



Te Kura Takiwa o Opononi Opononi Area School

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WHANAU UPDATE

Friday 1 March 2024



Upcoming Term Events

1 March	Bake Sale
6 - 8 March	Papa Taiao Wānanga
Week 10	Harbour Swim - Date to be confirmed
18 - 22 March	Waka Ama - Secondary Rotorua
29 March	Easter Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
10 -11 April	Tai Tokerau Festival Okaihau College
12 April	Last Day of Term
8-11 July	NASA Event

Sports - After School

Waka Ama Training

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Netball

At TKKM o Hokianga (Kura)

Every Monday for Year 7 upwards, 5.30pm

Check out our school Facebook page for photos and videos:

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



Principal Message

Tēnā koutou Whanau,

Welcome to all our new whanau and students who have enrolled at the start of this term. We will have another pōwhiri at the end of this term to welcome any who missed our first pōwhiri at the start of the year.

Thank you to the whanau who attended our "Whanau Hui - Meet & Greet" last Wednesday. We hope you got to hear about what learning has taken place so far in your child's class and that students shared all their hopes, goals, dreams and aspirations with your child's Kaiako. Thank you to those whanau who have shared your thoughts on how the hui went. Your feedback is valuable!

Over the past 2 weeks we were privileged to have over 40 school Principals from across Aotearoa visit our school to learn about our Hokiangaatanga. For the past 3 years they have travelled to the Hokianga to learn about our navigator Tupuna Kupe, Te Tiriti o Waitanga and the importance of servicing their Maori and Pasifika Akonga. They were blown away by our students and their amazing manaakitanga and Whakaute. Some Principals were reunited with students they had taught at previous schools - this was a beautiful reconnection for them and our students!

There have been recent cases of cyberbullying, concerning some of our students. These incidents have been dealt with accordingly by our leadership team with support of whanau. Please be vigilant and ensure your tamariki are being safe on their social media platforms. The school has a zero tolerance for this behaviour like any other behaviour that comes on to our school site. This is happening across many schools in our area and we need to stomp it out! He waka e noa!

It is great seeing most of our akonga in school uniform. They look smart and ready to learn. Whanau please encourage your child / children to wear their full school uniform daily. Any incorrect uniform will need a note or a phone call for a uniform pass.

Rosina Wikaira
Principal





Top Pic: Principals from Tamaki Makaurau with our tamariki

Bottom Pic: Principals from Dunedin, Christchurch, Ashburton, Wellington and Levin

Week 5 of Term 1 School Notices

We are looking for interest in a Teacher Aide position that may be coming up. Please email your CV and details to anitaw@opononi.school.nz if you are interested. The position will be advertised when available. Please email your interest.

The swimming pool is open from tomorrow onwards, Friday 1st March.

A reminder:

Swimming togs/swimming shorts/ towel

NO cotton t-shirts /shorts or school uniform to be worn in the pool.

Students: Harbour swim training will start this Friday at lunch time for those who want to be involved in it.

Opononi Area School will be continuing the Toothbrushing Programme in 2024 for years 1 to 6. Please below the consent form and if you do not want your child to participate please send a note to the class teacher as soon as possible. The programme will commence on Monday 4th March.

Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau (formally Northland District Health Board) are commencing a ***Supervised Tooth-brushing Programme in Schools in the Far North.***
This programme will operate alongside the mobile Dental bus that visits schools.

Children will be given a toothbrush that will remain at school and will be replaced with each School Term.

Ongoing Oral Health education will be provided throughout the year.

An evaluation process is supporting the Programme, therefore from time to time children, whanau and staff may be asked questions around how things are going from their perspective regarding the Tooth-brushing Programme in Schools.

Evidence has shown that Supervised Tooth-brushing, along with Oral Therapists in Schools helps to reduce tooth decay in children.

The Programme will start on 4 March and will be ongoing.

If you do not want your child to participate please let the School know.



Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

**For children over 5 years, use a soft toothbrush
with a pea sized drop of adult toothpaste**

Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)



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HEALTH BOARD
Dr. Pasi H. Williams & Assoc. © Dr. Tai Tokerau

Unfortunately some of our students decided to vandalise the senior toilets this week. This behaviour is not tolerated and caused the toilets to be closed down until they could be fixed.



Oral Health Service

Movement of School Dental Mobile

To the Principal

Date 22/2/24

This is to advise the school that the School Dental Mobile will close on 29/2/24 and move out on the 1/3/24.

If you have a child or teenager requiring dental treatment, please phone 0800MYTEETH (0800 698 3384) for the nearest available clinic

Thank you for your continued support

Oral Health Therapist: Glenys Bryers
Dental Assistant: Taya Dick



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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 1 Reviews

Term 1 review topics

- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

Board review

- **Board Responsibility**

Board review

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- **Parent Involvement**
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- **Communicating with Parents**
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- **Community Conduct Expectations**
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- **Documentation and Self-Review Policy**
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Board review

- **School Planning and Reporting**
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- **Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement**
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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.

19 March 2024

16 April 2024

21 May 2024

18 June 2024

16 July 2024

20 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

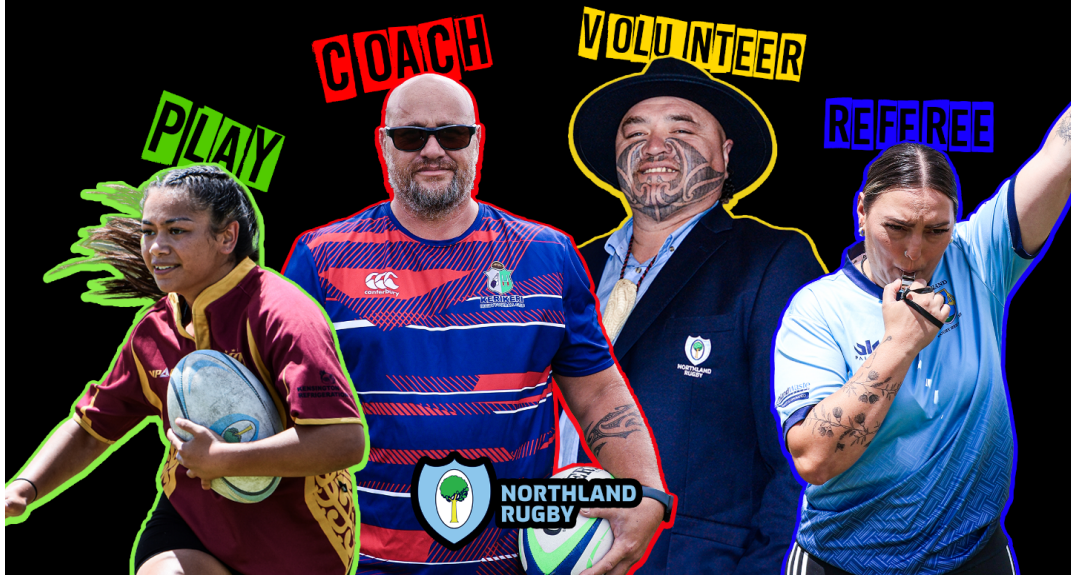
The following community notices do not reflect the policies of the school or the Board of Trustees

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL

It's time to unleash your potential in 2024 and get involved with club rugby. Club rugby in Northland is a great way to connect with your community, make friends and have fun.

Register to **play**, **coach**, **volunteer** or **referee**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER





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

Whangārei Heads Arts Trail
Easter 2024
Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March - 10am-5pm

SCAN ME

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KAIKOHE AFC **REGISTRATION** **EVENING**

We are looking for players,
coaches, refs & helpers to run
this special little club as we enter
our 9th season!



DATE **WED 6TH**
MAR 4-6PM

@Lindvart Park



All ages welcome!
Come on down and
join our team or
contact us below!

Contact the club

kaikoheafc@gmail.com

FB: Kaikohe AFC

The family club in the heart
of the community

More info (Sean) 021 402 744

Follow our social media @Kaikohe AFC