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PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL  
Te Kura o Kōpūtai  
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**Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te  
whānau o te Kura o Kōpūtai –  
greetings to all families  
of Kōpūtai (Port Chalmers) School.**

Kia Ora folks

The end of Term One is rapidly approaching and it has been a busy one for our staff and tamariki. Our Kapa Haka group has been preparing for Polyfest and we have been working on several new waiata and a haka to perform this year. Last year's performance was one we are very proud of, so we have super momentum as the pupils want to outdo themselves this year. Whaea Joan has been extra busy with her planning and also making a new batch of robust poi, that will be well used in one of the more 'well known' numbers that we will be performing! Our senior class have been busy with camp preparations. We go to Bannockburn for our Year 7&8 camp and many of our activities focus on the impact of the New Zealand Gold Rush on our history and economy. We have been learning all about the Gold Rush in class and the pupils are certainly looking forward to trying their hand at panning for gold themselves, trying to find the elusive colour!

At camp we go abseiling and to be adequately prepared for this, we have had an abseiling introduction day at Lady Thorne Dell. Every pupil who was present that day successfully managed two or three descents from a height of around 10 metres. Although quite a scary thing to do for them, they all felt proud of themselves after their abseils and are now looking forward to the challenge of their higher descent abseil once at camp.

We have managed three out of three Boating sessions so far this term, which is a bonus. Last year we only managed three for the whole year! The pupils have certainly enjoyed themselves and it has been grand to see their skills and confidence grow in a short space of time. Many thanks to all of you volunteers on the shore and in the water. We could not hold Boating sessions without your time and efforts. We have one more scheduled session this term on Thursday April 4th. Fingers crossed for four from four!

Recently, the Year 7&8 pupils attended the Playground Activity Leaders Training Day. PALS teaches the pupils to organise games sessions for the whole school. They learn many things about leadership and managing various age groups, adapting the games and rules to suit. We have our first PALS day for our pupils next Friday 5th of April. The pupils will enjoy the chance to be active and learn some new games and skills run by our seniors.

We have been purchasing a variety of new playground play equipment for pupils to use during their breaks and lunchtimes. Miss Flannery has been organising this and Rūma Paūa have been looking at ways the equipment can be used by the pupils. The first batch of tennis racquets, scoop ball sets and swing balls went out on Tuesday at lunchtime. The new equipment is already proving to be a big hit and it will provide our pupils with even more opportunities to be active, play cooperatively and have fun.

All classes have hosted their term one assemblies. These have been successful in showcasing the learning that your tamariki do at school and it has been super to see patronage from so many of you there, to show your support and enjoy the shows. Thank you for that. Alright, still a couple of weeks to go, and I am sure they will fly.

Have a safe and happy Easter Break and enjoy some time with your people!

Mā te Wā

Jared Roddick (Deputy Principal)

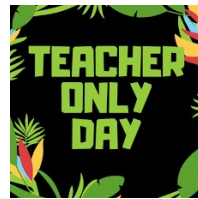
**Please note that all schools in New Zealand are closed on Tuesday.**

**New Pallet Boiler**

Many of you will have noticed a large amount of work being done in the boiler house at school since the end of last year. This work is now complete, and we now have a wood pallet boiler to heat the school. We are waiting for the delivery of the wood pallets, which I am hoping will be any day now. In the meantime, we don't have any heating at school. You may want to put in some extra clothing for your tamariki as we seem to have gone straight from summer to winter!

**Easter Raffle Winners**

Thank you for selling our Easter raffle. The winners were: Octavia Cook and Liam Goldsmith. Enjoy your treats.



**Advanced Notice Teacher Only Day  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
The Ministry of Education teacher only day is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

CALENDAR	
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday (School Closed)
1 <sup>st</sup> April (Monday)	Easter (School Closed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Tuesday)	Easter (School Closed)
5 <sup>th</sup> April	HPV Yr 8s
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 7 & 8 Bannockburn
Outdoor Ed Week	Yr 1 – 6 Based at school
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Only Day

BOATING TIMETABLE	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm – 3pm

**Outdoor Ed Week Years 1 – 6**  
Please return the blue forms to your classroom teacher

# Te Reo Māori

[Raumati](#) – Summer

[Ngahuru](#) – Autumn

[Takurua](#) – Winter

[Kōanga](#) – Spring



## Harbour Kids

Monday 15th April - Friday 19th April

It will be open from 8:30am till 5:30pm

The cost is \$10 per hour per child with a cap of \$50 maximum per day.

There will be a different activity focus each day,

Monday: Art

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Sport

Thursday: Board games

Friday: Cooking

As well as other alternative activities, including swimming.

Please follow the links below to register:

[Enrolment form](#)

[Booking sheet](#)

### Creatives in our Community.

In collaboration with 'The Village' creative partnerships project and Ōtepoti ki te Raki, Port Chalmers School has a unique opportunity to promote creative industries and pathways.

We are asking people in our community to complete a survey <https://forms.gle/guZYfh8YCEzE1PtG8> to discover the creative artists and practitioners within our Kāhui community. Just copy and paste the link into your browser. We'd like to learn more about the creative skills and expertise within our parent / whānau community and we invite you to participate.

By submitting your information, we hope that you are also showing your interest in being involved in strengthening the creative arts opportunities for our ākongā, our Kāhui, and our school.

We will collate the responses and invite you to participate in the next steps of this collaborative project.

Disclaimer: Your personal details on this form will not be shared outside of the purposes of this project.

## Sports Results

### Futsal

Port Chalmers Wheke won 10-2 against Andy Bay Yellow. Player of the day went to Arlo D.

Port Chalmers Pāua won 5-4 against Fairfield Hawks. Player of the day went to Charlie.

Port Chalmers Mangō won 2-1 against Liberton Lightening. Player of the day went to Amelia.

## PALS Training Day





# Abseiling Introduction Day



**big  
Thank  
You!**

A big thank you to all the families who supported our Raffle.



**Boating**







## Rūma Pipi Orokonui Ecosanctuary visit

We went to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary. We went with Rūma Tepetepe and Rūma Wheke on a bus.

When we got there, we split into three groups and we did three activities. Our teachers were Taylor, Tahu and Steph.

Steph told us about the lizards (mokomoko). We saw some jewelled geckos and Otago skinks. We saw four takahe there are only 500 in the whole world!

We went to a pond with Tahu. We saw Waimarie the 40-year-old eel. She swims all the way to Tonga to have her babies! We caught some water bugs in some nets.

We went on a bush walk with Taylor. We smelled some leaves and saw lots of native birds. We saw kaka, black robins and piwakawaka.

We went back to school on the bus. We had a great day out!

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**REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK**

**Online  
registration  
now open**

**2024  
Season**

**Free Subs  
for 2024**



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

**Or**

Contact Blair Miller –  
[blair.miller2020@gmail.com](mailto:blair.miller2020@gmail.com)  
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