

Te Kura Takiwa o Opononi Opononi Area School

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WHANAU UPDATE

Thursday 15 August 2024

Upcoming Term Events

| 16 August | South Hokianga Cross Country - Waima, 9.30am |
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| 19 August | Lockdown - Practice Drill |
| 20 August | Storylines National tour |
| 27 August | BOT Hui, 6pm |
| 27-28 August | Chainsaw course |
| 30 August | Career Day |
| 10-12 Sept | CAAs (NCEA assessments) |
| 4-6 Sept | Taiao by Taiao Wananga |
| 15 Sept | Student BOT Election Day |
| 19 Sept | School Photos |
| 26 Sept | Te Ahurea Kapa Haka o Te Tonga o Hokianga |
| 9 Aug - 30 Sept | Whole School Mufti Day - only on a Friday |
| 27 Sept | End of Term |

Save these dates!

| 9-10 April 2025 | Te Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools 50th Kapa Haka Festival |
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| 11-12 April | OAS 50th Jubilee 2025 |

Sports - After School

Waka Ama Training

Message from coaches - Sprint season has ended - we will pick back up in September!

Netball

At TKKM o Hokianga (Kura) Every Monday for Year 7 upwards, 5.30pm

Team Alpha Cubs/Hokianga Kyokushin Mondays & Wednesdays, OAS at 4pm

OPO JMB

The season is finished for this year.

Check out our school Facebook page for photos and videos:

https://www.facebook.com/OpoArea

facebook.

Whaea Yanje holds a special place in our hearts as our Kaiako, colleague and friend, she will have a lasting impact on both our staff, students and school community.

He aituā, He kokonga whare e kitea, he kokonga ngakau e kore e kitea. Kua hina tētahi totara nui o wao nui a tane.

Whaea Yanje's dedication and passion for her role were evident to all who had the privilege of working alongside her. She possessed an innate ability to inspire and guide our students, helping them to unlock their full potential and explore the many possibilities that awaited them beyond our school gate.

Whaea Yanje's whānau have been an integral part of our kura, weaving their legacy into the fabric of our community. Their presence, warmth, and support have enriched our school life in countless ways. Whaea Yanje's absence will undoubtedly be deeply felt by all who had the honor of knowing her and her whānau.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Whaea Yanje's whānau and friends and share their grief during this difficult time. In the days ahead, we will come together to support one another, to honor Whaea Yanjes' memory, and to continue the important work she started. Please keep Whaea Yanje's whānau in your thoughts.

Kei te taonga o te mate e Whaea Yanje Klaricich moe mai ra e te Whaea.

Rosina Wikaira Principal





Week 5 of Term 1 School Notices

Milton Ross intro/bio

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Tēnei ka mihi atu ki a koutou ko ngā akonga me ngā kaiako, ngā kaimahi me ngā tāngata katoa o te Kura Takiwā o Opononi.

Ko Mamaru te waka,

Ko Parata te tangata,

Ko Kahutianui te whaea tupuna,

Ko Ngāti Kahu te iwi,

Ko Tokarau te moana,

Ko Ngāti Tara te hapū,

Ko Parapara te marae,

Ko Kiriwi te ingoa whānau,

Ko Milton Ross tōku ingoa.





It is with a real sense of excitement as well as a little trepidation that I return to the beautiful Southern shores of the Hokianga harbour. It is an honour to be asked to come back and work here at Te Kura Takiwā o Opononi. I return with my beautiful partner Naomi, at my side.

My most recent work (since 2018) has been in the Waikato, at St John's College, Hillcrest. A Catholic boys secondary school of around 950 students. I have been working as the TIC te reo Māori, Whānau ope kaiako and member of the Senior Management Team. Important parts of my mahi there included working alongside teachers to develop stronger connections with te Ao Māori, tikanga Māori and te reo Māori. In 2023 I spent the year studying and completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (the picture above was taken on graduation day 2024) in Te Tohu Paerua. This tohu was taught exclusively in te reo and focused on Māori educational history and Māori educational pathways for our future. In addition to this I have helped Coach rugby at the 1st XV level there for a number of years.

I have taught many different subjects including, Economics, Social Studies, PE, Gateway, Careers education, Religious Education, Te reo Māori and Business Studies. I am willing to teach anywhere I am needed.

I am very much aware of the big issues that our school faces as we move forward with a new leadership group. It is my sincere hope that we can work together with all members of our community to elevate and assist our akonga to succeed in their own lives. There is hard work ahead for all of us and there will at times be some hard conversations. The one thing I'd like us to remember is that our akonga are the centre of all that we do in our work and they should always remain there.

