



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

Welcome back to the final term of the year. Term 4 is always a busy one with many different activities happening in classes and out. We have started our swimming programme with JC Swim School this week. Then there is athletics taking place most days across classes in preparation for the West Harbour Sports Day next week and for some a chance to qualify for the North Zone Sports. The seniors will be boating again this term and then there is our annual artist-in-residence programme, all before the start of December!

For our Artist in Residence programme this year, we need glass jars with lids - jam jars etc. If you have spares please send them along to the office. We are looking at needing approximately 150. There is an example of what will be made on the counter in the office. The artist working with the children this year is Jerry Howlett. We are excited to have Jerry working with the children as he is a past student of the school too.

During the holidays there was a hive of activity happening around school. Two different projects have been started and are just about finished. The first has been the new boat ramp going in at Mussel Bay and the second was the installation of our newest piece of playground equipment - the tipi carousel. Before the carousel can be used by the children, we are waiting to get the bark placed and the final side of the edging placed on. The weather during the holidays pushed getting this done out. We are hoping to have the bark here and spread very soon. The final pieces of the PTA's new playground equipment are due to arrive into the country by the end of the month. They will then be freighted down to be installed. This project to have new pieces of playground equipment has been led by the PTA and a few years in the making. Again, it wouldn't have been possible without the support of families in the many different fundraising efforts the PTA has done over the years. We are also thankful for the support of the following organisations with grants and their donation - The Lion Foundation, Grassroots Trust Central, Otago Community Trust and Port Otago.

Swimming

We are swimming every day this week and next week, except for the day West Harbour Sports is on. Please have togs and towels at school for these days.

Timetable

Rūma Pipi	9:30 am
Rūma Tepetepe	10:00 am
Rūma Wheke	10:30 am
Rūma Pāua	11:00 am
Rūma Mangō	11:30 am

West Harbour Sports Day

The annual West Harbour Sports Fun Day will be held at the Caledonian grounds on Tuesday 22nd October. The postponement date is Thursday 24th October. This is a popular sporting event for the West Harbour schools as there are a combination of competitive events, fun events and team games which cater for all ability levels.

We will bus everyone to and from the event. The buses will leave at 9am sharp and we will return to school by about 3pm.

Children will need to wear suitable shorts or track pants and shoes for the physical activities. It would also be advisable for them to have a warm fleece top or a waterproof jacket in case the day turns on us. Children will need to take a snack for morning tea, a decent packed lunch and a water bottle also.

A permission form has gone out to all families via email and on skool loop. Please have these completed by Monday. If you are able to help on the day also, could you please let Jared or your child's teacher know. Thank-you.

CALENDAR

22nd October or 24th October	West Harbour Sports Day
23rd October	PTA meeting 6pm - all welcome to attend
28th October	Labour Day
18th November	Teacher Only Day
25th - 29th November	Artist-in-Residence week
17th December	Last Day of the Year
3rd February	Term 1 2025
Assembly Timetable 2.15pm start	
15th November	Rūma Pipi and Rūma Tepetepe
22nd November	Rūma Wheke
6th December	Rūma Mangō
13th December	Rūma Pāua



**Advanced Notice
Teacher Only Day**
The Ministry of Education teacher only day is on Monday the 18th November 2024.

Te Reo Māori

- Rāhina; Mane – Monday
- Rātū; Tūrei – Tuesday
- Rāapa; Wenerei – Wednesday
- Rāpare; Taite – Thursday
- Rāmere; Paraire – Friday
- Rāhoroi – Saturday
- Rātapu – Sunday

School Lunches available

Monday: sausages \$2 each
Wednesday: Sushi Johnny
PLEASE supply the correct money for Sushi Johnny lunches as we do not have the means to provide change. Thank you.
Thursday: Taco Vida
Friday: Subway
 (orders for Taco Vida and Subway can be made online at www.lunchonline.co.nz)

School Polo Shirts

We are still missing a number of School Polo Shirts.
Can everyone have a look for these please.

