

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

National Standards

There has been a debate happening in the media around the new government's decision to abandon the requirement of schools to use National Standards in 2018. Please be assured that we will continue to report on your child's progress in learning against the New Zealand Curriculum, as we have always done. If you have any questions about your child and their progress please come and talk to your child's classroom teacher. We have always had an open door policy and are more than happy to talk about progress in learning. It is great that we are able to report to you using our wonderful New Zealand Curriculum. A much wider curriculum than just reading, writing and maths.

Community Survey

We really need your feedback on how Port Chalmers School is meeting you and your children's needs. Please help us by completing the survey by Friday 17 November. All responses are confidential unless you want to enter the prize draw for a \$50 grocery voucher for one family who completes the survey. If you wish to enter this draw, please put your email address at the bottom of the survey.

The Board will collate the returns, make a summary of the findings and then share these findings with you through the weekly newsletters. We have an online survey so follow the link below to complete.

<https://goo.gl/forms/TkFLqV5aOdGwAxgo2>

If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of this survey, please ask at the office. Thank you.

5 Minute Park outside School

The parking right outside school is a 5 minute park. We have noticed that many people are parking their cars for longer than the 5 minutes. This is causing issues for buses who are dropping children off at the swimming pool and for residents in Albertson Ave. Please park in other spaces if your visit is going to be longer than 5 minutes.

Artist in Residence Programme

We are very excited that our annual Artist in Residence Programme is happening in just over three weeks. Donna Demente, an artist from Oamaru is our guest this year. We are looking for materials for our programme and hope you can help us

- glitter
- feathers
- other decorative stuff for masks
- Resene test pots

Please send any of these items along to the office or class teacher so that we can make amazing masks for our parade.

Ka kite ano

Health Snippet

Water Safety

Lots of summer activities take place around water, where unfortunately too many children drown (on average 15 children each year).

- **It is vital children are closely supervised when they are near water:** Children can become unconscious after only a couple of minutes with their head under water.
- Young children can drown in very shallow water.
- **No child should get in a boat without a lifejacket,** even a short trip in a kayak or a dinghy.
- Make sure your child can swim. Swimming lessons through the school may not be enough for all children. Our local West Harbour Swim School and Club provides lessons.

For more information go to <http://www.safekids.org.nz/index.php/page/sitesearch>

PTA Christmas Raffle

The PTA is organising a Christmas Raffle as a fundraiser. We are asking each family to donate something for this raffle. Please send items to the office by Friday 17th November. Raffle cards will be sent home with the newsletter on the 23rd November to be returned by Tuesday 14th December. Thank you.



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.

Our Library



PLEASE!

The end of the term is fast approaching so it's a good time for everyone to have a good look around home for any of our Library Books. Any books lost or unreturned will be added to Family Accounts. Please encourage your child to return any books as this is a cost no one wants especially at Christmastime. Thank you.

Dunedin Public Library

'Kids Craft Club'

Activities made up of craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age children. This club is held on the 2nd floor, City Library every second Thursday 4-5pm. These are the themes for the rest of the year.
 Thursday 2nd November: Sprout into spring
 Thursday 16th November: Ballooning, up-up and away
 Thursday 30th November: Marvellous marbled paper
 Thursday 14th December: Christmas surprise

Honey

We still have some Honey for sale. Just \$18. Available from the Office.



Making Parenting Easier

Would you like to:

- Enhance your relationship with your child
- Improve the atmosphere in your home
- See the positives rather than focusing on the negatives



• Boost your child's emotional intelligence (EQ)
 • Identify personality clashes
 Then contact Sue, I specialise in family work; more specifically, assisting parents with the many challenges children bring. I have a passion for empowering parents to have happy, healthy relationships with their children. Often subtle changes in parenting can make a big difference to family life; together with parents we explore parenting strategies and develop a plan to move forward, making parenting easier. Follow the link to book a session, initial 30minutes free www.socialsolutions.nz suewhyte@socialsolutions.nz
 M: 027 303 7709

Family Accounts

Final accounts for the year have gone home to those families who still have amounts owing. It would be appreciated if outstanding amounts could be paid by the end of November. Families are welcome to pay their accounts off, as \$5 a week soon gets these paid. Thank you to those families who have set this up. 😊

Our Bank Account number is 060901 02167 4900

Kids Book Club

Hooray! Its Kids Book Club time again @ Port Chalmers Library
 Monday 6th November 3.15 - 4.30
 Come along for some good books, snacks & fabulous drawing fun!

Tikhanga Maori

Proverbs
 He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
 What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei
 Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain

Calendar Art PTA Fundraiser

A second order will be sent tomorrow. Anyone wishing to order please have completed form (spares in the office) and money in by Friday the 3rd.November.

Prize Giving Cups

We need all cups to be returned to the office by Friday 24th of November so we can get them cleaned and engraved for this year's prize giving. Just leave these at the office. Thank you.

Tapa Cloth created by Room 4



Calendar of Events

6 th November	Girls Smash Cricket starts
7 th November	North Zone Sports
16 th November	HPV Year 8's
27 th Nov – 1 st Dec	Artist in Residence
3 rd December Sunday (midday)	Artist in Residence Parade
4 th December	DNA university trip (Rm 2)
5 th December	BOT Meeting
7 th & 8 th December	Year 8 Camp
11 th December 10:30am	
12 th December	Year 8 Dinner
13 th December	Beach Education (Rm 2)
ember	Final Assembly
30 th January	2018 Term One Starts

Boating Timetable

14 th November	1pm
28 th November	1pm

Swimming Timetable

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate.

A note is required if a child is unwell and unable to swim. If you are able to help out at swimming time please speak to your child's teacher.

Rm 8	10:30 – 11:00
Rm 4	11:00 – 11:30
Rm 2	11:30 – 12:00
Rm 5	1:45-----2:15
Rm 7	2:15----- 2:45

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 3

Maths	Spelling
Tommy Rm 7	Katiya Rm 7
Mila Rm 7	Robbie Rm 7
Riley Rm 7	Tye Rm 7

Tino Pai

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