



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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Class, Individual and Family Photos

Barry Kelk will be at school tomorrow to take class, individual and family photos. If you want your pre-schoolers included in a family photo, please contact the Office for a time. Photos won't start until after 9:30 am and will be done class by class.

North Zone Sports

CONGRATULATIONS – to those who competed in the North Zone Athletic Sports on Tuesday. I was very impressed with the sportsmanship shown by all of the competing schools and our representatives.



Saturday Morning Music Classes Open Morning (Instrumental classes for children)

Parents and children wishing to commence classes in 2021 are invited to observe classes in progress on Saturday morning 7th November at George St Normal School Centre. Groups will assemble inside the Main Block door and be guided around classes between 9 and 10:30am. Enrolments for 2021 will be accepted on Saturday 21st November at George St Normal School between 9 and 11:30 (follow the signs.) We invite you to check our website for more information: www.smmcotago.com

School Working Bee



We are having a working bee in the grounds this 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. Bring gardening tools.

Bike Track

I am working with the DCC on a marked bike track here at school. This is in the process of being designed and will be painted in front of the edible garden and along the front of the school. We are hoping this will give whanau a chance to bike safely in our community. We have been noticing lots of our children riding bikes after school, however lots are riding without bike helmets on their heads. Heads are such special things and helmets protect them. Bike helmets are required to be worn by law.

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

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Te Reo

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

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.

Welcome to Wren and Brecken, and their families. We are sure you will enjoy your time here as part of the Port Chalmers School community

Girls Smash Cricket



A great start to the new season with both our teams scoring great wins! Frankie did some great hits to lead our year 5/6 team to a big score. Mila bowled tightly to ensure a big win.

Moana lead the way with the bat for the year 3/4 team.

Amelia secured the win with some great bowling including a hat trick of clean bowled!

Thanks to the parents who helped with transport and to Paul for coaching the year 5/6 team.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

Please be vigilant in your weekly check of your child's hair. One egg left starts the breeding cycle all over again. We are asking if children with long hair could have it tied up or in a bun. Using a bandana can also help reduce the incidence of head lice spreading.

Calendar Art

All calendar art went home with today's newsletter. Look for them in your child's school bag.

Breakfast Club

All children are welcome to come and have breakfast each morning before School. This is held in the After-School Programme building. Weetbix and Milk is served.

Guy Fawkes Safety

The following are guidelines for the safe use of fireworks:

- Choose a safe place to let off your fireworks. Check that there is plenty of open space well away from anything which could catch fire.
- Make sure there is a good supply of water available.
- Store and carry your fireworks carefully and safely. Keep them out of reach of young children. Keep them in a closed box or bag away from heat and flames and do not carry fireworks in your pockets.
- Ensure that fireworks are lit by adults and not children.
- Read the instructions carefully on your fireworks, preferably before Guy Fawkes night and read each one again before you light it (remember to use a torch for this purpose).
- Stand your fireworks in dirt, sand or on a firm flat surface. Please remember that throwing fireworks can injure people and animals and damage property.
- Light your fireworks at arm's length and then stand well back. Keep well clear of fireworks which have been lit but have not gone off.
- Keep animals away from fireworks.
- Look after young children at all times.
- Ensure that you are conversant with first aid for the treatment of burns and eye injuries.
- Make sure you have access to a telephone for use in the event of an emergency.



Golf

Everyone had the opportunity to learn the skills required to play golf. A few of our older pupils went to Sawyers Bay golf course to use their new skills.
Thank you to Melanie Harper for her tuition.



Kapa Haka Practice

On Thursday afternoons we have our Kapa Haka practice. It is lovely to hear them.



Boating

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

Swimming

All classes will have 2 extra swimming sessions on a Thursday afternoon. The timetable is:
Thursday 12 November – Rm 8 (1:30pm) Rm 2 (2:15)
Thursday 19 November - Rm 4 (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

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| 10th November | 12 – 2.45pm Rms 2 & 4 |
| 24th November | 12--2.45pm Rms 2 & 4 |
| 8th December | 12 – 2.45pm Rms 2 & 4 |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE 2.15pm

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

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