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PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL
Te Kura o Kōputai
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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.*



Teacher Only Day
7th June 2024
The Ministry of Education teacher only day is on Friday 7th June.

Te Reo Māori

- [Whare whakairo](#) – carved meeting house
- [Whare kai](#) – dining hall, eating place; often used for meetings
- [Wharepaku](#) – ‘small house’; ablution block, toilets and shower room
- [Whare horoi](#) – bathroom



We would like to thank all of our parents and friends of the school who have put their hands up to help with the various things that have happened over this term. Without your help, we would not be able to offer the activities that we do.

Head lice is a part of school life and nothing to be embarrassed about. Please, if your child has head lice, can you treat it. The chemist has a good supply of nit comes and treatments. Holiday time is the time for getting rid of them and ending their life-cycle. Thank you for your support.

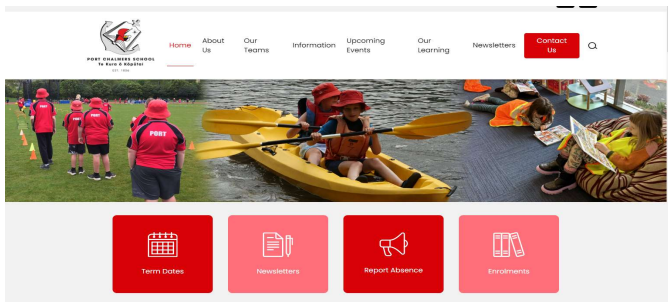


Art Gallery and Chinese Gardens Visit

At the end of week 1 next term, classes will be visiting the Public Art Gallery and the Chinese Gardens as we start to explore the arts in different cultures. On Thursday 2nd May Rūma Māngo and Rūma Wheke will be going and on Friday 3rd May it will be Rūma Pipi and Tepetepe and Rūma Paua. Classes will leave around 9.30am and head into town on the bus. They will change over between the two spaces, walking between each. Lunch will be at the Chinese Gardens. Classes will be collected by the bus to return to school by 2.30pm.

New School Website

Have you had a chance to visit our new school website? It has been refreshed and updated with a new format and features. Click here to have a look at it. WWW portchalmers.school.nz The photos are just amazing and really capture what is the essence of this place.



Sushi Johnny
Sushi Johnny is going to be closed for a month from the 13th of April to 16th of May while they are on holiday.

Year 7 & 8 Campers at Bannockburn



CALENDAR

29th April	First day of the term
1st May	PTA Meeting All welcome
2nd and 3rd May	Art Gallery Trips
15th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
17th May	Playhouse Theatre
7th June	Teacher Only Day

PALs Afternoon

Last Friday our seniors ran a PALs afternoon of games.

Rippa Octopus & Makakaha

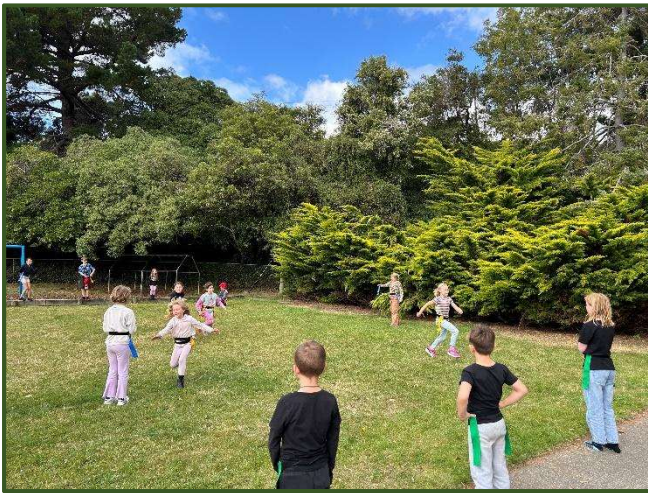


Island Tag



Outdoor Ed Week

Scavenger Hunt for things that start with each letter of the alphabet



Shark Attack



Futsal Results

PC Wheke won 10-0 against Big Rock Stingrays. Our player of the day was Remy

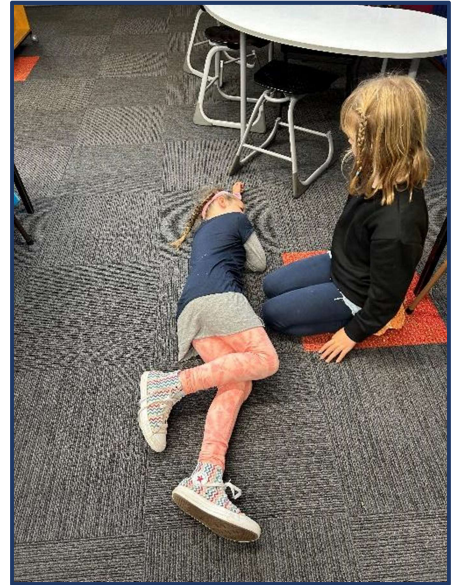
Pāua Team lost their game 6-0 and the player of the day was Paxton.



