



16th August Issue 25
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

Kia Ora,

Here at Port Chalmers School we encourage pupils to engage in physical activity and we offer pupils a wide range of sports and games to take part in. If you were here on Friday afternoon you would have witnessed a super Jump Rope programme organised by the seniors for the rest of the school. The co-operation, fun and energy levels were high and the pupils were all actively engaged.

For the last two terms our senior Mini-Ball teams have played well in the local Dunedin competitions, steadily improving their skills game by game. The season finishes next Monday and I would like to congratulate the two teams on their game play and teamwork throughout the season. We had two wins on Monday night which were both hard fought and fairly played.

This term we have been lucky enough to have ex NZ coach Martin Duffy, assisted by Martin Bainbridge, offering table tennis sessions on Wednesdays for our Year 6 pupils. These have proved instantly popular to the extent that these gentlemen are now looking at starting up an after school club for our pupils in the near future. This has mainly been because both Martins are so impressed by the attitudes and behaviour of our pupils.

Later this term, all pupils will enjoy taking part in golf lessons run by Melanie Harper. These sessions are always well received by our pupils and the seniors have the chance to play a round at the Sawyers Bay Golf Course.

Presently, the kids are all gearing up for the School's Annual Fun Run. This will be held on Friday 31st August. We always send our top runners off to the Otago Champs and we often hold our own against much bigger schools when comparing ratios of pupil entries and overall placing. A group of Year 5&6 pupils have also been selected to take part in the North Zone Cross Country which will be held on Monday 27th August at the Kaikorai grounds.

Athletics will begin in week 7 of Term 3 and we will begin preparing our pupils for running, jumping and throwing in readiness for our Annual West Harbour Sports Day in October and of course selection for the North Zone Sports and the Otago Champs.

Football South and Otago Cricket will also be holding sessions for all pupils at school during Term four which is a very active term with our swimming and boating programmes in place also. We have been commended by Water Safety NZ on the success of our pupils in the pool in terms of confidence and endurance and also in the way that our boating programme enables pupils to develop confidence, collaboration, water safety and small craft skills in on and around the water.

Yes, combined with local club provision for football, rugby, Taekwondo and swimming, I feel that our school and township certainly provide plenty of sporting opportunities for Port Kids. Occasionally I am asked whether we could provide other sports like futsal, touch and hockey. I would love to see this happen but we would need more parental support to help organise and run teams as being a small school, our staffing availability is limited. Do please feel free to contact me if you would like to become involved in offering an even wider range of sporting opportunities for our pupils.

Right, off for a jog!!!

Hei Kona Mai

Jared Roddick (Acting Principal)

The Background to the Engine Room Bell from the ship PORT CHALMERS.

Compiled by Garry Bain 30/7/2018.

Part 3

The bell was eventually presented to the school in 1966 and took pride of place in the school entrance foyer together with the large picture of the ship originally presented to the school when the ship was adopted. In the mid-1990s the Radio Officer who served aboard PORT CHALMERS for part of the war years left his Service Medals to the school. These together with the bell, the ship's picture, and other school memorabilia were set up as a display in the school foyer when Mr Bain was Acting Principal.

In 2006 the school undertook a major renovation of the administration block. This included the replacement of the smaller boat shed behind the foyer with a much larger unit closer to the shoreline. As the items previously displayed had to be put in storage, Mr Bain ensured the bell was on display in the new boatshed, where it had been until this year when the School Board Of Trustees and Staff decided it was appropriate for the bell to be held in the Museum. The original picture and the medals had already been presented to the museum.

These items of nautical interest and historic importance are now in the most appropriate place to be viewed by the public in general and by Port Chalmers pupils & staff, past and present, in particular.

Footnote;

Another PORT CHALMERS was built in 1968 for Port Line.

This ship was also associated with the school, but less formally as the British Ship Adoption Scheme became less meaningful. She made her maiden visit to her home port on 6/6/1968, and made only two other visits. The school pupils were allowed to visit the vessel on her maiden visit, but later more strict safety regulations made such visits more difficult. This vessel was renamed in 1979 and scrapped in China in 1985.

SCHOOL DISCO

Port Chalmers Disco Friday at 6pm.
 at 7.30pm and
 at 9.00pm.



DISCO TOMORROW NIGHT

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 from the school hall. \$2.00 entry fee. Refreshments and face painting 50 cents each. Spot Prizes.



Good Workers Week 4	
Writing	
Liam Rm 5	Aden Rm 5
Macie Rm 5	Rosa Rm 5
Ariahna Rm 5	Alesia Rm 7
Jasper Rm 7	Malakai Rm 7
Finn Rm 7	
Spelling	
Logan Rm 5	Bene Rm 5

Table Tennis



Welcome to Anne our new Marimba Teacher



Miniball

Results

Port Buccaneers

On Monday the Port Buccaneers played Kavanagh Yellow and we had a great victory with our scores at the end 22-15. Some things we could work on is marking players and making sure we stay on them. We were good at our lay-ups and getting the rebounds. Congratulations to Tom, our player of the day.

Port Pirates

On Monday we played against Green Island Thunder. It was a fast game. The final score being 30-21 to us. Congratulations to Riley M our player of the day.

Draw

Port Pirates vs Arthur Street Spurs, 3.30pm on Court 4
 Buccaneers vs TNI Gold, 4.05pm, on Court 5

NEEDED PLEASE

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

We also need some Plastic and Glass Bottles (variety of sizes) and Ice Cream Pottles. We also need fabrics.

Thank you. 😊

Fun Run

Sponsor Cards went home to each family with this newsletter. Can we have them returned by the day of the run. 31st August. Thank you.

Assembly Timetable

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
28 th August	Farewell for Len Buchanan
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	Len's Send Off
15 th October	Term 4 Begins
22 nd October	Labour Day
14 th December	Last Day of Term 4