



Opunake High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Opunake

Growing good people for a rapidly changing world

He waihangatanga o te tangata pai i roto i tenei ao hurihuri

2017 PREFECTS



Back Row: Jessica Roach, Leilani Hohaia-Grey, India Sturzaker, Iritana Hohaia, Anthony Kidd, Aaron Barrett, Shaun Brider, Shaun Wineera, Raniera Tuuta

Front Row: Alyssia Redin, Krysten Johnson, Kacy Bellve **Deputy Head Girl**, Aleisha Cram **Deputy Head Girl**, Simone Cook **Head Girl**, Brody Hitchcock **Head Boy**, Zeno Hess **Deputy Head Boy**, Ben Everdeen **Deputy Head Boy**, Taine Morgan

Principal - **Simon Fuller** B.Sc, DipTchg

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Ngā mihi ō te wā ki a koe me tō whānau

Greetings to you and your family

Welcome to the last Newsletter of Term 1. The term has been action packed with many events and successes achieved by our students. Learning is always at forefront of everything we do and term 1 has seen the beginnings of our Academy / Wananga project learning throughout the school. Although it is very early days, the first sessions have really lifted the learning bar from whole day courses and the feedback from students has been excellent. Recently I attended the national secondary school's principals conference. There were over 300 principals in attendance. In discussions with a lot of them it is evident that we are one of the leading schools in implementing future-oriented learning philosophies and embedded these across the entire school. Many schools have taken our academy model back to their communities for further discussion. The Ministry of Education is also taking notice and have asked Opunake High School to present at a conference in Term2.

Sports are well and truly underway and students are building up for the start of their respective winter codes next term. Thank you to all the coaches and managers that supported our students this summer and thank you in advance for those supporting teams this winter. The support we get from the community with our sports teams is vital to allow us to continue to offer the great variety of sports for students to participate in.

To ensure our school is as safe as possible we have recently surveyed all students on school culture and had the school site inspected by detector dogs. I am pleased to say that the detector dogs gave the school site the all clear and no illegal substances were located. This reinforces what we at the school see every day, good students making good choices. I also hope that this helps to address perception from parts of community regarding illegal substances at our school. Our survey on school culture and bullying also made for positive reading. Students have overwhelming indicated that they feel safe and do not experience bullying behaviours at school. This is great however, we do realise that a small portion of students do engage in bullying behaviours. Next term we are engaging in a school wide anti-bullying programme in partnership with New Zealand Police. The programme is called Kia Kaha and has been used successfully in schools across the country to reduce incidents of bullying.

Thursday April 13th is our Individual Development Plan Day. Each student will meet with their academic mentor and whanau to create a development plan and SMART goals for 2017. This is a very important process for each student and ensures we are working in the same direction with the same goals in mind. If you cannot make it on Thursday, the academic mentor will arrange an alternative time with you.

As we enter the winter terms it is important that all staff and students remain warm and healthy. A reminder that school jackets can be purchased from Karams Clothing. If you need assistance purchasing a jacket please do not hesitate to ask. It is also important in the winter months to try and reduce the spread of virus such as the flu. If your young person is suffering from the flu it is greatly appreciated that while they are contagious they spend time at home recovering. In the long run this helps reduce the spread of colds and flu and ensures students are focussed on learning when at school.

With the holidays fast approaching I would like to wish every one a safe and enjoyable break. Students should have a rest but also make sure they are ready for a very successful Term 2 by reflecting on their learning from Term 1 and using their IDPs plan their actions moving forward.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano

Simon Fuller

Principal



HEAD BOY AND GIRL 2017



Simone Cook and Brody Hitchcock

Simone Cook

It's an honour to be named head girl for Opunake High school for 2017. I love to play basketball, it is a massive part of my life. Academically I have achieved extremely well, passing NCEA level 1 and 2 with excellence endorsement. This year I'm studying Biology, Physics, Chemistry Physical Education and Statistics. I'm still undecided what my future will be but look forward to exploring all my options throughout this year. I'm looking forward to working with the prefect team to continue our school motto of 'Growing good people for a rapidly changing world'.

