



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
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
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>

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

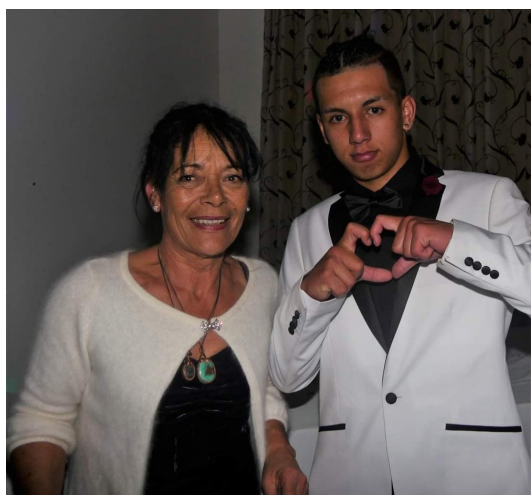
Whaea Yanje's dedication and passion for her role were evident to all who had the privilege of working alongside her. She possessed an innate ability to inspire and guide our students, helping them to unlock their full potential and explore the many possibilities that awaited them beyond our school gate.

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 Yanje's 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 ora mā 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 Options:			
Black Skort (skirt with shorts sewn inside)	32.00			
	Boys Options:			
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			
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

Primary Fundraiser

KAPA HAKA

T-SHIRTS

Friday 9th

KUKI FLAVAH

Friday 9th

SUPERHERO DAY

E ngā ringa hāpai o mua o Te Kura Takiwa o Opononi. Anei ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa. E kaha whakangungu ana mātou i te kura mo Te Ahurea Kapa Haka o te Tonga o Hokianga, ā, e tuku inoi ana mātou ki a koutou.

Kia orana to all.

This term our junior school will be performing at our South Hokianga Kapa Haka Festival at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hokianga. We have been practicing very hard at school in preparation for this performance. The festival date is the **26th of September**. Our kapa haka uniform this year will be customized t-shirts. To help us fundraise for these shirts we have planned 5 themed mufti days for the next 5 weeks, the dates and themes are below.

There is a Gold Coin donation planned for every Mufti day. Note that if your child/s has a donation of \$5 that will cover them for all planned mufti days.

August
 Friday 9th – Superhero Day & Kuki Flavah
 Friday 16th – Twin Day
 Friday 23rd – Crazy Hair Day
 Friday 30th – Future Carrer Day

September
 Friday 6th – House Colour Day

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. Whaea Tuuriri.

Friday 16th

TWIN DAY

Friday 23rd

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday 30th

FUTURE CARRER

Friday 6th Sep

HOUSE COLOUR

Mufti Day's

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BUNNINGS.

THANK YOU TO BUNNINGS FOR THE 5 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 year olds	
Tangaroa Tohu	Irina Hailey
6 year olds	
River Solomon	Ena Wayverly
7 year olds	
Fynn Brody	Lexie Acacia

8 year olds

*Izac
Beau*

Nikolai

Brooklyn

9 year olds

*Angus
Hirini*

*Carter
Zelda*

10 Year olds

*Max
Whitireia*

11 year olds

*Dallas
Fairlie*

Skye

Melody

12 year olds

*Kaleb
Matea*

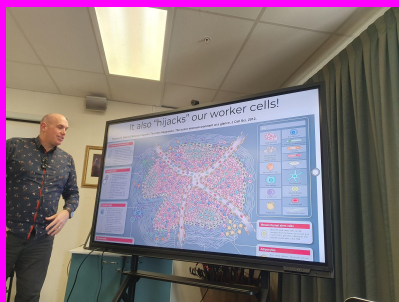
*Melodee
Louisa*

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?

