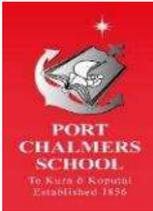


Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.



TUMUAKI NEWS



We have found (as have most schools in New Zealand) that over the past three weeks, our learners have developed great self-management skills and independence through our drop off and pick up procedures at the school gate. Surprisingly, reduced anxiety has been evident with parents not dropping learners directly at the classroom. Teachers are valuing the 1-1 connection time with their learners from 8:30 am. As we move towards level 1, we would like to continue these practices in some way.

The benefits that we have observed are:

- Student independence is high
- Student organisation and self-management have improved
- There is virtually no separation anxiety
- Relationships with teacher and student have strengthened
- Less noise/ no noise inside or outside the classroom during learning time (particularly at the end of the day where from 2:30 pm on it is very distracting)

Allowing children to carry their bags and sort their belongs before school and then pack their bags at the end of the day has many advantages for them to become more independent. We encourage your family to see if this would work for you. We do ask that if you are coming into the classroom, that you leave before learning time starts at 9:00 am and that you don't go into the classroom before 3:00 pm at the end of the day, so that learning for all children can be maximised.

Life Education

Next week we welcome Maria and Harold from the Life Education Trust for their bi-annual visit. All classes will go into the mobile classroom and share learning about a variety of health-related issues. This visit will focus on food and nutrition. Watch for home learning around this and talk to your child about what they have been learning in the Life Education mobile classroom.

Te Reo

**He aroha whakato,
He aroha puta mai**

**If kindness is sown,
Then kindness you shall receive**

Kapa Haka

This is the website with the haka and waiata that we are learning. The website is

<https://www.manawaenterprises.com/>

You need to go to the kura (Port Chalmers) log in and use the password koputai. Please let your children have a look at this site and practice their words and moves. Mihi koe

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lost, un-returned last year alone.

Lost and unreturned Library Books will be added to family accounts as we cannot sustain these losses. Please encourage your children to be responsible with their loans and to return or renew their books. \$2275.00 worth of books were

Health Snippet

HANDWASHING

Washing hands kills germs but how much difference does it make to a child's health? Children who wash their hands regularly have fewer sick days with colds and influenza (flu), and less time off with 'tummy bugs'. The reason hand washing is so effective is because it removes and flushes away germs and bacteria.



- If your child is a reluctant hand washer, liquid soap (from a pump) may be more fun. Use this soap and warm running water.
- It takes 20 seconds to wash your hands properly that's the same time it takes to sing, 'Happy birthday to me' twice, and then rinse hands well.
- Drying is very important too; as wet hands attract bugs like a magnet, paper towels are best to dry hands if available at school, while hand towels that are frequently washed are best at home.
- One way to reduce the spread of viruses is to teach children to cough and sneeze into their elbows rather than their hands. This reduces the risk of viruses being transferred to surfaces such as door handles and school desks. This is a good practice for all of us to get into.

Welcome to Arlo and Charlii in Room 5. We are sure you will enjoy your time at Port Chalmers School.

Lunches

On Wednesdays you can order Sushi from Sushi Johnny and on Fridays Subway can be ordered through Lunchonline.co.nz.

Could we please ask that instant noodles not be brought to school. It is a safety issue when using boiling water.

Thank you

Kia ora from Port Chalmers Library

We are not able to run our usual Kids' Club or Storytime sessions at the moment but we would love to see you back at the library!

Our Level 2 opening hours are 10 - 4pm Monday - Friday.

Look out for more Kids' Club news soon and our Kids Club Take Home pack

From the Port Chalmers Library Team

Lockdown Stories from Room 7

I became an author in lockdown.

My latest story is called Mermaid Magic.

In one of them you have to find something (I wonder what it could be?)

Anyway, I really enjoyed it because it is really fun.

But to do the job you have to have a good imagination.

The Lonely Book. Wild Monkey was a book. He was lonely. He watched other books go. One day a little girl came by. She picked him up.

By Mica

I went with my dad to water combat.

We were fighting and I picked a person.

It was Johnny Cage.

We had to fight the bad guys.

By Blake

I went on a bike ride to the shop.

We went shopping.

We brought biscuits.

We had a biscuit for my brother and my dad and my mum.

I had biscuits and it was fun.

By Basma

I went to a restaurant. It is called Emerson's.

It was fun. It was for my grandma's birthday.

I had macaroni and cheese and my drink was sparkly orange.

It was yummy.

There were 2 cousins because my other cousins are in different countries.

After I went to my grandma's house to eat cake and open presents.

By Honor

Me and Mummy went to McDonalds drive through with Nanna.

We went with my little sister too.

We went yesterday.

I got a milkshake too.

It was strawberry and my little sister had a fizz.

By Emma

I got my first Lego ningago set.

These are some of the people that I got in my set – Kai and Richie. I will tell you what they turn into, a jet and a meka robot too. The meka robot is hard to make. The jet was easiest to make. I've got two set of instructions.

By Emerson

I caught an octopus at Mussel Bay. I also found sea anemone and I saw crabs.

I also found two huge fish.

I also found a volcanic rock and I climbed on the rocks.

I found some little fish.

It wasn't easy to climb the huge hill but I did it.

Mum took a photo.

I went to Mussel Bay with Skyliya and Carmen.

It was so, so, so much fun at Mussel Bay.

By Ness

I saw a fantail.

It followed us. It was cool and awesome.

If followed us for a while then fluttered away.

It landed near us.

It didn't peck me.

We went down a bushy track at Logan Park.

By Riley

I went to my Nana's house and my big brother and my auntie came too.

We had lots of candy.

I played the PS3. I played Fifa 15 with Riley and my auntie.

By Aden



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

Principal's Award

Reflections

Laksmi Rm 7

Matilda Rm 7



Please remember, if your child has sniffles or is generally feeling unwell, please do not send them to school.



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