

Pūrākaunui School



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School Fair

Thanks to everyone for their efforts involved with the fair. There is a massive collective effort involved with preparation for the big day and then in running the event itself. Despite the weather (the wettest fair day in over a decade!) it was a great success, and had a nice cosy vibe. We made \$2000 which is awesome! The community turned out in good numbers to enjoy what is always a special gathering and it is always lovely to catch up with people. The good quality food and coffee certainly keep bringing people back year after year. It was a shame for the kids that the bouncy castle wasn't up but they thoroughly enjoyed the leftovers for lunch the next day, especially the amazing 'Scale model of the School' cake Brooke had baked. What an incredible effort Brooke!



Swimming - Friday Nov 15, Nov 29 and Dec 6

I have finalised the dates for our extra swimming lessons this term. We will swim fortnightly through November and then finish with December 6th. This schedule was due to a number of other events scheduled for Friday in Term Four. We will be swimming with St Joseph's from Port Chalmers School so the outing doubles as a nice bit of socialising as well. We will head down to the pool after lunch and being a sole charge day, transport help would be much appreciated. It is also great if you could let me know if you would like a Port pick up for your kids or a delivery back to school, as it is always great to know in advance. Thanks.

Hi everyone

The last two weeks have flown by, and we have certainly packed plenty in! The children were a great help with fair preparations and rearranging the school. It is lovely to see them take pride in their school and think about how best to host such an event. Big thanks to the team that came along to the Working Bee two Sundays back. We were able to get lots done and the school looked nice and tidy for the fair. It was a thirty degree day which made for some hot work, but hopefully everyone got to enjoy a swim afterwards! We have planted another potato patch by the very healthy looking garlic bed. Thanks to Bas, Brit and Pi for their help preparing the ground for planting. It was cool to see a Broad Fork in action.

Thanks also to John for his efforts tidying up the potting shed and giving it a new lease of life with a vibrant two-toned colour scheme in preparation for a mural which is being designed by the kids. We also like the blackboard wall John has created for us on the tennis court, which looks great with some coloured chalk.

Student Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed the first student newsletter that was published earlier this week. It was great to see it come to fruition, it looked great, and there was some impressive work done by everyone. We look forward to the next edition.

School Camp - February 25th, 26th and 27th

I have started planning the school camp for 2020 and have now locked in the above dates so I can start to book various activities in. The plan is to head over to the Otago Peninsula and stay at the Hoopers Inlet Hall for three nights, coming home on Friday the 28th.

Artist in Residence - November 14th and 15th and Parade on Sunday Nov 24

We are really looking forward to the annual Artist in Residence programme, which gets underway this week, culminating in the street parade in Port Chalmers on Sunday the 24th of November, which is always a lovely get together. There is music and food at the completion of the parade. Please see the attached flier. This year's artists are local artists Manu Berry and Luke Hancock and we will be doing a print/screen making workshop and the theme this year is Birdlife in our area, before and after the arrival of people. We will head down to Port School tomorrow, Thursday the 15th at morning tea time to work with Manu and Luke for the rest of the day, including a lunchtime with the Port kids. We have also pencilled in a further session in the middle of Friday to finish any work off. This session will also provide the opportunity for the kids to print their creations onto their own shirt if they have a shirt they would like to decorate. My plan for Friday morning is to go down to the Port Chalmers library at the start of the day, and then we will visit the Port Chalmers Maritime Museum before walking along to Port School for morning tea. After completing our work with Manu and Luke we will have lunch with the Port kids and then go to our swimming lesson! So it is basically going to be a Big Day Out in Port Chalmers! Don't forget a packed lunch.

Dates for Diary

Artist in Residence Parade Port Chalmers - Sun 24th Nov 12pm
Junior Athletics - Tues 26th Nov
No ASK ANTO – Weds 11th Dec
Logan Park Christmas Show – Tues 3rd Dec
WAWA Beach triathlon - Warrington – Fri 13th Dec
End of Term Four – Thurs 19th Dec
Start of Year 2020 - Tues 4th Feb

ASK ANTO

Just letting you know that I will be attending my son Ruairi's graduation on Weds 11th Dec so there won't be an ASK ANTO session on this date. The last session for the year 2019 will be the following Weds 18th Dec.



A funny photo from the archives. Nicole and Lawrence share a funny moment in Animal Attic earlier in the year.

Fluffy Ducks

Our two most recent recipients of the fluffy duck award were Nicole and Lawrence.

Nicole

Nicole has been working really hard with her literacy recently and has made some very good progress. Her writing is nice and neat and she takes pride in her work. She loves books and it is great to see such an enthusiastic attitude to reading.

Lawrence

Lawrence received the award for an excellent attitude at school, always trying his best, and demonstrating a great deal of patience last week when the North Zone athletics were postponed, and then the time for his race was not at a fixed time which led to a lot of waiting on the event day. He rolled with all of these variables and ran his best and came 3rd which was a terrific effort as he was racing against year 6 kids. Good luck for the Otago Champs next week.



We enjoyed dressing up for Halloween!

Tim Cook

Principal

