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

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Matariki Breakfast 6th July

To celebrate Matariki, our Whanau Hui group are organising a breakfast Friday 6th July at 7:30am.

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). The seven stars in Matariki are called Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi, Tupuanuku, Tupuarangi, Ururangi e and the largest star Matariki.

Matariki is a time to prepare, to learn, to share ideas and to celebrate the future. Surely there is no better way to do this than to have a whole learning community breakfast.

Details for Friday morning are pretty simple. Those who want to join us for breakfast can gather in the school hall at 7:30am to share a selection of porridge, baked beans on toast, weetbix, stewed fruit and milk. Hot chocolate, tea and coffee will be available for refreshments. We are hoping all members of the children's families can join us. We will eat, sing, hear the Matariki story and reveal our Matariki mural of our place, designed by Manu Berry. We are very excited about this celebration for Matariki and encourage you to come and join us. We will be finished by 9:00am (in fact, if you just want to pop in before work, and then head away that is fine).

Update addresses and phone numbers

During our Keeping Ourselves Safe learning we noticed that many of the addresses and phone contacts we have for families are not current. If you shift or change your phone number could you please let Katy in the Office know so that our contact details are up to date. If we need to get hold of you in an emergency, time spent ringing numbers that are no longer connected to you can take valuable time. Thank you.

Sushi Johnny

Sushi Johnny is closing so tomorrow (Friday 29 June) will be the last day for sushi.

Parent Conferences

We are looking forward to meeting with you all next week to share the learning progress your children have made. Unfortunately because of a family bereavement Room 8's Conferences will have to be held on the 24th and 25th of July. A notice went home yesterday with the children in Room 8. We apologise for the inconvenience, however we know that you will all support Marnie at this time. The times that you have for next week, will transfer to the 24th and 25th of July. Please contact the office if you need to change these.

Ka kite ano

Vicki Nicolson - Principal

Can you make porridge?

Calling all porridge makers. We are needing some people to volunteer to make porridge for our Matariki breakfast. We will supply all the ingredients, just need you to work your magic and make it. Please contact Vicki in the office for details. Thanks

Maori Words of the Week Marae

The area for formal discourse in front of a meeting house; or the whole marae complex, including meeting house, dining hall, forecourt, etc.

Holiday Programmes

We receive a lot of information about upcoming school holiday activities. This information can be found on our website.

http://www.portchalmers.school.nz/community_noticeboard.html

Steam Punk Day at Toitu

The Famous only in Dunedin, Steampunk group, the Gasworkers Guild of Gadgeteers, invites all children (big and little) to a fun day at Toitu on Saturday 14th July from 10 am. There will be a variety of steampunk activities including a fashion competition.

There will be a chance for kids to have a go at splendid teapot racing, a photo booth and steampunk dress up area.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Entry is free.

If there are any questions, please email me.

Handy links:

<http://splendidteapotracing.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677567539178690/?ref=bookmarks>

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/science-festival-jules-verne-steampunk-and-train-day/dunedin>

This is the event notification on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2094556340830456/>

Our Musical Photos

Here is a link to our Musical Photos.

<https://tinyurl.com/yakejvh4>

Our thanks to Becs South and Megan Brasell-Jones who took and shared these images.

Tots to Teens Digital Magazine

In case you don't know us, Tots to Teens magazine is a free community parenting resource for kiwi families. We focus on positive, well-researched parenting advice to support children's reading, learning, behaviour, nutrition, health, well-being, and resilience. We have distributed 550,000 free magazines nationwide each year to families through schools, preschools, libraries, and Plunket for 16 years.

<https://readymag.com/TOTSTOTEENS/SouthIsland>

Lost or not returned Library Books

The value of lost or not-returned OR damaged 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.

Room 4s Parihaka Village



Miniball

Results

Port Pirates

We had a really good game this week. Congratulations to KVC for their win. The final score was 17-14.

Port Buccaneers

The final score of our game this week was 20-8. Congratulations to Kavanagh Green. We need to work on not giving away so many points as Fouls.

Draw 25-06-2018

Port Buccaneers vs Kavanagh Yellow at 4.05pm on Court 7

Port Pirates vs Arthur Street 3.30pm on Court 4

School Website

We have a page on our website dedicated to the community. Items that are not in the newsletter may be posted there. We also have a page for each class to post some of their great learning that happens here. 😊

Head lice are doing the rounds in the Junior School.

Can everyone check their child's hair and treat as necessary.

One egg missed starts the cycle all over again. Thanks.

HALO PROJECT

Kiwi bank.

Would you like to be a pest detective?

You can use tracking tunnels with ink cards inside, and chew cards, to find out what animals are in your backyard. Animals like rats visit the cards to eat the peanut butter, and leave behind footprints and tooth marks, which can show you who has been visiting!

These are non-toxic monitoring methods that are available for free to residents of Port Chalmers or Sawyers Bay under the Kiwibank Predator Free Backyard Communities Programme.

If you would like a tracking tunnel or chew card, please email Sophie, Halo Project Coordinator: halocoordinator@gmail.com

Musical Writing from Room7

On Thursday the 14th June we went to Otago Boys High School for our musical.

We were the first on the stage.

I had a pui pui on. It was me and Moana. There was Tane and Tangaroa and Tu – God of War and Tawhirimatea and Rongo and Haumiatiketike.

I loved Room 2 too. Ally-May was cool because she was the driver. My big buddy was cool too.

Afterwards we went home.

By Sonny

We went to Otago Boys High School to do the musical. It was at 7pm and ended at 9pm.

It was about the beginning of time and Koputai.

I was a volcano. I exploded.

Tane separated Rangī and Papa.

I liked Room 4 because I liked the war and guns.

There were Gods, waves, volcanoes, mining, The Love Boat and songs.

My mum and baby sister came to watch me.

I had an ice cream after.

By Van

We went to Otago Boys for our musical.

My mum came and my mum's friend Sophie came and Nan came.

I am a God. I was Tu.

I liked the volcano. The volcano group came after me.

I liked Room 2 and I liked Room 8.

At the end we had to go to our parents then we went home.

By Arnika

We went to our musical at Otago Boys High School.

I was in the waves group. I enjoyed it.

I loved Room 4's of the soldiers. They were like real soldiers.

The musical was at 7pm. It finished at 9pm.

Mum and Dad said "good job".

By Carlos

Calendar of Events

26th June	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
28th June	NZEI Pain Union Meeting 1:00pm
3rd July (Tues)	Parent Conferences
4th July (Weds)	Parent Conferences
6th July	Matariki Breakfast 7.30am
6th July	End of Term 2
23rd July	Term 3 Begins

Assembly Timetable

22nd June	Whanau Hui
29th June	Whanau Hui
6th July	Jump Jam/Games