

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

**Staffing 2020**

Vicki Nicolson	Principal
Jared Roddick	Deputy Principal
Peta Hill	Assistant Principal

**Class Teachers**

Ian Landreth/Lee Davis	Rm 5	Yr 1
Peta Hill	Rm 7	Yr 2/3
Marnie Waaka	Rm 8	Yr 3/4
Brooke Flannery	Rm 4	Yr 5/6/7
Jared Roddick	Rm 2	Yr 7/8
Peta Hill		Special Needs

**Support Staff**

Katy Gray	Administration
Roger McLaughlin	Caretaker
Charlotte MacShane/Michelle Meaclem	Teacher Aides
Robert Scott /Andrea Clark	Teacher Aides

The staff are delighted to welcome you back to school for 2020. We look forward to another exciting year of learning for all members of our community.

We particularly welcome our new staff and pupils and their families to Port Chalmers School. I know that you will all make these families feel welcome in our learning community.

It is great to be back at school. This year we will continue with our focus on our values - the 4 C's - courtesy, co-operation, caring and common sense. Our 4 C's really encompass the qualities that we want to see in all the interactions we have with each other and our environment. We also have three Maori values - Whanaungatanga (belonging), Ako (to learn) and Manaakitanga (show respect), which we will also reflect in our place over the year.

We believe in an open door policy at school. Please come and talk to us. We know that when families, schools and learners are closely linked, magic happens. I love today. It is so exciting to see all 'our' learners back at school, happy and excited to be involved in such a great learning community. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

We have three initiatives this year, two that are a continuation from last year and one that is new.

- Kelly Sports Initiative** – every Tuesday (starting tomorrow) Sophie from Kelly Sports will be working with classes and teachers to deliver PE. Every class will have at least 30 minutes looking at skills and games. Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear on a Tuesday (sports shoes).
- Skool Loop** – this is an app for your phone which will keep you in touch with all the happenings at school. Please see the attached flyer for detailed instructions to get the Skool Loop app. This is a new app, last year we used a different one. Please download the Skool Loop app.
- Kapa Haka** – our year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will continue with kapa haka on Wednesday afternoons. Our Year 3 & 4 students will also have kapa haka as a junior group at 2:30pm on a Wednesday afternoon. Ka kite ano.

**Welcome**

Welcome to Lilly and Mahe Rm 2; Logan and Myla Rm 4; Vanora Rm 8; Edmond and Ivy Rm 5. We are sure you will enjoy your time here at Port Chalmers School. 😊😊

**Absences**

Children are checked for attendance at the start of each day. If your child is absent please ring the school to let us know. If we haven't heard from you explaining the absence, we will ring you to confirm that your child is safe. This is to ensure the safety of all our students. You can also text your absences on 027 697 3596 before 9:15 am. The Ministry of Education requires a reason for your child's absence; please include this in messages left on the answerphone or cell phone. Some days the checking for safety of where children are takes a huge amount of time. Please be respectful of our need to know your children are safe and call or text to let us know.

**Term Dates for 2020**

Term 1 – Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April  
Term 2 – Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July  
Term 3 – Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September  
Term 4 – Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December

**Public Holidays that occur in the first term**

**Waitangi Day** Thursday 6th February  
**Otago Anniversary Day** Monday 23rd March  
**Good Friday (Easter)** Friday 10th April

**School Times**

Children are expected to be in their rooms by 9:00am ready for learning for the day.

8:30 am	Supervision begins
9:00 am	Classes begin
10:40-11:00 am	Morning Tea
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	School finishes



**School Bus**

The school bus is available for families who live within the eligibility area dictated by the Ministry of Education. Children who do not live in this area are not able to travel on the school bus to Aramoana. Mr Roddick is the teacher in charge of the bus and checks afternoon attendance on the bus. Please advise him if your children are not going home on the bus on a particular day.



