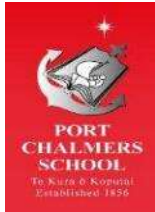


**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**



## TUMUAKI NEWS

### Staffing News 2021

At our last Board of Trustees meeting we received and accepted the resignation of Henrica Schieving. Henrica has been on leave this year and has decided to explore other options in education. Henrica joined our staff in 2004 (with a two-year gap, facilitating at the College of Education University of Otago) and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best for the future.

We have advertised Henrica's position and are delighted to announce and welcome (as a permanent teacher) Brooke Flannery.

### Dogs on school grounds

We are having a persistent problem with dogs soiling on the school grounds. The Board of Trustees would like to remind people that school grounds are not for dogs. It is really unfair for our learners to have to manage dog excreta while they are playing. It is also not a job for our staff. Dogs can't read signs however their owners can. Please don't bring your dogs onto the school grounds.

### Assemblies at COVID Alert Level 2

As we continue at COVID alert level 2 we are not able to welcome whanau to our Friday Assemblies. Room 8 is going to present their Assembly to the school tomorrow. We will record the individual items and email your child's item to you. Room 2's Assembly will be on the 4th of September and will follow the same format. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate COVID Level 2.

### Whanau Hui

We invite all our whānau to come and share kai (soup and pizza will be provided) and korero in our school hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Tamariki are welcome.

### Absences

Thank you to the families who let us know that their child is going to be absent from school. You can do this using the Skool Loop app, emailing the office, texting the school cell phone or ringing the school landline. For the safety of all our learners it is important for us to know where they are. We are also required by the Ministry to note the reason for the absence. Katy is spending up to half an hour a day ringing family to find out where children are. Please help us know that children are safe by letting us know.

Heoi anō tāku mō ināianeī - That's all for now

### Subway Lunches

Subway lunches are available for our learners on a Friday. You will need to set up a lunchonline account. Orders must be made online by 9:00 am on the Friday. There is now a gluten free wrap available.

### Calendar Art

With today's newsletter you will find information about ways you can turn your child's pictures into unique products. You can purchase calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and/or sketch pads. Orders need to be returned to school on the attached order form by Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Prices are as follows

Calendars, Cards and Sketch pads \$12.00

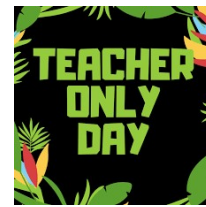
Diaries and Mouse Mats \$16.00

The Calendar Artworks are on display in the Office area. Please make sure you have a look as they are very impressive.

### COVID Alert Level 2

I know how disappointed we all are to be back at COVID Alert Level 2. This does mean we can't have adults at our Assemblies until we get to COVID Alert Level 1. We also need parents to either sign in at the office or use the QR code that we have on display in Room 5 or at the Office. We appreciate your support.

### Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 27 October



The Board of Trustees have approved a teacher only day on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Download Our School App

- Events • Cancellations • Notices
- Absentees • Parent Teacher Interviews
- Instant Messages • Permission Slips • Newsletters

#### Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



### Miniball Results

#### Yr 7 & 8 Team

No game



#### The Port Ballers

Last week we played Big Rock Hoopers. We didn't have a win but we played so well. It is awesome to see the children coming together as a team and really supporting one another.




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

### Library Losses

There is a large number of books lost or not returned to our Library. I am always told "my child says he returned it" or "my child didn't get that book out". Please let your child be responsible for their books and accountable if they have genuinely lost them. The replacement cost for all lost/unreturned or damaged books (beyond repair) will be added to family accounts.

**SWIM CLUB  
OPEN DAY**



**Sunday 13th Sept**  
At the Club Rooms  
Port Chalmers Pool,  
Albertson Avenue

**12noon-2pm Registrations**  
**2pm Club Prizegiving**  
All Welcome  
BBQ from 12.30pm

**PORT CHALMERS SWIM CLUB**

All ages welcome to join  
Reduced club sub this season  
Email [portswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:portswimclub@gmail.com)  
Follow us on our FaceBook page &  
stay up to date with club news and events

Learn to Swim Lessons +  
Development Squad +  
Fitness Squad +  
Competitive Training +

## Book Character Dress Ups



### Te Reo

#### Māori words every New Zealander should know

**Māori** (indigenous inhabitants of New Zealand, the language of the indigenous inhabitants of New Zealand)  
**marae** (the area for formal discourse in front of a meeting house, or applied to a whole marae complex)  
**maunga** (mountain)  
**moa** (extinct large flightless bird)  
**moana** (sea)

## Book Week

We had a visit from Kathryn Van Beek. She is the author of the books all about Bruce, the cat.



### Scholastic Book Order

Someone has ordered an Annual book which has arrived via back order. You can claim this from the office.

### Hello from Port Chalmers Library

Covid Alert Level 2 means we won't be hosting Kids Club in September but you can still visit us to get a good book  
 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday and 11 am -2pm Saturday

**Principals Awards Week 6**

**Story Writing**  
 Edmund Rm 5  
 Aceni Rm 5  
 Manaia Rm 5

**Reflections**  
 Ness Rm 7      Alex Rm 7  
 Liam Rm 7

### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE (2:15pm start)

28 <sup>th</sup> August	Room 8
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Room 2
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Room 5 & 7
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Room 4
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
31 <sup>st</sup> August 5:30–7:00pm	Whānau Hui
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
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 4
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Only Day

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