



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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Matariki

Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster (the Pleiades or Seven Sisters).

Matariki is a star cluster which appears in the night sky during mid-winter. According to the Maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar), the reappearance of Matariki, brings the old lunar year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year. Hence, Matariki is associated with the Māori New Year.

Ka puta Matariki ka rere Whānui.

Ko te tohu tēnā o te tau e!

Matariki reappears, Vega starts its flight.

The new year begins!

For the past three years we have come together as a school to celebrate matariki with a breakfast. With the uncertainty of Covid alert levels we haven't been able to plan to gather in this way this year.

All classes will have a focus on matariki before the end of the term. The Junior syndicate are planning a shared soup lunch as part of their celebrations and learning. In 2020, Matariki will begin on 13 July. Which is during the school holidays. Maybe as a family you could celebrate with a breakfast together, reflecting on the year that has been and looking forward to the things that the new year will bring.

Keeping Safe in Cyberspace

Our students are growing up in a digital age and are very confident when using technology – probably much more so than we are. Many of our older children have Facebook and Instagram accounts and use social networking sites to communicate.

As the internet is such an important part of our kids' world it is important to keep asking ourselves questions about their safety when they are online. We all like to think that we are aware of the risks associated with technology and that our kids would not get caught up in anything inappropriate, but the reality is that we need to constantly be speaking to our kids about ways of keeping themselves safe in cyberspace so they do actually take care and keep safe.

Netsafe is a site that is worth visiting.

www.netsafe.org.nz

Assemblies in Term 3

We are excited that we can share our learning with you again in school assemblies. Here are a couple of dates to lock into your diary now.

Friday 24 July @2:15 pm our Senior Syndicate will share their learning from terms 1 and 2.

Friday 31 July @ 2:15 pm our Junior Syndicate will share their learning from terms 1 and 2.

Class assemblies will follow. We will confirm dates for these next week.

Ka kite ano

Self-Review Policies

Copies of our Self Review Policies are available for viewing either at the school office or on our website. If you have any comments or feedback on these policies please see Vicki. The final day for review is the last day of this term.

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/>

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Health Snippet

BEDTIMES

Children need a good night's sleep so that they have enough energy for the next day's activities. Sleep is not only necessary for bodies it is important for our brains.

- Children cannot fight colds and viruses when they are tired.
- Research has shown links between lack of sleep and learning and behaviour problems in school age children.
- Rather than appearing tired, children who do not get enough sleep at night may display the opposite signs, bouncing around, being unable to concentrate, losing interest quickly and even becoming uncooperative, irritable and angry.
- Children of primary school age may require 11- or 12-hours sleep. Suggested bedtimes for 5 to 11-year olds are 7pm to 8.30pm. Generally 12 years old needs only 10 hours. A good bedtime routine will help.

If parents are having difficulty with the children's bedtime routines they can discuss these with the local Public Health nurse.

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/>

Te Reo

Ehara Exclamation: Sure enough, without a doubt
Haere Go, come
Aihikirīmi Ice-cream
Ako To learn, to teach
Ākonga Student, Learner
Aorangi Planet

Hotel Rantanairo

Brandon Holt opened his eyes and really carefully opened the balcony door in his room. IT was 5.00am and he was trying to sneak out without his Mum knowing. Brandon's friend Jacob Leslie had invited him to go and catch-up. Jacob was a strange guy. He skipped every period in school and dropped out to play Basketball for the Toronto Raptors. Surprisingly that went really good for him.

Brandon looked down from the balcony and gulped. He was in shock! He knew he was not going to make the catch-up with his friends. There were birds everywhere. The hotel was fully floating. IT was though Dynamo the Magician did it. It was like the video games he played. Not only could he see birds everywhere he could also see Jacob standing outside the floating hotel more shocked than Brandon. Jacob said in a calm voice "It looks like you are in a bit of a pickle". Brandon laughed and jumped on the Margo kids' trampoline. The Margo kids immigrated from Italy last year and they had the biggest tramp in America.

To be continued.... **Written by Connor Rm 4**

Room 7 Calendar Art Based on the art works by Wassily Kandinsky Concentric Circles



By Kodee



By Liam



By Millie



By Zakaia

Shadows

The house was floating hundreds of feet in the sky. There were dark spirits circling around the floating house. The dark spirits gave Harry the heebie jeebies. Then the house started to wobble, down and down. On the way down one of the dark spirits sucked the life out of a bird as it plummeted helplessly down and through a cloud. The house eventually made it to the ground. When it hit the ground he searched the house and found that no one was there. As he was about to give up Harry heard a bark. He ran to the hall and opened the closet and there was his 3-year-old pet Border Collie 'Fang'. Harry hugged Fang in relief. He opened the front door Fang barked as a spirit came towards them. He slammed the door. A black ooze dripped from the key hole. He grabbed a baseball bat with one and Fang in the other and jumped out the window.

To be continued ... **Written by Robbie Rm 4**

Principal's Award

Spelling

Ness Rm 7	Mica Rm 7
Honor Rm 7	Aden Rm 7
Emerson Rm 7	Blake Rm 7