

TUMUAKI NEWS

I have really enjoyed seeing everyone this week as I return from my sabbatical last term. I spent the first 5 weeks studying and examining ways that enhance writing for boys. Some interesting thoughts and findings, which I will share with you over the next few weeks. I spent the last six weeks travelling spending time in Shanghai, the United Kingdom, Paris and Hong Kong. I certainly enjoyed seeing all these parts of the world. I loved watching children playing. It didn't matter where in the world I was, I saw children being children. A real privilege and delight. Another lasting impression was the history that all these countries have. I explored museums, castles, cathedrals and art galleries. Human creative achievements never cease to amaze me, from the distant past and from more recently. One thing that travel away does is it makes you realise how special home is. Flying over Port Chalmers on Friday just reminded me of how special our place is. I loved being away and spending time with my boys in amazing places but I loved coming home and seeing all of you. Now we have an exciting term of learning to look forward to.

West Harbour Sports Day

Tuesday sees us head into the Caledonian Ground for the annual West Harbour Sports Day. Notices about this went home last term and by now all families should have returned the permission slips.

There are a couple of final details for you

- There will be no 4 Square Lunch Orders on Tuesday
- Buses will leave at 9:00am on Tuesday morning, please aim to be at school at 8:50am as that is when we will be starting our day. Don't be late, the buses won't wait.
- If the weather is looking doubtful, a postponement notice will be broadcast on The Hits radio station. We will also put a notice on Facebook and a message on the school answerphone.

We are running a raffle across the West Harbour Schools to raise money for the sports day. Tickets are \$2.00 and the prize is a \$100 Carey's Bay voucher. Tickets are available from the office and we'll have the card at the sports day.

Term 4

This is a very busy term. Please keep an eye on the calendar of events in the newsletter each week. I know some families cut it out and put it on the fridge

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 Vicki

HPV

The second and final dose of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) school based vaccination programme will be given to the year 8 students who have previously had their Round 1 HPV immunisation at school on Monday the 19th November. If a student is away that day, they can receive the vaccination at a later date in a catch-up clinic at school. **No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent which was provided prior to Round 1.** Parents/caregivers can accompany their child for their vaccination if they wish. The school office can let you know the proposed time nurses will be at school. The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor up to age 26. Delaying the vaccine may mean your child needs more injections to be protected, as people aged 15 years and older need three injections. For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school, or look up www.health.govt.nz/hpv

Free Learn to Sail Open Day

The Ravensbourne Youth Yachting Trust invites all children from age of 7 to 18 to come and give sailing a go. Our America's Cup sailors all started the same way, in the sturdy little Optimist Sailing dinghy. Our Free Open Day will show you the basics of sailing followed by on the water fun trials. This Open Day is for beginners and youth keen to progress on to our Youth Racing Squad. Sailing school is each Sunday from October till March.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Erik Stibbe, 020-4121-6245
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Senior Boating T4

This programme sets us apart from the majority of primary schools nationwide. Our senior pupils acquire essential water safety skills while learning to operate a variety of small craft at our 'backyard beach' at Mussel Bay. This programme has been running for over 30 years and a large number of Port Chalmers School pupils have gained confidence and competence in, on and around the water as a result.



In order to have over 50 pupils on the water at any one time, we need volunteer helpers. The Port Chalmers Outdoor Education Committee run the rescue boats and the classroom teachers organise and manage the pupils. A volunteer's role is reasonably straightforward and no special skills or abilities are required apart from being an extra pair of eyes and hands.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for even one boating session this term, please talk to Mr. Roddick. The boating timetable is in this newsletter. Even if your children are still juniors, please feel free to help out as they will eventually be seniors and you will then have some experience in the running of our programme!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Girls Smash Cricket

Girls Smash Cricket starts again in Week 5 of Term 4. Notices have gone home. Please return these to Mr Landreth ASAP.

Calendar Art

Order forms for the Calendar Art went home last term. The order is about to be sent away so Friday will be the last opportunity for you to put your order in. Art works can be viewed in the classroom or Office area.

Absences

Please ring the school on 472-8685 or txt 027 697 3596 before 9.15am or email office@portchalmers.school.nz 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

Welcome to Cassie Rm 7 and Jack Rm 5 and their family. We are sure you will enjoy being a part of our learning community. 😊

Breakfast Club

All children are welcome to come and have breakfast each morning before School. This is held in the After School Programme building. Weetbix and Milk are served.

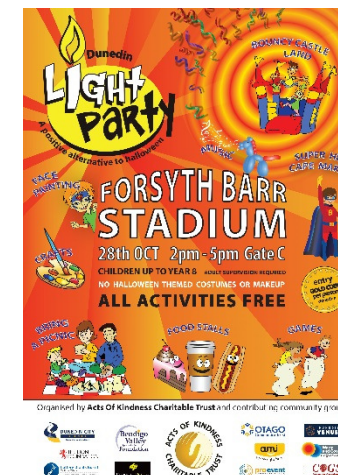
Kiwi Golf

On Monday afternoon, 14 of us went to Sawyers Bay Golf Course for lessons and to play a couple of holes. Melanie Harper from Kiwigolf ran the session. She ran sessions with all classes last term at school. It was fun actually playing on the golf course!



Port Pongers

The Pongers had their first loss losing 3-2 to the top team from George Street. The boys won their doubles and Liam won a singles. Well done boys!



Good Workers Week 1 Nga kaimahi pi awiki 1

Handwriting

Arnika Rm 7 Finn Rm 7
 Carlos Rm 7 Jasper Rm 7
 Logan Rm 7 Eulalia Rm 7
 Cassie Rm 7 Isabella Rm 7

Boating

Wednesday 24 th Oct	Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm
Tuesday 6 th Nov	Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm
Tuesday 20 th Nov	Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm
Tuesday 4 th Dec	Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm

Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. 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.

Room 8	10:30 – 11:00
Room 3	11:00 – 11:30
Room 2	11:30 – 12:00
Room 5	1:45 – 2:15
Room 7	2:15 – 2:45

Assembly Timetable Fridays 2:15pm

19 th October	Athletics Rotation
26 th October	Athletics Rotation
2 nd November	Room 4
9 th November	No assembly
16 th November	Artist in Residence
23 rd November	Room 5 & 7 Please note change of date
30 th November	Room 8
7 th December	Room 2
13 th December	Final Assembly

Calendar of Events

19 th October	Calendar Art Orders Close
22 nd October	Labour Day
23 rd October	West Harbour Sports Day
30 th October	Rm 2 & 4 Landfill Visit
6 th November or 8 th November	North Zone Sports
12 th - 16 th November	Artist in Residence
18 th November	Artist in Residence Parade
19 th November	HPV Round 2
20 th or 22 nd November	Otago Athletics Championship Sports
29 th and 30 th November	Year 8 Camp