

Term 1, Week 6  
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# Te Kura o Ōpāwaho- Opawa School

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Kia ora tātou and talofa lava,

It has been fabulous being back at school and reconnecting with everyone. A huge thank you to Shevaun for leading our kura in my absence and to Nick and the rest of our forty staff for all their hard mahi / work too. Our ākonga / students are really focused and engaged and there is a real sense of purpose and a 'calm' throughout the school. Thank you also for all your efforts at home to support your children out of school hours!

I would like to reiterate the whakatauki that Shevaun shared with you in our first newsletter of the year, as it really does epitomise our Ōpāwaho Kura philosophy and approach -

***Ma te kotahitaka, e whai kaha ai tātau.  
In unity, we have strength.***

We are now officially an 'Enviro School', following some recent professional learning that our staff completed. Thanks to the students in our Enviro Team and to Eleanor for leading in this space. We are blessed to have many fruit trees and vegetable gardens that Eleanor and our students tend to every day / week.

We are currently working through the process to have Pablo Pender (Jorjia's dog) at school each day. We have previously had dogs as part of our 'staff' - Bindi and most recently, Polo. As part of this process all of our students attended a session last week led by the team from Animal Services at the Christchurch City Council. We will keep you updated with this.

**Congratulations** to all of our Year 5-8 students who recently competed in our school swimming sports at Waltham Pool. Eleven students will now swim at the South Zone competition this Monday at Wharenuui Pool. Good luck to Mya, Madison, Aoibhe, Bella, Aria, Jake R (Year 5/6) and Emma, Arlia, India, Cooper, Edward and Mali in (Year 7/8).

**Congratulations** to our staff member Rosie Samia. Rosie has been selected as a travelling reserve for the Tall Ferns 3x3 Basketball Team to travel to Singapore to compete in the Asia Cup at the end of March. We will be cheering for you and the team Rosie!

Ngā mihi,

Sally and Shevaun and our Team at Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School



### Te Ara Tika o Ōpāwa (The right path for Ōpāwa)

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. This term's value is **Manaakitaka / Respect** each fortnight six children are selected to have a pizza lunch with Sally in the Boardroom. The pizzas are generously sponsored by Cassels and sons – The Brewery. The following children enjoyed pizza with Shevaun: Layla & Kyon Rm4, Amelia & Luke Rm5, Kayson Rm7 and Te Rangimarie Rm9.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in non-uniform with their buddy. The following children were selected: Ihaaka, Nixon, Hazel & Savannah Rm12, Nana & Levi Rm13

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Term 1 Dates

Zones Swimming Sports	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Tabloids	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Colour Your Day + Lots of Socks	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Easter Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr
Easter Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr
Last Day of Term 1	12 <sup>th</sup> Apr

### 2024 TERM DATES

Term 2	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr – 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul
Term 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul – 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Term 4	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 18 <sup>th</sup> 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*



### 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.

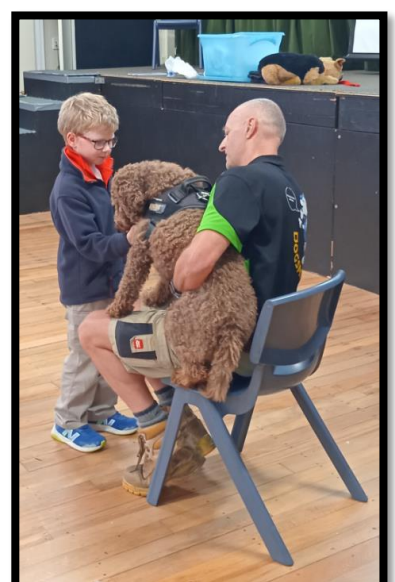
**MANA AKE**  
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

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



# Student Council

Our Student Council have been busy organising some exciting events for this term.

- **Tabloids (Wednesday 20th March, Week 8)**

- This event is loads of **FUN** for our tamariki
- Students will participate in a rotation of activities such as: Water Relay, Rob the Nest, Minefield, Obstacle Course, Gumboot Throw, Egg and Spoon race and Matau Maui
- Whanāu are welcome to come and watch and are welcome to join us on the field for lunch following the Tabloids (11.45 - 1 pm).
- Students are encouraged to wear their **HOUSE** colours to school, and will also need to bring their uniform to change into afterwards.

- **Colour Your Day / Lots of Socks Fundraiser (Friday 22nd March, Week 8)**

- Gold coin donation
- Students are encouraged to wear bright colours, mismatched socks (or your craziest and most colourful socks), whatever takes your fancy!
- Money raised will be shared between [E tū Tangata](#) (Tackling Tall Poppy Syndrome) and [Canterbury Down Syndrome Association](#)





## School Lunch Orders



**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

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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

## 2024 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 and align with the 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/)

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Arts Festival  
8 - 9 March 2024

Loads of fun, free and low cost entertainment for tamariki and their whānau on Sat 9 March.

Full programme & bookings  
[artscentre.org.nz](http://artscentre.org.nz)

The Arts Centre



McDonald's Youth Duathlon registration is OPEN until 24th March, **NO late entries accepted.**

The McDonald's Youth Duathlon is organised by the Garden City Rotary Christchurch, to promote the development of healthy young people. Funds raised support youth projects throughout the community.

This run and cycle event is held at South Hagley Park from beside the Netball Centre, for individuals aged 7 to 15 years, with the emphasis more on participation than competition.

#### ENTRY FEE

\$20 (If paying by credit card \$22)

ENTRIES CLOSE Tuesday 24th March (**No late entries on the day**)

[Click here to register](#)

[Or click here to read more about the event.](#)

# KIDS IN THE CITY

20 - 26 Welles Street  
Saturday 8th March 2024  
10:30am - 3:00pm  
Entry by donation

Brought to you by Rad and The Welde

**COME EAT, PLAY AND SHOP AT OUR NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY, POP UP MARKET IN ŌTAUHAHI 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**

**RAD agency** **WELDE**

## COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING LESSONS

**A BRIGHT FUTURE**  
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All skill levels welcome.

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

**WHEN & WHERE**  
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## RIP INTO IT WITH CANTERBURY RUGBY!

**3:30pm** **14 AND 21 MARCH** **Malvern Park**  
Tamariki years 3 - 8 180 Innes 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 Tail Poppy Syndrome in Aotearoa

## JOIN THE BAND!

CSM Outreach Programme

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

**Christchurch School of Music** The Music People

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](https://www.csm.org.nz/enrol) & select 'Outreach Band Programme'  
Or, call (03) 366 1711 / email [office@csm.org.nz](mailto:office@csm.org.nz) & [outreachband@csm.org.nz](mailto:outreachband@csm.org.nz)