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

This will be our last newsletter for the year. We wish all our whānau a joyous Christmas season. May you do things that you love, in places that mean something to you, with people who are special. Thank you for everything you have done for our tamariki this year.



Kia mau ki te tūmanako te whakaponono me te aroha.
Hold fast to hope, faith, and love.

Year 7&8 Beach Education Day

On Tuesday 28th November, Year 7 & 8 went to St. Kilda Beach for a Beach Education Day. We do this programme with our Seniors every two years. It is an important learning experience for our pupils, as it gives them more information about being safe and sensible when swimming and enjoying being in the water. Surf beach environments are very different from swimming in the pool or around at Back Beach and swimmers need to be aware of hidden dangers like rips, hypothermia, SunSmart and beach wildlife. The pupils always enjoy this experience as apart from being safety orientated, they also have a lot of fun in the sand and the surf.



Calendar of Events

8th December	Christmas Developmental
11-12th December	Year 8 Camp
13th December 6:00pm for students 7:15pm for whānau	Year 8 Dinner (School Hall)
14th December 2:00 pm	Final Assembly (Please gather on the court outside the Hall.)
Wednesday 31st January	Term 1 2024
Assembly Timetable	
14th December	Final Assembly at 2pm

Sea Cadets Visit

On Monday, our local branch of the Sea Cadets came to talk to the Senior pupils. Members of the TS Nimrod division shared experiences of what the Sea Cadets do and what pupils could expect to do if they join up. The pupils enjoyed activities like throwing the heave line, tying knots and dressing in uniforms. All pupils who attended took home a flyer containing information about the Sea Cadets and also contact information for those who want to join up. Cadets need to be in Year 9 or turning 13 to become a member, but any who attended our session at school are welcome to go along to their Open Day in February. A very good way of getting your kids into local opportunities and involved in maritime experiences!



Final Assembly

Our final assembly will take place on Thursday 14th of December at 1.30 in the school hall. We will start with performances by the Kapa Haka group and the Marimba band on the deck and courts. Please assemble on the courts first as we welcome you all in.

Year 8s

On Thursday, we will send our Year 8 group off at our final assembly. They are all set to go and make a positive start at their new high schools. They have been a great bunch of students to work with and we would like to thank them all for their contributions and efforts while they have been with us. Good luck Year 8's!

Term dates 2024

Wednesday 31st January Friday 12th April
Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Ends no later than Friday 20 December



The end of the term is fast approaching so it's a good time for everyone to have a good look around home for any of our Library Books. **Any books lost or unreturned will be added to Family Accounts.** Please encourage your

child to return any books as this is a cost no one wants especially at this time of the year.

Our Library is now closed for the year for stocktake to happen.

Te Reo Māori

Kirihimete – Christmas

Ā-tau – annual

Whakatā – rest

Whakanui – celebrate

Koha – present

Hana kōkō – Father Christmas

Hākari – feast

Stationery Lists 2024

The stationery list for 2024 has gone home today. It is also posted on our website.

Qizzle and Stationery Warehouse also have a copy.



Christmas Wishes

**I would like to wish all families,
helpers and friends of the
school a very Merry Christmas and a
relaxing holiday break.
Kind Regards Katy.**

Futsal Results

Rūma Tepetepe and Wheke won against NEVN Wha 10-0. Player of the day went to Arlo D

Rūma Pāua won against Andy Bay 3-0. Player of the day went to Paxton.

Rūma Mangō had a bye this week.

Next week is the last week for futsal. What a great season Port Chalmers School has had.

Our Futsal Teams



Dunedin Public Libraries Summer Reading Programme

'Nau mai, haere mai! Registrations are now open for our *City of Reader's Summer Reading Programme* which runs from the 1st December to the 31st of January. Sign up online or at your local library and pick up your Summer Reading pack. Set a goal and record in your activity booklet details of all the things you've read over summer. When you reach your goal get it signed off by a librarian by the 4th February. All readers who sign off go into the grand draw for some cool prizes which will be drawn on the 16th Feb. We will also announce the winners in the *Design a Bookmark Competition* (which closes on the 19th January) then too. So, sign up, get reading and be part of making Ōtepoti Dunedin a great wee City of Readers!!'

