

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

Matariki Breakfast

To celebrate Matariki, our whanau hui group are organising a breakfast next Thursday (22nd June) at 7:30am.

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). The seven stars in Matariki are called Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi, Tupuanuku, Tupuarangi, Ururangi e and the largest star Matariki.

Matariki is a time to prepare, to learn, to share ideas and to celebrate the future. Surely there is no better way to do this than to have a whole learning community breakfast.

Details for Thursday morning are pretty simple. Those who want to join us for breakfast on Thursday morning will gather in the school hall at 7:30am to share a selection of porridge, baked beans on toast, weetbix, stewed fruit and milk. Hot chocolate, tea and coffee will be available for refreshments. We are hoping all members of the children's families can join us. We will eat, sing, hear the matariki story and bless plants that are to be planted in our re-situated planter boxes. We ask that each person coming brings a bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon and cup in a plastic bag. We are very excited about this initial celebration for Matariki and encourage you to come and join us. We will be finished by 9:00am (in fact if you just want to pop in before work, and then head away that is fine).

Meet the Candidate

Saturday September 23rd is the date that has been set for New Zealand's general election. David Clark is the member of Parliament for Dunedin North and will be at school on Monday, 26th June at 3:00pm to talk with parents. David is interested in hearing from you so please come along. We will gather in the staffroom (or the Hall if we need a bigger space).

Sexuality Education

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

Parent and Student Learning Conferences

Please mark in your diary our midyear parent and student learning conferences on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th July from 3:15 – 7:00pm. Room 3 will have some extra time slots available on Monday 3rd July from 2:00 – 5:00pm. Learning conversations between your children and their teacher is very important to the progress that children make. We are really looking forward to sharing this learning with you all. Ka kite ano

Fun Raising

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

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 18th 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.

Netball Draw

Senior Netball Draw



We had a very good game. The final score was 16-2 to us. We played Portobello. Everyone enjoyed the game. Jasmin scored 7 goals and Biliel and Emi scored the rest. Maisey made some great intercepts.

Congratulations to Maisey and Jasmin, our players of the day.

Health Snippet

Washing hands kills germs but how much difference does it make to a child's health? Children who wash their hands regularly have fewer sick days with colds and influenza (flu), and less time off with 'tummy bugs'. The reason hand washing is so effective is because it removes and flushes away germs and bacteria.

- It takes 20 seconds to wash your hands properly....that's the same time it takes to sing 'happy birthday to me' twice, and then rinse hands well.
- Drying is very important too; as wet hands attract bugs like a magnet, paper towels are best to dry hands if available at school, while hand towels that are frequently washed are best at home.
- One way to reduce the spread of viruses is to teach children to cough and sneeze into their elbows rather than their hands. This reduces the risk of viruses being transferred to surfaces such as door handles and school desks. This is a good practice for all of us to get into.

Message from Jared

I would like to thank the Port Chalmers School Community for all of your support over the last wee while up until Mums passing last week. Your kind thoughts and condolences have been appreciated by my family and I.

Policy Update

The BoT has been reviewing our policies for employment (NAG 3). The updated policies and procedures are available on our school website or in the school office for you to have a look at. If you have any comments please contact Vicki or Anna Hudson (BoT Chair).



Tikanga Māori

Weather – Huarere



Raumati Summer Koanga Spring
Hōtoke Winter Ngahuru Autumn



Scouts and Guides from all over Dunedin are proudly presenting the 2017 Otago Gang Show.

Gang Show is a spectacular musical comedy show performed by 70 Scouts and Guides selected from all over Otago and Southland. You will be amazed at the singing, acting and dancing skills of the young cast who have been rehearsing for 5 months!

Featuring **stunning sets, hundreds of costumes, and a live orchestra** Gang Show delivers the whole family a fun night at the theatre.

Tue 11th - Sat 15th July 7.30pm

Sat 15th July Matinee 2pm

Tickets:

Adult \$25 - Child/Student \$15

Book your Tickets!

Online at our website www.otagogangshow.com

Or book at the Regional Scout Office at 50 Filleul St, 12pm - 5pm, Mon - Fri from the 19th June

African Lunch fundraiser for Abdoulrachidou

Menu

- Flat bread
- Coconut rice – wali wali nazi
- Pumpkin Stew with Sunflower Seeds
- Puff Puff – Deep fried dough flavoured with Nutmeg.

We raised \$269.10 for Abdoulrachidou's Sponsorship. We would like to thank Penny Allan, our Chef Extraordinaire. The meal was so yummy! Thank you to all the families who supported our fundraiser. 😊



Assembly Timetable

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

Calendar of Events

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 7

Maths Matthew Rm 2	Writing Moana Rm 5 Van Rm 5 Logan Rm 5
Reading Research Ally-May Rm 5	

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Vicki Nicolson

Principal