

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

University of Otago College of Education Visitors

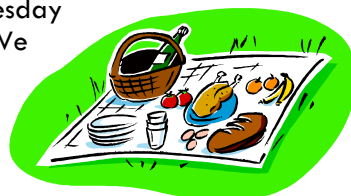
We welcome Karina Sidon, a Third Year College Teacher who will work in Room 5 for most of this year. I know you will make her feel welcome. We also have 32 grad students visiting us this week as they start their teacher education. We are privileged to have these students at our school, and we wish them well as they learn how to be teachers. Several of these students will be back with us later in the year.

Physical Education Research Project: Perception of action possibilities in children

We have some researchers from the PE School at the University working with us in February who are keen to involve the children in an interesting project. The question that they are trying to answer is how well does your child know his/her own action boundaries. The task is a very simple and safe activity (standing jump) that is part of a fun and educational game that the children will love. The children will also be asked to watch other children that they don't know on video and see how well they can judge another child's action boundaries. The research will only take 10 minutes per child and we are confident that the children will take a lot from being involved. Information sheets are attached to this newsletter. Please return consent forms by Friday 17 February.

Family Picnic - BBQ

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at the family picnic on Wednesday night the 15th Feb at 5:45pm. We will get the school barbecue out so that you can cook some food, or you may just want to pack a picnic. It is a chance to catch up with your child's teacher and also chat to other families. If the weather is unsuitable we will postpone to the following Wednesday.



New World Lunches

We have decided to change the day of New World lunches from a Wednesday to a Tuesday because of our Year 7 & 8 students being at technology. They often arrive back a little after 12:30pm so by changing to a Tuesday they will enjoy the hot lunches. Please remember to supply forks when you order lunches as we have no forks at school.

Out of School Access

We have been informed that several children have been running on the school roof (mainly the Junior Block), jumping off the roof onto the sun sails, using their skateboards and scooters on the deck and vandalising our Eco Hut. We ask that if you see any of this behaviour you either speak to the children concerned or let us know. This is a serious safety concern and has implications for both people and property. Please speak to your children about what they are doing at school out of hours.

Congratulations

Congratulations to staff and parents who competed in many events in the Masters Games last weekend. I hear there are many clanking medals in the community. We especially mention Alison Howlett a member of our staff who has 6 gold medals in rowing and athletics so far. I know more competitions are planned for this weekend. We wish you all good luck.

Enjoy your weekend.
Ka kite ano

Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative as Kristy Demmers has resigned and relocated to Brisbane, Australia. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten per cent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:
Ruth Ballantyne
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Port Chalmers School
30a Albertson Ave
Port Chalmers
DUNEDIN 9023
By: February 28th 2012

WELCOME – to Riley in Room 8 and Jake in Room 4, we are sure you will enjoy your time here at Port Chalmers School.

Caught Doing Great Learning In Week 2	
Writing Ally-May Rm 5 x2 Jayden Rm 5	Learning Log Riley Rm 7 Cora Rm7 Rosa Rm 7 Matt Rm 7 Xavier Rm 7

Contact Details

Included with this week's newsletter is a yellow contact's form. It would be appreciated if this could be filled out if there are any changes in numbers, emergency contact people etc. Please return this on Monday. It is vital we have current contact numbers for families as emergencies can happen and we need to get hold of you quickly. Thank you ☺

Family Accounts

Accounts for this year will be sent home towards the end of this month. There are a number of families who still have amounts owing from previous years. It would be appreciated if these were paid or arrangements made at the office for automatic payments to be set up. Five dollars a week soon has these debts cleared. There are a number of library books still unreturned so the value of these will be added to this year's accounts. Please encourage your child to find and return these so extra costs are avoided. Thank you.

