### NEWSLETTER WEEK 2, TERM 3 2022

Friday 5th August

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's great to be back at school and seeing the smiling faces of our tamariki. An extra special welcome to the new students and families that started this term. I feel proud and humbled to be the new tumuaki at Dyer Street School.

As I have walked around the school, the aroha and warmth that I feel from tamariki and kaimahi has been much appreciated. I love that our kura is such a diverse, culturally rich, and inclusive environment. Our small island in the middle of Lower Hutt is a special and unique place for our tamariki to grow and thrive. As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child. That certainly is the feel of our kura. I look forward to working with you in partnership as we continue to build and strengthen opportunities for all the community.

With winter illness still around, we have of course, had to adapt. I want to thank the teachers and students for being resilient and coping with changes to their normal routines. Being flexible and showing kindness goes along in getting through these challenging times. A reminder to keep your children at home if they are showing signs of sickness or feeling unwell. I have attached the isolation guidelines below so can check your situation and know when to return your tamariki back to school if you have been a household contact or are a positive case.

In terms of staffing, I want to congratulate Michelle Pilcher on being appointed as principal of Maraeroa School. We know she will make a fantastic tumuaki. We will have a farewell for her later in the term.

Shortly, we will appoint an acting Deputy principal for Term 4, while we begin our search to find a new Deputy Principal to start in the new year.

Kia pai nga ra whakata! Have a a great weekend!

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal













## Dates to remember:

Thursday 1st September- Book fair begins

Tuesday 6th September Learning Conversations

Thursday 15th September – Learning conversations

#### DATES FOR 2022:

TERM 1: 2nd February - 14th April

TERM 2: 2nd May - 8th July

TERM 3: 25th July - 30 September

TERM 4: 17th October - 15th December

# Welcome new students and their families

Tiare

Munira

Clarke

We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

Board of Trustees Results
Elections closed on Wednesday
and we can now confirm...

Leonie de Garnham Matthew Weldon-Smith Amy Jennings

were successful in being elected to our school board.

Congratulations!

#### Our LEARN value for this week:

Each week at school we are focusing on one of our school LEARN values. Teachers will be talking about them in class and we will share them here in the notices and also on our Facebook page so that you can discuss what they look like at home if you would like to.

**Everyone together: Kupu-** Manaaki: We are showing this value with events like the Pōwhiri in Week 1, where we were able welcome new families into our community.

## Link Up Committee -Fun and Fundraising group!



We are holding our first meeting of our new parent/school partnership group next Tuesday the 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the school library. Kids are welcome to come in or play on the school grounds. This first meeting will just be about meeting some other parents, having a quick brainstorm about possible school events and discussing things we would like to fundraise for. We'd love to see you there!

Alice Kiefer (Rm 1 parent) and Meg Waghorn (staff & Rm 10 parent).





# **Community Information**

#### **Avalon Intermediate Open Morning**

OPEN MORNING FOR STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

We have an Open Morning on Wednesday 10 August 9.30am - 12.30pm for students who may not be from our usual contributing schools. This includes, but is not limited to; Belmont School, Rata St School, Naenae Primary School, Dyer St School, Eastern Hutt School, Epuni School and Avalon Primary School. Parents are invited to drop their child to the school office at Avalon Intermediate between 9.15 - 9.25am and then pick them up by 12.30pm. We will provide them with morning tea and they will be given a prospectus and enrolment form to take home.

If your child is planning to attend this Open Morning, please contact the school office by Monday 8 August to let us know 04 5677453 or email admin@ais.school.nz



#### **PRIDELANDS**

The children from Dyer Street Primary have shown a lot of interest in our before school care and after school programme.

Over the last week, we have had over thirty children show up for the service and be engaged in a variety of structured activities.

As of the week of 8th of August 2022, only children that are enrolled to attend Pride Lands will be permitted into the hall for our social development activities. This includes structured activities, cooking programmes and our weekly social development trips into the city for organised experiences at no added cost. Yes, our social development activities and trips into the community is part of our service.

As part of our services in your community, we provide pick-up and drop-off services to and from home. Please advise if you need this as well as our 1-on-1 care support and In-Home Care.

We also provide mentoring services for children that require a mentor at home, in school or out of school.

Attached is our Spring School Holidays. Please book on time to avoid missing out on the Early-Bird discount.

Thank you for welcoming us into your community and look forward to supporting your whanau.

Moses



