Te Kura o Ōpāwaho-Opawa School

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Term 2, Week 4

22nd May 2024





Kia ora tātou and talofa lava,

We have enjoyed another action packed couple of weeks of learning - both in and out of our classrooms. Later this term all students throughout our kura / school will learn about Matariki as we celebrate this important time of the year as a nation. We continue to prioritise Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as having a specific focus on the technology curriculum this term. Our teachers will keep you updated via Hero about specific learning for your child and their class.

Our staff continue to model lifelong learning and all have their own goals to focus on as part of our professional growth cycle (like appraisal). Many of our team have chosen an aspect of 'te reo Māori' as one of their goals and 13 staff have chosen to take on extra study this term and last term, completing the 'Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori' course. This is a big commitment and requires courage, energy and time - three hours after school one day a week, (every week), multiple written and oral assessments and two full day (in the weekend) wānaka (learning sessions). We are very proud of our staff who have chosen to take up this opportunity - tu meke koutou (you're all awesome).

For the next four weeks, Valelia (one of our kaiawhina / teacher aides) will be working alongside Whaea Tracy in our whare (Room 6). Valelia is studying to be a kaiako / teacher in a new course established and run by the University of Canterbury. When Valelia graduates, she will be qualified to teach in both mainstream (regular schools) and also bi-lingual/full immersion Kura Kaupapa -Schools that teach solely 'i te reo Māori' (speaking and writing in Māori).

Our Year 5-8 have had a very active time recently, with all of them competing in our school cross country last week and today, 36 of our students are at Hansen Park, competing in our South Zone (inter school) Cross Country. What a fabulous day for a race! Please keep an eye out for information about our Year 1-4 'Run for Fun' and Year 3-4 cross country event at Hillview Christian School for those who are our fastest in this year group. Both events are scheduled for this term.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the ongoing commitment we have to music in our kura / school and to thank CSM (Christchurch School of Music) and our Home and School (HAS - same as a PTA) for their financial support and expertise in this space. We have lots of music opportunities for our students, and can offer some financial support for lessons as well. Please contact Hamish for more information about these music opportunities - hamish.a@opawa.school.nz.



Keep warm everyone! Ngā mihi, Sally



Welcome to our new ākonga/students and their whānau/families: Roseaya Rm9 Pablo Rm 17





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

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. Last term's value is **Tapatahi/Integrity** each fortnight six children are selected to have a pizza lunch with Sally in her office. The pizzas are generously sponsored by Cassels and sons – The Brewery. The following children enjoyed pizza with Sally: Willa Rm1, Robbie & Kieran Rm2, Chorus Rm3, Mawson Rm5 and Harper Rm8.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in non-uniform with their buddy. The following children were selected: Mya, Ryder & Fred Rm12 and Nana, Ella & Levi P Rm13

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 2 Dates

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Vhanau Hui - 3.15-4.15pm	22 nd May
Peer Mediators 'Big Day Out'	28 th May
Staff Only Day	31 st May
Kings Birthday	3 rd Jun
NYLD Year 8's	5 th Jun
Cycle Safety Year 6 Students	12,13,14
	& 17th Jun
IAS Meeting 7pm	18 th Jun
/ear 5/6 Swimming at Te Pou Toetoe	24 th -27 th Jun
Canterbury Cross Country	26 th Jun
/latariki	28 th Jun
/ear 5/6 Swimming at Te Pou Toetoe	1 st – 5 th Jul
/ear 0-4 Cross Country Challenge	2 nd Jul
 Hillview Christian School 	

2024 TERM DATES

Term 2	29 th Apr – 5 th Jul
Term 3	22 nd Jul - 27 th Sep
Term 4	$14^{th} Oct - 18^{th} Dec$

NB – There will also be two additional Staff Only Days at dates yet to be determined in line with Ministry of Education requirements. These will not need to be 'made up' as they are part of the Ministry allocated time to teachers for Curriculum professional learning.



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 alonside 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.

We offer an initial 'Drop In' opportunity (this can be face to face or by phone) to chat through concerns/issues. At this time we decide on the best way to support you moving forward.

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 <u>lisa@opawa.school.nz</u>; with your name and contact details and Lisa will get back to you to arrange an appointment time.



Staff only day Next Friday 31st May

School closed to all students.

Kidsbase will be running onsite. Please contact them to book your child/ren in.

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 and Week 8 from 7pm in the staffroom. Check the newsletter calendar for dates For more information email opawahas@gmail.com

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Final Orders 25th May - Pick up 1st June

Please support our Pasifika Tutors

Talofa lava

I am fundraising for our trip to Hawaii with Tagata Mai Saute Academy. We have a cultural exchange with Sootaga productions at the pacific cultural centre where we will be representing CHC NZ when delivering our workshops and concert.

School Lunch Orders





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 Opawa School uniform.

The uniform should be clean, tidy and named.

Only the long sleeved Opāwa School undergarment (gunmetal grey) should be visible under the Opāwa polot.

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- 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.

