

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

**Staffing 2019**

Vicki Nicolson Principal  
Jared Roddick Deputy Principal  
Peta Hill Assistant Principal

**Class Teachers**

Ian Landreth Rm 5 Yr 1  
Peta Hill Rm 7 Yr 2  
Marnie Waaka/Jennie Rm 8 Yr 3/4  
Upton  
Henrica Schieving Rm 4 Yr 5/6  
Jared Roddick Rm 2 Yr 7/8  
Peta Hill Special Needs

**Support Staff**

Katy Gray Administration  
Roger McLaughlin Caretaker  
Charlotte MacShane/Carol Dewar Teacher Aides  
Robert Scott /Andrea Clark Teacher Aides

The staff are delighted to welcome you back to school for 2019. We look forward to another exciting year of learning for all members of our community.

We particularly welcome our new pupils and their families to Port Chalmers School. I know that you will all make these families feel welcome in our learning community.

It is great to be back at school. This year we will continue with our focus on our values - the 4 C's - courtesy, co-operation, caring and common sense. Our 4 C's really encompass the qualities that we want to see in all the interactions we have with each other and our environment. We also have three Maori values - Whanaungatanga (belonging), Ako (to learn) and Manaakitanga (show respect), which we will also reflect in our place over the year.

We believe in an open door policy at school. Please come and talk to us. We know that when families, schools and learners are closely linked, magic happens.

I love today. It is so exciting to see all 'our' students back at school, happy and excited to be involved in such a great learning community. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

We have three new things happening this year. One in the classrooms and two for families.

- Kelly Sports Initiative** – every Tuesday (starting tomorrow) Sophie from Kelly Sports will be working with classes and teachers to deliver PE. Every class will have at least 30 minutes looking at skills and games. Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear on a Tuesday (sports shoes).
- Lunch On Line** – starting this Friday (8 February) Subway will deliver ordered lunches to school. You need to register with Lunch on Line (<https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>) as the ordering can only be done on line. You set up an account and pay via their online portal. No orders can be made at school. The lunches will be delivered by 12:30pm on a Friday. The menu and prices are on the Lunch on Line website.

- School Stream** – this is an app for your phone which will keep you in touch with all the happenings at school. Please see the attached flyer for detailed instructions to get the School Stream app.

Ka kite ano.

**Welcome**

Welcome Basma Albalak, Zakaia Bell and Sinai Stagpoole-Chitondo in Room 5. Alice Foster and Sam Finch in Room 2. Luca Annable and Hartley Gibbs in Room 4. Cash Gibbs in Room 8. We are sure you will enjoy your time here at Port Chalmers School. 😊

**Absences**

Children are checked for attendance at the start of each day. If your child is absent please ring the school to let us know. If we haven't heard from you explaining the absence, we will ring you to confirm that your child is safe. This is to ensure the safety of all our students. You can also text your absences on 027 697 3596 before 9:15 am. The Ministry of Education requires a reason for your child's absence; please include this in messages left on the answerphone or cell phone. Some days the checking for safety of where children are takes a huge amount of time. Please be respectful of our need to know your children are safe and call or text to let us know.

**Term Dates for 2019**

Term 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Public Holidays that occur in the first term**

**Waitangi Day** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
**Otago Anniversary Day** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**School Times**

Children are expected to be in their rooms by 9:00am ready for learning for the day.

8:30 am Supervision begins  
9:00 am Classes begin  
10:40-11:00 am Morning Tea  
12:30-1:30 pm Lunch  
3:00 pm School finishes



**School Bus**

The school bus is available for families who live within the eligibility area dictated by the Ministry of Education. Children who do not live in this area are not able to travel on the school bus to Aramoana. Mr Roddick is the teacher in charge of the bus and checks afternoon attendance on the bus. Please advise him if your children are not going home on the bus on a particular day.



