

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

Kia Ora folks

It's been a busy few weeks here at school and the pupils have been particularly active and involved in our term two PALS afternoon and also our annual Fun Run. These events have been held during the last two Friday afternoons.

The second PALS afternoon was more successful than the first one, as the seniors learned lessons from their previous session. This time, explanations and demonstrations of game play were made more explicit and kept simple. The games were adapted and modified more successfully for the various age groups and also the areas for playing were more defined. As a result, instructions were kept to a minimum and gameplay and activity to the maximum. It was also helped by the fact that we had a fantastic afternoon weatherwise. The pupils are already starting to think about activities for our term 4 PALS afternoon. Ka pai te mahi, Rūma Mangō!

We also enjoyed some super weather for our annual Fun Run last Friday. The majority of pupils had trained hard for the event during our school build up and it was evident in their stamina on the day. Congratulations to all pupils on their efforts. We have 5 pupils who will go on to the Otago Champs at Kaikorai College tomorrow. We wish Ness, Aurora, Amelia, Koa and Fletcher well in their races. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped with marshalling and the sausage sizzle.

You may be aware that Polyfest is fast approaching. We will be performing there with our Kapa Haka group on Friday 15th September between 11.40 and 12 noon (TBC). Our group has been preparing for this since last year and our set is looking and sounding fairly polished, but we still have a bit of mahi to do. It has been quite amazing to watch the progress of the pupils in terms of their singing, performing and choreography of movement. We have been very fortunate to welcome Whaea Joan George on board as our lead tutor. She has found her feet quickly, garnered the respect of the pupils and added real value to our group in helping us with our understanding of tikanga, te reo and protocol for performance. We look forward to sharing our set with you all at the Edgar Centre on the day or by viewing by streaming or watching the event online or on local TV. When we know exactly how you can do this, we will send a notification out and put a note in the newsletter regarding how you can view it. Mē te Wā

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## Calendar Art Order Forms

All classes have completed their calendar art for this year. These need to be returned by 8<sup>th</sup> September. The PTA bank account is listed on the form if you prefer to pay via internet banking. Please send in your order form still and note on it that you have paid by internet banking. Please use your child's name and Calendar Art as references. The art is displayed in classes for you to look at.



The West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust will be holding their AGM at the Careys Bay Hotel at 8pm on Wednesday September 13th. Anyone interested is welcome to join us! We are looking forward to our mahi with Kate Stevens West

during our week of celebrating art.

Put this date on your calendar folks! Sunday 5th November for our parade.

## Port Chalmers School Community Voice Survey

The Port Chalmers School Board of Trustees is asking our school whānau and learning community their thoughts as we plan for learning in the next 3 -5 years. We are keen to work alongside and engage with our community to focus on delivering excellent learning opportunities for all our tamariki.

We have created a survey to gather this important voice. Please use this QR code on your device to access the survey.



- [Whare nui](#) – meeting house, big house for communal gathering, sleeping house
- [Whare whakairo](#) – carved meeting house
- [Whare kai](#) – dining hall, eating place; often used for meetings
- [Wharepaku](#) – 'small house'; ablution block, toilets and shower room
- [Whare horoi](#) – bathroom

## School Polo Shirts

We still have a number of school polo shirts outstanding. Can they please be returned immediately. Please look under beds, behind drawers, and anywhere else clothing hides. We need these polo shirts returned so we have a full set for our kapa haka performance at PolyFest.

## Sewing Bee

There is going to be a Sewing Bee in the hall this Sunday from 10.00am (all day). We are making skirts for our Kapa Haka performance at Polyfest. If you have some spare time we would love an extra pair of hands. We hope to see you there 😊

## Port Chalmers Library Afterschool Book Club

**Monday 4th September**  
**3.15 – 4.30pm**  
**Come along!**

**We'd love to see you there for some**  
**Books, Insects & Badge Making!**



## Kiwi Harvest

Kiwi Harvest reduces the negative impacts of food waste on our environment by redistributing excess food; helping to create lasting positive social change by

nourishing those in need.

Every month Kiwi Harvest rescues 170,000 - 200,000Kg of good quality surplus food, and diverts this back to people who are struggling across New Zealand.

We would like to thank Kiwi Harvest for kindly donating fruit to our school. Our tamariki loved it.

## Health Snippet

### Poisoning

Our houses/basements/garden sheds are full of toxic substances, which can cause harm if used wrongly. Children are particularly vulnerable, as they are naturally curious and have little sense of potential dangers.

