



2nd June 2022 Tekau mā ono
(Issue 16)

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

TUMUAKI PURONGO

ILLNESS

At the moment there appears to be a vomiting bug circulating through the school. The Ministry of Health advises child/ren are kept home until they are well and 48 hours have passed since their last episode of vomiting. The following link has information on symptoms, infection periods etc. for common childhood infections:

<https://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource-table/tableinfectious-diseases>



Matariki Breakfast

Planning is underway for our Matariki breakfast on Thursday 23rd June 7:45 am

We are looking for some people to help serve the breakfast. We will need you from 7:15am until about 8:30am. Please put your name down at the office. We can't wait to be at school in the dark and celebrating Matariki. We hope you can join us. After our breakfast at about 9:00 am we will be making a hiko to the Holy Trinity Church in Scotia Street to see the pennants and flags that we made last year on display. You are more than welcome to join us for this as well.

Late arrival at School

If your child arrives at school after 9:00 am they (or you) need to call past the Office to let Katy know they have arrived. This will save us getting in touch with you to find out where your child is. It will also avoid us having to go and check where your child is.

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Heoi anō tāku mō ināianeī - That's all for now
Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely
Vicki Nicolson
www.portchalmers.school.nz

Te Reo Māori

Kia ū

All the best

Ngā mihi mō tō huritau

Best wishes for your birthday

Miniball

The Miniball Season has begun and there are families who have not paid their subs. It would be appreciated if these could be paid. Just \$5.00 a week will soon get these accounts paid. Thank you.



Teacher Only Day TOMORROW

The Board of Trustees have approved a teacher only day on Friday 3rd June. This is Friday before Queens Birthday weekend.

Thank you to all the families who have made sure children have a supply of masks to wear daily. This is much appreciated.

Sushi Johnny Price Increase.

After 5 years Sushi Johnny has had to increase their price due to supplier increases for all ingredients.

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| Rice balls | \$4.00 |
| 5pc Sushi | \$5.50 |
| Chicken in Rice | \$8.00 |

Sacks Please

Our Caretaker needs old sacks so he can dispose of the ash from our boiler. We would appreciate any donations, please drop them off at the office thank you.

Library Books Overdue

Library Books overdue by a month or more will have their value added to family accounts. Please encourage your child to return these.

Annual Book Week

From the 7th to the 10th June

David Elliot will be our visiting author. He will spend some time sharing with classes on Tuesday to kick off our book week. The Librarians have lunchtime activities organised for the school. On Friday children can come dressed up as a book character. Classes will also have the opportunity to visit the Port Chalmers Library during the week.

School Cell phone

We only use the cell phone for texting. Please do not ring us on it. The number to call is 034728685. Thank you.

Health Snippet

Children at school and early childhood centres are:

- In close contact with many children and adults
- Exposed to new organisms or germs that the children have not built an immunity against

Well children get an average of 4-6 colds a year in the first few years of life. As they get older they develop immunity against some viruses. We also know that the virus that causes the common cold constantly changes or mutates, which means that when children come into contact with these viruses they will not necessarily have immunity against them. Therefore we can't remove the risk of catching infections for children, but we can reduce the spread of infections by the schools and early childhood centres have a clear policy on illness and exclusion.

Schools and early childhood centres and their communities can reduce contact with illnesses by asking that children and staff who are ill to stay away until there is no risk of them spreading an illness.

Got any symptoms? [Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

Where to get a test
Get a test at a community testing centre. You can order a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) online at requestrats.covid19.health.nz and collect from a collection site, which can be found on healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19

Do the RAT
• Follow the packet instructions.
• Results will be visible 15 to 20 minutes after you complete your test.

No symptoms?
Unless you are a household contact, there is no need to get a test.

Organise a test and isolate from the rest of your household.

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BLOCK PARTY FOR GROWN-UPS

If you're an adult who loves Lego, join us on the Ground Floor at City Library Monday evenings from 6-8 pm to build and play with our colourful collection of Lego bricks! A great opportunity to let your imagination run wild and create some incredible builds with other adults. Monday evenings, 6-8 pm
Gig Table, Ground Floor, City Library
Free- Lego provided

New Zealand Playhouse Theatre

On Friday we had the NZ Playhouse group to share the story of the Emperor's New Clothes.

It was a colourful, modern twist on this classic story.

The 3 performers entertained both Purakanui and PC school children and the adults for an hour with story, singing and dancing. They interacted and included the audience throughout which earned them rave reviews!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Tomorrow | Teacher Only Day |
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| 6 th June | Queen's Birthday |
| 23 rd June 7:45am | Matariki Breakfast |
| 24 th June | Matariki Holiday |
| 30 th June | El Gregoe Show |
| 5 th July | Learning Conferences |
| 6 th July | Learning Conferences |
| 8 th July | Last day of Term |
| 25 th July | Term 2 begins |