

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

Whanau Hui

Port Chalmers School would like to establish a Whanau group, made up of parents and whanau interested in supporting Tikanga Maori at our school. We welcome any whanau to join this group – no experience or large commitment of time is necessary. We will start with a hui on Tuesday 4th April at 6:00pm. Kai (food) will be provided. Tamariki (children) are welcome and will be cared for while the pakeke (adults) korero. Please do come and join in if you would like to. We will be providing some refreshments to enjoy at this hui. Please RSVP to: office@portchalmers.school.nz, or speak to Vicki. Anyone who can't attend but would like to share ideas or receive minutes please also get in touch.



Easter Raffle

The PTA thank you for the donation of Easter Goodies for our Easter Raffle. It is not too late to donate, just bring goodies to the school office. We have included a raffle ticket for each family with today's newsletter. These cards are numbered and do need to be returned to school by the 7th of April, sold or unsold.

School Vision

As a learning community, we have revisited our vision; simplifying it and focusing on what we consider important. To help develop our learners to become successful citizens. The revised vision is...

“Creative, enthusiastic and resilient learners becoming leaders.”

We have put this together on a one page summary document, which we have attached to this newsletter.

Otago Triathlon Championships 2017

Our Year 8 boys' team of Lewis, Taylor and Josh have qualified for the Otago Triathlon Championships 2017, being held in Cromwell on the 6th of April. This is a very exciting opportunity for the boys. We wish them well on their roadie to Cromwell.

Sausage Sizzle

We are once again providing a sausage sizzle as a lunch option on the last Thursday of the month. The Year 6, 7 & 8 students are going to manage this as a fundraiser for their bi-annual camp (happening again in 2018). Our first one for 2017 will be on Thursday 30th March. Orders can be made at the office by 9:00 on the Thursday morning. Cost is \$2.00 per sausage. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy our last weekend of daylight savings as we'll have to put the clocks back on the evening of the 1st of April. Ka kite ano.

Tikanga Maori

Inquiring Question
Kei te pēhea koe? / How are you?
Responses
Kei te pai ahau / I'm good
Ka nui te ora / I'm great
Me koe? / And you?

AGM of the PTA

PTA Annual Meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Wednesday 12th April at 7:00pm. This will be an informal get together with wine, juice and cheese. Come and meet other parents from our learning community. Join the PTA to socialise and raise funds for the extra things we want for our learners.

Library Book Sale:

Lose an hour and gain a bargain.

The clock is ticking, so be sure to put 31st March in your diary right now – we're counting down to our giant Friday to Sunday carpark book sale, with a huge selection of delights for you to snap up. Get in quick for a bountiful supply of good books to get you through those long, chilly nights.

BRING A BAG and get ready to rummage!

- **Friday 31st March, 9.30am – 8pm**
- **Saturday 1st April, 11am – 4pm**
- **Sunday 2nd April, 11am – 4pm**

City Library Carpark, Moray Place, Dunedin



Capo-Kids
Fun
Music
Movement
Capoeira

Exercise and movement class for kids based on Capoeira. Great way to get active, have fun, make new friends and learn something new.

When: Saturday 11am-12pm from 18 March
Where: Teacher College Gymnasium, Union St East
Cost: \$5 per class (first session free)
Contact: Bronwyn umkoleandhunter@gmail.com

Piano Lessons

Simply Music piano lessons available for all ages! Innovative playing-based method has students playing great sounding contemporary, classical, blues and accompaniment pieces from their very first lessons. Free 45 min introductory session available - contact Liz Abbott LTCL Licensed Simply Music piano teacher 027 6995390 lizabbotpiano@gmail.com www.simplymusicpiano.com

Port Chalmers PTA Easter Raffle

3 Draws of Easter Treats

Tickets \$2

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Easter Bunny

Chocolate Treats

Please return with money to school by

Friday 7th April.

Drawn 12th April

100 Cards

A Raffle card for each family is attached to this newsletter.



Relax Kids Easter Holiday Programme

Join us for a fun, informative programme helping children learn to develop their self-esteem and relaxation skills, and channel their inner 'hero'!

Tuesday 18th April-Friday 21st April, 10am-12pm

Most suitable for ages 5-10

\$60 per child, or \$20 daily

Book at www.bookwhen.com/calmingcompany

or 021 065 0336 or www.facebook.com/relaxkidsnz

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Scholastic Book Orders

We were given the wrong return date for book orders. If anyone would still like to order books please have your order into the office by 3pm tomorrow. Alternatively, simply order online. 😊

Sea Week Haiku from Room 7

A crab looks for food

A crab scuttles around rocks

Splashes in water

By Grace



Starfish clings to rocks

Green Chiton under water

Crabs scuttling sideways

By Jimmy

Killer whales hunt seals

Whale sharks eat, eat, lots of fish

Crabs nip at starfish

By Arie



Starfish feed on rocks

Crabs scuttle and snap your toes

Sea squirts spray water

By Riley

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.

Breakfast Club

Thanks to our volunteers who are helping to serve breakfast to our learners each morning. We are still seeking some helpers on a Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Please consider our request. We just need your help from 8:30 – 8:50am. This is a great initiative that we want to continue. Please see Vicki or the office if you can help.

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 at swimming time please speak to your child's teacher.

Room 8	10:30 – 11:00
Room 3	11:00 – 11:30
Room 2	11:30 – 12:00
Room 5	1:45 – 2:15
Room 7	2:15 - 2:45

Boating Timetable

Tuesday 11th April 1-2.45pm

Assembly Timetable

24/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 2
31/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 3
7/4/17	Class Assembly	Room 5 & 7

Calendar of Events

29 th March	El-Gregoe Show
30 th March	Sausage Sizzle \$2.00/1973
4 th April	Whanau Hui 6:00pm
12 th April	PTA AGM @ 7pm
13 th April	End of Term 1 (Thursday)
1 st May	Term 2 Begins
7 th July	Term 2 Ends

Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 8

Spelling Rosa Rm 7 Ted Rm 7 Jimmy Rm 7	Alive Learning Ted Rm 7 McKenna Rm 7 Katiya Rm 7 Riley Rm 7 Robbie Rm 7
Learning Log McKenna Rm 7	

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Vicki Nicolson

Principal