

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

TUMUAKI NEWS

Staffing for Term 2 2021

It is with delight that I introduce Mel Sloan who will be joining our teaching team during term 2, teaching in Room 4. We welcome Mel to our place and look forward to getting to know her.

“Kia Ora Koutou,

I am very excited to be joining the Staff at Port Chalmers School while Miss Flannery is away on Parental Leave.

I am originally from Palmerston Otago where I grew up. I attended Dunedin College of Education and the University of Otago before starting my teaching career - at



Port Chalmers School - WAY back in 2002 where I was working alongside Mr Landreth for a term. I then went on to teach at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Oamaru and then overseas to Coventry, England where I have spent the last 8.5 years. I returned back to New Zealand amongst the Covid chaos overseas along with my two very well-travelled cats - Murphy and Maisy and we are all enjoying the freedom and normality of our beautiful country.

I cannot wait to get to know you all, so please come and say 'Hello!'- Mel Sloan.”

Puketeraki Marae Visit

On Wednesday 14th April the Junior syndicate (Rooms 5, 7 and 8) and Thursday 15th April the Senior syndicate (Rooms 2 & 4) are visiting Puketeraki Marae in Karitane. Permission slips and information will be coming home soon, however we wanted to give you plenty of notice that the buses will need to leave school at 8:30 am on these days. Children will need to be at school early. We should be back by 3:00 pm but traffic is always be an unknown so please be aware of this as well.

Pause Breathe Smile

Our learning day on Tuesday was around a mindfulness programme called Pause Breathe Smile. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks, but one of the things we shared yesterday was about gratitude and how important this is for well-being.

Research shows that being grateful can make us happier and more optimistic. Dr Randy Kamen in an article in The Huffington Post outlined the numerous benefits of gratitude - increased self-esteem, greater happiness, heightened energy and improved physical, social and emotional wellbeing to name but a few.

(<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-transformative-power-2-b-6982152>)

As a school we are grateful for:

- Our supportive BOT who work alongside us to support and enhance learning
- Our PTA and all the hard work they do in so many ways to support both students and staff
- Our talented and effective team of teachers and support staff who genuinely care about students and their learning and live by the adage ‘whatever it takes’
- Parents and whānau and the supportive community we work within
- The opportunity to learn alongside engaged, curious and creative students

Our students are grateful for:

- Learning as we get to know lots of things
 - Being a part of a big school as we have big playgrounds to play in
 - Having good friends and having lots of people to make friends with
 - Our teachers as they help us learn and look after us
- The attitude of gratitude is well worth fostering with benefits not only for ourselves but for those around us too.

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

Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Vicki Nicolson

Te Reo

tangi - funeral

taonga - treasured possessions or cultural items, anything precious

tapu - sacred, not to be touched, to be avoided because sacred, taboo

Easter Raffle



Thank you to those families who have already donated something for our raffle. Please leave your donations at the office. Thank you.

Cards went home with this newsletter and are due back by Wednesday the 31st This will be drawn on the 1st of April.

Invoices for outstanding Technology and lost library books need to be paid. We would appreciate prompt payment or a direct credit system started up thank you. Our Bank Account Number is: 06 0901 021674900

HAND WASHING

Washing hands kills germs but how much difference does it make to a child's health? Children who wash their hands regularly have fewer sick days with colds and flu's, and less time off with 'tummy bugs'.

Drying your hands is very important too, as wet hands attract bugs like a magnet.

Sea Week Cinquains from Room 7

Sharks

they kill

swimming, hunting, diving

they have sharp teeth

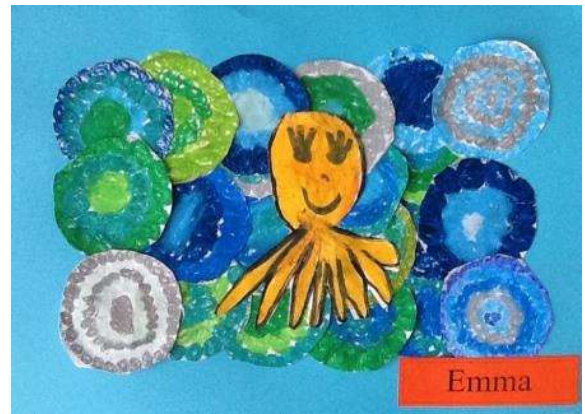
Fish

By Max

Starfish
 many legs
 floating, swimming, waving
 lying in rock pools
 Invertebrate
 By Aceni

Turtles
 swim, play
 lying, paddling, flapping
 relaxing in the sun
 Reptile
 By Coralie

Turtle
 shell, green
 swimming, catching, resting
 they swim and catch
 Animal
 By Edmund



Emma



Macie

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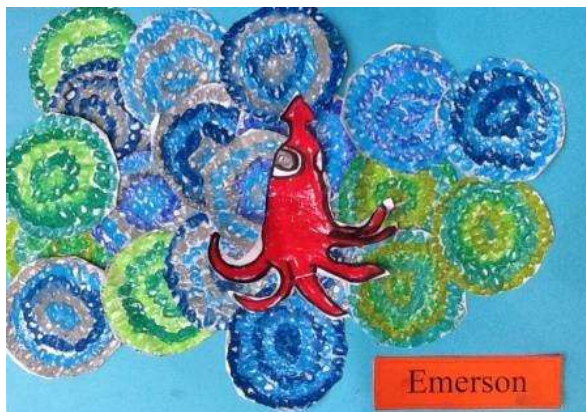


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Sea Week Art from Room 8



Finn



Emerson

PTA
 Annual General Meeting
 13th April 6:00 pm

BOATING	
Thursday 25 th March	12 noon - 2.45pm
Thursday 8 th April	12 noon - 2.45pm
ASSEMBLIES 2.15pm	
Friday 26 th March	Rooms 5 & 7
Friday 9 th April	Room 8
Friday 16 th April	Room 2
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
2 nd April	Good Friday
5 th April	Easter Monday
6 th April	Easter Tuesday
9 th April	Year 8's HPV
13 th April 6:00pm	PTA AGM
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