



PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL
Te Kura ō Kōpūtai
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**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te
whānau o te Kura o Kōputai –
greetings to all families
of Kōputai (Port Chalmers) School.**

Kia Ora folks

Port Chalmers School is the only full Primary State School in the West Harbour. I am sometimes asked what the advantages are of pupils continuing their education at a full Primary School as opposed to them attending an Intermediate School. I am biased, (of course!), but in my opinion, there are plenty of benefits.

Our Year 7 & 8 pupils enjoy many similar experiences to those who attend Intermediate Schools and they have opportunities to demonstrate real leadership skills in a smaller (and for many, a 'safer' environment), than in a much larger school. The continuity of learning is guaranteed as they move through the school. Port School teachers know our pupils well and as such, pupil's social, emotional, physical and academic needs are catered for and nurtured well, right up until they are ready to make the transition to High School.

For some pupils, making two transitions in three years can be quite challenging and learning traction is lost as they get used to navigating new systems, different teachers and the bigger environment. Then, when they have 'found their feet' again, it's time for the High School transition!

Pupils at Year 7 & 8 (11-13 years), are going through an important phase in their cognitive, physical, social and emotional development and, for most, having the grounding of a full primary allows them to grow well, as they can see themselves in their place and feel important and valued, without the added complications of finding themselves in their place again.

One experience that NZ pupils in Year 7 & 8 enjoy is the opportunity to learn new skills in Technology. Although we do not have a Technology learning suite at Port Chalmers School, we do indeed attend Technology classes off site at Dunedin North Intermediate. This means that pupils get to do the same learning in these important areas as those who attend Intermediate Schools, so they don't miss out. This term is a busy one for our seniors and they will be provided with opportunities to demonstrate leadership, stamina, resilience and independence with PALS (Playground Activity Leaders) training, The Abseiling Introduction Day, the William Pike Challenge, Boating, Marimbas and of course Year 7&8 Camp at Bannockburn during the last week of term. As we only have one class of Year 7&8 pupils, everyone gets to be involved in everything, rather than being 'selected' to take part in certain activities.

When it comes the time for you to make the decision for your child's Year 7 & 8 schooling, please talk to either Vicki or myself about the opportunities and experiences that we can provide for them at Port Chalmers School.

Mā te Wā

Jared Roddick (Deputy Principal)

Working Bee

Saturday 9th March 9:00 am– 12:00

We are keen to have another working bee to complete the areas we didn't quite get sorted before school started. We are ordering more bark chips and intend to tackle some of the garden areas around the school. Please bring your gardening tools and smiles!

CALENDAR

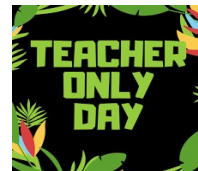
9th March (Saturday)	Working Bee
14th March	Bike Skills (Rūma Pāua)
15th March	PAL's Training Day (Rūma Mangō)
18th March	Abseiling Day (Rūma Mangō)
25th March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
27th March 6:00pm (@ Sawyers Bay School)	Big Emotions Parent Workshop (See advertisement in this newsletter)
29th March	Good Friday (School Closed)
1st April	Easter (School Closed)
2nd April	Easter (School Closed)
8th -12th April Outdoor Ed Week	Yr 7 & 8 Bannockburn Yr 1 – 6 Based at school
12th April	Last Day of Term
7th June	Teacher Only Day

BOATING TIMETABLE

Thursday 7th March	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 21st March	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 4th April	1 pm – 3pm

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE FRIDAYS AT 2.15PM

Friday 1st March	Rūma Pipi and Tepetepe
Friday 8th March	Rūma Wheke
Friday 15th March	Rūma Pāua
Friday 22nd March	Rūma Mangō



Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day 7th June 2024

The Ministry of Education teacher only day is on Friday 7th June.

PTA Easter Raffle

We are asking for donations of Easter treats please for our next fundraiser. These may be left at the office.

Raffle tickets are coming home to each whānau today. Cards and money need to

be back to school by the 22nd March.

Thank you.



