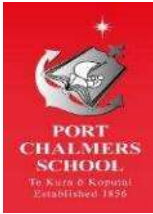


**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o
te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families
of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**



TUMUAKI NEWS

Artist in Residence Parade

Our masks and costumes are looking fantastic and we are all ready for the parade on Sunday. This year we will meet on the court at school at 11:45am for a 12:00 midday start. The children will get their masks and costumes here. We will around Albertson Avenue. Once we have been around the avenue we will come back into school where there will be stalls selling food and drinks (cash only) and there will be live music. This is always a wonderful event. We look forward to seeing you there. If the weather is unfavourable the parade will happen in the school hall. We will notify you of this via Skool Loop. Fingers crossed the weather is about to settle and play its part for Sunday.

Voluntary Donation Scheme through the Ministry of Education

The Port Chalmers School Board of Trustees has made the decision to continue to opt into the Donations Scheme offered by the Ministry of Education for 2021. The Voluntary Donations Scheme has been introduced by the Ministry of Education to support whānau and schools to make education affordable. The Ministry of Education will be allocating an additional \$150 per child in schools from Decile 1-7. In order to accept this additional funding, the school will no longer be able to ask for any form of voluntary donation from families (with the one exception being school camp). This means that there will no longer be a request for an annual voluntary donation of \$60 per child, and no donation requests to help cover buses for trips such as a Museum trip or sports day. These are the main examples of the donations that we may ask for in a calendar year but not an extensive list. The \$150 per child is designed to offset these costs instead.

What payments will be covered by the scheme and which will I still need to cover?

Any curriculum related costs will be covered by the scheme. These include classroom trips for example. Any goods and services in addition to these, and extracurricular activities will remain the same. Common examples include sports teams, Year 7 & 8 technology materials fee and stationery.

Sports teams – There will still be a charge for children to participate in extra-curricular sports (after school sports). As per every other year, we take enrolments into these teams, divide the registration costs by the number of participants, and pass this cost onto families.

Year 7 & 8 Technology Material Fee – This fee will still be required. It covers the materials that students use to make things to take home. This fee is set by DNI and is paid to them.

Stationery – Stationery will still need to be provided by families for their learners. A list will be available at the end of 2020 and then also available on our website.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Parade on Sunday. If you have any questions please ask one of the staff.

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



We got to play this week ... in the rain. Two exciting draws to keep our unbeaten records intact! Great bowling by Ness and batting by Alesia for the year 3/4 team. Rosa led the way with the bat for the year 5/6 team. Hopefully there will be better weather next week.

Christmas Raffle

This is our final fundraiser for the year. Prize donations can now be left in the collection box in the foyer. We are suggesting that families may like to donate the following goods from each class –
Room 5 – Snacks (non-perishable)
Room 7 – Cans or tins
Room 8 – Toiletries
Room 4 – Packets
Room 2 – Sweet treats (non-perishable)
Raffle cards are attached to this newsletter.

Otago Museum Visit Permission Slip

You will have received today a permission slip for our upcoming visits to the Otago Museum. There is one permission slip per family. We are restricted in the number of adult helpers we can take, so please get these forms back quickly as it will be first in first served. Pre-schoolers will not be able to accompany us on this trip. Please return these by Tuesday 24th November.

Te Reo

koha (gift, present (usually money, can be food or precious items, given by guest to hosts)
kōhanga reo (language nest, Maori immersion pre-school (0 to 4 years))
mahi (work or activity)
mana (prestige, reputation)
manuhiri (guests, visitors)

Prize Giving Cups

We need all cups to be returned to the office by Friday 24th of November so we can get them cleaned and engraved for this year's prize giving. Just leave these at the office. Thank you.

Our Library



The end of the term is fast approaching so it's a good time for everyone to have a good look around home for any of our Library Books. Any books lost or unreturned will be added to Family Accounts. Please encourage your child to return any books as this is a cost no one wants especially at Christmas time. Thank you.

Photos

- Class photo 6x8/20x15cm laminated with names \$18.00
- Individual Photos 6x8/20x15cm colour print \$12.00
- 6x4/10x15cm colour prints loose \$12.00 a pair (same image)

Please return all proofs with your orders.

All orders must be in to the office no later than the 1st December so we can get the photos back before the end of term.

Pals Activities

Our senior pupils had the opportunity to organise games for the rest of the school.



Artist in Residence

This week we have all been busy creating our art works for the grand parade on Sunday.



Family Accounts

There are a large number of families who still haven't paid their Technology or lost library book fees. It would be appreciated if these accounts could be paid before the end of term. Please consider automatic payments as \$5.00 a week soon gets these accounts cleared. Thank you.

There is also Smash Cricket fees still owing. We have the policy of no pay, no play.



Swimming

All classes will have 2 extra swimming sessions on a Thursday afternoon. The timetable is:
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 Ian or Peta the classroom teachers.

BOATING TIMETABLE

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

20 th November	HPV Yr 8s
22 nd November	Artist in Residence Parade
25 th November	Otago Museum Rm 5&7
26 th November	Otago Museum Rm 2
30 th November	Otago Museum Rm 4&8
1 st December	Final day for photo orders
10 th -11 th December	Yr 8 Camp
15 th December	Yr 8 Dinner
16 th December	Final Assembly
3 rd February 2021	Term 1 Starts

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE 2.15pm

20 th November	Artist in Residence Practice
27 th November	Room 2
4 th December	Room 4
11 th December	Room 8
16 th December 2:00pm	Final Assembly

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