



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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Tragedy in Christchurch

As the news unfolded from Christchurch on Friday there seemed to be an unreal sense of what is happening in our world. As families and friends grasp the enormity of their situation, many people in our community are asking what they can do to help. I have been talking to Muslim workers in our school and community and they thank the members of our school learning community who have already been helping community members who have been affected.

Some thoughts and suggestions of ways you can help are:

- Donate food and grocery items (bring it to school and we will make sure it gets to the Al Huda Mosque). Including:
Rice, Flour, Sugar, Canola Oil, Salt, Pasta, Canned vegetables (diced tomato, pasta paste, chickpeas), Jam, Tea, Coffee, Toilet paper, Dish washing liquid, Tissues, Hand soap, Toothpaste, Dates, Wet wipes, Pens and Pencils, Lentils/ soap grains, Laundry powder, Powdered milk, Crackers and biscuits, Olive Oil
- Any monetary donations, food vouchers and petrol vouchers are also welcome and can be dropped off at school.

If you or anyone in your family need to talk about the events from Friday please text or ring the Healthline support number on 1737. Ask people if they are okay. Caring for each other is always important, and this week more so than ever.

There is significant content on Social Media about this event. The Ministry of Education have asked us to remind parents about monitoring what their children are exposed to. If you are concerned, please contact Netsafe.

There is a Vigil for the lives taken in Christchurch at Forsyth Barr Stadium, tonight (Thursday) at 7:00 pm.

Newsletter

We have talked and listened to families over the last couple of weeks and there does seem to be a missing link in the distribution of our newsletter. We are putting the newsletter onto School Stream, Facebook, emailed out and on our school website.

We have decided to send a printed copy of the newsletter home each week. If you do not want a printed copy then please let the Office know. It's opt out rather than opt in. We don't want to cut off any form of communication for families. Thank you to the families who talked to us.

Otago Anniversary Day

Monday 25 March is Otago Anniversary Day and school will be closed for the day.

PTA Fundraiser

The PTA have organised a special fundraiser with the Cottage Bakehouse. We have sent home a price list and an order form to every family today. Please check your child's school bag for these. All orders need to be back at school by the 26th of March. Delivery of the goods will be on 4th April. The list of foods include:

Family and individual pies	Sausage Rolls
Lamingtons	Hot Cross Buns
Pizzas	Sausage Rolls
Biscuits	Cheese Rolls

Great food to fill the freezer in time for the school holidays (I'm sure you've got room now after the peas have all gone!). More copies of the order form are available from the Office.

Dunedin Public Library Book Sale

BOOK SALE



You will have a chance to dig for literary gold at the City Library annual book sale, starting 22nd March and running throughout the weekend, closing on 24th March. A whole basement full of quality books, priced at just a few dollars. Fiction, non-fiction, children's books, Young Adult, contemporary fiction, murder-mysteries, romance and science fiction – something from all the collections in the Library, gathered over the course of the last year as we weed out duplicates and items that are not in such high demand to make way for new publications.

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School Stream App Reminder

Just a quick reminder to sign up for the School Stream App. This is the quickest way for us to get information to you. You can use School Stream to notify us of absences. Permissions for class trips etc. can be digitally signed. This App is free. We are hoping that we will have 100% up take of this.

<https://www.schoolstream.com.au/download/?profile=Port+Chalmers+School&profile-url=https%3A%2F%2Fportchalmers.myschoolstream.net>

Subway Lunches

There have been some inconsistencies with the Subway lunches on a Friday. I have communicated with Luncheonline and they have assured me that there will be no more mistakes. I'm hoping that this is the case. You should have received a refund if your order was incorrect last week. If not please let me know.

Late Arrivals at School

We appreciate that sometimes getting to school by 9:00 am can be tricky. However there has been an increase in the number of children who are arriving at school after the 9:00 bell has gone. This can set children up for a difficult start to the day as they arrive not sure of what their class mates are doing and they haven't had time to settle into routines for school. Please try and get your child to school by 8:50 am so they have time to get organised for learning and play with their class mates before the days learning begins.

Head Lice

Please be vigilant in your weekly check of your child's hair. One egg left starts the breeding cycle all over again!
We are asking if children with long hair could have it tied up or in a bun.
Using a bandana can also help reduce the incidence of head lice spreading.

Free head lice treatment
A message from the Public Health Nurse
Head Lice Treatments can be obtained by prescription from your doctor for little to no cost.

Room 7 Swimming



School Gates

For the safety of all our learners we ask that you please close the school gates behind you. Although they are meant to be self-closing, sometimes this doesn't happen. We also ask that you don't wedge the gate open with rocks. We want to keep everyone safe and ask for your help in this.

Principal Awards Week 8

Maths Patterns

Finn Rm 7 Jackson Rm 7
Carlos Rm 7 Emerson Rm 7

Poetry

Aurora Rm 5 Mica Rm 5
Ness Rm 5

Handwriting

Aden Rm 7

Writing

Jade Rm 2

Spelling

Rex Rm 7

Reflections

Bene Rm 7 Laksmi Rm 7

Boating

2nd April	12:00 – 2:45pm
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Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. 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. Thursday 28 March will be the last swimming day this term.

Room 4	10:30 – 11:00
Room 8	11:00 – 11:30
Room 2	11:30 – 12:00
Room 5	1:45 – 2:15
Room 7	2:15 – 2:45

Assembly Timetable Fridays 2:15pm

Friday 22nd March	Room 8
Friday 29th March	Room 4
Friday 5th April	Room 2

Calendar of Events

12th April	Last Day of Term 1
29th April	First Day of Term 2