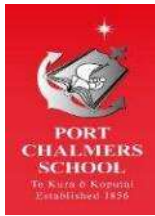
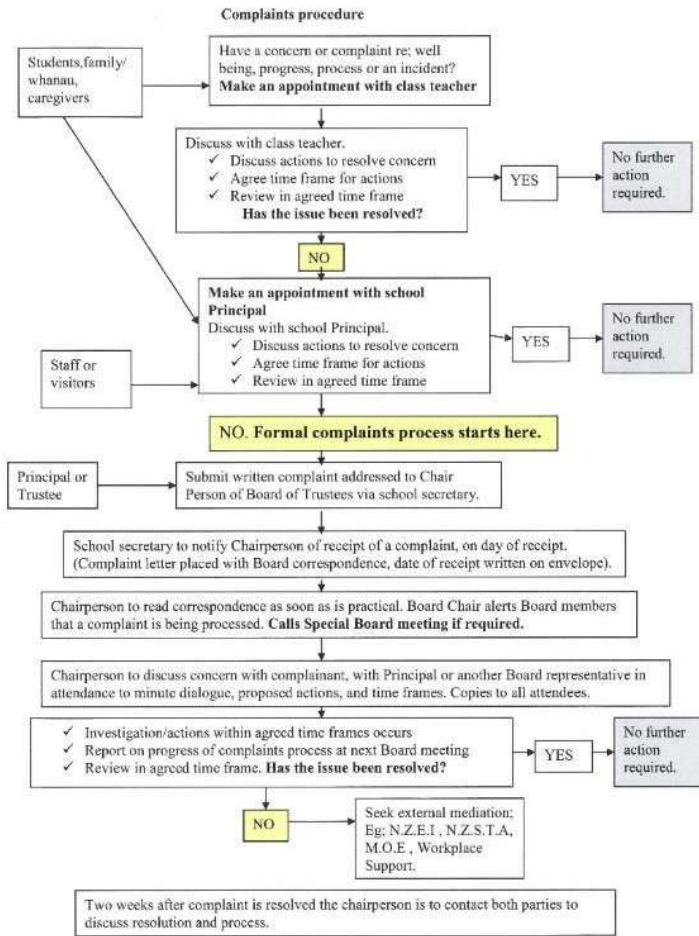


Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.



TUMUAKI NEWS



COVID Alert Level 1

It was great news to hear we are moving to Alert Level 1 so quickly. While new cases in the community are always disappointing to hear of, it is reassuring to see how quickly they have been identified. I am sure we are all grateful for the efforts of our health workers, scientists and technicians in this regard, and the thousands of people who have been tested.

As a community we need to avoid the complacency which New Zealanders tend to quickly move into when we are at lower alert levels. Please do continue to scan QR codes and monitor closely for illness within your whānau. Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our tamariki and we continue to be here to support you too.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

Author Visit – James Russell

James Russell a New Zealand author will visit school on Monday afternoon. His Dragon Defender stories are a favourite across the school. If you want to purchase any of his books please see the attached order form.

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

Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Vicki Nicolson

Te Reo

wahine woman, wife

wai water

waiata song or chant

waka canoe, canoe group

whaikōrero the art and practise of speech-making



Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 23rd March

The Board of Trustees have approved a teacher only day on Tuesday 23rd March, Week 8. This Tuesday is the day after Otago Anniversary day.

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 only need 1 helper now.

Please consider putting your hand up.

Join our PTA

Our PTA is an active group of parents who support our learning community by fundraising and socialising. We'd love to have more members. Please come to our first meeting on Tuesday 2nd March at 6:00 pm in the staffroom. If you have any questions please talk to Vicki, Peta or Hannah Holzer (PTA President).

Swimming

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

Tuesday 23rd February

Thursday 25th February


Friday 26th February

Tuesday 2nd March

Thursday 4th March

Friday 5th March


Thank you to Port Otago who are sponsoring swimming lessons for the whole school.




Summer lunchbox

Leftover pasta salad: Egg, tomato, cucumber and sweetcorn, with light dressing


+ Choose one or more from each group to have on the side:




Gilled courgette and/or avocado




Fruit kebab and/or peach



Cheese and/or custard



Rice cake and/or wholemeal pikelets



For more information visit heartfoundation.org.nz

There are a number of families who have not paid their Smash Cricket Fees. Can this be done ASAP.

Health Snippet

Children's Booster Seats

There has been some distressing information come to light in recent months over the number of children who are being put into adult car restraints before they are the right size to fit them. A study published in 2007 by Dr Elizabeth Segedin and colleagues from Auckland's Starship Hospital has found that many children are being advanced to adults seats belts in cars when they are physically too small for the belts and should still be using a booster seat.

1000 children aged between 4-12 years travelling in private vehicles were studied and it found that overall 60% of children who should have been in a booster seat were inappropriately restrained, most often in adult seat belts. The main points of the study found

1. 20 New Zealand children per year die as passengers in cars.
2. Children are being taken out of child car seats far too soon.
3. Booster seats should be used until the child fits an adult safety belt, usually between 9-and 12 years.
4. Primary school aged children are three times less likely to be injured in a booster seat than with an adult seat belt alone.

It is interesting that children studied showed that by height and weight it can be assumed

- all 4 & 5 yr. olds need booster seats
- 90% of 6 & 8 yr. olds need booster seats
- 50% of 9 & 10yr olds need booster seats
- 10%of 11 & 12yr olds need booster seats.

Children, who prematurely graduate to the vehicle safety belt designed for an adult, are more likely to be injured in a crash. A child wearing an adult restraint can suffer head, neck, spinal, and abdominal injuries in a crash. You can hire car seats from local community groups, health providers and retailers like Baby on the Move and Baby Factory. To find out what's available in your area, search online.

www.roadsafety.govt.nz



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Wednesdays
4-5pm
Leith Occupational Therapy Clinic
Level 2 Victoria Chambers
7 Crawford St, Dunedin
17th Feb - 31 March (starts 3rd week of term)
\$120 per child
Ages 9 - 12

To Book: email admin@leithot.nz
Please quote 1702

BOATING

Thursday 12 th March	12 noon - 2.45pm
Thursday 5 th March	12 noon - 2.45pm
Thursday 8 th April	12 noon - 2.45pm

SWIMMING

Tuesday 23rd February
Thursday 25th February
Friday 26th February
Tuesday 2nd March
Thursday 4th March
Friday 5th March

SWIMMING TIMES

Room 5 – 9.30am
Room 7 – 10.00am
Room 8 – 10.30am
Room 4 – 11.00am
Room 2 – 11.30am

ASSEMBLIES 2.15pm

Friday 5 th March	Talent Assembly
Friday 19 th March	Room 4
Friday 26 th March	Rooms 5 & 7
Friday 9 th April	Room 8
Friday 16 th April	Room 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22 nd February	James Russell NZ Author visit
24 th February	El Gregoe Show
1 st March	Rooms 2 & 4 Wild Life Tour
2 nd March 6:00pm	PTA Meeting (In staffroom)
3 rd March	Rooms 5, 7, 8 Wild Life Tour
9 th & 10 th March	Goal Setting Conferences
22 nd March	Otago Anniversary Day
23 rd March	Teacher Only Day – school closed
2 nd April	Good Friday
5 th April	Easter Monday
6 th April	Easter Tuesday
9 th April	Year 8's HPV
14 th April	Puketeraki Marae Visit Rm 5,7 & 8
15 th April	Puketeraki Marae Visit Rm 4 & 2
16 th April	Last day of Term
3 rd May	Term 2 Begins

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