

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 10 TERM 4 2023

Friday 15th December



**Dyer Street School**  
Te kura o Dyer Street

What an amazing year for our kura! I feel proud of what we have achieved in 2023. Revisiting the strategic plan and seeing what progress we have made has been humbling. A few highlights to note are our new logo, school karakia, Huttfest, Year 6 Camp, Refurbishment of Block C and moving Akonui into these spaces, new flexible furniture, new front entrance mural, new junior basketball hoop, full school repaint, whānau hui, upskilling of teachers and teacher aides in structured literacy. These are just some of the highlights to note. Ngā mihi to our community for making this happen for our kura.

Last night we held the Year 6 Graduation. It's always a very special event in our school calendar, and it recognises the contribution of tamariki and whānau over their time at Dyer Street. Ngā mihi nui to our Cup winners on the night and also a special mention to every Year 6 student who maybe wasn't recognised with a cup on the night but has in their way made a significant impact for our kura. I wish them all the best in their next journey at Intermediate.

When you come back in 2024, we will have new sports uniforms and hats available to purchase for your tamariki. I have been aware of our current sports uniform situation for a while and know that we needed to upgrade a long time ago. Now that we have our logo design, it's time to sort this area out. We are using Kukri as our supplier and as you can see in the photo to the right, the design replicates aspects of our logo and is unique to Dyer Street School. I think they look fantastic and will help create and build our identity in our community while making our school stand out amongst the pack. More information about ordering these tops will come out in January.

We have some kaiako leaving us as well. Whaea Bee has made a huge impact in a short space of time. Her work with Huttfest and developing our school karakia will leave a legacy. We will miss her energy and positivity. I wish her all the best going back to her home in Taranaki. Kendyl Taylor has done a great job in Room 10 over the last 3 terms and became a fully registered teacher while with us. I wish her all the best as she moves to Christchurch. We also say goodbye for now to Pauleen Rutherford who has been a Teacher aide over the last 2 terms. Thanks Pauleen for your commitment to our tamariki.

Finally, it will be nice to slow down a bit and take some time to reflect on the achievements and successes over the last year. I feel humbled to have led our community for the last 18 months. It has gone fast with lots of new learning but I have enjoyed every minute (even the harder bits of the job!) Thanks for your continued support of our school. I wish you all a relaxing holiday with your whānau and friends.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Lee Ewington  
Tumuaki/ Principal



# School Structure

## 2024

We will start the school year with 7 classrooms and then move to an 8th class once we get further roll growth in Term 2 or Term 3. Our class numbers remain at conservative levels compared to many other kura in the valley. Along with dedicated Teacher aide support, we have a great team that will continue to nurture and support all tamariki at DSS.

Here is how our Team Roster looks for 2024:



Lee Ewington  
Tumuaki/Principal



Meg Waghorn  
Deputy Principal/SENCO/  
Release Teacher



Bronwyn Langley  
**Room 1**  
New Entrants



Nicole Hawke  
**Room 2**  
Year 1/2, Ako Iti team leader term 1-2



Sarah Ronchetti  
**Room 3**  
Year 2/3



Penny Clout  
**Room 14**  
Year 2/3/4



Laurie Rogers  
**Room 9**  
Year 4



Colleen Eparara  
**Room 10**  
Year 4/5



Kasey Ward  
**Room 11**  
Year 5/6



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WHAKAPIKI I TE MANA O NGĀ ĀKONGA KATOA

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Rochelle Frecklington  
**Reading Recovery/  
Literacy Support**



Penny Musgrave  
**Release Teacher and  
ORS Teacher**



Megan O'Sullivan  
**Office Manager**



Kathryn Lancaster  
**Office Administrator**



Dina Vainepoto  
**Teacher Aide**



Tara Zandi  
**Teacher Aide**



Le'emo Loi  
**Teacher Aide**



Jocelyn Buckley  
**Teacher Aide**



Alex Lee  
**Teacher Aide**



Diane Ward  
**Teacher Aide**



Jonny Mapuna  
**Caretaker**

Saynab Yusef -

**Lunch Champion**

Rahui Patel/ Vinkalben Patel -

**Cleaning team**

Hannah McHale -

**Social Worker**

Alison Holmes -

**Learning Support Coordinator**

Vicki Adams -

**Learning Support Coordinator**

## 2023 End of Year Message from the Board of Trustees

As we come to the end of 2023, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our kaiako (staff) and wider school community for all your support for our kura throughout the year.

This year it's been great to see Dyer Street School go from strength to strength. We have seen our school identity grow in the community as our ākonga participated in a range of events including Hutt Fest and sports tournaments. The school property is looking great with the middle block refurbishment complete, a fantastic mural at our entrance and a sharp paint job on our buildings. To top it off we have a great new logo ready to roll out as we go into the New Year.

The Board welcomed two new parent members this year as well as a new staff representative. We look forward to continuing to work together next year to further progress our strategic plan and support the school to grow further.

I would also like to particularly acknowledge Lee and the staff for their calmness and communication through both the fire and lockdown, which were stressful times for all involved.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday and break so you are ready and refreshed to come back in January 2024.

Meri Kirihimete  
Leonie de Garnham  
Presiding Board Member



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# Important Dates and Reminders

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

- Tuesday 30th January - Term 1 begins
- Friday 2nd of February - Powhiri for new staff and students starting 9:30 am
- Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day (No School)
- Thursday 15th February - Touch Rugby Begins

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