Brody Hitchcock

Hi I'm Brody, I'm head boy at Opunake High School. I have achieved NCEA level 1 and 2 with Merit endorsements and I hope to get an Excellence endorsement this year. I love hiking, swimming and playing the piano. I am a beach lifeguard at Opunake beach and pool lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Opunake Community Pool. This year I am taking English, Calculus, Biology, Geography and Music. Next year I would like to study teaching at Waikato University.



HAPU KAIAIRAHI

Some of the new and old Hapu Kaiairahi. These are the young leaders who have been nominated to help role model the DREAM in our Hapu and lead the Hapu in sports/cultural and academic interhapu competitions.

DREAM ACADEMIES

Dream Academies kicked off on 23 March with the variety of opportunities designed to allow student to grow their passions and interests in a variety of areas. Students will design with teachers the area they want to develop and undertake unique opportunities to excel and achieve highly in their passion and interests.

Achievement Academy - NCEA Acceleration, Freedom Thinking

Culture Academy - Culture Bus

Enterprise Academy - Young Enterprise Scheme

Performance Academy - Showcase, Stage Challenge, Creativity Toolbox

Sports & Outdoor Academy - Outdoors, Athletic Acceleration

STEM Academy - Science Fair, Techno Tools

Sustainability Academy -Think Global, Act Local

Trades Academy - Restaurant, The Makers, Car Reconstruction

Work Ready Academy -Life Skills

WITT/Gateway - WITT/Gateway

Awesome first days surfing with this bunch of DREAM machines. Great day, great people, amping with the surf academy this year.



The stencil graffiti mural that the *Creative Toolbox* academy students created.

Creative Toolbox students left to right
Back Row: Brodie, Dinah, Sayen,
Treyjhan, Lockee.

Middle Row: Elaida, Travis, Kaiiah,
Caitlin

Front Row: Chloe, Paige, Chase,
Sebastian

GIRLS LEAGUE

The girls competed in Hawera at the Schools 9's League Tournament.

Back L-R: Leila Symes, Rose Smith, Naiomi Bunning, Raven Minhinnick, Te Ahumairangi Waa-ka, Jessica Zoet, Willow Wright

Front L-R: Erana Grindlay, Mana Tamakehu, Azaleah Sutcliff,

Aaliyah Douglas, Rhezyn Sauders, Russell Hohaia





MOTOCROSS

On Friday March 17, six riders from Opunake High, Luke Berquist, Corban Bright, Campbell De Cent, Logan Bellve, Lucas Feek and Caleb Feek participated at the Rotorua secondary schools MX challenge. It was a very cold and foggy morning but the fog lifted came out very hot as the day went on. The track was smooth in the practice and first race but it turned into a very technical and rough track in races 2 and 3. There were over 300 secondary school students competing on the day with most classes having a full

starting gate of 40 riders. All riders put in 100%.

At the end of the day there were some very good results from all riders.

- **Corban Bright** 13th overall in the novice 125/250cc
- **Campbell De Cent** 17 overall in the novice 125/250cc
- **Lucas Feek** 26th overall in the 15-18 years 250cc
- **Luke Berquist** 28th overall in the 15-18 years 125cc
- **Caleb Feek** 5th overall in the novice 85cc.

Luke Berquist, Corban Bright, Lucas Feek and Caleb Feek headed to Barrett Road motorcycle park on early Sunday morning to compete in the TSSSA motocross event. It was another very hot day with the track being a bit slippery in practice but dried out quickly making it perfect racing conditions. The classes weren't as full as the Rotorua event but there was still some fierce competition with other riders from outside the region competing.

- **Lucas Feek** 3rd overall in the 15-19 years 250cc, 1st in his class for the Taranaki riders,
- **Corban Bright** 7th overall in the 15-19 years 250cc, 5th in his class for the Taranaki riders
- **Luke Berquist** 6th overall in the 15-19 years 125cc, 5th in his class for the Taranaki riders
- **Caleb Feek** 10th overall in the 12-16 years 85cc, 4th in his class for Taranaki riders.

Big thanks to Mr Brown and the parents for giving up their time to manage and go to these events with the school team.