Year 7 & 8 Technology Fees are now well overdue. Can families please make arrangements for payment. We welcome automatic payments as little as \$5.00 a week.

GIRLS HAVE A GO A CRICKET!

North East Valley Junior Cricket Club are looking for girls for the 2024/25 season!
Girls can have a go in a fun games-based session in an inclusive environment!

When: Thursday 24 October
Where: Gardens Oval
Time: 4pm

Poetry

At the end of Term 3 classes were busy writing some poetry based around the theme of 'CHANGE'. These were entered into the Otago Literacy Association poetry competition. Here is a selection of these poems from across the classes...

The leaves slowly spin and flutter
down, down.
They have turned red.
The leaves disappear in Autumn.

In Spring new leaves form and cover the
tree like a dress.

By Eazrianah
Age 7
Year 3
Port Chalmers School

FUN RUN

INSIDE, our classroom beams with art
OUTSIDE, the trees sway left to right
INSIDE, the classroom makes me feel warm and cosy
OUTSIDE, the dental bus goes click, click, click
INSIDE, I hear kids whispering on the mat
OUTSIDE, the clock strikes 3, home time, yeah!

BY BELLA

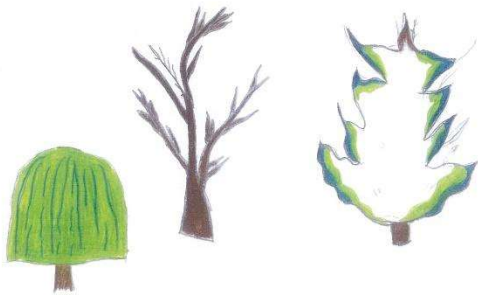
Bella Mihice
9 years old - Year 4
Port Chalmers School

My Evermore Tree.

As I climb the tall evermore tree
Its branches snap and scratch me.
The leaves falling down and on me.

But now the tree is too old to climb
Its branches too short and small to scratch.
No more leaves to fall down on me

The Evermore tree is too old,
Just like me.



By Ariahna Motepa
Yr 7 Port Chalmers School

In Spring lambs run across the field,
bouncing and playing.

In Summer I like to play outside.

It's warm and sunny.

In Autumn the leaves change colour
and softly float to the ground,
leaving the trees bare and plain.

In Winter animals start to hibernate.

It gets cold and icy.

I like to stay inside,
warm and safe.

By Xanthe

Age 6

Year 2

Port Chalmers School

Each season I watch out the window.

In Winter the trees are bare.

Snowflakes cover the trees like a white
blanket.

In Spring the trees blossom, pink and white.

In Summer the trees are home to birds
nesting and children climbing and waving to
people as they walk by.

In Autumn all the leaves flutter from the
trees down to the ground.

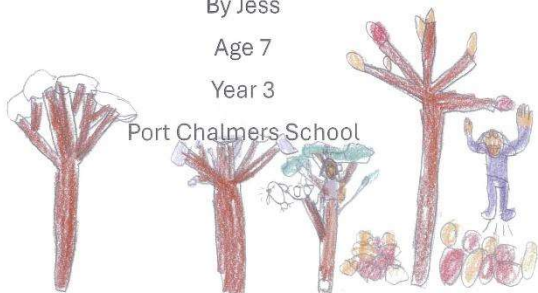
Orange and red piles waiting to be stomped
on.

By Jess

Age 7

Year 3

Port Chalmers School



FUN RUN



OUTSIDE, while we run, we get rough chalk powder splattered
against our body

OUTSIDE, we channelled our energy to our legs to take the
lead

OUTSIDE, when we run, the wind screeches past my face

INSIDE, I hear my heavy breathing and heart pounding

INSIDE, I taste the sweet sweat running down my face

INSIDE, I feel so proud of myself

BY REUBEN

Reuben McKirdy
8 years old - Year 4
Port Chalmers School

Name: Honor Van Rij

Age: 10

School: Port Chalmers School

Diabetes

Diabetes changed my life it was a sudden fright,
Insulin in my body stopped overnight,
As the needle went in, I did not grin,
But after a week it all settled in,
Existing was the main thing as all the others,
Treats were tempting, yet hope held tight.
Eating less carbs brought some bliss, yet I knew it was a twist.
Sensors are dull but I know all could be turned on.

