

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

Can You Help Us Help Your Learner?

We are looking for volunteers to help support our programmes at school. These include:
 Parent Reading (once a week 9:00 – 10:30)
 Breakfast Club (once a week 8:30 – 9:00)
 Swimming (Thursdays especially 1:30- 3:00)
 PMP (Rms 5 & 7 Tuesday/Wednesday 9:15 – 10:15)
 Boating (Various Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00)
 We thank people who have volunteered already however we need some more helpers. "It takes a village to educate a child". Thank you for being part of that village!
 Please contact the office or your learner's teacher to volunteer. It is so rewarding to give to your community. Our volunteers tell us that they get as much out of helping as our learners get from them.

Whanau BBQ and Science Evening

Wednesday February 14th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.
 Come along to experience some hands-on science and technology experiences and meet with your child's teacher and other families at school. There will be BBQ for you to cook your food on, or just bring a picnic. We look forward to amazing you with science and of course our company.

Update Contacts

It is really important that you update the office with any changes to contact cell or phone numbers. If there is an emergency for your child at school, we want to ring you as quickly as we can. Please send any updated details to the Office.

Stationery

Thank you for getting the stationery for your learner and having it named and ready to go. If this is an issue for you please talk to Vicki as it is great for all learners to have stationery to work in.

It has been great to be back at school. Your children are so pleased to be back with their friends (and maybe the adults too). We are always happy to talk with you, so please make yourself known. I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday night at our family BBQ and Science evening.

Ka kite ano.

PTA Tea Towel

Due to several requests for the PTA School Tea Towel we have a limited number available for purchase. The cost is \$10 per tea towel. There is a sketch of every child who was at Port Chalmers School in December 2017. To check it out please see the tea towel on display in the Office. Orders to the Office with money by Friday 23rd February.

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision. Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia) This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)
 If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

Book Club

Down here at Port Chalmers Library we are getting ready for New Year after School Book Club. For those of you that haven't been yet, we call it Book Club but it's about lots of other fun things too! We have games, snacks, puzzles, book discussions, art, craft, maker activities and friendship, and Book Club kids often get the first chance to take home the new books. We'll be sticking with the regular time slot of 3.30 - 4.30 on the first Monday of the month (3.15 if you'd like to join us for something to eat beforehand), and we're really looking forward to seeing faces old and new here at Port Chalmers Library.

Lost or not returned Library Books



The value of lost or not-returned Library Books will be added to family accounts. Replacing books is very expensive so please have a good look for these. This cost that can be avoided by caring for books out on loan. Thank you.

Relax Kids Term 1 Classes

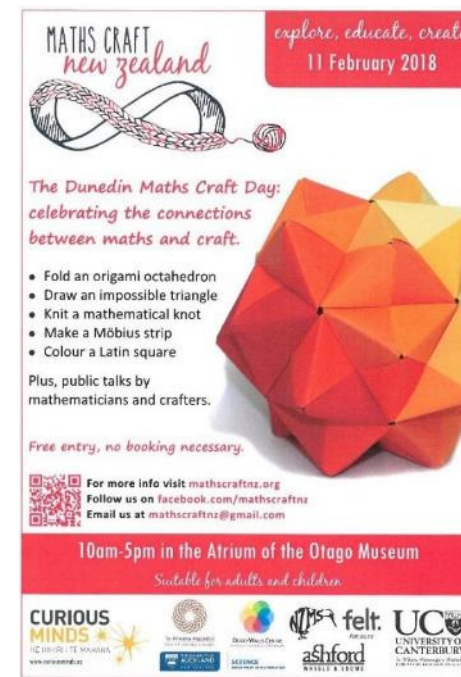
We are back with our fabulous Activity and Relaxation classes this term! Classes will be continuing at gorgeous STUDIO TULA for 6-12 year olds on Thursday afternoons. Our theme this term is BRILLIANT ME. Children will learn skills to help them be more confident, resilient, successful, amazing and happy!
6-12 year olds 4.00-5.00pm \$88 for 8 weeks or \$13 per week casual



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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.
We also require a reason for absences' as this is a Ministry requirement.
Thank you



Writing from Room 4

Blood flag
 Bright but dark: dark but bright
 This colour is made for fright.
 This colour is one of blood and fight
 It's like dragons floating through the night.
 Rose growing up too high.
 This colour is as evil as war.
 By Noah

I am fire.
 I'm the sunset in the sky.
 Look at the flowers so tall and so bright.
 I am Mars, out of sight!
 I'm the cone to stop the cars.
 In the kitchen I'm the carrot.
 I'm the juice that you're drinking.
 We all know what you're thinking - Orange!
 By Rosa

Orange the colour of fire.
 Sweet Orange lollies,
 Monarch Butterflies
 Hot fiery sun is really hot
 The Orange Dinosaur eats and eats.
 The orange aeroplane is really fast
 By Fletcher

Rooms 7 & 8 made the most of our warmer days enjoying sitting under the trees singing.



Calendar of Events

8th February	Swimming Starts
13th February	Boating Starts
14th February 6:00pm -7:30pm	Family BBQ and Science Evening
16th February	Vision testing for new entrants and Yr 7 students
19th February – 19th March	Girls Smash Cricket (4:00pm Mondays)
20th February 7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
27th February and 1st March	Goal Setting Conferences
5th March	Have a Go Sailing
7th March	PTA Meeting
14th March (postponement 16th March)	Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon
14th March 6:00pm	Whanau Hui
21st March 1:40pm	El Gregeo Show
26th March	Otago Anniversary Day
29th March	Uke-Ed-Ate Octagon (Room 4)
30th March, 2nd April, 3rd April	Easter Break (school closed)
9th April	Outdoor Ed Week (Yr 1 – 6) Yrs. 7&8 Camp
13th April	End of Term 1

Assembly Timetable

March 2nd	Room 8
March 9th	Room 4
March 16th	Room 2
March 23rd	Rooms 5 & 7

Boating Timetable

13th February	1pm
27th February	1pm
13th March	1pm
27th March	1pm
10th April	1pm Yrs.4,5 & 6

Swimming Timetable

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. We start on Thursday the 8th of February. A note is required if a child is unwell and unable to swim. If you are able to help out at swimming time please speak to your child's teacher.

Rm 8	10:30 – 11:00
Rm 4	11:00 – 11:30
Rm 2	11:30 – 12:00
Rm 5	1:45-----2:15
Rm 7	2:15----- 2:45

☺ Caught Doing Great Learning in Week 2 ☺

Writing

- Macie Rm 5
- Ariahna Rm 5
- Finn Rm 5
- Bene Rm 5
- Emerson Rm 5
- Sonny Rm 5

Tino Pai

Vicki Nicolson

Principal

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