

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

TUMUAKI NEWS

School Reports

Teachers have been working especially hard over the last few weeks writing a summary of your child's progress and achievement for this year. We take this reporting to parents seriously and have put together a report in plain language so that you are clear on the progress your child has made. We will send these reports home on Monday so please look for them in school bags.

The attendance figures and comments are based on Ministry of Education guidelines. They are generated automatically.

100%-98%- Excellent attendance

97%-95% - Good attendance

94% - 90% - Attendance is poor and of a concern

89% and below – Attendance needs immediate attention to ensure continued progress.

Ministry of Education attendance goals aim for 95% attendance over the year. The percentages generated and comments are based on this goal.

Marimba Band Performance

Our Marimba Band performed on Saturday afternoon for the Port Chalmers Women's Institute Christmas Party. While we were down on numbers the items were well received.

"Our guests absolutely LOVED the Marimba Band. We were all amazed at their ability to listen, focus and work together as a team. So a huge thanks to you all from us - Port Chalmers Women's Institute."



Final Assembly

Our final assembly will happen on Thursday 19th December starting at 2:00 pm. We will be starting outside the Hall with a performance from our kapa haka group. Parents and friends will need to assemble on the court by the sand pit where they will be welcomed to the assembly. We will then all walk into the Hall. The Hall will not be open until after this welcome.

I hope you get a chance to be with people you love, doing things that you love over the next few weeks. Meri Kirihimete

Highlights of the Year

Room 5

We've had many highlights in Room 5. We've enjoyed PMP twice a week, especially learning to do cricket bowling.

We enjoyed our science investigations with Room 7, especially learning about magnesium. A real highlight was writing and singing songs with Robert. Our favourite was Turangawaewae.

We loved the Artist in Residence programme making our bird T-Shirts.

Swimming was another highlight especially going in the water!

We liked maths especially learning about money. Another highlight was using our imagination to write stories.

Room 7

As a class we were asked to pick two of our most favourite things we have done this year then share them with a partner. From there we had to pick one together!

- Sea week
- Book Week – dressing up as a book character. Oink drama and production with David Elliot.
- Swimming.
- Going to Toitu and the Art Gallery.
- Firewise programme.
- Artist in residence parade.

Room 8

- Playing the Marimbas
- Bobbi Math
- Story teller – Allie Simpson
- Our Assembly
- Kelly Sports
- Artist in Residence parade and Gala day
- We love our Garden makeover.
- Firewise
- Epic and Seesaw apps
- Play, Make, Create
- Our Reading
- Stations
- Class jobs- Helping Hands

Room 4

Term 4 has had many highlights for Room 4. Here are just a few of them. We have enjoyed settling into our new classroom. We enjoyed all the sporting events such as Football South, athletics, cricket, Kelly Sports, swimming and boating.

Artists in Residence was a wonderful highlight creating flags and t-shirt screen prints. We loved kapa haka also. We loved the sea cleaners unit, wearing our special gloves. Lastly, we were proud of our assembly.

Room 2

- Kapa Haka and Polyfest performance
- Technology at DNI
- Athletics
- Boating
- Beach Education Day
- Kelly Sports and T8 Extension Programme
- 'That's Entertainment' Inquiry Unit
- Miniball Team Competitions
- Golf
- Art Gallery and Toitu Visit
- Marimbas and Marimba Band
- Genetics Workshop at Otago University
- Artist in Residence programme and parade
- Perspective Drawing
- Speeches
- Year 8 Camp



PTA Christmas Raffle

Please return all raffle cards tomorrow, sold or unsold. Thank you. Raffle will be drawn for our final assembly on Thursday.

Advanced Notice of Teacher Only Day 2020

We are giving our school community advanced notice of a teacher only day for Friday March 6th 2020. Our teachers will all be attending a learning experience at Otakau Marae on the evening of Thursday the 5th of March and Friday 6th March.



Unfortunately, we only had enough transport to take one team into the game on Monday.

Our competitive team had a good win over St Joseph's Cathedral by 25 runs.

The highlight was Olivia's stunning catch!

Term dates 2020

- Term 1: 3rd February to 9th April
- Term 2: 28 April to 3 July
- Term 3: 20 July to 25 September
- Term 4: 12 October to 16 December.

Please note that we only use the School Cell phone for texting purposes. If you need to ring the school please ring our land line the number is 472-8685.



The end of the term is fast approaching so it's a good time for everyone to have a good look around home for any of our Library Books. **Any books lost or unreturned will be added to Family Accounts.** Please encourage your child to return any books as this is a cost no one wants especially at this time of the year.

Stationery Lists 2020

The stationery list for 2020 is attached to today's newsletter. It is also on the school website.

Principal Awards

Writing

Romy Rm 5
Emma Rm 5
Mica Rm 5
Millie Rm 5
Honor Rm 5
Basma Rm 5
Blake Rm 7
Zakaia Rm 5

Spelling

Laksmi Rm 7 Matilda Rm 7
Ariahna Rm 7



Christmas Wishes
On behalf of the Staff and myself, I would like to wish all families, helpers and friends of the school a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.



Kind regards Katy – Office Goddess 😊

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13 December 9:00 am	Rms 5, 7, 8, 4 Developmental
16 th December 10:30am	Helpers Morning Tea
17 th December 5:45 pm	Yr. 8 Dinner
19 th December 2:00 pm	Final Assembly
3 rd February 2020	Start of term 2020
6 th February 2020	Waitangi Day School Closed

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