Term 2, Week 2 8th May 2024



# Te Kura o Ōpāwaho-Opawa School



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Kia ora tātou and talofa lava,

We have hit the ground running and are well into Term 2, with much to celebrate already. Today, our Year 7/8 students head over the hill for their camp at Living Springs. We know that school camp is often a highlight for many students, staff and whānau and we are grateful for the quality and quantity of whānau who have offered to help and to attend camp. Have an amazing time everyone and make some great memories!

Last Friday we held our termly mihi whakatau and welcomed a record number of new students, whānau and two staff - Harry (Teacher Aide) and Imogen (Teacher of Year 5/6 in Room 13). We were ably supported by Rooms 7 and 13 and (parents) Sarah and Paige from our Whānau Group. We are blessed to have some new whānau join us, who whakapapa both locally - Waitaha (Canterbury), from around Aotearoa and also from Australia, England and Denmark!

Last week our Pasifika Group started their weekly sessions with Tama Mai Saute - Albany Peseta (Bachelor in Performing Arts, 15 years experience as a cultural tutor) and Noah Filimoehala (Bachelor and Honours in Music, 10 years+ experience in education) are our tutors and we had close to 25 students join the session. Kaiako / Teacher in Room 4, Maria (Frew) leads in this space and both Malia and Valelia (Teacher Aides) join the sessions too.

Congratulations to all of our Year 8 students who recently gained their first aid certificates. Thanks and ngā mihi to Nick and our local Kiwanis group for sponsoring this.

This term is action packed with a variety of activities happening throughout the school. Please keep an eye on the calendar, for such events as 'junior run for fun', senior (Year 5-8) cross country, in-school matariki celebrations, cycle safety for

Year 6, Year 5/6 swimming, individual school reports being sent out, among plenty of other things!

Keep warm and enjoy these autumnal days everyone.

Ngā mihi,

Sally











Welcome to our new ākonga/students and their whānau/families:

Room 1 – Cecilia, Albert, Emerson, Zivian And Maeve

Room 2 - Ivy, Riley and Sophie

Room 3 - Andrea, Ruby and K'Lahnee



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

Children can earn vouchers for demonstrating our school values. Last term's value is *Manaakitaka / Respect* 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: Katie, Oscar & Benjamin Rm2, Xavier Rm4 and Luke & Piper Rm5.

Six children are also selected with Gotchas, who can then have a day in non-uniform with their buddy. The following children were selected: Claire Rm12, Jake & William Rm13, Noah, Andy & Rory Rm17.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Term 2 Dates

Year 7/8 Living Springs Camp 8<sup>th</sup> - 10 May Year 5-8 Cross Country 15<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup> May PP date 22<sup>nd</sup> May South Zone Cross Country Hansens Park Whanau Hui - 3.15-4.15pm 22<sup>nd</sup> May Peer Mediators 'Big Day Out' 28th May 31st May Staff Only Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun Kings Birthday NYLD Year 8's 5<sup>th</sup> Jun HAS Meeting 7pm 18<sup>th</sup> Jun Year 5/6 Swimming at Te Pou Toetoe 24th-27th Jun 26<sup>th</sup> Jun Canterbury Cross Country 28<sup>th</sup> Jun 1st – 5th Jul Year 5/6 Swimming at Te Pou Toetoe

#### 2024 TERM DATES

Term 2 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – 5<sup>th</sup> Jul Term 3 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul – 27<sup>th</sup> Sep Term 4 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 0-4 Cross Country Challenge

Hillview Christian School

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.

# **Mother of All Clean Ups 2024!**



2<sup>nd</sup> Jul

### What is the Mother of All Clean Ups?

This Christchurch-based event happens each year on the Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> May) before Mother's Day. Driven by the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust, river care groups alongside lots of wonderful people from the community will be out and about on the Ōtākaro Avon, Ōpāwaho Heathcote, Estuary and Coastlines cleaning up rubbish along the waterways. Last year, this event resulted in just under 3 tonnes of rubbish being collected! This has become a renowned large-scale community operation, and yes, we are making a huge difference!

### How can your school get involved?

This is what we do: As part of our Wā Hāpori time every 2nd Friday, Te Kura o Ōpāwaho have a group of tamariki called 'The Friends of the Awa' who walk along our river, picking up rubbish and caring for our taiao (environment).