Donations for Poi making

We want to make new poi for teaching and kapa haka. Can you donate any red, white or black wool or stuffing for inside the poi? Please leave at the office if you can. Ngā mihi.

Sports Fees

Futsal and Cricket Fees are now overdue. We have a policy of no pay no play. We welcome part payments in to our account 06 0901 0216749 00 Thank you.

Bulb Fundraiser

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support. Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year.

We have some great choices - why not try them all! Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost which source bulbs from New Zealand's & Holland's best growers. Your organisation/school will make at least 30% profit on all sales. A planting guide will be enclosed with each order. Order forms can be picked up from the office or we can email one to you.

Bulbs available are daffodils, anemone, tulips, freesias, ranunculus, iris, sweet pea, sparaxis. Prices range from \$5.20 to \$11.70. Exact pricing is on the order form. Payment will be needed before delivery. Please contact Peta Hill (peta@portchalmers.school.nz) for orders or questions.

Don't Get Left Behind This Year!

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

2023 2024

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Te Reo Māori

- [Hōngongoi](#) – July
- [Hereturi-kōkā](#) – August
- [Mahuru](#) – September
- [Whiringa-ā-nuku](#) – October
- [Whiringa-ā-rangi](#) – November
- [Hakihea](#) – December

Sushi Johnny Price Increase
From Wednesday 28th February
Rice Ball - Chicken or Vege - \$5.00
Sushi - Chicken or Vege - 5pc - \$6.50
Crispy Chicken on Rice - \$9.00

we all love our open spaces in Ōtepoti dunedin

During March
have your say on the:

- Town Belt
- Otago Harbour

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Parents and whānau
Do you want some tips on helping your child with their **BIG EMOTIONS?**

St Leonards School

27th March Wednesday, March the 27th 6:00- 7:00pm
SAWYERS BAY SCHOOL
99 STEVENSON AVENUE

with **Melissa Mitchell-Bain**
Wellbeing Advisor- Ministry of Education
West Harbour Schools: Port Chalmers, Sawyers Bay, St Leonards, Rudolf Steiner, and Ravensbourne.

Are you coming? RSVP rachel@portchalmers.school.nz
Do you have a question for Melissa about how to help your child with their big emotions? You can email it prior to the workshop at rachel@portchalmers.school.nz

We can provide supervision for your children during this workshop



As part of Sea Week, we had a clean-up at Mussel Bay and dressing in Blue to celebrate Sea Week.



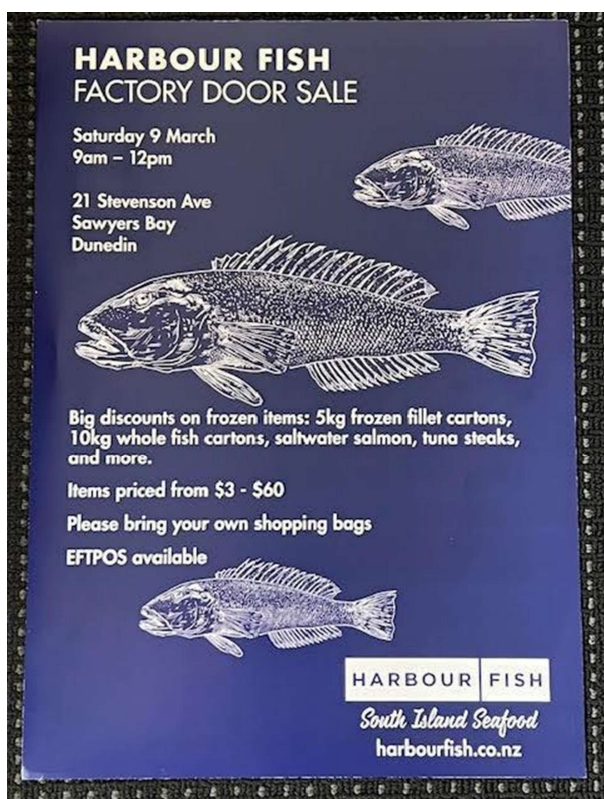
Sports Results

Summer Smash Cricket

Port Chalmers Mā won 57-40 against Kaikorai Blue.
 Player of the day went to someone from the other team.
 Port Chalmers Whero won against Mac Bay 35-38. Player of the day went to someone from the other team.

