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

Kia ora koutou whanau

Term two has started well and there is a buzz of activity around the playground and in the classrooms as pupils get back into their learning, working and playing with their mates.

We ended term one on a high. The final week of term one was our biennial Outdoor Education Week, where all pupils got to experience various outdoor activities on site, in the community and, for the Seniors, camp at Bannockburn.

The Year 7&8 Camp at Bannockburn was very successful and the pupils had numerous opportunities to experience new things and live in a different environment together for the week. The weather held out for us and we managed to accomplish everything that we had planned to do. I'll leave it to my kids to give you their thoughts on their experiences and add some photographs to illustrate the fun!

I would like to extend a big thank you to Rob Duffy (our bus driver), Barry Scott, Jonny Goldsmith, Mike Wheeler, Billy Allan, Naz Noronha, Ian Landreth, Marnie Waaka and Brooke Flannery for assisting me throughout the week and 'making our camp work'. Nga mihi nui guys!

Mā te Wā

Jared Roddick
(Deputy Principal)

"My favourite activity we did was probably abseiling because it pushed me out of my comfort zone but once I got the hang of it, it was really fun." - Arnika

"I liked the Confidence Course because it was hard and fun at the same time." - Sam Wilson

"I really enjoyed our cabin inspections. The first night we got 6.5 out of 10. Respectable!" - Sonny

"I got to cook damper on the BBQ and Naz and Baz helped" - Toby

"My favourite thing was the Gabriel's Gully walk and we went into the gunpowder storage" - Rex

"My favourite thing about camp was hanging out with the class like we're family..." - Malakai

"When I went Abseiling I learnt that sometimes we have to face our fear by stepping over the cliff, so I took a deep breath and carried on." - Moana

"My first highlight was finding gold. I was so happy" - Kodee

"The Alexandra Pool was really cool. It was really deep which made it fun and different" - Arihana

"At the Kawarau Gorge we got to shoot the sluice gun at the hill. That was cool!" - Alesia

"The concert was funny...." - Isabella

"The Year 7&8 camp was enjoyable for countless reasons, mostly the early mornings...." - Aden

"It was funny when we had to do the dishes to the tune of Disney songs" - Finn

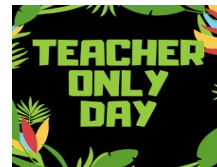
"The food, like all of it! The cookies were really good and I liked it all" - Angelina

"At my camp my favourite thing was abseiling. As I looked down the cliff I saw my dad, Mr Landreth and Mr Roddick. They looked really small...." - Carlos

"Ms Waaka's games on Tuesday night were so much fun with all of us losing our voices screaming and yelling, cheering and laughing...." - Amelia

"The archery and abseiling I really enjoyed and the cabin inspections were fun. Playing in the dark was super-duper." - Sam Wheeler

The Flying Fox and Confidence Course were exciting and I fell off the Flying Fox twice! - Aquilla



Teacher Only Day
7th June 2024

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

Te Reo Māori

[Aroha](#) – compassion, tenderness, sustaining love

[Ihi](#) – power, authority, essential force

[Mana](#) – authority, power; influence, reputation

[Mauri](#) – hidden essential life force, or a symbol of this

Kids Book club is on at Port Chalmers Library. This month we will be cooking up some delicious snacks! Along with some other fun activities. Monday 6th May at 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Lucinda, Bella and the Port Chalmers Library team

Sushi Johnny
Sushi Johnny is going to be closed for a month.
It will resume for us, on May 22nd

CALENDAR	
2 nd and 3 rd May	Art Gallery Trips
15 th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
16 – 17 May	Life Education
17 th May 2:00 pm	Playhouse Theatre
3 rd June (School Closed)	King's Birthday
7 th June	Teacher Only Day
27 June 7:00 am	Matariki Breakfast
28 June (School Closed)	Matariki Holiday
5 th July	End of term 2
ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE FRIDAYS AT 2:15 pm	
Friday 24 th May	Rūma Mangō
Friday 31 st May	Rūma Pāua
Friday 21 st June	Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi
Friday 5 th July	Rūma Wheke



Port Chalmers and District Lions Club

QUIZ NIGHT

Port Chalmers Town Hall
Saturday 18th May, 2024

Doors open 7pm
Teams of 4, \$5 per head.



Cash Bar, Raffle, Mystery Envelopes, Questions, Fun!


Come along and help us raise funds to support the Lions Club charitable causes.

Next Quiz – Saturday 15th June

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Attendance Matters			
1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem like much. But think of it this way			
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years
If my child is 10 minutes late a day- surely that won't affect my child's learning			
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 week's per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 Day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years



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**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

Year 7 & 8 Camp



