

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

Family BBQ and Science Evening

A huge thank you to all the whanau and families who came to our Family BBQ and Science evening last night. I know how much we appreciate connecting with you all at the beginning of the year.

Going Home for Lunch

A note is required from home before children leave the school for lunch. The Board of Trustees have decided that children are not to leave the school to purchase lunches. This is for the safety of all children. Please send the note to either the class teacher or the office.

HPV vaccination Programme

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all Year 8 students at school this year. On Thursday 8th March a public health nurse will come and talk to the Year 8 students, and give them a consent form to take home.

Please read this form carefully and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent to your Year 8 student being vaccinated at school.

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

An information sheet is attached to this newsletter for the Year 8 students.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor. For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school, or look up www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz.



CONFERENCES

Classroom teachers are busy preparing for the goal setting conferences on the 27th February and the 1st March 3.15pm – 7.30pm. Appointment forms are attached to this newsletter.

There is also the option of doing your bookings on line at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> the event code for these bookings is **ds3rb**

We are looking forward to developing learning goals with you and your children.

PTA Tea Towels

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 the Southern District Health Board will be visiting our school to screen all year seven students for distance vision. 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 is available at the school office.

Harbour Junior Rugby

You are invited to register with Harbour Junior Rugby Club - Harbour Hawks for the upcoming season - Nippers (U5) through to Year 8.

Registration days - Sunday 4th March 3-5pm and Tuesday 6th March 5.30-6.30pm, Harbour Clubrooms, Watson Park, Port Chalmers.

Subs \$45 individual and \$80 family. Socks and shorts can be purchased through the club on registration.

Any questions contact Peta Hill 0272699799.

Port Chalmers Swim Club Junior Triathlon

Tuesday 6th March 2018

(Cancellation date Thursday 8th March 2018)

Registration - 5pm at Port Chalmers Swimming Pool grounds

First race 6pm

5 – 7 year olds: Bike 1 lap around rugby field (400m), run (400m), and swim 3 widths (30m).

8 – 10 year olds: Bike 2 laps around rugby field (1km), run (1km), and swim 2 lengths (60m).

11 – 14 year olds: Bike 4 laps around rugby field (2km), run (1km), and swim 5 lengths (150m).

Cost \$10.00 per person in a team or \$15.00 Individual.

Entry forms available from Port Chalmers Pool and Moana Pool.

Entries close 3rd March (sorry no entries on the day).

Contact Person: **Licia Mihaka 472 8384**

Girls Smash Cricket

The first game is on next Monday the 19th February. We will need help with transport. Girls and Parents to meet outside the School office at 3.15pm.

School Gates

For the safety of all our learners we ask that you please close the school gates behind you. Although they are meant to be self-closing, sometimes this doesn't happen. We also ask that you don't wedge the gate open with rocks. We want to keep everyone safe and ask for your help in this.

SOUTHERN CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Does your child enjoy singing? Are they aged between 9 and 13 years? Then you might like to check out the Southern Children's Choir! Established in 2007 to fulfil a need in Dunedin for a children's choir that explores a wide

variety of music, the choir is led by a professional musical director and brings opportunities for the children to perform to an audience in diverse settings.

The Southern Children's Choir meet each Wednesday of the school term in Marama Hall at the University of Otago from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

Auditions will be taking place on **Wednesday 14th February from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** at Marama Hall for any children interested in joining the choir. Children are also welcome to join the choir throughout the year. For more details contact Rebecca at southernchildrenschoir@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

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
23rd February	Final Day for Tea Towel Orders
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 Gregoe Show
26th March	Otago Anniversary Day
29th March	Uke-Ed-Ate Octagon (Room 4)
30th March, 2nd April, 3rd April	Easter Break (school closed), including Tuesday
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. 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 3 ☺

Maths	Rex Rm 5
Ariahna Rm 5	Van Rm 7
Macie Rm 5	Angelina Rm 7
Sonny Rm 5	Jaxon Rm 7
Scarlett Rm 5	Grace Rm 7
Rosa Rm 5	Learning Log
Carls Rm 5	Jaxon Rm 7
Finn Rm 5	Viola Rm 7
Emerson Rm 5	Writing
	Rosa Rm 5

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