

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

Matariki Breakfast

The pre-dawn rise of Matariki also known as the Seven Sisters or Pleiades, traditionally signals the Māori New Year.

How to find Matariki

Matariki is found low on the horizon in the north east of the sky. Try looking here between 5.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m.

The pot

1. First find the pot (the bottom three stars of the pot are also called Tautoru, or Orion’s Belt). To find Puanga (Rigel) look above the pot until you see the bright star. To find Matariki, keep going.



- 2. To the left of the pot, find the bright orange star, Taumata-kuku (Alderbaran).
- 3. Follow an imaginary line from Tautoru (the bottom three stars of the pot), across to Taumata-kuku and keep going until you hit a cluster of stars.
- 4. That cluster is Matariki. If you have good eyes you should be able to pick out individual stars. If it looks fuzzy, look just above or just below and the stars will be clearer.



We will be celebrating Matariki with breakfast on the 2nd July at 7.30am in the school hall

Art Auction

Tickets are on sale now for the West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust Art Auction fundraiser!!! Get them in person (\$5) from wonderful Katy at the school office, Pea Sea Art, or Bellamy’s Gallery in Macandrew Bay, or online (\$5.93) from <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/art-auction-2021-tickets-159193996529>. It’s going to be a super fun night; bar and snacks, Steve Walker MC-ing, and the chance to bid on over 80 works from artists including David Elliott, Madeleine Child, Ewan McDougall, Jane Dodd, and our own Robert Scott, all to raise money for the Artist in Residence held here at school every November. Tell your art-loving aunties, uncles, grandparents and friends - Saturday 3 July at the Port Chalmers Town Hall, doors opening 6.30pm. Don’t miss out! For more info, see our West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust on Facebook or whact_otepoti on Instagram.

Heoi anō tāku mō ināianeī - That’s all for now
Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely Vicki Nicolson

Paid Union Meeting

Port Chalmers school teachers who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa will be attending a paid union meeting on 23rd and 29th of June, with some attending in the morning and others in the afternoon.

The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the renegotiation of their collective agreement in 2022. Issues being discussed, such as school staffing levels, directly impact on the education of your children. These meetings are a critical component of the negotiation process and it is the legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say. While there will be some impact on the usual school programme that day, we have adjusted the programme to minimise disruption, and the school will remain open. We are not asking whanau to take children home.



Intermediate Miniball

Results On Monday night we played Carisbrook school. We were outplayed in the first half but pulled it together in the second half. We really need to practise our shooting because we had lots of shots but only a few went in! In the end we lost 24-9.

Year 5 & 6 Port Ballers

Last week we played against NEV, it was a fun game with a lot of team work. The final score was 22-13 to them. We need to work on our accuracy when shooting goals. Congratulation to Malakai, our player of the day.

Attendance Matters

1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem like much. But think of it this way

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If my child is 10 minutes late a day- surely that won't affect my child's learning

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 week's per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 Day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

Absences

Please ring the school on 472-8685 or txt 027 697 3596 before 9:15am or email office@portchalmers.school.nz or use the Skool Loop app if your child is going to be absent (or late) from school. This means less time is taken up by Katy, trying to contact you if your child is missing from school. “Won’t be in today” is not a valid excuse to be absent and the Ministry codes this as truant and can follow this up. Thank you.

Ancient Egypt

By Reuben

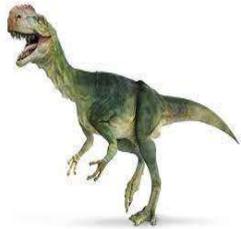
If I went to Egypt in a time machine. I would see the great pyramids and I will see Tutankhamen. I will see when they made Tutankhamun's tomb. And I will see the Pharaoh that had 100 sons and daughters.



The time of the Dinosaurs

By Lucy

If I had a time machine I would climb into it and it would take me to the time of the dinosaurs. It would be fun and I will see Tyrannosaurus Rex and a Pteranodon it will be amazing. I would also see Triceratops and there would only be bushes, trees and ferns and dinosaurs.



Goodbye Tonsils

By Bella

I will get my tonsils out. I will bring my slippers. When I wake up I will get ice-cream. My Mum will bring me heaps of unicorn stuff. It will be Bene's birthday.



Twins by Wren

In my time machine I will go to when my brother just started school. Because then I could be the same age as Finn. And when he is 20 I will be the same age.



No Birthday Party

By Madeleine

"Hi I am a fish. I never get a party. But Poof out pops my Fairy Godmother and she says, "what is the problem?" I say," my parents never give me a Birthday". "I will help you the house is messy, I love you." When the house is tidy I get a cake.



Make up

By Brecken

I went to a castle and I saw a princess putting her make up on. The dragon was watching her. She wanted make up too. The unicorn helped her put some make up on the dragons lips with her horn. She looked beautiful!



Mōrena

Good morning

Ata mārīe

Good morning

Ahihi mārīe

Good afternoon

Yr 7 & 8 Technology and Lost Library Books Accounts

Accounts for the take home component of the Year 7 & 8 technology and for lost library books and sunhats went home with this newsletter to families who still have an outstanding balance. We do not charge an activity fee but we must charge for technology and lost/ unreturned library books and sunhats. Please settle these accounts or make arrangements for direct credit. \$5.00 a week soon gets these accounts cleared. Thank you. Our Bank Account Number is: 06 0901 02167490 00

Whanau Hui

Thank you to the whanau who came to our hui last night. We enjoyed your koreo and whakairo. The questions I used are available from the National Library website. The link is here:

<https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/tuia-matauranga>





THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS



BELLAMY'S



ART AUCTION

3rd July 2021 7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm)
Port Chalmers Town Hall

Artwork available for viewing from 12-5pm at venue
facebook/westharbourarts or Instagram/whact_otepoti

Tickets available at the office. \$5.00 each.

Principal's Award

Writing

Max Rm 7

Bella Rm 5

Madeleine Rm 5

Brecken Rm 5

ASSEMBLIES 2.15pm

Friday 18th June Room 8

Friday 25th June Room 2

Friday 2nd July Room 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2nd July (7:30am) Matariki Breakfast

3rd July Midwinter Art Auction

5th July BOT Meeting

7th & 8th July Learning Conferences

9th July Last day of term

26th July Term 3 Begins