

Term 2, Week 6
31st May 2023

Te Kura o Ōpāwaho/Opawa School

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Talofa lava,

This week we are celebrating Samoan Language week with the theme for this years celebration being **Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga** (Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity). This focus aligns really well with our theme for this term, exploring and learning about **Ko wai au i tōku whare / hāpori? Who am I within my backyard (community/city)?**

Gagana Sāmoa is the third most spoken language across the motu (land) — let's celebrate it! We know that a student's ability to learn doesn't just depend on the quality of the lessons and their teachers, but how comfortable and safe they feel at school to express their identity. Uplifting Gagana Sāmoa is an act of tautua (service) that allows tamaiti / children to feel seen and represented in their culture and identity, and allows others to learn too.

A huge congratulations to all of our forty two students who competed last week at the South Zone Cross Country event at Hansen Park. A very special CONGRATULATIONS to Mana and Lucy, who placed 4th and 2nd respectively in the Year 8 girls event. We wish them all the best at the Canterbury Champs later this term.

Each term our Year 7/8 students attend Technology for an afternoon, run by Specialist Teachers from Te Aratai. Last term, we had three students recognised for their hard work and skills in their respective Technology classes. Te Aratai staff award these and this is new for 2023. Well done to Olive, Addison and Mana for winning the Term one awards!



Ngā mihi,
Sally





Welcome to our new students and their Whānau/families: Lucy, Liam, Abigail, Amelia and Noah Rm1



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

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. This term's value is **Kākau Tapatahi (Integrity)** and 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 Sally on Monday: Austin Rm3, Lillie & Evie Rm4, Archie & Simon Rm 5 and Nana Rm11.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in mufti with their buddy. The following children were selected: Hazel Rm12, Eva Rm17, Leo & Shantaliya Rm18 and Emily & Aubry Rm19.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 2 Dates

National Young Leaders Day	1 st Jun
King's Birthday	5 th Jun
Home & School AGM	14 th Jun
EPro8 Yr 7/8 Hillmorton High	15 th Jun
School 5-8pm	
Board Hui	21 st Jun
Swimming Yr 3/4 at Te Pou	19 th - 30 th Jun
Toetoe	
Board Hui	21 st Jun
Canterbury Cross Country	21 st Jun
Matariki School Community	28 th Jun
Evening 5-7pm	

2023 TERM DATES

Term 2	24 th Apr-30 th Jun
Term 3	17 th Jul-22 nd Sep
Term 4	9 th Oct-15 th Dec

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



\$2

Every **THURSDAY** for all of Term 2

Orders can be made on Online Lunches or Cash

Cash must be in an Envelope
With your Full Name
Room Number
And your lunch order
By 9am on Thursday

Home And School



MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

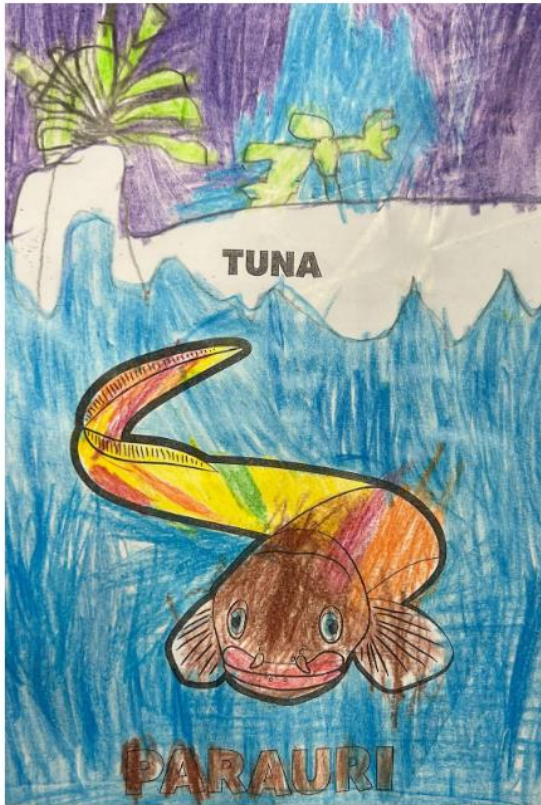
Mana Ake 'Phone Call' opportunity

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; with your name and contact details and Lisa will get back to you to arrange an appointment time.



Artwork designed by Marcus Acker - Room 4

MATARIKI 2023

Wednesday June 28th

5pm – 7pm

Nau mai, haere mai to our whole kura / school community Matariki event to celebrate the **Māori New Year** and the children's learning.

