our team. Jen is teaching Year 4/5 in Room 11 and is an avid sportswoman who has recently re-located to Christchurch from Waihi. Jen grew up in Hunterville near Wanganui, studied at the University of Canterbury and brings a love of literacy to our team at Ōpāwa School.

This year our student executive team leading our student council are:

Kaito Ito - Chairperson
Chloe Gunn-Hurst – Deputy Chairperson
Maiko Graham – Secretary
Jack Utteridge Davie – Treasurer

These young leaders are the 'face of our school' and together they will provide student voice and leadership to the rest of our Ōpāwa voyagers. I am excited about working with them in their new roles for the next 12 months and know that they will be dynamic and play a key role in strengthening our school RIVER values and culture.



This term our learning focus is 'me and you time' – 'he wā mō koe, he mō au' and the value that we are focussing on is Manaakitanga – Respect. Our February focus is forming strong and positive relationships with every child in our class and you, as their whānau. We will be establishing clear routines and expectations within each class and across learning teams. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these, so that you can support your child with their preparation for learning each day.

We are continuing with our 'play, eat, learn' focus this year. As part of this, our 'Think to drink: drink to think' strategy will continue and all students will receive a free Sistema water bottle. These will arrive later this week. *Please provide your child(ren) with their own water bottle to begin the year with.*

Our water fountains are also more functional this year as some have been repaired and others replaced.

This is an exciting new chapter in our school's journey! We look forward to working closely with you this year - to support and encourage all of our students as we nurture lifelong learning. Have a lovely week everyone.

Noho ora mai,
Sally



Pōwhiri (Formal Welcome) for new families and staff to Ōpāwa School

On Friday 10 February at 9.15 am the school community would like to formally welcome all new staff and whānau (families) to Ōpāwa School. This involves our new staff and whānau, if they are able to attend, meeting at the Louisson Place gate at 9.10am, where a Whānau Group committee member will meet and explain the process further. All whānau family members are then invited for a 'cuppa' in the staffroom as the children will return to their class for a snack, before their learning begins. Current Ōpāwa School whānau are welcome to come along and support our Pōwhiri. There will be extra seating for you on the bottom court alongside the classes and teachers.
Nau mai, haere mai.

We welcome the following students and their Whānau:

Coco Moulton-Smith	Room 2	Vianne Burrows	Room 8	Johnny Stokes	Room 17
Felix Fox	Room 2	Neirin Pugh	Room 8	Angel Cocks	Room 17
Louie Drummond	Room 2				
Ava Stone-Howard-		Henry Holsonback	Room 9	Jorja Hutton	Room 18
Wealleans	Room 2				
Addison Dalkie	Room 2	Bella Pheasant	Room 10	Holly Hutton	Room 19
Austen Renall	Room 2	Zach Carmichael	Room 10		
Romeo Halliday	Room 2				
Jessica Chapman	Room 2	Ava Burrows	Room 12		
Olive Hutcheson	Room 2				
Lucy Thompson	Room 2	Briannah Dunn	Room 15		
Izzy Coles	Room 2				



WELL DONE to Sophia Coles in Room 12 for having her artwork published in Toitoti Issue 6. Toitoti is a national journal for young writers and artists, by and for young New Zealanders aged 5-13.

Great effort Sophia!



CSM (Christchurch School of Music and Ōpāwa School are excited about starting a new band for Year 5-8 students who are new (or fairly new) to playing music.

What: weekly 30 minute lesson plus an hour band practise all within the school day. Instruments include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone.

When: Weekly for 32 weeks of the school year

Where: Ōpāwa School

Who: Qualified tutors employed by CSM

How: For more information, please speak with Sally or Wendy about this wonderful opportunity or visit the CSM website – <http://www.csm.org.nz/>

Cost: \$20/week (\$590/year) or \$10/week (\$245/year) with a Community Services card

Students can hire instruments for an additional cost, or provide their own instruments. We can assist with this if necessary.



On Monday 13th February the children in Year 2 – 5 will have the opportunity to find out about learning a string instrument – violin or cello. Anne Robinson from the CSM (Christchurch School of Music) will bring her tutors to play a little and talk about the lessons.

Lessons take place during school time.

There is a cost for the lessons and instrument hire.

Parents of potential students are welcome to come along to meet and chat with Anne and her team.

When: 13th February

Time: 9.05am for the demonstration. Anne will be available until 11am

Where: School Hall.



