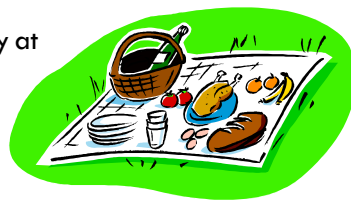


**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**

**Family Picnic - BBQ**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at the family picnic/BBQ on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5:45pm. We will get the school barbecue out so that you can cook some food, or you may just want to pack a picnic. It is a chance to catch up with your child's teacher and chat to other families. We will have some Play is the Way Games organised so that you can learn some of the games your children have been playing. If the weather is wet, there is no postponement date.



**Out of School Access**

We have been informed that several children have been running on the school roof (mainly the Junior Block), jumping off the roof onto the sun sails and using their skateboards and scooters on the deck. We ask that if you see any of this behaviour you either speak to the children concerned or let us know. We do know that some children have been intimidating adults that are here at school in the weekend with their children. This is a serious safety concern and has implications for both people and property. The local Police have been informed of this intimidation and unsafe behaviour and are happy for you to contact them if you feel unsafe in our school grounds out of school hours.

**Breakfast Club**

We are keen to keep our Breakfast Club going and have a number of volunteers who are happy to help one morning a week. However we are looking for some more volunteers to help us provide this service. We just need your help from 8:30am until about 8:50am one morning a week. Weetbix and milk are provided so no cooking skills are required, just an adult who is keen to supervise and talk to our learners. Please see Vicki if you can help.

It is so good to be back at school. We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday night at the Family Picnic and/or BBQ. Ka kite ano.

**Port Chalmers Library after School Book Club**

Our first session for the year will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of February (and after that we'll get back into our usual routine, holding it on the first Monday of each month). We have some fun, summer-themed activities and books for you all, and an after-school snack and drink, of course! We're really looking forward to seeing all of our Book Club kids again, and we'd also like to extend a warm welcome to any children who haven't been to Book Club before, but would like to come along and check it out. Elspeth and Kate and the Port Chalmers Library team

**Saturday Morning Music Classes**

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Approx. one hour lessons.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2<sup>nd</sup> year players to advanced level.
- An introductory class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

**TEACHING CENTRES**

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Mosgiel Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

**ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2017**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9:30-11:30am at George Street Normal School; or Bathgate Park School.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3:30-4:30pm Elmgrove School, Mosgiel.

Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February. Enquiries: see website [www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com) for contact details.

**PARENTING COURSES AND PARENTING SUPPORT**

Starting Soon

The Parenting Place TOOLBOX Parenting Courses  
Day & Evening courses  
Plus Game On – Dads / Seasons for Growth  
Register now for 2017  
0-6 years 6-12 years Tweens & Teens (12+)

6 sessions; cost negotiable  
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[paul@cathsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:paul@cathsocialservices.org.nz)  
[www.cathsocialservices.org.nz](http://www.cathsocialservices.org.nz)

**Boating**

The Senior School Boating Programme is an important and unique aspect of our older pupil's education at Port Chalmers School. Attached to the school newsletter today is the term 1 boating timetable and helpers request form. If you have some time to spare on Tuesday afternoons during term 1 and your child/ren are not yet in Room 2 or 3, I would still be very keen to hear from you. You don't need any boating experience, only a willingness to 'get your feet wet' and enjoy the opportunity to get our kids into boats!

Please contact Jared Roddick for more information if you feel you could assist or return the lower portion of the Boating timetable to him or the Office.

**Library**

We have some overdue books from 2016. Please return any books found over the holiday clean up. The cost of any lost books will be added to family accounts.

**Ice Cream Pottles**

We are looking for empty ice-cream pottles for our science investigations. Please send any spares to Room 3. Thank you.

**Family Accounts**

Our school donation for 2017 is \$15 per term per child (\$60.00 a year) with a family paying no more than \$120.00 a year. We use this donation to pay for visiting artists, shows, bus trips, entry into museums etc. We rely on this donation to assist with the ever-increasing costs of providing a wide range of activities for our students. Our Year 7 & 8 students are required to pay a take home component of the technology programme delivered at DNI of \$90 (Yrs. 7 & 8) You are able to claim a third of your donation back through Inland Revenue each year. We welcome internet payments, please use your child's name as a reference. Our bank account number is 060901 02167 4900.

**Port Chalmers Swim Club INC**



Hey kids, feeling like you want to have some competitive fun? Come and enter the annual Port Chalmers Swim Club 2017 Junior Triathlon (Bike/Run/Swim)

**Age 5 to 7 Years: 400m bike/400m run/30m swim**  
**Age 8 to 10 Years: 1km bike/1km run/60m swim**  
**Age 11 to 14 Years: 2km bike/1km run/150m swim**

Enter individually or as a team of three.

**When:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February (postponement date Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February)

**Where:** The Port Chalmers Swimming Pool, Albertson Avenue, Port Chalmers

**Report Time for All Competitors:** 5.00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> race starts at 6.00 pm

**Entries Close:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, entry forms available from Port Chalmers Pool, Moana Pool or email: [liciamihaka@gmail.com](mailto:liciamihaka@gmail.com) (no entries on the day).

**Cost:** \$15.00 per individual or \$10.00 per team member. All proceeds to support the Port Chalmers Swim Club Inc.

**Club Contact:** Licia Mihaka ph. 472 8384  
Spot Prizes! Sausage Sizzle!

**The Southern Children's Choir**

The Southern Children's Choir is looking for a group of 32 talented children between the ages 9-13 for our 2017 choir. The choir was formed in 2007 to fill the need for a choir where the children of Dunedin could explore a wide variety of vocal music, while gaining fundamental musical skills for a lifetime of happy music-making.

Sign up for your audition time by filling out this simple form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Yauo5dAHZPI0ZaGu2>

☹	<b>Caught Doing Great Learning In Week 2</b>		☹
<b>Writing</b>	Amelia Rm 5 Moana Rm 5 Alesia Rm 5 Isabella Rm 5 Logan Rm 5 Malakai Rm 5 Van Rm 5 Angelina Rm 5	<b>Printing</b>	Anahera Rm 5 Isabella Rm 5
		<b>Reading</b>	Zen Rm 7
		<b>Spelling</b>	Sybil Rm 7 Ted Rm 7
<b>KEI TE PAI</b>			

**Learning Mottos**

Classes have been exploring what it means to be a learner. A part of this has been coming up with a class learning motto. This week we share a couple with you. As classes decide what their motto is we will share them with you.  
Room 3  
Don't let your dreams be dreams; just do it.

Room 7  
We evolve through learning  
Learning is fun!

**Assembly Timetable**

17/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 8
24/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 2
31/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 3
7/4/17	Class Assembly	Room 5 & 7

**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

**Calendar of Events**

<b>13 February</b>	Girls Smash Cricket (4:00pm Mondays)
<b>15 February</b>	Meet the Teacher Family Picnic/BBQ 5.45pm - 7pm
<b>20 February</b>	Have a Go Sailing
<b>23 February</b>	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
<b>14 March</b>	Goal Setting Conferences
<b>16 March</b>	Goal Setting Conferences
<b>20 March</b>	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
<b>29 March</b>	El Gregoe Show
<b>13 April</b>	End of Term 1 (Thursday)
<b>1 May</b>	Term 2 Begins
<b>7 July</b>	Term 2 Ends

**Boating Timetable**

Tuesday 21 February	1-2.45pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	1-2.45pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	1-2.45pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	1-2.45pm

Vicki Nicolson Principal

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