

9th October

Issue 30



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

Kia Ora folks

Port Chalmers School is unique in that we provide an on-site Boating Programme for our Year 5-8 pupils.

We will start our Term 4 Boating programme next Thursday 16th October. I have scheduled 5 sessions for us during the term and you will see the dates later in the newsletter. A volunteer help form has gone home today with all Year 5-8 pupils. Please ask them for it and return it to school, if you can assist with running the programme. It's always great to have a good crew of you on the shore and on the water to assist with running our sessions. Pupils need to remember to have a pair of suitable old shoes to go boating in. No jandals or gumboots please! Also, a suitable non-school hat.

During the holidays, we replaced our old containers which had deteriorated to the point where they leaked and were also insecure due to the doors not sealing properly. Port Otago provided these for us and Fairfield Transport craned them on site and removed the old ones. This is super future-proofing, as we do have a number of craft that are stored in containers, and now we can be confident that these boats will be well protected for some time to come. The last couple of years have seen a number of changes and improvements to our special programme including a new Outdoor Education Committee, a rebuilt concrete ramp and we have just had our grant approved to purchase a new fleet of plastic Kayaks, several paddleboards and a new motor for one of our rescue boats. Our Safety Action Plan has also been updated in line with EONZ criteria.

Before we go boating we make a number of checks. These include wind, rain, tides, equipment and ambient temperature. If the ambient temperature is below 15 degrees Celsius or the wind is predicted to be above 8 knots, we will cancel the session. Comfort and

safety are our top priorities when over 50 pupils are on the water.

So, it's all systems go for a successful season of boating. Please fill in the form and return it if you are able to help us out. Let's hope the weather plays its part for us!

Mā te Wā

Jared



Seafood Festival Fundraiser

Next year is a camp year and all of the Year 7&8 pupils will enjoy a fun filled and action-packed camp at Bannockburn in Central Otago. During the last weekend of the holidays, a hardy group of parents and carers helped to erect and break down the large marquees that were used during the Seafood Festival.

It was hard work, made harder by the atrocious weather conditions on Sunday! This venture is a worthwhile fundraiser for camp and usually we make enough money to cover the costs of the bus and a driver for the duration of our camp.

Thank you very much to those of you who supported this venture. Your work was appreciated by the festival organisers and also by us!



A group of Friday afternoon volunteers



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

14 th October	West Harbour Sports Day
15 th October	School Board Meeting 7pm
23 rd October	Proposed Industrial Action
27 th October	Labour Day School Closed
28 th October	North Zone Sports
28 th Oct to 7 th Nov	Swimming Daily
30 th October	North Zone Sports Cancellation Day
6 th November	PTA Disco - Rainbow Rave 6pm
26 th November	School Board Meeting 7pm
17 th December	Last day of the year
Boating Rūma Māngo & Rūma Pāua	
16 th October	1pm - 3pm
30 th October	1pm - 3pm
13 th November	1pm - 3pm
20 th November	1pm - 3pm
4 th 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 whanau 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: pcs- (child's first name)- (last name)

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Measles Cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.

- Watch for measles symptoms—fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash
- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.
- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their kura for at least eight days

Performance at the Seafood Festival



A group of hardy ukulele performers from our school performed with Suzy Cato at the Seafood Festival. We performed two songs and really enjoyed the experience. Suzy was impressed not only with the performance (it was pouring with rain, and we were mostly dry in the marquee), she was also super impressed with our 5 boys who were such keen musicians. Maybe there's a boy band forming. We'll be able to say we saw them first at the Port Chalmers Seafood Festival. A huge thank

JUNIOR OPEN DAY

UNIVERSITY OVAL
OCTOBER 12TH
10AM - 12PM

FOOD TRUCKS
INFLATABLES
GIVEAWAYS

ENJOY EXCLUSIVE PERKS
BECOME A MEMBER

DUNEDIN CRICKET

Summer Smash

- A reminder our Term 4 Modified Programme are now live.
- Girls Smash & Summer Smash - designed for primary aged players, a fast paced 6 aside quick modified game of cricket on a Monday at Logan Park starting the 3rd of November.
- Enter as an individual and be placed in a team.
- Cost = \$25 per player
- Girls Smash Individual Registration Link - <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/e553e6>
- Summer Smash Individual Registration Link - <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/d77684>

MARKET DAY

12:00 – 3:00pm
Sunday, 12 October 2025

139 North Road, North East Valley, Dunedin
(entrance opposite Craigleith Street)

5 Week Train and Play Programme

LOGAN PARK

Mondays
4-5pm

3rd November -
1st December

your school
portraits are
here!



[click to view](#)

PASSCODE:

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



ORDERS DUE BY THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

Ravensbourne boating club

LEARN TO SAIL

RAVENSBOURNE BOATING CLUB'S LEARN
TO SAIL COURSE IS PERFECT FOR
NEWCOMERS LOOKING TO BUILD SKILLS
AND CONFIDENCE ON THE WATER.
COME JOIN THE FUN!

WHEN:

EVERY SATURDAY AT 9:30AM
(STARTING 11TH OCTOBER)

WHERE:

RAVENSBOURNE BOATING CLUB
189 RAVENSBOURNE ROAD, RAVENSBOURNE, DUNEDIN

SIGN UP:

WWW.RAVENSBOURNE.CO.NZ

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