

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

Artist-in-Residence Week

There has been a hive of activity here at school this week as classes spend time working with Jerry Howlett, our Artist-in-Residence specialist this week. Jerry is a sculptor who studied at the Dunedin School of Art graduating with a Bachelors Honours Degree in 2016. He is a past pupil of Port Chalmers School and currently lives and works in Port Chalmers. As Jerry has said, stories have been an important part of his life, providing hope, inspiration and escapism. They are kindling to the fires of imagination.

'Words have the ability to evoke a strong emotional response in someone, with the right words lingering in our memory for years to come. Art is no different; it has a way of speaking to the viewer. A single object or image has the ability to generate its own meaning, its own story.'

This is the way Jerry has worked with the children, beginning with a story he shared based around a story of a future where humans (known as Communities of Compost) have a different connection with the environment and the creatures they share it with. Each child has chosen an endangered or extinct NZ species to champion — as if they live in the world from Jerry's story.

Children are completing two pieces of artwork. One is for an exhibition in the hall and the other to wear in a parade on Sunday. These will be available for the children to take home following the parade.

The parade starts at 12 noon from the school gate. Children are to meet on the court from 11.45am to get ready. Following the parade there will be a picnic lunch (bring your picnic rug) and celebration back at school. We will be entertained by our kapa haka group and marimba band. Our usual food stalls will be open for business (curry, BBQ and drinks). Bring cash for these.

Finally, a big thank-you to our adult helpers who have been in during the week to work with classes and to Jerry and the WHACT (West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust) for making this happen as well as DCC, Port Otago, Otago Community Trust and Pea Sea Art Gallery for their support also.

Last week Mr Landreth and I attended a function to celebrate the long running programme Reading Recovery. Both of us and Ms Waaka are trained and

have taught the programme at different times here at school. It is with sadness that the programme is being discontinued at the end of the year under our new Government.

At the function, Joy Cowley was a special guest and spoke to the group gathered. We got to see her newest children's picture book - Twigs and Stones, due in bookstores in the new year.

What an amazing lady she is, still writing at 88.



Mā te Wā Peta Hill

Classrooms 2025

This week we are letting you know of an upcoming change in our school's class structure, which will see us transition from three junior classes to two, making a total of 4 classrooms for 2025. The make-up of these classes will be Years 1 and 2 in Rūma Tepetepe with Peta Hill (which includes children starting at school as 5-year-olds) and Years 3 and 4 in Rūma Wheke with Marnie Waaka, Years 5 & 6 in Rūma Pāua with Miss Flannery and Years 7 & 8 in Rūma Mangō with Mr Roddick. Lee Davis will continue in his role of CRT and leadership release. Ian Landreth will become a specialist intervention teacher across the school and will take groups of children for literacy and mathematics support. We understand that any change can bring a degree of concern, however, numbers in our junior classes have made us re-evaluate the distribution of resources and staffing. This will allow a better allocation of resources and intervention support to meet the needs of our students more effectively. We appreciate that this is a change from the way we have had our junior classes for many years. Please feel free to talk to Peta or me to understand the

format for the start of 2025.

We are excited about the small group teaching that Ian will be able to deliver to support our many learners,

and the classroom socialising that this new format will

deliver.

Class Teachers			
Peta Hill	Rūma Tepetepe (Rm7)	Yr 1/2	
Marnie Waaka	Rūma Wheke (Rm 8)	Yr 3/4	
Brooke Flannery	Rūma Pāua (Rm 4)	Yr 5/6	
Jared Roddick	Rūma Mangō (Rm 2)	Yr 7/8	
Ian Landreth	Literacy & Maths		
	Intervention		
Lee Davis	CRT & Leadership		
	release		



Calendar			
5 th December Rm 5 & 7 6:00–7:00 pm Rm 8,4&2 7:00 – 8:30 pm	School Disco		
11 th December	Christmas Developmental		
16 th December	Year 8 Big Day Out		
16 th December 6:00pm	Year 8 Dinner		
17 th December	Last Day of the Year		
3 rd February	Term 1 2025		
7 th February	Teacher Only Day		
Assembly Timetal	ble 2.15pm start		
6th December	Rūma Mangō		
13th December	Rūma Pāua		
17 th December 2 pm	Final Assembly		
Boating Timetable			
12 th December 1 pm	Rūma Pāua & Rūma Mangō		



Advanced Notice of Teacher Only Days

The Ministry of Education teacher only curriculum day is on the 7th of February 2025

Christmas Raffle

Raffle cards went home today to each family. There are to be two draws - one for a Christmas hamper and the other a homemade Christmas cake.

