



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

Changes to Our School Report for 2025

Kia ora whānau,

We want to explain some changes you will see in our school reports this year, particularly for English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics.

As a result of a curriculum review led by the Ministry of Education, the English and Mathematics areas of the curriculum are now set out in year levels which has resulted in a review of expectations. The curriculum expectations for each year level have been updated and raised to align with international standards.

Please note this crucial point: Because the refreshed curriculum sets a higher bar for what students need to know and when they need to know it, your child's reported achievement may seem different from previous years. Lower reported achievement does not mean your child's learning has declined; it means the standard they are being measured against has been raised.

Your child's report will show one of the following descriptors for mathematics and reading and writing:

What this means for Your Child

Working Towards

Your child is at the beginning stages of learning the core knowledge and skills required for their current year level. They need additional teaching and support to develop the necessary understanding

Working Within

Your child has demonstrated a solid understanding and mastery of the core knowledge and skills expected for their current year level. They can consistently complete tasks accurately and independently.

Working Beyond

Your child is demonstrating an advanced understanding of concepts, knowledge, and skills beyond the expectations for their current year level, and they require extension/enrichment activities.

The reports will be given to tamariki on Monday 12th of December.

Year 8 Dinner

On Monday 15th of December, we will host our annual dinner for year 8 tamariki. They meet in the school hall at 6:00 pm for dinner and then we ask whānau to join us at 7:15 pm for the speeches and dessert.

We will set up the hall at 2:00 pm on Monday 15th December, we would appreciate your help with the set up. Join us in the Hall at 2:00 pm. If you are able to donate a koha to cover some of the costs of the dinner that would be much appreciated.

Please either send this to school and give to Katy in the Office or deposit into our school bank account with Year 8 dinner as a reference. The dinner this year is being catered.



Ian's Retirement Assembly (by the children) and an adult only Afternoon Tea

Friday 12th December, 2:15pm in the school hall
Following the assembly, you are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea in the Hall.

Please note: The afternoon tea will be an adult-only gathering to allow colleagues, parents, whānau, and friends of Ian to share memories and farewell him in a relaxed setting.



- [Whaikōrero](#) - art and practice of speech-making
- [Manaakitanga](#) - respect for hosts or kindness to guests
- [Taihoa](#) - to delay, to wait, to hold off to allow maturation of plans, etc.
- [Tapu](#) - sacred, not to be touched, to be avoided because sacred, taboo.

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Our school's PTA is a small but active group of parents and staff who work together to provide a link between the children, families and the school and who help to bring the school community together in different ways and raise funds to provide additional resources and opportunities for our tamariki.

The PTA supports the school's fun run day, provides refreshments at the Artist-in-Residence exhibition day, organise and help manage the annual disco for tamariki, fundraise through Kiwi Kids Arts works with calendars, card etc, tea towel fundraiser, Cottage Bakehouse orders, raffles, sausage sizzles.

Some extra resources the PTA have funded over the years include abseiling for the Seniors, help towards camp and Year 8 dinner, iPads and covers, marimba's and extra playground equipment.

Want to get involved next year?

The PTA usually meets twice a term in the staffroom at 6pm for about an hour. We will always welcome newcomers, so please feel free to join us. We welcome your contributions and whatever time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Children are most welcome.

Talk to one of our committee for more information - Colette Parai, Rosie Trist, Angela Cuming, Peta Hill or Vicki Nicolson

PTA Fundraiser



For our last fundraiser this year we are after donations for our annual Christmas raffle hamper. If you can donate any goods (such as Christmas treats, cards,

decorations, food items or gifts) please send these along to the school office.

Our Christmas Raffle cards went home last week. These are due back at school by Monday 15th December.

We thank you for your support. 😊

Calendar of Events

15 th December	Year 8 Big Day Out
15 th December 6:00 pm	Year 8 Dinner
17 th December	Last day of the year
2 nd February	Term 1 Begins 2026

Assembly Dates

5 th December	Items from classes
12 th December (2:15pm)	Special Retirement Assembly for Ian Landreth
17 th December (2:00pm)	Final Assembly

Lunch Online

Next year Lunch Online will be run by Kindo. Their app is called Eyzlunch.