If you as whānau would like to be involved with the wider community and the Christchurch City Council in the 'Mother of All Clean Ups 2024', email Georgina St John-Ives to register your interest.

Georgina.StJohnIves@ccc.govt.nz



Te kura o Ōpāwaho - Opawa School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day (Friday 17 May 2024), and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. We have the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries and one in five workers feels discriminated against or bullied at work. Those bullied are far more likely to experience mental health issues.

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be wearing PINK on Friday 17th May.

Tamariki will also have the choice to participate in the Pink Shirt Day t-shirt design and / or the Pink Shirt Day Colouring Competition. No money is required on this day.

You can learn more about Pink Shirt Day here: www.pinkshirtday.org.nz

### **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

Come have a coffee and chat, nibbles provided



Thank you for supporting our
Pie Fundraiser this year. \$2.20 from each Pie come
straight back to our community.

The Naked Baker will be delivering the pies to school Friday 10th of May.

All orders will need to be collected between 3-3.30pm, location to be confirmed weather dependent.

We will do our best to box or bag as many orders as possible.



#### 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.

### School Lunch Orders







### Lunches

Sushi Factory every Wednesday & Friday

Sausages sizzle every Thursday

Order sushi before 8.30am

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

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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 <a href="https://www.subway.co.nzschools">www.subway.co.nzschools</a>, log on, select <a href="https://subway.co.nzschools">SUBWAY School Lunch Programme –</a>
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 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, 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.

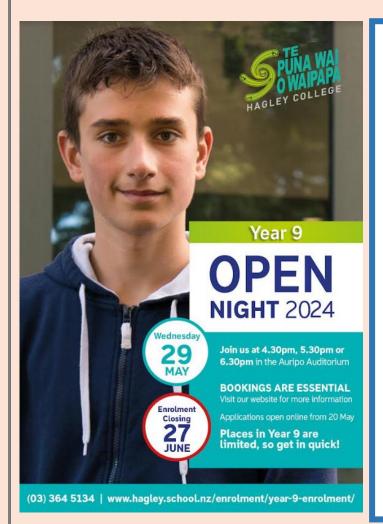
One piece swimming togs are recommended.

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









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 whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action. Whānau 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.

### Valerie Gasser

New Zealand

valerie@in-essence.co.nz 021 216 2708

**Otakaro Healing Arts** 232 Fitzgerald Avenue Linwood, Christchurch



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





Join our fun balm-making session to uncover its incredible healing benefits and take home your very own handcrafted balm.

> When: 1st June 2024 Where: The Kawakawa Cafe 122 Opawa Road, Christchurch Time: 2pm

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Cost per person: \$50 Light refreshments will be provided

Limited spots available — email to reserve yours now!

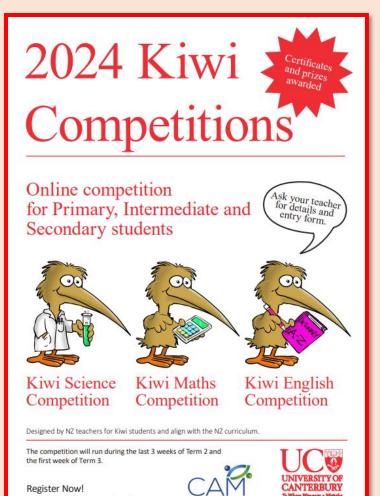
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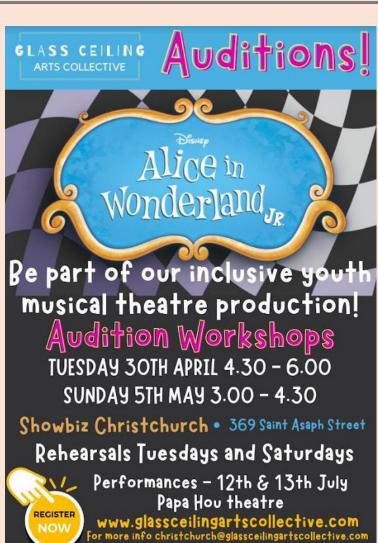




www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/













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