

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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Sexuality Education

As I indicated last week we will be teaching Sexuality Education in all classes starting on Monday 24 June. Included with today's newsletter is an information sheet for each class with the key concepts that will be taught at each level. The information sheets are year group specific so are coloured as follows:

Room 5 & 7 (Year 1 & 2) light blue

Room 8 (Year 3 & 4) green

Room 4 (Year 5 & 6) yellow

Room 2 (Year 7 & 8) orange.

You have the option to withdraw your child from these lessons. Please talk to Vicki by Thursday 20th June if you wish to do this.

Quiz Night

The PTA have a Quiz Night on Friday July 5th (last day of the term). We are seeking donations from families for prizes and raffles. If you are able to donate some goods or services please see Vicki or Peta at school. You can also get a team organised. These quizzes are very popular and sell out quickly. Please contact Steve Walker for a table on (027) 8505603.

New Zealand International Science Festival Science Theatre

On Tuesday the 18th June, as part of the New Zealand International Science Festival.

They will be presenting *Charlie*, *Estelle* and the *Poppazoid* at 10.00am at the rugby club rooms.



Carpark Safety

There have been a couple of incidents recently in the carpark beside school. Moving vehicles and children are not a great combination. We ask that you don't park against the wooden fence as this creates a visual barrier and also makes it difficult for cars parked legally to get out. They are backing out and trying to watch for children and have to also worry about having enough room to get out. There are yellow no parking lines painted beside the wooden fence and we are asking that you respect these. Pick up is a difficult time for all, please be mindful of all children, not just yours.

Netball Results

Our game this week started off with a skills session run by some of the Steel players. We learnt some new drills to help us pass and shoot. Then we went on to win Our game 5-3 against Grants Braes. Go the Hoops!

Miniball Results

Port Bouncers

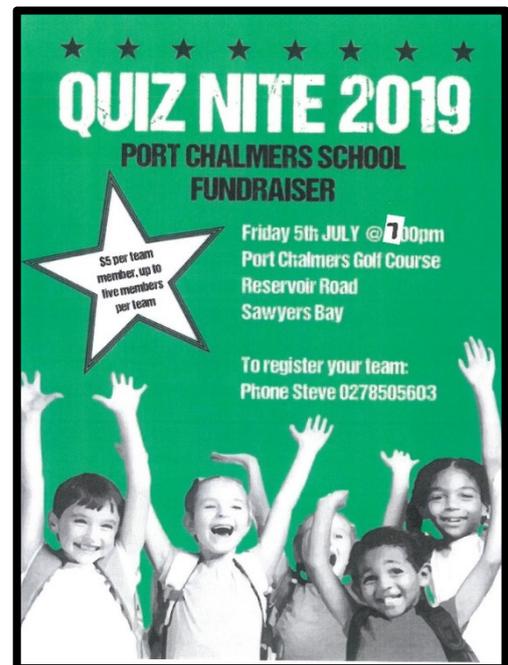
We played Kura tuakana. The final score was 55-4 to them. Our team really needs to work on our passing, marking and shoot

PC Year 8 Boys

We played against DNI this week. We got quite a thrashing as we lost 31-9! Some things we need to work on are dropping back to defend and our taking time when we shoot. By Tom.

Draw Monday 17th June

Year 8 Boys vs Balmac Bobcats 4.05pm on Court 6
Port Bouncers vs Outram Slammers 4.05pm Court 4



Absences

Please ring the school on 472-8685 or txt 027 697 3596 before 9.15am or email office@portchalmers.school.nz if your child is going to be absent (or late) from school. This means less time is taken up, trying to contact you if your child is missing from school.

"Won't be in today" is not a valid excuse to be absent and the Ministry codes this as truant and can follow this up. Thank you.

Please do not use the School Cell phone to ring the school. We use it just for texting. 😊

Family Accounts

Family Accounts will go home to families with outstanding amounts, with next week's newsletter. For larger amounts please consider setting up an automatic payment. \$5.00 a week soon get these paid off. Thank you to families who have already paid or made arrangements to.

Resources on general screen and gaming usage. The link for this is below.

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



The pre-dawn rise of Matariki also known as the Seven Sisters or Pleiades, traditionally signals the Māori New Year.

How to find Matariki

Matariki is found low on the horizon in the north east of the sky. Try looking here between 5.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m.



The pot

1. First find the pot (the bottom three stars of the pot are also called Taururu, or Orion's Belt). To find Puanga (Rigel) look above the pot until you see the bright star. To find Matariki,

keep going.

2. To the left of the pot, find the bright orange star, Taumata-kuku (Alderbaran).
3. Follow an imaginary line from Taururu (the bottom three stars of the pot), across to Taumata-kuku and keep going until you hit a cluster of stars.
4. That cluster is Matariki. If you have good eyes you should be able to pick out individual stars. If it looks fuzzy, look just above or just below and the stars will be clearer.



We will be celebrating Matariki with breakfast on the 28th June at 7.30am.

The Hairy Gummy from under the Bed by Rosa F



On Monday morning the sticky Gummy Bear, (which over the past year had started to collect a large amount of hair and fluff) decided to take a stroll, it rolled across the bedroom floor and under the bed, it found the bed rather cosy and decided to stay there.

A couple of years passed and the Gummy Bear had slightly melted into the carpet, but with a small huff and a heave it got back on its feet. His collection of fluff had grown rapidly, in fact it was extremely heavy and a bit hard to walk, but he managed. He waddled out into the daylight, stared off into the distance of the room, and then got stepped on. Then he was picked off the sock and flicked out the window into a bush. The end.

Hokey and Pokey by Adelphi



Hokey and Pokey are my two cats. They are brothers. Hokey and Pokey love to catch birds. The other day, Pokey caught a baby Sparrow. It was very sad.

They also love to sleep on mine and Billie's beds. Pokey likes to stay inside, and Hokey likes to be outside.

I can tell them apart because Hokey has a white nose, and Pokey has a brown nose. Hokey has stripes, and Pokey has patches. Hokey is adventurous, and Pokey is lazy.



Calendar of Events

18 June 10:00am	International Science Show
28 th June 7:30am	Matariki Breakfast
5 th July 7:00pm	PTA Quiz Night
5 th July	Last Day of Term 2
22 nd July	First Day of Term 3
6 th August	Otago Museum Rm 8 9.00-10.00am
6 th August	Otago Museum Rm 4 10.00-11.30am
6 th August	Otago Museum Rm 2 11.30-12.30pm
8 th August	Otago Museum Rm 5 9.30am-10.30am
8 th August	Otago Museum Rm 7 11.00-12.00pm
19 th August	Art Gallery Rm 5 10.15am-12.15pm
19 th August	Art Gallery Rm 7 12.15-2.15pm
22 nd August	Art Gallery Rm 8 10.15-12.15pm
22 nd August	Art Gallery Rm 4 12.15-2.15pm
23 rd August	Art Gallery Rm 2 10.00-12.00pm

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