

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



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 everyone has to be able to get to school safely. We do not want unsupervised children at school.

Book Week

Come as your favourite book character tomorrow

This week has been our annual Book Week. We have had lots of fun. Please look at the photos later in the newsletter. I hope you have had time to sit and read with your child. Such a special time for all involved. Our Book Week Assembly will be tomorrow (Friday) at 1:30pm. We are starting early so please note this and join us for some singing, sharing and awards.

Sexuality Education

Towards the end of term 2 all classes will be working on a sexuality unit. This will start on Monday 26 June. We are sending home an information sheet today outlining what topics are going to be covered. I will run a parent afternoon on Monday 19 June at 2:30pm in the library if you would like more information.

Road and Track Safety

I have had a number of reports of children using their bikes and scooters unsafely on their way to and from school. Please talk with your child about how to be safe on the road. Helmets are required to be worn if children are biking. This is not an optional extra. There have also been reports of children going over the train tracks before the lights have finished flashing. Please be aware of your own road and track safety as children watch and mimic what they see you do. Great role modelling can never be underestimated.

Reporting Illness/Absences to School

Thank you to students and parents for coming past the office to let Katy know they are late arriving at school. If your child/children are going to be absent from school please inform the office and/or your child's teacher with an explanation of their absence each day. Please note that we are legally required by the Ministry of Education

to code and provide a reason for student absences. You can inform us of your child/children's absence e.g. late, sick, dental appointment, dance exam etc. by either phoning the office on 472 8685, emailing the office, office@portchalmers.school.nz or leaving a text message on 027 6973596. (Please note text messages will not get a reply). Your child's teacher also requires written notification, either by note or email, if your child is to be excused from sports, swimming etc. Ka kite ano

Message of Condolence

As a school learning community, we pass on our sympathies and condolences to the family of Jared Roddick, whose mother Jude, passed away on Friday. To Jared, Pam and Isla; Jared's sister and brother Stephanie and Simon and families, we acknowledge Jude's passing with sadness.

Message of Condolence

As a school learning community, we pass on our sympathies and condolences to the family of Marnie Waaka, whose brother Lee, passed away on Monday in Vietnam. To Marnie, her mother Kaye and families, we acknowledge Lee's passing with sadness.

Fun Raising

Sunday 18 June 1.30-3.30pm: Fun-raising not Fund-raising.

After more than three years of planning, building is about to begin for the High Street Cohousing project. To celebrate we are inviting Dunedinites to take this last chance to walk around the grounds of High Street School, check out our plans and enjoy some child-centred activities before it becomes a construction site. Hive Dunedin will be there with Virtual Reality Headsets to try out, bouncy castle, obstacle course challenge, and play area for the pre-schoolers and more. All activities will be free.

Sunday 18 June 1.30-3.30pm Free Family Fun Afternoon at the old High Street School site. Corner of Alva and High Streets. You are invited.

Port Chalmers Library After School Book Club

June is going to be another of those funny months that has a public holiday on the first Monday of the month (happy birthday to the Queen!), so the Port Chalmers Library After School Book Club will be on Monday 12th of June instead.

Winter is upon us but it's always warm at the library, so come on down for a fun afternoon of art and craft activities and book-related fun. Be there at 3.15 for snacks, with Book Club going from 3.30 until 4.30. From the Book Club Team
Port Chalmers Library

Kickstart Breakfasts

This is a wonderful service that we provide for our tamariki but it can only exist with the help of volunteers. We only need 2 more volunteers to do Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is no great time commitment just half an hour first thing in the morning.

Please contact the office if you can help out.

Netball Draw

Senior Netball Draw



15/06/2017 – 4.30pm vs East Otago Wild Cats

Health Snippet

Car Seats

A law change last year meant that **all children under the age of 7** must now sit in a booster seat when travelling in a car.

It is recommended that children stay in a booster seat until they reach a height of 148cm, because adult restraints are usually unsafe for children below that height.

It is the responsibility of the driver that children under 7 are restrained appropriately in the car. If not, they must not be transported.

For more information contact NZ Transport Agency: 0800 699 000/ www.nzta.govt.nz

Tikanga Māori

Greetings – Mihi

There are many greetings or mihi used in Māori. Here are some that are commonly used.

Kia ora (Greetings, Hello)

Kia ora koutou (Greetings, Hello to you – 3 or more people)

Kia ora rā kōrua (Greetings, Hello to you two – 2 people)

Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings, Hello to you all – 3 or more people)

**African Day
Fundraiser for Abdoulrachidou
Tuesday June 13th.**

**\$5.00 includes lunch. Wear bright colours.
Lunchtime Activities.**

All Orders need to be in by Monday 12th June. No orders will be accepted on Tuesday morning.

**4-week Relaxation Course beginning
MONDAY 24th July**

TWO OPTIONS for busy mums

Mornings 9.30-11am or Evenings 7.00-8.30pm

The course includes practicing gratitude, mindful listening, art, deep breathing and massage, nature visualizations, guided meditations, games and much more!

Only \$65 per person OR 2 for \$90 EARLYBIRD special (paid by 14th June).

Book online at www.bookwhen.com/calmingcompany or 021 065 0336

Book Week

Whole School Buddy Reading



Assembly Timetable

Friday 9 th June (1:30pm)	Book Week
Friday 16 th June (2:15pm)	Rooms 5 & 7
Friday 23 June (2:15pm)	Room 8
Friday 30 th June (2:15pm)	Room 3
Friday 7 th July (2:15pm)	Room 2

Calendar of Events

9 th June	Dress up day
13 th June	African Day \$5.00 Lunch. Orders by Monday 12 th June
22 nd June 7:30am	Matariki Breakfast
23 rd June	Fundamental Fun Day Years 1 - 3
27 th June	BOT Meeting 7pm
30 th June 6-8.30pm	PTA School Disco Mid-winter Carnival Theme
3 rd July	Parent Conferences
4 th July	Parent Conferences
7 th July	Term 2 Ends
23 rd July	Term 3 Begins
28 th September	Term 3 Ends

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 6

Spelling Grace Rm 7 Jimmy Rm 7 Riley Rm 7 McKenna Rm 7	Writing Alesia Rm 5 Amelia Rm 5 Isabella Rm 5 Lucas Rm 7 Ted Rm 7
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Vicki Nicolson

Principal