

MAYFIELD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Week 10

5th July- Working bee 12:30 and sharing assembly 2pm.

6th July- Last day of term

Week 1 Term 3

23rd July- Term 3 starts

Week 2

1st August- Three-way interviews. School closes at 1pm

2nd August- Winter Sports day for Year 5-8.

3rd August- Clubs start

4 July 2018

Principal's Message:

Tomorrow we have a busy day with a working bee and sharing assembly. We hope that you can manage to come along and help with the working bee as there is a lot to do. We have had some rocks delivered, as well as compost and bark. Any help will be appreciated. After the working bee, (we hope that children and helpers don't get too dirty!) we have our sharing assembly. It is a chance for the children to share their learning from this term.

Term 3 Events

In Week 2, **Wednesday 1st August**, school will close at 1pm for three-way interviews. You will be able to book these interviews in Week 1 of next term. These interviews are a chance for the children to share their learning and will allow your child's teacher to go over the mid-year report with you. Interviews will be 15 minutes. You are welcome at any time to arrange another interview, if you want a one to one meeting with your child's teacher. On Thursday 3rd August is Winter Sports for Year 5-8. We have organised the children into teams but now require some **coaches/managers** to supervise the children on the day. Please contact myself or the office if you would be keen to help.

Kind regards

Richard Kidd

Principals Awards Week 9 Term 2 2018

Room 1- Darius Lott- always participating in class discussions, staying focused and sharing ideas.

Room 2- Owen King- the wonderful effort you are putting in to all your learning. You are a great role model in Room 2.

Room 4- Kaihautu Marsh-Ashby- excellent work describing $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ during maths.

Room 5- Mariah Saxelby- your great start to school. You are trying hard with your reading and writing.

Well done to these children, they have lived up to our HEART values in the last week.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN THAT HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS...Kenjiro Franks. Welcome to Ryan who has started at Mayfield School.

Important Dates in Term 3

23 rd July	Term 3 starts
1 st August	Three-way interviews- School will close at 1pm
2 nd August	Winter Sports for Years 5-8
3 rd August	Clubs start
10 th August	Clubs
14 th August	Opuke Community of Learning Teacher Only afternoon. School closes at 1pm
15 th August	Life Education caravan here
15 th August	Possible Strike action. See below
16 th August	Life Education
16 th August	Class Speech finals
16 th August	Southern cluster senior disco Years 6-8
23 rd August	School Speech Finals
29 th August	El Grego visit
30 th August	Southern Cluster speech finals at Mayfield

Industrial Action

No doubt you would have heard that in August, teachers are considering going on strike. The primary teacher's union NZEI are currently in negotiation with the Ministry of Education.

Some of the issues facing education are:

- There is a teacher shortage in most parts of the country. Most schools are struggling to find enough staff.
- The number of people entering universities to train as teachers has dropped by 40% of the last couple of years
- There is a growing number of school aged children
- Workloads of teachers continues to increase

The Ministry of Education has come back with an offer that most teachers and principals feel undervalues them as professionals and specialists. A date for industrial has been set for August 15th but at this stage we are uncertain of the details. We will inform you if and when industrial action is confirmed.

BOT Snippets

On Monday 25th June, the Board of Trustees held its June meeting:

At this meeting the following matters were discussed:

- A Maths report was presented to the board. This presentation explained the teaching philosophy behind our maths teaching and the successes it has had.
- Principals report was presented.
- Our school web page is in the process of being revamped.

- Thanks to the tireless work of Trucky Carr and other board members the school now has some sponsors. A sponsorship page is included with the newsletter.
- Finance report was presented.
- Property Matters were discussed.

School Happenings

An icy morning.



Room 5



Ace: A horsey tail of courage

Mike Preston from Bayleys Ashburton visited school this week to donate a book named *Ace: A horsey tail of courage*. Ace is a young horse who has dreams of one day becoming a Crusaders Bayles Horse, however he is being bullied by his peers at the Clip-Clop School for Horses. Help is at hand, or hoof, in the shape of Holly from the Crusaders Bayleys Horses. She is Ace's hero and she knows exactly what to do to make the bullying stop. And so, just as with every great story with a great message, *Ace: A horsey tail of courage* has a happy ending. If you would like to order your own copy for reading at home you can email Mike directly on mike.preston@bayleys.co.nz. Proceeds go to Make-A-Wish New Zealand helping to normalize the lives of children all over the South Island living with a critical illness.



ADVENTURE PLUS!

Kids looking for adventure? Make connections.... with the outdoors.



Mayfield Scout Group offers scouting activities to youngsters aged 8 to 14 years. Our dedicated leaders are volunteers who believe that every child (boys and girls) should have the opportunity to experience scouting.

Mayfield Scouts are focusing on increasing membership term 3, to ensure the group can continue. First 3 visits free. Interested? Phone Derek Barrett (evenings): 3036339, or Mike Farnell 027-4755866.

"Over 100 years of Scouting in New Zealand"

Scouting Vision-"empower youth through adventurous experiences to lead lives that make a positive difference."

