



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

Thank-you

On Saturday Keith Campbell brought his digger (The Little Yellow Digger) to school and flattened out the area over by the boat shed and tidied up in front of the bank. This space will be turned into a soccer field with the installation of permanent goal posts to be done next. He has also created a new area for the long jump pit in front of the Eco Hut.

Thank-you Keith for the work you have done.



Poetry

"Poetry is a playground for children — there are no rules and it can begin in the air/ear without crippling expectations. The sophisticated reader and writer can advance; the struggling reader and writer falls in love with words." Paula Green - poet and creator of the Poetry Box - A New Zealand Poetry page for children

<https://nzpoetrybox.wordpress.com/>

When children write poetry, it enriches their language and vocabulary, encourages creative thinking and develops reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. All children benefit from writing poetry even reluctant writers can experience success from the creative but scaffolded nature of poetry that happens in classrooms.

Here are some of the many benefits of poetry.

- 1. Helps with spelling:** A focus on rhyme helps children look at patterns within words and how they are formed, supporting word recognition and spelling.
- 2. Speech development improves:** Playing with sounds and rhyming patterns in words supports speech and language development.

3. Reading becomes more fluent: The tunes and patterns of poems support children in developing reading fluency, making poetry a perfect vehicle for engaging reluctant readers, as well as encouraging more confident readers to pay closer attention to the words on the page.

4. Allows children to develop their own opinions: A poem is not a puzzle to be solved: there is no right or wrong answer when children are talking about poems or sharing opinions about what they are listening to or reading, which can give them confidence in expressing their views to others in the class.

5. Inspires creativity: Well-chosen poems can help inspire children to become writers themselves. They gain a sense of voice, think carefully about their subject matter, language, grammar and style through writing poetry of their own. Children can experiment with different writing devices like simile, alliteration and onomatopoeia to make their writing more dynamic and exciting.

6. Encourages a wider vocabulary and varied grammar: Poetry plays with language. Writers of poetry make deliberate choices in the way they use words and punctuation for the ultimate effect on the reader. Reading well-written poetry allows children to look at ways to compose ideas effectively, using the best language, consider layout and the most appropriate punctuation to convey meaning.

7. Transports them to new worlds: Poems provide entertainment and escapism, whether that's through witty rhymes that make children giggle or mythical poems that transport them to a different space and time.

some of Rūma Tepetepe's Autumn poems are in this newsletter. Enjoy!



**Teacher Curriculum Day
6th June 2025**

Staffing News

There will be a change in teaching staff in Rūma Wheke for terms 3 & 4 this year. Marine Waaka is taking leave from the end of term 2 until the start of 2026 and we wish her all the best. We are welcoming Wendy Currie to Rūma Wheke for terms 3 & 4. There will be an opportunity for whānau to meet and greet Wendy before next term. We will share details regarding this with you soon.

Poems from Rūma Tepetepe



Te Reo Māori

Te Whanganui a Tara - Wellington

Te Moana o Raukawa - Cook Strait

Whakatū - Nelson (to stand and make a speech)

Waiharakeke - Blenheim (place where flax grows)

Kaikōura - town named for its abundant crayfish

Ōtautahi - Christchurch; the river Avon

Ōtepoti - Dunedin (place situated at a corner)

PTA Bakehouse on Bond Fundraiser

Orders have been put through. Delivery will be made on Thursday 29th May and will be available for collection at 3pm in the office.

Policy Consultation -Finance & Property

At Port Chalmers School we are deeply committed to providing the best possible learning environment for our tamariki. To ensure transparency and foster a strong partnership with our community, we are inviting your input on our policies and procedures related to the management of our school's finances and property.

[Here is the link to the finance policies](#)

[Here is the link to the property policies.](#)

Any feedback is welcome via

office@portchalmers.school.nz or talking to Vicki.

Calendar of Events

6 th June	Teachers Curriculum Day (School closed)
19 th June 7:30 am	Matariki Breakfast
24 th June 7:00 pm	Musical
27 th June	Last day of term 2
25 th July 7:00 pm	Quiz Night
Public Holidays in term time for 2025	
June 2 nd	King's Birthday
June 20 th	Matariki
Class Assemblies (Friday 2.30-3pm)	
23 rd May	Rūma Pāua
30 th May	Rūma Wheke
13 th June	Rūma Mangō

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First Church
June 27th-28th
5:30-9pm

Wings of Wonder

Relaxed Sensory Session
June 28th 4-5:30pm

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