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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.

TUMUAKI NEWS



Maori Language Week

Tena Koutou,

This week we have been celebrating Maori Language Week at School. This year's theme is 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'. 'Kia Kaha' is well known in New Zealand with its correct Māori meaning of 'be strong'. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying 'Let's make the Māori language Strong.'

"Strength for an endangered language comes from its status, people being aware of how to support revitalisation, people acquiring and using it and from the language having the right words and terms to be used well for any purpose."

Source: <http://www.tewikiotereomaori.co.nz>

Here at school we often use Te Reo starting out with pupils learning and reciting their simple mihi in Room 5 and 7. We also teach and practise Te Reo for greetings, numbers, colours, and objects used in the classroom and in our environments. Pupils learn Waiata in classrooms and at Whole School Singing and during our Junior and Senior Whanau Hui meets. This year we have also employed Temo Stirling to run a Kapa Haka group with selected pupils from Rooms 8, 4 & 2. In this group we are learning our own school's Haka which Temo wrote for us, and soon when he is back after his teaching practise, we will be adding our own actions in order to make this our own "Port School" Haka.

In our Whanau Hui meets we learn to use Poi and Rakau. We also learn how to create Harakeke from our flaxes, traditional Taniko patterns and we also learn a little about our colonial history, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi and recently, our seniors learned about Parihaka and its links to our local harbour.

It is impossible to cover everything and as such our cultural activities are not centred on 'what we can do in a week'. Language and culture are inseparable and therefore we try to teach and learn Te Reo in a more holistic way which involves more 'hands on and fun' activities to ensure pupil's interests are fired up in a natural and child centred way.

The growing success and patronage of our Matariki Breakfast celebrations have certainly cemented a relevant and important cultural event in a natural way which brings our school community together to enjoy kai and to reflect on the past, present and also what the future may hold.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī
 Nga mihi
 Jared

Health Snippet – Hauora Tuhinga COUGHING AND SNEEZING

Did you know that viruses travel about 6 metres when you sneeze, and 3 metres when you cough! These days, as one-way of preventing the spread of viruses, we are teaching children to cough and sneeze into their elbows or alternatively to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. This is a good practice to get into as well as cleaning hands after every time you cough or sneeze.

Heidi Genever
 Public Health Nurse
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**Can Families please supply the CORRECT money for Tuesdays and Friday Lunches, this makes the ordering process a lot easier for the people who have to sort them.
 Thank you. 😊**

Fun Run Ngahau Rere

Can all cards and money for the Fun Run be handed in to the office please?
 A big thank you to those who came out to help on the day and those who supported this fundraiser. 👍

HeartKids Family SPORTS FEST!
 INVITING ALL OTAGO SCHOOL AGE KIDS
 15TH SEPT 2018
 EDGAR CENTRE, DUNEDIN
 9AM - 12 MIDDAY
 \$3 ENTRY P/P

COME MEET PROFESSIONAL SPORT PERSONALITIES IN:
 CRICKET, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL & ATHLETICS
 INCLUDING EX BLACKCAPS NEIL BROOM & MARK CRAIG

*Free Breakfast 9am – 10am (For First 200 People)
 *15 Minute Skill / Exercise Sessions Per Sport
 *Bouncy Castles
 *Face Painting
 *Balloon Artist
 *Magic Max Magician Show
 *Bike Track for Under 5's (Feel Free To Bring Your Own Bike)

HeartKids View details on Heart Kids Otago Facebook Page / Enquiries to 021 848 779

Calendar Art

Order forms for the Calendar Art have gone home with this newsletter. All orders need to be returned by the 28th September.
 Art works can be viewed in the classroom or Office area.

North East Valley Junior Cricket Registration

Register online at: www.sporty.co.nz/nevjuniorcricket
 Or come along to one of our registration days:
 Where: North East Valley Cricket Clubrooms, 1 Bank Street, North Dunedin
 When: Saturday 15th September 1-3pm and Wednesday 19th September 5:30-7pm

Book Week

Book week is always fun and this year was no exception. Highlights included bookmark and door hanger making, pavement art, the Lit Quiz, a visit to Koputai, Kindy and the Public Library.

Charlotte from UBS visited to read books and make book suggestions.

The dress ups on Friday were great fun with so many book characters on show. The Marimba band played at the assembly and we sang the Book Week songs. Many thanks to the parents for helping us on our visits and helping with tidying up the library shelves and helping with pavement art.

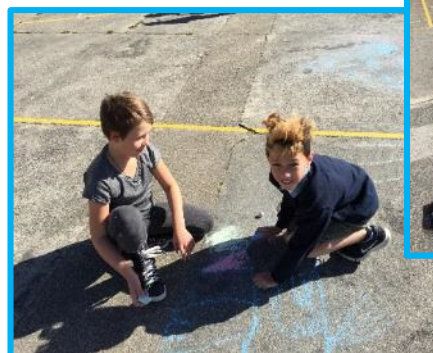
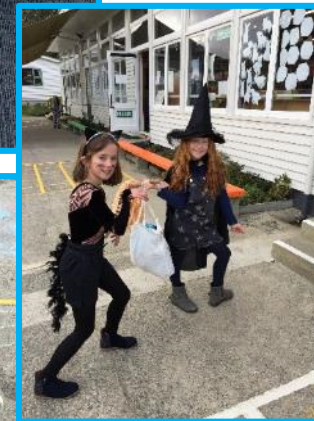


Table Tennis

The Port Pongers of Liam and Ryan are playing in a Yrs. 5/6 table tennis competition. The boys are off to a winning start beating Opoho 3-2. Both boys won a singles match and they won their doubles match.

Under Construction ...



Nga kaimahi pai wiki 8
 Writing- Bella Room 7
 Art – Scarlett Room 5
 Book Reviews
 Sonny Rm 7 Alesia Rm 7
 Rex Rm 7 Van Rm 7
 Finn Rm 7 Isabella Rm 7

Can we please have old T Shirts or Shirts- for making reusable bags during Enviro Week? 😊 We also need Glass Bottles and **Fabric**. Thank you. 😊

VOLUNTEER NEEDED Thursday Morning for just 20 mins

Next term we will be down a volunteer for the Breakfast club. If you can be that special someone, then please get in touch. This is a fantastic initiative that give our kids the best start to their day.

Assembly Timetable Waahi Hui

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 Maramataka o nga Kaupapa

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