

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

## TUMUAKI NEWS

### Skool Loop App

We know that many of you are using our Skool Loop app to get your newsletters and notices. We have now added two new groups to the app. One is for the Year 7 & 8 Basketball Team and the other is for the Year 5 & 6 Basketball Team. To add these groups to your notifications you need to go into the setting feature on the Skool Loop app and subscribe to groups. You can subscribe to your children's classes and now their basketball team. We will send out the draw each week via Skool Loop to keep you in the loop!

### Parent Learning Conferences

We hope you have booked in for the learning conferences which are happening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of August. You can book in either using the Skool Loop app or by sending the blue form (which was sent home with the newsletter last week) to Katy at the Office. We will confirm your times next week.

A reminder that we are starting the learning conferences at 1:30 pm each day. If you are able to pick your children up by 1:30 pm on the Tuesday and/or Wednesday we would appreciate that. Children who cannot be collected will work in the Hall with Vicki.

Learning Conferences are an important learning opportunity, they provide valuable insight into how your child/ren see themselves as learners and what they understand about their role in the learning process and also provide strategies and ideas on how you can further support your child's learning goals.

Before the Learning Conference

- Talk with your child about their learning
- Check with your child to see if there is anything he/she would like you to discuss with the teacher
- Discuss what your child considers as their learning strengths

Questions to consider for the conversation:

- How engaged is your child in their learning?
- How well do they manage themselves and their learning time?
- How resilient is your child - do they persist when learning gets challenging?
- Does your child ask questions if unsure or to further their understanding?
- Where are your child's growth opportunities?
- How can you support your child's efforts at home?

Information it may be useful to share:

- Times when your child has made connections as a result of the information they are learning in class
- Information about your child's learning preferences, interests, passions, etc
- Anything that the teacher could do to support parenting efforts you are working on at home

Heoi anō tāku mō ināianeī – that's all for now




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.


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<https://tracing.covid19.govt.nz/>

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### Health Snippet

#### SLEEP AND BEDTIME

Children need a good night's sleep so that they have enough energy for the next day's activities. Sleep is important for our brains as well as our bodies. Children cannot fight colds and viruses when they are tired.

Children may not be a good judge of how much sleep they need, as they may not recognise they are tired. Children of primary school age may require 11- or 12- hours sleep. Suggested bedtimes for 5 to 11-year olds are 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Generally, 12-year olds need 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.

### Miniball Results

#### Yr 7 & 8 Team

We played against Brockville. They played really well and so did we. The score was 30-10. Sadly we lost but we did try our best. We still need to work on our rebounding and shooting. Overall it was a good game. By Liam



#### Monday's Draw. Vs Green Island at 4.05pm Ct 5

#### The Port Ballers



On Thursday the 23rd of July, we had our first Miniball game against St Clair. This was most of our teams first game.

We lost but definitely played well. This week at practice we will be focusing on our passing and defending.



We will be holding our annual Fun Run on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 1.30 pm. A sponsorship form is included with this newsletter. Money raised will

go towards more sports equipment for our playground. If you have an hour or so to spare on this day, please consider helping us with marshalling on the course. It's quite a straightforward task! Please talk to Peta or Jared if you could help.

## PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of August at 6:00 pm. This will be a chance to meet with other families and share some time together. Refreshments will be served.

## Parent Learning Conferences

We are running these on Tuesday and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of August. This year we will start the learning conferences at 1:30 pm on both days. If you can collect your children by 1:30pm on these days we would appreciate that. There will be an alternative programme of supervision being run in the Hall by Vicki from 1:30 – 3:00pm on both days. This will allow us to finish Conferences each day by 6:00 pm.

If you are not able to use the Skool Loop app please return the blue form to the office and times will be organised for your family. We are looking forward to sharing your child's learning with you and hearing your insights into the learning that you observed over lockdown.

## Te Reo

### Māori words every New Zealander should know

Aotearoa (New Zealand, long white cloud)

Aroha (love)

Awa (river)

Haka (generic term for Māori dance.)

Hangi (traditional feast prepared in earth oven)

## Attendance Matters

**1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem like much. But think of it this way**

That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**If my child is 10 minutes late a day- surely that won't affect my child's learning**

That equals	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling that's
50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half a day per week	4 week's per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 Day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

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

## Girl Guides-Pippins- Brownies

Girl Guiding NZ helps girls become resilient and involved in their community. They will learn new skills in a safe environment while making friends. In Term 3 2020 our fees are half price! We would love for you to join, so register your interest today at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/registration/>



## Hot Wheels

We will be running a Hot Wheels racing car club in Room 6 at lunchtimes, on Tuesday for Juniors and Thursdays for Seniors. We already have some cars and a bit of track, but we would love some more. If you have any cars or track that you could donate to the school collection then could you please bring it along to Room 5? Thanks very much.



## Artist in Residence Programme



We are looking for bits of brightly coloured fabric for our artworks. If you can help please bring it to the school office and we will store it ready for transformation.

## ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE (2:15pm start)

31 <sup>st</sup> July	Junior Syndicate
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Book Week
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Room 2
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Room 8
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Room 5 & 7
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Room 4

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 <sup>rd</sup> August (7:00pm)	BOT Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> August (1:45pm start)	Playhouse Theatre Show
10 <sup>th</sup> August (1:30pm start)	El Gregoe Show
10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Book Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> August (1:30pm start)	Parent Learning Conferences
14 <sup>th</sup> August 1:30 pm	Fun Run
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Book Week
26 <sup>th</sup> August 6:00 pm	PTA AGM
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Omathlon 12.30pm Yr 5 1.30pm Yr 6 4.15pm Yr 7 5.15pm Yr 8
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Art Week
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Art Week Exhibition
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of Term

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