



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

Port Chalmers School is the only full Primary State School in the West Harbour. I am sometimes asked what the advantages are of pupils continuing their education at a full Primary School as opposed to them attending an Intermediate School. I am biased, (of course!), but in my opinion, there are plenty of benefits. Our Year 7 & 8 pupils enjoy many similar experiences to those who attend Intermediate Schools and they have opportunities to demonstrate real leadership skills in a smaller (and for many, a 'safer' environment), than in a much larger school. The continuity of learning is guaranteed as they move through the school. Port School teachers know our pupils well and as such, pupil's social, emotional, physical and academic needs are catered for and nurtured well, right up until they are ready to make the transition to High School.

For some pupils, making two transitions in three years can be quite challenging and learning traction is lost as they get used to navigating new systems, different teachers and the bigger environment. Then, when they have 'found their feet' again, it's time for the High School transition! Pupils at Year 7 & 8 (11-13 years), are going through an important phase in their cognitive, physical, social and emotional development and, for most, having the grounding of a full primary allows them to grow well, as they can see themselves in their place and feel important and valued, without the added complications of finding themselves in their place again. Some things to think about folks.

One experience that NZ pupils in Year 7 & 8 enjoy is the opportunity to learn new skills in Technology. Although we do not have a Technology learning suite at Port Chalmers School, we do indeed attend Technology classes off site at Dunedin North Intermediate. This means that pupils get to do the same learning in these important areas as those who attend Intermediate Schools, so they don't miss out. Many of you who have children coming up into their Senior years at Port Chalmers School might wonder about the provision for Technology classes at the Year 7 & 8 level, so I thought it would be better voiced by the pupils.

"In sewing, I made a shopping bag"-James

"Woodwork is awesome"-Fletcher

"Digital Technology is very interesting and fun but Woodwork is the best station"-Charlie

"I love Ms. Matthew's class because we get to cook and eat all the food"-Arnika

"Cooking is lots of fun"-Malakai

"Woodwork and Sewing are fun"-Jimmy

"I love cooking"-Alesia

Old School Manual, aye! Encourage those skills at home folks!

Mā Te Wā

Jared Roddick (Deputy Principal)

wai (water)

waiata (song or chant)

waka (canoe, canoe group)

whaikōrero (the art and practise of speech-making)

whakapapa (genealogy, to recite genealogy)

whānau (extended family)

whenua (land, homeland)

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/maori-language-week/365-maori-words>

Welcome to Sam in Rūma Mangō and his whānau. We are sure you will enjoy your time here as part of our learning community 😊

After School Care

Mana After School has finished and for this term, we are running our own after school programme on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

This will be based at our Koputai Whare, beside Rūma Pipi, Room 5.

Michelle, one of our learning assistants will be in charge.

The cost is \$10 an hour. If you would like your child to attend, you can book in with Katy at the office. We would appreciate notice the day before.

Anzac Writing by James in Rūma Mangō

6th of December 1914

We have just arrived in Egypt. The desert heat is insufferable. Hopefully, Turkey will be better. The pyramids sit in the distance. I hope to return someday and get up close but for now we are stuck doing boring military drills. Combat hopefully awaits us soon. I can't wait to give the fight to the Ottoman Turks.

12th June 1915

The landings were brutal. Artillery and gunfire pounded the beaches as we assaulted them. We landed at the wrong spot which led to far more losses than needed. Explosions and gunfire can be heard everywhere. Some are still trying to remain optimistic but much of the enthusiasm has been lost. There was a truce awhile back to bury the dead who were piled up between the trenches. My view on the war has begun to shift. The disease, horror and bloodshed are always in my mind. Any of us could die at any time. Many already have.

16th of December 1915

We have started to withdraw and the generals have finally realised what everyone else had a while ago. That this is a lost cause. Guilt has been on my conscience as I killed another man. I don't know how to feel as on one hand he was my enemy but he didn't seem much older than me. Many people weep and cry for the friends they have lost and what I have seen I can never forget. I want to go home soon.

Technology



Anzac Art from Rūma Mangō



ANZACS Learning

The whole school has been learning more about the ANZACS during the last two weeks and we thought it would be a good idea to take all of the pupils to our local war memorial at Chalmers Place on Friday afternoon. Few of the pupils knew where our memorial actually was so it was a good idea also to help them learn more about important and interesting places within our community.



Good Workers

Spelling

Lizzie Rm 7
Katelyn Rm 7

Calendar of Events

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| 10 th May (7:00 pm) | BOT Meeting |
| 11 th May | Rūma Pāua Bike Skills |
| 5 th June | King's Birthday |
| 6 th – 9 th June | Book Week |

Assemblies

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| 2nd June | Rūma Pāua |
| 9 th June | Rūma Mangō |
| 16 th June | Rūma Wheke |
| 23rd June | Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi |