

Term 1, Week 2
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Te Kura o Ōpāwaho- Opawa School

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Kia ora tātou and welcome to another exciting school year at Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School.

A very warm welcome to our 14 new whānau and 18 new tamariki. You join a really capable and committed crew - consisting of 322 students, 42 staff, a humming Home and School, brilliant Board of Trustees and wonderfully wise Whānau Group. We also welcome our new staff - Cat Noakes-Duncan (Learning Support), Emily Paterson (Room 19), Natasha Griffin (Room 10), Kimberley Kovacs - Wilks (Room 8) and Taufa Bason (Teacher Aide).

Exciting news - we now have a Specialist Teacher of Science - Imogen (who taught in Room 13 last year). Every week every class will have one hour of Science with Imogen in Room 11.

You might have noticed quite a bit of property work that has been completed and / or is nearing completion throughout our kura / school. This includes:

Room 7/8 and old RTLB office painted externally

Room 7/8 acoustic ceiling panels installed

Rooms 17 - 19 carpeted and acoustic panels installed in the ceiling of Room 17.

Rooms 18 and 19 will have the roof panels installed soon too

The boiler is being converted from coal to wood chip

Playground - we are working really closely with new designers and we are aiming to share some draft designs at our community picnic on Friday 21 February

We look forward to strengthening our partnership and working closely with you this year to ensure our tamariki thrive - Mā te Kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātou (In unity we find strength).

Ngā mihi,
Sally
(Tumuaki)



HAERE MAI WELCOME

Welcome to our new ākonga/students and their whānau/families: Iyla, Lachlan, Riley and Charlotte Rm1, Levi, Sophia, Celina and Zac Rm2, Katie, Savannah, Francis and Lincoln Rm3, Benji Rm 4, Shelby Rm8, Jai Rm9, Jasmine Rm12, Rosa, Mila and Hayley Rm17

Attendance - this is a new government priority and our attendance data is now being collected daily by the Ministry of Education. We are required to use a revised set of attendance codes that the Ministry have provided. For absences, please leave a message via phone (3326374) OR text (0223191181) or email <mailto:office@opawa.school.nz> or click onto the HERO app and use the attendance pathway on here and this goes directly to our school management system.

More information on daily attendance reporting including guidance on the revised attendance codes can be found [here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1 Dates

Home and School Meeting in school Staffroom	18 th Feb
Whānau Hui	19 th Feb
HAS Community Picnic	21 st Feb
Swimming Sports at Waltham Pool	25 th Feb
Board Hui 7-9pm	26 th Feb
Walk/Wheel to school week	3-7 th Mar
Postponement date for Swimming Sport	4 th Mar
Home and School Meeting in school Staffroom	25 th Mar
Board Hui 7-9pm	2 nd Apr
Primary Swimming at Selwyn Aquatic Centre	3 rd Apr
Yr 7/8 School Based Vaccination Programme	4 th Apr
GRIP Leadership	10 th Apr

2025 TERM DATES

Term 1	3 rd Feb – 11 th Apr
- Good Friday	18 th Apr
Term 2	28 th Apr – 27 th Jun
- Kings Birthday	2 nd Jun
- Matariki	20 th Jun
Term 3	14 th Jul - 19 th Sep
Term 4	6 th Oct – 17 th Dec
- Labour Day	27 th Oct
- Show Day	14 th Nov

HOME AND SCHOOL

We would like to invite our Parent's and Whānau to join our Home and School committee. Together, our aim is to enhance our ākonga/students experience and well-being at Kura/School while fostering a strong sense of community. Your involvement can make a real difference in shaping the future of our community, contributing to a positive and engaging environment for all Students, Parents and Staff.

Join us every Term in Week 2 (week 3 in term 1) and Week 8 from 7pm in the staffroom. Check the newsletter calendar for dates.

For more information email opawahas@gmail.com

Come have a coffee and chat, nibbles provided

PAKIPAKI HOME AND SCHOOL !