SCHOOL SPORT TOPS: These need to be returned ASAP we are missing a lot so please check to make sure you don't have one hiding in the draw somewhere. Drop them into the school office before the end of this week. Also, please return the school jackets if your child had one this term as well.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that tights or long socks worn with the school uniform are to be Navy or White **not** Pink, Purple or similar colours. Still a lot of lost property with NO NAMES on your child's clothing. Take the time over the holidays to name their items please. There are some expensive items that are getting handed in. Also, Puffer Jackets or any jacket are **not** to be worn in class time. Please ensure your child has a sweatshirt to wear. There are loads of second hand ones for \$5.00 available at the office.

Room 2 have been writing descriptions. We have been learning about adjectives and adverbs, and figurative language, such as similes. We looked at cotton wool balls and played with them. Here are some of our descriptions about them.



It looks like it's made out of foam. It's a circle and it will squeeze into an oval. It is squishy and I like it. I can roll it in my hand. I like the word. I wish I had one.

Cash

Cotton balls are soft like a pillow. Most people use cotton balls in the bathroom. Often balls are small cotton shaped like a circle. It is fluffy like a mink blanket. Cotton is like fur. They got cotton and molded it into a ball. Cotton balls are usually white. The weight of a cotton ball is really, really light. I tossed it gently and it went softly into the air.

Yori

A cotton wool ball weighs nothing because it's too little. Cotton wool balls look white and are shaped like a circle. Cotton wool balls are used for removing make-up and nail polish. Cotton wool balls are white as a goose. I toss it in the air but it falls down on the ground.

Claire

Cotton wool is snuggly. It is white and soft. It is round like a tennis ball. It's smells like sheets that have just been washed. If you throw it lightly in the air it will not go that high. It's delicate and woolly, and as warm as a heat pump. It rolls.

Emily

Cotton wool is white and woolly. However, when you break the cotton wool ball apart it doesn't look that satisfying anymore. When you toss the cotton wool stiffly in the air it does not at all go high up in the sky because it is so very light. If you pull apart cotton wool it feels like pulling apart cotton candy, and it looks like it too!? Cotton wool is as white as soap when washing your hands.

Sean

A cotton ball is a fluffy, squishy, soft ball of cotton. It is not a very colourful ball (it is white). It is a very light object. They are used to remove make-up and nail polish. It is a very fragile object. A cotton wool ball is as white as a white pearl. If I toss a cotton wool ball hard across the room it won't go very far.

Jethro

Cotton wool is so fragile and soft. Cotton wool is fluffy like a dog. It is so light, like a toy. It is white. As I roll it softly around and around the room it gets dusty. It is not so bouncy.

Addison

A cotton wool ball is so soft you feel like you are touching a cloud. It is as soft and squishy as a teddy. It can be as round as a head. It is easy to shape. It is so cuddly.

Paige

Cotton wool is soft, bouncy and round. If you throw it, it will hardly bounce. It is soft as a teddy. It looks like fluff and it is really light. It is white and the size is small. It can be used for painting. To paint with it you put it in the paint and then put it on the paper.

Memphis

Cotton balls are as soft as a pillow. They are very, very fluffy. It looks like a bumpy cloud. If you toss it gently it won't go very far because it is very light. You can almost make any shape.

Izaya

Cotton wool is a soft white ball. The cotton wool is very fragile so you need to handle it with care. The cotton wool is very light. As light as a cloud in the sky on a sunny day. Cotton wool is used for lots of different things dabbing Dettol on a cut and removing nail polish.

Isabella



What is a Community of Learning (CoL)?

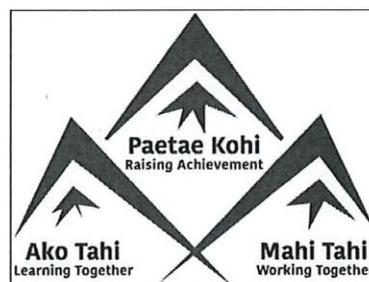
A Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako is a group of education and training providers that form around children and young people's learning pathways, and work together to help them achieve their full potential. Communities of Learning are a part of the Government's Investing in Educational Success (IES) initiative. As of March 2018 there were 214 Communities of Learning spread throughout New Zealand.

Each Community of Learning sets shared goals, or achievement challenges, based on their child/ren and young people's educational needs.

Opuke Kāhui Ako

The Opuke Community of Learning|Kāhui Ako is a group of schools from the foothills (Mayfield, Mt Somers/Springburn, Our Lady of the Snows, Methven Primary, Mt Hutt College, Lauriston) through to Rakaia, and out towards the sea (Chertsey and Dorie). These schools recognise a connection through students' learning pathway.

