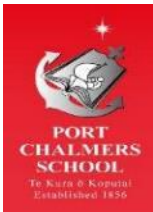


**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o  
Koputai – greetings to all families of  
Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**



## TUMUAKI NEWS

### COVID -19 Alert Level 2

Congratulations to all our whanau who have not only managed to survive a 7-week lockdown, but home schooled, worked from home, worked as an essential worker and kept everything together for their whānau. We are impressed and thank you for everything you have accomplished over the last 7 weeks.

We are excited to be moving to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 and re-opening our school for all students on Monday 18th May.

It is reassuring to hear what our country has managed in terms of minimising the impacts of COVID-19. Alert Levels 4 and 3 have not been easy and we have truly appreciated your ongoing support.

The Government has advised that in Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for students and staff and that additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

We will be ready to welcome all students and staff back to our school site on the 18th of May. The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person if someone in a school is infected. Good hygiene practices and regular cleaning will be an important part of our Level 2 practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on our school site. This includes staff and students coughing into their elbows, handwashing and drying or sanitising and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Under Alert Level 2, any students or staff must stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

To keep contact tracing manageable, we will be restricting adults onto the school site. Parents will not be able to come onto the school grounds at the start or end of the day. Drop off and pick up will happen in Albertson Ave at the middle gate. I will be there to greet children and help them go to their classrooms, where their teachers will be waiting. This gate will be the only entry point for the school. Please avoid congestion at the middle gate on Albertson Ave and do maintain a "social distance" from each other. It really would help if you would arrange to meet your child/children some distance away from the gate.

If you need to pick up your child during the day, you can ring the school office and someone will bring your child to Albertson Ave middle gate.

Drinking fountains will not be available. Students will need to bring a named drink bottle to use during the day. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms and children will wash their hands before they eat.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit

the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>  
If you have any questions about our health and safety

plan or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me – [vicki@portchalmers.school.nz](mailto:vicki@portchalmers.school.nz) or phone (03) 472 8685

The Ministry of Education have sent us this link - this video is too good not to share – [‘Moist Breath Zone: NZ guidelines for children going back to school after Covid-19 quarantine’](#) by Lake Brunner School Principal, Shirley Serban. Shirley wrote it to help children understand the expectations on them when they are back in school in Level 2.

A second attachment will be included with today's newsletter with tips about getting ready for school.

### Lunches

Sushi Johnny lunches will be available on Wednesday 20th of May. We are very keen for our community to support local.

Subway lunches will be available starting Friday 29 May (they are not available our first week back). You can order a Subway lunch using the Lunchonline website.

### TERM DATES 2020

These were circulated earlier in the year and remain the same for the rest of 2020.

Term 2 Wednesday 15 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3 Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4 Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December

### CIRCUS QUIRKUS

This live performance for NZ 2020, had to be cancelled due to the unique situation we are all experiencing. They have now gone online instead. Here are the links for

Episode 1 <https://vimeo.com/415323817>

Episode 2 <https://vimeo.com/417813087>

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This has all been made possible by the Rotary Club of Dunedin, our local Business Community and Individuals.

### School Bubble Happenings



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