Listen to the music of the Concert Bands as we meet in the hall. Collect your Matariki Passport/Programme. Then visit the activities: soup taster and fry bread, milk milo and star biscuit decorating, face painting and hair braiding, weaving, games and more. Finish the night back in the hall with performances from our Year 3/4 Dance Crew, Pasifika and Kapa Haka groups. Colouring competition winners announced and spot prizes!

Ka kitea a Matariki, ka rere te kanakana.

(When the Pleiades star is seen, the Lamprey migrate.)

The Whānau Group are requiring ice cream containers with lids and wool, to help with preparations for Matariki. If you have either of these, could you leave them on the tables at the back of Room 6 along from the library. Ngā mihi



Gardening Update June 2023



There have been lots of exciting developments in the school garden this year. We had our first harvest of peaches, apples, plums and feijoas last term from our new fruit trees. The peaches and feijoas were favourites. We are still waiting for our citrus plants and grapes to produce. We have also started setting up a herb area in the garden. If you have cuttings or spare seedlings to donate, please send them to Room 3.

We set up a worm farm so successfully last year that we have now set up a second worm farm. The Verandah tamariki enjoy collecting apple cores, banana skins and other food scraps to feed the worms. We love to look at the worms and see how many there are each time.

We are now using the 4 new garden beds, nearly doubling the size of the vegetable garden. We are growing lots of vegetables, including spinach and silverbeet, beetroot, broad beans, carrots, kale, leeks, spring onions and celery. We are hoping to use some of these vegetables to make soup to share at matariki.

We have enjoyed preparing and cooking vegetables from the garden to eat. The Verandah have enjoyed vegetable stir-fry from our school garden.

The Friday lunchtime gardening group meet throughout the year, weeding, planting seeds, harvesting, and setting up the worm farm. There is a small but keen group of children who have worked really hard all year in the garden area.

**Home and School Association of
Te Kura o Ōpāwaho / Opawa School**



Wednesday, 14 June 2023

7:00 pm

Staff Room

All welcome to attend!

Come and meet us to find out what we're about.

Get involved!

***High School Open
Days/Evenings***



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.

Use this booking link to make your booking:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/85dsu>

Alternatively scan the QR code linked below or attached:



Alternatively head to the school interviews website: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code> and enter the code: **85dsu**

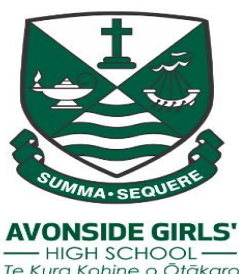
Open Evening - Tuesday 6th June, 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm.

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.

Open Day: 8th June 2023 - 1.30pm to 4.30 pm



Click here for Cashmere High [Enrolment Procedures](#). Enrolments close 28th July 2023



OPEN AFTERNOON
THURSDAY 1ST JUNE, 3:30-5:30PM



With winter well and truly here if you are able to put some spare socks and uniform bottoms in your child/ren's bag just in case there are mud accidents that would be fantastic!



If you are reporting your child/ren absent you can do so by phoning the office on 332 6374 or text 022 319 1181. Alternatively email office@opawa.school.nz



Scholastic NZ Issue 4 closes on Friday 9th June

School Lunch Orders



Lunches

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and follow 4 easy steps to get started

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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

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

N. Z.

St Albans School est 1873

Celebrating 150 Years

Join us!

For the Festivities

and help us celebrate this momentous occasion!

FRIDAY 15TH - SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Email: jubilee@stalbens.school.nz

17 Sheppard Place - St Albans - Christchurch - 8014

www.stalbens.school.nz ☎ 03 355 9132 ✉ office@stalbens.school.nz



TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2023 DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The much-loved Glow Show is back!

82,000 Kiwi kids have already seen these innovative, glow-in-the-dark giant puppet shows, which are an absolute favourite for schoolchildren and educators. The Glow Show's latest storytelling bonanza is at a venue near you, this June and July.

Bring your family, and book early for school holiday group discounts! For every 10 tickets, get one free!

This year it is the Wonderland Glow Show - a fabulously Kiwified version of Alice in Wonderland. **Perfect for 0 - 7 year olds!**

The show's masterfully crafted characters and intriguing scenery will transport its audiences into a weird and wonderful world of dancing flamingos, an eight-metre caterpillar and giant flowers.

Wonderland Glow Show is all about reading being a true superpower, a power every kid has inside!

The Glow Show educates and entertains, by promoting literacy and Te Reo Māori, and celebrating the exquisite art of ultraviolet puppetry.

It offers a truly memorable experience with positive and uplifting messages for tamariki.

