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

# **The Reluctant Dragon**

On Tuesday we were entertained by the NZ Playhouse group as they shared the story of The Reluctant Dragon with us.

The classic story was given a modern take and told through musical theatre by the actors.

The rare Southern Shiny Blue Scuttleclaw Dragon is discovered by Sam's mum. Her father, aka youtuber Mad Rad Dad films it. As chaos in the town's mayor's office begins, the Mayor calls the city chiefs, police chief, fire department chief, chief of air force, chief of the army and finally the chief of everything! The chief of everything knows someone who could get rid of the dragon, another youtuber, the famous Sir Mr Beast-Slayer! All the dragon wants to do is write poetry. Sam comes back to warn him that Sir Mr Beast-Slayer is on his way to defeat it. Soon enough Sir Mr Beast-Slayer appears on horseback. The Dragon and Sir Mr Beast-Slayer both realise they don't really know how or want to fight. Sir Mr Beast-Slayer explains how all the fights on his you tube channel are made up and use CGI. After a staged fight Sir Mr Beast-Slaver proclaims that the dragon has been reformed, assuring everyone it's not dangerous, and the dragon says to thank the community for welcoming him, it will make itself useful. Whenever there is no wind to blow their wind turbines the dragon will puff and blow them itself.

#### **Dog Safety**

This week and next we have Janine and Nicky along with Daniel here from DCC – animal control to talk about and show us how to be safe around dogs.

Here are Daniel's tips to help keep safe around dogs...

#### 1. Check it's sweet - before you meet!

**Before going up to a dog ask permission from its owner.** Lots of dogs are friendly, but some aren't. The owner can tell you if it is safe to go up to their dog. But still be careful. Let the dog approach you - don't chase it if it moves away, it might not feel like meeting you that day. **2. To understand - they sniff your hand!** 

When meeting a dog let it sniff the back of your hand. Dogs have a sense of smell that is 50 times stronger than ours. Dogs use their sense of smell to get to know strangers. Using the back of your hand keeps your fingers out of the way. Let the dog come up to you and sniff - don't push your hand under the dog's nose.

# 3. Chin or chest - that's the best!

After permission is given, stroke only the dog's chin, chest or shoulders and remember to be gentle. Dogs don't really like being patted on their heads by strangers. They might think you are trying to hurt them. 4. If a dog has a snack - keep well back!

Stay away from a dog that is eating or has a bone. When they are eating, dogs might think you want to take some of their food if you try to pat them. They want to protect their food.

#### 5. Keep your face - out of their space!

**Never kiss or put your face down close to a dog's face.** It's just common sense for you to keep your face away from a dog's teeth. Even if it doesn't want to nip you it could hurt you accidently.

### 6. Don't run and shout - it freaks us out!

#### Do not run around or shout near a dog.

Dogs react to the way we behave. If you shout or run a dog might chase or attack you. Playing fetch or obedience games with your dog is better than playing chase or tug of war games.

#### 7. A dog's not a toy - don't tease and annoy! Never tease, hurt or annoy a dog.

Dogs can tell us to stop only by growling or biting. Don't tease a dog by waving food or a toy in front of it - the dog might make a grab for the food or toy and hurt you by mistake.

#### 8. Quiet and slow - is the way to go!

# If you are scared of a dog, move quietly and slowly away from it.

Don't run. Stand like a tree - stand still, look at your feet and keep your arms in front of you. Don't scream or shout. Walk away quietly and slowly. Don't stare at the dog as you move away. If you stare, a dog might think you want to fight.





# PTA fundraiser

The PTA in conjunction with Harbour Fish are having a fundraiser selling 1 kg bags of frozen fish - Tarakihi, Sea Perch, Monkfish and Pearl (Ghost Shark). Order forms should now be in at the office. Delivery of the fish will be on Friday 14th June.



