

NEWSLETTER WEEK 7 TERM 1 2023



Tuesday 14th March

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We are now full swing into the term. It's been pleasing to see classroom programmes taking shape with a variety of learning opportunities taking place. This week alone we have the Te Ahi Ora Fire Experience, Moving March, Year 5/6 Capture the Flag, along with Touch Rugby on Thursday.

On Thursday, industrial action will be taken by primary school teachers and principals across New Zealand to protest against their working conditions and pay. We have taken the stance to close our kura for health and safety reasons. We simply wouldn't have the staff available to run our school for the day. In advance we thank you for your understanding and support around this matter. We know this will cause some disruption which is the intended point of a strike but do hope the government can address the issues around equity, working conditions and pay promptly so no further action is needed.

I am nearing completion of our Strategic Plan for this year. With you voice, I am starting to see some clear themes around what makes our school so special. Words like confidence, resilience, inclusion, culture and identity are all helping to shape our aims and provide that north star thinking for us. There are two key aspects that will need further work- our school logo and our school vision. Although, I have a lot of ideas from whānau and staff, working our tamariki is the next important step in developing these two areas. Watch this space over the next few weeks as we delve into this mahi.

Our Link Up Hui's were a great success. We had around a 100 interviews booked across the two days. Our template which is based of the Te Ara Whakamana programme seemed to resonate for whānau and teachers alike. Skool loop will continue to be the main channel for communication. It's vital that you keep checking this app as it will have permission slips for sports, school notices, and reminders for events. If you are having trouble accessing the app, please let us know and we can help you get connected.

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal

Reminder - the sign up form for Miniball (Basketball) is now on SkoolLoop under permissions. Sign your child up ASAP to secure a spot for next term.



Dates to remember:

- 15th March Junior Literacy Meeting
- 16th NZEI Teachers Strike
- 17th March - Book Club Orders due
- 17th March Te Ahi Ora fire evening
- 22nd March Hot Cross Bun orders close
- 24th March Whole School Assembly
- 25th March Working Bee
- 31 March Movin' March Parade

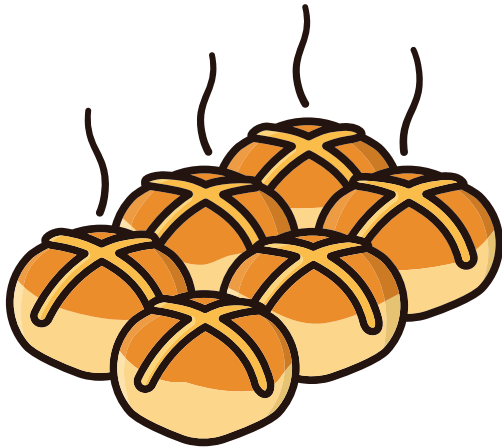
From the Link-Up Committee

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

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser



A reminder to please have your hot x bun orders in for Wednesday 22nd March. A big thank you to those who have ordered so far, all the proceeds will be going to improving our outdoor learning environments.

Information on how to order is on our website <https://www.dyerstreet.school.nz/fundraising/>

Autumn Working Bee

We are holding another working bee on Saturday 25th of March from 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. We will update on the specific aims closer to that date but it will include gardening, cleaning and possible painting or simple building tasks.



Link Up coffee catch ups



Our next fun and informal Link Up will be on Monday the 3rd of April at 7:30 in the library. We will be discussing a winter disco, outdoor environments and ideas for future events and fundraisers.

These catch-ups will take place on the first Monday of each month at the same time and place from here on.

Noticeboard

Junior Literacy Afternoon

This Wednesday (15th March) at 3:15 in the school library the junior teachers, Rochelle Frecklington (Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Support teacher), and Meg Waghorn (DP and SENCO) will be holding an information afternoon about the teaching of reading and writing in the early years at Dyer Street School. We will explain what happens in class, how you can help with home learning and how we track the progress of our junior students. We encourage all parents of children in Room 1, Room 2 and Room 3 to attend if they are able.



Te Ahi Ora Fire Experience



On Friday 17th of March in the evening from 6-8pm, Te Ahi Ora will be performing and teaching with fire at the school field. The tutors demonstrate the top level of skill for the first 15 minutes, and the rest of the time will be spent teaching our community how to perform with fire.

MOVIN'
MARCH



Don't forget your passports...

We're a Movin'March school and every day our Road Patrollers are stamping passports in the classroom OR at the flagpole at morning tea time as part of the WOW Passport Challenge. It's super easy and you don't even have to complete a whole card to be in to win one of 12 x \$400 MYRIDE vouchers! And don't forget to look out for our random spot prizes!

HEAD LICE

Five tips to prevent head lice:

1. Comb and brush your hair everyday with your own comb or brush
2. Avoid sharing hats
3. Wear swimming caps at the pool and avoid sharing towels
4. Wear your long hair tied up
5. Let an adult check your hair and check the whole family weekly



If you notice your child has head lice:

- Treat with wet combing or Dimethicone 4% lotion
- Notify school so that they can tell parents to check their children

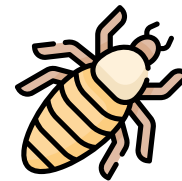
See your Public Health Nurse or school office for resources and advice.

For more information:

www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/early-childhood-centres/fact-sheets/head-lice.pdf

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Capital, Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa

Unfortunately we have quite an outbreak of headlice/nits/kutu in our school, particularly affecting our junior children. Here is some information from Regional Public Health around how to avoid headlice. You can get treatment from your doctor or some pharmacies for free. We also have some treatment from KidsCan that we can supply to you from the office.



Head lice

Responsibilities of parents

- Check your child's head once a week for head lice. Keeping head lice under control requires the support of the whole centre whānau. If you find any lice or eggs, begin treatment as soon as possible.
- Your child can go back to their centre as soon as treatment has started.
- Check for head lice in other family members as well.
- Do not share brushes, combs or hats and encourage children to brush their hair every night.

Treatment

If one member of the household has head lice, you will need to treat all family members in the household.

Wet Combing

This can be effective if done properly as combing damages the egg, preventing it from hatching. If eggs do hatch then daily combing will remove the young lice before they can reproduce.

- Use lots of conditioner on dry hair to cover the whole scalp and all of the hair from roots to tip. The conditioner will slow down the head lice for approximately 20 minutes so leave the conditioner in the hair.
- Divide the hair into small sections and comb carefully from the roots to the tip. Use a metal fine-toothed nit comb but remember to wipe the comb clean with a clean tissue in between strokes.
- Wash out the conditioner after checking the hair carefully.
- Repeat the combing twice more on consecutive nights and then weekly.

Chemical treatment

Several chemical treatments (insecticides) are available to treat head lice. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for effective treatment.

The malathion based treatments are subsidised on prescription. Malathion cannot be used on children under six months of age.

After using the treatment:

- Check all members of the household daily for at least three weeks.
- Comb the hair carefully to remove as many dead or live head lice and eggs as possible, eggs may also be removed using your finger and thumb.
- Check the manufacturer's instructions as some treatments need to be used twice.