



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

School Closure – Nationwide Educators' Strike

This notice is to inform you that our school will be **CLOSED** for instruction on **Thursday, 23 October 2025**, due to a nationwide strike by members of NZEI Te Riu Roa.

Details of the Closure:

- Date of Closure: Thursday, 23 October 2025
- School will re-open: Friday, 24 October 2025, at the usual time.

The Strike Action:

The industrial action is a legally protected strike involving NZEI Te Riu Roa members across Aotearoa, including:

- Primary Teachers
- Primary Principals (myself included)
- School Support Staff (e.g., teacher aides, office staff)

The decision to strike is never taken lightly, and we understand this may cause disruption for your family. Our staff are advocating for investment in education, seeking better pay and conditions that will help to address teacher and principal shortages, and ensure all students, especially those with additional needs, get the support they deserve.

Why the School Must Close:

As the vast majority of our staff are union members and will be participating in the strike, we cannot guarantee the required level of supervision and support to ensure the health and safety of your children. The Board of Trustees has therefore made the difficult but necessary decision to close the school for the day.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support as we collectively work to ensure a strong future for our education system and for our tamariki.

If you have any questions, please contact me before the end of the school day on, 22 October.

Mo tenei ra
Vicki Nicolson
Principal

Term Dates for 2026

Term 1 Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April
Term 2 Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Term 3 Monday 20th July – Friday 25th Sept
Term 4 Monday 12th Oct – Tuesday 15th Dec

Assemblies for term 4

We are going to change the way we do Assemblies for term 4. Instead of one class doing the whole assembly, every class is going to do something each week. You will be emailed the week before to let you know that your child will be featuring in Friday's assembly the next week.

Calendar of Events

23rd October	Industrial Action School Closed
27th October	Labour Day School Closed
28th October	North Zone Sports
28th Oct to 7th Nov	Swimming Daily
30th October	North Zone Sports Cancellation Day
6th November	PTA Disco - Rainbow Rave 6pm
26th November	School Board Meeting 7pm
17th December	Last day of the year
2nd February	Term 1 2026 begins
Boating Rūma Māngo & Rūma Pāua	
30th October	1pm – 3pm
13th November	1pm – 3pm
20th November	1pm – 3pm
4th December	1pm – 3pm
Swimming 28/10 – 7/11	
Rūma Tepetepe	9.30am
Rūma Wheke	10.00am
Rūma Pāua	10.30am
Rūma Māngo	11.00am

School Photos – Edith's message to whānau

Kia ora Port Chalmers School whānau We are excited to have your school portraits ready for you as they look amazing! The deadline for ordering is **Thursday 23 October**. If you need you are welcome to set up a payment plan - we do not charge extra for this (as we know cost of living is going up, up, up at the moment). [Click here to view and order your photos](#) (yes, you can do this on your phone). Your passcode is: pcs25- (child's first name)- (last name) Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details.
Edith Leigh Photographer

Welcome to Rupert Rūma Mangō and Maddison Rūma Wheke and their whanau, we are sure you will enjoy your time here as part of our learning community.

House of Bricks Day

We have the House of Bricks coming to school on Friday (17th October) to run a whole day of learning using Lego bricks. All classes will spend the day moving around different stations doing a variety of tasks with the bricks. We'll share photos and stories next week

Futsal Teams

We have 2 teams sorted for Futsal this term. The fee is \$50.00. We would appreciate prompt payment as we have a no pay no play policy. Thank you.

West Harbour Sports Day

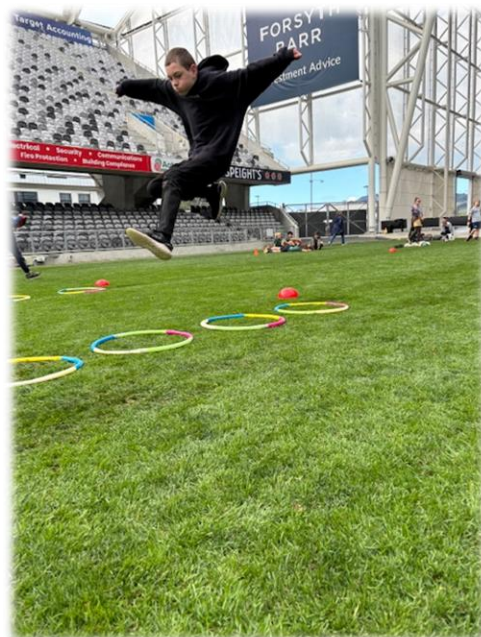
At School yesterday it was our Sports Day and I was in a group of Year 3/4A with Maddy, Ragnar, Ezy, Taze and Xanthe. Miss Currie was with our group and our first thing was football. We were going to play a full game of football but we didn't because the bell went so we had to go to the next activity. Also, me, Jess, Aria and Ezy were in a relay team and we came ...2nd place!!! I also made a new friend named Kaylani from Steiner School! My favourite part was the relay. By Lizzie



West Harbour Sports Day by Madeleine
This year, like every year, we had West Harbour Sports Day. But this year it was different. It wasn't competitive and we

weren't at the Caledonian ground. We were doing sports day in the stadium! Which was a bit of a treat. My favourite thing that we got to do was parachute. My favourite game we played with parachutes is cat 'n' mouse. One person acting as a mouse would go under the parachute and another person acting as cat would go on top of the parachute. All of us would shake the parachute and the mouse would run around trying not to get caught. Does anyone like the sound of that? One of the reasons we do West Harbour Sports Day is to meet new people or even make a new friend or two. And some of us did! We did a lot of games like vortex throw, soccer, touch, parachute, hungerball and the inflatable obstacle course. Thanks for listening.
Madeleine





your school portraits are here!



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 pcs25-(child's first name)-(last name)
 e.g. pcs25-edith-leigh



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