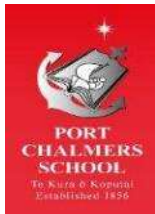


**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.**



## TUMUAKI NEWS

Kia ora parents and whānau

Three weeks until the end of the 2020 school year.... a year that has been like no other that most of us have known for its unpredicted arrival and impact of a global pandemic. Some would say that this event has been foreseen for some time but of course its specific time frame could not have been predicted, ..... and it is human nature to hope for the best that something undesirable might not actually happen.

What is predicated is that these last few weeks will be busy and our tamariki will get increasingly more tired as the year draws to a close. In contrast to that the level of excitement can increase as the holidays and festivities (dependent on those that are relevant for your whanau) draw closer.

This can be a complex cocktail and we continue to 'row the Port Chalmers waka' where regardless of tiredness and excitement we are all expected to be kind, responsible and be the best we can be.

For a few of our senior students, this can be a challenge as they have already 'moved on' in their minds - they have had an interview and a visit to their new school and they are already anticipating this 'more grown up' environment despite the varied and special calendar of events that they get to enjoy in their last few weeks at Port Chalmers School.

You can help us keep them 'steady as they go' by reminding them of the expectations you have of them to be the best they can be as this chapter of their schooling draws to a close.

The graduation events are important so here are dates and details for you to put in your diary:

**Year 8 Camp** Thursday and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December

**Year 8 Dinner** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (notice about this has gone home with this newsletter)

**Final Assembly** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

### Artist in Residence

What a fabulous week we had with Jim Cooper our artist, last week. The parade on Sunday looked amazing. We had our fingers crossed for no rain and the rain stopped just before we set off. Our thanks to the West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust and Jim Cooper for another memory filled week of creativity and visual arts. There is a link to photos that Becs South took on the parade day in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who came and cheered us during our parade.

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



A nice day and two wins for our teams. The Year 5/6 team won 35-33 with Willow batting well.

The Year 3/4 team won 41-34 with some great bowling from Arnika and batting from Laksmi. Next week we play again at Logan Park and the following week we play the final game in the Stadium!

### 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 went home with last week's newsletter.

### Te Reo

**Māori** (indigenous inhabitants of New Zealand, the language of the indigenous inhabitants of New Zealand)  
**marae** (the area for formal discourse in front of a meeting house, or applied to a whole marae complex)  
**maunga** (mountain)  
**moa** (extinct large flightless bird)  
**moana** (sea)

### Prize Giving Cups

**We need all cups to be returned to the office by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 close 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 1<sup>st</sup> December** so we can get the photos back before the end of term.



**We have just been informed that next Friday (4<sup>th</sup> December) will be the last day for Subway this year.**

## Parade Day

Wow! What amazing art work on display in the parade.  
Thank you to all the whanau and hoā who came out to support their tamariki.  
To see all the photos of the parade just follow this link.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4rq2hpi>



*You are invited to*  
**CHRISTMAS IN THE STADIUM**

**CELEBRATION!**  
Suzanne Prentice, Bill Acklin and band, Olivia Pike  
Black Boy Peaches, Rainbow Rosalind and more!

**Saturday 5th December**  
**1pm - 5pm**  
**Gate E, Forsyth Barr Stadium**

Free activities for the kids: Games • Bouncy Castles • Gift making • Toy Swap  
Bring a Picnic • Free Sausage Sizzle • Alcohol Free  
<https://www.facebook.com/christmasinthe stadium>

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Logos of supporting organizations: Autism Nelson Design, Lions Clubs New Zealand, Gravity, Bramwell, The Lion Foundation, Dunedin City Council, Otago Community Trust, Cogs, Bendigo Valley Foundation, and others.

### 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.

**Dunedin Public Library City of Readers Summer Reading Programme**  
Register for this programme at the library.

### BOATING TIMETABLE

<b>8th December</b>	12 – 2.45pm Rms 2 & 4
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>30th November</b>	Otago Museum Rm 4&8
<b>1st December</b>	<b>Final day for photo orders</b>
<b>10th-11th December</b>	Yr 8 Camp
<b>15th December</b>	Yr 8 Dinner
<b>16th December 2:00pm</b>	Final Assembly
<b>3rd February 2021</b>	Term 1 Starts

### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE 2.15pm

<b>27th November</b>	Room 2
<b>4th December</b>	Room 4
<b>11th December</b>	Room 8
<b>16th December 2:00pm</b>	Final Assembly

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