



*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

Winter is almost upon us, bringing chilly mornings and the need for warm layers. While winter is sorted at school in terms of warmth indoors, it's also when coughs, colds, and winter bugs are more common and easily spread.



At Port School, we want all our tamariki to be happy, healthy, and ready for learning. Staying well during colder months is a team effort. A healthy child is a happy learner, and together we can make this a happy and healthy winter for our school community.

Here are some top tips to help your whānau stay fighting fit:

1. Wash Those Hands! Our top germ-buster. Encourage thorough handwashing with soap and warm water for 20 seconds (singing "Happy Birthday" twice). Wash after using the toilet, before eating, after playing outside, and after coughing or sneezing. Hand sanitiser is a good backup.

2. The "Vampire Cough" (or Sneeze) Teach children to cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands. This stops germs spreading. Use tissues, bin them straight away, and wash hands.



3. Eat a Rainbow! A healthy diet boosts immunity. Encourage plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Warm, hearty meals like soups are perfect for winter. Don't forget water!

4. Keep Moving! Regular activity boosts the immune system. Encourage outdoor play (wrapped up in layers) and indoor active games.

5. Sleep Tight! Plenty of sleep is vital for growing bodies and strong immune systems. Ensure your child gets enough sleep for their age.

6. Dress for the Weather! Layers are key. Ensure your child has a couple of layers of warm clothing and a hoodie or jacket. Named clothing is a huge help.

7. Stay Home if Unwell. If your child is unwell, especially with a fever, cough, or sore throat, please keep them home to rest and recover. This helps them and prevents spreading illness.

By following these simple tips, we can all contribute to a healthier school environment. Let's work together to keep our tamariki smiling and learning!

Mā te Wā

Jared Roddick (Deputy Principal)

PTA - Mid Winter Christmas Quiz Night

Quiz Night Raffle Prizes!

Kia ora koutou, our amazing PTA is hard at work organizing a fantastic quiz night on Friday 25th July, and we are reaching out to our wonderful school community for a little help to make it extra special. A highlight of the evening will be our raffles and silent auction. So, we are in need of some exciting prizes to be won!

We know that many of our school families have connections to local businesses, or perhaps even own their own. If you or someone you know might be able to donate a prize - big or small - we would be incredibly grateful. This could be anything from vouchers for activities, to products or services your business or one you know offers.

Your generous contributions will not only help us raise valuable funds to continue to enhance our school's playground but also provide some fantastic treats for our quiz night attendees.

If you think you can help, please talk to Peta, Vicki or one of our PTA members (Colette Parai, Rosie Trist, Angela Cuming, Barbara Olah)

Every little bit helps, and we truly appreciate your support in making our quiz night a success!

Ngā mihi nui,
The PTA

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)	
30 th May	Rūma Wheke
13 th June	Rūma Mangō

New Soccer Goalposts

A massive shout-out to Caro Timms and our school PTA for all their incredible organisation in getting new soccer goals for our tamariki. They're already a huge hit!

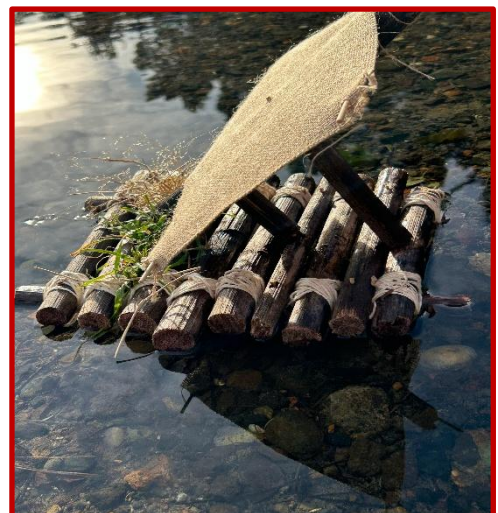
And a huge thank you to the dream team who spent their Sunday digging holes and getting these safely in the ground: Caro Timms and Rhys McKirdy, Sean Divers, Peta Hill, Ian and John Landreth!

We've had at least 20 kids playing soccer non-stop before school, at morning tea and lunchtime. It's fantastic to see them enjoying the new gear!



Rūma Mangō Waka Hourua

We have finished building our waka and last Thursday we took them out onto the water to do 'the float test'. All waka floated well and there was evidence that the sails could propel the boats along. It was a great project to consolidate the learning we have been doing on the Pacific Migrations during term one. Learning to use the tools to create the waka has helped to develop useful skills that can be utilised in many everyday practical situations. In addition, the resilience and thinking factors in having to do something again because it didn't work the first time, have been strongly evident. Well done kids!





**Teacher Curriculum Day
6th June 2025**

Te Reo Māori

Whanga - harbour, bay

Motu - island

Repo - swamp

Manga - stream, creek

One - sand, earth at the beach

Wai-hīrere - waterfall

Ngaru - wave (in water)

Tomo - cave or hole in ground

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.

SUSHI JOHNNY PRICE INCREASE

All 5pc of sushi =\$7

Chicken/crispy/teriyaki on rice =\$10

Rice balls =\$5.50

**EFFECTIVE FROM 4TH JUNE
(NEXT WEEK)**



Minecraft Club @
Port Chalmers Library
by Com2Tech
Last Thursday of the month
4pm - 5:30pm
FREE
Booking essential
visit the Dunedin Public Libraries events page
for booking and info

Library Losses

There is a large number of books lost or not returned to our Library. I am always told "my child says he returned it" or "my child didn't get that book out".

Please let your child be responsible for their books and accountable if they have genuinely lost them.

The replacement cost for all lost/unreturned or damaged books (beyond repair) will be added to family accounts. Thank you.



**PORT CHALMERS LIBRARY
KIDS BOOK CLUB**

MONDAY 9TH JUNE

3:15PM - UNTIL 4:30PM

Come along to the library in the afternoon for a snack, games, book talk, and some fun activities!




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