

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

Reading

An important message around reading is that to be a good reader and understand what you are reading you need to practise. Just like the All Blacks, All Whites, Silver Ferns and White Sticks who need to practise to be the best sports players, we need to practise to be the best readers. How much encouragement and modelling do you do of reading in your house? Research shows that children from 8 years old, who read between 15 and 20 pages a night, are able to increase their ability to read by up to 2 years. Please encourage daily reading. Children are never too old to be read to or to spend time discussing what they are reading. We will set them up for great things in the future if they are able to read well.

Arrival Time at School

Being on time for school is essential for Learning. It means your child can:

- Be organised for Class
- Meet up with friends
- Know what is happening for the day
- Be ready to learn key skills

School starts at 9:00 am, we recommend that children are here at least 10 minutes before the start time so that they don't feel rushed and don't have to walk into a class that has already started its learning for the day. This can be very daunting for children and can make the start of the day more stressful than it needs to be.

Winter Conditions

I know winter isn't officially here and the run of very warm days makes it hard to believe that we are heading into our coldest time of the year. However we do want you to be prepared. Sometimes there are blanket late starts for Dunedin Primary Schools. This does include us. These late starts are always broadcast on local radio stations, and as soon as I know that there is a late start I will change the message on the answer phone so that you can ring and hear the latest news. I also will post a message onto the school Face Book page (are you a follower yet). Often it is not because there is snow lying in Port Chalmers however the difficulty of getting staff to school is the issue. If there is a late start there will not be staff at school to supervise students until 9:30 (if it is a 10:00 start). I know this is difficult for families but we want our staff to get to school safely and in daylight.

I wish all our Mum's a happy day on Sunday. I hope that you are appreciated and enjoy some much treasured family time.
Ka kite ano.

Lost

Lost since the fifth of May, Grey Cockatiel in Port Chalmers
Phone Mark 4728 974 if you have seen it.

Scholastic Book Orders

All Scholastic Book orders need to be in before May 18th. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ. Thank you.

Pikaado

www.pikaado.com is a new website in Dunedin where people can list workshops and experiences. We have lots on for kids and parents; from cupcake decorating workshops for kids, to dieticians giving advice on children's eating, to a kid's African dance off! Please visit our site and check out some talented locals sharing their skills.

Welcome to Israel in Room 5 and his Family. We are sure you will enjoy your time here as part of our Learning Community. 😊

Research Volunteers

We are seeking children aged **between 6 and 12 years old** to take part in a study looking at brain processes, understanding others' beliefs, academic performance, and language use in children with varying levels of inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. This is under the supervision of Dr Dione Healey at the University of Otago. Participation will involve a 3-4 hour session in the Department of Psychology at the University of Otago. A cognitive and academic assessment will be carried out and the results of these can be returned to you. **You will also receive a \$40 petrol voucher and a \$20 warehouse voucher for your child.** If you are interested in finding out more about our study contact Sid Wales on: **027 671 2224** or sid.wales@postgrad.otago.ac.nz

PTA AGM

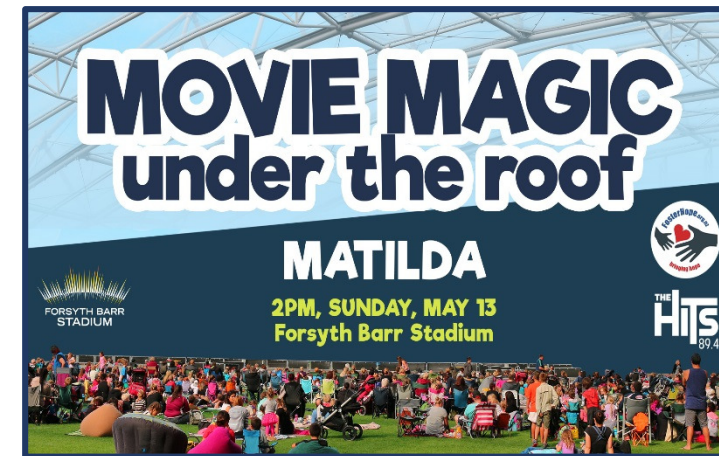
Our PTA will have its AGM on Wednesday 23rd May at 6:00pm. We will share with you some of the problem solving activities we have been doing in classes and also the technology (Chromebooks, iPads) that the PTA has helped fund in the last year. Wine and cheese will be provided. Please come and join this hard working, fun group to raise funds for the extras at our school.

Bully-Free Week 14-18 May 2018

Bullying is a very serious and distressing experience. As part of bully-free week we are going to focus on how we can continue to make our school bully-free. For more information, please visit the Bully-Free New Zealand website <https://www.bullyingfree.nz/>

Absences

Please ring the school on 472-8685 or txt 027 697 3596 before 9.15am if your child is going to be absent (or late) from school. This means less time is taken up, trying to contact you if your child is missing from school. "Won't be in today" is not a valid excuse to be absent and the Ministry codes this as truant and can follow this up. Thank you



Games with Room 4 during Outdoor Ed Week



Lost or not returned Library Books



The value of lost or not-returned Library Books will be added to family accounts. Replacing books is very expensive so please have a good look for these. This is a cost that can be avoided by caring for books out on loan. Thank you.

Miniball Draw

Port Pirates – 4.05pm Court 4 vs Green Island
Port Buccaneers – 4.40pm Court 5 vs Balmac Wizards

Calendar of Events

15 th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
18 th May	HPV Year 8s
23 rd May	PTA AGM @6pm
29 th May – 1 st June	Life Education Bus
4 th June	Queen's Birthday
12 th June	Musical Dress Rehearsal 1-3pm at OBHS
14 th June	Musical at OBHS 7-9pm
28 th June	NZEI Pain Union Meeting 1:00pm
6 th July	Matariki Breakfast 7.30am
6 th July	End of Term 2
23 rd July	Term 3 Begins

Assembly Timetable

11 th May	Room 2 Assembly
18 th May	Room 4 Assembly
25 th May	Rooms 8 Assembly
1 st June	Room 5 & 7 Assembly
8 th June	Musical Prep
15 th June	Games
22 nd June	Whanau Hui
29 th June	Whanau Hui
6 th July	Jump Jam/Games



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