



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

Mathematics

Kia ora koutou whānau,
Mathematics is a crucial part of our children's learning journey, and we believe that strong partnerships between school and home can significantly enhance their understanding and confidence. We want to share some simple and fun ways you can support your child's mathematical development right from your own home.

Making Maths Everyday:

- Counting and Sorting:
 - Involve your child in everyday tasks like counting groceries, sorting laundry, or setting the table. "How many apples do we have? Can you sort the socks by colour?"
 - Use natural materials like stones or leaves for counting and grouping.
- Measurement and Shapes:
 - When cooking, ask your child to help measure ingredients. "We need 2 cups of flour. Can you help me measure that?"
 - Point out different shapes in your environment. "Look, the window is a rectangle, and the plate is a circle."
 - Discuss time. "What time is it? How long until dinner?"
- Problem-Solving:
 - Encourage your child to solve simple problems. "If we have 5 biscuits and eat 2, how many are left?"
 - Use real-life scenarios to create maths challenges. "We need to buy enough sausages for everyone. How many do we need?"
- Games and Activities:
 - Play board games that involve counting, strategy, and problem-solving.
 - Use playing cards to practice addition, subtraction, and number recognition.
 - Explore online maths games and apps together. (Please ensure these are age appropriate).
 - Play games that involve spatial awareness, such as building with blocks, or playing with puzzles.

- Speaking Māori Mathematics
 - Incorporate Māori number words into daily routines. "E rua āporo" (two apples)
 - Talk about shapes using their Māori names. "He tapawhā tēnei" (this is a rectangle).
 - Use te reo Māori to discuss time, and measurement.
- Creating a Positive Maths Environment:
 - Make maths fun and engaging. Avoid creating anxiety around the subject.
 - Encourage your child to ask questions and explain their thinking.
 - Celebrate their efforts and progress, no matter how small.
 - Show a positive attitude towards maths yourself.
 - Remember that making mistakes is a natural part of learning.
- Resources:
 - Talk to your child's teacher for specific suggestions and activities.

We believe that by working together, we can help our children develop a strong foundation in mathematics and a lifelong love of learning.

Ngā mihi nui,
Vicki Nicolson

Swimming Sports Rūma Mangō & Pāua

We're excited to announce our upcoming Swimming Sports for tamariki in Rūma Mangō and Pāua!

Join us at the Port Chalmers Swimming Pool on Friday, 28th March, from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm to cheer on our tamariki as they showcase their swimming skills.

We will have some space available for whānau to come and watch.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Futsal Results

Port Chalmers White won 6-2 against Brockville United, and Arlo D was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Black lost 2-0 against KVC 8 Green, and William was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Red lost 3-1 against Balmac United, and Sam Wilson was named player of the day.

Thank you to the parents who manage and coach our teams.

**School closed for Otago Anniversary Day this
Monday 24th March**

Scabies Alert

Scabies has been reported in our community. Scabies is a skin condition causing intense itching and a rash.

- See a doctor: If you suspect scabies, see a doctor immediately.
- Treat everyone: All household members must be treated at the same time.
- Wash everything: Hot wash bedding, clothing, and towels.
- Avoid sharing: Do not share personal items.
- Contact us: Please inform the school if your child has scabies.

Early treatment stops the spread. Please contact the school nurse or office with any questions.

Boating Shoes and old Wetsuits

Have you got any old children's trainers or water shoes that are not fit for purpose or too small for your children? Maybe wetsuits that have been outgrown and are no longer needed? Please bring them to school and pop them into the donations box in the foyer. It's always handy to have spares!

PTA fundraisers



The PTA in conjunction with Harbour Fish are having a fundraiser selling 1 kg bags of frozen fish - Gurnard, Sea Perch, Lookdown Dory and Pearl (Ghost Shark) \$17/kg

The order form is attached. Forms and money need to be returned by Thursday 20th March

Delivery of the fish will be on Friday 28th March.

Orders can be collected from the school office at 3pm.

PTA Easter Raffle

We are asking for donations of Easter treats please for our next fundraiser. These may be left at the office. Raffle cards will be sent home to families in a couple of weeks.

Thank you.



Technology Fees



Just a reminder that Technology fees for Years 7 & 8 are due by the end of this term. We encourage parents to consider paying this off as \$5.00 a week soon gets this paid. Technology costs are for the materials that will be used in module groups that have a take home component. It is not a donation to the school.

Calendar of Events

24 th March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
28 th March 10:45 am - 12:00	Senior School Swimming Sports
11 th April	Last Day of Term
Class Assemblies (Friday 2.30-3pm)	
21 st March	Rūma Paua
28 th March	Rūma Wheke
4 th April	Rūma Mangō
Boating Timetable Rūma Pāua & Rūma Mangō (Thursday's)	
27 th March	1pm - 3pm
10 th April	1pm - 3pm
Public Holidays in term time for 2025	
Otago Anniversary Day	March 24 th
King's Birthday	June 2 nd
Matariki	June 20 th
Labour Day	October 27 th

Useful graphic explaining age limits for apps



Te Reo Māori

Rā Maumahara ki nga hoia o Aotearoa me

Ahitereiria - Anzac Day

Rā whanau o te Kuini o Ingarangi -

Queen's Birthday

Matariki - beginning of Māori New Year, Pleiades

NEW Minecraft Club with Com2Tech

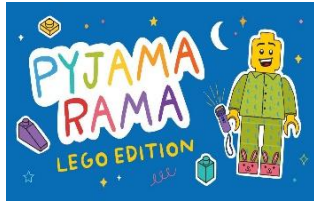
FREE

Suitable for 10 - 15-year olds

At Port Chalmers Library

Last Thursday of the month: 4.00 - 5.30p

Next session: Thursday 27 March



Pyjamarama – Lego Edition

Friday, April 11, 2025

6:00 PM 8:00 PM

Tūhura Otago Museum

K2 Consignments

KIDS PRELOVED WINTER SALE

SELL ♥ SHOP ♥ SAVE

KIDS POPUP MARKET FOR ALL THINGS
PRELOVED TEEN TO NEWBORN/MATERNITY.

**MARCH SAT 22 10AM-5PM
23 9AM-1PM *HALF OFF DAY!***
EDGAR CENTRE
116 PORTSMOUTH DR, ANDY BAY

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DETAILS AND TO REGISTER AS A SELLER

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WORLD TAEKWONDO
NEW ZEALAND
PORT CHALMERS

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TAEKWONDO
CLASSES

30 minute
fun kid
classes

For 5 to 8 Year-olds

- . Self Confidence
- . Self-Control
- . Fitness
- . Flexibility
- . Short Fun Classes
- . Learn the basics

Starting
April 28th, 2025

5 & 6 Year Olds
5pm – 5:30pm

7 & 8 Year olds
5:30pm – 6pm

For more information or to express
interest
Please call or text
Tracy 027 624 8600 or Chris 021 735 855

Wild Dunedin's NatureDome

Sunday, 13 April | 10am - 4pm
Forsyth Barr Stadium

Gold Coin
Donation

Suzy Cato
Anika Moa

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Port Chalmers School PTA Harbour Fish Fundraiser
1kg bags of frozen fish \$17/kg
Gurnard
Sea Perch
Lookdown Dory
Pearl (Ghost Shark)

Please return form and money by: Thursday 20th March

Delivery Date: Friday 28th March (to be collected from the school office at 3pm)

Name	Phone	Gurnard	Sea Perch	Lookdown Dory	Pearl	Total	Paid

Payments can be made by cash or bank deposit to Port Chalmers School account:
 06-0901-0216749-00 (Reference: Harbour Fish and name)