



25<sup>th</sup> October Issue 33  
**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**

## TUMUAKI NEWS

### Port Chalmers Play Pod

Port Otago have donated a container for our new Play Pod, which has its home beside the Eco hut. This is so we can introduce loose parts into school to transform playtimes. Here is a link to a YouTube clip of what we are imagining our Play Pod will add to lunchtimes. <https://is.gd/55BFTD>

Research shows that by using loose parts in play we:

- Promote creative thinking and information gathering
- Increase brain development
- Promote experimenting, trial and error, and scientific concepts
- Allow for the discovery and understanding of connections
- Enable risk taking
- Encourage competence
- Increase physical activity (structured and unstructured)
- Support exploration and independent idea development

Now we need your help to get some loose parts. The list of possible loose parts is endless but can include:

- natural resources – straw and pine cones
- building materials and tools - planks, nails, hammers
- scrap materials - old tyres, off-cuts of guttering
- and, most essentially, random found objects.

Please see Vicki or Peta if you think you have something useful for our Play Pod.

### Artist in Residence

We are very excited that our annual Artist in Residence Programme is happening in just over three weeks. Rob Thorne, is our guest this year. He is a performer and composer who uses traditional Māori flutes and horns made from stone, bone, shell and wood. He is going to support our learners to make taonga pūoro, traditional Māori musical instruments.

We are looking for materials for our programme and hope you can help us

- clean cockle shells, not too big.
- Stones, small flat, round, and long

Please send any of these items along to the office or class teacher.

### School Gates

We appreciate that having to open the gates around the school can be a nuisance however, we would ask that families don't lever the gates and leave them open. This is a safety risk for our children. Thank you for your support in this.

Ka kite ano

### Kids Book Club @ Port Chalmers Library

Monday 5th November  
 3.15 – 4.30pm  
 We'll be making and eating cheesy twists – yum! Looking at some foodie books... and hopefully sending the kids home with some cheesy jokes too. Look forward to seeing you there!

### Girls Smash Cricket

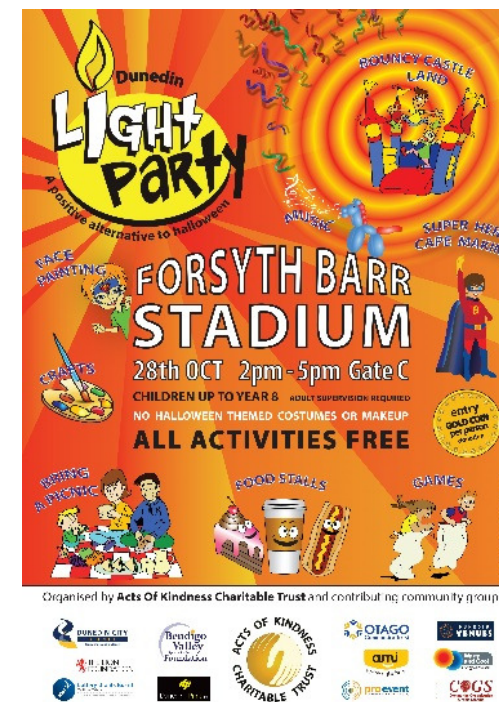
Girls Smash Cricket starts again in Week 5 of Term 4. Notices have gone home. Please return these to Mr Landreth ASAP.

### West Harbour Sports Day

On Tuesday our school attended the West Harbour Sports Day at the Caledonian. There was a wide variety of exciting activities going from fun events like tug of war and fun relays to high jump, sprints and shot put. It was exciting to compete with all the other schools across the harbour and meeting new people. Congratulations to Sawyers Bay School for winning the shield! We thank all the parents who came and helped during the day.



St Leonards Market Day  
 You are very welcome to book a space for \$10.00.  
 Phone Jo on 471-0501



**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 is a cost that can be avoided by caring for books out on loan. Thank you.

### Port Pongers

The Port Pongers returned to their winning ways, with a five nil win over another George St Team. The boys are in second place with one round to go. Well done Liam and Ryan!



### Boating

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	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

<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Athletics Rotation
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Room 4
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	No assembly
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Artist in Residence
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Room 5 & 7
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Room 8
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Room 2
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final Assembly

### Calendar of Events

<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Rm 2 & 4 Landfill Visit
<b>6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	North Zone Sports
<b>12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Artist in Residence
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Artist in Residence Parade
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	HPV Round 2
<b>20<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Otago Athletics Championship Sports
<b>29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 8 Camp