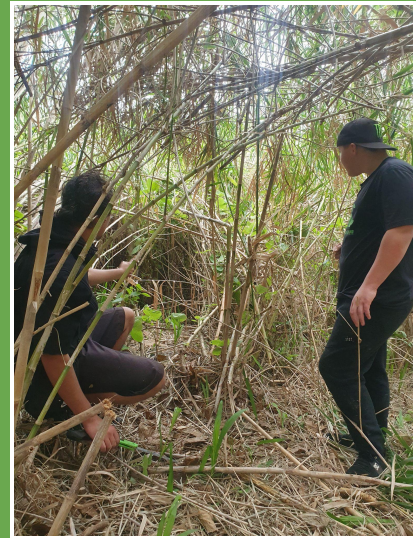
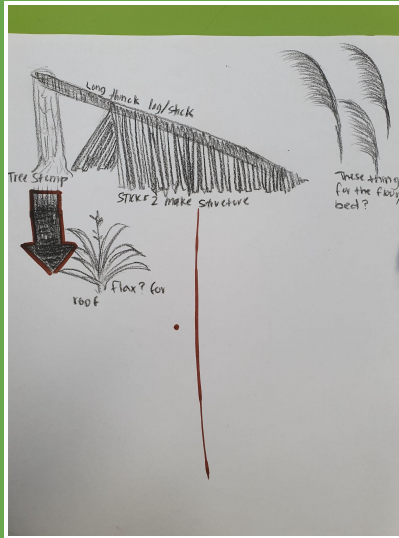
Texts are sent every day a student is absent from school, as well as being a query, it is also a safety measure.

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



New Zealand Carbon Farming

Preserving our planet for future generations

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 [application form](#). 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 [Videos](#) and [Prospectus](#).

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](#)



OPONONI SCHOOL Photo Order Form
Photos to be taken 19 Sept 2024 - Orders must be completed and paid by: 18 Sept 2024
Easy online ordering at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz
Please order online if paying by credit card or direct credit.
Use this order form if paying with cash and return it to school.

PLEASE USE ONE ORDER FORM PER FAMILY

Contact Phone No.

Email Address

Child's Surname

First name

Class No.

Please tick ☒ appropriate boxes

Class Photos

Portrait Photos

Class

Combo

Indiv.

Sibling

Family

Browse the product range below and indicate quantities (number) of products required in the orange circles

Class Photo/
Funny Photo



A4 size (21 x 30cm)
Laminated & Named
\$19



A5 size (15 x 21cm)
Named
\$16



FUNNY PHOTO
(12.5 x 18cm)
\$12

Total \$

Combination
Pack

Class Photo and INDIVIDUAL Portrait Combined (not available for sibling/family photos)

- 1 x A4 named class photo with individual insert
- 2 x 12.5 x 18cm
- 4 x wallet
- 2 x postcards
- FREE Funny Photo



\$49

Total \$

PORTRAIT PHOTOS

NB: Family photos will be taken between 8.15 and 8.30am.

BRONZE Package

4 x wallet photos
2 x postcards
1 x 12.5 x 18cm



BRONZE: INDIVIDUAL \$23
BRONZE: SIBLING \$28
BRONZE: FAMILY \$33

Total \$

SILVER Package

4 x wallet photos
2 x postcards
1 x A4 photo
FREE Funny Photo



SILVER: INDIVIDUAL \$28
SILVER: SIBLING \$33
SILVER: FAMILY \$38

Total \$

GOLD Package

8 x wallet photos
4 x postcards
2 x 12.5 x 18cm
1 x A4 photo
FREE Funny Photo



GOLD: INDIVIDUAL \$35
GOLD: SIBLING \$40
GOLD: FAMILY \$45

Total \$

Digital Image

We will email a high resolution digital image suitable for printing at large sizes to the email address you specify below:

INDIVIDUAL \$30
SIBLING \$35
FAMILY \$40

Total \$

Any enquiries to Liz's email: photos@lizdaviesphotography.co.nz or call her on 027 457 1151
It's easy to re-order photos online or late orders at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz
Order Total \$ GST Incl.

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<https://opononi.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: **opononi**

Password: **kiteaomarama**

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 |
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| • Performance Management | Board review |
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| • Professional Development | |
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| • Protected Disclosure | Board review |
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| • Staff Conduct | |
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| • Staff Leave | |

Reviews who are not able to use the online review tool can use 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)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

HOKIANGA SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2024

Te Ao Tupuna traditional knowledge of
Hauora, Health and Wellbeing

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
23 October 2024
Rawene Hall

PRIZES TO BE WON
LUNCH PROVIDED



HOKIANGA
COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Hauora
Hokianga
Hokianga
Health

Contact:
albrecht_hoki@yahoo.co.nz



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 ex-serviceperson 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