Wonderland Glow Show will be at The Piano, Christchurch, MONDAY July 10!

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10am & 11:30am - \$23.50pp (Babies under 18 months free of charge with paying adult)

One day only, so don't miss out!

You can email us for more info at hello@glowshow.co.nz



The Wonderland Glow Show is proudly presented by Little Green Man Productions
Join us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/glowshowco

AUDITIONS!!

Luminaires presents Beauty Within the Beast

For anyone aged 8 and over who loves to sing, act or dance.

No experience needed.

Click on this link to find out more. Or find Luminaires on social media.

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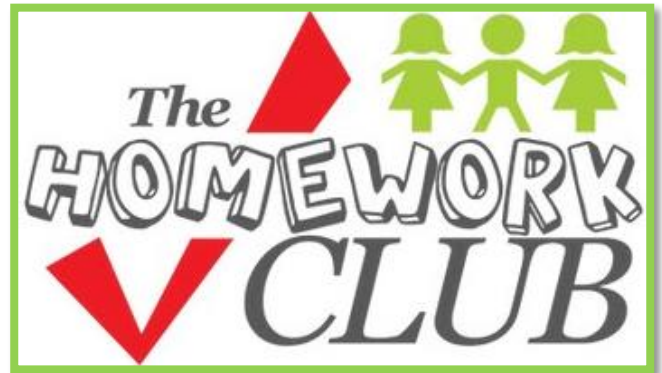


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We are an after school care programme on the lookout for some extra relievers in the afternoons.

Shifts start at 3pm and are based at one of our four locations- Somerfield, Cashmere, Thorrington and St Martins.

Please feel free to email Sara- info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz for more information.

**We look forward to hearing from you!
The Homework Club**



Ovation Musical Theatre is a new charity in Otago and we're putting on our first Junior Musical show in September this year and we are looking for young performers to audition for this show. We are reaching out to spread the word of this great opportunity for the Tamariki in our community. This show has a diverse and multicultural cast and we are excited to bring something to the stage which embraces our Pacific Community. Below is a brief outline of the show.

'Once On This Island Jr' is a joyously fun show which celebrates Island Folklore and through almost non-stop song and dance, this full-hearted musical tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island, guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and even death.

The age range for this musical is 8 to 18yrs and there's something for everyone. I have included a link to our audition notice below, which has more information about rehearsals and audition times <https://form.jotform.com/231310820671041>

HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing great stories from an **award-winning author**

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill

The award-winning author of books including Ernest Rutherford and Epic New Zealand Adventurers



"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)

Andy Griffiths says...

"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"



Where: St Andrew's College
347 Papanui Road, Bryndwr, Christchurch
When: 11 Jul to 13 Jul 2023

Register now at:
[WriteLikeanAuthor.com](https://www.WriteLikeanAuthor.com)



WRITE like an AUTHOR

HOLIDAY Art WORKSHOP

Learn to **draw** like a professional artist with a professional artist

- 3 day art camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your artist:

Fifi Colston

Award-winning author/illustrator of books such as Masher and Pearl in a Whirl



You'll learn...

- How to draw a cool character
- Different media and techniques
- How to create storyboards
- How to create a multi layered artwork
- But most of all, you'll have heaps of fun!



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DRAW like an ARTIST

TERM TWO DRAMA WORKSHOPS

WHAT

Each session, I will help you build confidence, teach you to improvise on the spot, to perform in front of others, how to prepare for a audition/production role, project your voice and much more!

WHEN

After school option:
Tuesday 3:30pm - 5:30pm
or
Weekend option:
Saturday 9am - 12pm

WHERE

Tuesday sessions: Saint Mark's school library, 33 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa.

Saturday sessions: The school hall at Saint Mark's School, 33 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa



drama
ELEMENTAL

"Mr. Gordon is awesome. He is encouraging, enthusiastic and helps everyone meet their potential. He really helped me develop my confidence on stage."
Ethan

"Mr. Gordon is one of the best drama teachers I've ever had. He taught me the importance of voice projection and stage positioning. He was always kind and patient." Seth

"Mr G is such a good drama teacher. He is really thorough, and focuses on details that polish the performances and make them look really professional. He makes it fun to learn lines and work on scenes. I can't wait to work with him again on another project." Ben

READY TO SIGN UP OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Email: tomg1715@gmail.com

Suitable for Year 3 students and up!

Note these are group sessions, not individual tutoring. A minimum of eight students required to go ahead and a maximum of fourteen students per group.

\$30 per Tuesday session
\$50 per Saturday session

