

Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.

Welcome back to term 2. I've certainly noticed the days getting darker and the chill in the air. Our school boiler is doing an amazing job at keeping the classrooms warm so it is a timely reminder to have children dressed in layers so that they can put on warmer clothing to go outside. Waterproof shoes are also an important item as we approach our winter season. The grass is often wet so having waterproof shoes means children are not sitting for large parts of the day with wet feet.

ANZAC Remembrance

I know that ANZAC Day was a while ago however, as a school we feel it is important to have some remembrance for the people who attended our school and paid the ultimate sacrifice. We will do this as a school on Friday the 5th May at 2:15pm in our school hall. You are most welcome to attend and remember with us.

PMP Helpers

The Perpetual Motor Programme (PMP) happens in Rooms 5 and 7 on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning 9:10 – 10:30am. We require adult helpers to assist with a station during this time. Please see Ian or Peta if you can help with this very worthwhile programme.

School Gates

For the safety of all our learners we ask that you please close the school gates behind you. Although they are meant to be self-closing, sometimes this doesn't happen. We also ask that you don't wedge the gate open with rocks. We want to keep everyone safe and ask for your help in this.



Snow Closures and Late Starts

As winter conditions start to settle in please be reminded that there may be a school closure or late start because of adverse weather conditions. Often the closures and late starts are not because it is difficult for the local students to get to school, but for the staff. Many of our staff live in town and in the hill suburbs, so we ask that families listen to the radio, check the school Facebook page, or ring the school answer phone if they are in doubt as to the opening time of school. I will put a message on the answer phone and a post on our Facebook page the minute I know about closures or late starts. We thank you for your tolerance in this matter. We do appreciate that it is difficult for families, but we are also aware that staff have to be able to get to school safely. We do not want unsupervised children at school.

Free Dental Care
for 0-17 year olds

NEW Online Enrolment
You can now enrol or update your details online at:
www.southernhb.govt.nz/pages/oral-health-enrolment

LIKE our Facebook page and go in the draw to WIN one of our monthly oral health prize packs!

Talkteeth - Southern
Community Oral Health Service
Otago 0800 672 543
Southland 0800 570 300

Southern District Health Board

HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE

Holy Trinity Church, Scotia St, Port Chalmers
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Sunday 7th May at 10am
On the first Sunday of the month we have our Family Service. This month we are bringing Fruit and veges from our orchards and gardens, And preserves and groceries from our cupboards
To say THANKYOU for all the good food we eat throughout the year. We would love you to come.



Thankyou Charitable Trust

We wish to thank the Thankyou Charitable Trust for giving us a grant to re-paint our playground markings. ☺



Health Snippet

COUGHING AND SNEEZING

Did you know that viruses travel about 6 meters when you sneeze, and 3 meters when you cough? A way to prevent illness is to cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing to stop the spread of germs;

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze **or**
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands
- Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or toilet
- Wash your hands with soap especially after coughing or sneezing

The best way to ensure children's cooperation is to model this behaviour.



Craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age kids. Held at 4pm on the 2nd Floor, City Library.

CRAFTS AND TREATS FOR MOTHERS' DAY
Thursday 11 May

BE CREATIVE. DECORATE A HAT USING RECYCLED MATERIAL
Thursday 25 May

COOKING SESSION
Thursday 8 June | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 474 3670

BAKING SESSION
Thursday 22 June | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 474 3670

CREATIVE FOOD GAMES
Thursday 6 July

FREE



Girls Only Junior Rugby Training Grades U9, U11, U13

Training Sunday 7th May 10am -11am
Bathgate Park

All girls interested are welcome
For more information talk to Peta Hill at school.



Anzac Day
*Anzac poppies splash my eyes.
Guns banging.
People die beneath me.
Bombs exploding.
Everyone running.
Soldiers want to go home to their loved ones.
Big noises.
People Screaming.
I won't forget you.*

By Felicity

Netball Fees

A reminder to our Netball players that fees are due next Thursday, the 11th of May. The Board of Trustees has a 'no pay, no play' policy. Please see Vicki urgently if this will be a problem for you.

We are still selling our Eco Store caps. We only have the Lemongrass Favour left. These make great gifts or for putting in your drawers to scent your clothes. Just \$2.00

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON THURSDAY 25th MAY. JUST \$2.00 ☺

Lost or not returned Library Books



The value of lost or not-returned Library Books will be added to family accounts. Replacing books is very expensive so please have a good look for these. This is a cost that can be avoided by caring for books out on loan. Thank you.

Absences

Please ring the school on 472-8685 or txt 027 697 3596 before 9.15am if your child is going to be absent (or late) from school. This means less time is taken up, trying to contact you if your child is missing from school.

"Won't be in today" is not a valid excuse to be absent and the Ministry codes this as truant and can follow this up. Thank you

Calendar of Events

5 th May	ANZAC Remembrance 2:15pm
16 th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
18 th May	HPV Year 8s
22 nd May	Bully Free Week
25 th May	Sausage Sizzle \$2.00
26 th May	PTA Quiz Night
5 th June	Queen's Birthday
23 rd June	Fundamental Fun Day Years 1 - 3
30 th June	School Disco 6-8.30. Carnival Theme
7 th July	Term 2 Ends
23 rd July	Term 3 Begins
28 th	Term 3 Ends
September	

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 1

Learning Log Sybil Rm 7 (term 1) Sebastian Rm 7 (term 1)	Writing Moana Rm 5 Van Rm 5 Isabella Rm 5 Alesia Rm 5 Amelia Rm 5
Handwriting James Rm 7 Robbie Rm 7 McKenna Rm 7	

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Vicki Nicolson

Principal

QUIZ NIGHT

PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL
Fundraiser to resource science and technology equipment

\$20 per team of four
\$5 extra member

Friday MAY 26th @ 7pm
Port Chalmers Golf Course Reservoir Rd, Sawyers Bay

To register your team phone Steve Walker