

NEWSLETTER WEEK 3 TERM 3 2023

Friday 4th August

We are three weeks in already and a lot has happened. Our Ako nui students have started in their new classroom spaces and are loving the flexible arrangements of their new furniture. The Matariki Breakfast was great opportunity for whānau to connect and engage with each other. These events are part of our strategic plan under the identity initiative goal. We hoped you all enjoyed yourselves and the kai. Thanks for supporting this kaupapa.

You may also be thinking about what is happening to the old Room 6, 7 and 8 spaces. These classrooms have given us an opportunity to create some different purposed spaces for our kura to use. Room 6 will be used as a literacy hub for small groups and 1 to 1 sessions to take place. Room 7 will become an art class room space set up so that classes can book to come in and use as they wish. Room 8 is our Sensory Space and provides a relaxed learning environment for tamariki who can at times feel overwhelmed and just need a quite place to focus. We are lucky to use these classes in this way for the rest of this year.

As a heads up, we have swimming sessions starting in Week 5 of the term. A permission form has been sent out on Skool Loop this week. Our expectation is that children are swimming daily unless there is a medical reason why they can't. We have been fortunate enough to receive a grant to cover all costs for these sessions.

A reminder to please let the office know if your child is going to be absent from school. Often our wonderful office team will still be making calls at 10am to figure out where children are which isn't a great use of their time. Please use the Skool loop app, the school cell number 027 697 3801, or leave a message on 04- 567 8016. We ideally need a message before 9:15am. If you are intending on taking your children away for a period of time during the school term, please also email both the office and the principal to inform us. This sort of courtesy really helps our systems at school so thanks in advance to those of you already doing this.

Finally, next week, we start Breakfast Club at our kura on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Room 7 from 8:30am - 8:50am. Teachers will run this for the remainder of Term 3 but if there are any parents who are keen to help, please let us know. At this stage, we will be serving Weetbix and milk with the idea of serving toast and Milo at a later date.

Try to keep warm. It looks like winter is here in full force!

Kia pai te rā whakata

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal



Dates to remember:

- Friday 11th of August - Naenae Intermediate open day
- Friday 11th of August, 2;15 p.m. whole school assembly
- Week 5 - Swimming starts
- Week 6 - Swimming continues
- Week 6 - Dental Van on site
- Monday 4th of August - Link Up Committee Meeting

We need help.

Do you have what we need?

We are hoping to get outdoor 'Loose Parts' up and running next term as the weather improves.

Loose parts are ordinary, open-ended materials. Children can mix and match these items to build, design, and explore their ideas freely, fostering problem-solving skills and critical thinking. Loose parts play enhances learning and allows individuals to be the architects of their playtime, turning simple objects into endless possibilities for fun and discovery.

For this to be as effective as possible we need to expand on the items we have available for the children to use. Maybe you have some of the things listed below (or other incredible things) sitting around at home, or you know of a business that would normally throw them out (and maybe incur a disposal fee). We would love to receive safe loose parts. If you have something suitable, or want to check if it is something we could use feel free to chat to Bronwyn Langley in Room 1 or send a message to bronwynl@dysterstreet.school.nz

Remember, how we perceive the use of an object can be widely different to a child's view). The possibilities are endless. Some items might be...

- Crates - rope - chains - wooden planks - guttering & pipes
- Buckets - tarps - pots/pans - fishing nets - wooden spools
- Tablecloths - bricks - trolleys - wheelbarrows - fence panels



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

SAVE THE DATE

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 1ST
SEPTEMBER** | **7:00 p.m.**
Dyer Street School Hall

Fundraising for improvements to DSS outdoor environments

We are super excited to announce our upcoming quiz night - this will be an adult's event with drinks available to purchase and delicious snacks included in ticket prices.

We are looking for donations for our raffles to be held on the night - we would really appreciate any yummy treats or other special items suitable for the hampers to be dropped at the office. If you have a contact for a voucher or similar please get in touch linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com

The **next Link Up committee meeting is on Monday September 4th** 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.



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WINTER ILLNESS

Colds, flu and other respiratory illness are common in schools during winter. Here are some simple tips to prevent the spread of illness:



- Wash and dry hands regularly, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, and using the toilet.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hand.
- Regularly clean high touch surfaces – door handles, taps, table tops, phones, computer keyboards, etc.
- If unwell, stay at home until 48 hours after symptoms have gone.
- Get a flu jab NOW – it's FREE for those aged 6 months to 12 years, pregnant women, and lots of other people.

For more information see: www.rph.org.nz/winterillness

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Naenae Intermediate

YR 6 OPEN DAY

Friday 11 August 10-11.30am

- Tour the school
- Enjoy student performances
- Meet our Senior Leadership Team
- Hear from some current students

Enrolments available at:

www.naenaeint.school.nz

or from the school office