

NEWSLETTER WEEK 4 TERM 4 2023



Friday 3rd November

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we are near the mid-way point of Term 4, with our classroom learning into full swing. The weather has allowed our tamariki to get active and utilise our school environment. We have many exciting events coming up with Interschool Athletics, Christmas Choir at Shona McFarlane, Year 5/6 Camp at YMCA Kaitoke, and we are also planning a Whānau Evening for Week 8, Thursday 30th November. This will be an opportunity to see children's learning, grab some kai and play some sports. More information will come out soon around this event.

In a staffing update, I am thrilled to announce that Sarah Ronchetti has been appointed to the Year 1-3 position. Sarah has made a huge impression on our staff and tamariki in a short space of time. She is a highly experienced and dedicated teacher who has settled well into our school culture and systems. It's fantastic to make Sarah one of our permanent staff members and we look forward to having her in our team next year.

We have also appointed Colleen Epapara who will join the Ako nui team in 2024 in a Year 4/5 class. Colleen is another highly experienced teacher who is currently in a SENCO role at Fernlea School. She has relieved at many different schools across the valley and had a long standing stint at Karori West Normal. Colleen brings a real strength in Te reo and Te ao Māori, has led school Kapa Haka, and has experience in Zones of Regulation, Trauma Education and Structured Literacy.

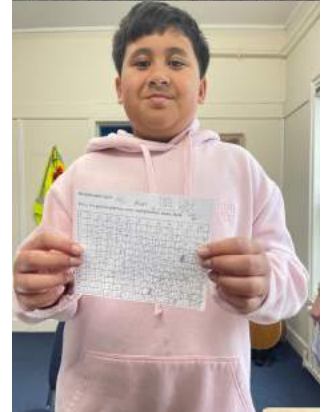
I wanted to also acknowledge Kendyl Taylor who will be leaving us at the end of the year to move to Christchurch. Kendyl has been a responsive, calm and dedicated kaiako. She has done such a fantastic job with Room 10 over her tenure. I wish Kendyl all the best in her future teaching journey.

With the sun out, it's important our tamariki bring along a bucket or wide brimmed hat to keep themselves safe. Last week, there were a few red faces around the playground too. If your child has specific sunscreen that they use, make sure they have it in their bag this term. Tamariki will have access to sunscreen at school and will be encouraged to apply when appropriate.

A reminder that we have Teacher only day on Monday 13th November. School will be closed so please make alternative arrangements for your tamariki.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal



From the classrooms:

ROOM THREE

ROOM 3 HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENT MAUNGA WE HAVE IN TE AWAKAIRANGI



From the classrooms:

ROOM TEN

In Room 10 we have been looking at how our actions affect others. We have been focusing on being kind. We have noticed that being kind looks like listening to who is talking, sharing things with others and helping people when they are sad or hurt. We have noticed that being kind sounds like saying please and thank you and when we are kind to people it makes everyone feel warm and happy.



DYER STREET SPORTS

TRADITIONAL MĀORI GAMES

Last week, a group of senior students went to Maungaraki school to take part in a day of Māori games. They were mixed into teams with other schools in our area and spent the day learning and playing games like Ki o rahi, Tapu ae and Horohopu. The weather held out for us and it was an awesome day. It was a great chance for our students to connect and compete with other schools in our area.



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



Please note date change

The next Link Up committee meeting is on Monday November 20th 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.

Dyer Street School Link Up Committee Christmas Wine Fundraiser

Funds raised going to camp and other EOTC learning experiences

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ASTROLABE



Important Dates and Reminders

If you have a new phone number, email address or have moved please update the office.

- November 5th - School Photo Orders Due
- November 7th - Interzone Athletics Tournament
- November 8th - 15th - Life Education Bus visiting
- November 10th - School Diwali Celebrations
- **Monday 13th November - Teacher Only Day (No School)**
- November 16th - Bulk orders close for Calendar art
- Friday 1st December - Christmas Choir Performance at Shona McFarlane Retirement Home
- Wednesday 6th December - Friday 8th December - Year 5/6 Camp @ Kaitoke
- Thursday 14th December - Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 15th December (12 p.m.) - End of Term 4

Community Notices

Play Junior Cricket for Taita this season!