Medications:

- Store medications out of reach of children. Ask for child-proof lids.
- Supervise when children take medications
- Don't share medicine, only give it to the person it is prescribed for.
- Make sure you don't exceed the daily maximum dose of a medication. For example, if both mum and dad are giving paracetamol to a child, they need to communicate when a dose has been given to avoid over-dosing.



Cleaning gear:

- Store out of reach of children. It is tempting to keep dishwashing tablets in the cupboard next to the dishwasher, but this is very harmful to children if swallowed.
- Explain to your child that the bottles of cleaning materials are not to be played with, and dangerous.
- Keep your garden shed locked if it contains poisons.

For more information:

Poisons around the home poster

<https://www.health.govt.nz/resource/poisons-around-home>

**Your public health nurse is:** Laurie Mahoney 476-9858

### Absences

If your child is absent from school then please, get in touch with us. "Won't be in today" is not a valid reason and will be marked with a truancy code. Ring, text, use the app or email please. If we don't hear from you and we can't contact you then this will be marked as truant too. The Ministry requirement is that there be a valid reason for all absences. Truancy can be followed up by the Ministry. Thank you.

### Calendar of Events

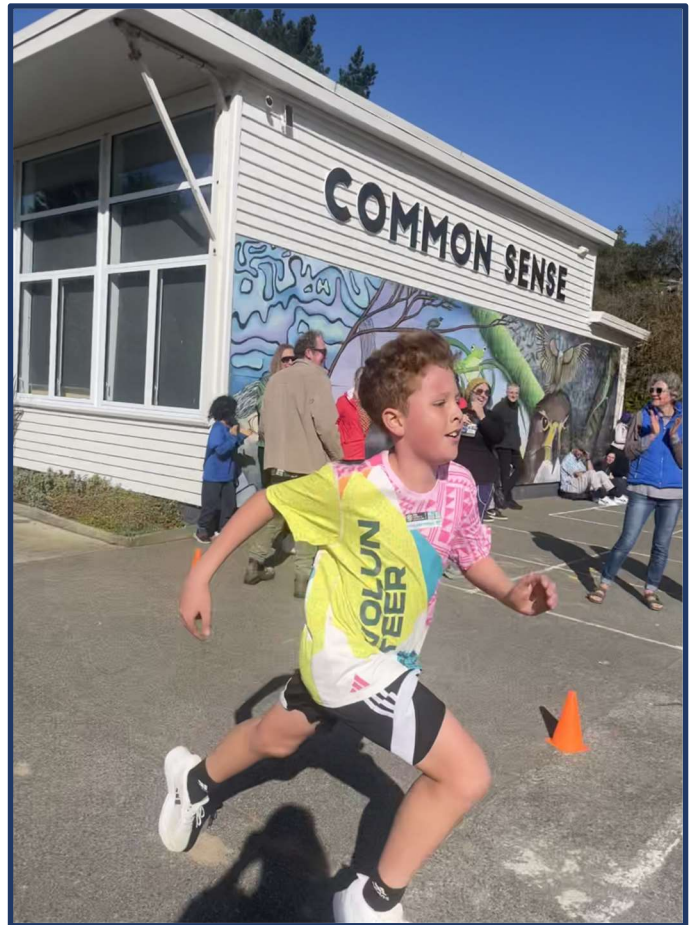
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Otago Cross Country
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Calendar Art Orders Due
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Kapa Haka Performance at PolyFest leaving school 10.15am 1pm return 11.40am performance <b>TBC</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Last day of term
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Term 4 Begins
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Artist in Residence Week
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November (Sunday)</b>	Artist in Residence Unveiling and Celebration
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final Assembly @ 2pm
<b>Assembly Timetable</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Rūma Wheke
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Rūma Pāua
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Rūma Tepetepe and Rūma Pipi
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Rūma Mangō

### PALS 2.0 Friday 18th August





## Fun Run Friday 25th August







### Join Tūhura Otago Museum and The Entomological Society of NZ for a Backyard Biodiversity Workshop!

September 2023 is Bee Aware Month, and we will be holding workshops to educate on how to promote biodiversity, live more sustainably, and help bees and other important pollinators in your backyard. There will be fun games, gardening tips, and scientists on hand to answer your questions. Play our "Is It A Bee?" game, dig through leaf litter for bugs, visit the bee-feeding station, or get a face painted with your own little critter (11-2)- there are plenty of free activities to keep the whole family entertained and informed on backyard biodiversity!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/785564883250784/>

**When:** Saturday September 16th, 10:30am - 3pm

**Where:** Tūhura Otago Museum (Atrium)

**Cost:** Free!

For any inquiries please contact

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ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK