

# Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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## Hi everybody,

It has been a busy week and a half since the previous newsletter and I thought it might be prudent to send this one out at the end of this week as there is a lot of information to impart for next week. Preparations are well underway for our Stars on Stage show. We now have the dates and ticket information for Stars on Stage. Please see info below. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the Museum educator Sof who delivered a cool programme around Tuia 250. It was very cool to have Starlab inflated in the senior class and learn more about the great Polynesian migration. We also learned some interesting things about Captain Cook. The session finished with a very cool trial of virtual reality headsets, which when worn had us out in the water on an ocean going waka! It was an amazing 3D effect. See curious picture below!



## Stars on Stage - Monday August 26th 7pm Regent Theatre

It is great to have our performance date and time for the rehearsal. The rehearsal time is at 12pm on the 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Regent. We will need to leave school at morning tea time to arrive in good time for this rehearsal. Parents are welcome to pop along and watch this if they unable to make to the show on the night. The show starts at 7pm and we will rendezvous at approx. 6:40pm to get the kids together and let parents get to their seats in time for the start of the show. Please be aware that tickets do sell out for the show due to the numbers of children involved so get in quick if you want tickets. Info below.



Tickets go on sale **Monday 12th August, 9am** at via TicketDirect online [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz) or [www.ticketrocket.co.nz](http://www.ticketrocket.co.nz). Tickets are also available by phone – 03 4778597 or 08004TICKET. In-person counter sales are available from Regent Theatre box office or the Edgar Centre.

**Prices are adults \$18, children \$10. Students and seniors with ID are \$16.**

## Fluffy Ducks



### Jennifer

Jennifer had a marvellous first week of the term. Her attitude to all aspects of school life was wonderful, very enthusiastic and positive. What a great example to our younger students, keep it up Jennifer.

### Josh

Josh received the award for some excellent engagement with his learning recently. He is thoroughly enjoying the topic work and is asking lots of great questions and making connections. He has also been doing some excellent writing and has had a poem he composed accepted for the upcoming extra publication. Well done Josh.

### Quiz Night

Our 13th annual quiz night is scheduled for later in the term. It is always lots of fun, so let people know and tell them if they would like to book a team to get in touch with Tim. Teams of 4 or 5, and the cost is \$5 per team member. It would be great if anyone had any ideas about businesses who might be willing to donate prizes for raffles and team prizes on the night. The local Port Chalmers businesses always give generously but any thoughts or contacts you might have in town would be appreciated.

### Cross Country - Tuesday August 13

The cross-country event is next Tuesday. The event is in Waikouaiti at the Domain down by the beach. It is always good fun and it is always great to see the kids doing their best. We will leave school at 10am to arrive in time to have morning tea before the races start at 11am. The postponement day for this event is **Thursday the 15th**. This date unfortunately clashes with our Film Festival Short film outing so fingers crossed the weather behaves.

### Mobile Dental Unit

The dental bus is currently parked down at Port Chalmers School. We have passed on each families contact details to the staff down there and I understand that they will send out appointments via the post which will then be followed up with a text reminder the day before the appointment. Keep a lookout for these and let me know if you haven't received one by the end of August. They did say that most of our kids will be seen in September. Please ask if you have any queries.

### New Zealand International Film Festival Shorts for School

We are looking forward to this special annual outing where we get to see what is always a really inspiring and interesting collection of short films from all over the world. Parents are more than welcome to join us. The screening begins at 10am and goes for approximately an hour. As I have mentioned above there is a potential clash with the back up cross country date, but we will worry about that next week if things are weathery!

### Dates for Diary

Cross Country - Tuesday August 13th  
Film Festival Short Films - Thursday August 15th  
Stars on Stage - Monday August 26th 7pm  
Quiz night - Friday September 20th  
End of Term Three - Friday September 27th  
Seafood Festival - Saturday September 28th  
Start of Term Four -Monday October 14th  
End of Term Four - Thursday December 19th

Tim Cook

Principal