- Hardball Grade - Years 5 & above
- Softball Grade - Years 3 & 4
- Learn to Play - Years 1 & 2

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2024 ENROLMENTS

Friends or family thinking of starting their child at Dyer Street School in 2024?

Please ask them to pick up an enrolment pack from the office or enrol online. We would love to know who will be starting in 2024 to help us with our classroom planning.



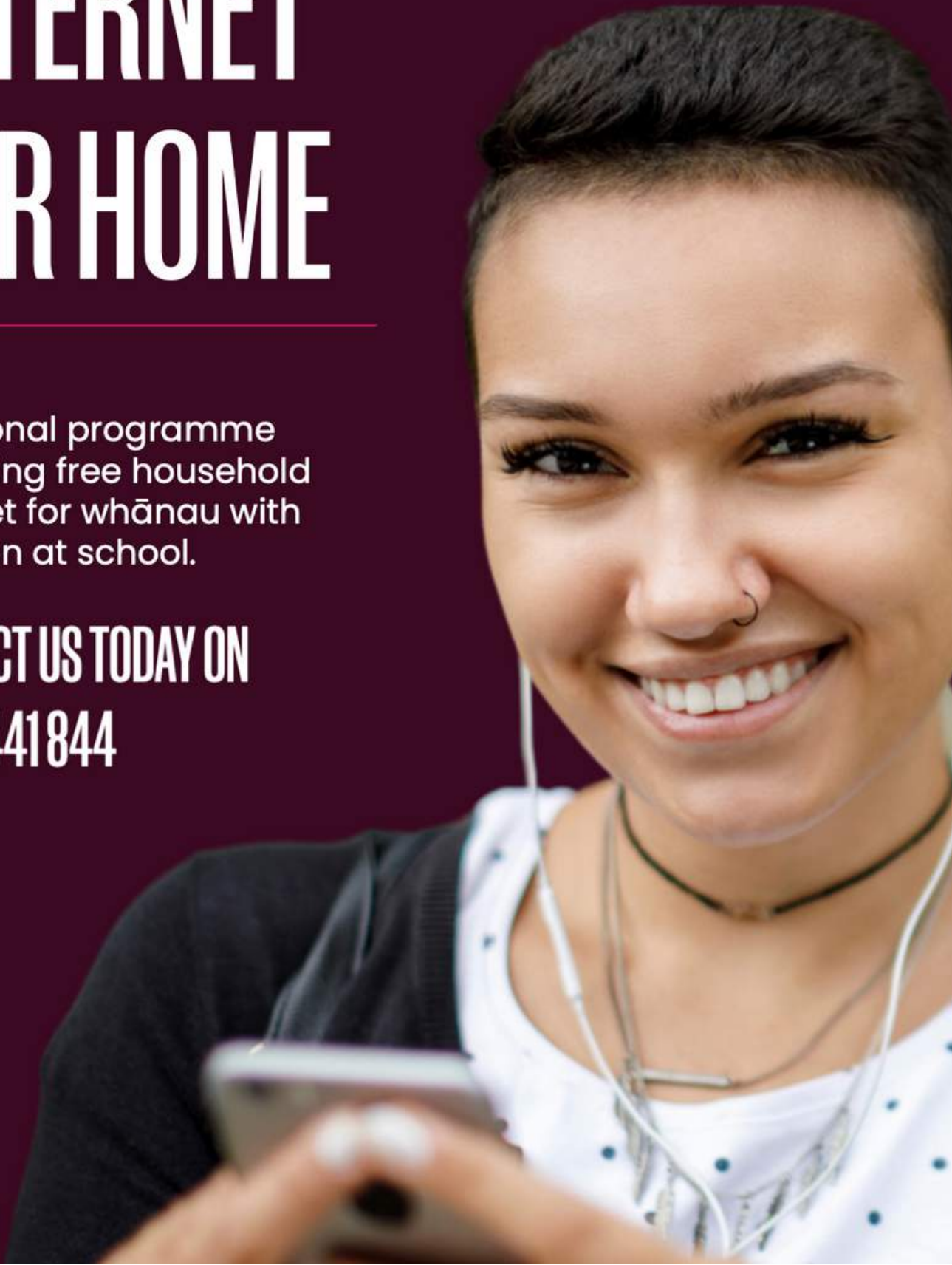
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