

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

## TUMUAKI NEWS

I hope you enjoyed the balmy weather of much of Labour Weekend. The change of pace after a very busy week with swimming, West Harbour Sports Day and the school disco was welcome and I hope you had an opportunity to have more family time with the extra day away from formal work tasks. If you are the gardening kind, you may have also spent time planting extra crops that you'll enjoy come summer.

For the significance of Labour Day we need to return to a time that is possibly difficult to imagine; a time when such were the working conditions of many that legislation was needed to regulate a reasonable length working day. Its origins are traced back to the eight-hour working day movement that arose in the newly founded Wellington colony in 1840, primarily because of carpenter Samuel Parnell's refusal to work more than eight hours a day.

He encouraged other tradesmen also to work for only eight hours a day and in October 1840, a workers' meeting passed a resolution supporting the idea. On 28 October 1890, the 50th anniversary of the eight-hour day was commemorated with a parade. The event was then celebrated annually in late October as either Labour Day or Eight-Hour Demonstration Day. In 1899 government legislated that the day be a public holiday from 1900. The day was celebrated on different days in different provinces. This led to ship owners complaining that seamen were taking excessive holidays by having one Labour Day in one port then another in their next port. In 1910 the government stipulated that the holiday would be observed on the same day throughout the nation (Wikipedia).

### CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR - 2021

Yes, it's that time of the year again! Teachers are now discussing classes for 2021, and while from the outside it may appear to be a pretty straightforward process, I can assure you it is not. It is not just as simple as saying you were in this room this year, so you will definitely be in that room the following year or that your child(ren)'s class will all move through to the next level together. The makeup of the classes depends on the numbers of children we have in each level, the academic and social needs of children, relationships with others, and of course, their age. We need to carefully consider all these issues, and using our professional knowledge, expertise and understanding of the students, make the best decision for the students, the staffing situation and the school as a whole. If there is anything you would like us to consider, regarding your children, when the classes are being put together, please write a brief note to me (Vicki) or ring and have a chat with me by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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

### Boating

Term 4 marks the continuation of our boating programme for Rooms 4 and 2. Please consider helping us on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We'd love to have you join us on boating days.

### 2021 START DATE

The start date for students next year is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will have four teachers only days next year, one each term and will let you know dates for these by the end of the year.

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### Te Reo

**hapu** (clan, sub-tribe; to be born)  
**hiko**i (walk)  
**hui** (gathering, meeting)  
**iti** (small)  
**iwi** (tribe)

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

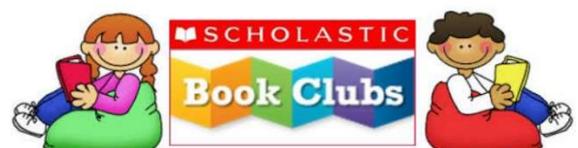
### Family Accounts.

Accounts have gone home to those who have outstanding balances for Technology. I have also included the cost of lost/unreturned library books as well.

Please consider a direct debit as \$5.00 a week soon gets these paid.

Our Bank Account number is

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**Tomorrow is the last day for Scholastic Book orders.**



**REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK**

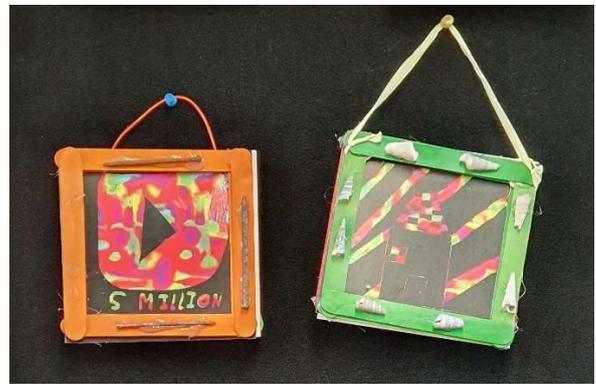
## Koputai After School Programme

This term we are looking forward to getting outside to play games in the sun a bit more, now that it is getting warmer and the daylight is staying with us longer. Other outside activities we will be exploring include woodwork; as we build things from old pallets, and gardening; trying out our green fingers in the back yard. We will also be back with swimming in a few weeks, making the most of the Port pool next door in the warmer spring and summer weather.

We are an OSCAR approved programme, which means you may be able to get a WINZ subsidy to help you with the programme fees. If you're eligible, you can claim up to 20 hours per week for after-school care and up to 50 hours per week for school holiday programmes. We can help you to get this sorted, just let us know!

We have daily afterschool care for children 5 to 13 years of age.

We are open weekdays during the term 2.45pm to 6pm. Pop in to see us if you are interested at 30a Albertson Ave, give us an email [koputakids@gmail.com](mailto:koputakids@gmail.com) or call (03) 472 7777. You can also contact Wendy Russell on 0274727744 or check out our Facebook page for upcoming events.



## School Working Bee



We are having a working bee in the grounds on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Bring gardening tools.

## ART FROM ART WEEK



## Swimming

All classes will have 2 extra swimming sessions on a Thursday afternoon. The timetable is:

Thursday 5 November – Rm 5 (1:30 pm) Rm 4 (2:15pm)  
 Thursday 12 November – Rm 4 (1:30pm) Rm 2 (2:15)  
 Thursday 19 November - Rm 8 (1:30 pm) Rm 7 (2:15pm)  
 Thursday 26 November - Rm 8 (1:30 pm) Rm 7 (2:15pm)  
 If you can help, especially with Rooms 5 and 7 please see the classroom teachers.

## BOATING TIMETABLE

10 <sup>th</sup> November	12 – 2.45pm Rms 2 & 4
24 <sup>th</sup> November	12--2.45pm Rms 2 & 4
8 <sup>th</sup> December	12 – 2.45pm Rms 2 & 4

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	North Zone Sports
5 <sup>th</sup> November	North Zone Cancellation Day
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Class and Family Photos
7 <sup>th</sup> November (Saturday)	Working Bee
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Marimba Festival
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Boating
16—20 <sup>th</sup> November	Artist in Residence Week
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Otago Champs
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Otago Champs Cancellation
20 <sup>th</sup> November	HPV Yr 8s
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Artist in Residence Parade
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 8 Camp
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 8 Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Term 1 Starts

## ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE 2.15pm

6 <sup>th</sup> November	Rooms 5 & 7
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Artist in Residence Practice
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Room 2
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Room 4
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Room 8
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Assembly

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