Cards and money need to be returned by Friday the 13th December.

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 16th December. Winners will be announced at the final assembly.

Prize Giving Cups

We need all cups to be returned to the office by Friday 29th of November so we can get them cleaned and engraved for this year's prize giving. Just leave these at the office. Thank you.



Tangata whenua original people belonging to a place, local people, hosts

Whaikorero the art and practice of speech making

Kaikōrero or kaiwhai kōrero speaker (there are many other terms)

Haka chant with dance for the purpose of challenge

West Harbour t Parade &



PARADE STARTS AT 12 PM AT THE SCHOOL GATE

ALBERTSON AVE, PORT CHAIMERS

BAKE SALE! CANDY **FOLLOWED BY** PICNIC LUNCH & FLOSS! SAUSAGE SIZZLE! CELEBRATION VEGETARIAN CURRY!

TE KURA O KŌPŪTAI

PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL KAPA HAKA! MARIMBA BAND!

BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF CREATIONS MADE BY TAMARIKI FROM PÜRÄKAUNUI SCHOOL, PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL, KÕPŪTAI PIONEERS ECE AND PORT CHALMERS KINDERGARTEN, UNDER THE IMAGINATIVE GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION OF OUR 2024 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE, SCULPTOR (AND FORMER STUDENT OF PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL) **JERRY HOWLETT**







WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO PEA SEA ART GALLERY, PORT CHALMERS

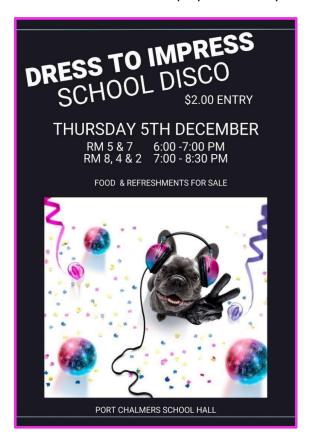
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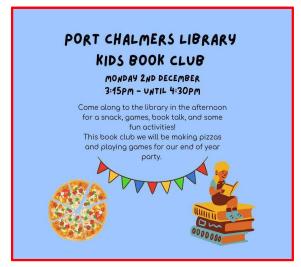
Port Chalmers Red won 14-0 against St Joseph's Yellow, and Remy was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Black won 7-4 against Balaclava Orange, and William was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Blue won 7-3 against Liberton United, and Van was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers White won 7-1 against DNI Dynamos, and Sam Wheeler was named player of the day.













Artist in Residence Week





Pertussis (whooping cough) Awareness

Whooping cough cases on the

There has been a significant increase in Pertussis cases in the South.

This is similar to what is being seen elsewhere across Aotearoa | New Zealand and Australia.

Epidemics of Pertussis typically occur every 3-5 years, with the last national outbreak in Aotearoa | New Zealand beginning in late 2017 and continuing through 2018.

Pertussis can be particularly severe for babies, and they may require hospital care. The groups most at risk of severe infection and its complications are young infants, people who are pregnant or with reduced immunity. Symptoms include onset of upper respiratory tract infection with cough; post-tussive vomiting, apnoea or cyanosis; an inspiratory whoop following cough in younger children noting infants may not

whoop; gasping or gagging instead of whooping in

High priority contacts include:

older children and adults.

- infants younger than 1 year
- children <5 years who are unimmunised or partially immunised
- pregnant people
- people at risk of severe disease, e.g. chronic respiratory disease, congenital heart disease, immunocompromise
- people who work or spend extended time with vulnerable people outside the household, e.g. early childhood centre, aged residential care, healthcare settings.

If you suspect whooping cough, please get in touch with your GP and do not send your child to school as it is highly contagious. Thank you. All the4 info is available at this website. (copy & paste KidsHealth: www.kidshealth.org.nz/whooping-cough.





