

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6 TERM 4 2022

Friday 25th November

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a stunning few days we have had which has meant our tamariki have been able to get out and enjoy our beautiful school grounds and make the most of the weather.

On Tuesday, a small group of our tamariki had a lunch sampling session with Kāpura School Lunches, where they made their own lunch choices from a selection of food available. These choices will be factored into the Kāpura School Lunches for Term 1, 2023. We are looking to strengthen our relationship with Kāpura through initiatives like this that allow our tamariki choice and voice around the menu going forward.

A draft strategic plan setting the direction and priority of our kura is nearly finalised and will be sent out to whānau before the end of the term. This will help guide our community and prioritise the things that are important in growing our people and improving our learning and physical environments. The voice collected from tamariki, kaimahi, whānau and BOT over the last two terms has helped inform the strategic plan. Thank you for your ideas and thoughts towards this piece of work.

Finally, Congratulations to Mitchell Coolwijk for finishing his Beginning Teacher Programme to become a Fully Registered Teacher. Mr Coolwijk has been a fantastic kaiako who is not only a great classroom teacher but also leads school sport and is a member of our B.O.T. Well done Mitchell!

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal



Kāpura Lunch Sampling Session!



Hikoī Club out on a hikoī!



Amazing Room 1 tamariki working on their letter knowledge

Dates to remember:

- 1 December - Year 6 Trip
- 2 December - Hikoī Club Tramp
- 8 December - Kaitiaki Showcase
- 9 December - Water fun day and Prizegiving assembly
- 14 December Year 6 Graduation
- 15 December. Final assembly 11 a.m. School finishes at 12 p.m.

Noticeboard

Kaitiaki Showcase

On Thursday the 8th of December (Week 8) we are holding a whānau sharing evening to showcase the work that students have been doing in their Kaitiaki groups this year. In the whānau surveys, we have heard from you that you would like more opportunities to mix and mingle with staff and other families as well as know what is happening at school for your children. We would love to see a great turn-out to this event to recognise the hard work of students and teachers as well as celebrate our awesome community.

This event will run from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. and there will be a sausage sizzle available. If you would like to bring a picnic afternoon tea or dinner for your whānau please feel free. Younger and older tamariki and extended whānau are most welcome too. There will be more information coming out about this special event early next week.

Shoebox Christmas

This year our tamariki are lucky enough to be gifted an end-of-year holiday gift from the Shoebox Christmas community. Those whānau who have been at DSS for the last few years will be familiar with the process. Community members are given a child to gift to and have been dropping off the koha to school. On Tuesday the 12th of December we will gather in the school hall to distribute the gifts to the children.

Giving back to our community

Our kura is really lucky to receive a lot of kindness from the wider community over the year but particularly as the end-of-year festivities approach. To give those tamariki and whānau who are able a chance to give back some of that aroha from next Monday we will have a donation box for the Te Awakairangi Kai Collective Festive Food Drive in our office foyer. If your family can spare a donation of Christmas treats to be distributed to local families in need please bring them in and place them under the Christmas tree!

2023 enrolments

If you have a child in your whānau who will start at Dyer Street School in 2023 please make contact with the school office. This helps with class placements and organising school visits.



End-of-year activities

There are quite a few exciting end-of-year activities coming up!

- December 1st - Year 6 Trip to H2O Xtreme, your child has received a notice for this from their classroom teacher if they are a Year 6.
- December 8th - Kaitiaki Showcase, see the previous page 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- December 9th - Final Whole School Assembly **11:00 a.m.** This is where children will receive end-of-year classroom awards.
- 12:15 - Water Day - Fun water play day for the whole school. Students will need change of clothes, towel, bag for wet gear, sun protection.
- December 12th - PB4L Reward Day - Students earn tokens for showing the school LEARN values and are able to vote for their choice of whole school reward. Voting is still open but a shared lunch is currently winning! We will send out confirmation of this once voting closes next Friday.
- December 13th - Shoebox Christmas - all tamariki receiving a gift from the community.
- December 14th - Year 6 Graduation 6 p.m. (by invitation for whānau of Year 6- if you need to clarify this see Ms James or Mr Rogers).
- December 15th - Last day of school! Final assembly from 11:00 a.m. - announcements of next year's school leaders, Year 6 awards and school cups.

Dates for 2023

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April

Public Holiday - Waitangi Day Monday - 6th February

Term 2 Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June

Public Holidays - Anzac Day Tuesday - 25th of April, King's Birthday Monday 5th June

Term 3 Monday 7th July - Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

Public Holiday: Labour Day Monday 23 October

