

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

Sea Week

Seaweeek is New Zealand’s annual national week about the sea. Hosted by the NZ Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE), Seaweeek focuses on learning from the sea. It’s about exciting and inspiring all New Zealanders to renew their connections with the sea! Not just for children or those involved with formal education – it’s a time for all of us to get to know our ocean better. Several classes have focused their learning around the sea this week. A tidy up and explore of Mussel Bay happened with some rubbish (mainly glass) found. There was also much excitement at the discovery of various sea creatures including sea stars (starfish) and crabs. Sea creatures made from recycled treasures have been arriving at school and making themselves at home in the Junior Block. If you want to see what activities are on in and around Dunedin, please check out the Sea Week website <http://seaweeek.org.nz/>

Room 5 Whakatoki

For many years Room 5 has always started their learning day with a whakatoki. We share it with you today with the English translation. What a great way to start the learning at school

E hara toku toa I am strong on my own
E te toa taku tahi
Engari toku toa I am stronger in a group
E te toa takatini

Goal Setting Conferences

Classroom teachers are busy preparing for the goal setting conferences on the 14th and 16th of March. 3.15pm – 7.00pm appointment forms are attached to this newsletter.



There is also the option of doing your bookings on line at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> the event code for these bookings is **audrg**. We are looking forward to developing learning goals with you and your children.

Please note that Room 5 will only be having conferences on the Tuesday (14 March).

Ka kite ano

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.

Easter Raffle

Please bring donations for an Easter Raffle to the school office by the 23rd March. Thank you

Girls' Junior Rugby

Junior Girls Rugby is starting soon. For more information please contact Peta Hill rp.hill@paradise.net.nz (Harbour Club) Training will start on the 29th April.

Year 7 Vision Testing

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting on the 23rd March your to screen all year seven students for distance vision. **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)** This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision) **If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.**

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 TALES

Take a journey around the world, through the stories from some of the Dunedin's diverse cultures. Over 15 different languages and performers plus dance, puppets, music and song. Be part of this inaugural Dunedin festival for International Storytelling Day. A chance to celebrate diversity, hear other languages and experience the universality of story.

SUITABLE: 0 – 100 years
Sunday 19 March | 11am – 3pm | City Library | FREE

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Sushi Johnny Tomorrow

Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and **correct** change. We will order the lunches which will then be picked up and given out at 12:30pm. **Please ensure you choose Chicken or Vegetarian**

Price List
Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian Rice Balls \$3.50
Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian 5 piece sushi \$5.00

Can you please tell your child they must eat their Sushi at lunchtime and not leave in their lunchbox for later. Sushi is great when it's fresh but may cause food poisoning if consumed after being left in a lunch box for hours.

Harbour Rugby Club Registrations



Register for the Harbour Junior Rugby Club - Harbour Hawks for the upcoming season. Teams from U5 – U13. Club open days for registrations are on Sunday 5th March 3-5pm or Tuesday 7th March 5-6pm, clubrooms at Watson Park.

All welcome – young, old, past and present for pre-season touch games Sundays 3-4pm at Watson Park.

Harbourside Junior Football Registrations

Harbourside Football club provides Junior Football in the West Harbour areas from Ravensbourne to Aramoana. Our players range from 5 through 12 years old. Registrations have opened for this season. Please follow the link to register and for more information. http://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-6262-100998-0-0&slD=207706

Art Classes for Young Artists

Art Classes for Young Artists 5-13 yrs. **Beginning soon 16 March Otago Pioneer Women's Building: 362 Moray Place, Dunedin** *theartdept* Art classes for Young Artists run every school term in five week blocks – Thursdays 4:00-5:30. Your child will work with Kerry Mackay and Pamela Brown - *theartdept*, who are both experienced teachers and practising artists. We keep the mixed age class, small (Max 15). This term we are exploring drawing and painting with our "Roosters & Rabbits" project, celebrating the year of the rooster and Easter. For more information about programmes for 2017, fees, and to book a place, check out our website www.theartdept.org

After School Book Club

It's almost the first Monday of the month, and we all know what that means . . . After School Book Club at Port Chalmers Library! Yes, we're back to our usual time slot this month and looking forward to seeing you all this coming Monday, March 6th at 3.15 for snacks before the 3.30 start time. Come and *investigate* our theme for this month, with books and activities for everyone.

Research Study

Children as change agents in family health. The University of Otago is looking for families to explore how health knowledge taken home by primary aged children impacts on children's well-being, family food practices and family relationships. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lissette Burrows at lissette.burrows@otago.ac.nz or 021 2798389

Parent Reading Programme

We would like to get the parent reading programme up and running this term. We desperately need adults to listen to the children read. The programme runs on Mondays to Thursdays between 9.00 – 10.30am. It involves listening to five children reading for 15 minutes each. Please let Mr Landreth know if you or someone you know is available to help.

Free head lice treatment

A message from the Public Health Nurse Head Lice Treatments can be obtained by prescription from your doctor for little to no cost.

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.

Wanted for Rooms 7 & 5 Please for ALIVE Learning

Toy Cash Register
Dress Ups – Boys and Girls
Accessories – bags, shoes and Jewellery

Empty Take Away Containers & Pottles

We are looking for empty Take Away pottles and containers for our science investigations. Please send any spares to Room 3. Thank you

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 7 th March	1-2.45pm
Tuesday 21 st March	1-2.45pm
Tuesday 11 th April	1-2.45pm

Assembly Timetable

17/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 8
24/3/17	Class Assembly	Room2
31/3/17	Class Assembly	Room 3
7/4/17	Class Assembly	Room 5 & 7

Calendar of Events

14 th March	Goal Setting Conferences
16 th March	Goal Setting Conferences
20 th March	Otago Anniversary Day
23 rd March	Vision Hearing Testing
29 th March	El-Gregoe Show
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 5

Handwriting Moana Rm 5 Isabella Rm 5	Spelling Lucas Rm 7	Reading Jimmy Rm 7
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