<u>Whānau</u> – family <u>Matāmua</u> – first-born <u>Pōtki</u> – youngest <u>Pāpā</u> – father <u>Whaea</u> – mother

### Sausage Sizzle

Our Monday Sausage Sizzle will resume next week. 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. Thank-you



#### **Hockey Results**

This week they lost 2-1 to Tahuna. Player of the day this week was Ness.

CALENDAR	
7 <sup>th</sup> June (School closed)	Teacher Only Day
27 June 7:00 am	Matariki Breakfast
28 June (School Closed)	Matariki Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 6:00 pm	Folk Dancing Festival
5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term 2
ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE Fridays 2.15pm	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Rūma Wheke

# PORT CHALMERS LIBRARY KIDS BOOK CLUB

MONDAY 10<sup>™</sup> JUN<del>C</del> AFTEC SCHOOL – 4:30PM

Come along to the library after school for a snack, book talk, and some fun activities – this month we are making treasure boxes and light-catchers.

### **Health Snippet**

#### Covid

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms and tests positive If your child tests positive for COVID-19, it is recommended that they isolate for at least 5 days, even if they only have mild symptoms, starting at Day 0. Day 0 is the day their symptoms started or when

they first tested positive, whichever came first.

Your child should not go to school. When your child can return to school



After having COVID-19, your child should be okay to return to school after completing their recommended isolation as long as they do not have symptoms anymore, or they only have mild symptoms which are improving and they are feeling well.

Some children may need additional time at home to recover.

Information provided by Health NZ.

# Coral reefs.

What is a coral reef? A coral reef is a shallow underwater area covered in multicoloured coral and sea life. Are coral reefs important? Yes! Roughly 25% of ocean creatures rely on coral reefs to live, and some humans do, too! How do coral reefs help us? Fish need coral reefs to live, and some people need the nutrients from fish to stay healthy. Coral reefs also give us shelter from storms; they block the waves! What is happening to coral reefs? **BLEACHING** is what's happening! Bleaching is when the water warms up so much that coral shoots out its algae, thus losing its colour. Why is bleaching bad? Bleaching causes coral to die, which, as I said before, is very bad for \the environment. What can I do about it? You can: .Use less energy at home .Recycle properly .Get stuff like compost bins to make sure landfills don't get extra waste .Use environmentally friendly things .And most of all, spread the word! By Finn

## **Creatives in our Community**

The Dunedin North schools work together as a Kāhui Ako – a Community of Learning. We would like to connect with the 'Artists and Creatives' in the North Dunedin area that stretches from Port Chalmers to North East Valley and Pine Hill. This collaborative project is focused on promoting the Creative Industries as a Career Pathway for ākonga through connecting g with the artists in our communities and inviting them to share their experiences, skills and talents. Please use the QR code on the poster below to complete the survey.



# Protecting against the flu

To protect your school and ECE communities, encourage staff, parents, caregivers and whānau to get the influenza vaccination. It's available from most GPs and pharmacies, and it's free for lots of groups. People can learn more by visiting: info.health.nz/immunisations/vaccines-aotearoa/ flu-influenza-vaccine/ As with other viruses, it's also important to keep up good hygiene practices, especially during winter when the flu is more common. Encourage children, students, staff and their whanau to: Stay home if they're sick Stay away from others who are sick Wear a mask if they have symptoms or are worried about getting sick Use disposable tissues Cover coughs and sneezes and wash their

hands after blowing their nose or a child's Not share drinks, vapes or utensils such as cutlery



WANTED. Teams for a Quiz night at the Port Chalmers Golf Club, Friday 21 June, 7.00pm. All funds raised to go to our local Volunteer Fire Brigade and First Responders. Please register your team at portchalmersgolf@gmail.com



# The Reluctant Dragon Show performed by the Playhouse Theatre













# Art Work from Rūma Tepetepe





-AURORA~ Autumn sky alive with colour. Up above, lighting up the night. Rosy pink and lime green. Other colours too dance above, Running paint down the canvas of the sky. A beutifull display of hues. Nahoa