Name: Charlie Cully

Age: 10

School: Port Chalmers School

Time flies...

When I was younger I always dreamed of being a senior.
The thought of making it to Room 4 and eventually Room 2 was always
lingering at the back of my mind.
"But that's so far away" I thought "I'll never make it."
But now I'm here, the realisation of age has finally hit me.
In a way I kind of miss it...
Who knows, maybe when I'm in high school I'll look at now the same
way...

Name: Nahoa Fox

Age: 11

School: Port Chalmers School

Time...

I once read that lichen can grow a hair's width in one year, that's
how the Future feels.
And I once heard that bamboo can grow 35 inches in one day,
that's how the past feels.
4 years ago I longed to walk to school like the big kids.
The thought of lichen would flit across my mind.
That's all bamboo now.

Name: Alex O'Neill

Age: 10

School: Port Chalmers School

Change

Change can be scary, change can be sad.
This does not mean that change is bad.
Change can mean fears, change can mean tears.
This does not mean that change is bad.
I say this because change is not bad, everything changes that is not sad.

Futsal Results

Port Chalmers Red (Year 3/4) - 12-0
to them and Player of the Day went
to Riki Carson.



Port Chalmers Black (Year 5/6) - 4-3
to them and Player of the Day went to Flynn Sefton.



In Spring the tree
is beautiful with lots of colours.



In Summer the tree
has grown some yummy, juicy fruit to eat.



In Autumn the leaves on the tree
turn red and gold.

They float and land quietly, lying flat on the
ground.



In Winter the tree
is bare.

It is waiting for Spring to get dressed again.

By Taze

Age 7

Year 3

Port Chalmers School

Port Chalmers White (Year 7/8) - 6-0 to them and Player of the Day went to Sam Wheeler.

Port Chalmers Blue (Year 7/8) - lost 6-0 and Player of the Day went to Kodee Holland.




OTAGO FUTSAL ACADEMY

November 3 to December 8
Sundays

- 2-3pm: 8-10Yrs
- 3-4pm: 11-13Yrs
- 4-5pm: 14-16yrs

Venue

- Edgar Centre

Price

- \$23 per session/ \$138 for the six week block

Contact details

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TERM FOUR
2024

Chingford Park
Dunedin

4pm start

FREE ENTRY
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All School Students welcome
<V6, Y7-Y8, Y9-10, and Y11-Y13 divisions

- * Entry is FREE
- * 4pm - 6pm Every Monday afternoon (14th Oct till 9th Dec)
- * Discs provided for people without their own



Thinkit Art

Kids Studio Sessions



Innovative Term 4 Art Classes age 7 - 15
Bookings & info: Kiri Scott 0211189882
*Studio 136 Princes St Dunedin * Thinkit.art@yahoo.com * @thinkit.art

PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL
Photo Days



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
30 & 31 OCTOBER 2024



NON-SCHOOL SIBLINGS: 8-9am
(Please book online for the early sessions)

MORE INFO ABOUT PHOTO DAYS:
bit.ly/port-school-photos or scan the QR code

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PHOTOGRAPHY



Kia ora Port Chalmers School Whānau

We are super excited to be coming to your school to take photos of your tamariki at the end of the month!

Your Photo Days are: Wednesday & Thursday, 30th & 31st October

We are really looking forward to meeting your children and capturing their awesomeness on camera!

<https://www.edithleighphotography.nz/port-chalmers-school> (copy & Paste this link)

Warmly, Edith & Jannah

Some of our Swimmers in Action



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