

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

The school calendar has been busy as we wind into the final few weeks of the term. Pupils have had opportunities to take part in a number of events and activities and I'll update you on some of these today. The whole school was lucky to see a group of musicians from the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday morning. We were treated to a number of pieces which showcased the various instruments and the performers also talked about their instruments and how they were played. The pupils enjoyed the show and they asked some super questions at the end of the performance.

Four of our Athletes represented Port Chalmers School at the North Zone Sports last week. Well done to Koa, Bene, Kodee and Amelia for being selected. You all gave your events 100%. Now, Amelia, Bene and Kodee will go on to the Otago Champs next Tuesday to participate in sprints and jumping events. We wish them well!

Last Monday, a group of pupils from the senior school had an opportunity to play some golf at the Sawyers Bay Golf Course. This was organised by Mel Harper who came out to the school last term and ran a whole school golf programme during the day. The pupils enjoyed their on the course experience and I can see that we have some talent here at school. Thank you to the 'Eagles' golfing organisation for sponsoring the event for us.

On Tuesday, Rūma Mangō were treated to a PALS (Playground Activity Leaders) Celebration Day in recognition of their mahi organising our whole school PALS sports afternoons. The event was organised by Healthy Active Learning Otago and Sport Otago. PALS from various other Dunedin Schools were also there and the pupils enjoyed socialising and playing alongside new people while playing different sports including Hungerball, Goalball and Ki o Rahi. They were treated to pizzas and fruit for lunch and then they had a great (and very messy!) time in the Colour Run at the conclusion of the day. The PALS programme has been really successful at school this year and it has certainly helped the seniors develop their leadership abilities.

Our Year 8 pupils have all enrolled in their High Schools for 2024. On Friday they will visit their chosen schools for their orientation mornings. The group are well prepared for the next step in their educational journey. We transition our seniors well into high school and although they are understandably nervous, they are excited about all of the new opportunities that await them.

We still have quite a few events and activities planned for the remainder of the year, so please keep an eye on the calendar!

Mā te Wā

Jared Roddick – Deputy Principal

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Orchestra Visit



Calendar of Events

30th November	PTA Disco
8th December	Christmas Developmental
11-12 December	Year 8 Camp
13th December	Year 8 Dinner
14th December	Final Assembly

Boating Timetable

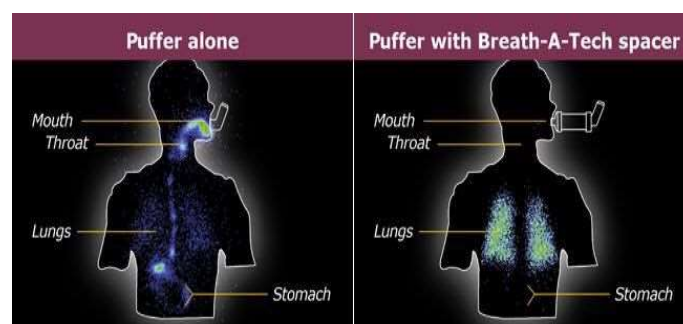
Thursday 23rd November	1-3pm
Thursday 7th December	1-3pm

Assembly Timetable

17th November	Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi
24th November	Rūma Pāua
1st December	Rūma Mangō
14 December	Final Assembly at 2pm
Wednesday 31st January	Term 1 2024

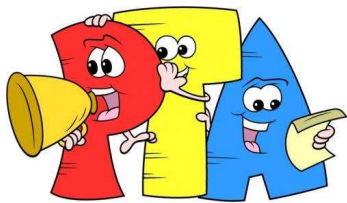
Health Snippet

You can get a free spacer from your GP.



Welcome, to Mae and her family. We are sure you will enjoy your time here as members of our learning community.

Class photos are up in the classrooms now. Order envelopes went home today. Can we have all orders back before Friday the 24th. This gives Kelk enough time to get them back to us before the end of the year.



The next fundraiser for the PTA this term is 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 wanting 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.

DISCO



Come and join in the fun at the School Disco on Thursday 30th November.

The theme is the end of Spring Fling.
Rūma Pipi and Tepetepe start time 6:00 – 7:00pm

Rūma Mangō, Pawa and Wheke start time 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Entry is \$2.00. Of course, there will be yummy food to purchase.



Futsal

Team Rūma Wheke and Tepetepe lost 0-3 against East Taieri United. Player of the day went to Max.

Team Rūma Pāua won 9-1 against Brockville Rangers. Player of the day went to Liam.
Team Rūma Mangō won 5-0. Player of the day went to Amelia.

Cricket Results

PC Red lost by 1 run - Player of the day went to Ness
PC Black lost by 1 run - Player of the day went to the full team
PC White lost by 1 run - Player of the day went to the full team



Te Reo Māori

Whānau – family

Matāmua – first-born

Pōtiki – youngest

Pāpā – father

Whaea – mother

Tamaiti – child

Tamāhine – daughter

Tipuna or tupuna – ancestor

Wahine – woman, wife

Otago Literacy Association Poetry Competition

Otago Literacy Association poetry competition results. We entered many classes poetry writing into this competition and are delighted to announce we have some winners. Poems were judged by Elena de Roo (NZ writer and poet)

Junior section

1st Place:

Next to my window
I see tall snow-tipped mountains
I hear an excited bird chirping
I smell crinkling leaves
I feel the cool wind whispering through the window
By Danny

Elena's comment - I love the way this poem uses nearly all the senses to create a feeling of calm reflection and to paint a picture of nature framed by a window. The poem builds beautifully to its last line, full of wonderful alliteration and a sense of mystery and promise as to what might be around the corner – perfect! Congratulations Danny!

