

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

Bully Free NZ Week

Whakapūpūtia mai ō mānuka, kia kore ai e whati – Cluster the branches of the mānuka, so they will not break.

Schools can't prevent bullying alone. We need the support of whānau and communities to provide safe, positive learning environments for children and young people.

When it comes to stopping bullying, there's no 'one size fits all' solution. Bullying is a community problem, not just a school problem. Boards of trustees, school leadership and staff, students and their families, and the wider community all need to work together to successfully address bullying. So what is bullying...

Bullying is deliberate actions which are repeated and hurt people in the outside and the inside. Let's make NZ Bully Free. It starts with all of us.



Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. **Matariki** literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki).

Our learning community is going to celebrate Matariki on the 22nd of June at 7:30am. We will hear the story about Matariki and bless our fruit trees, which we are going to plant (thanks to the Lions Club and the Board of Trustees). We will then share kai together. Please put this date in your diary. We will be finished by 9:00am, in fact if you need to go earlier, that will be fine. Everyone is welcome!

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Our Ministry of Education achievement targets for this year again relate to raising the achievement of students who are not yet achieving at the expected National Standard level with a particular focus on writing. School is buzzing this term with a range of learning opportunities for students throughout the day. As I have mentioned previously, many classes are engaged in science focused investigations, healthy living and learning about our world. Every day is a day of wonder here at our school. Please use the calendar published at the end of each week's newsletter to keep up with happenings around our school. I know that many families cut it off the newsletter and place it on the fridge.

Quiz Night

I'm looking forward to the PTA Quiz Night tomorrow. We want to thank all the businesses who have donated wonderful prizes for the night. This is a really great social night and fund raiser for our learning community. We'll publish a list of all the contributors next week. Please support them, as they support us.

Ka kite ano

Kickstart Breakfasts

We are trying to get a timetable together of those who are and those who can, help with our breakfasts. This is a wonderful service that we provide for our tamariki but it can only exist with the help of volunteers. There is no great time commitment just half an hour first thing in the morning.

Please contact the office if you can help.

Netball Results



Port Chalmers Rockets

We had a fun netball session. We had 20 mins learning skills. We focused on learning about passing. We then had a friendly game against St Clair. Congratulations to McKenna our player of the day. ☺

Allstars

On Thursday our team played Kaikorai Valley. We all played really well but lost 21-4. Congratulations to Georgia our player of the day.



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



QTY | MORRIS | BILSKIN BAY | MAUNGLATI | PORT CHALMERS | ROCKBOLD

Health Snippet

BEDTIMES

Children need a good night's sleep so that they have enough energy for the next day's activities. Sleep is not only necessary for bodies it is important for our brains. Children cannot fight colds and viruses when they are tired.

Research has shown links between lack of sleep and learning and behaviour problems in school age children. Rather than appearing tired, children who do not get enough sleep at night may display the opposite signs, bouncing around, being unable to concentrate, losing interest quickly and even becoming uncooperative, irritable and angry.

Children of primary school age may require 11 or 12 hours sleep. Suggested bedtimes for 5 to 11 year olds are 7pm to 8.30pm. Generally, a 12 year old needs only 10 hours. A good bedtime routine will help. If parents are having difficulty with the children's bedtime routines, they can discuss these with the local Public Health nurse or Plunket nurse.



Butterfly Poems from Room 7

Butterfly

Blue, red, silver, black

Spirals, diamonds

Curved wings

Flutter, flutter

Munch, munch

Wriggle, squiggle

Flip, flap

Cute and funny

Eat and munch leaves

Turn into a chrysalis

Bye, bye

Butterfly

By Rosa

Wriggle-fly

Butterflies lay eggs

They are orange, yellow, blue, black

Triangle, rectangle, square, circle, oval, star shapes

Fly!

Flap!

Eat!

Look!

Wriggle!

By Arie

Egg to Butterfly

Butterfly lays eggs upside down

White eggs

Caterpillars crawling along

Chrysalis hanging from leaves

Orange and black

Butterfly

By Ted

Butterflies

Butterflies lay eggs

Caterpillars eat Swan plants

Butterflies flutter in the air

By Sebastian



Butterflies
Orange, red
Black, blue, green
Scuttle, wiggle, and jiggle
Caterpillars on the Swan plant
Chrysalis
Butterfly flutter
By Tommy

Butterflies
Butterfly in the sky
They fly on me
I see them in the sky
By Willow

I saw a butterfly
It landed on me
By Grace

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. Thank you

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.

Calendar of Events

26 th May	PTA Quiz Night
5 th June	Queen's Birthday
22 nd June 7:30am	Matariki Breakfast
23 rd June	Fundamental Fun Day Years 1 - 3
30 th June	School Disco 6-8.30. Mid-winter Carnival Theme
7 th July	Term 2 Ends
23 rd July	Term 3 Begins
28 th September	Term 3 Ends

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 4

Writing Amelia Rm 5 Malakai Rm 5 Isabella Rm 5 Alesia Rm 5 Logan Rm 5	Reading Nico Rm 3
	Poster Arie Rm 7 Ted Rm 7 Willow Rm 7
	Handwriting Zen Rm 7 Sebastian Rm 7 Willow Rm 7

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