- New painting smocks for all junior classes
- New sandpit toys
- New P.E balls
- Magnetic tiles
- Lego sets
- Mobilo sets
- Smart reader pens
- Wellness funds
- Donation towards leavers hoodies
- Donation towards leavers dinner
- Big breakfast
- Strum, Strike and Blow music festival
- End of year picnic
- Community movie night
- Term 2 sausage sizzle
- Calendar Art
- Family Pie fundraiser



We're incredibly fortunate to have HAS—a parent-led committee making invaluable contributions significantly enhance the students' school experience. As some long-standing members move on to support their tamariki in secondary school, HAS are seeking new members to help us continue these cherished annual events and traditions.

Contact Kareena Olsen and Susan Dyers to learn more about our Home and School Committee. ~ opawahas@gmail.com

Te Kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School Community Picnic

*Friday 21st February
5pm - 7pm*

Field Games

B.Y.O

Upper Field

Picnic Dinner



School Lunch Orders



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4. Select your lunch and place an order



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Phone 0800 LOL LOL (0800565 565)

info@lunchonline.co.nz



School lunch programme

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.

should be visible under the Ōpāwa polo shirt.

Only the long sleeved Ōpāwa School undergarment (gunmetal grey)

Socks/tights - plain navy, black or white.

shoes or sandals.

Shoes must be black, brown or predominantly white trainers, leather

bucket/wide brimmed hat or cap.

School sun hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Plain black or beige

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

JOIN THE BAND! CSM Outreach Programme



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



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 programme is fun! In our band programme we teach clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, electric bass guitar, percussion and saxophone.

Students receive a lesson each week (either individual or in a group of two) and will also play in a band. Lessons will happen during school time.

Their first band will be Da Capo (beginners). Once they are ready they will move on to the Tutti Concert Band. As they progress there is also the opportunity to join the Con Brio Concert Band for students at grade 4 level and above, up to 17 years old.

Students in Year 4 and above can choose their instrument and join a band. After four lessons children join the Da Capo (beginners) band at their school, they rehearse together for 30-45 minutes a week and have an individual 15 minute lesson (or a longer lesson in a group of two).

What will it cost?

We teach in your child's school for 32 sessions throughout the year. Each term can have a different number of weeks

depending on the other activities happening at the school and children's timetables.

You can find the fees for the programme at: <https://www.csm.org.nz/fees/>. We invoice by term but we can also arrange a weekly payment plan if that suits better. If you have a community services card you may be eligible for a 50% discount on the base fee, dependent on the availability of grant monies.

You will need to purchase an Essential Elements book. We will give you details about this once you have enrolled.

Hiring an Instrument

You can hire an instrument from KBB Music or Musicworks. Tell them you are part of the CSM Outreach Band Programme and they will help you choose.



Scan the QR CODE to go to the enrolment form

TO ENROL:
www.csm.org.nz/enrol & select 'Outreach Band Programme'

Or, call (03) 366 1711 / email office@csm.org.nz & outreachband@csm.org.nz



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OPEN DAYS

Visit stac.nz/opensdays2025 for further information

SECONDARY SCHOOL
5 March, 9.00am - 12.00pm

PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL
6 March, 11.00am - 12.30pm



St Andrew's College

Year 8 School Based Immunisation Programme 2025

Gardasil (HPV) and Boostrix (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Whooping Cough) immunisations are offered free to year 8 students at school.

What is HPV? Human papillomavirus is a very common virus, most of us will have at least one type of HPV during our lives. Often you can't tell if you have HPV as it is not noticeable. Many HPV infections will be cleared by the body without you even knowing you have had it. Some types of HPV infection cause changes in the body that result in certain types of cancer developing. Immunisation protects against developing many of the HPV cancers.

Currently there is a Whooping Cough epidemic in New Zealand. Ensuring everyone is up to date with their immunisations remains very important to protect your child, family, and community. Boostrix immunisation will help provide protection and prevent the spread of Whooping Cough as well as Diphtheria & Tetanus.

Keep an eye out for an information and consent form pack that will be sent home with students who have not completed their vaccinations in General Practice.

Parents/caregivers please complete the form whether you CONSENT or DO NOT consent and return the form to school.

