Term 3, Week 8 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Kia ora koutou,

We had a fabulous time with you all at our Big Breakfast last Wednesday morning - what a turnout! Thanks for coming along to connect and share some kai / breakfast and thanks to Jody and our CSM Crew who provided the entertainment. This is an annual school event on our calendar, but due to COVID we have not held one for a few years. This was the first time our current Home and School have run this, and for their first time - what an awesome success. Our whānau who are members of our Home and School all volunteer their time and energy to provide as many opportunities for our school community as possible. If you are keen to come and see what they do - please contact me (sally@opawa.school.nz), or Kareena or Susan (opawahas@gmail.com) who co-lead the group.

Yesterday we hosted Ruud - 'The Bug Man' and some students from every class were able to spend the day with Ruud and (teachers) Karly and Eleanor. Our students who are Enviro Leads (Kira and Eve) attended too and we are now working on a plan for how we build on the mahi that was started yesterday. Thanks to our Kāhui Ako - Te Mana Raupō who funded this opportunity.

We have recently heard about some fabulous achievements of some of our past pupils. One of the most recent successes was Aayden Cameron (currently Year 11 at Cashmere High). Last weekend Aayden competed at New Zealand Secondary School's Weightlifting Champs in Auckland. He came away with a silver medal in the 89 kg category! At the weekend some of our team also had the pleasure of watching six of our past pupils in the team that beat Christ College to win the U14A Metro Rugby Championships. Their Te Aratai U14 rugby team is the first co-ed school team to win this trophy in 20 years. Please continue to share any successes with us, as we love hearing about these and celebrating these with you.



I am looking forward to seeing many of you tonight at Wolfbrook Arena for the Strum Strike Blow concert, along with 43 other schools from around Canterbury.

Ngā mihi, Sally







#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Term 3 Dates

Strum, Strike, Blow, Christchurch 6th Sept

Arena 6-7:30pm

Lit Quiz Somerfield School 12-3pm

13th Sept Choir practise at Haeata 12-2:45pm

13th Sept 20th Sept

Board Hui

14<sup>th</sup> Sept School Photos

Cashmere High School Testing Yr8's

14<sup>th</sup> Sept

#### 2023 TERM DATES

Term 3 Term 4

17th Jul-22nd Sep 9th Oct-15th Dec



#### 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



**Teacher only day:** 20th November

#### School Lunch Orders



#### OPAWA SCHOOL

2023 Term 3 Lunches

SUSHI EVERY WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY order before 8:30am







it's simple all you need to do is register an account at

- 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.nzschools, 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 <a href="http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html">http://www.opawa.school.nz/uniform.html</a> 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
- 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, nave 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







#### PLINKY PLONKY

PIANO STUDIO

Hi! I'm Anne Marie.

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

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

If you're curious about playing the piano.

- facebook.com/plinkyplonkypiano
- (\$) 30min \$25 | 45min \$38 | 60min \$50





# AKOTECH CodeCamps October School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have Literati Lab just for girls, which includes Al Art & Animation.

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

St Margarets College: 25th - 28th September & 5th - 8th October

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 25th Aug

Siblings Save 6%



#### **FREE MOBILE DATA**

For some New Zealanders, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing essential health and wellbeing information and digital health services. Those who cannot access information and services often have the highest needs. Zero Data is a joint initiative that removes this barrier by providing free access to the websites of health, social services, education, housing and more from your smartphone. Zero Data is available to anyone using a mobile device connected to the Spark, Skinny, One NZ, 2degrees, Warehouse Mobile, Slingshot or Orcon mobile networks. If you don't have credit, all you need to do is turn on your data and visit www.zero.govt.nz











Heathcote Cricket Club

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

# Registration Day Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am - 12pm

Season 2023/24

Saturday Morning Cricket for Year 3 through to Year 8

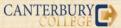
Friday Night 'Have-A-Go' cricket from 5.30 - 6.30pm

Junior Club Captain Matthew House mhouse1818@mail.com and 022 043 1142 Heathcote Cricket Club Cnr Port Hills Road & Bridle Path Road, Christchurch

www.heathcotecricket.co.nz



#### **Homestays Required for Cultural Exchange Students**





Canterbury College is an English language school based in the heart of Christchurch. We are currently looking for families to host our students arriving later in the year. If you and your family are interested in Japanese culture and would like to accommodate a Japanese student, please contact us as soon as possible.





Duration: 28th Nov - 17th Dec 2023

> Homestay Fee: \$300+ per week

> We accept homestays from most towns in Selwyn and Waimakariri

➤ More intakes coming in 2024



Call: 03 365 1920 Text: 021288 8790 Email: doris@cancan.com



#### Kowhai Vet - Your New Local Vet Clinic

Attention all pet owners! We're thrilled to become a part of your community with our recently opened vet clinic that's dedicated to keeping your furry friends healthy and happy. Whether you have a curious cat, a playful pup, or any other beloved companion, our clinic is designed with their well-being in mind.

Compassionate Care: Our experienced and friendly team believes in a fear-free approach to pet care. Your pets' comfort and happiness are our top priorities, and we strive to create a stress-free environment for every visit.

Sustainability: We're not just caring for your pets – we're caring for the planet too! For every new patient we welcome, we fund the planting of a native tree in our region, contributing to a

 $^{\circlearrowleft}$  No Rush: Our longer appointment slots ensure that your pet receives the attention they deserve, and you have plenty of time to discuss their unique needs with our skilled veterinarians.

Tailored Services: From routine check-ups and vaccinations to advanced treatments and surgeries, our clinic offers a comprehensive range of services to keep your pets in tip-top

Local Support: We're proud to support local businesses by offering a selection of New Zealand-made treats, food, and grooming products. Enrich your pet's life while contributing to our community!

Support a local business and discover a whole new level of care for your furry family mer Your pet's well-being is our passion, and we can't wait to welcome you at Kowhai Vet!

## We are looking for parents to undertake PAID market research!

We are a nationwide market research recruitment company based in Auckland. We are looking for New Zealand parents to share their opinions on a range of topics in online or face-to-face projects.



Interested? See our website: www.primeresearch.co.nz Or email Steph: stephanie@primeresearch.co.nz







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