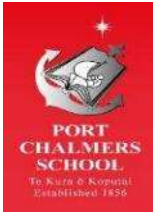


*Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o
Koputai – greetings to all families of
Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.*



TUMUAKI NEWS

Art Week

It was lovely to welcome so many whanau to school on the last day of the term to look at our learnings from Art Week. The many displays in classrooms were a testament to the hard work and creative musings of both children and their teachers. If you haven't had a look at the art yet, please pop into classrooms as it is still on display. Here are some photos of the koru art inspired by a New Zealand artist, Raewyn Harris.



Election Day Polling Booth at School

On Saturday you will be able to vote at our school hall. The PTA will be running a Sausage Sizzle from 10:30 am. Please come and buy a sausage for \$2.00. Please vote!

Spring Fling Disco – Thursday 22 October 6:00 pm



Our school disco is next Thursday 22 of October 6:00pm. We know that swim club may finish at that time for some, so we are having a Sausage Sizzle, which

means swimmers and dancers can have something for tea.

The theme this year is a Spring Fling.

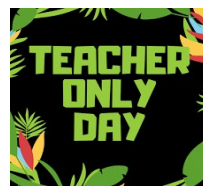
Rooms 5, 7 & 8 will need to be picked up at 7:15 pm.

Rooms 2 and 4 will need to be picked up at 8:30 pm.

Entry is \$2.00. There will be face painting available, Of course, there will be yummy food to purchase.

Vicki Nicolson Principal
www.portchalmers.school.nz

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.

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Te Reo

waiata (song or chant)

waka (canoe, canoe group)

whaikōrero (the art and practise of speech-making)

whakapapa (genealogy, to recite genealogy)

whānau (extended family)

whenua (land, homeland)

Artist in Residence

Our annual Artist in Residence programme is planned for the week of 16 – 20 November, with the parade and celebration happening on Sunday the 22nd of November. We need brightly coloured fabric and corrugated cardboard for the week. If you can help please drop it off at the Office. Thanks.

Reporting Illness/Absences to School

Thank you to students and parents for coming past the office to let Katy know they are late arriving at school. If your child/children are going to be absent from school please inform the office and/or your child's teacher with an explanation of their absence each day. "Won't be in today" is not an explanation and can be marked as an unexplained absence.

Please note that we are legally required by the Ministry of Education to code and provide a reason for student absences. You can inform us of your child/children's absence e.g. late, sick, dental appointment, dance exam etc. by either phoning the office on 472 8685, emailing the office, office@portchalmers.school.nz or leaving a text message on 027 697 3596. (Please note text messages will not get a reply). Your child's teacher also requires written notification, either by note or email, if your child is to be excused from sports, swimming etc.

Swimming Requirements

Thank you for making sure your swimmer has all the gear they need each day. Goggles, togs and hair ties are the biggest issue for some of our swimmers. The pool is no longer able to loan out goggles, togs or towels. Swimmers need to come prepared with all the gear. Swimmers with long hair need to have their hair tied back so they can see in the water. Please make sure you include a hair tie with the other gear. Thanks.



Health Snippet

How to be SunSmart - slip, slop, slap and wrap

Slip into some shade, especially between 11 am and 4 pm when the ultraviolet rays are most fierce.

SLOP on some sunscreen before going outdoors.

- Put sunscreen on any skin not covered by clothes.
- Choose a sunscreen that meets the Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS2604.
- Use an SPF30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen. Wipe it on thickly at least 15 minutes before going outdoors.
- Reapply; do this 15 minutes after the first application to ensure complete coverage, and also after physical activity, swimming or towel drying.

SLAP on a hat with a brim or a cap with flaps. More people get burned on the face and neck than any other part of the body, so a good hat is important.

WRAP on a pair of sunglasses. Choose close fitting, wrap-around glasses that meet the Australian Standard AS1067.

Our Public Health Nurse is

Laurie Mahoney 476-9833 or Cell 027 444 1649

Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate.

Please don't let your children talk you into signing notes for them to get out of swimming. If they are not well enough to go to swimming (a compulsory part of our curriculum) then they are not well enough to come to school. We don't write notes for them to be excused from maths, reading or writing.

A note is required if a child is unwell and unable to swim.

If you are able to help out at a swimming time please speak to your child's teacher.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

School Working Bee



We are having a working bee in the grounds on Saturday 7th of November. We had planned to do this in March, however a nationwide lock down put a hold on that. We'd love to have many willing helpers to tidy up our gardens and other jobs in

the grounds. We'll meet from 10:00 am. Please come and join us. Many hands make light work.

West Harbour Sports Day

Notices for this event on Tuesday should now be in. Please return your form urgently if you need to. Buses will leave school at 9:00 am sharp on Tuesday morning. Please be on time for school. We will return by 3:00 pm. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the day

Swimming

This week saw the start of our swimming programme. There were lots of excited kids!



SWIMMING

16th, 19th, 22nd and 23rd October

Room 7	9.30am
Room 5	10.00am
Room 8	10.30am
Room 4	11.00am
Room 2	11.30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

20 th October	West Harbour Spots Day
22 nd October	West Harbour Sports Day Cancellation
22 nd October 6:00 pm	Disco "Spring Fling"
26 th October	Labour Day School Closed
27 th October	Teacher Only Day School Closed
3 rd November	North Zone Sports
5 th November	North Zone Cancellation Day
6 th November	Class and Family Photos
7 th November (Saturday)	Working Bee
9 th November	Marimba Festival
16—20 th November	Artist in Residence Week
17 th November	Otago Champs
19 th November	Otago Champs Cancellation
20 th November	HPV Yr 8s
20 th November	Artist in Residence Parade
10 th -11 th December	Yr 8 Camp
15 th December	Yr 8 Dinner
16 th December	Final Assembly

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE 2.15pm

13 th November	Rooms 5 & 7
20 th November	Artist in Residence Practice
27 th November	Room 2
4 th December	Room 4
11 th December	Room 8