

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

PTA AGM Wednesday 23rd May 6:00pm

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.

College Teachers

We are privileged to have 6 trainee teachers from the University of Otago College of Education teaching programme in our school for two weeks. They will share in our learning and be working with groups of learners in drama, science, reading and PE. They are beginning a very exciting career and we wish them well in the future. I know you will make them feel very welcome in our learning community.

Communication

Our newsletter each week is our main source of communication with our learning community. It is distributed to the youngest child in each family on a Thursday. It is a little concerning when we notice that the newsletter is still at the bottom of school bags well into the next week. We rely on the fact that this very important newsheet gets to each family on a Thursday. Please look for it in backpacks. We can also email a copy to families if you would prefer us to do this. If you have any feedback on the newsletter and the way we communicate with you as families we are always prepared to listen. We do share some things on our school Face Book page and our website. Please read these things so that there are no nasty surprises of upcoming events.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Government is undertaking a nationwide survey about education entitled Kōrero Mātauranga - let's talk about Education. This is a great opportunity to have a say about what you think is important in education.

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/education/korero-matauranga/>

Enjoy your weekend. I hope the sun shines on the outdoor activities and you get a chance to enjoy spending whānau time together. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the PTA AGM meeting on Wednesday at 6:00. Ka kite ano

Vicki Nicolson Principal
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Family Accounts

Family Accounts went home with this newsletter today. For larger amounts please consider setting up an automatic payment. \$5.00 a week soon get these paid off.

Our Bank Account Number is – **06 0901 02167 4900**
Thank you to families who have already paid.

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 Katelin in Room 2 and her 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

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



PORT CHALMERS & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
INVITE YOU TO OUR

BEETLE DRIVE
A NIGHT OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FRIDAY 18TH MAY
7PM

CHALMERS LOUNGE - PORT CHALMERS TOWN HALL

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

ENTRY FEE: GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE DOOR

Cinquains from Room 7
(A Cinquain poem is a verse of five lines that do not rhyme.)



Crocodile
scary, scales
eating, napping,
protecting
opening their big jaws
Green!
By Rex



Soccer
round ball
running, kicking,
dribbling
trying to score goals
Liam
By Amelia



Peacock
big, colourful
running, feeding, talking
opens it's feathery tail
Bird
By Jaxon

Miniball

Results

Yr 7 & 8 Mixed Team vs Green Island Thunder. 35-17
On Monday the Port Pirates had a great game. We all got some pretty good shots. We all need to work on spreading out and marking our player. Overall we had a great game. Well done to the whole team who were players of the day.

Yr 7 Boys Team vs Balmac Wizards. 17-12
On Monday we had our first game which was a bit of a struggle. We lost. Some of the good things. We had lots of territory and we had lots of shots and some of our downs were giving away lots of fouls. Congratulation to Matt, our player of the day.

Draw

Port Pirates vs STM Red 4.05pm Court 6
Port Buccaneers vs TNI Boys Red 3.30pm Court 7

Calendar of Events

18 th May	HPV Year 8s
23 rd May	PTA AGM @6pm
29 th - 31 st May	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

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

Good Workers Week 3

Writing

- Maisy Rm 5
- Liam Rm 5
- Emerson Rm 5
- Matthew Rm 5
- Aden Rm 5
- Eulalia Rm 5
- Ariahna Rm 5
- Rosa Rm 5