

11th December

Issue 40



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

Kia Ora folks

The end of the 2025 school year is upon us and end of year activities are underway in the classrooms and also in the wider school.

A very special end of year celebration assembly will take place for a real character and stalwart of our Port Chalmers School staff, Ian Landreth, who has been teaching at Port School for 27 years. Ian's formal teaching career will finish at the end of this year however, I am sure we will see him back in various capacities in the future.

The assembly will be held tomorrow at 2.15 pm in the school hall. This will be followed by an afternoon tea for adults only please. Come along and farewell Ian, in Port School style!

The Port Chalmers School staff would like to wish you and your whanau a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Mā te Wā

Jared



Our Boating Season

We have enjoyed a successful year of boating here at school, managing to complete 8 out of our 9 scheduled sessions. This year we have seen a number of improvements happen to our facilities and fleet, mainly because of the generous donations from Port Otago and also the Seafarers Union.

I would like to thank all of you volunteers who gave up your time to assist us with the running of the programme. We simply could not go boating without your help.

I would also like to thank our Outdoor Education Committee, (Sam Wilson, Dave Hudson, Andrew Last, Jonny Goldsmith, Carol Dewar and Marnie Waaka) who work behind the scenes to make sure that our Boating programme is the jewel in our Port Chalmers School Crown.

I look forward to our Boating season in Term One 2026 and I hope to see many of you back to help us on the shore!



Year 8 Dinner

On Monday 15th of December, we will host our annual dinner for year 8 tamariki. They meet in the school hall at 6:00 pm for dinner and then we ask whānau to join us at 7:15 pm for the speeches and dessert.

We will set up the hall at 2:00 pm on Monday 15th December, we would appreciate your help with the set up. Join us in the Hall at 2:00 pm. If you are able to donate a koha to cover some of the costs of the dinner that would be much appreciated.

Please either send this to school and give it to Katy in the Office or deposit into our school bank account with Year 8 dinner as a reference. The dinner this year is being catered.

Ian's Retirement Assembly (by the children) and an adult only Afternoon Tea

Friday 12th December, 2:15pm in the school hall
Following the assembly, you are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea in the Hall.

Please note: The afternoon tea will be an adult-only gathering to allow colleagues, parents, whānau, and friends of Ian to share memories and farewell him in a relaxed setting.

Stationery Lists 2026

The stationery list for 2026 have gone home today.

This is also available on our website
Qizzle and Stationery Warehouse also have a copy.



Hana kōkō – Father Christmas

Whakanui – celebrate

Hakihea – December

Raumati – summer

Kai – food. E kai – command to eat

PTA Fundraiser



For our last fundraiser this year we are after donations for our annual Christmas raffle hamper. If you can donate any goods (such as Christmas treats, cards,

decorations, food items or gifts) please send these along to the school office.

Our Christmas Raffle cards have gone home. These are due back at school by Monday 15th December.

We thank you for your support. ☺

All School PoloTops need to be washed and returned by Monday please. There will be a \$40.00 charge on tops not returned.



Christmas Wishes

I would like to wish all families, helpers and friends of the school a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.

Kind regards Katy – Office Goddess ☺

Calendar of Events

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| 15 th December | Year 8 Big Day Out |
| 15 th December 6:00 pm | Year 8 Dinner |
| 17 th December | Last day of the year |
| 2 nd February | Term 1 Begins 2026 |
| Assembly Dates | |
| 12 th December (2:15pm) | Special Retirement Assembly for Ian Landreth |
| 17 th December (2:00pm) | Final Assembly |

Tots to Teens latest issue is out now.

<https://issue2512.totstoteens.co.nz/>

Subway Lunches

We have just been approached by Subway who are offering Subway at a significantly cheaper cost than Ezylunch/Kindo.

You can sign up at subwaylunches.co.nz. It is easy to order and pay online. This is our preferred option for Subway.

The Menu includes wraps and gluten free wraps.

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- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Made fresh daily
- ✓ Easy online ordering & payments
- ✓ Part of your local community
- ✓ Delivery options available
- ✓ Nourishing & delicious ingredients



- ✓ tasty
- ✓ fresh
- ✓ easy

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Our subs and wraps are freshly made and packed with nourishing ingredients, including lettuce, tomato, cucumber and carrot. So, kids and parents love them! For full ingredient, nutrition and allergen information, please visit subway.com/en-nz/menunutrition/nutrition

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SUPER SMASH MINI HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Location: McMillan Hockey Turf & Edgar Center
12th - 13th January 2026

Kick off the summer with two action-packed days of cricket fun!
Perfect for young players of all levels.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
Skills sessions + fun cricket games
Team challenges & activities
Energetic, supportive coaching
A great way to stay active and make new friends!

SPECIAL EXTRAS:
FREE Kids Ticket to the Sparks & Volts Super Smash match on 13th January
Half-Price Adult Ticket with every registration to either 12th or the 15th

COST: \$35 per child, per day

REGISTER NOW:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/392409>

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Step by step guide for online ordering



1 Visit subwaylunches.co.nz to login or register.



2 Select your school and class, and add the student's name to start a new order. Skip the ordering steps by choosing your saved favourite or last order.



3 Make it your way and choose your base, cheese, salads and sauces. Don't forget to add your drinks or sides!



4 Confirm your order and pay online.

Note: If you are placing multiple orders for multiple children, you will need to finalise payment for the first order before starting the process over again to place any subsequent orders.

schoollunchesnz@subway.com
subwaylunches.co.nz

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

OTAGO HOCKEY and OTAGO CRICKET are back together to bring you another epic School Holiday Programme!

MULTISPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2026

19th - 23rd January 2026
Edgar Center - Otago Cricket Long Room

A full week of action, variety, friends, and fun!
Perfect for active kids who love sport or want to try something new.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Cricket + a range of multisport activities
Skill-building, teamwork, and confidence
Safe, engaging environment
Fun games and new summer experiences!

COST:
\$165 per child for the full week
\$150 for each additional sibling (full week)
\$35 per child, per day (casual day option)

REGISTER NOW:
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Birds of the Town Belt

Parks and Recreation at the DCC are pleased to announce the opening of the Birds of the Town Belt walk!

Head to the Kōpara Loop Track at Jubilee Park, home of the 'Birds of the Town Belt' trail, to spot 28 hidden birds perched high in trees and tucked away on the ground. Pick up a map at Dunedin isite Visitor Centre.

DCC is also running a Summer Holidays Trail Photo competition - be in to win a pass to Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden or a Family Pass from Orokonui Ecosanctuary! Competition information is available here: [Summer Holidays Trail Competition - Dunedin City Council](#)

Thinkit Art

After School Studio Sessions



2026 Term:1 Art Classes age 7 - 15

Monday or Tuesday - 3.30pm - 4.30pm or 4.40 - 5.40pm, 9 sessions \$258.75pp

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