

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

Staffing 2018

Vicki Nicolson Principal
 Jared Roddick Deputy Principal
 Peta Hill Assistant Principal

Class Teachers

Ian Landreth Rm 5 Yr 1
 Peta Hill Rm 7 Yr 2/3
 Marnie Waaka/Christine Rm 8 Yr 3/4
 Donnelly
 Henrica Schieving Rm 4 Yr 5/6
 Jared Roddick Rm 2 Yr 6/7/8
 Christine Donnelly Special Needs

Support Staff

Katy Gray Administration
 Roger McLaughlin Caretaker
 Robert Scott/Carol Dewar/Michelle Meadlem/
 Charlotte MacShane/Maureen Mauger/Andrea Clarke
 Teacher Aides

The staff are delighted to welcome you back to school for 2018. We look forward to another exciting year of learning for all members of our community. We particularly welcome our new pupils and their families to Port Chalmers School. I know that you will all make these families feel welcome in our learning community.

Over the summer break, a team of painters has been busy transforming the look of our school. I'm sure you all agree that it looks amazing. We have already put a photo on Facebook and will update now that the Junior Block is completed. What a wonderful way to start our new year of learning.

It is great to be back at school. This year we will continue with our focus on our values - the 4 C's - courtesy, co-operation, caring and common sense. Our 4 C's really encompass the qualities that we want to see in all the interactions we have with each other and our environment.

We are have three Maori values - Whanaungatanga (belonging), Ako (to learn) and Manaakitanga (show respect), which we will also reflect in our place over the year.

We believe in an open door policy at school. Please come and talk to us. We know that when families, schools and learners are closely linked, magic happens.

I love today. It is so exciting to see all 'our' students back at school, happy and excited to be involved in such a great learning community. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Ka kite ano.

Welcome

Welcome Riley, Scarlett, Cody and Rosa in Room 5; Angelique in Room 4 and Kai, Max and Jenna in Room 2 and their families.

We are sure you will enjoy your time here at Port Chalmers School. 😊😊

Absences

Children are checked for attendance at the start of each day. If your child is absent please ring the school to let us know. If we haven't heard from you explaining the absence, we will ring you to confirm that your child is safe. This is to ensure the safety of all our students. You can also text your absences on 027 697 3596 before 9.30am. The Ministry of Education requires a reason for your child's absence; please include this in messages left on the answerphone or cell phone. Some days the checking for safety of where children are takes a huge amount of time. Please be respectful of our need to know your children are safe and call or text to let us know.

Term Dates for 2018

Term 1 – Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th April
 Term 2 – Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July
 Term 3 – Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September
 Term 4 – Monday 15th October to Friday 20th December

Public Holidays that occur in term time

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February
Otago Anniversary Day Monday 26th March
Good Friday Friday 30th March
Easter Monday Monday 2nd April
Easter Tuesday Tuesday 3rd April
Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June
Labour Day Monday 22nd October

School Times

Children are expected to be in their classrooms by 9:00am ready for learning for the day.
 8:30 am Supervision begins
 9:00 am Classes begin
 10:40-11:00 am Morning Tea
 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch
 3:00 pm School finishes



Library

We have some overdue books from 2017. Please return any books found over the holiday clean up. The cost of any lost books will be added to family accounts.

Stationery

Stationery lists were issued at the end of last year. The office has spare copies if you have lost yours, or you can download it from our website. Please try to have the stationery by Monday 5th February.

Compliments or Concerns

If you have compliments or concerns to share please contact us. We want to listen and share all the things that are happening in our school.

Cell phones – Electronics – Toys

If cell phones and iPods etc. must come to school, then they need to be turned off and handed in to the office. Thank you.

We do encourage children to leave toys and valuables at home. They become a distraction to learning. We will not be responsible should anything happen to them.

Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. We start on Thursday the 8th February (next week). A note is required if a child is unwell and unable to swim. If you are able to help out 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

Newsletters

Thursday is our usual day for newsletters, starting Thursday 8th February. They are distributed to the youngest family member at school. All school events are advertised in the weekly newsletter so please ask for it each week and avoid nasty surprises. We do aim to provide good communication to families with relevant information and updates on curriculum and school events. Community news is also included. If you would like to get a copy of the newsletter emailed, please email office@portchalmers.school.nz with "newsletter" in the subject line and we will send it down the wire to you.

Technology (Years 7 & 8 Students)

The children will travel to Dunedin North Intermediate School each Wednesday starting 7th February, leaving school at 8:40am. Please note that the students will need to be at school by 8:40am on Wednesday mornings to catch the bus into DNI. Children will receive instruction in food technology and hard and soft materials technology. DNI have a separate charge for pupils who attend technology, which covers the cost of materials. This has been set at \$90.00 for 2018. This will need to be paid by the end of term 1 as it covers the take home component of the things the students make at technology.

School Bus

The school bus is available for families who live within the eligibility area dictated by the Ministry of Education. Children who do not live in this area are not able to travel on the school bus to Aramoana. Mr Roddick is the teacher in charge of the bus and checks afternoon attendance on the bus. Please advise him if your children are not going home on the bus on a particular day.



Family Accounts

Our school donation for 2018 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. You are able to claim a third of your donation back through Inland Revenue each year. We welcome internet payments. Our Year 7 & 8 students are required to pay a take home component of the technology programme delivered at DNI of \$90. Our bank account number is 060901 02167 4900.

Face Book

We do have a Face Book page where we will be posting information and news. Please like and follow us on www.facebook.com/portchalmers.school

**Family BBQ & Science Evening
14th February 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

Bring food to cook on the school BBQ. Meet your child's teacher and other whanau and have some fun with some science experiments in the Hall.

Lunch Orders – Starting Tuesday 13th of February

**Port Chalmers New World
\$3.00 with a choice of:**

Nachos Spaghetti Bolognese
 Pizza Macaroni Cheese.

It would be appreciated if you could pack a fork as we do not have a supply of these.



Please have the **correct change** for these lunches.

Sushi Johnny Starting the 2nd February

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.

It would be appreciated if the correct money is sent to school.

Wheels Day

On Wednesdays and Fridays children can bring their skateboards and scooters to play on the courts at lunchtime. It is essential that every child who brings these to school, has the correct safety equipment as well.

Calendar of Events

2nd February	Sushi Johnny Lunches Begin
6th February	Waitangi Day (School closed)
7th February	Technology starts for Yrs. 7 & 8 at 8:40am
8th February	Swimming Starts
13th February	Boating Starts
14th February	Family BBQ and Science Evening 6:00pm -7:30pm
19th February	Girls Smash Cricket (4:00pm Mondays)
27th February	Goal Setting Conferences
1st March	
5th March	Have a Go Sailing
9th April	Outdoor Ed Week. Yrs. 7&8 Camp
13th April	End of Term 1