



DYER STREET SCHOOL

Learning for life

Newsletter: Term 3, Week 8, 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to term 3 (part 2) - it seems that in the blink of an eye, our country was again turned on its axis and we were required to adjust to a new normal and we continue to make those adjustments. Once again we are so proud of all of our students and whānau for the way in which they approached their distance learning and for the way in which they have resettled into physical school again. Of course this level 2 feels somewhat different to the previous times that we have spent at level 2 and we long for the golden days of level 1 again.

During lockdown 2.0 we distributed over 40 devices to homes (which we have the majority of back already) and 50 paper packs for learning. We welcomed back 9 students during level 3. We held over 30 zoom meetings and made over 50 phone calls to families. We sent out hundreds of emails, seesaw messages and Skool loop messages and we made 7 Youtube videos which you all diligently watched (14 of you even subscribed!). We were incredibly grateful for all of the wonderful and supportive comments we received along the way.

One of the impacts of Covid that most impacts on us are the cancelled events that occur and we have not escaped that this time round either. Our swimming lessons were due to start last week and have not just been postponed but cancelled with us being unable to rebook for next term. We will endeavour to book these for as early as we can for 2022. Artsplash and our book fair have also been cancelled. Our second day of learning conversations also could not occur. I will provide some information around that below.

We approach the end of the term with the school holidays in just two weeks. That probably feels quite strange and there has been some talk of the holidays being changed, however at this stage this has not happened.

Learning conversations:

We have decided to hold the rest of our learning conversations in the last week of term on Thursday 30th September. Those of you who were booked who were booked to come on Thursday 19th August have automatically been booked for the same time on 30 September.

The meetings will be via Zoom. In the event that we move to level 1 next week, we will be able to have these in person but will give you the option to continue with a zoom appointment if you wish. In the event that we remain in level 2 next week but move to level 1 during week 10, we will keep the meetings as zoom.

Your classroom teacher will contact you with a zoom link for your time. Please be on time for these meetings as the teachers will have families waiting for their meeting also.

If you have not made an appointment but would like to, please contact the classroom teacher directly to do this.

Welcome to Dyer Street School to our new students:

Chevy in Room 1

We hope you are enjoying your time with us!

Upcoming....

Learning conversations - Thursday 30th October (via Zoom)

End of term 3 - Friday 1st October

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)



Paula Weston
Tumuaki (Principal)