



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

## TUMUAKI NEWS

### National Day of support for Principals

The teachers and support staff of Port Chalmers School are joining with their colleagues all over the country on 12 August to call on the government to give primary and intermediate principals a fair deal. And we need your support as we stand up for our principal, and all principals.

Teachers recently won pay parity with their secondary colleagues, because a teacher is a teacher, regardless of the age of their students. But the government refused to give primary and intermediate principals parity with principals of comparably sized secondary schools, or any support for growing workloads. In small schools, principals are doing a complex job but often without any extra support, while teaching as well. Often these principals are often paid less than some teachers in large schools.

We're calling on the Government to do the right thing by principals. It's only fair.

On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> August, wear green to show your support. We picked this colour because it's part of our campaign branding and it's a positive, optimistic colour! Our teachers and support staff will be around the school on Monday morning and afternoon to talk about the issues for Principals. Please come out and support the principals of Aotearoa, who do such a vital job leading the teaching and learning in our schools.

### GROWING HEALTHY BRAINS

Over the break I attended a workshop presented by Kathryn Berkett, a neuropsychologist. She provided the analogy of establishing connections in the brain to building roads - dirt roads becoming highways through experience and repetition, what we see, hear and feel more often is what we learn. Much of the workshop was focused on the importance of children developing the skills to self-calm and develop emotional resilience - the ability to bounce back from difficulty, and return to a state of calm. As parents we need to be comfortable with letting our children experience anxiety, anger, sadness - to tolerable levels, so they can practise self-soothing. Kathryn says saving or rescuing our kids is not serving them well in terms of their emotional resilience.

### Punctuality

Being on time for school is essential for learning. It means your child can be organised for class; meet up with friends; know what's happening for the day and is ready to learn key skills. We are concerned at the increasingly large numbers of students who are arriving late for school. Please remember school starts at 9:00am every day and it is good to aim to be here by 8:50am so that the students can be settled and ready for learning. We appreciate your support in getting your child to school on time.

### Netball Results

There was no game this week as we were down 4 players.

### Miniball Results

#### Port Bouncers

On Monday we played against St Marys. We should have lost seeing as the score was 50-9 but we won by default because the other team forgot their mouth guards. Thanks to Robin Sharma for running the team.

#### PC Year 8 Boys

On Monday we played against Balmacewen. The final score was 28-10. Guess which team got 28. Well let's just say we didn't come first. The things we could work on is not looking at the ball when dribbling and taking our time. Overall it was a good game. If we practice at lunch I know we could win more games. By Matt. H.

#### Draw Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July

PC Yr. 8 Boys vs Fairfield Heat @4.05pm Court 5  
Port Bouncers vs Outram Shooters @ 4.05pm Court 4



Our Annual Fun Run is happening on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our children. If the weather is unfavourable, we will postpone the event to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

We need adults to help as marshals so please let Jared or Vicki know if you can assist. Sponsorship forms went home with last week's newsletter. Can they please be returned by the 30<sup>th</sup> August even if no sponsorship money is collected. Thank you. This fund raising event provides playground and sports equipment for everyone.

The approximate timetable will run as follows:

1:45	Year 5 & 6 Championship
1:55	Year 7 & 8 Championship/Non-Championship
2:00	Year 5 & 6 Non-Championship
2:10	Year 3 & 4
2:20	Year 2
2:25	Year 1

The PTA will be having a Sausage Sizzle on the afternoon of the Fun Run. Sausages will be available to purchase at \$2.00 each. All students will get an ice block when they have completed their race.

<b>Principals Awards</b>	
<b>Reflections</b>	
Eulalia Rm 7	Rosa Rm 7
Matilda Rm 7	Macie Rm 7
<b>Handwriting</b>	
Nathan Rm 7	Emma Rm 5
Honor Rm 5	Zakaia Rm 5
Mica Rm 5	Romy Rm 5
<b>Poem</b>	
Rosa Rm 7	
<b>Maths</b>	
Bene Rm 7	Carlos Rm 7
Laksmi Rm 7	Riley Rm 7
<b>Art</b>	
Riley Rm 7	
<b>Words</b>	
Blake Rm 7	

### Room 8's Have a Go Morning

Room 8 travelled to the Edgar Centre and spent the morning having a go at different sports.



### The Museum came to us!

This week the Museum brought some amazing artefacts for us to look at.



<b>Calendar of Events</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Yrs. 5 & 6 North Zone Cross Country
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Yrs. 5 & 6 North Zone Cross Country Postponement Day
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Ukulele Jam (Rm 4)
16 <sup>th</sup> August 20 <sup>th</sup> August (postponement)	Fun Run
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Art Gallery Rm 5 10.15am-12.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Art Gallery Rm 7 12.15-2.15pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Art Gallery Rm 8 10.15-12.15pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Art Gallery Rm 4 12.15-2.15pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Art Gallery Rm 2 10.00-12.00pm
29 August	O'Mathalon
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Otago Cross Country
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Sth Island Chess Championship
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Extra Current Events Quiz Yrs. 5-6 @4.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Extra Current Events Quiz Yrs. 7 & 8 @ 6.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Otago Cross Country Postponement Day
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Polyfest
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Kiwi Golf
19 <sup>th</sup> September (Thursday night)	Disco @ 6.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 4

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