**Face Book**

We do have a Face Book page where we will be posting information and news. Please like and follow us on [www.facebook.com/portchalmers.school](http://www.facebook.com/portchalmers.school)

**Family Accounts**

Our school donation for 2019 is \$15 per term per child (\$60.00 a year) with a family paying no more than \$120.00 a year. We use this donation to pay for visiting artists, shows, bus trips, entry into museums etc. We rely on this donation to assist with the ever increasing costs of providing a wide range of activities for our students. You are able to claim a third of your donation back through Inland Revenue each year. We welcome internet payments. Our Year 7 & 8 students are required to pay a take home component of the technology programme delivered at DNI of \$90. Our bank account number is 060901 02167 4900.

**Family BBQ Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Bring your tea which you can cook on the school BBQ. Meet your child's teacher and other whanau and have some fun with our Play Pod.

**Sushi Johnny Starting Wednesday, 13th February**



Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and correct change. We will order the lunches which will then be picked up and given out at 12:30pm.

Please ensure you choose Chicken or Vegetarian

**Price List**

Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian Rice Balls \$3.50  
Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian 5 piece sushi \$5.00

Can you please tell your child they must eat their Sushi at lunchtime and not leave in their lunchbox for later. Sushi is great when it's fresh but may cause food poisoning if consumed after being left in a lunch box for hours.

**It would be appreciated if the correct money is sent to school.**

**Library**

We have some overdue books from 2018. Please return any books found over the holiday clean up. The cost of any lost books will be added to family accounts

**Wheels Day**

On Wednesdays and Fridays children can bring their skateboards and scooters to play on the courts at lunchtime. It is essential that every child who brings these to school, wears a helmet.

**Stationery**

Stationery lists were issued at the end of last year. The office has spare copies if you have lost yours, or you can download it from our website. Please try to have the stationery by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**Compliments or Concerns**

If you have compliments or concerns to share please contact us. We want to listen and share all the things that are happening in our school.

**Cell phones – Electronics – Toys**

If cell phones and iPods etc. must come to school, then they need to be turned off and handed in to the office.

Thank you.

**We do encourage children to leave toys and valuables at home. They become a distraction to learning. We will not be responsible should anything happen to them.**

**Swimming**

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. Rooms 2, 4 and 8 will start on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> February (next week). A note is required if a child is unwell and unable to swim. If you are able to help out at swimming time please speak to your child's teacher.

Room 8 10:30 – 11:00  
Room 4 11:00 – 11:30  
Room 2 11:30 – 12:00

Swimming for Rooms 5 & 7 is slightly different this year. Port Otago is sponsoring swimming lessons for the children in Room 5 & 7. These lessons will start with JC Swim School on Monday 25 February at 10:30am and 11:00am. This will be a block course of 6 lessons running Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for two weeks.

**Newsletters**

With the advent of new technology we are going to make our newsletter available on line instead of a printed copy each week. Thursday will still be our newsletter day. You will be able to get the newsletter in lots of ways.

- We will email a copy to everyone (if we have your email address)
- We will post a copy on our school Face Book page.
- We will post a copy on School Stream.
- We will post on our school webpage.

If you still would like a paper copy please speak to Katy at the office as we don't want to stop this important news getting through.

**Technology (Years 7 & 8 Students)**

The children will travel to Dunedin North Intermediate School each Wednesday starting 13<sup>th</sup> February, leaving school at 8:40am. Please note that the students will need to be at school by 8:40am on Wednesday mornings to catch the bus into DNI. Children will receive instruction in food technology and hard and soft materials technology. DNI have a separate charge for pupils who attend technology, which covers the cost of materials. This has been set at \$90.00 for 2019. This will need to be paid by the end of term 1 as it covers the take home component of the things the students make at technology.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Beach Ed Day Rm 2</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Family BBQ & Play Pod
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Elgregoe Show
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Have a Go Sailing Room 2
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last Day of Term 1
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First Day of Term 2

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