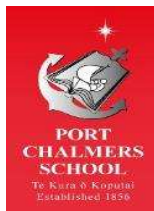


**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**



## TUMUAKI NEWS

It has been a great start to 2020. Thank you for supporting your learners with stationery and the skills they need to be ready for school each day. We have welcomed three new staff into our school this year, and we will introduce them over the coming weeks in the newsletter.

### Angela Donald

Kia ora koutou,

Ko Angela Donald toku ingoa.

My name is Angela Donald and I will be working as a Learning Support Coordinator for the West Harbour schools and will be based at Port Chalmers School. This is a new role created by the Ministry of Education in 2020 to provide additional support to school-aged children and young people, in order to help them achieve their best possible educational outcomes. I have worked for the past seven years as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour in Dunedin and prior to that ten years as a classroom teacher in Pāpāmoa. I am looking forward to helping shape this brand-new position whilst supporting our community, schools, whānau and students.

### Lee Davis

I am from Wales - Bore da! Lee dw i - but I have been in NZ for about 25 years. I did most of my teaching in the Far North before moving to Dunedin with my wife Rachel to be closer to my two grandsons. I have two dogs called Gracie and Neville who like to run on the field next to the school. I love teaching, especially art, poetry and science. I am also a part-time officer with New Zealand Customs at the airport, so remember to read and sign your declaration forms correctly! I look forward to meeting you.

### School Working Bee and Tidy Up

We are going to have a school working bee on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of March from 9:30 am. Please consider coming to help us get the gardens in order and woodchips spread in the playground.

### Skool Loop App

We are using Skool Loop this year as a way of keeping you informed of what is happening at school. You are able to notify us of absences in this app, sign permission slips and book interview times. Several local businesses have supported us to bring this app free to you and to the school. Please support them: Four Square Port Chalmers, South Coast Scaffolding, NPD Port Chalmers Motors, Pea Sea Art, Ross Wellgreen Ray White Real Estate, McNab Plumbing, Infinite Building and Sushi Johnny.

### Breakfast Club

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for Breakfast Club. We are almost fully covered; however, we are looking for one volunteer to help with Breakfast Club on a Thursday morning. Please let the office know if you can help.

## Family BBQ and Picnic

It was wonderful to meet so many whānau last night at our family BBQ and picnic. Our community really supports learners so it was wonderful to meet parents, grandparents (some who had travelled a very long way!) and other members of the community. Kelly Sports came and played games, mostly with the kids although some brave adults played along too. A Tug of War activity did bring adults into the games, however the kids were able to win that activity. Thank you to Kelly and Sophie from Kelly Sports.



This term we have just one team of younger children. There are 5 games starting on Monday. We leave school at 3.15pm, and transport is needed from parents. Please return forms to

Mr Landreth.

### Term dates 2020

Term 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: 28 April to 3 July

Term 3: 20 July to 25 September

Term 4: 12 October to 16 December.

### Advanced Notice of Teacher Only Day 2020

We are giving our school community advanced notice of a teacher only day for Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2020. Our teachers will all be attending a learning experience at Otakau Marae on the evening of Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### School Cellphone

Please just use our school cell phone for texting. If you need to call, our phone number is 472-8685☺



### YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting our school to screen all year seven students for distance vision.

- **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**  
This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

**If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.**

**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.

### Help Keep Hospice Services Free

The Otago Community Hospice Street Appeal is on Friday 6th March + Saturday 7th March. We are looking for more collectors to help us out with this appeal. Would you like to give your child the experience of giving back to the community? We need collectors for Friday afternoon or Saturday. One-hour shifts. Children must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Please contact Rebecca for more information 473 6005

### Koputai Kids



Hi there everyone! Welcome back to school and a new year. Koputai Kids had a fantastic holiday programme which is all down to your continued support and the access we have to amazing local people and resources. This year we continue to offer afterschool care Monday to Friday with our free pick-up service after school in our 10-seater van. At Koputai Kids we offer inside and outside creative activities for children 5 to 13 years of age based on a weekly theme for e.g. hut making, gardening, ICT, baking and games as well as free choice. Our facility is amazing as it is set up specifically for children of all ages with an incredible variety of resources which are easily accessible. Our qualified friendly staff have worked at Koputai for many years so bring their knowledge and strengths to the programme as well.

We have access to four different playgrounds, a sandpit as well as a large concrete area for wheels days. This term we are also offering swimming on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at Port Chalmers pool.

In the holidays we offer mystery trips, a trip to the movies, excursions, walks, wheels days, art and craft, baking, games, gardening, ICT, shows and competitions. We are open during the term 2.45pm to 6pm and in the holidays 7.30 am to 6.00 pm to support working parents. If you would be interested in coming to have a look to see what we have to offer, please contact Wendy Russell/Jared Howlett on 0274727744 or email [koputaikids@gmail.com](mailto:koputaikids@gmail.com).

We are currently selling Whittaker's chocolate bars for fundraising at \$2.00 per bar. There are six delicious flavours to choose from so a great time to stock up for Easter. Please contact us if you would like to purchase these.

We look forward to seeing you all this year.

### Lunchonline

At the beginning of every year your children will usually change classrooms and / or schools - please update your child's details by clicking "members" and changing their classroom name and school (otherwise your lunches will end up in the wrong location). If your child no longer attends a school with Lunchonline then you can make them "inactive" by unticking the box next to their name.

**PORT CHALMERS SWIM CLUB INC.**

# SWIMATHON

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020  
THE PORT CHALMERS POOL  
ALBERTSON AVE, PORT CHALMERS

4.30-5.00PM WIDTHS, 5.00-6.00PM LENGTHS

All welcome to participate  
Registration forms available from:  
Port Chalmers Pool  
or email: [portswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:portswimclub@gmail.com)  
Stay up to date with events and news, follow the Port Chalmers Swim Club Facebook page

All proceeds go to supporting the Port Chalmers Swim Club Inc.



### BOATING

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> February	12-2.45pm
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	12-2.45pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	12-2.45pm
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> March	12-2.45pm

### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Room 8	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Rooms 5 & 7	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Room 2	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Room 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> April

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

17 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 7 & 8 Abseiling Introduction
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Swimming for whole school
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming for whole school
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming for whole school
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming for whole school
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming for whole school
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Swimming for whole school
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Gaol Setting Conferences
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Teacher Only Day (School closed)
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 & 8 Camp Yr 1 – 6 Outdoor Education Week
19 <sup>th</sup> March & 26 March	Room 4 & 2 swimming
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Otago Anniversary Day (School closed)
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Working Bee
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term

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