

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

### Family picnic – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

We would like to invite families to join us next Monday from 5.30pm at school for a bring your own picnic dinner and a chance to catch up with the teachers and chat with other families. It will be nice to see you and your whanau. We will have the school BBQ available if you want to cook something too.

We are going to focus on Play and have invited Georgia Clarke, the play lead from Sport Otago and Loosey, the loose parts trailer to come and be part of our picnic. We will also have the Play Pod open. Come and play alongside your tamariki.

If it is wet however, there will be no postponement date.

### Breakfast Club

We are looking for volunteers for our Breakfast Club. This involves a time commitment of about 30 minutes, one day a week. You will help serve weetbix and milk for our learners at school. Please see Katy at the office if you would like to volunteer. Without volunteers we can't offer this programme.

### In our classes...

We have had a fabulous start back at school. It has been really pleasing to see students settling into their classes and back into learning so quickly this year. There are so many exciting and rich learning opportunities planned and already underway across the school.

Included is a photo from each room in the newsletter today.

With the return to school some questions you may like to ask your child to get a sense of their day that may elicit more than the standard one-word response of "nothing" or "fine" is to try...

Tell me the best part of your day? What was the hardest thing you had to do today? Who helped you today? What was the funniest thing that happened today? What is the biggest difference between this year and last year? Who did you sit with/play with at lunch? Can you show me something you did (or learnt) today?

# Te Reo Māori

[Rāhina; Mane](#) – Monday

[Rātū; Tūrei](#) – Tuesday

[Rāapa; Wenerei](#) – Wednesday

[Rāpare; Taite](#) – Thursday

[Rāmere; Paraire](#) – Friday

[Rāhoroi](#) – Saturday

[Rātapu](#) – Sunday

### CALENDAR

12 <sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm–6:30pm	Family Picnic at school (weather dependent)
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> February am	Cricket Coaching
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1:30 pm	Elgregoe Show
28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Learning Conferences (3:15pm to 6:30 pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Bike Skills (Rūma Pāua)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	PAL's Training Day (Rūma Mangō)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Abseiling Day (Rūma Mangō)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday (School Closed)
1 <sup>st</sup> April &	Easter (School Closed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter (School Closed)
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> April Outdoor Ed Week	Yr 7 & 8 Bannockburn Yr 1 – 6 Based at school
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term

### BOATING TIMETABLE

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	1 pm – 3pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1 pm – 3pm

### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE FRIDAYS AT 2.15PM

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

### SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Rūma Pipi	In the water 9.30am
Rūma Tepetepe	In the water 10.00am
Rūma Wheke	In the water 10.30am
Rūma Pāua	In the water 11.00am
Rūma Mangō	In the water 11.30am

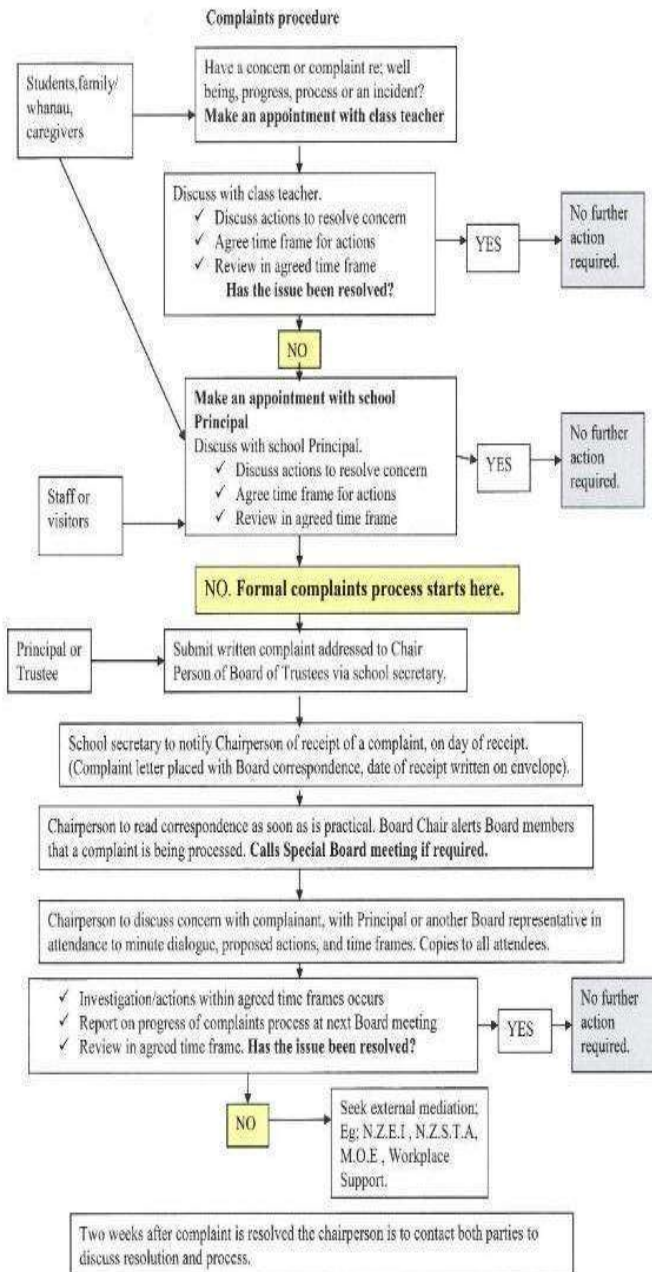
### Swimming

**New Zealand has some of the worst drowning statistics in the OECD (School News.co.nz 2024)**

We have noticed a large number of pupils avoiding swimming. This is part of the New Zealand curriculum and is just as important as Maths and Literacy are. Learning to swim is a crucial life skill. In the event of an emergency, being able to swim, or even just stay afloat until help arrives could quite literally be the difference between life and death. Having learnt to swim and feeling confident in the water is the best way to keep yourself and your family safe and minimise the risk of a water-related accident. It would be appreciated if all parents supported their children to participate. Any absence from swimming requires a note to be given to their teacher. Thank you.


## PTA

Our first meeting of the year is happening tonight at 6pm in the school staffroom. Anyone who is interested in being part of this group is welcome to join us.



**Principal Awards Week 2**

Nahoa Rūma Pāua



Ka mau te wehi  
AWESOME

# 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](#)  
Contact: [kirsten@southernfootball.co.nz](mailto:kirsten@southernfootball.co.nz)

New Zealand Football

## FREE TRIAL FOR KIDS ICE SKATING

Ice Skating is a fantastic way for kids to grow their confidence, coordination, and balance!

No experience or equipment is required.

**START YOUR ICE SKATING JOURNEY HERE!!!**

**SUNDAY 3RD MARCH  
9:30AM - 10:15AM**

Our coaches will look after you on arrival to make sure you have the right equipment before you head onto the ice.

Come and try out our amazing sport!!!!

**TO SIGN UP  
SCAN ME!**



Or head to our website:  
<https://www.dunedinicesiadium.co.nz/>



# Classroom Snap Shots

**Rūma Wheke**



**Rūma Mangō - Ready for their Times Tables**



**Rūma Tepetepe**

**Name Song**



**Rūma Pāua**



**Whānau Hui in the Senior School**



**Rūma Pipi Sharing News**