Observational Drawing in the edible garden



**Some of the Rotational Activities
First Aid**



Foraging with expert Steve Parker



Tent Pitching



Our Pellets have Arrived!



Making Bird feeders



Walk to Matthews Track



The Wheke Futsal Team



Mermaid Weaving @ Port Chalmers Library

Wildly Dunedin
Otepoti Mohoo

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
11:30 AM 1:00 PM
1:30 PM 3:00 PM



DESIGNED FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN (10+ YEARS)
COST: \$20/PERSON (10 PLACES/WORKSHOP)
BOOK HERE: www.wilddunedin.nz/events-2024/mermaid-weaving-at-port-chalmers OR visit the Port Chalmers Library

There have been some tummy bugs going around, so our Public Health Nurse has attached this info sheet for your information.



Prevent the Spread of Disease

The following measures can help prevent the spread of gastroenteritis diseases like Norovirus and Rotavirus

1. Stay away from work, school or preschool (*noho tonu nga tangata ki te kainga*)

People affected by gastroenteritis (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) should remain off work, school or preschool until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

2. Wash your hands (*Horoia Ō ringaringa*)

Thorough and regular hand washing is essential in preventing the spread of disease.

Wash your/your children's hands thoroughly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, then dry them properly with disposable paper towels for 20 seconds. For added protection alcohol based hand sanitizers can be used after you have washed your hands, however they are not a substitute for good hand washing.

Wash hands after:

- using the toilet,
- cleaning toilets and bathrooms,
- handling soiled clothing or bed linen,
- cleaning up incidents of vomiting or diarrhoea,
- changing nappies, and
- before and after preparing food.



3. Clean and disinfect your environment (*Whakahoroia me rongoā patu take meroitite te taiao*)

If there has been an incident of diarrhoea or vomiting at home-

- Exclude people from the area
- Open windows /doors so air flows out of the house
- Wear personal protective gear such as gloves, disposable apron and mask if they are available
- Remove vomit or faeces with paper towels to soak up excess liquid
- Clean the contaminated area with detergent and water
- Disinfect contaminated hard surfaces with diluted chlorine solution. Chlorine is recognized as the most effective disinfectant. It can be prepared by mixing any supermarket brand of bleach and water. Mix 6 teaspoons of bleach (25ml) to 1 litre of water.
Caution: Chlorine can irritate skin and nasal passages, and it can discolour/harm some surfaces and materials.
- Allow a 30 minute contact time
- Keep people away from the area for at least 30 minutes after clean up has been completed
- Put used disposable towels/cloths in two plastic bags prior to disposal, then wash your hands thoroughly.

General cleaning-

- Disinfect all areas that are likely to be contaminated such as bathrooms and toilets, and 'high touch' areas such as doorknobs, taps, toys, light switches, etc
- Chlorine can discolour clothing and soft furnishings. Soft toys, clothes, linen and soft furnishings should be laundered regularly. Contaminated soft chairs, mattresses and carpets should be cleaned with hot water and detergent and then steam cleaned.
- Use separate cleaning cloths for high risk areas such as bathrooms
- Soak any reusable cleaning cloths in chlorine solution before washing in a washing machine separate to other clothing, using a hot wash

For further information please contact a Health Protection Officer at one of the offices below

Public Health South Invercargill
PO Box 1601, Invercargill 9840
Ph: 03 2110900 Fax: 03 2110899

Public Health South Queenstown
PO Box 2180, Frankton, Queenstown 9349
Ph: 03 450 9156 Fax: 03 450 9169

Public Health South Dunedin
Private Bag 1921, Dunedin 9054
Ph: 03 476 9800 Fax: 03 4769858

Guidelines for viral gastroenteritis outbreaks (householders) Vers1 2012

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Koputai Indoor Bowling Club entrance off Albertson Avenue. Meets every Tuesday 7.00pm. Free Membership for the first year. Ages 9 to 90 No experience necessary. For information telephone Shirley Boekhout 472-7169 or Fiona Webster 021 118 7831.

**Online
registration
now open**

**2024
Season**

**Free Subs
for 2024**



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Register online at:
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harbourrugbyclub/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/harbourrugbyclub/)

Or

Contact Blair Miller –
blair.miller2020@gmail.com
021 1076096

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All playing gear provided – including warm up hoodie!

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