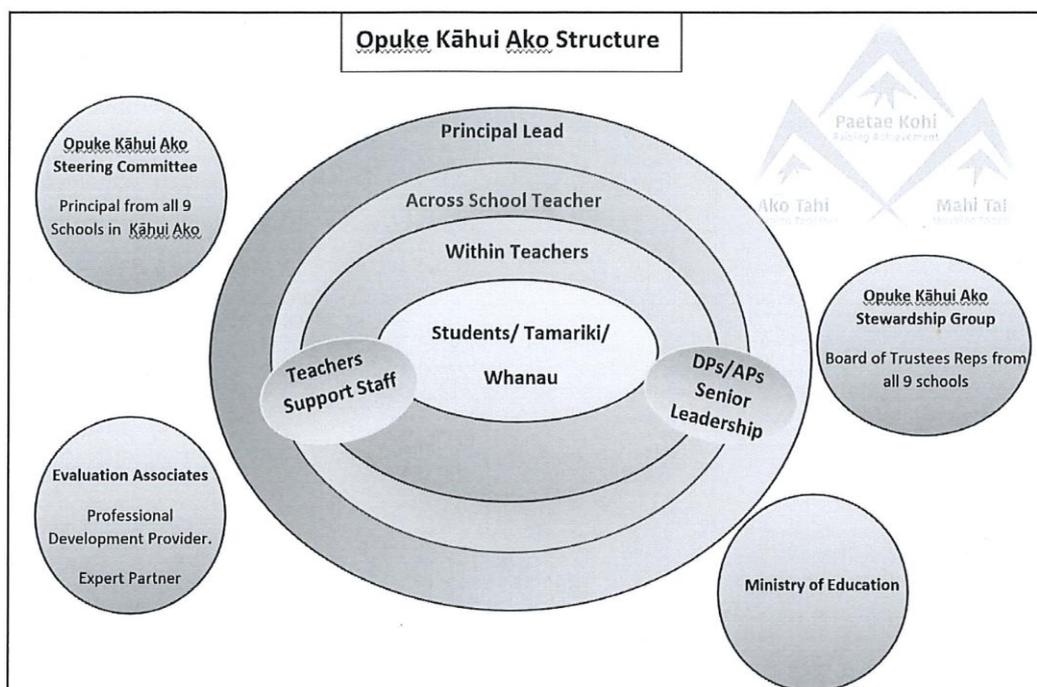
The Opuke Kāhui Ako has a shared vision - to create a community of learners who are Ako Tahi (Learning Together); Mahi Tahi (Working Together); and Paetae Kohi (Raising Achievement). The pictorial below illustrates how both Ako Tahi and Mahi Tahi together will have impact and raise achievement| Paaetae Kohi. This will be achieved in our Opuke Kāhui Ako through sharing expertise, drawing our communities together and growing learner capabilities.



"The research on the power of collaborative cultures to get results has been accumulating over 40 years. It points to the power of social capital – the agency and impact of strong and effective groups – to improve student learning." Education Review Office, 2016.

What benefit is there for my child?

- Teachers are connecting to discuss the learning pathways of students.
- Communication across schools will encourage teachers to use the same language when looking at student achievement.
- Across schools the reporting of student achievement will become more consistent.
- Increased teacher collective knowledge, through working together. This will impact on teachers having access to best practice models and research.
- Student voice - listening to students on how we can adapt our environments, teaching and content to better suit students' need.
- Transitions between the sectors will become more transparent, from ECE to Primary and Primary to Secondary.



Who is involved in the Opuke Community of Learning| Kāhui Ako?

All nine schools are active participants within the Kāhui Ako.

Each term, the nine schools have an early finish and teachers come together in a central location to learn, and collaborate together. One whole day (Teacher Only Day) is set aside in November each year. This year all 104 teachers will be travelling by bus to Arowhenua Marae for the day.

Opuke Community of Learning is resourced with:

- one lead principal – Chris Murphy
- one lead across school teacher – Rosie Robinson
- nine within teachers (representation from schools within our CoL) – Jo Smith, Rhian Dyer, Lagan Gardyne, Anna Veaux, Rebecca Blyth, Sue Furdorfler, Jenna Chenery, Karin Lill and Carolyn Fordyce.
- The Management component consists of a Steering Committee (all nine school principals) and a Stewardship Group (representatives from schools' Board of Trustees).

We are presently working on having our ECE centres actively involved in our CoL. The Ministry of Education are currently formalising this relationship and we look forward to having representatives from ECE also sitting on our Steering Committee and fostering links with all sectors ECE – Primary – Secondary.

Another aim is to extend our learner pathway into the employment sector. This would strengthen the connectedness of our sectors from cradle through to career.

Upcoming Dates to be aware of:

14 August – Early School Closure – all schools closed for afternoon

15 November – Teachers Only Day (to be held at Arowhenua Marae) – Schools closed

27 November – John Parsons seminar for parents/caregivers on Cyber Safety Education (Rakaia) 7pm.

28 November – John Parsons seminar for parents/caregivers on Cyber Safety Education (Methven) 7pm

Rosie Robinson
Lead Teacher Across Schools
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6th July *night* **7pm**

Mayfield Community Hall

Bingo Night this Friday!!

Tickets (\$22 each) are still available from School office or Penny 212341160.
Great prizes, cash bar and a fun night guaranteed!!
Doors open from 7pm. Door sales available on the night.
Thank you for your support!

'Ethel and Bethel'

There will be live auctions and fantastic prizes up for grabs

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Penny Carr **0212341160**

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