Let's get musical

Te Ara Tika O Ōpāwa (The right path for Ōpāwa)

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values 'This terms value is Respect- Manaakitanga and each fortnight six children are selected to have a pizza lunch with Sally in the principal's office. The pizzas are generously sponsored by Cassels and sons - The Brewery.

2017 Year 8 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can cause several cancers affecting both men and women later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting this virus. Starting 2017, both girls and boys in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme.

A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4. The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme.

To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information today. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack and return it to school before next Monday the 13th February. For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at 03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv.

Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day

On Wednesday the 15th of February we are participating in the annual 'Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day'. We hope the day creates an opportunity for our school to promote an on-going interest in active travel to and from school, which will have a positive impact on the well-being of our students. Entry forms coming home tomorrow.

This year each family participating can go in the draw for a \$25 Warehouse voucher and stickers will be given to students who walk, cycle or scoot to school to reward their individual efforts.

Ōpāwa staff will set up 4 designated drop off areas around our community at 8.30am. This is where students and parents can meet a few teachers and then walk into school together. If you live further away, we encourage you to park your car about 10 minutes' walk away from school, and walk with your child/children to school together.

The four areas will be-

1. Corner of Grange St and Aynsley Tce
2. Corner of Ōpāwa Rd and Hawford Road
3. Under rail bridge on Clarendon Tce
4. Hawford Rd entrance to Hansons Park

We look forward to seeing you all. Happy travels!



Term Dates for 2017

TERM 1

Thursday 2nd February – Thursday 13th April

TERM 3

Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September

TERM 2

Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July

TERM 4

Monday 16th October – Tuesday 19th December

UNIFORM PURCHASES

Stephanie from Distributors Direct, will be here tomorrow the 9th February between 2.45 and 3.30pm in the Library foyer, with a good supply of our uniform items available for families to make purchases.

Our suppliers of uniform are:

- * **Distributors Direct** productquery@gmail.com - 021 559383

Distributors Direct have an excellent website where you can purchase uniforms online now. Go to www.distributorsdirect.co.nz to use this facility.

- * **The Warehouse**, Eastgate Mall, Linwood



**Remember school uniform hats must be worn during terms 1 and 4.
They must be plain hats - beige or black with no logos except for Ōpāwa School.**



School Lunches



Subway – available for lunch every Tuesday, starting next Tuesday the 14th February. Please put the correct money (*Subway does not give change*) into one of the Subway envelopes available from your child's classroom or the office display stand then put it into the plastic envelope kept in your child's class **before 9.00am each Tuesday**. (Please note school office staff cannot change money).



This service is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents can register at www.lunchonline.co.nz If you haven't used Lunchonline yet Lunchonline allows parents, caregivers and students to order school lunches over the

internet.

It's simple to open your Lunchonline account, just visit www.lunchonline.co.nz and register. You will be asked to transfer \$20 minimum to open your account and then you are set to order from the menu provided.

Lunches are provided by Sydenham Bakery and are delivered fresh to the school in time for lunch.

Next term the items available through Lunchonline will be updated to align with our schools policy about food and nutrition

Ōpāwa Home & School

The first Home & School meeting will be held on Monday the 13th February, commencing at 7pm in the staffroom.

We're a fun/friendly and focussed group of parents who support Ōpāwa School to run community events.

Everyone is welcome to join. We would love to see you on Monday at our first meeting for the year.



Community News

- **Children's Day - 5th March 2017 – 11am till 3pm Sunday**

Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Ave. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there website for more information <http://bethere.co.nz/event/24257>



- **Sydenham Rugby Club 2017 Junior Registration Dates**

Junior registrations Boys and Girls (Under 6 to Under 18) will be held in the Sydenham Lounge at the Cashmere Club, 88 Hunter Terrace, Cashmere.

Wednesday 1 March 2017 from **4pm to 8.00pm**

Sunday 5th March 2017 from **10am to 2pm**

Please complete a new registration or update your existing online registration information and pay your subscription at www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz Birth certificates are required for all new members..

Jackets and jerseys will be fitted on registrations days and shorts and socks will be available to purchase at this time.

- **PLAY FOOTBALL FOR FERRYMEAD BAYS IN 2017 - the season is here...**

For kids who want to play football this year - boys and girls of all ages - Ferrymead Bays Football has a lot to offer. Check out our website www.ferrymeadbaysfootball.co.nz for details of Term 1 programmes, information regarding the season and registration procedures. Any queries, please email Club Captain Ren Cameron at ren-dee@xtra.co.nz or call on 021-0661294.