

Term 3, Week 2
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Mānawatia a Matariki — Happy Māori New Year!

It has been a whirlwind month (or so) since our last newsletter with lots to acknowledge, celebrate and be grateful for. We hosted an amazing community matariki celebration in the last week of last term and I want to thank you for your input with this. A special thank you to our Whānau Group and to those in our community who led in this space - tu meke koutou!

We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you all over the past two evenings to celebrate learning by our ākonga and to review their individual goals and set new goals (if necessary). We value the opportunity to work in partnership with you - thank you! We look forward to seeing some more of you tonight, for our final night of Learning Conferences.

Welcome to our newest team member, Jamie Bedggood in a Teacher Aide role. Jamie will be familiar to many of us, as she has been leading the CASPA after school / holiday programme at our school. We had an amazing mihi whakatau to welcome Jamie, several new ākonga / students and their whānau last Friday. A special mention and ngā mihi (thank you) to our Whānau Group members, Bryce Fisher and Toko Williams who both spoke i te reo Māori as part of our welcome / mihi whakatau.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students in our Epro 8 Team who competed last Friday at Russley School.

The weather has created some opportunities for both indoor activities AND outdoor play on the fields - very unusual for July at our school. It is timely that some much needed property work is happening, courtesy of our Board (and Shevaun) and their wonderful 'encouragement' of the Ministry to get this work completed - drainage, levelling of concrete areas, new heat pumps in all of the Year 7/8 classrooms; new spouting in the senior block (Rooms 17-19) and replacement spouting to parts of the verandah. Our students are also very excited about our new Scooter / skateboard storage that we had constructed over the school holidays - behind the boiler.

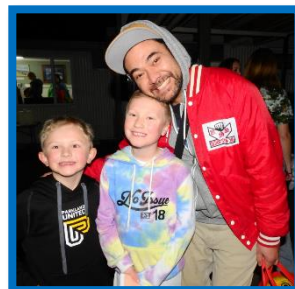
Keep warm and take care everyone.

Ngā mihi,

Sally

HAERE MAI WELCOME

Welcome to our new students and their
Whānau/families: Tawhiri, Beau, Eli, Chorus,
Aagman, Belen, Robbie, Jaxon and Kieran Rm1



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 3 Dates

Learning Conferences	24 th -26 th July
South Zone Year 5/6	
Basketball Tournament	26 th July
Whānau Hui	2 nd Aug
Board Hui	9 th Aug
Staff Only Day	25 th Aug
Transition to School Hui	30 th Aug
Strum, Strike, Blow, Christchurch	6 th Sept
Arena 6-7:30pm	
Lit Quiz Somerfield School 12-3pm	13 th Sept
Board Hui	13 th Sept
School Photos	14 th Sept
Cashmere High School Testing	14 th Sept

2023 TERM DATES

Term 3	17 th Jul-22 nd Sep
Term 4	9 th Oct-15 th Dec



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

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10 great flavours! \$8.50 each



Please make sure you check
your child/ren's class
number is correct

*Chicken, cream cheese & chilli *Steak *Mince, cheese & relish *Vegetarian *Mince
*Apple *Apricot *Apple crumble *Apple & boysenberry *Boysenberry & apple crumble,
with chocolate

Order pies through [Lunchonline.co.nz](https://lunchonline.co.nz)

1. Register an account if you are not already registered:
<https://orders.lunchonline.co.nz/Home/RegisterAccount>
2. Add member/s including your name and classroom
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select School Items and buy you pie

The new look Lunchonline now has Lunch Orders and School Items separate:

Go to School Items (below School Lunches) – Select Member- Start Order.

Drop down on Pies and order!

PIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL ON AUGUST 25TH –ORDERS CLOSE AUGUST 11TH

Email: info@lunchonline.co.nz with any queries



Last week to order Calendars!

Go to www.kidsartworks.com to place your order

School Lunch Orders



Lunches

Sushi Factory every Wednesday & Friday

Order sushi before 8.30am

Delicious lunches delivered to your school

www.lunchonline.co.nz

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

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



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



This winter, between **Monday 12 June and Saturday 30 September**, participating community pharmacies in Canterbury will provide a Minor Health Conditions Service for **Māori and Pacific people, children aged under 14 years, and community service card holders**.

- The service allows pharmacists to have a clinical consultation and provide **advice as well as medication** if needed for a select set of minor ailments at **no cost to the patient**.
- It also **includes whānau members of a child with similar symptoms**. For example, if the pharmacist determines your child needs treatment for scabies and they have older brothers or sisters, or you yourself also have symptoms, they may provide advice and medication for all of you.
- The following health conditions are included in the Minor Health Conditions Service:
 - **Acute diarrhoea**
 - **Dehydration**
 - **Eye inflammation and infections**
 - **Scabies**
 - **Headlice**
 - **Pain and fever**
 - **Eczema/Dermatitis**
 - **Minor skin infections**
- If your condition needs further support, the pharmacist can tell you the best place to go for your condition to get further help.
- Participating pharmacies can be found by going to HealthPoint and searching "Minor Ailments". You can also find a list here www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/go-well.

WORK READINESS FOR WOMEN COURSES ON EVERY TERM

This five-week short course is a fantastic way to kick-start your journey into a new career pathway, it will support women looking for a change, entering the workforce or restarting their careers.

Please enrol in the course via:

www.risingholme.org.nz

POWERUP

Courses start:

10 Aug

26 Oct

"It's important to get support - someone you can ask for help"

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Time for a change?

Discover **Kāwai Club** at the Linwood Library! Join the local youth workers every second Wednesday (starting 26th July) from 2:30 to 4:00pm for crafts, games, and tasty kai. Unleash your creativity, make new friends, and have a blast!

KĀWAI CLUB

fun activities!

Every second Wednesday
2:30pm - 4:00pm
Linwood Library

hang out with
the local
youth workers

free afternoon kai

All Year 7 - 13's
welcome

www.kawai.org.nz

ARCADIA RETRO ARCADE

Celebrate your birthday with us. Retro games, pinball, virtual reality, burgers, fish and chips, you bring the cake, we play the music! \$10pp unlimited gaming for as long as the kids stay entertained! Play Pac Man, Donkey Kong, Ninja Turtles, all the classics and show the kids what it is like to game with no internet!

Contact us now, arcadia206@gmail.com or text 0275361438. Book before October and your school will get a 10% rebate on your game fees towards the student council budget (or some fundraising project). Simply tell us who your school is when you book.

ARCADIA good old fashioned fun