

Term 4, Week 2  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Te Kura o Ōpāwaho-Opawa School

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Kia ora koutou,

What a privilege it was on Sunday to watch our wonderful Year3/4 kapa haka group perform on stage at the Town Hall. The purpose of this was to offer our younger ākonga / students the chance to perform on a large stage and in front of a large audience - without the stress of competing. This opportunity is an important chance for us to prepare our students to feel comfortable and confident as they move towards participating in the competitive Tūhono event, which is what our Year 5-8 Senior Kapa Haka will compete in, on 25th November. Thank you to all of our whānau who supported our students and to all of our staff who also helped, both leading up to and on the day, especially Whaea Tracy and Jemma - tu meke koutou!

This term we have three part time Teacher Aides working throughout our school. A very warm welcome to Rosalia (Rosie) Samia (Monday / Tuesday), Valelia Taaso (Wednesday) and George Drummond (Friday). We also have a new Office Manager starting on Tuesday 24th October - yay! A huge thank you to Lisa and Jude and Sam, who have stepped into different roles, whilst we completed the appointment process. And thank you to all of you for your patience and understanding as we have navigated this change in personnel! We are excited to have Abbey Mountford join our Opawa Team and we know that you will join us in welcoming Abbey to our school community.

Congrats to the Davies, Blee and Ngenang whānau who won one of the three \$50 Warehouse vouchers (for completing our community survey). Thank you also to the 101 (of our 255) whānau who completed our community survey recently. We are currently collating this, alongside feedback from our other stakeholders and we will be utilising this feedback to assist our Board with our strategic planning later this term.

We have an incredibly full calendar over the next nine weeks. Please keep an eye on Hero, School-links and Facebook for regular updates about events. We will continue to do our best to communicate with you in a timely manner and we look forward to connecting with you throughout this term.

Ngā mihi,  
Sally



# HAERE MAI WELCOME

Welcome to our new students and their  
Whānau/families: Juliet Rm10 and Zephaniah Rm19



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

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. This term's value is **Excellence** (Hiraka) 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: Lincoln, Archie P & Lyla Rm2, Ashton Rm4, Ella Rm9 and Karino Rm11.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in mufti with their buddy. The following children were selected: Ayden, Vinay & Eva Rm17, Josiah, Emma and Mali Rm18

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Term 4 Dates

Year 5/6 Woodend Camp	16-18 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Non Uniform Day (Yr 7/8 Fundraiser)	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Labour Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
Yr 7/8 Market Day	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Athletics – field events at school	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Athletics – sprints at Hansen Park	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
BOT Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Senior Kapa Haka Wanaka 10-2pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Junior Disco 2-3pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Senior Disco 4.30-6pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Sth Zone Athletics 09.30am-12pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
HAS Movie Night	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Show Day	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Teacher Only Day	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Senior Kapa Haka at Town Hall	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Children's University Graduation	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov
5.30-7.30pm Town Hall	
Canterbury Athletics	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Year 8 Fun Day at Jellie Park	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
BOT Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Tabloids 11.45-1pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Home & School Picnic at school 5-7pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 8 Leavers Assembly	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 8 Activities & Dinner	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Last Day 12 noon finish	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec

### 2023 TERM DATES

Term 4	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct-15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
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## 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



Scholastic NZ Issue 7 closes on Friday 27th October

## **Term 4 school-wide important dates:**

(Print out and pop on your fridge)

### **Week 2**

- Wednesday 18 October - Year 5/6 camp returns
- Friday 20 October non uniform day gold coin and Juicies \$2 (fundraiser for Year 8 end of year activities)

### **Week 3**

- Monday 23 October (no school) - Labour Day
- Wednesday 25 October 7pm - 8pm: Combined Hui (Board / HAS / Whānau Group)
- Friday 27 October Year 7-8 Market 2-3pm - A price list of items will be sent out closer to the day - there will be lots of games, raffles, crafts and food items! Whānau are welcome to attend this event.

### **Week 4**

- Tuesday 31 October Athletics - field events at school...more information to come
- Wednesday 1 November Athletics - sprints at Hansen Park... more information to come
- Wednesday 1 November Board meeting 7pm
- Sunday 5 November - Sunday Senior Kapa Haka Wanaka 10-2pm (preparation / learning) day at school

### **Week 5**

- Junior disco – more information to come
- Senior disco – more information to come
- Wednesday 8 November 4 - 7pm Board strategic planning in Meeting Room at school
- Friday 10 November - South Zone athletics at Hansen Park
- Sunday 12th November - Home and School Movie Night - more information to come

### **Week 6**

- Friday 17 November Show Day (no school)

### **Week 7**

- Monday 20 November - Staff only day (no school)
- Saturday 25 November - Senior Kapa Haka Tūhono (Town Hall)

### **Week 8**

- Tuesday 28th November UC Children's University Graduation 5.30-7.30pm Town Hall
- Wednesday 29 November Canterbury Athletics
- Friday 1 December Year 8 Jellie Park Swim Day