Swimming –

Thursdays until the 29 th March	
Room 8	10:00 – 10.30 am
Room 4	10.30 – 11.00am
Rooms 2 & 3	11.00 - 12pm
Room 5	1:30 – 2.00pm
Room 7	2:15 - 2.45pm

Please note the school cell phone is turned off at 9:30am. Messages left after this time will not be read until the next day

HPV vaccination Programme

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all Year 8 girls at school this year. During February a public health nurse will come and talk to the Year 8 girls, and they will be given a consent form to take home to their parents/caregivers. **Please read this form carefully and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent for your daughter to be vaccinated at school.**

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor. For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school, or look up www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

Port Chalmers Swim Club Junior 'Try'athlon

Tuesday 21st Feb 2012, Cancellation date 23rd Feb
Registrations 5pm at Port Chalmers Swimming Pool
First race 6pm.

5-7 year olds:

Bike 1 lap around rugby field (400m), run 3/4 lap around avenue (400m),
Swim 3 widths (30m)

8-10 year olds:

Bike 2 laps around rugby field (1km) run 2 laps around avenue (1km)
Swim 2 lengths (60m)

11-14 year olds:

Bike 4 laps around rugby field (2km) run 2 laps around avenue (1km)
Swim 5 lengths (150m)
Cost \$10.00 per person. Team or Individual, Entries forms available Port Chalmers Pool and Moana Pool. Entries close 18th Feb.
No entries on the day. Contact Person: Licia Mihaka 4728384

Smart Lunches

These are available on Fridays. \$3.50 for a small lunch and \$4.50 for a larger one

Tuesday Lunches (Please note change of day)

These lunches cost **\$3.00** with a choice of Nachos, Macaroni Cheese, Pizza or Spaghetti Bolognaise. Please supply correct amounts of money and **a fork needs to be supplied from home** as we do not have a supply here at school.

MA-FI ARTS WORKSHOP www.ma-fiarts.co.nz

OSCAR APPROVED WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE
ART CLASSES CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP
1st Floor – Room 104 KING EDWARD COURT (KEC)
Cnr Stuart St and York Place
CLASSES throughout School Terms 2012: Mon-Fri 3:00-6:15pm, Sat. 10:00am-12:00 & 2:00-4:00pm
Cost = \$20/2-3hrs multiplied by length of term
All Materials Included. Enquiries/Enrolments:
Ph.-KEC 477 6112 / Him 472-8072
Mobile. 021-114-7971.
Tutors: Matthew Robertson BFA, Dip.Tchg, Regd Teacher or Fiona Shaw-Robertson BFA email: fiarts@clear.net.nz

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 15th Feb	Show Reading Rocks
Wednesday 15 Feb	Family Picnic - BBQ
Thursday 16 Feb	BOT Meeting 6pm
Thursday 23 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 8 12.15pm
Friday 24 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 7 10.15am
Monday 27 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 3 10.15am Art Gallery Visit Rm 2 12.15pm
Tuesday 28 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 5 10.15am Art Gallery Visit Rm 4 12.15pm
Wednesday 29 Feb	Sausage Sizzle
13 March	Goal Setting Conferences 3.30pm – 7pm
15 March	Goal Setting Conferences 3.30pm – 7pm
Wed 21 March	El Grego Magic Show
Monday 26 March	Anniversary Day School Closed
Wednesday 28 March	Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 1 April	Yr. 7 & 8 Camp leaving
Thursday 5 April	Yr. 7 & 8 Camp Returns
Thursday 5 April	Last Day of Term

Boating

Tuesday 14 February	Juniors 9.30am
Tuesday 21 Feb	Juniors 1pm
Tuesday 28 Feb	Seniors 9.30am
Tuesday 6 March	Juniors 1pm
Thursday 8 March	Seniors 1pm
Tuesday 20 March	Seniors 1pm
Thursday 22 March	Juniors 1pm

Assembly Timetable

10 February	Jump Jam
17 February	Room 2
24 February	Room 3
2 March	Room 7
9 March	Room 8
16 March	Room 5
23 March	Room 4
30 March	Talent Assembly

Vicki Nicolson

Principal

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