



DYER STREET SCHOOL

Learning for life

Newsletter: Term 2, Week 6, 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa,

We trust that everyone had a pleasant long weekend with an extra day that we hope you were able to enjoy with your children. As a staff we appreciated the opportunity to learn together on Friday and spent an extremely focused day upskilling our maths. We do have one further teacher only day, on 21st June, which will be the last one for 2021. The focus of this second day is on New Zealand histories that will be introduced in all schools in 2022.

The teachers are in the midst of writing reports at this time also, so it is a very busy time. As teachers we often find this mid-year reflection on the learning helps us to focus on the next learning steps for the second half of the year. To that end, we have made our reports a more focused document that you can expect to read information about your child's learning, specifically progress made and next learning steps. This information is obviously very succinct given the formatting restrictions of a report, so this will be unpacked further with you at the term 3 learning conversations. We are aiming for 100% attendance at these learning conversations! Booking information will be shared before the end of the term. Another feature we have added into the report is a student reflection on the LEARN values. Students have worked with staff on their individual reflections throughout the term.

Below you will see our visitor policy that we recently reviewed as a Board of Trustees. We have included this as a timely reminder of the guidelines that are in place. We are noticing some patterns emerging around children arriving late and/or being picked up early. During level one of covid restrictions there are no special guidelines to follow as there are at the higher levels. For example, at level 2, we applied flexibility to pick up times from 2:30. This is not the case for level 1. This is an area we want to see improving, that children are at school on time and are here all day! Please avoid making appointments during school time if you can. We understand that emergencies occur that require a late drop off or early pick up. If there is a situation that is on-going, please make contact with me and we will discuss how we can support you.

Our Year 5 & 6 students have started to do some fundraising for camp by selling chocolates and we have had some families ask if we would be doing a school wide chocolate fundraiser so we have decided to offer that as an option. The money raised by non-camp children will go towards the end of year trip for the year 1-4 students. Please fill in this [online form](#) if you wish to sell chocolates either for camp or for the end of year trip. If you don't wish to, that is perfectly fine.

Cross Country:

We recently had the zone cross country event and were delighted to see 6 of our students progress through to the interzone competition. Well done to Brooklyn, Nazanin, Quinn, Lyila, Leah and Tapita.

**Welcome to Dyer Street School to our new students:**

Leo and Emme in Room 1

We hope you are enjoying your time with us!

From the Board of Trustees:

Part of the role of the Board of Trustees is to review the policies that underpin the operation of the school. One of the policies we have looked at recently is the Visitor policy and as such we thought it would be timely to remind families of the guidelines for visiting the school. We remind families that the school day is from 8:55 to 3:00 pm and disruptions to this time for appointments etc should be kept to a minimum.

Visitors

All visitors must record their visit by scanning the NZ COVID QR code poster, or manually on the contact tracing register.

Visitors to the school may include parents, tradespeople, staff from support agencies, and other people on school-related business.

The following guidelines ensure the safety of everyone on the school site.

- All visitors to the site, except the parents or guardians of presently enrolled children, are asked to report to the school office and state their business.
- Signage around the school directs visitors to report to the office.

- All staff members monitor visitors to the school, and report any behaviour concerns to management or administration.
- In the event of an evacuation, staff members carefully check each building to ensure that all rooms and spaces are empty.

In the event of an unforeseen situation, the board or principal may implement a safety plan that overrides this policy.

Parents

Any parent, guardian, or other person wishing to have contact with a student during school hours must follow this policy. The school wants to ensure as little disruption as possible to the school programme, and to students' learning. Dyer Street School expects parents to use common sense and limit disruption to teaching and learning by only making contact or visits during breaks and lunchtime if possible.

Upcoming....

Staff only day - Monday 21st June

Full School Assembly - 9:05 am Monday 28th June

Some Reminders from the Admin Team:

A huge thank you to everyone that has been contacting school about absences prior to 9am - this is so helpful in being able to complete attendance in a timely manner.

Your options for Absences are as follows:

Phone: 04 5678016

Text: 0276973801

Skool Loop App - click on the absentee envelope (please do this before 9:15 am)



Ngā Mihi Nui

Paula Weston
Tumuaki (Principal)