



TUMUAKI NEWS

Full Day Teacher Strike Action on November 15th

All Primary School and Intermediate teachers and Principals have overwhelmingly voted for a full day of strike action on Thursday 15th November. We understand that this action will be disruptive for families but we hope that you do support us in our plight to gain better working conditions for teaching and learning and better resourcing for our pupils. Presently, we face a crisis in retaining and recruiting teachers due to the increasing pressure we face by class sizes, lack of support staff and under-resourcing. The Port Chalmers School Board of Trustees have moved to close the school for instruction on Thursday 15th November. Please see the notice from Koputai Kids for options on this day

Artist in Residence Programme

We start our annual Artist in Residence programme tomorrow with our visiting artist Rob Thorne. An exciting time is planned for the students, however the West Harbour Charitable Trust has organised an adult evening of improvised music from Rob on Friday 16th November from 8:00pm at the Pioneer Hall. He will be joined by local muso's who will perform a variety of music. This will be an amazing night. \$10.00 entry. Tickets available at the door. Our week culminates with a parade up George Street, Port Chalmers on Sunday 18th November. We meet outside the Port Chalmers Town Hall in Grey Street at 11:45am for a 12:00 midday start. We will parade up George Street towards school. Once we are at school there will be stalls selling food and drinks and live music. This is always a wonderful event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dunedin Year 7 & 8 Music Festival

Our Year 7 & 8 students are participating in the Dunedin Year 7 & 8 Music Festival next Wednesday night, the 14th November. They have a separate notice for families today. Please make sure you have seen this!

North Zone Sports

Ten students represented Port Chalmers School on Tuesday at the North Zone sports. We are waiting on the results to see who qualified for the Otago Championships. The new polo shirts looked rather good!

Scholastic Books

All orders for Scholastics need to be in to the office no later than the 9th November. ☺

Dyslexia Strategies and Approaches to support your child

An evening with Judy Hornigold
 UK Dyslexia Specialist
 7-8.30pm Thursday November 22nd
 In the Harbour View Lounge at the Edgar Centre
 To register or for more information please call the office at Maori Hill School 464-0184 or email office@maorihill.school.nz

Koputai Kids Afterschool/Holiday Programme

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Koputai Kids as the Programme Coordinator. Having taught for twenty years it is a big change for me stepping back from teaching full-time and focussing on providing a quality value based programme for afterschool and holiday care. We offer cooking, gardening, creative making, games, swimming, excursions, homework, movies and ICT. I have a great team to work with and a supportive committee of dedicated parents. Having visited other facilities it makes me appreciate even more how well set up Koputai Kids is as we work in a customised building. We have access to four playgrounds, a sandpit, a huge concrete area, a football field, and a pool next door resources for children 5 to 13 years of age, all at our fingertips. We offer free transport for pick-ups and cheap rates for excursions. It is a privilege to offer such a great service to a number of schools/families in the area and we appreciate your continued support.

Spring Raffle – please support Koputai Kids by purchasing a raffle for \$2.00 for a Spring Hamper. Drawn on the 30th November 2018.

Teachers Strike Day 15th November 2018. Koputai Kids is open 7.30 to 6.00 pm this day (Fun Day Thursday) and you can now book online using Aimeyplus so please book as soon as possible as numbers are limited. We have an **Open Day** with BBQ and games on Saturday November 25th from 3pm to 5pm at Koputai Kids for our current families and new families to come and see our premises and what Koputai can offer for afterschool and holiday care. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Very soon our **Xmas Holiday Programme** will be published and bookable. We will be open 7.30 to 6.00 pm from Monday the 17th December until Friday 21st December. We will then be closed over the Xmas break and begin next year on the Monday 7th January where our Summer Holiday Programme will begin for 2019 before school begins around the 28th January 2019.

Breakfast Club

Due to illness, one of our volunteers has had to bow out of the breakfast programme. To be able to offer this to our pupils we rely on volunteers. It only takes 15-20 minutes of your time on a Tuesday morning, but it gives our kids the best start to the day.

Please consider volunteering

Prize Giving Cups

We need all cups need to be returned to the office by Friday 24th of November so we can get them cleaned and engraved for this year's prize giving. Just leave these at the office. Thank you.

School Photos

Class photos are on display in each classroom. The photos are 6x8 laminated with names. \$17.00 each. All orders need to be in no later the Tuesday 20th November. Please make cheques payable to Kelk Photography or provide the correct money enclosed in the envelope. All class names must be quoted on the order form.

Diwali

Lakshmi's Mum came to school to teach Rooms 5 & 7 about Diwali. Diwali is the Indian New Year and this year it is on the 7th of November. It is a festival of light and they light candles called Diva and let off fireworks. We got dressed up in Indian costume and we ate a sweet called Barfi. We learned lots about Diwali.



Saturday Morning Music Classes Open Morning

(Instrumental classes for children 5 years and upwards) Parents and children wishing to commence classes in 2019 are invited to observe classes in progress on Saturday morning **November 17th**.

George St Normal School Centre: Groups will assemble inside the Main Block door and be guided around classes between 9 and 10:30am.

Bathgate Park School Centre: Groups will assemble in the foyer at 9:15 and 10:15am.

Enrolments for 2019 will be accepted on Saturday 24th November.

George St Normal School between 9 and 11:30am (follow the signs),
 Bathgate Park School between 9 and 10:30am in the school foyer.

We invite you to check our website for more information: www.smmcotago.com



Smash Cricket

Girls Smash Cricket started on Monday. We have two teams out of 12 for the whole of Dunedin. We played on the University the University Oval on a lovely hot day.

Our team won by 8 runs and the other team lost by 3 runs. Thanks to all the parents who helped with transport.

Sushi Johnny Tomorrow

Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and correct change. ☺



Good Workers Week 4 Writing

Macie Rm 5 Liam Rm 5
 Jack Rm 5 Rosa Rm 5
 Scarlett Rm 5 Laksmi Rm 5
 Riley Rm 5 Ness Rm 5

Boating

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

9 th November	No assembly
16 th November	Artist in Residence
23 rd November	Room 5 & 7
30 th November	Room 8
7 th December	Room 2
13 th December	Final Assembly

Calendar of Events

14 November, 7:00pm	Dunedin Year 7 & 8 Music Festival
15 th November	NZEI Strike Day School Closed
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