



**24th July
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***Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki
te whānau o te Kura o Kōpūtai
- greetings to all families
of Kōpūtai (Port Chalmers)***

OUR CYBER-SAFE COMMUNITY

Our school is committed to providing safe and educationally focused digital journeys for our students. To support this, we have partnered with leading online safety provider, Linewize by Qoria. Linewize is a world leader in online safety for schools and communities, supporting over 27,000 schools and more than 35 million students globally. Linewize services help ensure our students use the internet safely and effectively.

SCHOOL MANAGER & MONITOR

- Allows the school to ensure students use the internet on school IT safely and effectively. Can also protect school devices and accounts 24/7, to support safer learning at home.

CLASSWISE

- Helps teachers guide internet access during lessons, improving focus and reducing digital distractions.

ONLINE SAFETY HUB + PARENT SAFETY APP (QUSTODIO)

- Provides the entire school community with education and a free parent app to protect your children's personal devices at home.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

All families and whānau now have free access to resources, information and tools to help keep tamariki safe online when using their devices at home.

- The latest advice from experts including social media app risk reviews
- Difficult online safety conversation starters for Parents
- Guides to help you support your child's online development
- Qustodio Parent App - FREE tool for parents to protect children's devices at home.

VISIT OUR HUB AT

portchalmers.onlinesafetyhub.nz

Qustodio Parent App for Families

- Filter and block apps and content parents don't want their children to access
- Customise what children can access during homework hours
- Balance screen time by setting time limits on devices as well as for specific apps

- Protect screen-free moments such as mealtimes and bedtimes
- See who children are talking to and what content they are seeing in real-time

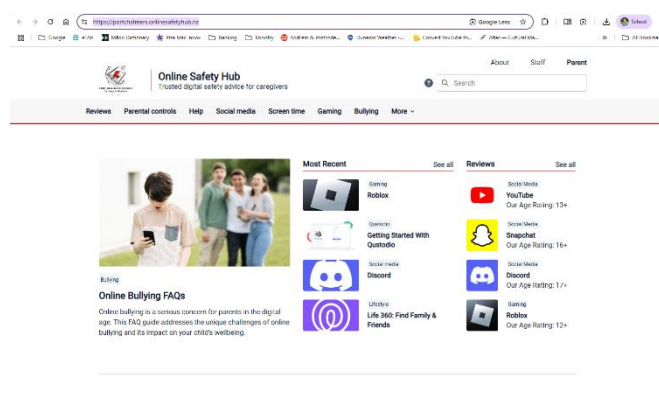
How to get started

1. Visit the Online Safety Hub.
2. Create your account
3. Install Qustodio on your child's devices

FAQ - FOR FAMILIES / WHANAU + STUDENTS

What online activity can school staff see for students when using a school account?

- Searches
- Apps & Websites
- Videos
- Google Apps for Education (G-Suite)



We have sent home a flier today from Linewize with this information. If you have any questions or want support to get this enabled, please talk to Vicki. We will have devices available in the administration area on our Learning Conferences for you to use to set up the security features for home.

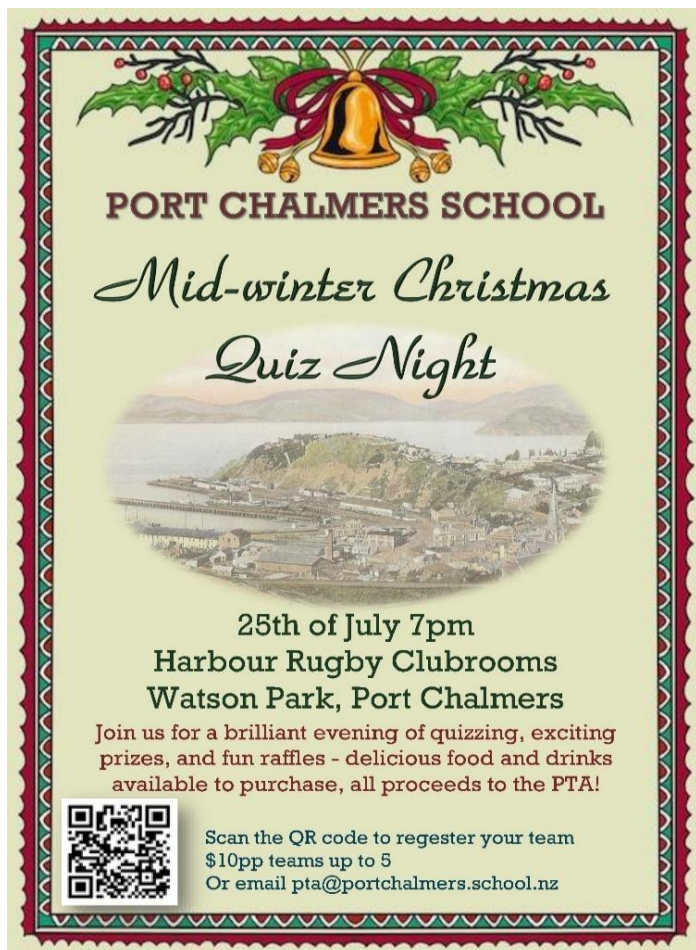
Learning Conferences 5th & 6th August

Our mid-year learning conferences will happen on Tuesday and Wednesday the 5th and 6th of August week 4 of term 3. Bookings are open now through Skool Loop.

