

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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Kindness

We thank all the families and whanau who have passed on good wishes and positive comments at what has been a very different time for us as teachers and a school. We have worked really tirelessly to ensure that learning has been engaging at home and on our return to school. We appreciate the interest you are taking in what is happening in our classrooms and the wider school. With kindness, respect and caring our world is a really great place. We are reminding all our learners of this as we head into the last two weeks of term 2.

Building Learning Power

I have been reminded in the last couple of weeks how important it is to build learning power in our children (and ourselves). One of the most important features is building resilience; being ready, willing and able to lock onto learning. The first capacity in this area is absorption. This is the ability of being able to lose yourself in learning. When you use this learning muscle you become engrossed in what you are doing and you may not be aware of the passing of time. You find being absorbed satisfying and rewarding and you like the feeling of being stretched in your learning.

Language that will encourage absorption

- You look as though you're really enjoying puzzle.
- What do you really like doing? What makes you get absorbed in it?
- What did it feel like the last time you really got into something?
- What do you think might have made you feel like that?

This language treats learning as a reward in itself.

Self-Review Policies

A copy of our Self Review Policies are available for viewing either at the school office or on our website. The final day for review is the last day of this term.

Goal Review and Setting Conferences

We look forward to sharing our observations of the learning done from a distance and at school next term. Please mark these dates in your diary:
Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th and 12th of August.

I hope you are getting a chance to enjoy the beautiful sunrises that we have had over the last wee while. It makes driving to work a real pleasure.

Ka kite ano

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

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's NZ-COVID Tracer app page has information to help you do that.



Download the **NZ COVID Tracer** app
<https://tracing.covid19.govt.nz/>

Stay "in the loop" in 2020 with our school app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

Library Losses

There is a large number of books lost or not returned to our Library. I am always told "my child says he returned it" or "my child didn't get that book out". Please, let your child be responsible for their books and accountable if they have genuinely lost them. The replacement cost for all lost/unreturned or damaged books (beyond repair) will be added to family accounts. Please have a good look around for them, as this is an avoidable expense. Thank you.

Health Snippet

PREVENTING ILLNESS IN SCHOOLS

Children at school are:

- In close contact with many children and adults
- Exposed to new organisms or germs that the children have not built an immunity against

Well children get an average of 4-6 colds a year in the first few years of life. As they get older they develop immunity against some viruses. We also know that the virus that causes the common cold constantly changes or mutates, which means that when children come into contact with these viruses they will not necessarily have immunity against them. Therefore, we can't remove the risk of catching infections for children, but we can reduce the spread of infections by keeping unwell children and staff at home.



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

Te Reo - Numbers

1 tahi	2 rua	3 toru	4 whā	5 rima
6 ono	7 whitu	8 waru	9 iwa	10 tekau

Scholastic's Book Orders

Tomorrow is the last day for book orders. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Scholastics. Thank you.

Absences

Please ring the school on 472-8685 or txt 027 697 3596 before 9:15am or email office@portchalmers.school.nz if your child is going to be absent (or late) from school. This means less time is taken up by office staff, trying to contact you if your child is missing from school.

"Won't be in today" is not a valid excuse to be absent and the Ministry codes this as truant and can follow this up. Thank you.

Please do not use the School Cell phone to ring the school. We use it just for texting. 😊

WELCOME to Nova in Room 5 and her family. We are sure you will enjoy your time here with us.

Affordable Food Info

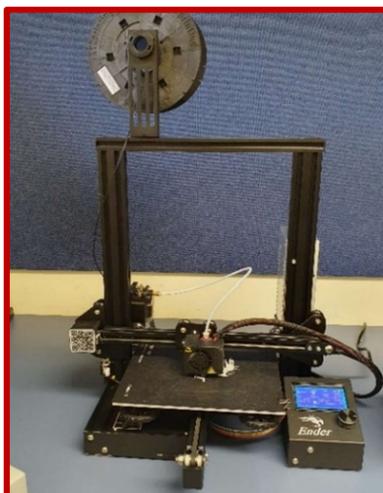
We are a group of students at Otago Polytechnic studying the NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (level 4). We are doing a community project on food shortages within Dunedin and have researched a list of affordable food resources we would like to share with the community.

We have compiled all of these resources onto a Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/affordablefoodinfodunedin/>

Our Latest Piece of Technology

This is our new 3D Printer. It was fascinating watching it in action.



The Steam Boat being created

Finally the printer finished and we had a perfect Steam Boat.



Here's how people can get involved

1. Visit the NZ Garden Bird Survey website to get started.
2. Select a garden, or a local park or school grounds.
3. Choose any ONE day between June 27 and July 5, 2020.
4. Look and listen for birds on that day for ONE hour.
5. For each species, record the HIGHEST number seen or heard at one time.
6. Submit the results online at the NZ Garden Bird Survey website (a link to the survey form will go live on the home page, June 27th).



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