

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 2 TERM 1 2023

Friday 10th February

Kia ora koutou katoa,

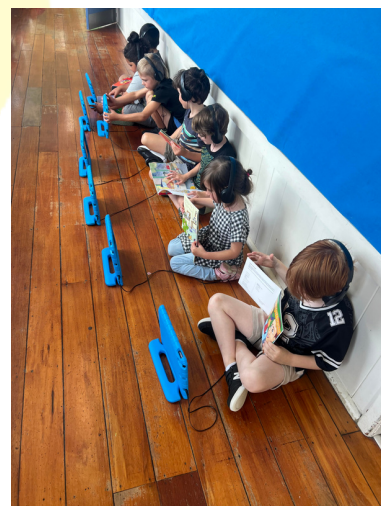
It's been a great start to the school year with our tamariki settling into their new classes and routines. Our kaimahi are energised and have set up their classrooms to best support learning needs. Our whānau picnic was a great reminder of what pre-covid times were like! It's nice to be able to gather and reconnect like this again.

The Block C refurbishment is right on schedule. The classrooms are looking fantastic with suspended ceilings, new wall coverings, flooring and whiteboard storage units. We look forward to this project being completed later this term.

Our learning theme for Term 1 is "Whakapapa" and "Identity". Our tamariki will be creating their own pepeha/mihimihi and may need some help from whānau in understanding their connections to their ancestry. We will also be looking at creating a school karakia that reflects our values and what is important to us.

Finally, a warm welcome to all our new whānau, tamariki and kaimahi who were officially welcomed at our pōwhiri last Friday. It was very special to have many of our new whānau attend. Special thanks to the whānau of our new teacher Bee Weston who wowed us all with their beautiful whaikorero and waiata. We were all really proud of the Year 5 & 6 DSS students who stepped up to lead the haka and waiata this year, especially Cairo Reno-Tatau who took on the role of kaikorero. Ka mau te wehi tamariki mā!

Lee Ewington  
Tumuaki/ Principal



Room 3 children exploring the new iPads in reading time



Some tamariki who arrived on a 'Mana' card to share their work



The whole school on the first day of term! Thanks to Perrin one of the builders for taking this snap for us!

## Dates to remember:

- 16 February Movie Night Fundraiser
- 24 Feb Whole School Assembly
- 28 Feb and 3rd March - Learning Conversations/Link-Up Hui
- 1 March - Movin' March begins
- 9 March - Cyber Safety Parent Hui at Naenae College
- 10 March - Whole School Assembly
- 31 Movin' March Parade



# From the Link-Up Committee

The Link-Up committee is our friendly and laid-back parent-led "fun and fundraising" committee.



They are always looking for parents and friends of the school to get involved! If you'd like to know how you can be part of it email [linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com](mailto:linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com)

The year started off with a small but committed group of school whānau and staff who came to a rainy working bee on the Saturday before school started. We will hold another working bee towards the end of term, in hopefully better weather!



## Movie night!

Get in quick to come to our fundraiser movie night - bring your significant other or friends!

This coming Thu 16th Feb @ Light House Cinema Petone  
What's Love Got to Do With It - a great rom-com for Valentine's week!

There will be raffles, spot prizes, and treats to buy!

Reserve your tickets now:

<https://www.dyerstreet.school.nz/fundraising/> \$25 per ticket or \$30 for ticket for 3 entries into our amazing raffles!

Proudly brought to you by the Link-Up Committee, our parent-led fun & fundraising committee

# Noticeboard

## Can you help stock our spare clothes?

We are in need of trousers, shorts, socks and underpants for our medical room. If your child has grown out of some over the summer we would love to have them. We use these for children who have accidents or may get wet at school. If your child has brought any school spares home please wash and return them.

It is a great idea for all children to have a full change of clothes in their bags, especially those in the junior syndicate.



There is already lost property in the lost property box (outside Room 5 in the corridor). Please name your child's clothing and property, it really helps.

## Lost Property

## Skool Loop

There has been a bit of confusion about the passwords for groups on Skool Loop - they are the same as the group name, however, for the classes, it doesn't include the teacher's name so the password is just 'Room 7' for example. If you have trouble with Skool Loop please ask your child's teacher in the first instance. The Skool Loop website <https://nz.skoolloop.com/parents/> also has a chat function that you can ask for help as well as a FAQ.



Principal's award winners from week 1/2 L-R, Naea (Rm 6), Tyler (Rm7), Alfie (Rm7), Zaiden (Rm 2), Braxton (Rm 6), Titokowaru (Rm 3), Aniola (Rm 3), Anna (Rm 5)



# Noticeboard

From our health nurse:

Hello, my name is **Josie**, and I am the Health Nurse for your school.

I visit your school regularly and am available to see your child should you have any concerns about their health. My role is varied from personal health referrals, health education in the classroom and health education for staff.

My background is in paediatrics, both in the hospital and the community.

I can be contacted through the school office.

Te Whatu Ora – National Public Health Service's website **[www.rph.org.nz](http://www.rph.org.nz)** has plenty of up to date health information and advice that you may find helpful. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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**Josie Gray**  
Public Health Nurse  
Child Health Cluster

P: 027 254 0505  
[www.rph.org.nz](http://www.rph.org.nz)

## Need Covid tests?

We have these  
available at the school  
office, free.



## REMINDER:

**It is important to keep your tamariki up to date with immunisations.**

There are a range of childhood diseases that can be prevented by immunisation such as Whooping Cough, Polio and Measles and there is a series of vaccines that are offered free to babies, children, adolescents and adults.

If you are unsure of your child's immunisation history you can either phone your GP and speak to the practice nurse or text me on 027 254 0505 with your child's name, date of birth and school and I can check for you.

Josie Gray  
School Public Health Nurse

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