

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

Swimming Term 4

We finished our swimming block with the instructors from JC Swim School today. They have been impressed with the progress the children have made in the sessions. Thank-you to Port Otago for again sponsoring these sessions.

PTA News

One of the upcoming fundraisers for the PTA this term is having a stall at the Artisan Market at the Edgar Centre on Sunday 26th November.

The stall will be selling baking and tickets in our Christmas raffle. For this the PTA are looking for donations for the Christmas raffle and baking. Donations for the raffle can be sent to school over the coming weeks. Baking will be required on Friday 24th November.



Our next fundraiser is selling first aid kits. We've teamed up with Guardtech, a top-notch supplier of first aid kits. They're providing us with two of their best-selling, expertly compiled first aid kits. These high-quality kits are excellent value for money, perfectly suited for your vehicles, homes, and would make a great Christmas gift too.

The cost per kit is as follows:

Large Premium/Comprehensive Vehicle First Aid Kit: \$40.00

Compact Hard-Shell Essential Items First Aid Kit (available in either blue or green): \$16

Order forms have been sent home with tamariki today.

Forms and payment are due back to school by Friday 2nd November.



Kelk Photography 26th October

It is that time of year again when we get photos taken. This year it will only be class photos and our year 8 leavers. This will be at 9.00am.

Lucky Book Orders

The 27th of October is the final day for getting your Lucky Book orders in.

Peta Hill (Assistant Principal)

www.portchalmers.school.nz

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 haven't already. If you would like to help on the day indicate this on the Skool Loop app or in the email too.



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

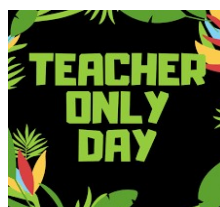
Y7/8 - \$46

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.

06-0901-0216749-00

Reference: child's name and Futsal



Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 13th November

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

Head Knocks



Please, do not panic if we ring you regarding head knocks. Bumps and bruises are common in our environment. We like to make parents aware when it does and how and what treatment we

have given.

Te Reo Māori

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

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 has been sent home with all senior pupils. This notice has a section to return to school if you are available to be a volunteer helper during sessions.



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



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

All our school news in one place!

Download Skool Loop today

Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

Choose settings and subscribe to the groups/class your child is in.

Calendar of Events

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

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	Rūma Pāua
1 st December	Rūma Mangō
14 December	Final Assembly starting at 2pm
Wednesday 31 st January	Term 1 2024

Futsal Results

Yrs 3 & 4

Team Rūma Wheke and Tepetepe lost 3-1 to St Bernies. Player of the day went to Skylah.

Yrs 5 & 6

Team Rūma Pāua won 4-0 against SFX Panthers. Player of the day went to Matthew.

Yrs 7 & 8

Team Rūma Mangō won 5-0 against EOHS. Toby got player of the day went to Toby S.

Health Snippet

Fire Safety

Welcome to the Get Firewise Website--a fun education site for the promotion of fire safety by the New Zealand fire Service.

You can learn how to be Firewise and then get the chance to test what you know.

Click to visit www.fire.org.nz

Cooking - Cooking is the number one fire danger in your home.

Never leave cooking unattended.

Always watch the pan or pot when cooking with oil or fat.

If oil or fat is smoking, turn off the heat.

Snuff out a fat fire with a pot lid or oven tray, Never Carry It Outside.

Don't cook when you have been drinking-alcohol and cooking don't mix.

Matches and Lighters Keep all matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children. Teach children to take matches or lighters to an adult straight away. Only use child resistant lighters and safety matchbox holders. Child resistant lighters are not child proof!

Heating - Remember the Heater -Meter Rule---Keep furniture, clothes and curtains at least one meter from heaters and fireplaces.

Your public health nurse is: Laurie Mahoney 476-9858

Port Chalmers Swim Club

Our swim club season has begun 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



Swimming





2023 PORT OTAGO WEST HARBOUR SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 24th October
9AM-2PM
CALEDONIAN

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

 **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS

TUES 24 OCT
9AM-2PM

EVENTS

EVENTS WILL BE RUNNING FROM 9AM TO 2PM - COME ON DOWN AND SEE OUR TAMARIKI IN ACTION!

SHOT PUT

LONG JUMP

HIGH JUMP

200M & 400M DISTANCE

RELAY

SPRINTS

FOOTBALL - HUNGERBALL

SPORT OTAGO PLAY STATION

TUG O WAR

FUN RELAYS

OTAGO SPIRIT RUGBY

The event will conclude at 2pm. Your school will inform you of means of transport back to school

Cancellation: In the case of the event being postponed due to poor weather conditions, Kelly Sports will communicate with the involved schools. The schools and Kelly Sports Dunedin will post on their Facebook pages, and other channels of communication.

Postponement Date: Thursday 26th Oct...fingers crossed we do not need a postponement day!

A MASSIVE thank you to Port Otago for Supporting this years event!

Website: kellysports.co.nz/dunedin

Contact: Sarah Taylor

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Phone: 027 695 8004

Facebook: @KellySportsDunedin



What I Think

When I look in a puddle or the sea, I see me

But sometimes I wonder what other people see?

Sometimes we think we're ugly,

And sometimes we think "we're just fine".

But what we really are is pretty,

or handsome and that's what I remind myself all the time :)

By Emma

Reflection

Life reflects lots of tales,
of nights and army's, bears and whales.
The further we go the more we see.

Strange and wonderful,
Good, bad, and sometimes very very sad.

You can see anything from whence you came lions with a golden mane, old
brick houses, witches and more it drops you right on imaginations door.

Into a realm of everything,
butterflies flying with massive wings,
the sky lighting up with bright, bright colours.
The world has a story like no other.
We can reflect on lot's of different events.

Take what you've seen back with you stories, tales and information too.
And years from now when you're feeling down reflect on the happy times and
do the opposite of frown.

Remember the past, remember the good, remember the life you've led and
lived, remember all the times you've given.

Remember to give, forgive and forget because you can't always dream
instead.

By Eulalia

Bright Reflections

Life reflects on stuff that will brighten your day
although it also reflects things that will make you pray,

In the end everything will reflect back on to you,
so if there is ever something you can't get through.
Think about a reflection that will brighten your day,
Some memories will leave, some will stay.

Instead of thinking about times in the past that didn't last,
think about a time when you had a blast

Life reflects on things that make you sad
Some rather good, some bad.

But it was a pleasure for me to say
If you trust yourself everything will be okay.

By Romy

The Power of Reflection

I see you, or rather I see me.
Like an I-phone screen, but you come for free.
You used to be just a thing.
Your praises, no-one would choose to sing.

Now the young people love you so.
They observe their looks which you choose to show.
But if they do not look like the hottest pop-star
they scream and they kick and are heard from afar.

This power must be a lot to withstand
for something that can fit in the palm of my hand.

Today I see you everywhere,
From a small mirror to a broken-hearted tear.
You may show absolute perfection
or horrible failure, you are reflection.

By Finn