



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

TUMUAKI NEWS



Term 2 2020

As I write the last newsletter for the term, I want to thank the many people who have made term 2 2020 manageable. It has been a most extraordinary time. We had several weeks of distance learning. We then had three weeks of 'bubble' learning, where some children were at school and others were continuing their learning from home. Finally, we were all able to be back kano ki te kano (face to face). It has certainly been an interesting year so far. Thank you for your assistance in helping us navigate these challenging times. I know that we're all ready for some rest and relaxation. School starts back on Monday the 20 July. There are many things happening over the school holidays, take some time to pause and enjoy what we have available locally. Dunedin a pretty good plan D.

Year 8 & Secondary School's for 2021

Our Year 8 students will be given lots of information about their options for secondary school next year tomorrow, the last day of term 2. This information will include details about Open Nights and Open Weekend Mornings that you and your child can attend. I encourage you to attend these with your child. This year the secondary schools are not running promotional open mornings during school time. The Open Nights or Weekend days are your chance to see the secondary schools in action.

I am often asked by parents what they should look for when they attend Open Nights with their children. My answer is to look for things that often you can't touch or feel. Relationships between students and staff are vital at any stage of education, but research states how important this aspect is as children grow into teenagers. Engaging teenagers is a challenge for anyone, but with warm and genuine relationships this important learning time can be enhanced. As parents you can support the transition by being positive about the change that has to happen, answering questions and finding out as much as you can about what each school has to offer. The Open Nights and Weekend Days give you a chance to see and feel what each school have to offer.

Ka kite ano

Vicki Nicolson Principal
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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.

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/>



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/>

Welcome to Arlo and Oliver in Room 5, and their family. We are sure you will enjoy being a part of our learning community

	Te Reo
Haere	Go, Come
Hāereere	To wander, roam
Haerenga	Journey
Hararei	Holiday
Hari	To feel happy

The latest issue of Tots to Teens is now available.
<https://issue2006si.totstoteens.co.nz/>



New Zealand International Science Festival

The Science Festival is on in Dunedin this school holidays, and we have over 70 events aimed mostly at primary aged children. Most notably, we have [The Big Science Show: Explosive Science with Amadeo](#) for two afternoons at the Teachers College Auditorium on the opening weekend of the festival. We also have a huge range of hands-on kids' workshops, hosted at the Meridian Mall and Dunedin Public Library – all are either free or under \$5. The full programme can be found here. <http://scifest.org.nz/>

Miniball Team Fees

Just a reminder that there is a 'no pay no play' policy in place. Miniball fees must be paid before the first game begins. Thank you.



Please be vigilant in your weekly check of your child's hair. One egg left starts the breeding cycle all over again. We are asking if children with long hair could have it tied up or in a bun. Using a bandana can also help reduce the incidence of head lice spreading.

Head Lice Treatments can be obtained by prescription from your doctor for little to no cost.

Holiday Programmes

As we get a number of advertisements for Holiday Programmes, we now post these on our website http://www.portchalmers.school.nz/community_noticeboard.html



A very big thank you to our helpers. We really appreciate all you do for our tamariki.

Dental Therapists Onsite

Our Dental Therapists are now working onsite. All appointments are made directly with families. The Dental Therapists no longer liaise with the school, so please let your child's class teacher know if an appointment is made during school time and you are not collecting them, so we know where children are.

For any enquiries please call them on 027 284 9957

Dunedin Curtain Bank

Curtain Making Service

Curtain making, lining/detachable lining, alterations and repairs:

COSTS: \$90 hr + GST: Good lining \$15 a metre and tape \$2.70

The Charity: The Dunedin Curtain Bank receives good quality unused or unwanted curtains which are distributed to those most in need; Community Service Card holders and Gold Card holders with CSC status. We line the curtains of the main heat source room, the bedrooms of children and all the curtains in the house for people with severe health issues.

Calendar Art from Room 2



By Sam



By Rosa



By Mahe

