



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

TUMUAKI NEWS

By now, I expect you will have heard through the media that the teachers (Primary and Secondary) have voted to strike on the 29th May 2019 in an effort to convince the government that the issues facing the education sector are critical, and need greater investment than it is offering at this time. Our school will be closed for instruction on this date.

While the media focuses predominantly on the pay issues related to the claim by the PPTA (Secondary teachers union) and NZEI (Primary teachers union), teachers are keen to remind parents and communities that some of the other issues are also extremely urgent.

Seeking more resources for those students with behavioural and learning needs is exceptionally important. Not only is the learning and wellbeing of these young people being compromised, so too is the learning of all learners, as teachers/principals work to provide the best possible learning and care with insufficient resources.

The workload of teachers and principals has become unmanageable in the climate of increasing demands. This situation results in compromises being made, and people feeling overwhelmed by the job to be done knowing full well that a more manageable workload would result in a more fulfilling result for everyone - students, teachers, principals, support personnel and whānau.

We sincerely appreciate your support in this campaign, and we have already had many messages of support. Sending messages of concern about the state of things in education (and in support of the teachers) to local Members of Parliament, the Minister of Education, and the Associate Minister of Education will add voice to the collective community and sector concerns.

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Teachers have not made this call for action lightly. For many, striking will mean considerable financial hardship. They feel passionately about advocating for an increase in remuneration that will keep teachers/principals in schools. We are seeking more support for children with learning support needs and mental health issues.

Manageable workloads that will enable teachers and principals to do better by your child in multiple ways. Sufficient time to plan and evaluate programmes. An increase in remuneration that will attract and retain quality teachers/principals to the profession.

I am very willing to answer any questions you may have related to the issues, and keen to discuss why teachers and principals feel so strongly about the state of the profession, and the consequences that are impacting and undermining NZ's quality education system. Email me on principal@portchalmers.school.nz, call the office to make an appointment or catch up with me when you are at school for a time to meet.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2019

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations have been posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on **Friday 24th May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7th June 2019.
Regards Katy Gray
Returning Officer

Kickstart Breakfast
We have a vacancy for a breakfast helper.
If you can help please let the Office know.

Winter Sports



Please be aware that we have a pay before play policy. If this is a financial burden, then please talk to Vicki.

Results Port Red Skins

We had our first game on Monday. When the game started we were a bit sleepy. The first half wasn't ideal but we came back in the second half. The score was 18-14. We need to work on our positions and passing.
By Jaime

Miniball Draw 20th
Port Redskins vs Balmac Suns 4.05pm Ct4
Port Bouncers vs Carisbrook 4.05pm Ct 3

PC Hoops Netball



The first team we played against was St Joes. They won by 7 goals. The next team was Macandrew Bay. We had a 1 all draw. We look forward to the next game.



The West Harbour Arts Trust

We would love to invite you to a public meeting to find out more about the Trust and get involved. Tuesday 21st May 7pm at the Port Chalmers Kindergarten

Kapa Haka

This is the website with the haka and waitata that we are learning. The website is

<https://www.manawaenterprises.com/>

You need to do to the kura (Port Chalmers) log in and use the password koputai. Please let your children have a look at this site and practice their words and moves. Mihi koe

All Scholastic book orders need to be in by tomorrow. 😊

Autumn Poems from Room 7

Autumn Leaf
Crunchy
holes, broken
Twisting around
Lying on the ground
Breakable
By Carlos

Autumn
Spiky leaf
on the ground
Shining
in a pile
Brown
Red
I picked it up
By Jackson

Autumn Leaf
Yellow like the sun
Dotty like dirt
Spotty like a Dalmatian
Twirling while falling
Shimmering like crystals
Turning brown
By Ariahna

Autumn
Old
Breakable
Lonely
No one cares
By Emerson



Lost or not returned Library Books

The value of lost or not-returned Library Books will be added to family accounts. Replacing books is very expensive so please have a good look for these. This is a cost that can be avoided by caring for books out on loan. Thank you.

Ko-Taiko!

children's Japanese Drumming classes



• Register or contact at: Kobaitokclasses@gmail.com

• classes start 28/7 - Cost \$120 per child, with 20 classes over terms 2 and 3

• Free workshops on 14/4, 14/5, and 16/6! 11:30 am, Taiko Room, 96 Anzac Avenue - **Come Along!**

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Principals Awards

Reflections

Sonny Rm 7
Aden Rm 7

Handwriting

Carlos Rm 7
Macie Rm 7

Calendar of Events	
28 th May	NZ Army Band Show
4 th June	PTA AGM 6pm
4 th June-7 th June	Book Week
5 th June	NZ Playhouse Show
5 th July	PTA Quiz Night
5 th July	Last Day of Term 2
22 nd July	First Day of Term 3