2nd Place:

Spring
Hello, spring!
Goodbye, delicious hot coco.
Hello, playful new born animals.
Goodbye, cold sniffly noses.
Hello, bright colourful roses.
Goodbye, frosty snowy hills.
Hello, fizzy fuzzy coca cola.
Goodbye, cold icy roads.
Hello, spring.
We are glad you are here!

By Lucy

Elena's comment - It was a very close finish between first and second place. There is a lovely joyful energy in this poem as it bounces rhythmically along with its alternating "hello/goodbye" lines (each a reflection of the other in a back to front mirror image kind of way). This combined with the clever repetition of vowel sounds "Hello fizzy fuzzy coca cola" make the words flow along like a bubbling brook. Congratulations Lucy!

Senior section

1st Place

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

Elena's comment - A carefully-crafted and insightful poem told from an unusual point of view with near perfect rhythm and rhyme. The opening and closing rhyming couplets are especially powerful.

Congratulations, Finn!

Commended:

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.

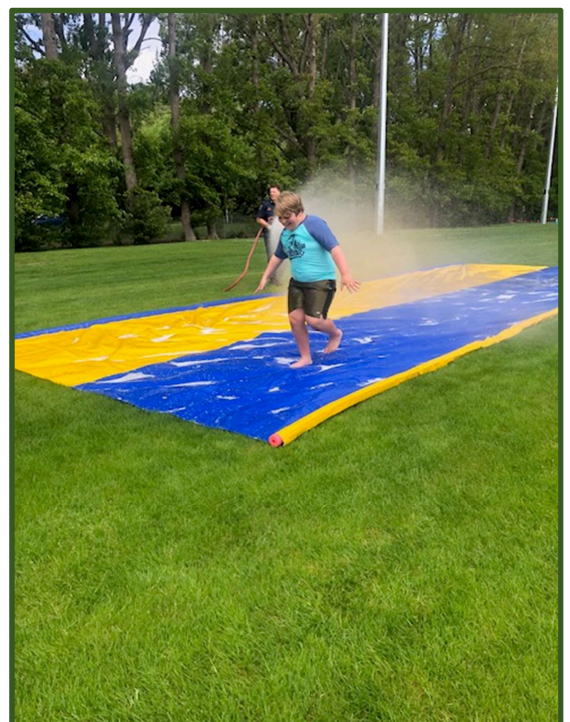
By Romy

Elena's comment - This poem would be great as spoken word and to perform to an audience – it has

a lovely conversational tone, nice natural rhythm and rhyme and an important message to say. Well done, Romy!



PALS Day



Stories from Rūma Pipi

The Bad Witch

By River-Rose

I was a witch. I was a bad witch! And I could turn people into a frog!



My Butterfly

By Aylah

I got a butterfly and I fed her too many flowers.



Mountain Dragon

By Riki

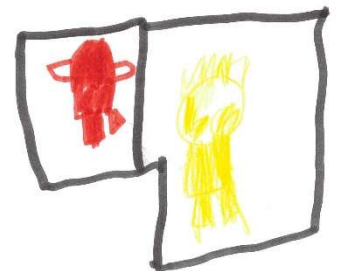
I saw a dragon in a mountain it was shooting out fire.



Imposter me!

By Caius

I saw an imposter me in a game...he ate me!



Too many bananas

By Ragnar

My monkey ate too many bananas and it turned into a chimpanzee. Then it jumped into a tree.



The Greedy Cheetah

By Remy

My pet cheetah ate a giraffe and it grew enormous. Mr Roddick dived into the cheetah's mouth!



Pretty shell

By Xanthe

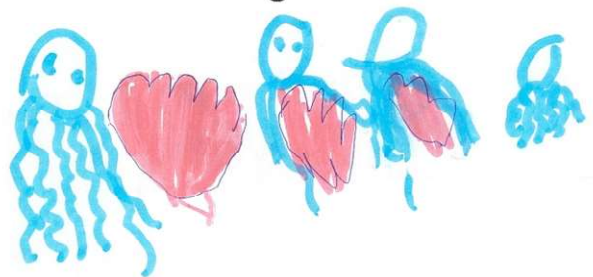
I found a shell at the beach. It was glittery and shiny.



The Flying Jellyfish

By Mahalia

I saw a jellyfish in the sky. It was swimming in the clouds!



PORT CHALMERS



SWIM CLUB INC.



SWIMATHON

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

THE PORT CHALMERS POOL

Spot
Prizes

2.00 – 2.30pm Width swimmers
2.45 – 3.45pm Length swimmers
4.00 – 4.30pm Nutrition Workshop**

Cash
Prizes



Come along on Sunday - anyone from the club or from the community is welcome to participate - anyone who can swim a width or a length, as few or as many as you choose!



Sponsorship gathering - Pick up your sponsorship form from either Port Pool, email the club or just ask your friends to donate via our Give-A-Little page.



Swimmers set a goal and complete the number of widths/lengths for a set amount of \$ per width/length (or a one-off donation).



Please note that a parent/caregiver is required to attend with each participating child.



All proceeds go to the swim club to purchase new equipment and for running costs. We look forward to seeing you all poolside on the day.



**Join Associate Registered Nutritionist Xin (Jeffrey) Zhang and find out how nutrition can help you get the most from swimming. This hands-on workshop will focus on recovery.



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Port Chalmers Swim Club



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