

Term 1, Week 2
8th February 2023

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Kia ora tātou!

Welcome back to 2023! The year has started incredibly well, with our students settling in well to their new classes. We have a healthy number of new students and whānau and staff. A very warm welcome to you all and to our four new staff -

Alice teaching in Room 13 (Year 5/6)

Hamish teaching in Room 9 (Year 3/4 Team Leader - Junior School)

Joseph teaching in Room 18 (Year 7/8)

Valentine (Val) - Teacher Aide and Sports Co-Ordinator

In other staffing news, we sadly farewell both Carole and Martha from their respective support staff roles. Carole has been a member of our school community for about 20 years - both as a staff member and as a parent. Carole will continue to be part of our community as she lives locally. Martha will stay connected to our kura when she can, but this year she will be focusing on her rugby career - with both Matatū and Western Force for their respective Super Rugby competitions both here and in Australia. We wish both Carole and Martha all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their contributions to our kura / school.

We are fortunate that Isaiah and Val will share the Sports Co-Ordinator role with my support. Both Isaiah and Val have backgrounds in Sport and both will also work as Teacher Aides for part of their week.

Our ki waha for term one is - Aukaha, kia kaha / Strengthen, be strong and you will hear our students and staff using this in and around our kura / school. Our Whakatauki for Term one is:

Hutia te rito o te harakeke
Kei whea te kōmako, e kō?
Kī mai ki ahau,
"He aha te mea nui o te ao?"
Māku e kī atu,
"He takata, he takata,
He takata!"

Which means



If you remove the heart of the flax bush
From where will the Bellbird sing?
If you say to me,
"What is the most important thing
In this world?"
I will reply to you,
"It is people, it is people,
It is people!"

Playground update - good things take time! We are working tirelessly with our Playground Team, designer and builder to get this built... watch this space..

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

Ngā mihi,

Sally



Welcome to our new students and their Whānau/families: Ella, Ezekiel, Finnegan, Hazel, Leo, Marcus, Rosie, Simon, Tadhj, and Zac Rm1, Leighla Rm3, Lillie & Remi Rm4, Reggie Rm 9, William Rm13, Sam, Phoenix & Paige Rm14, Ryan Rm18 and Stephanie Rm19

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1 Dates

HAS Meeting 7pm	8 th Feb
School Community Picnic	17 th Feb
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



MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

Mana Ake 'Phone Call' opportunity

What is it? This is an opportunity to receive a phone from Alisha Keith one of our Mana Ake's 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.

Issue 1 closes on Friday 24th February

School Lunch Orders



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Order sushi before 8.30am

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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



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

Phone: 377-6771

Uniform Dress:

Students are expected to take pride in

- Please see <http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html> for the full Ōpāwa School Uniform Policy.
- The uniform should be clean, tidy and named.
- **Only** the long sleeved Ōpāwa School undergarment (gunmetal grey) should be worn under the 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



PARENTS & FAMILIES

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

What can the Public Health Nursing Service offer you and your family?

The public health nursing service is a team of registered nurses who can:

- **Meet with you at home/school/workplace/café** to talk about how to manage health problems in a way that suits your family, and work alongside with you, your child and the school. Deliver School Based Vaccination Programmes.
- **Attend health appointments** with you and your child to support you to ask questions and have your questions answered.
- **Support teachers to manage your child's health issue** during the school day by providing advice and care plans.
- **Access further support** with your consent, for example for parenting/budgeting/mental health, and follow through to make sure that you have the support that you want.

The public health nurses are very happy to be contacted, and parents can self-refer for support with any health problem. Referral Forms can be found at www.cdhb.health.nz/phn

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Pōari Hauora ō Waitaha



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Public Health Nursing Service

Anna Marshall (RCpN, PHN)– Registered Nurse, Public Health Nurse

E. phnburwood@cdhb.health.nz P. (03)3836877



We are hiring!

Cleaner, part-time (school terms only)

Risingholme Learning is a not-for-profit community-based adult education organisation that has been delivering community-based learning to adults across Christchurch for over 75+ years.

We are seeking the services of a person to join the Risingholme Learning team for 6 hours a week working between the hours of 8.30 – 10.00 am Monday to Friday (school terms only). Duties include cleaning, opening rooms ready for classes and supporting the caretaker with other tasks. Ideally this role would suit a person who lives locally in Opawa or a parent/caregiver who has time available first thing each morning after they have dropped their child/ren at school.

If you are interest in this role, please contact Lynda Megson, Director, 0276945044 or email your CV to director@risingholme.org.nz

<https://www.risingholme.org.nz/for-tutors/vacancies/>



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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, RIPPAS 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



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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

 CODINGNZ

codingnz.com



Hi

Cashmere Technical is seeking registration of interest from its football community for someone who has a successful background in sponsorship or marketing along with motivation and focus in helping our Club to meet its sponsorship goals. We anticipate that this contract for services will take 6 months to complete and will primarily focus on leveraging the clubs position as one of the premier community football clubs in New Zealand. If you are interested please contact our General Manager Lisa at Lisay@ctfc.co.nz for more details
Thanks,
CTFC



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.

For more information:
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Tatau tātou - All of us count

For more information, go to
www.census.govt.nz/npd

Help us count everyone on Census Day, 7 March 2023

Census is a nationwide survey of everyone in New Zealand. The information is used by government, councils, iwi, community groups, and businesses to make decisions that affect you and your community.

Tatau tātou - All of us count

We need your help to make sure everyone is counted in the 2023 Census. The census must be completed by every person staying on Census Day, Tuesday 7 March 2023.

Prior to Census Day, we will make contact, either by phone or in person, to ask for the name and contact details of the person who we can liaise with from your establishment to prepare for the 2023 Census.

We will also ask about the expected occupancy for Tuesday, 7 March 2023, so we can provide you with enough census packs. Any private residents who live in separate dwellings, or stay onsite for work, will be given their own census packs.

A census collector will visit to provide census packs, an occupant register, and promotional materials for your establishment. They will discuss how they can support your establishment with the process that is shown on the back of this letter.

Thank you for doing your part to help shape the future of New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Sowden
Government Statistician

For more info go to:
<http://www.census.govt.nz/npd>