

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

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Understanding Matariki:

What is Matariki?

Matariki is a significant celebration in Māori culture, marking the Māori New Year. It is named after the star cluster Pleiades, which becomes visible in the Southern Hemisphere skies during late May or early June each year. The exact timing varies based on the lunar calendar and regional traditions.

Matariki carries deep cultural and spiritual significance for Māori communities. Traditionally, it was a time to celebrate the end of one growing season and the beginning of another. It's a period for reflection, renewal, and planning for the year ahead. Each star within the Matariki cluster has its own symbolism, representing different aspects such as health, prosperity, and the well-being of the land. Today, Matariki is celebrated widely across New Zealand and among Māori communities worldwide. It is a time for communities, families, and schools to come together, often marked by various cultural practices such as feasting, storytelling, song, and dance. Schools may organize activities that educate children about Māori traditions, including learning about the stars, creating art inspired by Matariki themes, or participating in community events. We are looking forward to sharing with you at our Matariki Breakfast – June 27th from 7:30 am. We will be asking you as a whānau to fill in two stars, one with gratitude for what has happened in the past year and one for hope for the next year. This is a great way to pause and reflect and be grateful for everything we have and set goals for the future.

By embracing Matariki, families can enrich their understanding of New Zealand's cultural tapestry and participate in meaningful celebrations that honour the past, present, and future. Through education and engagement, children can develop a deeper connection to their community and the wider world.

Folk Dancing Festival

We hope you have this date in your diary. Our tamariki are working hard on their dances and are really excited to be sharing with you.

Wednesday July 3^{rd} at the Port Chalmers Town Hall. 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring a cushion to sit on!!!!

If you are able to give a koha at the door, that would be appreciated.

Mā te Wā Vicki Nicolson



- Taone-nui city
- Huarahi road, highway
- <u>Waitangi</u> national celebration of the Treaty of Waitangi; 'weeping waters'
- Rohe boundary, the territory (geographical and/or spiritual) of an iwi or hapū
- <u>Tūrangawaewae</u> a place to stand, a place to belong to, a seat or location of identity

Sausage Sizzle

We are continuing with our Monday Sausage Sizzle The cost is \$2.00 a sausage. Please put your name, amount and money into an envelope and hand into the office by 9:00 am. Correct change is really appreciated.



Thank-you

CALENDAR	
27 June 7:30 am	Matariki Breakfast
28 June (School Closed)	Matariki Holiday
3 rd July 6:00 pm Port Chalmers Town Hall	Folk Dancing Festival
5 th July	End of term 2
22 nd July	Term 3 Begins
ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE Fridays 2.15pm	
Friday 21 st June	Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi
Friday 5 th July	Rūma Wheke

Matariki Breakfast Walpuna-6-rangi Walti Hiwa-i-te-rangi Waita Waita

Planning is underway for our Matariki breakfast on Thursday 27th June 7:30 am

We are looking for some people to help serve the breakfast. We will need you from 7:15am until about 8:30am. Please put your name down at the office. We can't wait to be at school in the dark and celebrating Matariki. We hope you can join us.

Hockey Results

We lost 11-0 to Tahuna. Player of the day was Alesia.





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