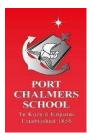
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Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whānau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.

Kia Ora

An important feature of a full primary school like ours, (spanning a child's education from Year 1 to Year 8), is the

real opportunities for leadership for the senior pupils. This term Rūma Mangō has been working with Cherie from the Halberg Trust and Katie from Healthy Active Living Otago building up our PAL's programme. PAL's are 'Playground Activity Leaders' and the main role of PALS is to create, set up and run lunchtime games and whole school sporting activities for the rest of the pupils. We have had four training sessions so far and we will begin with some playground games during lunchtimes during the next few weeks. We are also busy organising a whole school sporting afternoon for the last day of term, Friday 30th June.

An important consideration in game design for the whole school is adapting the games, giving instructions, organising equipment and demonstrating games for the different age and ability groups.

We are learning that it is not quite as easy as we thought to explain a new game to a group of pupils. If games are not explained properly or the rules are too complicated, pupils find it difficult to understand and that's often where games break down and arguments or disagreements arise. It is best to avoid these situations by trailing, playing and adapting games before having pupils play them. This is the stage that we are at now.

We are learning that effective leaders need to be good communicators and listeners, well organised for activities, confident, patient and willing to consider other folk's points of view.

We look forward to our lunchtime activities and whole school sessions as they will be fun for the kids and a great chance for us to become better Port Chalmers School leaders!

Mā te Wā

Jared Roddick (Deputy Principal)
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# Hockey Fee of \$55 is now due Our Bank Account number is 06-09010216749-000

We played against North East valley and won 2-0. Congratulations to Mo, our player of the day for being an awesome team mate.



- Hakihea December
- Raumati summer
- Ngahuru autumn
- <u>Takurua</u> winter
- Kōanga spring



#### **Parent Conferences**

As you will see in our calendar, Parent Conferences are being held on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> June from 3.15pm to 6.45pm.

**Rūma Pipi** interviews will be on the Wednesday only. **Rūma Pāua** will start earlier on Wednesday at 1.30pm finishing at 5.45pm and 3.15pm to 6.45pm on the Tuesday.

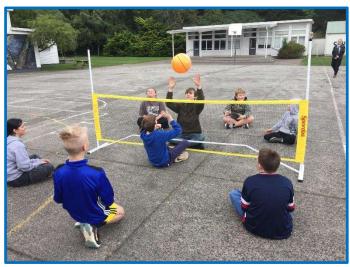
Families are asked to make their own bookings through the Skool loop App. If you cannot do this, then please ring Katy and she will do this for you. Please make sure you have made a booking as is it unfair to expect Katy to ring every family. Thank you.

The Skool loop App is now live for you to make an appointment. If you have more than one child, it would pay to do this sooner rather than later 3

Please, do not use our cell phone to ring or leave messages. We only use this for texts, Thank you

### **Playground Activity Leaders**

















## PREVENTING ILLNESS in schools and early childhood centres

Children at school and early childhood centres are:

- In close contact with many children and adults
- Exposed to new organisms or germs that the children have not built an immunity against

Well children get an average of 4-6 colds a year in the first few years of life. As they get older they develop immunity against some viruses. We also know that the virus that causes the common cold constantly changes or mutates, which means that when children come into contact with these viruses they will not necessarily have immunity against them. Therefore, we can't remove the risk of catching infections for children, but we can reduce the spread of infections by the schools and early childhood centres have a clear policy on illness and exclusion.

Schools and early childhood centres and their communities can reduce contact with illnesses by asking that children and staff who are ill to stay away until there is no risk of them spreading an illness. The Ministry of Health infectious diseases poster (copies available in schools) is a good guide for common childhood illness.

The public health nurse for your school/ECC is: **Laurie Mahoney** 

Contact details: 476 9833

### Family Feud by James in Rūma Mangō

Seven and Nine were two bitter rivals for many years but at one point they were friends. But then a new person moved in, Eight. Both wanted to be friends with him and soon arguments broke out. Seven and Nine never spoke again. Nine was a lot more of a closer friend to Eight than Seven was and Seven grew jealous. This all led to Seven Eight Nine. News quickly spread after a party was held and Nine didn't show up and Seven was too full to eat before the party even started. It was clear what

might have
happened. Six spoke
out claiming that he
saw it happen. Ten
soon launched an
investigation finding
not only Seven guilty
but Three as an
accomplice. Added
together they could
rival Ten. A team was
soon put together with



Ten, Six and the unknown Eleven. Added together they were twenty-seven. Seven was not unaware of what was happening and he gathered his own team with Two, Three, Four and Five. One was trying to stay out of trouble and lower the tension but it was too late. Seven's team was twenty-one. The subtraction was short but brutal. Only Six was left but Seven was stopped.

### WW1 by Blake from Rūma Pāua

Day One

"Get up everyone, it's time to battle!" Charlie says. I wish I didn't lie about my age now. I am only 18 years old. This is too scary for an 18-year-old.

We were shooting at the enemies when it happened BANG! I shot one of the enemies in the back straight through the heart while they were digging a trench. Then I saw Brendan run over and shoot some of the Turkish men. They turned fire towards Brendan and shot him in the leg.

When I saw this happen. I was not happy they hurt my friends so I ripped off the key of the grenade then I threw the grenade towards the Turks.

Charlie and I grab Brendan and take him to the medic tent to get checked out. We were happy when they said he was going to be ok.

We all head back to the trenches for a bit of break before we have to fight again.

### W.W.1. By Brendan from Ruma Pāua

This is day one of war. I just shot the general of Turkey.
LT. Charlie gave me two mini guns to kill turkeys' soldiers.
I charged at Turkeys army, shooting 50 of their men.
When I shot the 51st man another shot me in my right leg.
Suddenly Blake threw a grenade at the 52nd man.
"Thanks Blake!" I said "Let's get our ammo." said Blake 5
min later "All in!" I said "I call your bluff!" said Blake. I
got two Aces Blake two ones "Gimme your tokens Blake!"

One day later "Let's get to the killing." I said.
"Yaaaaaaaaa!" I yelled as I was shooting wildly at
Turkey "Rest in pieces Turkey!" I said "War is best served
cold!" I said "Brendan Turkey surrendered, we won!" said
Blake "Be quiet Blake!" I said.

THE END!



Calendar of Events	
21 st June 7:00 pm	Board Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Conferences 3:15pm-7pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Conferences 3:15pm-7pm
30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term 2
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 Begins
21st July	Matariki Breakfast
Assemblies	
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Rūma Mangō
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Rūma Wheke
23rd June	Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi