

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

# Kia Ora folks

Port Chalmers School is quite unique in that we offer a Boating programme for our Senior pupils, from years 5-8. Pupils have opportunities to learn how to operate Kayaks, Canoes, Dinghies, Paddleboards and Optimist Yachts and our Outdoor Education Committee members assist with tuition, undertake the maintenance of our equipment and also operate our safety boats out on the water.

We rely on parent helpers to assist with running our programme on the foreshore. As a parent volunteer you need no special skills or boating experience. Having extra pairs of hands and eyes available during boating sessions is essential in order for our programme to run smoothly. I sent a green note home with all Y5-8 pupils last week about our boating dates requesting help from whanau. Some of you have responded already. Thank you for that! I look forward to working with you during the term.

We have four scheduled sessions for term one and our first session will take place on Thursday 27th February, weather dependent. The rest of the dates for term one is on the calendar below.

When scheduling session dates, I always check on the tide calendar. An ideal session will take place on an incoming high tide or an outgoing high tide. Although I can control the scheduling with the tides, I cannot control the weather!

If it is too cold or raining heavily or too windy, (particularly SE-SW winds), I will cancel the session. I want the pupils to have enjoyable and safe experiences on the water and unfavourable conditions can cause fear and anxiety. Many of our pupils have not had a great deal of boating experiences due to disruptions and inclement weather, therefore having close to ideal conditions is necessary in order that they build confidence and competence when boating.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone out there in our school community who has knowledge of boating and sailing, operating motorboats and maintaining watercraft, who may like to join our committee. Over the last few years, a number of our long serving members have had to retire and we are on the lookout for new

members who may be interested in joining us. If you, (or someone you know), is interested in this opportunity, please come and have a chat with me here at school. In the meantime, here's to a grand term of Boating for

our pupils!

Mā te wā,

Jared Roddick
(Deputy Principal, Outdoor Education Committee
Chairman)

# Year 8 PALS Training Day

Last Thursday, the Year 8's bussed into the Edgar Centre for our annual Playground Activity Leaders (PALS)
Training Day. The PALS programme training helps senior pupils learn how to design, organise and run sporting events and games for the whole school. We have been involved in this now for 6 years. The programme allows our seniors to learn and apply important leadership skills while also giving them a real sense of responsibility and self-worth. They learn that teaching is not an easy science, particularly when dealing with a variety of age groups and abilities. We aim to run 4 PALS sessions during this year, one per term. I expect this group of pupils to really shine this year as they also took part in designing PALS activities last year. Good luck Year 8's!







Calendar of Events		
14th February	Mihi Whakatau (to welcome new	
2:30 pm	whāngu)	
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming continues for the week	
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike Skills Rūma Pāva	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	BoT Meeting (7:00pm – 9:00pm)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	Goal Setting Conferences	
March	(bookings will open next week)	
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Otago Anniversary Day (school	
	closed)	
11th April	Last Day of Term	

Public Holidays in term time for 2025		
Otago Anniversary Day	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	
King's Birthday	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Matariki	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Labour Day	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	

Class Assemblies (Friday 2.30-3pm)		
14th March	Rūma Tepetepe	
21 st March	Rūma Wheke	
28th March	Rūma Pāva	
4th April	Rūma Mangō	

Boating Timetable Rūma Pāva & Rūma Mangō (Thursday's)		
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1pm - 3pm	
13 <sup>th</sup> March	1pm - 3pm	
27th March	1pm - 3pm	
10 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm - 3pm	

# **Goal Setting Conferences**

Classroom teachers are busy preparing for the goal setting learning conferences on Monday the 3rd (just for Rūma Pāua) Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 3.15 to 7pm, for all classes. We do appreciate whānau coming to support their tamariki to focus on learning and setting goals.

You can make your bookings in Skool Loop App.
We are looking forward to developing learning goals
with you and your children.

Please make your booking so Katy doesn't have to ring you.



Kohitātea – January

<u>Hui-tanguru</u> – February (also Pepuere)

Poutū-te-rangi - March

Paenga-Whāwhā - April

Haratua – May

<u>Pipiri</u> – June

<u>Hōngongoi</u> – July

<u>Hereturi-kōkā</u> – August

Mahuru – September

Whiringa-ā-nuku – October

Whiringa-ā-rangi – November

Hakihea – December

# **School Cell Phone**

Our School cell phone is for texting purposes only. Phone messages left on the cell will not be heard. It is also turned off at 3pm. Please ring the land-line if you want messages passed. There is no guarantee that there will be someone available to answer calls after 3pm. Thank you.

### **Lunch Online**

Lunchonline have advised us that Taco Vida has pulled out and will no longer provide a lunch option.

### Lunch Orders

### **Monday Sausage Sizzle**

The cost is \$2.00 a sausage. Please put your name, amount and money into an envelope and hand into the office by 9:00 am. Correct change is really appreciated. Thank-you



### Sushi Johnny

Orders will need to be in at the Office before school in a named envelope with room number and choice, and **the correct** 

**change.** We will order the lunches which will then be picked up and given out at 12:30pm.

### **Price List**

Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian Rice Balls \$5.00 Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetarian 5-piece sushi \$6.50

https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/

### **Breakfast Club**

The breakfast Club is now up and running. Every child is welcome. Breakfast is served in the Koputai Whare where Weetbix and milk is served.

Our wonderful Volunteers are Dylan who does Mondays, Shelley who does Tuesdays and Fridays and Caro who will be doing Wednesdays and Thursdays. We wish to thank these parents who have volunteered their time to manage this. Ka pail



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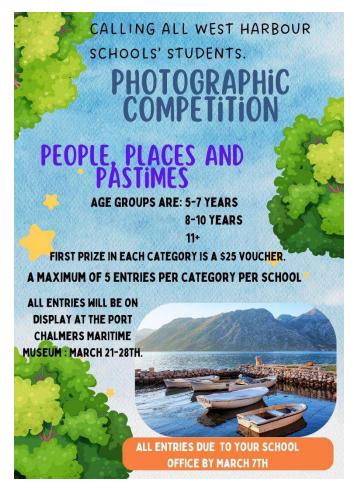
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# **Futsal Results**

Port Chalmers White lost 3-0 against St Clair Vipers, and Krew was named player of the day.

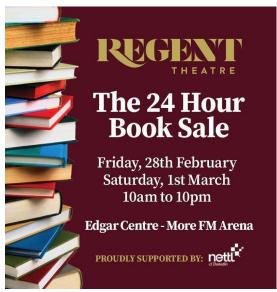
Port Chalmers Black lost 4-1 against Trinity CC 7 Boys Strikers, and Flynn was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Red won 7-1 against Balmac Spurs, and Sonny was named player of the day









# **Piano Lessons**

Places are available for beginners from 7 years old and up. I teach in the Emmanuel church in Sawyers Bay and have slots after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Other times could be possible. If you are interested, please phone or text me on 027 6181 398 for more information. Rae Parker