

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

Science Investigations

This term we are using Friday afternoons to focus on science investigations in the physical world (physics). Through the nature of science, students learn what science is and how scientists work. They develop the skills, attitudes, and values to build a foundation for understanding the world. They come to appreciate that while scientific knowledge is durable, it is also constantly re-evaluated in the light of new evidence. They learn how scientists carry out investigations, and they come to see science as a socially valuable knowledge system. They learn how science ideas are communicated and to make links between scientific knowledge and everyday decisions and actions. We welcome families to come to school on a Friday afternoon (1:30pm – 2:15pm) to see what science is being explored in classrooms.

Open Night

We extend a warm invitation to whanau from Rooms 2 and 3 to come and see stage 1 of our new learning environments on Tuesday the 15th August from 6:00pm-7:00pm. We are keen to show you what learning happens in the senior block, especially the flexibility that the new furniture is giving us.

PTA News

Our PTA has recently funded some extra things for the classrooms. This has included equipment for PMP, 10 new ukuleles and a stand up train set for Room 5. We really appreciate the extras that the PTA can provide. Another fund raising opportunity that the PTA is looking at is having a Bake Sale at the monthly Port Chalmers Market. We ask that every family donate some baked goods (cupcakes, muffins, cakes, biscuits etc.) for us to sell at the market on Sunday the 20th of August. The goods can be dropped off at school on Friday the 18th of August or on the morning of the bake sale in the empty section opposite the 4 Square. The PTA will be making soup and bread to sell as well. Every little bit helps so we thank you in anticipation.

Otago Literacy Association Writing Awards

Rumour has it that a number of our students have been awarded prizes in the Otago Literacy Association Writing Competition. The award ceremony is at 4:30pm today at the Bill Robertson Library (on Union Street). We will publish the winning poems and stories over the next couple of weeks. Ka pai!

Winter Weather Conditions

The warmer days have certainly given us a hint of spring however there can sometimes be a sting at the end of winter. Please remember that if the weather is really snowy or icy, I will put a message on the school answerphone regarding late starts or school closures.

Ka kite ano

Welcome to Christian in Room 4, and his family. We are sure you will enjoy your time here with us.

Ink Spots and Twisty Plots

Ink Spots and Twisty Plots is a day for all those who love children's books. It's a free event at Dunedin City Library on August 12th for adults and children and includes master writing classes with Ella West and Donovan Bixley and afternoon tea at UBS at the end of the day with Julia Marshall of the amazing Gecko Press. For the full programme go to: <http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/events/literary/inks/ink-spots-and-twisty-plots>



Horrible Histories

Horrible Histories
Sun 15th Oct 2017
Town Hall Dunedin
BUY TICKETS FROM \$29.90 Price includes GST where applicable. Does not include ticketing fees, delivery fees, transaction fees or payment processing fees.

Health Snippet

Lets Talk Teeth

Children in New Zealand are entitled to free basic oral health services from 0 to 17 years of age. Don't wait for teeth problems to happen, take your child for regular check-ups. Your dentist will let you know how often you need to take your child. Dental check-ups for young children mean problems are recognised and treated early.

Free standard treatments include:

- Check-ups involving a routine examination, checking teeth for decay and looking at gums and mouth for any problems.
- X-rays are used to find tooth decay and other problems that can't be seen.
- Fluoride treatment helps make the surface of the teeth more resistant to decay.
- Fissure sealants are a thin layer of white filling, painted onto teeth that are at risk of developing tooth decay.
- Cleaning removes plaque, staining and tartar from teeth.
- Fillings are used to restore teeth that have been affected by tooth decay
- Extractions to remove teeth that have been affected by tooth decay.

It's easy to enrol, just call 0800 Talk Teeth (0800 825 583) or visit www.letstalkteeth.co.nz

This information was provided by the Ministry of Health.

Tikanga Māori

Compass Points - Ngā Hau E Whā

Raki Tāpāraro (North)	Tonga (South)
Uru Hauauru (West)	Rawhiti Waho (East)

Writing from Room 7



Mr Whistler from Room 7

Mister Whistler was going to the train.
Mister Whistler thought he lost his ticket.
Mister Whistler put the ticket in his mouth.
He swallowed it.

He had heaps of money because people put the money in his hat as he took off his clothes and danced.

He brought a new ticket.
By Willow

Mr Whistler went to his Aunties.

He went to the train.

Mr Whistler lost his ticket.

Mr Whistler swallowed his ticket.

People gave him money because he was dancing.

He brought a new ticket.

By Grace

Mr Whistler

Mister Whistler got dressed.

Then the phone rang.

It was his aunty.

Then he got his ticket to go on the train.

People thought he was busking.

Then he swallowed his ticket.

He had to buy a new ticket on the train.

By Tye

Scholastic Book Orders

Can we have all book orders back by the 11th August. Please make all cheques payable to Scholastic NZ.

Senior Netball

Last week we played Liberton Christian School. It was a great game and we had to keep battling to keep in front. At the last minute they scored the one goal that let them win. The final score was 12-11.

After School Book Club

It's almost After School Book Club time again at Port Chalmers Library. We have some speedy activities for you this month (and something to eat and drink, of course!), so race on down to Port Chalmers Library on Monday 7th August from 3.30 - 4.30, with snacks starting at 3.15.

See you there!

Community Oral Health Service

Children (0-Year 8)

The Community Oral Health Service Mobile Dental Unit is on site at Port Chalmers School.

The Service continues to offer FREE basic dental care to children from birth until the end of Year 8 (if they are New Zealand residents).

The Service is run by appointment only – children are no longer automatically removed from class to attend dental appointments.

We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child. Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their children's good oral health at the time of their child's appointment.

We will contact you to set up an appointment but if the time does not suit or you are new to the area, please call:

0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543 (free from cell phones))

Calendar of Events

9 th August 7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
10 th August 2:00pm	Mountain View High School Jazz Band Show
15 th August	Open Night 6pm
16 th August 9:00am	Ukulele Jam (Rm 4)
17 th August	Kiwi Golf @ school
20 th August	Bake Sale @Port Chalmers Community Market
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

1 st September	Jump Jam (2.15pm)
8 th September	Fun Run (1.30pm)
15 th September	Room 4 (2:15pm)
22 nd September	Room 2 (2:15pm)
29 th September	Room 5 & 7 (2:15pm)

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 2

Spelling Katiya Rm 7	Learning Log Robbie Rm 7 Riley Rm 7
Writing Isabella Rm 5 x 2 Malakai Rm 5 Bene Rm 5 Carlos Rm 5	Maths Katiya Rm 7 x2 Mila Rm 7 Lucas Rm 7 Rosa Rm 7 Zen Rm 7

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Vicki Nicolson

Principal