

Term 1, Week 8  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

# Te Kura o Ōpāwaho/Opawa School

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Kia ora tātou,

This term our learning focus throughout our kura / school is based on the theme of ***Ko wai au i te kura? - Who am I within my kura?*** As part of this learning, across our kura / school we have been reading the book - Three Things To Know to support and grow our understanding of our value and worth as individuals.

In Term 2,3 and 4 we will develop this understanding further, as we explore:

Term 2 - ***Ko wai au i tōku whare / hāpori? - Who am I within my 'backyard' (community/city)***

Term 3 - ***Ko wai au i tōku whenua? - Who am I within my country?***

Term 4 - ***Ko wai au i te ao? - Who am I globally?***

Thank you for all that you contributed last week to our St Patricks and Pride Day on [Friday 17th](#). It was a busy day at our school. Our students celebrated both St. Patrick's Day and the end of Pride week with bright, rainbow colours and plenty of green! The purpose of the day was for us all to celebrate being who we are - being proud of who we are and dressing how we feel most comfortable. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from students of an Irish Dance School. As well as this, the local community police brought their 'Pride Car' and Meegan brought along her Combi Van - decorated to celebrate diversity.

At the weekend many of our past students and past and current families and staff were involved with Canterbury Polyfest in Hagley Park. Check out a small sample of what was on display and what we prepare our Pasifika students for when they go to high school - <https://www.facebook.com/chrislynchmedia/videos/225435600014507>

Keep warm everyone!

Ngā mihi,

Sally

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### Term 1 Dates

HAS Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
Board Hui	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Whānau Hui	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Canterbury Swimming Sports	6 <sup>th</sup> Apr

### Term 2 Dates

Teacher Only Day	24 <sup>TH</sup> Apr
Anzac Day	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Cross Country (Hansen's Park)	5 <sup>th</sup> May
Cross Country PP date	10 <sup>th</sup> May
EPro8 Yr 7/8 Hillmorton High	15 <sup>th</sup> Jun
School 5-8pm	
Swimming Yr 3/4 at Te Pou	19 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun
toetoe	
Board Hui	21 <sup>st</sup> Jun

### 2023 TERM DATES

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

# Whānau Hui

Wednesday 29th March at 5.30pm

*All parents and whānau are welcome to our first Whānau Hui for 2023. 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.....*

***Nau mai, haere mai!***

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

[tracy@opawa.school.nz](mailto:tracy@opawa.school.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.

**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](mailto:lisa@opawa.school.nz); with your name and contact details and Lisa will get back to you to arrange an appointment time.

# 2023 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates  
and prizes  
awarded

Online competition  
for Primary, Intermediate and  
Secondary students

Ask your teacher  
for details and  
entry form.



Kiwi Science  
Competition



Kiwi Maths  
Competition



Kiwi English  
Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and  
the first week of Term 3.

Register Now!  
[www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/)



## Te Aratai College Open Days

**Wednesday 31st May, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd June, 2023**

These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action. Whānau must book these visits online, via our online school booking system or use our QR code.

*Links and the QR code will be provided to your school in the weeks leading up to these dates*

## Te Aratai College Open Evening

**Tuesday 6th June, 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm.**

These sessions will start promptly at 4.30pm and at 6pm, with Principal, Richard Edmundson addressing our visitors, followed by a guided tour of the kura, connecting with ākonga, kaiako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome.



