

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

TUMUAKI NEWS

NZEI Strike Action

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

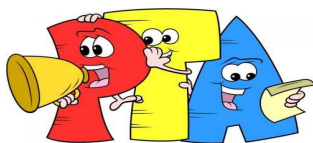
The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is. Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving. On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us outside the Dental School at 11:45am for a march to the Octagon. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. Our Board of Trustees has closed the school on Wednesday 29th May.

Otago Primary School Swimming Championships

It was very exciting to be able to give out two ribbons for placings in the Otago Primary School Swimming Championships.

Congratulations to Tayla-Rose Annan for a first place in the 50m freestyle and a third place in the 50m backstroke, both for 11 year old girls.

This is a very impressive effort Tayla-Rose. Tino pai.



Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 4th June 6:00pm
Staffroom

PTA Quiz Night
Friday 5th July
7:00pm
Port Chalmers Golf Club
Keep the date

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 tomorrow** 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.

If an election is necessary, voting closes at noon on Friday 7th June 2019.

Regards Katy Gray
Returning Officer

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 027 697 3596. School Stream is great for this too. (Please note text messages will not get a reply). Your child's teacher also requires written notification, either by note or email, if your child is to be excused from sports, swimming etc.

Asheika's Home Learning. All about Humming Birds

For Alphabet Home Learning Room 4 (aka Room 6!), are researching anything that starts with the letter H. Asheika chose the Hummingbird to research. Here she is comparing the size of a hummingbird egg with an ostrich egg.





Winter Sports

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

Miniball

Port Chalmers Yr 8 Boys

On Monday our Year 8 boys' team played against Balmac's Miniball team. We all had a great game but unfortunately we lost 17-23. We lost by 3 hoops. Our team could get the ball down the court but we couldn't get the ball in the hoop. Our defence was also good but not good enough. Congratulations to Jayden our player of the day.

Port Bouncers

The Port Bouncers played against Carisbrook. The score was 14-34. In the first half we went really well. I think we could work on our passing and marking of the other team. Congratulations to Jenna, our player of the day.

Draws

Port Bouncers vs DNI Mixed @ 3.30pm
Port Chalmers s Balmac Bobcats @3.30pm

Netball

PC Hoops

On Tuesday the PC Hoops played against Mac Bay Marvels. It was an excellent game and Miss Waaka was very proud of us all. We came out victorious with a 6-0 win. 😊

Draw

No game next week as we have a bye.

School Gates

Can you please remember to close the gates behind you when you come to school. This includes the gate on the track from Wickliffe Terrace to the back of Room 5. This is to keep all children safe and inside our school grounds.

Koputai Kids After-School and Holiday Programme

YES WE ARE OPEN next Wednesday 29th May 2019 due to the teacher's strike. Our hours will be 7.30 am until 6.00 pm but there are other options available including half-days and a school day 9pm to 3pm.

We are calling our day 'Wacky Wednesday' after the Dr Seuss Book 'Wacky Wednesday'. We will be baking for our shared lunch, making art works, playing outside games and having a walk up to Scott's memorial and down to Carey's Bay where we will have a picnic (weather permitting). Children will need suitable footwear and a warm coat. We will also have a 'wheels day' so children can bring their bikes, scooters and any other wheels as long as they have their helmets.

We have a limited number of spaces so you need to book as soon as possible. Look forward to seeing you all there! Contact Wendy Russell on 027472744.

Here is the link to our Community Page where there are a few programmes running on Wednesday the 29th May when school is closed.

http://www.portchalmers.school.nz/community_noticeboard.html



Principals Awards

Reflections

Flynn Rm 7
Sonny Rm 7
Rosa Rm 7

Writing

Aurora Rm 5
Nathan Rm 5
Mica Rm 5
Blake Rm 5
Basma Rm 5
Sinai Rm 5
Ness Rm 5

Calendar of Events

24 th May	Nominations close for BoT
28 th May	NZ Army Band Show
29 th May	School Closed Due to Strike Action
3 rd June	Queens Birthday School Closed
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