

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

TUMUAKI NEWS

COVID Alert Level 2

We are now at COVID Alert Level 2. This means that we are reinstating our kiss and drop at the school gate for school drop off and pickups. We are asking adults to not come onto our school site unless absolutely necessary. The exception to this is whānau with children in Room 5. You will be able to come on site; however, you will need to sign in and out at the Office. We are required to keep a register of visitors on our site to facilitate fast contact tracing. We are waiting on more detailed information from the Ministry of Health and Education which we will pass on to you as it arrives.

Reading

Last week the government announced the creation of a new role, that of Reading Ambassador for Children. This person will advocate for and promote the importance of reading with a vision of helping to create a nation of readers. Building and sustaining a reading culture in your family is such an important part of parenting and can make such a difference for children.

Reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive and successful life. A child that is an excellent reader is a confident child, has a high level of self-esteem and is able to easily make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn –

Becoming a Nation of Readers: The Report of the Commission on Reading.

Reading aloud to your child/ren is such a simple thing, but it can have such a profound effect, developing a love of story and learning...when we read-aloud, we are not only modelling powerful, meaningful reading skills and attitudes, but we are also sharing the gift of lifelong learning.

Professor Warwick Elley, a renowned New Zealand educator makes the following appeal to parents: "If I can make a plea to all parents – if you want to make a difference to your child's education spend time with them on their reading every night. Children at all levels of the school need to be reading books and talking about them to their family. Never see the time you spend hearing reading, listening to reading or talking about their reading as time not worth spending: it is the best use of your time, it will repay your child over and over again in terms of their learning."

Students cannot acquire enough language to succeed by only reading at school, practice has to be regular and sustained to reach the vocabulary levels required for secondary school and life beyond. James Maloney an Australian educator, award-winning author and impassioned advocate for building a culture of reading says the key ingredients are:

- A supportive teacher who expects them to be a reader
- Parents who expect their child to read widely and regularly

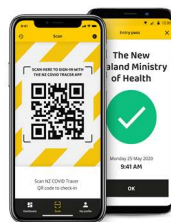
- Regular exposure to suitable reading material
- A household where access to electronic devices is controlled and where books are valued and discussed
- Time to read without distraction
- The example of an adult who reads

In the words of the great philosopher and author Dr Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."

How do you encourage, practise and model reading in your household? How do you support your child/ren to 'go places'?

A great lead in to Book Week, next week.

Ka kite ano



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/>

Fun Run Tomorrow

Our Annual Fun Run is happening tomorrow. Parents will not be able to come into the school grounds to watch at the finish line. You will be able to cheer from around the course keeping 2m part for social distancing. Sponsorship forms came home with a previous newsletter. Can they please be returned by the 21st August even if no sponsorship money is collected. Thank you. This fund-raising event provides playground and sports equipment for everyone.

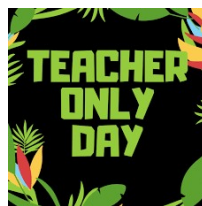
The approximate timetable will run as follows:

1:45	Year 5 & 6 Championship
1:55	Year 7 & 8 Championship/Non-Championship
2:00	Year 5 & 6 Non-Championship
2:10	Year 3 & 4
2:20	Year 2
2:25	Year 1

All students will get an ice block when they have completed their race. However, we won't be doing the sausage sizzle.

We have been advised that there will be no Subway Lunches tomorrow.

Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 27 October



The Board of Trustees have approved a teacher only day on Tuesday 27th October for teachers to moderate and work on end of year assessments. This Tuesday is the day after Labour Day in week 3 of term 4.

Welcome to Lucy in Room 5 and her whānau. We are sure you will enjoy your time here as part of our learning community.

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Miniball Results

Yr 7 & 8 Team

On Monday night we played Brockville. We started slowly but soon found our pace! We lost 35-18, but we played well on attack. We still need to work on our passing and positional play.



The Port Ballers



Last Thursday we had a tough game The other team played really well. We still need to work on sticking with our players and spreading out.

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



FUN RUN

We will be holding our annual Fun Run on Friday 14th August from 1.30 pm. A sponsorship form was included with last week's 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. The PTA will be having a Sausage Sizzle on the afternoon of the Fun Run. Sausages will be available to purchase at \$2.00 each. All students will get an ice block when they have completed their race. We look forward to seeing you at the Fun Run.

Te Reo

Māori words every New Zealander should know

kai (food)
karakia (prayer)
kaumatua (elder)
kauri (large native conifer)
kiwi (native flightless bird)

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is in the Office at school. It's a popup book shop! There will be a selection of books for you to purchase. Please take some time to have a look. This is to coincide with our annual Book Week, which starts in the second week of the Book Fair (Monday 17th August).



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

Some Calendar Art from Room 5



Arlo



Madeleine



Oliver

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE (2:15pm start)

21 st August	Book Week
28 th August	Room 2
4 th September	Room 8
11 th September	Room 5 & 7
18 th September	Room 4
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
14 th August 1:30 pm	Fun Run
17 th – 21 st August	Book Week
26 th August 6:00 pm	PTA AGM
27 th August	Omathlon 12.30pm Yr 5
	1.30pm Yr 6
	4.15pm Yr 7
	5.15pm Yr 8
21 st - 25 th September	Art Week
25 th September	Art Week Exhibition
25 th September	Last day of Term
12 th October	Start of Term 4
27 th October	Teacher Only Day

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