



28th July 2022 Tekau mā rua
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*Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te
Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of
Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.*

TUMUAKI PURONGO

Mask Wearing at School

In previous years we have found there is an increase in winter illnesses in schools at the start of Term 3 as students bring back infections after travelling and socialising during the holidays. This year cases of COVID-19 are increasing in most parts of the country, and we are also seeing high numbers of other winter illnesses.

For the start of Term 3, 2022, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend that all schools and kura require mask wearing in all indoor settings (where it will not have a significant impact on teaching and learning – see below) for students in Years 4 and above, this includes all learners in Rūma Wheke. This means no change for our kura as we have been wearing masks while we are inside all of term 2.

This recommendation does not include any situation where mask wearing might not be practicable, such as while eating and drinking, playing certain musical instruments, indoor sport, where it will have a significant impact on teaching and learning (for example, students with particular learning needs), certain activities such as singing or drama performance on stage, and PE. In these situations, particular attention should be paid to ensuring there is good ventilation during the activity, and physical distancing where practicable.

Wearing masks can reduce new cases of the virus by as much as 53%. It works alongside other measures including vaccination, good ventilation, staying home when sick, and hand washing and other hygiene measures, to protect our students and staff.

[Keep up healthy habits – Unite Against COVID-19](#)

Adult-sized masks can generally be adjusted to fit older children by tying knots in the ear loops. Unite Against COVID-19 shows how to do this:

[How to wear a face mask safely – Unite Against COVID-19](#)

We know that that some of our tamariki/ākonga are exempt from wearing a mask. If they have an exemption card or a letter from their health provider, or we have agreed that mask wearing is not practicable for them, we will support them to not wear a mask.

[Apply for a face mask exemption pass – Unite Against COVID-19](#)

Please make sure that tamariki/ākonga come to school ready to wear masks. Students should bring masks from home. If students cannot bring masks there will be a limited supply of masks.

Thank you for your support in protecting our school community.

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

Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Vicki Nicolson

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Te Reo Māori

Maori vocabulary

Ka pai nga kai, nā?

Āe. He kai reka

He reka ngā ārani, nē rā?

Kāo, he kawa kē!

Ka tika!

Karekau!

English translation

The food's lovely, isn't it?

Yes. It's delicious food

The oranges are sweet, aren't they?

No, they're sour

True! Correct!

No!

School Board Elections

Our Board elections will be held in September this year. If you would like to learn more about being a Board member then please follow this link.

<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/advice-and-support/information-for-parents/>



The Main Roll for the Board Election is on display in the office area. Nominations are due by noon on the 3rd of August.

Nominations can be dropped in to the Office or emailed to katy@portchalmers.school.nz

Port Chalmers Library Book Club

The next Book Club is coming up, next Monday – 1st August

Join us at the usual time of 3.15 for snacks-

Followed by a creative activity and games from 3.30pm-4.30pm

(please let staff know if you are being picked up before 4.30pm)

We look forward to seeing you and hearing about the books you've been reading

Ngā mihi,

Lucinda, Katy and the Port Chalmers Library team.



Port Chalmers
School Board Elections
Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board.
All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 3rd August. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.
The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.
As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.
Voting closes at 4pm on 7th September 2022

Signed Katy Gray
Returning Officer

Weclome to Caius in Rūma Pipi and his whanau. We are sure you will enjoy your time here as part of our learning community.

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West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust AGM

The West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust (the group who facilitate the annual artist in residence here at school) would like to give notice of our AGM next term - Wednesday 3 August at 8pm, Carey's Bay Hotel. All welcome.

Writing by Kodee

- Saturday Morning
- Oval Ball
- Rugby Time
- Waiting for the whistle call
- Jogging, running, throwing
- Harbour Hawks are my team
- We won every game last year
- Smile beam
- Tackle we now play
- We play fair
- We listen to our coach
- We travel everywhere
- I've scored tries
- Player of the year
- Having fun
- White blue and red rugby gear



Please remember to call in absences via phone, skoolloop app or text **each day** your child is absent. This saves time for Katy having to ring, text each family.
Thank you.

Good Workers

Spelling
Coralie Rm 7
Charlii Rm 7
Wren Rm 7
Katelyn Rm 7
Reuben Rm 7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
3 rd August 12 noon	BoT Nominations Close
26 th August	Fun Run
23 rd September (1:30)	Bob Bickerton Show
28 th September (1:45 pm)	Deano Show
30 th September	Last day of term
Assembly Timetable	
2 September	Rūma Pipi & Tepetepe
9 September	Rūma Wheke
16 September	Rūma Mangō
30 September	Rūma Paua