

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

**Paid Union Meeting Tuesday 20 March from 12:30pm**

The NZEI has a planned paid union meeting for all union members on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. All union members are entitled to attend this meeting, which means there will be only some cover at school. The Board of Trustees are asking families to pick up their children by 1:00pm on this day, if they can, so teachers can attend. Children who are not able to be picked up will have an alternative programme at school. We thank you in anticipation.

An intention form went home with last week's newsletter asking you to fill it in for your children so we know what is happening for them on the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> March. No child will be able to leave the school unless we have this form returned and signed by you. Can you please urgently return this form by tomorrow so we can plan Tuesday afternoon.

**Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon**

You will have noticed the hundreds of children (and their parents) in Port Chalmers and especially Watson Park yesterday. This was for the Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon. 22 students from our school competed (isn't it fantastic that this triathlon is in our backyard. They had a blast and all did their very best. Thank you to the parents and wider families that supported our competitors. We make a pretty good cheer team. Thank you to the PTA who did a Sausage Sizzle and sold out!



**PTA**

The Port Chalmers School PTA is a dynamic, fun loving, willing group of people, all passionately committed to fundraising ventures to support our school. The money raised is used to purchase extra items and help support projects that otherwise would not be able to happen without our hard work and commitment. We are always looking for new and exciting fundraising ideas! Past initiatives have included Quiz Nights, Entertainment Books, Fun Runs, Easter and Christmas Raffles, School Fairs, Disco's, Artist in Residence – Kite Day, Calendars, Seafood Festival Stall, and Sausage Sizzles. Through these projects and initiatives the PTA has raised considerable amounts of money, some of which has enabled the purchase of a Climbing Wall, Community Notice Board, School Representative Uniforms, iPads,

Chrome Books, Hooded Barbeque, Trophy Engraving, Playground Marking, Ukulele's, Marimbas and Sun Block. The PTA usually meets once a month in the staff room at 6:00pm (check newsletters for exact dates) and they warmly welcome all ideas and new members who would like to be involved in activities or on a more casual basis. Children most welcome.

If you would like to join please speak to Hannah Holzer (PTA President) or Peta Hill (Staff representative). Our next meeting is the AGM on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6:00pm. We are going to look at new devices (iPads and Chrome Books) that the PTA has funded and how they are being used to enhance learning in classrooms and also look at Mathematical Thinking. We will share some stories from the PTA in the coming weeks so you can see what they do and why.

Ka kite ano



New World and Kellogg's are currently running a promotion that you can help out with! When you shop at New World and buy 2 Kellogg's products, place your receipt in the box near the check outs marked with your school name on it, and you have helped! For every receipt that has 2 Kellogg's products on it, Port Chalmers School library will get a book! This is only until March 31st, so let everyone know and let's get on board with this awesome promotion.

**Easter Holiday in term time**

Occasionally the Easter holiday happens during term 1 of the school year. 2018 is a year where this will happen. Please note that all schools in New Zealand will be shut on Easter Tuesday.

**PTA Easter Raffle**



The PTA is again going to run a raffle for Easter. We are gratefully receiving items for this raffle at the Office. Raffle cards have gone home to each family today. Thank you.

**Parent Reading Programme**

Thank you for the response to our request for parent readers. We do still have one gap on a Wednesday morning. The task involves listening to 5 children read for 15 minutes on a Wednesday morning. If you can spare an

hour and a quarter of your time please contact Ian Landreth. Thank you ☺

**Dogs at School**

We respectfully ask that you don't bring your dogs onto school grounds, even when there are no children here. Lately some dog owners have been using the newly enclosed part of our playground as a place where their dogs can be contained and play. Unfortunately, this owner hasn't cleaned up the "doggie deposits" and three mornings this week staff have had to remove rather large deposits! This is a health risk and is not ok as children play in this area. Dogs can't open the gates, people can. Please be respectful of our tamariki and use another place in Port Chalmers to run your dogs.

**Girls Smash Cricket**

One more game to go! Next Monday we're playing on the University Oval! We are a bit short on transport going into the game. If you can help that would be great.

**Meet the Teacher - Science Evening**



**Shape of Sound Live!**

Join music and science experts as they dissect Ed's songs through live music, experiments and explosions. WARNING: Involves awesome music, big explosions and fire (through the use of science, of course!). Proudly brought to you by NZ International Science Festival. Venue: Hutton Theatre, Otago Museum. Time: 4pm. Cost: Free (though you need to register <https://shapeofsound.eventbrite.co.nz>)

Also here is the DunedinNZ website that has this info <http://www.dunedinnz.com/ed/whats-on-in-the-city>

**Haiku Poems from Room 7**

- Orca**  
Swimming in the deep  
It flips its tail up and  
down  
Hunting for its prey  
By Jaxon
- Crab**  
It has two nippers  
Don't pick them up or they  
pinch  
Hiding under rocks  
By Bella
- Crabs**  
Pinch with their nippers  
They are scared of you  
and hide  
Scuttle under rocks  
By Van
- Whale Shark**  
Swimming very slow  
They are as big as a bus  
Swallowing red krill  
By Jasper

**Calendar of Events**

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| <b>20<sup>th</sup> March 1:00pm</b>                                      | <b>Paid Union Meeting</b>                       |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> March 1:40pm</b>                                      | El Gregoe Show                                  |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | Otago Anniversary Day                           |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | Uke-Ed-Ate Octagon (Room 4)                     |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> | Easter Break (school closed), including Tuesday |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | Outdoor Ed Week (Yr. 1 – 6) Yrs. 7&8 Camp       |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>   | End of Term 1                                   |

**Assembly Timetable**

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| <b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b> | Room 2      |
| <b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | Rooms 5 & 7 |

**Boating Timetable**

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| <b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b> | 1 pm            |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b> | 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.

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| 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 7 ☺**

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| <b>Handwriting</b><br>Angelina Rm 7<br>Tye Rm 7<br>Bella Rm 7<br>Viola Rm 7 | <b>Writing</b><br>Aden Rm 5<br>Riley Rm 5<br>Emerson Rm 5<br>Rosa Rm 5 |
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