## Lunches

**Sushi Factory every Wednesday & Friday**

**Order sushi before 8.30am**

**Delicious lunches delivered to your school**

**[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)**

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

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

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](mailto:info@lunchonline.co.nz)



## Tuesday

To place an order for your child, simply visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://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

## Motivationz Netball Holiday Programme



DO YOU LOVE NETBALL?  
WANT TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS,  
PLAY GAMES, HAVE FUN  
THIS IS FOR THE BEGINNER NETBALLER AS WELL  
AS THE PROS

**Age Groups:** years 5-8

**Location:** Graham Condon Centre

**Dates:** 12th, 13th, 14th April

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Cost:** \$100 pp



please contact Anthony with your child's full name, DOB, address, and a contact phone number to confirm your spot

Email: [anthony@motivationz.co.nz](mailto:anthony@motivationz.co.nz)

*Book  
Now*

COME JOIN THE MOTIVATIONZ FAMILY NOW  
XX

*Book  
Now*

St. Martins Scout  
Group



## BOOK FAIR & TABLE TOP SALE

297 Centaurus Road, Hillsborough

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 (9am-3pm)  
& Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 (9am-12pm)
- Cash Only
- Raising funds for our Scouts to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Scout Jamboree at Mystery Creek, Hamilton Dec 2023/Jan 2024



Book donations gratefully accepted - drop off at St. Martins School office until the end of term, otherwise from 20/3/2023 until 21/4/2023 at scout den front door (297 Centaurus Rd, near Rapaki Track). Email [membership@smartscouts.co.nz](mailto:membership@smartscouts.co.nz) to enquire about booking an outdoor table top space.

## PRE-SEASON RUGBY AND LEAGUE TACKLE/PASS-CATCH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR PLAYERS SCHOOL YEARS 3-8.



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PRE-SEASON TRAINING BEFORE THIS COMING SEASON, THIS WILL BE GREAT FOR YOUR CHILD OR TEAM. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE THE BEST PLAYER ON THE FIELD, JUST KEEN TO LEARN AND GET INVOLVED. THE PROGRAMME IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

DATES: 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH APRIL.

WHERE: GRAHAM CONDON CENTRE SPORTS HALL 2.

TIME: 9.30AM - 11.30AM

COST: \$100

CONTACT ANTHONY

ANTHONY@MOTIVATIONZ.CO.NZ WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME, DOB, ADDRESS, AND A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER TO CONFIRM YOUR SPOT.

[www.motivationz.co.nz](http://www.motivationz.co.nz)



*Thank  
you!*

## GIRLS 'Have A Go Day' FREE!

Do you want to  
play football?

Cashmere  
Technical invite  
all girls AGED  
6 - 9 YEARS OLD  
to Somerfield  
Park to experience  
football at our  
club!



During the  
football season,  
games are held at  
Centennial Park  
on a Saturday  
morning.

For more  
information about  
girls football at  
CTFC, please  
contact:  
[trudyh@ctfc.nz](mailto:trudyh@ctfc.nz)

Thursday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

4pm-5pm

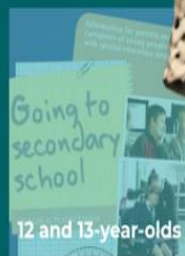
Somerfield  
Park

Please register via the link below.



## AUTISM-TAKIWĀTANGA

Age-specific support and resources for tamariki and rangatahi with autism-takiwātanga and their whānau / ngā kete mātauranga



KidsHealth is New Zealand's trusted voice on children's health. Endorsed by The Paediatric Society of New Zealand | Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa

# KidsHealth

[www.kidshealth.org.nz](http://www.kidshealth.org.nz)

Scan the QR code with your phone to view website content



We invite the children of Opawa School to try our Aikido classes. Aikido is a fun martial art that promotes physical fitness, mental focus, and discipline.

Our dojo offers classes for children [ages 5 – 12] and welcomes beginners. Our instructors are experienced and qualified to work with children, and we maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment.

To encourage your school to try Aikido, we offer two free lessons for each child who signs up from Opawa School and a \$20 donation to the school for each child that joins.

By participating in our classes, children can develop balance, coordination, and flexibility while learning important life skills such as self-discipline and respect.

If children are interested in learning more or would like to visit to our Linwood Dojo [220 Pages Road – besides Cowles Stadium], please contact us at Mob 021 343 672. Kids classes are held Tuesdays 4.45 – 5.30pm.