Please contact the office if you want to make a booking and not use Skool Loop (email: office@portchalmers.school.nz)

Rūma Pāua and Mangō will have slots on Tuesday afternoon 1:30 – 3:00 pm to help support the large number of Conferences that need to be done in these classes. Children in these classes will be working with Vicki on Tuesday afternoon to allow their teachers to use this time for conferences.

This is an important chance to support your learner and find ways to help at home.



- Carey's Bay Hotel
- Monarch Wildlife Cruises
- University Bookshop
- Big Lizard
- Royal Albatross Centre
- Bin Blast
- Reading Cinema
- Harbour Fish
- Katy Gray
- Lynley Edmeades
- Rodger Blok
- Highlanders Rugby
- Angela Cuming
- Robert Scott
- His and Her Catering
- Flynn Sefton
- Tracy Jenkins
- Sandy MacManus-Designs by Default
- Philip Yeardeley - Sea Zen
- Port Chalmers Four Square
- Lindsay Williams - Baked with Love
- Flynn Sefton - Kindling
- Bernie and Van Casey - sculptures made by Tia Pou Invercargill
- Dunedin Ice Stadium

The PTA is very grateful to all the local businesses and individuals who have donated goods and services for prizes.

We thank you all -

- Ross Wellgreen - Ray White
- Union Café
- Judit Varadi
- Blueskin Nursery and Café
- Port Chalmers Four Square
- Caro Timms
- Hodgson Family
- Hamish McDonald - Cutler's
- Pictura Bookstore
- Orokonui Ecosanuary
- Port to Port Cruises & Wildlife Tours
- Quadrant Gallery
- Otago Vacuum Tank Services
- Georgie Girl
- Santosha
- Hare Hill Horse Treks
- David Elliot



Calendar of Events	
25 th July 7:00 pm	Quiz Night
1 st August 2:30pm	Mihi Whakatau (to welcome new whānau)
30 th July 7.00 pm	BOT Meeting
5 th & 6 th August	Learning Conferences
7 th August 9am	Pre-School Open Morning
13 th August 5:00 – 6:30 pm	Coffee, Cake and Chat about Yr 7 & 8
29 th August	Colour Fun Run
1 st – 5 th September	Polyfest
16 th & 17 th September	School Photos
19 th September	Last day of term
6 th October	Term 4 Begins
Assembly Timetable 2.30 pm	
15 th August	Rūma Tepetepe
22 nd August	Rūma Mangō
12 th September	Rūma Wheke
19 th September	Rūma Pāua

Mihi Whakatau Friday 1st August 2:30 pm

A mihi whakatau is a Māori welcome ceremony. It's a way of showing respect and making visitors feel welcome. It usually involves speeches, songs, and shaking hands or hongi. It's a beautiful and meaningful way to connect with people and the culture. We are excited to have our mihi whakatau next Friday 1st August at 2:30 pm. If you are a new whānau to our community, please gather at the gate by the kindy from 2:15pm. Tim Cook and Wendy Currie will meet you there and will be your guide as you come onto the school grounds. If you are a whānau who have been at our school (i.e. not new this year) please gather on the court, where we will guide you to your seat. Coffee and cake will be served at the end of our welcome!

Table Tennis for primary aged tamariki

On Fridays between 4 pm-5pm

At Iona Church.

All school-age children from years 1 to 13

All gear provided.

For more information

Contact Ian Landreth

021 088 169 4

Welcome to Wendy Currie

We warmly welcome Wendy who is teaching in Rūma Wheke for the rest of this year. My name is Wendy Currie. I am a local Port Chalmers person, four generations back. My early education started at Port Chalmers School, and I have many happy memories of walking and biking to school and playing on what is now Watson Park in break time. Following high school I worked as nanny in London, travelling through Europe and Scotland. Upon returning home to New Zealand I worked at Port Otago and then followed my calling to become a teacher. My first position 30 years ago was in Northland. There I taught for 16 years and met my husband and had my family. 15 years ago I returned to the Port area and have been teaching ever since. I am looking forward to meeting you all and have enjoyed being back at Port Chalmers School.

Port Chalmers School

School Board Elections

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will have received a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Wednesday the 6th August 2025**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025**

The roll is displayed in the office.

Signed Katy Gray

Returning Officer

Te Kura o Koputai

**PORT CHALMERS
SCHOOL**
COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT
ABOUT YEAR 7 & 8
13TH AUGUST
5:00 - 6:30 PM

A full primary school on the shores of Otago Harbour

- Boating programme - children learn to sail!
- Annual Artist in Residence programme and art parade
- After-school care and Breakfast Club
- Small class sizes
- Play-based learning
- Kapa haka, ukulele and marimba groups
- Swimming at the pool next door
- EnviroSchool with vege garden
- Spacious grounds with native birds and trees
- Inclusive and close school community

Intermediate years

- Complete education right through to high school
- Students learn leadership skills
- Senior Camp
- Science programmes
- Music programmes
- Technology programme
- Buddy programme

Contact Vicki Nicolson



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