



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Term 3 is now well underway and pupils have settled into their routines again and they are enjoying catching up with each other. A number of pupils have moved into new classes and this has caused anxiety for some however these pupils are now settled, happy and enjoying their new rooms and teachers.

As you will be aware, Vicki is now on sabbatical and she will be for the duration of Term 3. During this term I will be Acting Principal, however I will still have opportunities each day to teach in Room 2 and maintain contact with the senior pupils.

We ended Term Two on a high note with our Matariki Breakfast which was very well attended by our pupils and families. The establishment of this celebration in 2017 was marked by the reinstatement of our school orchard which is now thriving in its new environment behind the Junior block. This year, the occasion was marked by the installation of a mural of Otago Harbour designed and created by Manu Berry with a little help from some of our Senior pupils. This mural has been set up on the bank near the Eco Hut. Go and have a look if you haven't seen it already. I would like to thank Manu, on behalf of our school community, for his time and the fabulous piece of art that he has created for our school. Thank you also to those of you who gave your time to help prepare and serve the breakfast.

Hei kona mai
 Jared Roddick- Acting Principal

Teacher Strike Action Planned for August 15th

You may be aware that NZEI have planned a four hour strike for all teachers who belong to the union on Wednesday 15th August between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm. Presently, NZEI are canvassing all members to commit instead to a full day strike instead. We understand that this action will be disruptive for families but we hope that you do support us in our plight to gain better working conditions for teaching and learning and better resourcing for our pupils. I will let you know next week what will actually happen on the 15th August, either the four hour strike (which is locked in at the moment) or the full day strike, as votes should be ratified by then.

School Ski Weekend

We are planning a school ski weekend either the 16th /17th or the 22nd /23rd of September. Costs are \$70.00 a day with no gear hire, or \$90 a day with equipment hire. If you are interested please contact Becs South by text (0274373018) or by email rebeccasouth@gmail.com. We need 10 people on both days to get the school rate. Indication of dates etc. will need to be done by July 27th.

Sushi Johnny Tomorrow

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.

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



SCHOOL DISCO

Port Chalmers Disco is coming up! It is on Friday the 17th August at 6pm.

Juniors go home at 7.30pm and the seniors at 9.00pm.

The theme this year is "Under the Sea" so dress up and come and have a good time. Every child must be collected by a Parent. \$2.00 entry fee.



School Polo Shirts

Thanks to the Bendigo Valley Foundation we are getting 40 more school polo shirts to wear when we head out and about. Many families have asked if they can purchase a polo shirt. These can be ordered from the office for \$36.



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

Marimba Update

Long- time friend of Port Chalmers School and expert Marimba tutor, Len Buchanan has decided to retire from service as of the beginning of Term 3. It is with sadness that we lose such a gentleman and artist but Len reckons that he now needs to 'hang up his hat'. All is not lost however as Len has organised a very competent musician and music tutor in Anna Bowen who will take over the teaching of Marimbas from Len on Monday. Len and Anna will work together this coming Monday to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible for everyone. Marimbas will now take place on a Monday for classes and the band, and a new timetable has been arranged. We are very fortunate to be able to have a transition such as this. We wish Len all the best in his retirement. I know that he has plenty planned. We will recognise Len and hold a special assembly to mark his time with us on Friday 28th August at 2.15. Each class will play an item and the band will play a couple of numbers. Please mark this date in your diary and come along.

Snow Closures and Late Starts

As winter conditions start to settle in please be reminded that there may be a school closure or late start because of adverse weather conditions. Often the closures and late starts are not because it is difficult for the local students to get to school, but for the staff. Many of our staff live in town and in the hill suburbs, so we ask that families listen to the radio, check the school Facebook page, or ring the school answer phone if they are in doubt as to the opening time of school. I will put a message on the answer phone and a post on our Facebook page the minute I know about closures or late starts. We thank you for your tolerance in this matter. We

do appreciate that it is difficult for families, but we are also aware that everyone has to be able to get to school safely. We do not want unsupervised children at school.

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Results

Port Buccaneers

We played against a Balmacewen team this week. The score was 29-21 to them. It was a very close game but we need to work on less fouls. They were a good team and we tried our best and that's what matters! Well done to Matthew Houston who was player of the day.

Port Pirates

On Monday we played against Brockville. We had a very good game but we still need to work on passing and shooting. The final score was 22-3 to us. Well done Ally-May who was player of the day.

Draw

Port Pirates vs STM Red 4.05pm on Court 5
 Port Buccaneers vs Balmac Wizards 4.05pm Court 7

NEEDED PLEASE

Can we please have milk bottle tops and anything else that would be suitable for Creative Containers that we will be making.

Assembly Timetable

27 th July	Jump Jam
3 rd August	Skipping Stations
10 th August	Games/Singing
17 th August	Rms 5 & 7 Assembly 2.15pm
24 th August	Room 4 Assembly 2.15pm
31 st August	Fun Run 1.20 to 2.45pm
7 th September	Book Week
14 th September	Room 8 Assembly 2.15pm
21 st September	Room 2 Assembly
28 th September	Marimbas & Len's Send Off

Calendar of Events

17 th August	School Disco 6pm
30 th August	O'Mathalon
30 th August	Kiwi Golf –All Classes
31 st August	Fun Run
3 rd September	Book Week
14 th September	Otago Cross Country
21 st September	Otago Cross Country Cancellation Day
28 th September	Last Day of Term 3
28 th September	Lens's Send Off
15 th October	Term 4 Begins
22 nd October	Labour Day
14 th December	Last Day of Term 4