If you have an active Lunchonline account on 23rd December, we will automatically create your Kindo account.

Any account balance will automatically transfer to your new or existing Eyzlunch account in Kindo.

If you'd prefer, you can close your Lunchonline account via the website, before 5pm on 19 December 2025.

Thank you for being part of the Lunchonline journey. We're proud of what we've built together and confident that Eyzlunch will continue our work, making it easy for families to feed their hungry kiwi kids fresh, delicious meals.

If you have any urgent questions for Eyzlunch

please call 0800 EZLUNCH or email:

helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz

<https://www.ezlunch.co.nz/>

All School PoloTops need to be washed and returned by Monday please. There will be a \$40.00 charge on tops not returned.

The Path to the Other Side

I have never nibbled on real grass or smelled the sweet smell of flowers. For my whole life I have been stuck in a cage but now I am finally free. I have escaped through a hole I gnawed in my cage. I will go through the hedge and run away to live in a beautiful field full of grass and trees to build my burrow next to.

Here I go, off to my next adventure.

Goodbye

cage! Goodbye hungry cats! Goodbye disgusting food pellets!

I jump through the hole and here I am. There was a beautiful place for a rabbit to call home right through the hedge. A field of luscious grass, sweet cherry blossoms and more rabbits playing in the grass.

I am home.

By Brecken, Ruma Hāmana

G'day mates!

The Ages

The names Cliff! I won't tell ya' how old I am, but I have seen some stuff in my time!

I used to be bigger. I've had a few tumbles and scrapes in my life, but I'm going strong. I could use a haircut! To be honest, I am a gentle giant. So many creatures have used me as a home over the years. Let me tell you about my life.

One of the things I remember was seeing your kind evolve. I remember your kind being hunted by sabre tooth tigers, I saw the Roman empire clash with the Greeks. I have been mined for precious ores, I have had people thrown off me for sacrifice. Cities have been built on me. I lived before the dinosaurs were around. I saw

the Roman empire fall. I've seen Vikings raid innocent villages over the ages. Originally, I was from the rings of Saturn I crashed here and became smaller. It's been a long life.

By Reuben McKirdy

Ruma Hāmana



Some of the Clay pots made by Ruma Wheke for their technology learning this term.

The pots are for the children's taonga (treasures)



Making beeswax wrap with Jenni from Enviro Schools as part of our Technology Learning.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



OTAGO HOCKEY and OTAGO CRICKET are back together to bring you another epic School Holiday Programme!

MULTISPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2026

19th - 23rd January 2026

Edgar Center - Otago Cricket Long Room

A full week of action, variety, friends, and fun!
Perfect for active kids who love sport or want to try something new.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Cricket + a range of multisport activities
Skill-building, teamwork, and confidence
Safe, engaging environment
Fun games and new summer experiences!

COST:

\$165 per child for the full week
\$150 for each additional sibling (full week)
\$35 per child, per day (casual day option)

REGISTER NOW:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/392409>



SUPER SMASH MINI HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Location: McMillan Hockey Turf & Edgar Center

12th - 13th January 2026

Kick off the summer with two action-packed days of cricket fun!
Perfect for young players of all levels.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Skills sessions + fun cricket games
Team challenges & activities
Energetic, supportive coaching
A great way to stay active and make new friends!

SPECIAL EXTRAS:

FREE Kids Ticket to the Sparks & Volts Super Smash match on 13th January
Half-Price Adult Ticket with every registration to either 12th or the 15th

COST: \$35 per child, per day

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DUNEDIN ICE SKATING CLUB
PRESENTS

Pan on ice

6-7 DEC

Ice Show at
DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM
PETER PAN'S MAGICAL ADVENTURE ON ICE!



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Alice in Wonderland

A PANTOMIME

Script by Ben Crocker
Direction & Original Music by Penelope Hare & Tobias Devereux

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