



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

## TUMUAKI NEWS

### Whānau Hui

Thank you to all the whānau who attended our hui on Monday evening. Running out of pizza was a good problem to have! We loved listening to your korero and how we can make learning successful for all the tamariki in our school.

### PTA

Our small and hard-working PTA is looking for new members. We work behind the scenes to support the learners in this community. Please talk to Vicki or Peta if you would like to join.

Here is Hannah's Presidents report which she presented at the AGM.

Kia ora and welcome to the Port Chalmers School PTA AGM.

What a year 2020 has been.

I would like to thank all our members in office roles for their hard work over this last year and beyond. Also to all the other parents for their help with our fundraising activities.

2019 was a great year of fundraising, we had our Quiz Night, Seafood Festival, Sausage Sizzles, The Disco, Artist in Residence, Raffles and The Tea Towel Fundraiser.

The Quiz Night we raised funds for S.T.E.A.M technology for our learners.

We also supplied black shorts for our Kapa Haka Group who had an amazing performance at the Polyfest.

The PTA helped the school to purchase a new guitar for Robert and the school.

In this year 2020, we have been asked to purchase 7 iPads and covers for our school. Which the PTA passed last meeting.

It is a great pleasure to be part of this PTA. I love that we can support the school staff and learners with our fundraising efforts.

Thank you again for your hard work. Hannah Holzer.

### Online Safety Parent Toolkit

Netsafe has developed an Online Safety Parent Toolkit to help parents in this rapidly changing online world.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-parent-toolkit/>

This website has answers to many of the questions adults have around online safety and how we can support our young people to be safe. Did you know that Fortnite has an age recommendation of 12 and over because of the violent content?

Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation. They have a family safe online treaty, which gives the adults pointers to be able to talk to their young people about their online behaviour.

I hope you get a chance over the weekend to enjoy our spring weather and each other.

Kia tūpore (Be kind)

### Calendar Art

Last week we sent home information about ways you can turn your child's art 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.

### Understanding Neurodiversity Seminar

Whānau have an opportunity to attend a free seminar by Sarah Sharpe on understanding neurodiversity with a focus on dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, but also touching on ADD, ADHA and ASD. A flyer with all the details is included with the newsletter. The seminar is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 6:00 – 7:00 pm at DNI. This is supported by our Kahui Ako.

### 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
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- 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

On Monday night we played Green Island. It was a fast game and we played ok, but Green Island won 37-16. We need to work harder at working as a team and passing to people who are unmarked.



#### The Port Ballers

The Port Ballers had their first win of the season last week against Abbotsford. They played so well and really worked well as a team.

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



**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 +

Welcome to Bella in Room 5 we are sure you will enjoy your time here at Port Chalmers School. 😊



### Up in the Attic

Up the old ladder is a dusty old room,  
With dolls and toys rusted and worn.  
Cockroaches and bugs swarmed the walls,  
Then I saw a doll that looked like a new-born.  
Pans and medals scattered around,  
And a stinky old stench filling the air.  
The floorboards creaked as I took my steps,  
There was even the stuffed head of a bear.  
Ceiling was rotting and decaying to bits,  
Spider webs hiding in the corners of crates.  
Some rackets and bats for outside sports,

Even a waterslide that still inflates.  
There was a doll house, a gun, and the picture of the  
state,  
Even a part of our old broken gate.  
But then my dad yelled,  
"Get out of the attic or you're going  
To be late for school mate!

*By Shae*



### The Tree

The tree was as beautiful as can be,  
It always just fills me with glee,  
It will sadly be hacked down soon,

And that person has to be me.

*By Noah*



### The Sea

In the sea there are many things  
Like shipwrecks, fish and coral  
wreaths too

There are plenty of mussels also  
due. Where the scavengers there once flew through  
*By George*

Port Chalmers Kindergarten presents

**PRE-LOVED  
CLOTHING SALE**

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-2PM



**\$5 FILL-A BAG + PRICED ITEMS  
KIDS & ADULT SIZES**

30b Albertson Ave, Port Chalmers  
Got something to donate? Drop offs accepted before 13th Sept.

### Te Reo

**Māori words every New Zealander should know**

**motu** (island)

**nui** (large, many, big)

**pā** (hill fort)

**Pākehā** (New Zealander of non-Māori descent, usually European)

**pounamu** (greenstone, jade)

**Principals Awards Week 7**

**Spelling**  
Nathan Rm 7

**Reflections**  
Rosa Rm 7      Mica Rm 7

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

4th September	Room 2
11th September	Room 5 & 7
18th September	Room 4

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15th September 6:00 -7:00 pm	Neurodiversity Seminar
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Art Week
25th September	Art Week Exhibition
25th September	Last day of Term
12th October	Start of Term 4
27th October	Teacher Only Day

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