

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

Secondary School Choices

Our Year 8 students were given lots of information about their options for secondary school next year, at the end of last term. This information included details about Open Nights and I encourage you to attend these with your child. Many of the secondary schools are running open mornings as well. If you want to take your child to these, please let us know that they are going. I am often asked by parents what they should look for when they attend Open Nights with their children. My answer is to look for things that often you can't touch but feel. Relationships between students and staff are vital at any stage of education, but research states how important this aspect is as children grow into teenagers. Engaging teenagers is a challenge for anyone, but with warm and genuine relationships this important learning time can be enhanced. As parents you can support the transition by being positive about the change that has to happen, answering questions and finding out as much as you can about what each school has to offer. The Open Nights give you a chance to see and feel what each school have to offer.

Kapa Haka Group

I am delighted to share with our learning community that we are going to start a Kapa Haka group. Temo Tamati-Stirling, who was a college teacher in Room 2 last term, will be our tutor. This group will meet on a Thursday afternoon from 1:30 – 2:30pm in the school hall. We are going to offer this to learners from Year 4 – Year 8. Learners who have expressed an interest in joining this group have been given a permission slip today and these will need to be returned by next Thursday when we will have our first session. Whaowhia te kete mātauranga. Fill your basket of knowledge

Parent/Student Conferences

A few families were unable to attend their appointed times for these Conferences. Teachers would really love to share with you the learning progress for your children. Please make contact with classroom teachers in the next couple of weeks so you too can share the joy of the learning that has been achieved.

Science Investigations

The first 5 Friday afternoons this term will have a focus around science in the physical world. All learners will spend time looking at floating, friction, simple machines, magnets and inclines. We will start assemblies on the 15th September. Please see the timetable at the end of this newsletter.

Ka kite ano

Welcome to Lachlan in Room 4 and Tommy, Finn, Bene and Carlos in Room 5 and their families. We are sure you will enjoy your time here with us.



Health Snippet

Why reward children with tooth decay?

Snacking often on sugary foods and drinks can lead to tooth decay.

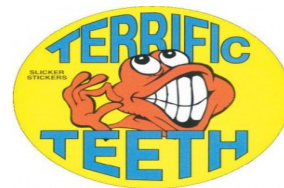
Don't be part of the problem – be part of the solution to better oral health.

Choose an age-appropriate alternative reward such as:

- Toothbrush
- Magnets
- Stickers
- Bookmarks
- Certificates
- Colouring pages/activity sheets
- Temporary tattoos
- Pencils, erasers, mini note pads
- Ink stamps
- Coloured chalk
- Balloons
- A plant or seeds and a pot for growing them in

Or best of all – **reward them with your time** - play a game or do an activity together.

You can now enrol your child/ren or adolescents online for their free dental care!



Find us on **Talk teeth – Southern**



Tikanga Māori

Waiho
(Leave it alone)
Waiho ki reira
(Leave it there)
Kia tere
(Hurry up)

Hot Lunch every Tuesday

Port Chalmers New World \$3.00 with a choice of:

- Nachos
- Pizza
- Spaghetti Bolognaise
- Macaroni Cheese.

It would be appreciated if you could pack a fork as we do not have a supply of these.



Please have the **correct change** for these lunches.

Sushi Johnny Tomorrow

Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and correct change. We will order the lunches which will then be picked up and given out at 12:30pm.

Please ensure you choose Chicken or Vegetarian

Price List

- Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian Rice Balls \$3.50
- Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian 5 piece sushi \$5.00

PARENTING COURSES AND PARENTING SUPPORT
Starting Soon
The Parenting Place TOOLBOX Parenting Courses
Day & Evening courses
Plus Seasons for Growth
Register now for Term 3 2017

Early years (0-6 years)
Middle years (6-12 years)
Tweens + Teens (12+ years)
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Game on (for Dads)

6 sessions; cost negotiable
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liz@cathsocialservices.org.nz
www.cathsocialservices.org.nz

Find new tools to help develop your parenting skills with practical ideas and great support through the following 6 week courses:

- Early years (0-6 years)**
Tuesday 7.15 – 9.15pm, starts August 8th
- Middle years (6-12 years)**
Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am, starts August 9th
- Tweens & Teens (12+ years)**
Thursday 9.30 – 11.30am, starts August 10th
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren *NEW**
Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm, please enquire
- Game on (for Dads)**
Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm, starts August 9th

A part charge may apply to these courses but no one will be declined help if they are unable to pay
ALL COURSES RUN AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL PARENTING SUPPORT.

Catholic Social Services 42 Macandrew Rd Sth Dunedin

Head Lice

Please be vigilant in your weekly check of your child's hair. One egg left starts the breeding cycle all over again. We are asking if children with long hair could have it tied up or in a bun. Using a bandana can also help reduce the incidence of head lice spreading.

Free head lice treatment

A message from the Public Health Nurse. Head Lice Treatments can be obtained by prescription from your doctor for little to no cost.

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.

Kickstart Breakfasts –WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS?

Our Kickstart breakfasts are very popular with our pupils. To be able to offer breakfast, we rely on Parent/Caregivers to run this. If you drop your child off to school in the mornings please consider volunteering. If you have younger children with you they too, can come and have some breakfast. This is a time commitment of only 30 mins. We would love to see this programme continue to be offered every day. Please contact the office if you help us.

Calendar of Events

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| 9 th August 7:00pm | Board of trustees Meeting |
| 10 th August 2:00pm | Mountain View High School Jazz Band Show |
| 16 th August 9:00am | Ukulele Jam (Rm 4) |
| 8 th September | Fun Run |
| 21 st September @ 6:00pm | Theatre Restaurant (Rm 8) |
| 28 th September | Term 3 Ends |
| 30 th September | Seafood Festival (helpers needed) |
| 16 th October | Term 4 Starts |

Assembly Roster

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| 1 st September | Jump Jam |
| 8 th September | Fun Run |
| 15 th September | Room 4 (2:15pm) |
| 22 nd September | Room 2 (2:15pm)c |
| 29 th September | Room 5 & 7 (2:15pm) |

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 1

| Spelling | Writing |
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| Arie Rm 7 | Amelia Rm 5 |
| Ted Rm 7 | Moana Rm 5 |
| | Logan Rm 5 |
| | Finn Rm 5 |
| | Viola Rm 5 |
| | Alesia Rm 5 |

KEI TE PAI

Vicki Nicolson

Principal