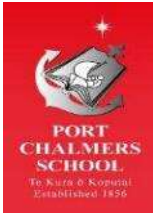


*Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.*



## TUMUAKI NEWS

It has been a great start to 2021. Thank you for supporting your learners with stationery and the skills they need to be ready for school each day.

### Community Picnic - BBQ

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at the community picnic/BBQ on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> February at 5:45pm. We will get the school barbecue out so that you can cook some food, or you may just want to pack a picnic. It is a chance to catch up with your child's teacher and chat to other families. If the weather is wet, there is no postponement date.



### The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all Year 8 students at school this year. Today the Public Health Nurses associated with our school visited and did an education session with the Year 8's around the vaccinations.

The students were given a consent form to take home to their parents/caregivers.

Please read the consent form carefully, fill it out in pen and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent for your child to be vaccinated at school.

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor up to their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Delaying the vaccine may mean your child needs more injections to be protected, as people age 15 years and older need three injections.

For any further information please phone the Public Health Nurse Laurie 03 476 9833 |

mob: 027 444 1649, or look up [www.health.govt.nz/hpv](http://www.health.govt.nz/hpv)

### SKOOL LOOP

We are continuing to use Skool Loop as a communication app this year for notices, absences, permissions etc. It is a free download in Google Play and the App store. Once installed just choose our school and then select the rooms or groups you wish to be associated with

### Cardboard for Art

We are looking for any donations of cardboard that we can use for Art. If you have any contacts in a printing company please ask if they have some off cuts that we could use.

### University of Otago College of Education Masters Students

We will be welcoming 30 Masters Students who are starting their teaching programme at our school next

week. They will be with us for the week as part of their induction. We know you will make them feel welcome.

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

Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Vicki Nicolson

### Te Reo

**tamariki** (children)

**tāne** (man, husband, men, husbands)

**tangi** (funeral)

**taonga** (treasured possessions or cultural items, anything precious)

**tapu** (sacred, not to be touched, to be avoided because sacred, taboo)

**te reo Māori** (the Māori Language)

**tipuna/ tupuna** (ancestor)

### 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 ASAP.

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.



### Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 23<sup>rd</sup> March

The Board of Trustees have approved a teacher only day on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Week 8.

This Tuesday is the day after Otago Anniversary day.

### Subway

Families and caregivers need to update the classrooms for their children for 2021! This can be done by logging on to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and clicking on Members.

### Breakfast Club

We are very keen to continue with our Breakfast Club however that does depend on volunteers. Can you help us for about 20-30 minutes before school, one day a week? This programme depends on your help. We already have one day covered for the week. Can you cover one of the other four? At this stage we are unable to have Breakfast Club on Mondays or Thursdays.

### Tots to Teens Digi-Magazine

<http://issue2102si.totstoteens.co.nz>

You'll notice we have introduced Te Reo Māori words throughout the magazine. Ask your tamariki to find:

- Peke kura
- Papa tākaro
- Torotiti
- Matihiko
- Witi



## Koputai Kids After School and Holiday Programme

This year 2021 we continue to offer afterschool care Monday to Friday with our free pick-up service after school in our KKASP van for our five local west harbour schools. At Koputai we offer inside and outside creative activities for children 5 to 13 years of age and

often based on a weekly theme such as hut making, gardening, baking and games as well as free choice. Our facility is amazing as it is set up specifically for children of all ages with an incredible variety of resources which are easily accessible. Our qualified friendly staff have worked at Koputai for many years so bring their knowledge and strengths to the programme as well.

We have access to four different playgrounds, a sandpit as well as a large concrete area for wheels days and ball games. This term we are also offering swimming later on in the term at Port Chalmers pool.

In the holidays we offer mystery trips, a trip to the movies, excursions, walks, wheels days, art and craft, baking, games, gardening, shows and competitions. We are open during the term 2.45pm to 6pm and in the holidays we are open 7.30 am to 6.00 pm to support working parents. If you would be interested in coming to have a look to see what we have to offer, please contact Wendy Russell/Jared Howlett on 0274727744 or email [koputaikids@gmail.com](mailto:koputaikids@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all this year.

### Author Visit – Terry Fitzgibbon

On Tuesday the Juniors had a visit from Terry, who is an illustrator and author. He shared about his work and answered questions from the children. Terry is currently exhibiting his work at Pea Sea Art Gallery until the 21<sup>st</sup> February.



### theartdept. After School ART Classes for Young Artists

Each term we hold ART classes for Children 6-14yrs. The class is held for FIVE week blocks each term, Thursdays 4:00-5:30 at the Otago Pioneer Women's Building 362 Moray Place.

Your young artist will be working alongside two experienced teachers/art educators/artists Pamela Brown and Kerry Mackay. We keep our mixed age class small, max 16 children.

\$150 for 5 weeks, all art materials provided. Booking form: [www.theartdept.org](http://www.theartdept.org)

### Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. Swimming lessons for all classes will start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Port Otago is sponsoring swimming lessons for the whole school.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12 <sup>th</sup> February	Room 2 Museum Visit 9.30am
15 <sup>th</sup> February	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Picnic 5.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	James Russell NZ Author visit
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Swimming starts
24 <sup>th</sup> February	El Gregoe Show
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rooms 2 & 4 Wild Life Tour
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rooms 5, 7, 8 Wild Life Tour
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Goal Setting Conferences
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Otago Anniversary Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Teacher Only Day – school closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Tuesday
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 8's HPV
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Term 2 Begins

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Principal

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