

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

Classroom Happenings

Room 5

Our highlight this term was our trip to the Fire-Station, Gas Museum and Dinosaur Park.

We have enjoyed learning about electricity and making complete circuits.

We've written a song about Head Lice with Robert and we are looking forward to singing this song at our Assembly.

We are growing as a class and are now up to 16! Most of us have had chicken pox!

Room 4

This term Room 4 are most proud of the progress we have made in the use of algorithms to solve maths problems. Our speed with our basic facts has also improved.

Our Science Expo went very well as all the junior school came to see our science and we were all able to talk about the science concepts behind our investigations.

Another highlight was the Painted Poems workshop with Kerry McKay and Pamela Brown. If you want to see our painted poem pop into the school hall as it is displayed on the back wall.

Room 4 are still working on recapping all of our maths strategies and gaining further confidence in our mathematics.

Our listening skills are also still a work in progress 😊

Room 7

It has been a very busy term in Room 7 We have learnt about head lice through our Awesome Hair Awareness lessons. We know all about how they live and why they like our heads! We are getting better at dealing with the frustration they cause us. We enjoyed our trip to the Central Fire station and Gasworks. A highlight was also getting to have a play at the Dinosaur Park.

We are now learning about electricity and have been making our own simple circuits using the brain boxes. Finally we all have a piece of art work we chose on display at the Otago Art Society exhibition at the Railway Station.

We are going to get along there next week to see the exhibition.

Room 8

As we go to press Room 8 is all abuzz with the last minute preparations for our Dinner@8 evening tomorrow night. Head chef Penny and her kitchen hands are prepping food, flowers are being arranged, art is being completed, crockery is arriving into the sunroom and checklists are nearly finished. Tomorrow we practise our restaurant skills before the big night which starts at 5.45pm. A term's work will culminate with a most memorable night at the Town Hall for Room 8 and their guests.

Next steps – according to Otis – sleeping! A relaxing term of reading, writing, science, maths, art, marimbas, swimming, outdoor education, West Harbour Sports, Artist-in-Residence etc. etc.

Room 2

We have nearly completed a very productive and exciting term. Highlights include our Objects and Collections study where we shared many interesting and unusual artefacts and collections and discussed the stories behind these. We also created our very own museum and we will be opening it to classes and members of the school community tomorrow.

Our Science topic on Simple Machines led into our work on Inventors and Inventions where we researched the incredible achievements of many pioneers in our technological evolution and how their contributions changed the world that we live in. We also looked at weird and wacky ideas that made their creators a fortune!

Our sports included Football, Netball, Miniball, Golf and Cross Country and pupils represented us well in local competitions and champs meets.

We have also had pupils do well in writing competitions, art exhibitions and the Current Events quiz.

Term 3 is always a special time for our year 8 pupils as they make their preparations for their move to High Schools. They are almost ready to 'jump' but.....not quite yet!

Now we look forward to some warm weather and sunshine as we move into term 4 where, we will resume our Athletics, Swimming and Boating programmes, making the most of the special environment that we live in!

Room 2 Museum in Room 3

Opens tomorrow! Come and see our amazing collections of objects and special artefacts! Hear from our curators about our exhibits! ALL WELCOME! 1.30-3 pm

Room 2 Museum

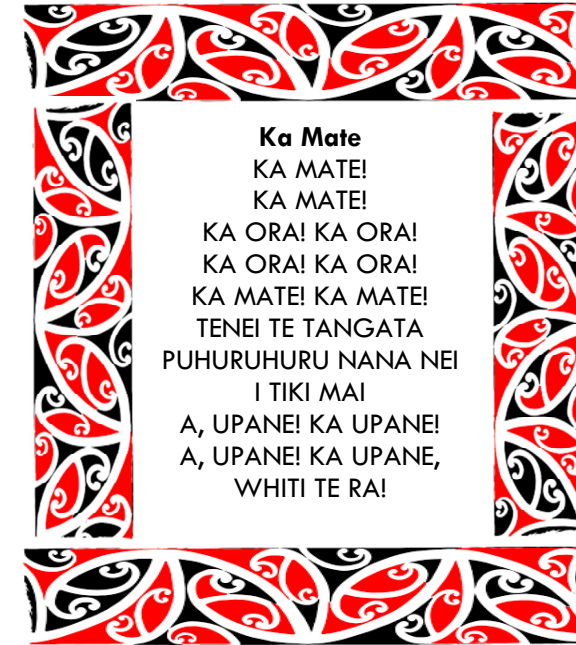
The Room 2 pupils have been learning about the importance of special objects, the stories behind these and the phenomenon of collecting. We have also been investigating how museums are set up, organised and maintained. Instead of our regular assembly tomorrow, we will be showcasing our own museum in Room 3. We invite you to pop in and see our displays and hear about the special objects and collections gathered from pupils and their families. The museum will be open from 1.30 pm onwards for visitors. We welcome all members of our school community to view our exhibits!

Fun Run

Can all cards and money for the Fun Run be handed in to the office please?
A big thank you to those who came out to help on the day and those who supported this fundraiser.

Breakfast Club

All children are welcome to come and have breakfast each morning before School. This is held in the After School Programme building.
Weetbix and Milk is served. 😊



Seafood Festival Wearable Art Competition

The Seafood Festival is running a Marine Based Wearable Arts Competition to be judged on the day of the Seafood Festival (Saturday 30th September). If your child is interested, please collect an information sheet from the Office, or talk to Vicki. Prizes will be cash for the school.

Seafood Festival

The PTA has agreed to volunteer for the Seafood Festival (30th 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.

Welcome to Rex in Room 5, and his family. We are sure you will enjoy your time here with us.

Family Times

A copy of the Family Times went home to each family with this newsletter today

Port Chalmers Pool Community BBQ

The Port Chalmers pool are holding a BBQ along with lots of fun in the pool.
Saturday 23rd September 12 – 3pm.

Otago Art Society Youth Art Awards

A very excited group of Port Chalmers students, parents and teachers attended the opening of this exhibition on Friday night at the Railway Station and heard the following announcements

- First place Years 5-7 - Jimmy Hill
- Second place Years 8-10 - Coco Brizzell
- First place Years 8-10 Sammi Madill
- Best School – Port Chalmers

The flier advertising the awards shows artwork from Katiya Brasell-Jagger.

The exhibition is open daily from 10am-4pm and is well worth a visit. We will display the winning artworks in the foyer next term.



Sawyers Bay Flower Show on Oct 7th

Make a Shoebox Diorama Drop off at Watersiders Hall Friday 6th between 5-7pm or Sat 7th before 9am. Cash Prizes. Complete details can be found on our Website on the Community Page. Details of a Photo Competition are also included.

Lawn Edges

Roger our caretaker is very keen to trim the edges of our lawns and has asked if anyone has an edge trimmer that we can borrow. If you have one that we can borrow please let the office know. Thank you

Honey

**We still have some of our honey for sale.
\$18.00
It's Beelicious!**

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 9

Spelling	Learning Log
Grace Rm 7	Zen Rm 7
Mila Rm 7	Mila Rm 7
	Katiya Rm 7

Assembly Roster

22 nd September	Room 2 Museum 1.30 to 3.00
29 th September	Room 5 & 7 (2:15pm)

Calendar of Events

26 th September @ 7:00pm	BOT Meeting
29 th September	Term 3 Ends
30 th September	Seafood Festival (helpers needed)
16 th October	Term 4 Starts
24 October	West Harbour Sports Day
14 th December	Final Assembly

Vicki Nicolson

Principal

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