

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

COVID Alert Level 4

Who would have thought that we'd leave school on Tuesday and by 6:00 pm that night be in a COVID 19 Level 4 lockdown? I know I watched the announcement with a sense of disbelief. However, I know that the team of five million will do the right thing and get behind the tight lockdown requirements. As I write this newsletter on Thursday morning we are anticipating being back at school on Monday, however things may change and we'll communicate as soon as there is clarity around the next steps. The most important thing is to take care of you and your bubble. We have been here before and thrived, we can do this again.

Our teaching team has been working and you should all have had an email from your child's teacher outlining some home learning tasks for you to share with your tamariki. We know many of you will be managing on just a phone for your wi-fi, so I am working with the Ministry of Education to loan school devices to whānau. At this stage I am not allowed to go to school to gather the devices or send them out. If the lockdown is extended I'm sure we will be able to get this organised. If you need a school device to access home learning, please either let your child's teacher know or email me (vicki@portchalmers.school.nz). I will keep you updated about how or when I am going to be able to do this.

I haven't changed any upcoming events on our calendar. It will be one day at a time for the next wee while. I know that Rūma Paua will be as upset as I was that the Ukulele Jam has been postponed. However, I know the organising group are looking at other dates later in the year. Be kind and keep safe.

North Zone Cross Country

One event that we were able to compete in was the Year 5 & 6 North Zone Cross Country at Balmacewen Intermediate on Tuesday morning. Thanks to all the supporters who transported the eight competitors and cheered us on. Six students have now qualified for the Otago Cross Country on Friday 10 September. Amelia Landreth, Alesia Malcom, Jasper Leuchs, Myla White, Sebastian Rutherford and Tommy Rae.



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

Our Classroom Names

Room 5	Pipi
Room 6	Tohorā
Room 7	Tepetepe
Room 8	Wheke
Room 4	Paua
Room 3	Hāmana
Room 2	Mangō
Hall	Whareniui

Advanced Notice Teachers Only Day



There will be a teacher only day on Friday 24th September so teachers can attend professional development around structured literacy.

**Miniball Results
Yrs. 7&8**



Last night we had our first win of the season against DNI. We played hard and won the ball well. Also we managed to score more hoops than usual! Final score was 19-0 to us.

Te Reo Māori

Pō mārie	Good evening - Goodnight
tamariki mā	... children
e tama mā	... boys and others
e hine mā	... girls and others
Kei te pēhea koe?	How are you? (to one person)
Kei te pai	Fine

Please remember, if your child has sniffles or is generally feeling unwell, do not send them to school. Children who have vomited are to be kept home for 48 hours after the last bout. Thank you.



Our School Fun Run will be held on Friday 27th August. We need some parent helper volunteers to marshal at points around the course. Please see Katy in the office or Jared if you can spare some time to help in this area. More information about this event will be forthcoming.

Monday Madness

Monday did not start the way we thought it would! Everyone arrived to find some classes had lights others not. No internet, no heating and no hot water. Thank you to all the families who used our Cell Phone or Skool Loop to give us messages of absences. It's good to know we have this back up plan. Delta came to our rescue and had us up and running in no time.



SWIM CLUB OPEN DAY

Sunday 12th Sept
1pm-3pm Registrations
At Pioneer Hall, 45 George St
Port Chalmers. All Welcome

PORT CHALMERS SWIM CLUB

All ages welcome to join Learn to Swim Lessons +
Email portswimclub@gmail.com Development Squad +
Follow us on our Facebook page & stay up to date with club news and events Fitness Squad +
Competitive Training +

Health Snippet

Respect

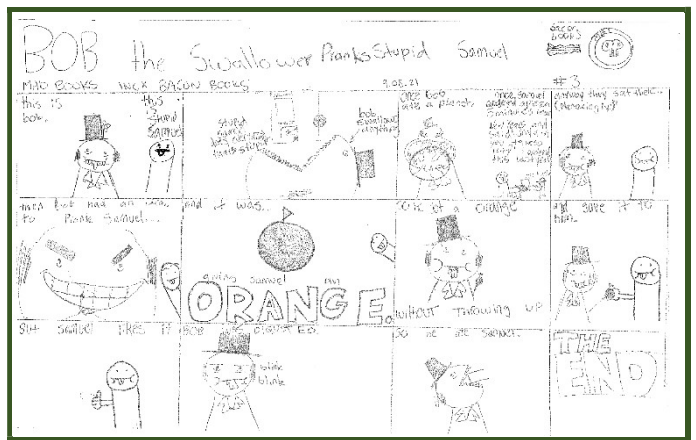
Children will develop respect for themselves and for others if they learn that what they think, feel, and do is important. If you put them down or call them names, your children will feel unworthy. Criticism or punishment which is too harsh will prevent children from developing self-confidence. By accepting your children's right to have feelings, you can help them to learn to respect the feelings of others. If you teach your children healthy ways to express their feelings, they will learn to develop positive relationships.

When dealing with your children remember to:

- Accept what they are feeling even if it is different from your own feelings
- Show respect for their feelings, beliefs, actions and individuality by listening with interest
- Say "I feel" or "I believe" rather than "you are" statements when telling children what they are doing wrong.

Our Public Health Nurse is Laurie Mahoney
Te Punaka Oraka
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Comic Strip by Riley Rm 2.



Please be vigilant in your weekly check of your child's hair. One egg left, starts the breeding cycle all over again. We are asking if children with long hair could have it tied up or in a bun. Using a bandana can also help reduce the incidence of head lice spreading.

Our Cross Country Team



AGES 9 TO 18

CODING LESSONS

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Coding NZ Lessons

- Learn coding languages to create technology.
- An expert tutor is online to help during lessons.
- 1 hour per week at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm weekdays.
- Try a free trial lesson at codingnz.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
27th August 1:45pm	Fun Run
3rd September	Senior Team Assembly
10th September	Junior Team Assembly
24th September	Teacher Only Day
29th September	Musical Dress Rehearsal 1pm-3:30pm
30th September 7:00 pm	School Musical
1st October	Last day of term
18th October	First day of Term 4
25th October	Labour Day School Closed
26th October	West Harbour Sports Day