

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

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the next few weeks we will be teaching the personal safety programme Keeping Ourselves Safe. Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people, both online and face to face
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults
- to make teachers and parents and caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

Keeping Ourselves Safe will be taught by your child's teacher, with support from the local Police School Community Officer as required.

To be successful, Keeping Ourselves Safe needs your help and support. Your child may have home activities to work on with you. It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will reinforce the messages the school is giving and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

Please contact the school if you would like any more information about the programme.

West Harbour Sports Day

The annual West Harbour Sports Fun Day will be held at the Caledonian grounds on Tuesday 24th October. The postponement date is Thursday 26th October. This is a popular sporting event for West Harbour schools as the combination of competitive events, fun events and team games cater for all ability levels. Postponement will be publicised on The Hits by 7.30 am on the Tuesday morning also a Skool Loop and email notification will be sent to families by 7.30 am. We will bus everyone to and from the event. The buses will leave at 9 am sharp (please note you will need to be at school by 9:00 am) and we will return to school by about 2.45 pm. Children will need to wear suitable shorts or track pants and shoes for physical activity. It would also be advisable to have a warm fleece or a waterproof jacket in case the day turns on us. Our learners will need to take a snack, a decent packed lunch and a water bottle. We are asking for permission for this event via the Skool Loop app. Please use the permission button or email your class teacher to give learners permission. If you would like to help on the day indicate this on the Skool Loop app or in the email too.

Skool Loop App

One of the main ways we are communicating with whānau is through the Skool Loop app. You can download this from either the app store or google play. Once you have downloaded the app you need to select Port Chalmers School. The next step is to subscribe to groups. To do this

you go to settings and click in the subscribe to groups button. You need to select all the classes your children are in. This will then activate notifications for your children's class. We have had some parents say they are not getting notifications. This could be because they are not subscribed to the groups. You may also need to enable Skool Loop notifications on your phone. Please see Vicki if you need help to sort this. We really want to keep you in the 'loop'.

www.portchalmers.school.nz

Swimming Term 4

Swimming has started for all classes. We will swim Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week as well. Please be prepared.

Timing of lessons are:

Rūma Pipi 9:30 am

Rūma Tepetepe 10:00 am

Rūma Wheke 10:30 am

Rūma Pāua 11:00 am

Rūma Mangō 11:30 am

Futsal and Cricket Fees

Cricket

The games start 30th of October. Played at Logan Park each Monday at 4 p.m.

\$20 per player so can you please pay this as soon as possible? If you have any problems with paying this, please get in touch with us.

06-0901-0216749-00

Reference: child's name - Cricket

Futsal

The games start on Tuesday 17th of October for Y3/4 and Wednesday 18th for Y5/6/7/8. We haven't quite got game times yet so we will update through email as soon as we hear anything.

Y3/4 - \$32

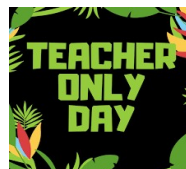
Y5/6 - \$40

Y7/8 - \$46

Per player so can you please pay this as soon as possible? If you have any problems with paying this, please get in touch with us.

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Reference: child's name and Futsal



Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 13th November

The Ministry of Education teacher only day on Monday 13th November



[Karanga](#) – the protocol of women calling guests onto the marae

[Manuhiri](#) – guests at or visitors to the marae

[Tangata whenua](#) – hosts, local people, 'people of the land'

Boating

Port Chalmers School is fortunate to be able to offer a Boating Programme for our pupils once they reach the senior school, (Years 5-8). They learn how to be safe and confident when operating a variety of small watercraft and also have opportunities to practise their social and cooperative skills.

A boating notice will be sent home with all senior pupils this week. This notice will also have a section to return to school if you are available to be a volunteer helper during sessions. Please hunt for these in their school bags!

Even if you do not have children in the senior school yet, and you would like to lend a hand on the dates below, it would be grand to have you along. Please contact Jared here at school 034728685 or email jared@portchalmers.school.nz

Health Snippet

Keep Kids Safe from Poisoning

www.safekids.org.nz

On average, one child every day is hospitalised after being accidentally poisoned. Children aged under five are much more likely to be poisoned than older children. However, you can prevent poisonings by following a few simple steps -

- Know what products in your home are poisonous to children. Ensure chemicals and cleaners are kept up high or in locked cupboards.
- Ensure you read and follow safety instructions on chemicals and cleaners.
- Put lids on properly after using chemicals, cleaners and medicines.
- Unused medicines should be returned to your pharmacy for safe disposal.
- Store all medicines out of children's reach and sight. Sharing medicines is dangerous – only use your own medicines.
- Ask your pharmacist for safety caps on medicines - there may be a small cost.
- Follow dosage instructions from your doctor or pharmacist. Every child is different – only give the dose prescribed.
- If your child has been poisoned, or you suspect they've been poisoned phone 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)
- Your public health nurse is: Laurie Mahoney 476-9858



REGISTRATION DAY
Sunday 15th October
2pm-3pm
Gardens 1 Bank st
 For more information email nevjuniorcricketclub@gmail.com

Election Day 2023

Please remember it is election day this Saturday 14th October. The polling booth in Port Chalmers is the Town Hall in Grey Street. Make sure you have your say.

We wish to welcome Xian and Toby and their whānau to our learning community 😊 We are sure you enjoy your time with us.

Calendar of Events

10 th - 19 th October	Swimming
19 th October	Author Visit – Ruth Paul
23 rd October	Labour Day (school closed)
24 th October	West Harbour Sports Day
26 th October	School Photos
30 th October	Artist in Residence Week
1 st November	Dunedin Triathlon
3 rd November	Ukulele Jam (Rūma Pāua)
5 th November (Sunday)	Artist in Residence Unveiling and Celebration
6 th November	Kiwi Golf @ Port Chalmers Golf Club
7 th November	North Zone Sports
13 th November	Teacher Only Day
8 th December	Christmas Developmental
11-12 December	Year 8 Camp
13 th December	Year 8 Dinner
14 th December	Final Assembly @ 2pm

Boating Timetable

Thursday 26 th October	1-3pm
Thursday 9 th November	1-3pm
Thursday 23 rd November	1-3pm
Thursday 7 th December	1-3pm

Assembly Timetable

10 th November	Rūma Wheke
17 th November	Rūma tepetepe & Pipi
24 th November	Rūa Pāua
1 st December	Rūma Mangō

Port Chalmers Swim Club

Our swim club season began this week and it's been great to see the local children back in the water learning how to swim! We have spaces available on Tuesday afternoons so we are accepting late enrolments!

Families can fill in the registration online or call, and we'll be in touch can be contacted on 022 690 4342.

bit.ly/PCSC2023-new-registrations