Lucas Feek



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RELAY FOR LIFE

“Another wonderfully successful Relay for Life with such amazing students who lived the DREAM for the entire 12 hours. \$2000 was raised for cancer sufferers and survivors, and our students gave this event all the mana it deserved. Stevee Jai, Dylan Coleman and Daniel Potier gave moving speeches in the Remembrance Ceremony, and Pollyanna sang Hallelujah beautifully in Relay Idol. So proud of all these talented and compassionate students”

Right is Polly-Anna Aramoana who sang to the crowd. Thanks to *Taylah Smith* for the photo.

Below are the students and staff that attended the event.



RACE UNITY SPEECH AWARDS

Stevee-Jai Kelly, Year 12, was one of 10 high school students who participated in the Race Unity Speech Awards.

The evening was held at the Council Chambers in New Plymouth on Friday April 7.



Students spoke about what it means to be a New Zealander and what kind of country we want Aotearoa to be; how we can start meaningful conversations about the realities of racism and how we treat each other; and what practical steps we can take - as individuals and as a community - to stand up to racism and promote unity. All entrants spoke with passion and insight about racism in New Zealand and the need for people to stand together in race unity. Stevee’s speech was well written, well spoken and well received, and even moved one of us to tears!

**“Aroha mai, aroha atu / Love towards us,
love going out from us.” (Māori whakataukī/proverb)**

*Emily Scott and Anne Englebretsen
HOF English and HOF Social Sciences*

YEAR 10 SOCIAL STUDIES SUSTAINABILITY

FIELD TRIP

As part of our social studies curriculum, we spent Monday the 20th in Hawera visiting several different sites and learning what different groups views of sustainability are and what they are doing to be sustainable. Throughout the day we had to fill out a worksheet to do with the spoken topics.

First, we visited South Taranaki District Recycling Centre, where we spoke to a lady who worked there about how rubbish and specifically, plastic has become such a big problem in the last decade especially. The woman gave us loads of stats, figures and facts on how the plant is run, why its run the way it is and why it's important to recycle. She made it very clear that dumping rubbish has devastating effects on the environment.

Next, we went to the Hawera Town Hall and met with a man from the South Taranaki District Council. He ran us through the plans for the future in Hawera, which included an explanation of what the construction that's currently underway is and pictures of what they hope it to look like when the constructions complete.

After, we went to Fonterra and learned about how Fonterra is constantly working to change their plant or habits for the better if the environment. They have made many changes that have been solely to make their plant more sustainable.

Lastly, we went to Maui Gas & Oil Plant Visitor Centre and spoke with two of the people who work there on how, as a company, they have worked to make the plant smaller, more efficient and more sustainable. They also talked about how to get a job working in that particular field.

Overall, the day was jammed pack with people and companies working for the greater good of the environment. The trip was very enjoyable and very educational.

Jamiee.S & Meg.G

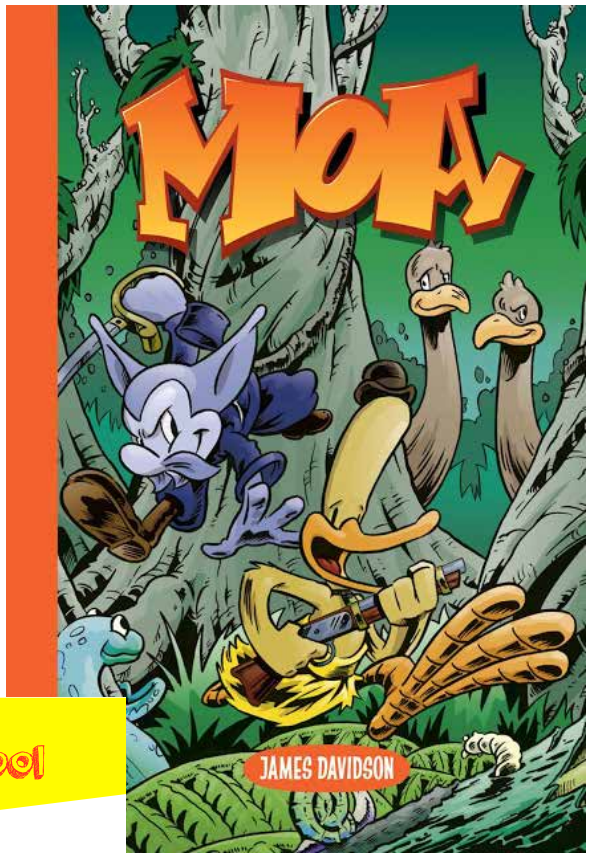
Below: Xzealeah Eustace rock climbing at Topec, 12 Rec tramping the pouakai crossing.



JAMES DAVIDSON PUBLICATION MOA

Earth's End Publishing is proud to announce our latest release, a collection of James Davidson's acclaimed children's comic book series, Moa. Set in colonial New Zealand, Moa chronicles the wild adventures of the Moa Rangers, Kiwi Pukukuku and Possum Von Tempusky, defenders of our native forests. Moa combines the fun and humour of classic Disney comic books with New Zealand's historical past and Maori mythology to create a classic adventure series sure to delight and entertain readers of all ages. This deluxe treasury collection contains the complete Moa story in a hardback edition that is destined to become a family favourite.

James Davidson is an educator, serving as the Head of the Arts Faculty at Opunake High School. Moa has been a way for him



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QUIZ

NIGHT

Thursday the 11th of May
7pm
At Sandfords Event Centre

\$10 PER TICKET

Teams of 6

Sign up at the School office or
on the night.



Stage Challenge Fundraiser

to explore the layered history and mythology of New Zealand through the medium of comics, and to create stories that can entertain and educate kiwi kids about the land they live in.

“Moa is hands-down my favourite New Zealand comic book, and being able to bring James’ wonderful stories and characters to a wider audience of kiwi kids is exactly why we formed this publishing house,” says Earth’s End Editorial Director, Adrian Kinnaird. “As an educator James knows his audience and how to appeal to their sense of fun. It’s going to be a real treat to see young readers discover the adventures of Kiwi and Possum, a comic series that could take place in their own backyard.”

HOME AND SCHOOL

The Home and School met on Tuesday 4 April, with a group of enthusiastic parents attending. Items discussed were installing of water drinking fountains for the students in a couple of areas around the school, these will enable students to fill their bottles as well.

\$2,000 will be contributed towards the Social Science area for text books for the Year 9 & 10 students.

The H&S will be doing the Bobby Calf Donation scheme again this year, we are requesting people to help ring a road. Please email Maree on mdw@opunake.school.nz or contact one of the committee to put your name forward.

The next meeting on **May 2** will be the **AGM**, we invite you all to attend and be part of the school community. **Vanessa Smith** Chairperson is standing down so we are looking for a proactive person to take her place.

HOME & SCHOOL AGM 2 May 2017 7pm in the Library

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

April 13 9am - 4:30pm

JUNIORS

These will take place from 9am-3:30pm on Thursday 13th April. Involving 15 minute meetings with whanau mentors to discuss Interim Reports (to be issued at IDP), Attendance, and Dream Learning Behaviours.

SMART goals also to be identified and co-constructed with student, whanau and whanau mentor.

SENIORS

These will take place from 9am-3:30pm on Thursday 13th April. Involving 15 minute meetings with whanau mentors to discuss Interim Reports (to be issued at IDP), Vocational and Learning Pathways, Credits and Attendance. SMART goals also to be identified and co-constructed with student, whanau and whanau mentor.

Once the IDP has taken place students may go home with their whanau.

CLASSES AND BUSES WILL NOT RUN ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL, HOWEVER STUDENTS MAY SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE AND USE THE LIBRARY FOR SUPERVISED STUDY.

ANZAC DAY DAWN PARADE 25 APRIL

Opunake High School students will be attending the ANZAC Day Dawn Parade in Opunake and Manaia on Tuesday 25 April.





TSSSA 3X3

On Monday March 20th, Opunake High School entered 2 male and 1 female teams into the Taranaki Secondary School Sports Association 3 x 3 Basketball Competition held at TSB Stadium New Plymouth.

The boys team 1 being Anthony Kidd, Jacob Maxwell, Shyden Preston and Morpheus Nuku, and team 2, CJ Tamaaru, Regan Bloemen and Joel Clement, had some really tough opposition from FDMC, NPBHS, Stratford and Hawera. Unfortunately they had a few losses and as a result both teams ended up 3rd in their pools.

The girls team of Isabelle Cook, Jessica Roach, Iritana Hohaia and Simone Cook (photo above) started on a winning note and ended up playing their way in to the finals against NPGHS. It was a tough fought contest, with each side trading goals, but the Opunake girls dug deep and came away with a 14 - 12 victory.

Congratulations girls on well deserved win. 3 x 3 Basketball Champions for 2017.

SCHOOL FEES, TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Start up an automatic payment now and when these activities come up they are covered.

Call into the school office for a form.



PIHAMA CANCER WALK

The 22nd Annual Cancer Walk run by Pihama Women's Institute has raised over \$30,000 for the Taranaki Cancer Society.

Pihama Women's Institute Annual Walk for Cancer
Wednesday 19th April 2017

Registration 9.30am Walking 10.00am

VENUE: Michelle and Richard Julian's Farm Rapid
No 3645 Surf Highway 45 Pihama. Fonterra No 42242

Adults \$10.00 Children \$2.00

Meet at Julian's Farm - Fonterra No 42242 on the Main Road Rapid No 3645 Pihama. Sign posted with parking in a Paddock.

Country Lunch Provided.

Contact: Bernadette Gopperth 06 761 7346

CALENDAR TERM ONE 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April
10-14 April	Yr13 Hauraki Cycle Tour	Yr13 Hauraki Cycle Tour TSSSA Swimming Yr13 Gateway Health & Safety	Yr13 Hauraki Cycle Tour TSSSA Quick Rip Rugby	IDP Day Reports Issued	Good Friday
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 13 April - 1 May					
	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May
1-5 May	Yr12 TOPEC	Yr12 TOPEC H&S Meeting 7pm	Yr12 TOPEC	Yr12 TOPEC	Yr12 TOPEC
	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May
8-12 May		School Cross Country TSSSA Cycling	WhyOra 10am	TSSSA Golf	Yr12 Bio Trip Lake Rotokare

WANTED:

old cars, car parts, engines, car jacks, winches, spanners, tools, panel beating tools, welders, grinders, engineering vices, chain blocks, ramps, spray kits, battery chargers, spray paint, car manuals, rcds, fire extinguishers, hoses, sanders, feeler gauge, air compressors, hand lights

ANYTHING TO DO WITH CARS.

Contact
Paora Laurance
067618723 or
pl@opunake.
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Music holiday workshops

Peter Heard. All workshops \$10 per hour per person. Email Taranaki.jam@gmail.com or phone 027 431 3544 to reserve a space. Limited scholarships available.

Week 1:

Tuesday 18th April: 9-12 pm Electronic Dance Music. 1-3 pm Experimental music.

Wednesday 19th April: Introduction to: 9-10am Guitar. 10:30-11:30am Bass guitar. 12:30-1:30 Drum machines. 2-3pm Synthesisers and samplers.

Thursday 20th April: 9am-12pm
Song-writing. 1-3pm Guitar skills boost.

Week 2:

Wednesday 26th April: 9-12 pm Electronic Dance Music. 1-3 pm Experimental music.

Thursday 27th April: Introduction to: 9-10am Guitar. 10:30-11:30am Bass guitar. 12:30-1:30 Drum machines. 2-3pm Synthesisers and samplers.

Friday 28th April: 9am-12pm Song-writing. 1-3pm Guitar skills boost.

0800 ATTEND

0800288363

Please ring for absences



Relay for Life: Students getting wet while getting out there in the track. Photo *NP Camera Club*



BUILDING PROGRESS

Progress is well underway for the building renovations. Due to the storm on Wednesday 5 April the white protective wrap was blown to bits, causing the school to be closed for the day until the area was cleared. As you can see the administration/staffroom area is now covered in tarpaulins until the roof is replaced.

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