Nā Milton Ross

"Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou"

Tēnā koutou,

Reminder to whānau that all students must always be in the correct uniform. If your child has a genuine reason for non-uniform, whānau will need to inform the school by written note or email our office at office@opononi.school.nz each time your child is not in uniform or your child can give this note directly to their teacher. From Monday 19 August the school will be doing a uniform blitz.

Please let our office know if you need any help with uniform enquiries. Our uniform price list is here. If you need to pay off your uniform over time please arrange this with the office.

OPONONI AREA SCHOOL UNIFORM

| Primary School Uniform (Year 1 – 8) | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|------|-------|
| Boys and Girls Options: | Price | Amount | Size | Total |
| Sky Blue Polo T Shirt | 15.00 | | | |
| Navy Junior ½ Zip Polar Fleece Pullover | 37.00 | | | |
| | Girls O | ptions: | | |
| Black Skort (skirt with shorts sewn inside) | 32.00 | | | |
| | Boys O | ptions: | | |
| Black Cargo Shorts | 32.00 | | | |

| Secondary School Uniform (Year 9-13) | Price | Amount | Size | Total |
|--|-------|--------|------|-------|
| Boys and Girls Options: | | | | |
| Navy Blue Jersey with monogram size XS-3XL | 90.00 | | | |
| Navy Blue Vest with monogram size XS-3XL | 70.00 | | | |
| Tie | 24.00 | | | |
| Black Puffer Jacket with school logo | 55.00 | | | |
| Adult Pull-on Cargo Short | 32.00 | | | |
| Girls Options: | | _ | | |
| Black Skirt | 12.00 | | | |
| White Short Sleeve Blouse | 25.00 | | | |
| White Long Sleeve Blouse | 25.00 | | | |
| Boys Options: | | | | |

| White Short Sleeve Shirt | 25.00 | | |
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| White Long Sleeve Shirt | 25.00 | | |

TOTAL COST:

Please contact the school office if you require a school invoice to be sent or any further information.

Nāku nā

Milton Ross



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BUNNINGS.

THANK YOU TO BUNNINGS FOR THE S UMBRELLAS THEY DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL.

We certainly need them for this weather. Thank you from the staff and students of Opononi Area School.







OAS Years 1-8 Cross Country - Wednesday 14 August - Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated and tried their best in our school cross country. Here are the first and second placings for each age group:

| 5 yea | r olds | | | |
|-------------|----------|--|--|--|
| Tangaroa | Jrina | | | |
| Tohu | Hailey | | | |
| 6 year olds | | | | |
| River | Ena | | | |
| Solomon | Wayverly | | | |
| 7 year olds | | | | |
| Fynn | Lexie | | | |
| Brody | Acacia | | | |

| 8 yea | r olds |
|------------------|----------|
| Izac | Nikolai |
| Beau | Brooklyn |
| 9 уеа | r olds |
| Angus | Carter |
| Hirini | Zelda |
| 10 Yea | ar olds |
| Max Whitireia | |
| 11 yea | r olds |
| Dallas | Skye |
| 7airlie | Melody |
| 12 yea | r olds |
| Kaleb Matea | Melodee |
| Matea | Louisa |

Primary School Notices

- Strep throat as it is doing the rounds again. Parents, please take your tamariki to get swabbed if they complain of a sore throat.
- Also, Head Lice are back. Lots of itchy heads around. We do have head lice supplies
 at the office. Please ask we are happy to send them home with your child.

- Big thank you to Whaea Missy who has been making our students breakfast every morning. We appreciate everything you did for us and will miss you very much! Also thank you to Whaea Richelle and Whaea Barb who continue to come in to cook breakfast during the week. Please let us know if you can help.
- We are currently stock-taking our instructional reading books.
 Please have a look at home for any school reading books (or library books). If they could be returned to the school office or school with your child it would be appreciated as they are expensive to replace. We would love to buy some new titles!

Some of our Senior girls attended a 1-day cancer awareness wānanga hosted by Hauora Hokianga and Cancer Society. The workshop covered: what cancer is, preventative measures, cancer treatments and supports, and so much more.







Attendance Matters.

Thank you to all the caregivers who respond to the text message sent when your child is absent from school. There are still a number of parents who do not respond to our text messages.

