

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

**Extra Poetry and Short Story Competition**

It was very exciting this week to open the Extra Supplement (from the Otago Daily Times) and see that three of our students were placed in the national Poetry and Short Story Competition. Rocky was placed second and Louie third in the Year 5 & 6 poetry competition and Billie was placed third in the Year 7 & 8 short story competition.

This is a very prestigious competition and is a real indication of the wonderful writing that happens in our classrooms.

Well done Rocky, Louie and Billie.

We are delighted to share the winning poems from Rocky and Louie. We will place the short story by Billie on the website.

**Back Beach by Rocky Allan**

Seaweed dancing in the calm  
Small boats looking at themselves in the water  
The boats rocking to the bear of the waves  
The power lines stretch out to each other.

**The View by Louie McGlynn-Cole**

The sea trickles blue images  
It paints a picture

The pipe disappears like a ghost from the past

The mist blurs out the power lines  
Like an invisibility cloak

The gulls cry like babies.

**Bake Sale**

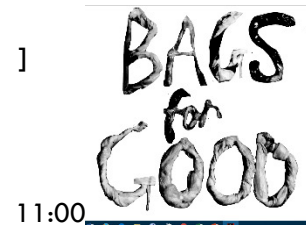
The PTA would like to thank whanau who baked goods for the Bake Sale at the Port Chalmers Community Market on Sunday. Although the weather was unkind nearly \$300 was raised for the school. Every hand helps. Thank you.

**Bags for Good Logo Competition**

Emi and Ally May have won first equal prize in the Bags for Good Logo competition. Congratulations. We look forward to seeing your design on bags around Dunedin soon.

Emi's design

Ally May's design



**Kāhui Ako Community of Learning**

On Monday the Minister of Education signed an agreement with a group of Dunedin North Education Centres to form a Community of Learning. The Port Chalmers School Board of Trustees is very excited to be working closely with our North Dunedin colleagues in this

community of learning, as we explore possible future directions. We will continue to prioritise improving outcomes for all students and meeting the diverse needs of our communities in which ever shape of collaboration that will work best for everyone.

Ka kite ano

**Fun Run**

Our Annual Fun Run is happening on 8<sup>th</sup> September. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our children. If the weather is unfavourable, we will postpone to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September with the same times.

We need adults to help as marshals so please let Jared or Vicki know if you can assist.

Sponsorship forms come home with today's newsletter. Can they please be returned by the 12<sup>th</sup> of September even if no sponsorship money is collected. Thank you.

The approximate timetable will run as follows:

- 1:45 Year 7 & 8 Championship
- 1:55 Year 5 & 6 Championship
- 2:05 Year 7 & 8 Non-Championship
- 2:15 Year 1
- 2:25 Year 2
- 2:35 Year 5 & 6 Non-Championship
- 2:45 Year 3 & 4

The PTA will be having a Sausage Sizzle on the afternoon of the Fun Run. Sausages will be available to purchase at \$2.00 each.

All students will get an ice block when they have completed their race.



**FUNKY FRIDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup> August**



**Come to school dressed in your funkiest clothes.**

**(A Fundraiser for Room 8's Restaurant) Gold Coin donation**

**Port Chalmers Swim Club Inc.**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**



If you are interested in learning to swim, wanting to swim competitively or just for fitness, join our friendly swim club. We also have adult swimming lessons.

Returning members - you NEED to re-register to ensure your child's place.

12:00pm - 2:00pm All new members

Register @ Port Chalmers Swim Club rooms above Port Chalmers Pool, Albertson Ave.

Spaces are limited so be quick!

Any enquiries to Licia coaching director 0274178798

**Abdoulrachidou**

Exciting news has arrived concerning our sponsor child in Niger: Abdoulrachidou. For the past 7 years, the school has been fundraising to send the village where Abdoul lives money. World Vision has informed us that the people of Goulbi N'Kaba have now become fully self-sufficient thanks to our sponsorship and that of many others.

World Vision says... "we're proud to say Goulbi N'Kaba is a community transformed. Health and wellbeing have improved with accessible healthcare, good hygiene practices in place and safe, clean water available. Caregivers are feeding their families fresh nutritious food and children are receiving quality education".

World Vision are now working with the Nawada community in India where children face huge challenges. We will have news of a new sponsor child in the near future.

If anyone would like to see the full report with some wonderful pictures please ask at the office.

**Take a Kid Fishing**

**Stop texting – let's go fishing**

Otago Fish & Game Council is running two **FREE** Take-a-kid-fishing days at the Southern Reservoir (located off Reservoir Road) on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> and Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Registrations for the event start on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August and are **essential**. To register, visit <https://fishandgame.org.nz/otago/events/> and click on register. Alternatively, come into the Fish & Game office on the corner of Hanover & Harrow St, Dunedin. Registrations are limited to 80 kids per session.

Spare fishing rods will be available along with experts to help kids get started. Parents or care givers must be present to supervise children.

**Horrible Histories**



Horrible Histories  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Seafood Festival**

The PTA has agreed to volunteer for the Seafood Festival (30<sup>th</sup> September) by working on rubbish collecting and sorting. We will need 20 volunteers over the day. Please consider this, as we will raise significant funds for the school. Give your name to Katy or Vicki at the office if you can support our fund raising efforts.

**Rooms 5 & 7 Visit to the Gasworks Museum**



**Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 5**

<b>Firewise</b> Jimmy Rm 7 Zen Rm 7	<b>Learning Log</b> Sybil Rm 7
	<b>Writing &amp; Rocket Building</b> Zen Rm 7

**Family Accounts**

Family accounts went home today with this newsletter. Thank you to the families who have paid.

We are more than happy for you to set up an automatic payment, Five dollars a week soon sees these paid off. Sadly with the high cost of Library books we will have to add the costs of lost/unreturned books on to accounts.

The cost of replacement can be avoided if you can encourage your child to be responsible with these resources. Thank you.

**Assembly Roster**

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

**Calendar of Events**

25 <sup>th</sup> August	Funky Friday
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Fun Run
21 <sup>st</sup> September @ 6:00pm	Theatre Restaurant (Rm 8)
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 3 Ends
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Seafood Festival (helpers needed)
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 Starts
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Assembly

Vicki Nicolson

Principal