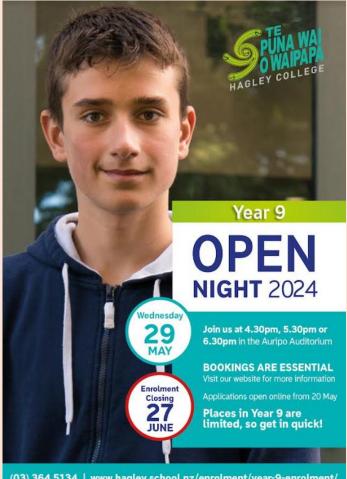
The final decision on all matters relating to the uniform resides with the principal

Community

Te Puna Wai o Waipapa Hagley College **YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS FOR 2025** Open on Mon 20 May Closes Thursday 27 June 2024

Year 9 Open Evening 2024 Wednesday 29 May | Bookings are essential

www.hagley.school.nz

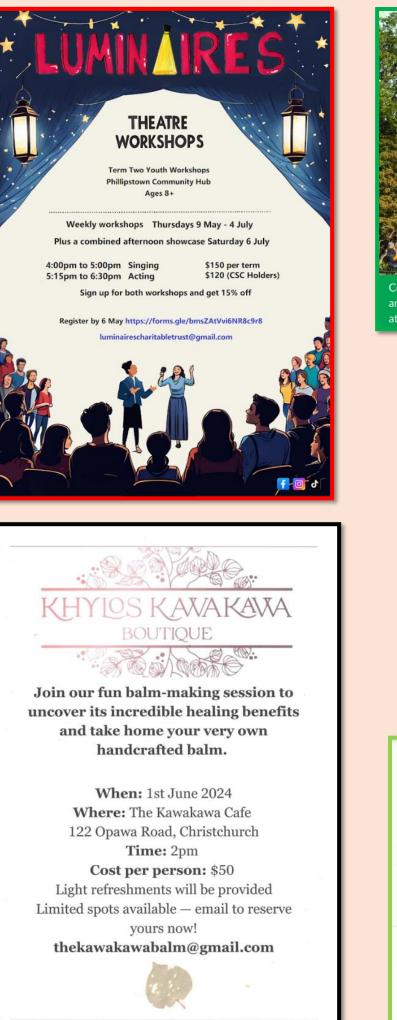


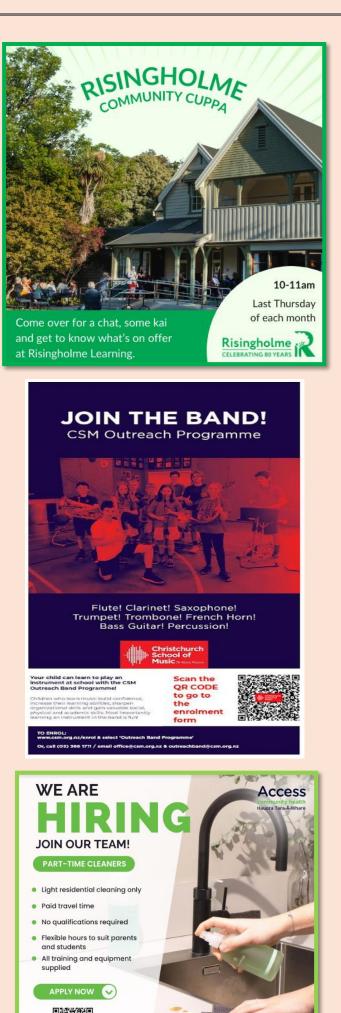
Open Days – Thursday 23rd May, Friday 24th May, 2024 Open Night – Tuesday 28th May, 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm

Open days: These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whanau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action. Whanau must book these visits by calling reception on 03 982 0100. Alternatively you can email for a booking: office@tearatai.school.nz

Open night: These sessions will start promptly at 4.30pm and at 6pm, with Principal, Maria Lemalie 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 and no booking is required.

(03) 364 5134 | www.hagley.school.nz/enrolment/year-9-enrolment,





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Approved by AUTEC on 08/04/24 [Ref. 24/43]

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🖂 amy.kercher@aut.ac.nz

Valerie Gasser valerie@in-essence.co.nz 021 216 2708 Otakaro Healing Arts 232 Fitzgerald Avenue Linwood, Christchurch New Zealand



I would like to offer a 20% discount for a massage healing treatment for the Opawa school community from 8th May to the 8th June.

My work is holistic in nature and it is deeply restorative on many levels. All the information is on my website.

My website address is:

www.in-essence.co.nz

I look forward to taking care of you!

Just mention Opawa Community Special for the discount!

Valerie from In-Essence



St Martins C3 church are offering free or very lost cost adult classes in a variety of life skills. The classes will run over four consecutive Tuesday nights in the Hillview school gym, starting on April 30th.

This is a new initiative and the skill classes being taught this time are Sourdough bread basics, hair cutting 101, Jewellery making and cellphone photography tips and tricks.

Have a look at our <u>'Skills Nights' website</u> to consider whether this is something that may be of value to the families in your school and worth including in your newsletter. The same website is where people can register.

https://www.stmartinsc3.org/skills



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