

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



It was so lovely to be at the gate this morning welcoming back our crew. We are reconnecting and getting ourselves back into school learning mode. Congratulations to all our wonderful teachers at home. You've made it!

Thank you for helping us at the gate, and being prepared to cuddle and drop your learners outside of school. We know this is different, however we all want to be out of level 2 as quickly as we can. Following the health guidelines will make this happen faster.

Face Masks

Public Health has closely reviewed their previous advice and affirmed there is no requirement to wear face coverings at Alert Level 2 in schools. Those who choose to wear face coverings will continue to be supported to do so. Staff and students may elect to use face covering if they wish.

Some tips about wearing face masks:

- Place the face mask over your nose and mouth and secure with ties or loops. Make sure the mask fits snugly, moulded to your face and around your nose. Make sure the mask fully covers your nose, mouth and chin. Your mask should be comfortable, with no gaps around the mask and your face, and allow you to breathe easily.
- Do not touch the front of the face mask. If you do, clean your hands and dry thoroughly.
- Avoid touching your face, as infection can still be introduced by touching your eyes or if you are not wearing your face mask correctly.
- Face masks should not be moved during use
- Remove the face mask from behind (do not touch the front of the mask) by untying ties or removing loops and pull it away from your face. Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth when removing your mask

I will hopefully have more details about the Fun Run next week. Enjoy your weekend at Alert Level 2. For some it will be a chance to reconnect with those who have been outside our bubble. I'm certainly looking forward to being able to get a cuddle from one of my boys, who I haven't seen since lockdown.

Heoi anō tāku mō ināianei - That's all for now

Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Vicki Nicolson

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Reminders

Fun Run – this can happen once we are at Alert Level 2. We'll keep you informed about a date for this once we know when levels will shift, and when we have confirmation about the Otago Cross Country event. We will adapt the usual course for this.

Senior and Junior Syndicate Assemblies – cancelled for this term. We can only host an audience at Alert Level 1.

Musical – this has been the hardest decision to make, however for a second year running we are having to cancel our musical. Apart from the fact that classes can't practice until alert level 2, we also can't do whole school singing and we can't perform for an audience until Alert Level 1.

Teacher Only Day – this was planned for Friday the 24th of September and we have decided to defer this to a later date. If we are back at Level 2 by this stage, we want to keep our learners with us.

Otago Cross Country – this has been postponed from the 10 September. The group organising this are looking at alternative dates, but again this event can only happen at Alert Level 1. I will keep you updated about rescheduling this event.

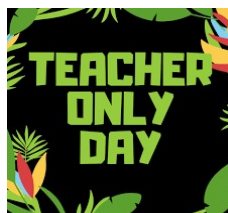
Miniball – Season has finished.

O'Mathalon – has been cancelled for this year

Poly Fest – this has been postponed at this stage and will be rescheduled for term 4.

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 Term 4

There will be a teacher only day on Friday 19th November.

Te Reo Māori

Tino pai!

Great stuff!

Tino pai rawa atu!

Excellent!

Ka pai!

Well done!

Ka rawe!

How lovely!

Mīharo!

Wonderful!



Subway will resume tomorrow. This can be ordered through Lunch Online. At www.lunchonline.co.nz

School Under Alert Level 3

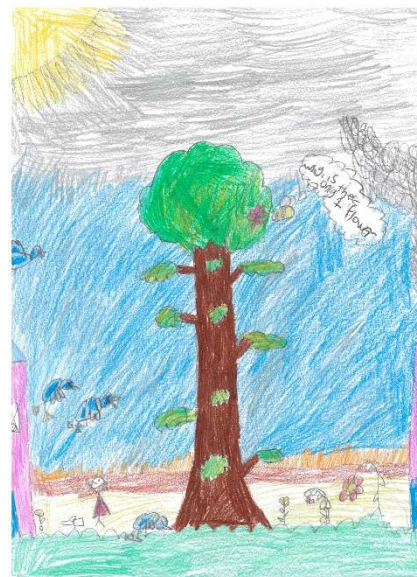


Home Learning Under Alert Level 3



Ruma Paua talking with an Olympian.

What did the tree see?



This is what the trees have seen.
The trees have seen little plants grow and big plants die.
They've seen villages being built and turned into towns
They've seen birds coming to town and them being shot down
They've seen flowers that used to grow now burnt to a crisp
They've e seen so many factories turning the blue sky, grey

The trees have seen animals that once roamed free now trapped in a zoo for people to see
That's what the trees have seen.

By Rosa Ruma Wheke

Let's go fishing

Otago Fish & Game Council is running four **FREE** Take A Kid Fishing session from 10am to noon at the Southern Reservoir (Reservoir Road, Dunedin) on the weekends of September 18/19 and September 25/26, 2021.

If you wish to register, please be prepared to be flexible due to changing Covid restrictions. There are real possibilities that numbers could be reduced or the event could be cancelled at late notice.

Note: At this stage, we are taking registrations for only **ONE ADULT PER FAMILY** in the possibility it will be held under Alert Level 2.

This will be held under Covid outdoor event rules.

- Limit of 100 participants.
- Maintain a 2m distance from other groups.
- Participants must scan the QR code on arrival.

Fishing licences are not necessary for this event, as Fish & Game will issue a free group licence.

Registrations are open now and are **essential**. Visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2VWVJ23>

SWIM CLUB OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th Sept.
1pm-3pm Registrations
At the Port Chalmers Pool Club
Rooms, Albertson Ave. All Welcome

PORT CHALMERS SWIM CLUB

All ages welcome to join

Email portswimclub@gmail.com

Follow us on our FaceBook page & stay up to date with club news and events

Learn to Swim Lessons +

Development Squad +

Fitness Squad +

Competitive Training +

Please, do not send your child to school if they have a cold, sniffles or unwell. After a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea, your child cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.



Call 0800What's Up (0800 942 8787)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 st October	Last day of term
18 th October	First day of Term 4
25 th October	Labour Day School Closed
26 th October	West Harbour Sports Day
19 th November	Teacher Only day