

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

Easter Break

Tomorrow is the start of the five day Easter Break. Generally, Easter happens in the holiday break, however this year Easter is early so the break is in term time. Please remember that there is no school on Tuesday. We'll see you all bright and refreshed on Wednesday the 4th April.

Today we have taken 26 students from Room 4 into the Octagon to play their ukuleles in the Ed-Uke-Ate jam. There will be 1,100 children from 42 schools playing. Very exciting. Dunedin will be the place to be over Easter. If you are going to Ed Sheeran (I am tonight), enjoy. If you are heading out of town, travel safely.

Activities to do over a long weekend

I found some fun activities for a long weekend.

- Lie on the grass and watch clouds
- Make someone a thank you card
- Look at stars at night
- Read a book in an unusual place
- Make a hut, inside or outside
- Write someone a letter
- Play board games
- Plant a plant
- Fly a kite

Otago Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon

We wish the children who are going to compete in the Otago Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon in Cromwell on Wednesday 4th of April all the best. Our Year 5 girls (Rosa F, Adelphi and Asheika), Year 7 boys (Tom, Milos and Jaime) and Olivia all qualified for the event. Go well!

Outdoor Ed Week

While our Year 7 & 8 students are at Bannockburn Camp in the last week of term (9th – 13th April) all other classes will explore the outdoors around Port Chalmers. A separate notice has gone home today with the timetable and requests for help. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help. This week is always a highlight for all our children. Your help makes it even more so.

Jump Jam

Jump Jam Friday 6th of April at 2:15pm - on the court for the whole school. Come and join us and show us your moves.

Gypsy Fair

We will be in Dunedin over Easter weekend 30th March-2nd April 2018 at the Oval, Princes St, Dunedin.

The Gypsy Fair is a great day out for the family and it is free entry. The fair has something for everyone. Handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids, awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music, which you can come up and have a go too, if you feel so inclined and lots of good old fashioned toys and entertainment in the green. So come along for a couple of hours or even the day and soak up the atmosphere of the Gypsy Fair.



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.

Port Chalmers After School Book Club

Hello Port Chalmers After School Book Club people. April is going to be a bit different for Book Club because of the Easter break, and because of work that will be taking place in the library the following week, we have moved Book Club to the third Monday of April instead of our usual first-Monday-of-the-month. So, come on down to the Port Chalmers Library on Monday 16th April for another fun-filled session of snacks, books, good company and exciting maker activities. We're looking forward to seeing you there, Elspeth, Libbi and the Port Chalmers Library team

Kiwi hoops / Basket Ball 2018

This year I am keen to run a year 7&8 Team in the local schools basketball league. The games take place on a Monday after school anytime between 3.30 and 6.30.



Boys and Girls can play in the mixed league. This year the fees will be approximately \$45 per player for the season. I will put out a note before the end of next week for interested players. Competition begins on Monday 14th May.



For the last 4 seasons, we have not had more than one team enter the Basket Ball competitions but there are leagues for Years 5&6 and Years 3&4. If you would be interested in managing, organising and running a team in either of these grades, please let me know. Both of these grade competitions begin on Thursday 17th May. Thanks, Jared.

Relax Kids Autumn Holiday Programme

Bookings are now open for our ever-popular Holiday Programme. This time we are going on a Time-Travel Adventure! Your child will love our fun-packed Relax Kids holiday sessions which include self-esteem building activities like fun games, stretching, breathing techniques to help to stay calm, massage, arts and crafts and RELAXING. Monday 23rd - Friday 27th APRIL, 10am-12pm everyday Level 1, 174 Princes St, Dunedin COST: \$82 for 4-5days or \$22 daily rate Most suitable for ages 5-10 Book at www.bookwhen.com/calmingcompany or 021 065 0336 SPACES LIMITED

Abseiling

On Friday the 23rd of March the year 7 and 8's went down to Lady Thorn Dell to learn how to do abseiling. We were split into 3 groups, and each group stayed for about an hour. Tim and Kat showed each one of us how to put on our harness and how to lower ourselves down to the bottom. We were learning how to abseil in preparation for our camp in Bannockburn. Where the wall is, is quite high and we just need to remember to trust the equipment **By Cora**



Calendar of Events

30 th March, 2 nd April, 3 rd April	Easter Break (school closed), including Tuesday
6 th April	Jump Jam 2.15pm
9 th April	Outdoor Ed Week (Yr. 1 – 6) Yrs. 7&8 Camp
13 th April	End of Term 1
23 rd May	PTA AGM @6pm

Boating Timetable

27 th March	1 pm
10 th 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

Good Workers

Writing

- Aden Rm 5
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