

NEWSLETTER WEEK 10 TERM 2 2023

Friday 30th June

Our Hutt Fest Performance was something for us all to be very proud of. It felt like a statement to our community showing who we are and what we can achieve through a Te Ao Māori lens. It was a big ask for our tamariki to step up on such a grand stage. I was super proud of how they handled the situation and thrived in the limelight. The feedback and support we have received has been overwhelming. We will be now looking to develop our Performance Kapa Haka group further by performing to different audiences and learning new waiata and haka over the remainder of the year.

During the holidays, teachers in the Ako nui team will be setting up their new spaces in the newly refurbished block C. To confirm, Laurie Rogers will be moving into Room 11. Kasey Ward will be moving into Room 9, and Kendyl Taylor is already moved into Room 10. New Furniture has just arrived today and we have been lucky enough to get some of the set up started. This is a very exciting chapter in our strategic plan under the Environment initiative.

Thank you to the whānau who sent in some ideas for the school vision and logo design brief. There were some excellent ideas which we can use. Our tamariki have also provided their ideas. This process has taken longer than I expected but it's also important not to rush this stage. We want something that is really suits our need. We will aim to get this completed in Term 3.

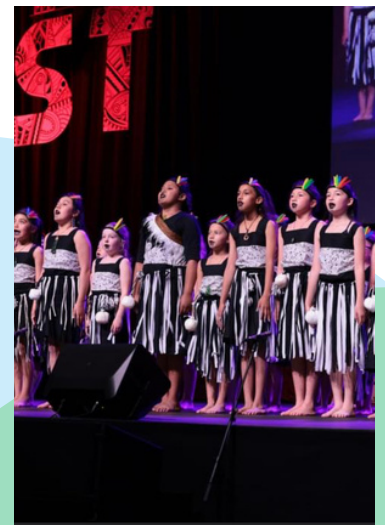
Looking ahead to next term, we have our Matariki Celebrations in Week 1. This will be a chance for us to acknowledge the Māori New Year through some school wide activities. We will send a timetable out over the next week to let you know what is happening. Our Learning Focus will be around Kaitiakitanga - how we look after and also beautify our kura. Tamariki will be taking a close look at Visual arts with the idea of creating a project to beautify the school. If there are any whānau, who are willing to support us with skills in the visual arts, then please let us know if you are able to help.

Finally, this week marks the end of my first year of principalship. It's gone really fast with lots of new learning along the way. You never really know what it's like until you actually are in the chair and have to make the calls to really understand the complexity of the job. I can hand on heart say I have loved this first year. I feel humbled to work with dedicated professionals and a loyal, supportive community who want the best for their children and the kura. Looking forward, we have an awesome platform to build from. Thank you for your support. I really appreciate it.

I want to wish you all a safe and happy holidays.

Kia pai te rā whakata

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal



Dates to remember:

- Monday 3rd July 7:30 p.m. Link Up Committee meeting
- Monday 17th July - Term 3 begins
- Thursday 20th July - Matariki Breakfast
- Friday 21st July - Term 3 Pōwhiri
- Friday 28th July - Whole School Assembly

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

The next Link Up committee meeting is on Monday July 3rd held in the school library at 7:30 p.m. We welcome new faces and attending doesn't commit you to anything! Feel free just to come along to chat with other DSS parents.

On the agenda will be organising a fundraising quiz night, a bake sale for camp fundraising and starting to prepare for our LEGO show in Term 4.

Hutt Fest

Our whole Hutt Fest experience was an awesome success. Well done to all the tamariki who were so committed and confident. You represent our school so well.



Thank you to everyone who made it possible for us to show up in the amazing way we did - already thinking about next year's performance!

Support Staff Appreciation Week

This week was Support Staff appreciation week. We are very lucky at Dyer Street School to have an amazing support staff who keep our school humming. In the end of term craziness, battling with sickness and many events we appreciate them even more. Every child in our school benefits from the hard work and compassion of our support staff. Thank you wonderful people!

Office staff - Megan and Kathryn

Megan and Kathryn carry out a huge range of tasks, managing attendance, enquiries, staff payroll, grants, finances, first aid and a million more behind the scenes tasks that we all rely on! They are extremely organised and knowledgeable and we couldn't do without them.



Caretaker - Jonny



Jonny carries out a huge range of tasks for us. He helps teachers with the practical issues that crop up with buildings and classes, maintains our grounds, improves our sports and play areas and keeps an eye out for everyone's needs.

Lunch Champion - Saynab and the Kapura team

Saynab is the fantastic organiser who ensures our children get their lunches daily, with an assist from the fantastic Kapura team. It's not easy coordinating meals for over 160 children with a wide range of dietary needs and Saynab does it all with a smile on her face.



Teacher Aides - Dina, Diane, Tara, Alex, Le'emo and Joce



Our teacher aides are amazing - they help with learning programmes, assist children with health needs, teach ESOL classes, support our disabled tamariki and are often the secret weapon keeping our teachers able to deliver their lessons. They are endlessly caring and helpful to our kids and staff and are amazing professionals.