If you change your mind your consent can be withdrawn by contacting the school-based immunisation team via email HPV@cdhb.health.nz

If you say no to having these immunisations at school, you can still get them at your GP/Family Doctor.

Health New Zealand

Term 1 KiwiVolley Programme

Our after-school sessions combine both skills and games for Yr 7/8 students

Perfect for those starting out in Volleyball, and those wanting to improve their skills

Checkout our website for more information and to register!



4 Locations Available!

Tuesdays - Shirley
Wednesdays - Merivale
Thursdays - St Martins

NEW LOCATION
Fridays - Burnside





BOYS & GIRLS
6-11 YEARS
OLD

COMPLETE FOOTBALL

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL

WITH NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER AND OFC J2 LICENCED
YOUTH COACH HARRY BUSHELL

2025

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

3:15PM - 4:15PM

TERM ONE FROM FEB 11



\$15 PER
SESSION

LOCATION

Opawa School Field

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Acting Workshop 4-5:15pm

Term 1, every

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Singing Workshop 5:30-6:30pm

Scholarships

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WHAT

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WHEN & WHERE

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Attend online from home.

SIGN UP FOR A FREE TRIAL



Give your child the opportunity to learn to code: codingnz.com

CODINGNZ

codingnz.com/signup

GIRLS' CHOIR ŌTAUTAHI

2025 AUDITIONS!

*Are you a girl aged 10-17
who loves to sing?*

Girls' Choir Ōtautahi rehearses at
The Arts Centre on Wednesdays
5.30-7.30pm (during term-time)

Auditions for new members will be on
Wednesday 5 & 12 February
5pm - 6.30pm

For more information or to book an
audition time, visit our website:
girlschoirotautahi.nz/auditions

U4-U8 PROGRAMME

FUNINO FUN FOOTBALL 2025 - TERM 1

DATES:
JAN 27TH - APR 11TH

AGES 4-7

\$150 PER TERM

MONDAY-FRIDAY:
4:30PM-5:15PM

SATURDAY:

U4-U6: 9:30-10:15

U7-U8: 10:30AM-11:15AM

LEARN MORE



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JOIN THE FUN – SYDENHAM RIPPA & FOOTY FUN!

WHEN: FRIDAYS, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
DATES: 28TH FEBRUARY – 11TH APRIL 2025
WHERE: SYDENHAM PARK
WHO: YEAR 1 & 2 TAMARIKI (AGES 4-7)
COST: FREE FOR OUR SYDENHAM COMMUNITY

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ FUN, NON-CONTACT RIPPA RUGBY SESSIONS
- ✓ LEARN NEW SKILLS: RUNNING, PASSING, EVASION, TEAMWORK
- ✓ SMALL-SIDED RIPPA GAMES EACH WEEK
- ✓ DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND MEET NEW FRIENDS
- ✓ A FESTIVAL-STYLE FUN DAY TO FINISH!

**FREE RUGBY SESSIONS FOR
YEAR 1 & 2 TAMARIKI**

HOW TO REGISTER:

- **OPTION 1:** REGISTER ONLINE VIA QR CODE
- **OPTION 2:** JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY AND SIGN IN – ALL ARE WELCOME!



BB 14th Christchurch

- BB 14th Christchurch meets at the Beckenham Methodist Church Hall.
- BB is an adventure based programme for 5 to 18 year olds in three sections.
- BB offers a well-balanced fun filled programme for young guys.
- BB is the oldest international interdenominational uniformed Christian organisation

We run a action-packed programme geared for Young Kiwi Men.

Boys' Brigade 14th Christchurch is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-18 yrs old. We operate in four sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Adventure Section 8-10 years, Delta jnr Section 11-14 years and Delta snr 15-18 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more.

We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham.

For more information info visit our website for www.14thbb.org.nz or contact Stephen Gregory Ph/Txt: 027 4371565, email: admin@14thbb.org.nz



Anchor Boys

For Boys aged 5 to 7
6:15 to 7:10pm



Adventure

For Boys aged 8 to 10
7:00 to 8:30pm



Delta

For Boys 11 to 18
7:00 to 9:00pm