**Facebook**

We do have a Facebook page where we will be posting information and news. Please like and follow us on [www.facebook.com/portchalmers.school](http://www.facebook.com/portchalmers.school)

**Donations**

The Board of Trustees has opted into the government donation scheme, and therefore there is no donation for pupils this year. You will not be asked for a donation this year. However, our Year 7 & 8 students are required to pay a take home component of the technology programme delivered at DNI of \$90. Our bank account number is 06 0901 02167 4900.

**Family BBQ Evening**

**12th February 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Bring your tea which you can cook on the school BBQ. Meet your child's teacher and other whanau and have some fun with Kelly Sports coaches.



Lunch online with Subway will restart on Friday 14th February. If you haven't used this online lunch ordering system, please register at <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

**Sushi Johnny Starting Wednesday, 12th February**



Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and correct change. We will order the lunches which will then be picked up and given out at 12:30pm. Please ensure you choose Chicken or Vegetarian

**Price List**

Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian Rice Balls	\$3.50
Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian 5 piece sushi	\$5.00

Can you please tell your child they must eat their Sushi at lunchtime and not leave in their lunchbox for later. Sushi is great when it's fresh but may cause food poisoning if consumed after being left in a lunch box for hours.

**It would be appreciated if the correct money is sent to school.**

**Library**

We have some overdue books from 2019. Please return any books found over the holiday clean up. The cost of any lost books will be added to family accounts

**Wheels Day**

On Wednesdays and Fridays children can bring their skateboards and scooters to play on the courts at lunchtime. It is essential that every child who brings these to school, wears a helmet.

**Stationery**

Stationery lists were issued at the end of last year. The office has spare copies if you have lost yours, or you can download it from our website. Please try to have the stationery by Monday 10th February.

**Compliments or Concerns**

If you have compliments or concerns to share please contact us. We want to listen and share all the things that are happening in our school.

**Cell phones – Electronics – Toys**

If cell phones and iPods etc. must come to school, then they need to be turned off and handed in to the office. Thank you.  
**We do encourage children to leave toys and valuables at home. They become a distraction to learning. We will not be responsible should anything happen to them.**

**Swimming**

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. Swimming lessons for all classes will start on Friday 21st February  
Monday 24th February  
Tuesday 25th February  
Thursday 27th February  
Friday 28th February  
Monday 2nd March  
Port Otago is sponsoring swimming lessons for the whole school.

**Technology (Years 7 & 8 Students)**

The children will travel to Dunedin North Intermediate School each Wednesday starting 12th February, leaving school at 8:40am. Please note that the students will need to be at school by 8:40am on Wednesday mornings to catch the bus into DNI. Children will receive instruction in food technology and hard and soft materials technology and digital technology. DNI have a separate charge for pupils who attend technology, which covers the cost of materials. This has been set at \$90.00 for 2020. This will need to be paid by the end of term 1 as it covers the take home component of the things the students make at technology.



**Calendar of Events**

<b>6th February</b>	Waitangi Day (School closed)
<b>12th February</b>	Yr 7 & 8 Technology starts at DNI
<b>12th February 5:30 – 7:00</b>	Family BBQ and Sports evening
<b>17th February</b>	Yr 7 & 8 Abseiling Introduction
<b>21st February</b>	Swimming for whole school
<b>24th February</b>	Swimming for whole school
<b>25th February</b>	Swimming for whole school
<b>27th February</b>	Swimming for whole school
<b>28th February</b>	Swimming for whole school
<b>2nd March</b>	Swimming for whole school
<b>25th and 26th February</b>	Gaol Setting Conferences
<b>6th March</b>	Teacher Only Day (School closed)
<b>9th -13th March</b>	Yr 7 & 8 Camp Yr 1 – 6 Outdoor Education Week
<b>19th March</b>	Room 4 & 2 swimming
<b>23rd March</b>	Otago Anniversary Day (School closed)
<b>9th April</b>	Last day of term

Ka kite ano

Vicki Nicolson

Principal

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