

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

Staffing 2021

Vicki Nicolson Principal
 Jared Roddick Deputy Principal
 Peta Hill Assistant Principal

Class Teachers

Ian Landreth/Lee Davis	Rm 5	Yr 1
Peta Hill	Rm 7	Yr 2
Marnie Waaka	Rm 8	Yr 3/4
Brooke Flannery	Rm 4	Yr 5/6/7
Jared Roddick	Rm 2	Yr 7/8

Support Staff

Katy Gray	Administration
Roger McLaughlin	Caretaker
Charlotte MacShane/Michelle Meaclem	Teacher Aides
Robert Scott /Andrea Clark	Teacher Aides

The staff are delighted to welcome you back to school for 2021. We look forward to another exciting year of learning for all members of our community.

We particularly welcome our new pupils and their whānau to Port Chalmers School. I know that you will all make these families feel welcome

It is great to be back at school. This year we will continue with our focus on our values - the 4 C's - courtesy, co-operation, caring and common sense. Our 4 C's really encompass the qualities that we want to see in all the interactions we have with each other and our environment.

We also have three Maori values - Whanaungatanga (belonging), Ako (to learn) and Manaakitanga (show respect), which we will also reflect in our place over the year.

We believe in an open door policy at school. Please come and talk to us. We know that when families, schools and learners are closely linked, magic happens.

I love today. It is so exciting to see all 'our' learners back at school, happy and excited to be involved in such a great learning community. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

This year we are continuing with the following:

- Kelly Sports Initiative** – every second Tuesday (starting 16th February) Kelly Sports will be working with classes and teachers to deliver PE. Every class will have at least 30 minutes looking at skills and games. Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear on these Tuesdays (sports shoes).
- Skool Loop** – this is an app for your phone which will keep you in touch with all the happenings at school. You can download the app from either google play or the app store.
- Kapa Haka** – our Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will continue with kapa haka on Wednesday afternoons. This will start in the next couple of weeks. Our Year 3 & 4 students will also have kapa haka as a junior group at 2:30pm on a Wednesday afternoon.

Ka kite ano.

Nau mai haere mai -Welcome to Arlo in Rm 5, Charlie in Rm 8, Lena and Pippa in Rm 4, and Liam, Sam, Akira, and George in Rm 2 and their whānau. We are sure you will enjoy your time here 😊😊

Absences

Children are checked for attendance at the start of each day. If your child is absent please ring the school to let us know. If we haven't heard from you explaining the absence, we will ring you to confirm that your child is safe. This is to ensure the safety of all our students. You can also text your absences on 027 697 3596 before 9:15 am. The Ministry of Education requires a reason for your child's absence. Some days the checking for safety of where children are takes a huge amount of time. Please be respectful of our need to know your children are safe and call or text to let us know.

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1 Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 16th April
 Term 2 Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July
 Term 3 Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October
 Term 4 Monday 18th October to Thursday 16th December

Public Holidays that occur in the first term

Waitangi Day Monday 8th February
Otago Anniversary Day Monday 22nd March
Good Friday (Easter) Friday 2nd April
Easter Monday Monday 5th April
Easter Tuesday Tuesday 6th April

School Times

Children are expected to be in their rooms by 9:00am ready for learning for the day.

8:30 am	Supervision begins
9:00 am	Classes begin
10:40-11:00 am	Morning Tea
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	School finishes

School Bus



The school bus is available for families who live within the eligibility area dictated by the Ministry of Education. Children who do not live in this area are not able to travel on the school bus to Aramoana. Mr Roddick is the teacher in charge of the bus and checks afternoon attendance on the bus. Please advise him if your children are not going home on the bus on a particular day.

Donations

The Board of Trustees has opted into the government donation scheme, and therefore you will not be asked for a donation this year. This does exclude the take home component of technology for our Year 7 & 8's.

Breakfast Club

We are very keen to continue with our Breakfast Club however that does depend on volunteers. Can you help us for about 20-30 minutes before school, one day a week? This programme depends on your help. We already have one day covered for the week. Can you cover one of the other four?

Community Picnic

17th February 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Bring a picnic tea and come to a community picnic. The school BBQ will be available for you to cook something on if you want too. Come and meet your child's teacher and other whanau.



Lunch online with Subway will restart on Friday 12th February. If you haven't used this online lunch ordering system, please register at <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

Sushi Johnny Starting Wednesday, 10th February



Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and correct change. We will order the lunches which will then be picked up and given out at 12:30pm.

Please ensure you choose Chicken or Vegetarian

Price List

Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian Rice Balls	\$3.50
Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian 5 piece sushi	\$5.00

Can you please tell your child they must eat their Sushi at lunchtime and not leave in their lunchbox for later. Sushi is great when it's fresh but may cause food poisoning if consumed after being left in a lunch box for hours.

It would be appreciated if the correct money is sent to school.

Library

We have some overdue books from 2020. Please return any books found over the holiday clean up. The cost of any lost books will be added to family accounts

Stationery

Stationery lists were issued at the end of last year. The office has spare copies if you have lost yours, or you can download it from our website. Please try to have the stationery by Friday 12th of February.

Cell phones – Electronics – Toys

If cell phones and iPods etc. must come to school, then they need to be turned off and handed in to the office. Thank you.

We do encourage children to leave toys and valuables at home. They become a distraction to learning. We will not be responsible should anything happen to them.

Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. Swimming lessons for all classes will start on Tuesday 23rd of February.

Tuesday 23 rd February
Thursday 25 th February
Friday 26 th February
Tuesday 2 nd March
Thursday 4 th March
Friday 5 th March

Port Otago is sponsoring swimming lessons for the whole school.

Compliments or Concerns

If you have compliments or concerns to share please contact us. We want to listen and share all the things that are happening in our school.

Technology (Years 7 & 8 Students)

The children will travel to Dunedin North Intermediate School each Wednesday starting 10th February, leaving school at 8:40am. Please note that the students will need to be at school by 8:40am on Wednesday mornings to catch the bus into DNI. Children will receive instruction in food technology and hard and soft materials technology and digital technology. DNI have a separate charge for pupils who attend technology, which covers the cost of materials. This has been set at \$90.00 for 2021. This will need to be paid by the end of term 1 as it covers the take home component of the things the students make at technology.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS PORT CHALMERS LIBRARY

(9-12 years)
 Term 1

Start: Tuesday 9 th February

3.45-4.45pm Cost: \$100

Teacher: Majella Cullinane

For further info email:

koputaiwriting@gmail.com

***The class is limited to 10 students, so book asap to guarantee your place**

Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 23rd March



The Board of Trustees have approved a teacher only day on Tuesday 23rd March, Week 8. This Tuesday is the day after Otago Anniversary day.

Calendar of Events

8th February	Waitangi Day (School closed)
10th February	Yr 7 & 8 Technology starts at DNI
12th February	Room 2 Museum Visit 9.30am
15th February	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
17th February	Community Picnic 5.30pm
24th February	El Gregoe Show
1st March	Rooms 2 & 4 Wild Life Tour
3rd March	Rooms 5, 7, 8 Wild Life Tour
9th & 10th March	Goal Setting Conferences
22nd March	Otago Anniversary Day
23rd March	Teacher Only Day
9th & 10th March	Gaol Setting Conferences from 3.30pm
2nd April	Good Friday
5th April	Easter Monday
6th April	Easter Tuesday
9th April	Year 8's HPV
16th April	Last day of Term
3rd May	Term 2 Begins