



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

Kiaora folks

Port Chalmers School is quite unique in that we offer a Boating programme for our Senior pupils, from years 5-8. Pupils have opportunities to learn how to operate Kayaks, Canoes, Dinghies, Paddleboards and Optimist Yachts and our Outdoor Education Committee members assist with tuition, undertake the maintenance of our equipment and also operate our safety boats out on the water.

We also rely on parent helpers to assist with running our programme on the foreshore. As a parent volunteer you need no special skills or boating experience. Having extra pairs of hands and eyes available during boating sessions is essential in order for our programme to run smoothly. Many of you have indicated that you are available for boating sessions already. Thank you for that! I look forward to working with you during the term.

We have four scheduled sessions for term one and our first session will take place on Monday 19th February, weather dependent. The rest of the dates for term one are on the calendar below.

When scheduling session dates, I always check on the tide calendar. An ideal session will take place on an incoming high tide or an outgoing high tide. Although I can control the scheduling with the tides, I cannot control the weather! If it is too cold or raining heavily or too windy (particularly SE winds), I will cancel the session. I want the pupils to have enjoyable and safe experiences on the water and unfavourable conditions can cause fear and anxiety. Many of our pupils have not had a great deal of boating experiences due to disruptions and inclement weather, therefore having close to ideal conditions is necessary in order that they build confidence and competence when boating.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone out there in our school community who has knowledge of boating and sailing, operating motorboats and maintaining watercraft, who may like to join our committee. Over the last few years, a number of our long serving members have had to retire and we are on the lookout for new members who may be interested in joining us. If you, (or someone you know), is interested in this opportunity, please come and have a chat with me here at school.

In the meantime, here's to a grand term of Boating for our pupils!

Mā te wā,

Jared Roddick

(Deputy Principal, Outdoor Education Committee Chairman)



CALENDAR

22nd February 7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
23rd February am	Cricket Coaching
23rd February 1:30 pm	Elgregoe Show
28th and 29th February	Learning Conferences (3:15pm to 6:30 pm)
14th March	Bike Skills (Rūma Pāua)
15th March	PAL's Training Day (Rūma Mangō)
18th March	Abseiling Day (Rūma Mangō)
25th March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
29th March	Good Friday (School Closed)
1st April &	Easter (School Closed)
2nd April	Easter (School Closed)
8th -12th April Outdoor Ed Week	Yr 7 & 8 Bannockburn Yr 1 – 6 Based at school
12th April	Last Day of Term

BOATING TIMETABLE

Monday 19th Feb	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 7th March	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 21st March	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 4th April	1 pm – 3pm

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE FRIDAYS AT 2.15PM

Friday 1st March	Rūma Pipi and Tepetepe
Friday 8th March	Rūma Wheke
Friday 15th March	Rūma Pāua
Friday 22nd March	Rūma Mangō

Donations for the PTA Easter Raffle

The PTA are organising an Easter Raffle. Please send any donations to the school office by the 21st of March. Thank you in anticipation.

Learning Conferences

Classroom teachers are busy preparing for learning conferences on the 28th and 29th of February from 3:15 pm until 7:00 pm (the last appointment time is 6:45 pm). We do appreciate whānau coming to work with their tamariki to focus on learning and setting goals. You can make your bookings in Skool Loop. We are looking forward to developing learning goals with you and your children. **Please make your booking so Katy doesn't have to ring you.**

Te Reo Māori

hapu (clan, sub-tribe; to be born)

hīkoi (walk)

hui (gathering, meeting)

iti (small)

iwi (tribe)

Futsal Results

Rūma Wheke won 6-2 against St Brigids. Player of the day was Teru.

Rūma Pāua lost 5-1 against MHS Tottenham. Player of the day was Pax.

Rūma Mangō won 17-0 against G.I Leopards. Player of the day was Kodee.



Year 7&8 Technology at DNI

On Wednesday afternoons, Rūma Mangō bus into DNI to attend technology classes. The excitement was high yesterday as our new Year 7's had their first technology classes. During the year, pupils will experience the four technology modules. These are Hard Materials, Food Technology, Fabric Technology and Digital Technology. Yesterday, all classes settled in well and got underway with their projects. Expect to see the results of your child's creativity during the coming weeks, (unless they haven't eaten it first in foods!)



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Top Tips for Toothbrushing!

How much Toothpaste?

0-6 years old, use a **half pea** sized amount

6+ years old, use a **small pea** sized amount

Brush twice a day, in the morning and especially at night before bed. Spit out toothpaste but leave mouth **unrinsed** as fluoride left on your child's teeth helps to keep them strong

Scan this code for more great tooth tips

Community Oral Health Service Te Whatu Ora

Dash & Splash

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024
PORT CHALMERS SWIM CLUB

5-6 years: Run 600m & Swim 10m (1 width)
7-9 years: Run 800m & Swim 30m (3 widths)
10-11 years: Run 1.2km & Swim 90m (3 lengths)
12-14 years: Run 1.5km & Swim 150m (5 lengths)

REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH THE PCSC FACEBOOK PAGE

Join a Fantails Hub today!

FANTAILS DUNEDIN
Fridays (8 weeks)
16th Feb- 5th April
4pm - 5pm
Logan Park Turf

Register Now: [Term 1 2024 Fantails Registration](https://forms.gle/Z2zafkaDesTk3znt7)
Contact: kirsten@southernfootball.co.nz

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/283076>

Does your child like to sing?

Who are we?

A choir of children from year 2 to year 9 who are interested in music, at Knox Church, 449 George Street, Dunedin. Knox welcomes people of all faiths as well as those of no faith.

What's it all about?

Knox Church is looking to grow our Junior Choir. The Knox Church Choir has a long history of supporting young musicians to develop their talents. We welcome new members as we start the year.

What will we be doing?

Singing training, rehearsing choir music, dressing up as a chorister, learning about music, exploring the church.

Junior choristers sing in church on one Sunday morning each month, usually the third Sunday.

The rehearsal for this starts at 9.15 am and the service starts at 10 am. Junior choristers are welcome to join in any other week they want to.

The junior choristers work on a structured, internationally recognised education programme, Voice for Life, to earn badges and ribbons. Some also sit for Trinity College London grade examinations with many achieving outstanding results.

Our choristers have performed at the switching on of the Christmas tree lights in the Octagon, busked in George Street and sung with the RSA choir. Choristers enjoy movie and pizza nights, Storytelling at Matariki, and joining in with the Christmas pageant.

Who runs the programme?

Sara Brown, MA, PGCE, MusB (Hons), ATCL. Examiner for Trinity College, London. Sara is a music educator with extensive experience working with children and choirs. Karen Knudson QSM, MA, MusB (Hons), LTCL. Organist and director of the Knox Church Choir. Karen has a wealth of experience in choral music and has worked with many young choirs in Dunedin.

When and where?

Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6.30 pm.

The Gathering Area
Knox Church
449 George Street
Dunedin

What to bring?

Water bottle and warm, comfortable clothes your child can move about in. Afternoon tea will be provided, but if your child has particular dietary needs, please let us know.

How much does it cost?

This music education programme is provided free of charge.

What to do next?

Fill in the relevant form at the link below:

Choir Link:

<https://forms.gle/Z2zafkaDesTk3znt7>

or

Email Sara: kelpiebrown@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to register your child.