### **Week 9**

- Wednesday 6 December - Board meeting
- Friday 8 December - Tabloids 11.45-1pm (whānau welcome) more information to come
- Friday 8 December - Home and School picnic 5-7pm at school

### **Week 10**

- Monday 11 December - Reports and 2024 class placement letters sent home
- Wednesday 13 December - Year 8 Leavers Assembly 10-11am. Yr8 Whānau invites to follow
- Wednesday 13 December Year 8 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Thursday 14 December - Year 7/8 Fun Day at school (wear school uniform and bring a change of clothes)
- Friday 15 December - school finishes at 12 noon



## School Lunch Orders

  
www.lunchonline.co.nz

**OPAWA SCHOOL**

**2023 Term 3 Lunches**

**SUSHI EVERY  
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY**  
order before 8:30am



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it's simple all you need to do is register an account at  
www.lunchonline.co.nz

1. Login/Place an Order
2. Create an account
3. Add member/s include name, school and classroom number
4. Under Lunch Orders select student name – Start order and place your order
5. You will be directed to the make a payment page
6. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successful' or check 'Order History' tab
7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565565)



### 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



## Christchurch Kids Market

**A MARKET RUN BY KIDS, FOR KIDS!**  
(& GOODIES FOR ADULTS TOO)

- ✓ Reduce, Reuse, Relove
- ✓ Pre-loved Toys & Clothes
- ✓ Homemade & Homegrown
- ✓ Support Young Entrepreneurs

When: 1st Sunday of every month  
At: Mount Pleasant Community Centre  
Time: 10am to 12pm

**- FREE ENTRY -**

**- BOOK A STALL -**  
TO REGISTER EMAIL  
[CHRISTCHURCHKIDSMARKET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRISTCHURCHKIDSMARKET@GMAIL.COM)



## PLINKY PLONKY PIANO STUDIO

Hi! I'm Anne Marie.

I'm a piano teacher in **Huntsbury**, Christchurch.

I teach **4 year old to adult beginners** and offer a playful introduction to making music.

If you're curious about playing the piano, I'd love to hear from you!

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- TBALL GIRLS & BOYS
- UNDER 9 TBALL GIRLS & BOYS
- UNDER 11S GIRLS & BOYS





# Kirihimete KOHA KAI

HELP A WHĀNAU HAVE A  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust is arranging  
200 Christmas meal boxes to be delivered to whānau this  
Christmas. Our Kirihimete Koha Kai Box contains everything  
whānau need to make a special meal.

*How can you help?*

Please get in touch if you can donate one, two or more of:

- Jelly x 200
- Gravy x 200, 3-pack roast meat flavour
- Boxes of stuffing x 200
- Tinned beetroot x 350
- Tinned fruit salad, large x 100, small x 200
- Pavlova x 200
- Christmas pudding x 200
- Fruit/Vegetable store gift cards
- Catering boxes of butter x6
- Catering boxes of mini salt and pepper x2

If you are interested in donating to this  
kaupapa please get in touch.

Every gift, big or small is gratefully accepted.  
Donations can be dropped off to:  
Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust  
Level 3, 7 Winston Ave, Papanui or we can collect.  
For more information, please contact  
kohakai@tepuawaitanga.maori.nz or 0800 66 99 57

We are also accepting  
monetary donations.

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NOW



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Candice on kohakai@tepuawaitanga.maori.nz or 021 974 382

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**Te Puawaitanga  
ki Ōtautahi Trust**



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# NOW HIRING! AFTER SCHOOL CARE SUPERVISOR

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- Have experience managing groups of children
- Have behaviour management experience
- Undergo a police check and support our culture of child protection
- Have great communication skills and enjoy working in a team environment

*With the possibility of before school care 7.15-8.30am & School Holidays*

**LOCATION:** Beckenham Area of Christchurch

SCAN FOR MORE  
INFORMATION





# TAHA TINANA

AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS  
PROGRAMME

KĀWAI  
RANGATAHI



Tuesday & Thursday  
3pm - 4pm meet at Te Aratai College field  
Sports & Games | Afternoon tea provided | Free of charge | Year 7-13's welcome

For more info please contact [alice.moore@kawai.org](mailto:alice.moore@kawai.org)

## The Great Canterbury Duck Race

Sunday 5th November, 12pm - 2pm  
Bridge of Remembrance

**JOIN HAROLD THE GIRAFFE FOR A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT!**

Watch on as hundreds of ducks race down the Avon, take part in activities on the riverside and get a bite to eat.

Get quacking and show your support for the work of Canterbury Life Education Trust, supporting children and young people to make positive choices for their health and wellbeing.

**RACE SCHEDULE:**

1.00pm - Graham Consulting Corporate Race  
1.30pm - Graham Consulting More FM Community Race

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
[www.lifeeducationcanterbury.org.nz/duck](http://www.lifeeducationcanterbury.org.nz/duck)

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