

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

We hope you all had a great break over Easter. For Room 4 the fun started on Thursday at lunchtime when they joined 1,100 other ukulele-playing students in the Octagon. We all had an amazing time. We played and sang very loudly to a very appreciative audience. If you were there to support us, thank you. We have included a photo of the event. Ka pai Room 4!

**Outdoor Ed Week and Yr 7 & 8 Camp**

Next week is a highlight for many of the learners. Our Year 1 – 6 children stay at school and explore the local environment and all it has to offer. Meanwhile the Year 7 & 8 students will be heading to Bannockburn for the week to explore an environment slightly further afield. Please check notices and information that has been sent home. We look forward to you joining us in some capability if you can over the week. We look forward to sharing our stories with you in the coming weeks.

**Otago Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon**

Our four Year 5 girls travelled to Cromwell to compete in the Otago event. It was hot and warm but they all had fun. Well done everyone. The photo is of the girls warming up the night before in Clyde. Great team work is essential in Giant Jenga and triathlons!



Ka kite ano.

**Ukulele Jam in the Octagon**



**Port Chalmers After School Book Club**

Hello Port Chalmers after School Book Club people. April is going to be a bit different for Book Club because of the Easter break, and because of work that will be taking place in the library the following week, we have moved Book Club to the third Monday of April instead of our usual first-Monday-of-the-month. So, come on down to the Port Chalmers Library on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April for another fun-filled session of snacks, books, good company and exciting maker activities. We're looking forward to seeing you there, Elspeth, Libbi and the Port Chalmers Library team

**Kiwi hoops / Basket Ball 2018**

This year I am keen to run a year 7&8 Team in the local schools basketball league. The games take place on a Monday after school anytime between 3.30 and 6.30.



Boys and Girls can play in the mixed league. This year the fees will be approximately \$45 per player for the season. I will put out a note before the end of next week for interested players. Competition begins

on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

For the last 4 seasons, we have not had more than one team enter the Basket Ball competitions but there are leagues for Years 5&6 and Years 3&4. If you would be interested in managing, organising and running a team in either of these grades, please let me know.



Both of these grade competitions begin on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks, Jared.

**Musikids Holiday Choir 2018**

Is your child interested in singing?

Who's it for?

Children from year 2 to year 8 who are keen on music and singing.

Who's running it?

Sara Brown, a music teacher with extensive experience working with children and choirs.

Mhairi Rowbottom, a performing arts student.

Tanara Stedman, a music teacher who conducts the Dunedin Rock Choir

What will we be doing?

Basic singing training, rehearsing fun songs, singing and moving to some elementary choreography.

Where?

The Music Suite at Logan Park High School, Butts Road, Dunedin

When?

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm to 3pm. We will perform a short concert for families and friends at the end of the workshops.

How much?

\$30 per child.

What to bring to rehearsals?

A water bottle, a snack and a sun hat for break time.

What to do next?

Fill in the form at the link below:

or email [musikids@gmail.com](mailto:musikids@gmail.com) if you have any questions or check us out of Facebook/musikidsdunedin

**Tennis Otago Holiday Programme Back By Popular Demand**

Tennis Otago will be running a Holiday Programme for tennis players and aspiring tennis players aged 6-16 during both weeks of the upcoming April school holidays. The programme will be held at the Logan Park Tennis Centre at 33 Logan Park Drive from 9am-1pm each day on the following dates:

April 16-19 (week 1, Mon to Thurs)

April 23, 24, 26, 27 (week 2, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri; excludes Anzac Day)

The programme will be run in two separate streams:

**for 6-10 year old learners**

**for 10-16 year olds**

The cost of the holiday programme is amazing value at \$50 per 4-day week if you sign up for a whole week, or \$15 per day if you prefer to sign up for between one and three days. You can register for as many days as you like.



The programme is designed for all levels from complete beginners to more seasoned players. All equipment is provided.

Sign up for our Tennis Holiday Programme now by clicking on the below link and completing the sign-up form.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/74665>



**Outdoor Education Week**

Notices went home last week asking for helpers and for permission forms to be completed and returned to school.

We have only had a couple of forms returned so far.

If you can help please let us know. Signed permission forms can be handed to your child's teacher. Thank you.

**BOOK SALE BUNKER**

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Ka Kōwhiri Whānau o Ōtago

Head underground for a weekend of bargain books in our massive Library booksale. Three days of book shopping: it's a book-lover's dream!

Bring a bag and get down here!

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 9.30am – 8pm  
SATURDAY 7 APRIL 11am – 4pm  
SUNDAY 8 APRIL 11am – 4pm

CITY LIBRARY CARPARK

**Jump Jam**

Jump Jam Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of April (tomorrow) at 2:15pm - on the court for the whole school. Come and join us and show us your moves.

Calendar of Events	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Jump Jam 2.15pm
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Outdoor Ed Week (Yr. 1 – 6) Yrs. 7&8 Camp
13 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTA AGM @6pm
Boating Timetable	
10 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm Yrs.4,5 & 6

Vicki Nicolson

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Principal