On average 2/3 of caregivers do not reply. The impact is that we don't know where your student is: have they come to school and not arrived, are they unsafe, or are they safe at home?

Texts are sent every day a student is absent from school, as well as being a query, it is also a safety measure.

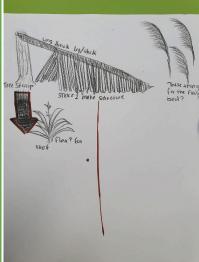
Your student being absent, and the reason why, have a huge impact on our attendance report from the Ministry of Education.

If your student has to be absent, please contact the school on 4058 500 ex 203, email Sophie Toi at sophiet@opononi.school.nz. or respond to the text message.

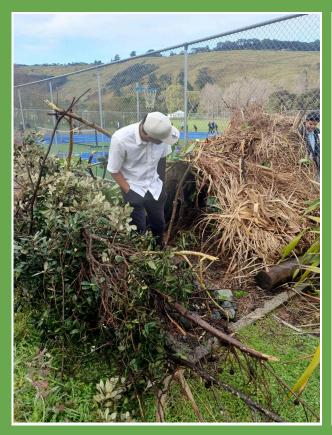
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated as we endeavor to raise our attendance rate.

Students from our Te Ao Ora NCEA course designing and building survival shelters out of found materials:











Important dates for NCEA:

Literacy and Numeracy CAAs (assessments)
Reading - Tuesday 10th September
Numeracy - Wednesday 11th September
Writing - Thursday 12th September

Board of Trustees Student Representative Elections

It's that time of the year again.
We are holding the Student Rep elections.
Year 9 - 13 students are only eligible to nominate and vote.
Nomination papers will be distributed on 28th August.
Election day is 15th September



Opononi Area School are thrilled to advise that we have received a \$5,000 sports grant from New Zealand Carbon Farming (NZCF) who are supporting schools in the areas that they operate in throughout Aotearoa. NZCF recognise the importance of youth and preserving our planet for future generations.

The New Zealand Carbon Farming Sports Grant is now available to any student who may miss out on sporting opportunities due to financial reasons. To apply for funding, please complete this <u>application form</u>. Please note that all application forms will be strictly confidential, and each application is limited to a maximum of \$500.00.

For more information about NZCF, who they are and what they do, please refer to their <u>Videos</u> and <u>Prospectus</u>.

Community Volunteer Survey

This volunteer Project is run by the Year 10 Students of Opononi Area School. This Survey aims to gather information about possible projects the community believes are important which are in line with our Volunteer Theme of - **Those In Need**.

Survey link - click here

Year 9 OAS Survey - Water Project

The Year 9 students of Opononi Area School are intending to run a Water Based volunteer project and are looking for community input/ideas about what this project could be.

Survey link - click here





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Who reviews our policies and procedures? Reviews are open to the board, staff, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau)

Term 3 Reviews

| | Term 3 review topics | |
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| • | Concerns and Complaints Policy | Board review |
| • | Media | |
| • | Performance Management | Board review |
| • | Professional Development | |
| • | Protected Disclosure | Board review |
| • | Staff Conduct | |
| • | Staff Leave | |

the Policy review form.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS FOR 2024

All meetings are held at 6 pm in either the Staffroom or Boardroom at OAS.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Next meetings.

27 August 2024

17 September 2024

15 October 2024

19 November 2024

17 December 2024

BOT CONTACT

If you need to make contact with our Board of Trustees please contact the BOT Secretary, Anita Williams-Brown - anitaw@opononi.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following community notices do not reflect the policies of the school or the Board of Trustees



Eat a range of healthy foods Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth.

Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child? 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384) Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm





0800 698 3384 (0800 MY TEETH)





P.O. BOX 33 OPONONI 0445

Email: hokirsa@hotmail.com

Ph: (09) 405 8708

Did you serve in the NZ Defence Force either Navy, Army or Air Force?

Calling all Veterans, Current and Ex-Servicepersons



The Hokianga Memorial RSA Welfare & Poppy Trust is hosting a Veterans' Clinic on Wednesday the 21st August 2024 at the Opononi Hall between 9am and 3pm.

If you are a veteran, currently serving or exserviceperson and either want to find out what you are entitled to, or make an application for assistance, or just want to talk about something, then come along to the veterans', current and ex servicepersons clinic.

No bookings required just turn up.

Bring any relevant paperwork (VA forms, Doctors Certs etc) with you

Refreshments provided

For enquiries phone the Trust Chair Bill Rawiri on 0274 989 895