

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.



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. We wish them well on their roadie to Cromwell.

KNOWING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Like Ratty in the 'Wind in the Willows', we all need local places with which we identify. Where we live shapes who we are and who we will become. We realise this and are working to support students to be connected with our very rich and unique local environment. Many classes have been engaged in a range of outdoor experiences. Wherever possible we are linking learning to our local environment - supporting students to know the area around us. We will be visiting places regularly over the seasons to notice and observe the cycles of life. We want our students to 'know the environment and love the environment'. Through these connections, we hope that our students will develop a sense of wonder for the natural world. We will be paying attention to details, looking closely, and looking often. Students will be encouraged to be curious, to wonder, to look for connections, for change and consistency, and to be surprised, to use their senses to experience the world, to create and share stories of the places they explore and the experiences they have and to care for our places and spaces. Through walks, outdoor experiences, gardening, investigations etc. we hope our students will come to better know, understand and appreciate our very special part of the world.

Remember to put your clocks back an hour on Saturday night!

Ka kite ano

Port Chalmers Library After School Book Club



Next Monday 3rd April,
3.15 – 4.30pm
Mad Machines & Crazy Cogs
See you there for some fun, fiction and food!

Tikanga Maori

Farewells

Haere rā / Goodbye (to someone leaving)
E noho rā / Goodbye (to someone staying)
Ka kite anō / See you again
Hei konā / See you later

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

Port Chalmers PTA Easter Raffle

- 3 Draws of Easter Treats**
- Tickets \$2**
- 2gypsies Gift Voucher**
- Easter Bunny**
- Chocolate Treats**

**Please return with money to school by Friday 7th April.
Drawn 12th April**



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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Lego at the Library

Come along and make some cool stuff with our

Lego @ Port Chalmers Library
on the last Thursday and Friday of each month.

Next session: 30th & 31st March
It's out on the tables all day for everyone – young and old – to play!

We're open until 8pm on Thursdays too!



Health Snippet

Preventing Illness in Schools

Bacteria and viruses (germs) spread easily in schools, because many children and adults spend a lot of time together in confined places.

Most children will get 4-6 "colds" a year when they are young, but will build up their level of immunity as they grow.

The only way we can reduce the spread of germs is by staying home when we are sick and washing hands after coughing and sneezing.

Germs can travel up to 6 metres when we sneeze and 3 metres when we cough, so teach your child to sneeze and cough into their elbow.

Please inform your School if your child is going to be kept home due to illness.

For free health advice call

Healthline 0800 611 116

Elgregoe the Magician

<http://www.elgregoe.co.nz/>



A Busy Term in Room 3

Marimbas



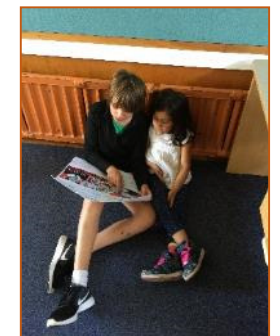
Rubbish Collection from Mussel Bay during Sea Week

Boating



Buddy Reading

Science



Boating Timetable

Tuesday 11th April 1-2.45pm

Assembly Timetable

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

Calendar of Events

3 rd April	BOT Meeting 7pm
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 Zen Rm 7 Robbie Rm 7 McKenna Rm 7	Handwriting Grace Rm 7 Katiya Rm 7 Sybil Rm 7
Learning Log Sybil Rm 7 Sebastian Rm 7 Zen Rm 7 Katiya Rm 7 Rosa Rm 7 Ted Rm 7	Mathematics Jaime Rm 3

KEI TE PAI

Vicki Nicolson

Principal