Futsal

Port Chalmers Wheke won 5-4 against Wakari Red.
 Player of the day went to Krew.
 Port Chalmers Pāua drew 1-1 against BB Orcas. Player of the day went to William.
 Port Chalmers Mangō drew 2-2 against JMC Forest.
 Player of the day went to Sam Wilson-Mahy.



**HARBOUR FISH
FACTORY DOOR SALE**

Saturday 9 March
9am - 12pm

21 Stevenson Ave
Sawyers Bay
Dunedin

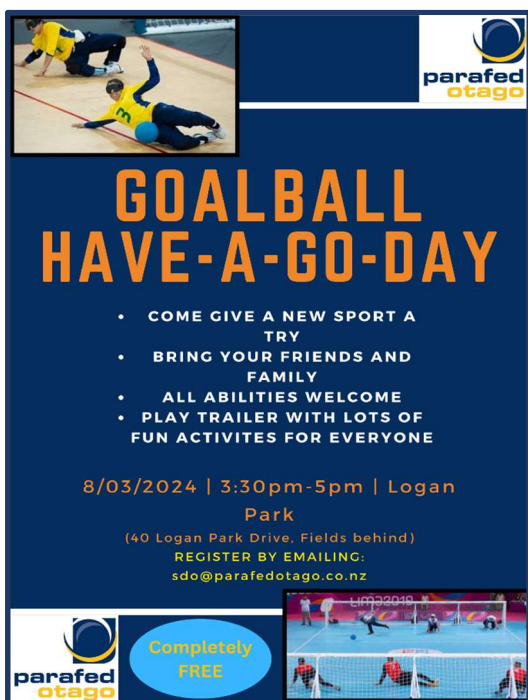
Big discounts on frozen items: 5kg frozen fillet cartons, 10kg whole fish cartons, saltwater salmon, tuna steaks, and more.

Items priced from \$3 - \$60

Please bring your own shopping bags

EFTPOS available

HARBOUR FISH
South Island Seafood
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**GOALBALL
HAVE-A-GO-DAY**

- COME GIVE A NEW SPORT A TRY
- BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- PLAY TRAILER WITH LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

8/03/2024 | 3:30pm-5pm | Logan Park

(40 Logan Park Drive, Fields behind)
 REGISTER BY EMAILING:
 sdo@parafedotago.co.nz

parafed otago **Completely FREE**

VACCINATION REMINDER

At 11 years your child will be due the 'dTap' immunisation. The 11-year-old immunisation is a vaccine which includes diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. It is one injection given in the upper arm. Your family doctor/practice nurse will provide this.



Everyday people
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Become a caregiver

We are seeking to expand our team of volunteer caregivers to provide regular opportunities for Dunedin whānau to recharge their batteries.

This unique role has flexibility to fit within your lifestyle.

Includes quality training, support, and koha.
 Contact us in confidence.



- ☎ 0800 FAM CARE (0800 326 2273)
- 📱 @AnglicanFamilyCare
- 🌐 AnglicanFamilyCare.org.nz/Caregiving
- 📍 266 Hanover Street, Dunedin

SLEEP AND BEDTIME

Children need a good night's sleep so that they have enough energy for the next day's activities. Sleep is important for our brains as well as our bodies. Children cannot fight colds and viruses when they are tired.

Children may not be a good judge of how much sleep they need, as they may not recognise they are tired. Children of primary school age may require 11- or 12-hours sleep. Suggested bedtimes for 5 to 11-year olds are 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Generally, 12 year olds need only 10 hours. A good bedtime routine will help.

If parents are having difficulty with the children's bedtime routines they can discuss these with the local public health nurse or Plunket nurse.

The public health nurse for your school is
 Laurie Mahoney
 Contact details: 4769833