



Te Kura Takiwa o Opononi Opononi Area School

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WHANAU UPDATE

Thursday 7 Sept 2023



Whaea Teena held a special place in our hearts as our Gateway coordinator and had a lasting impact on both our staff and students.

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 Teena'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 toward their future paths, helping them unlock their potential and explore the many possibilities that awaited them beyond our school walls.

Beyond her professional contributions, Whaea Teena'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 Teena's absence will undoubtedly be deeply felt by all who had the honour of knowing her and her whānau.

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

Please keep Whaea Teena's whānau in your thoughts.

Kei te taonga o te mate e Whaea Teena Brown moe mai ra e te Whaea.

Melissa Parlane

Presiding Member / On behalf of the board and staff of Opononi Area School.

Kia ora tatou katoa,

Week 8 of Term 3.

Students have been working hard on assessments and attaining NCEA credits this term.

This week our seniors have been doing a fencing programme also Tai Tokerau Trades Training Ltd came in to do a presentation for our secondary students.

Our students took part in the Secondary School Beast over in Paihia a few weeks back.

Nominations for the Board of Trustees student elections have been received and soon the voting process will start.

An email has been sent to whānau last week with this link below if you missed that please get your survey in by the end of this week thanks.
Whānau Kōrero - Your voice - Kōrero mai
[Click here](#)

The end of term is coming fast. Our last day is on Friday 22 September.

Ngā mihi,
Darlene Rogers
Acting Principal



Reminders

- *Next Kapa Haka practice date: 15 Sept, 2-5 pm*
- *No Art tutorials today: 7 Sept*

Upcoming Events

Term 3

- **8 Sept** - QRC Hospitality
- **11-18 Sept** - Māori Language Week
- **11-12 Sept** - Learner/Restricted Driver's Licences at school
- **13 Sept** - Yr 5-6 Basketball Tournament, Kura Hokianga
- **13 Sept** - Yr 7-8 Fundraiser
- **15 Sept** - Learner test day/Kaikohe
- **18 Sept** - Duffy Role Model Assembly
- **19 Sept** - Board of Trustees Hui, 6pm in Staffroom
- **20 Sept** - Yr 7-8 Basketball Tournament, Opononi Area School
- **TBC 20 Sept** - Teacher Only Day/Secondary School only
- **22 Sept** - End of Term 3 School Holidays
- **26-29 Sept** - Music Camp

Term 4

- **9 Oct** - Start of Term 4
- **14 Oct** - General Election Day - OAS will be a voting place
- **23 Oct** - Labour Day
- **Week 5** - NZQA Exams
- *Date to be confirmed* - Careers Expo/Opononi Hall
- *Date to be confirmed* - NCEA Accord Day (only Primary School onsite, years 1-8)
- **27-29 Nov** - Primary School Camp, Lonsdale Camp, Matauri Bay

Check out our school Facebook page for photos and videos:



<https://www.facebook.com/OpoArea>

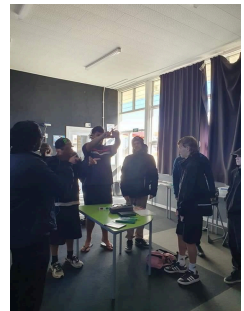
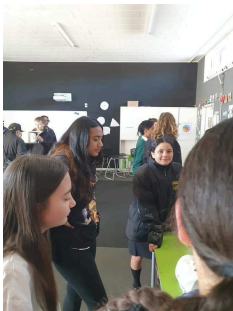
Attendance

Thank you to caregivers for responding to our text message regarding students being absent from school.

This helps with our attendance roll and also confirms that the student is at home safe.

Can emails re-attendance please be sent directly to sophiet@opononi.school.nz, some have been sent through to other email addresses and have been lost in transit.

Our year 9 and 10s had the opportunity to learn about a variety of different health careers today, thanks to Hauora Taiwhenua and their Rural Health Programme! We might have some budding young doctors and optometrists in our midst! 🩺 🚑



Our Junior team had a great day of Rippa, playing against other Hokianga schools today 🏀
Massive thanks to Matua Tipene for being our ref, and always being there to support us.

Thanks to the organisers for a great day! 🏀 🏀 🏀



From the art department:

We've been running NCEA visual art tutorials every Thursday this term from 3pm - 5pm. We'd like to thank all the whānau for their support in providing transport for their children to attend these. Students have been making massive progress, managing themselves, and extending their ideas. We will be holding additional visual art tutorials in the second week of the upcoming holidays. All NCEA visual arts students are welcome to attend though this is not compulsory. It is a great opportunity for students to complete their mahi to the best possible standard before external submissions are due early term 4.

Panui will be sent home with students in week 9 with dates, times, and contact details.

NCEA practice exams:

NCEA practice exams are being held in week 10 this term. All year 9 and 10 students will also be sitting assessments this week to identify strengths and next learning steps. Year 10 students will be sitting the CAA assessments for literacy and numeracy in term 4. These are the new lit and num assessments that all NCEA students will need to achieve in order to pass their NCEA certificate levels. More information will be sent home with year 9-13 students next week, and updates will be posted on our school facebook page.



Hokianga Sports Club is running a Hokianga based softball competition during term four 2023.

Grades 5-7 years- Tee Ball, 8-10 years- Coach Pitch, 11-13 years- Slow Pitch

OAS students can register your interest with Steph Craike: stephaniec@opononi.school.nz

School Cleaner - Permanent Position

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

- The closing date for applications is Monday 18 September 2023
- Shortlisting will take place on Tuesday 19 September 2023
- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted with an interview time

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- 15 hours per week
- 52 weeks per year
- Immediate start date
- Police vetting

Casual position also available.

To apply email: anitaw@opononi.school.nz for an application package.



<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

Curriculum and Student Achievement

Inclusive Education - **Board review**

Māori Educational Success - **Board review**

Learning Support - **Board review**

Learning Support Coordination

Identify Learning Support

Gifted Learners

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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



LOVE OUR BEES

Bees play a crucial role in our environment and need our protection.

<https://apinz.org.nz/bee-aware-month/>

New Zealand has 28 types of native bee.

Bees need to visit around 4 million flowers to make 1 kg of honey.

A third of the food we eat is the result of pollination by bees and other insects.

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Photo: Cryn Russell.

BEE AWARE MONTH: SEPTEMBER

THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Enrol. Vote. Be heard.

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 ELECTORAL COMMISSION
TE Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

