



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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Gumboot Up on Friday 5 April!

We're asking people to wear gumboots to school in support of Gumboot Friday tomorrow. Put your gumboots on and bring along a gold coin donation (if you can). All funds raised on the day will help provide free counselling to kids who need it.

Gumboot Friday is a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and I Am Hope. They are aiming to raise \$2million for kids who need some mental health support. You can find out more about Gumboot Friday at

www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday

Please encourage your friends, family and community to #GumbootUpNZ on 5 April!

Cottage Bakehouse Fundraiser

Thanks to Kelly and Brad, the goods ordered through the PTA Cottage Bakehouse Fundraiser have been packed up and are ready to collect from school today. We have sent these to classrooms. Only see the office if there is a problem with your order. Thanks.

Board of Trustees Elections Term 2 2019

In 2019 the three year term of our current BoT comes to an end and we will go through a BoT election in term two. Parents will be asked to put their names forward as potential BoT members. If more than five people put their names forward then an election is held and parents vote on their preferred candidates.

If you are keen to find out more please contact Vicki or Anna Hudson (Current BoT Chairperson).

NZSTA (New Zealand Schools Trustee Association) is very keen to encourage parent and whanau to participate on school boards in order to help shape and support education of their children. There is a workshop that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees. The workshop session for Dunedin will be on the 9th April from 6 – 8 pm.

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/korari/>

Here is a link for more information about becoming a school trustee.

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Play Pod Grand Opening

Next Thursdays at 2.15pm we will have the Grand Opening of our Play Pod. All families are invited to attend and then there will be some play time in the Pod.

Daylight Saving

Please remember to put your clocks back an hour on Saturday night as daylight saving comes to an end. Ka kite ano

School Stream App Reminder

Just a quick reminder to sign up for the School Stream App. This is the quickest way for us to get information to you. You can use School Stream to notify us of absences.' Permissions for class trips etc. can be digitally signed. This App is free. We are hoping that we will have 100% up take of this.

<https://www.schoolstream.com.au/download/?profile=Port+Chalmers+School&profile-url=https%3A%2F%2Fportchalmers.myschoolstream.net>

Community Pantry

A Community Pantry is up and running on Magnetic Street in the vicinity of the Catholic Church. Please feel free to take some food. If anyone has spare produce or canned goods, these can be dropped off to the Pantry. What a great service to our community!

Breakfast Club

All children are welcome to come and have breakfast each morning before School. This is held in the After School Programme building. Weetbix and milk is served.

Kickstart Breakfast

We have had a parent pull out of Thursday morning breakfast. If you can help please let the Office know.



Reporting Illness/Absences to School

Thank you to students and parents for coming past the office to let Katy know they are late arriving at school. If your child/children are going to be absent from school please inform the office and/or your child's teacher with an explanation of their absence each day. Please note that we are legally required by the Ministry of Education to code and provide a reason for student absences. You can inform us of your child/children's absence e.g. late, sick, dental appointment, dance exam etc. by either phoning the office on 472 8685, emailing the office, office@portchalmers.school.nz or leaving a text message on 027 6973596. (Please note text messages will not get a reply). You can also let us know via School Stream. Your child's teacher also requires written notification, either by note or email, if your child is to be excused from sports, swimming etc.

Money

Please supply the correct money for Wednesday lunches, fees and trips as we do not have the means to provide change. Thank you.

Head Lice



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

Please be vigilant in your weekly check of your child's hair. One egg left starts the breeding cycle all over again?

We are asking if children with long hair could have it tied up or in a bun.

Using a bandana can also help reduce the incidence of head lice spreading.



Writing from Room 7

Mussel Bay
 Birds gliding up above Mussel Bay
 Crabs scuttling
 Fish darting under water
 Wind whistling up above the sea
 Water splashing
 By Matilda

Mussel Bay
 I saw a crab scuttling
 I also saw cockles
 We could feel the wind travelling
 Feel the grass blowing
 Hear the birds squawking
 The seaweed swishing
 By Sonny

The waves are going up and down
 I can smell seaweed
 I heard the birds singing
 By Matthew

I went to Mussel Bay
 It felt cold on my face
 I went in the ocean
 The waves went over me
 By Macie

Mussel Bay
 I saw two fish
 I saw two seahorse
 I heard the wind rustling
 I heard the birds tweeting
 By Kodee

Mussel Bay
 The cat's eye slithers around the rocks
 The wind tastes like salt
 The cold wind got my face
 Sand is crunchy under my feet
 Some fish are swimming
 and some seaweed are jiggling
 By Jackson

Principal Awards Week 9	
Spelling	
Angelina Rm 8	
Reflections	
Macie Rm 7	Israel Rm 7
Liam Rm 7	Jackson Rm 7
Writing	
Blake Rm 5	Honor Rm 5
Mica Rm 5	Basma Rm 5
Romy Rm 5	Sinai Rm 5
Handwriting	
Matilda Rm 7	Aurora Rm 5
Mica Rm 5	Honor Rm 5
Nathan Rm 5	Zakaia Rm 5
Romy Rm 5	
Inquiry	
Ally-May Rm 2	

Assembly Timetable Fridays 2:15pm	
Friday 5 th April	Room 2
Calendar of Events	
11 th April	Play Pod Opening, all are welcome. 😊
12 th April	Last Day of Term 1
29 th April	First Day of Term 2

Vicki Nicolson - Principal
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