

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

**Jared Roddick's Absence**

Many of you know that Jared's mother is seriously ill. As a result of this, Jared has asked for some time off school to nurse and care for her and his family. We know that this is the right thing for Jared to do, and will support him and his family in the days ahead. We have employed Sue Devaney to teach in Room 2 in the meantime. We know that you will give Sue your full support.

**Chaos at the School Gate!**

Please help us keep all the learners safe at the end of the day when you pick up from school. If you park on the other side of Albertson Ave, please cross the road and meet your child on the school side of the road. If your children are using wheels to get home (bikes, scooters etc.) please talk to them about how they exit the school. There have been a number people raising concerns about children running or biking straight across Albertson Ave. The other issue is children running into the carpark and playing in the carpark while they wait for parents to come and pick them up. All children need to wait inside the school grounds. Thank you for reinforcing these traffic safety messages at home.

**Goal Setting Conferences**

Today, goal setting conference times are being given out. There is still time to make a booking online or return the form. Katy will be ringing families who have not made a booking. Please be on time for your conference. If you need to change your time let the Office know so that we can keep the afternoons running smoothly. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

**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](mailto: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.

Ka kite ano

**Easter Raffle**

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

**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 it 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.**

**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 Tuesday, 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.

**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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**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.

**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 Lisette Burrows at [lisette.burrows@otago.ac.nz](mailto:lisette.burrows@otago.ac.nz) or 021 2798389

**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.

**Port Chalmers Kindergarten**

Port Chalmers Kindergarten has some spaces available for children to join our happy learning family. Please come in any time and stay for a play, meet us all, and see our programme in action." Sapph, Vicki, Mel, Melissa, Haidee and Charlotte. Ph 472 8696

**Haiku Writing Room 7**

**In the Sea**  
 Fish swim in the sea  
 Dolphins dive high like mountains  
 Crabs scuttle around  
**By Mila Rm 7**

**The Food Chain**  
 Fish eat the plankton  
 The food chain goes small to big  
 Sharks gobble the seal  
**By James Rm 7**

**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

**Kokako's Song**

Family Theatre with Puppets and Music  
 One day only! Sat 18th March, 2017  
 St Pauls Cathedral Crypt  
 Shows at 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm (45 mins)  
 \$5 child, \$8 adult, \$22 family of 4  
 Tickets on door (cash only) or book at:  
[www.dunedinfringe.nz](http://www.dunedinfringe.nz)

**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.**

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

**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

**Calendar of Events**

14th March	Goal Setting Conferences
16th March	Goal Setting Conferences
20th March	Otago Anniversary Day
23rd March	Vison Hearing Testing
29th March	El-Gregoe Show
4th April	Whanau Hui 6:00pm
12th April	PTA AGM @ 7pm
13th April	End of Term 1 (Thursday)
1st May	Term 2 Begins
7th July	Term 2 Ends

**Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 6**

<b>E-Ako &amp; Metaphors</b> Room 3	<b>Writing</b> Katiya Rm 7
<b>Sea Week – Sea Creatures</b> Amelia Rm 5 Bella Rm 5 Moana Rm 5 Malakai Rm 5 Van Rm 5 Alesia Rm 5	<b>Sea Week</b> Ted Rm 7 Sea Week Aquarium Lucas Rm 7 Writing & Aquarium -
	<b>Haiku Writing</b> Mila Rm 7 James Rm 7

**KEI TE PAI**

Vicki Nicolson

Principal