

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 8 TERM 4 2023

Friday 1st December



It was typical that the impending forecast for Wednesday which said it would be windy and raining did not eventuate and instead, it was a pleasant afternoon and of course, our whānau fun evening could have gone ahead. We did have some staff sickness though which in turn led to us making the final call to postpone until Wednesday 21st February next year. Our Year 6's who have put some time into their carnival activities will get the chance to run these in Week 10 during school time so all is not lost.

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 students head off to camp at YMCA Kaitoke. Camp is an awesome experience and allows our children to stretch their capabilities and step outside their comfort zones. A huge thank you to Mr Ward, Mr Rogers, and Megan for their organisation and preparation. Ngā mihi to the Link Up team and all our whānau who have supported the camp financially and through fundraising initiatives. Finally, thanks to the parents who are attending camp and giving up time away from their families and work to be involved. Without this, we could not send our children on this experience. I know our tamariki will have the best time!

End of Year achievement reports will be going home on Monday 11th December. This is a chance to celebrate the progress and growth of our children over the year. Our reports focus on providing feedback on the foundational areas of Reading, Writing and Maths but also give light to students self-reflection of how they exhibit our L.E.A.R.N Values at school. The mana comment acknowledges the special qualities of each child from a teacher's perspective. It has been a pleasure reading these over the last few days.

With only two weeks left, please ensure that you check the key dates section and make note of events in your diaries. In Week 10, Children will meet their new class and teacher for 2024 on Monday 11th December. This is a great chance for children to have some assurance and meet their new class before the holidays. On Tuesday 12th, we acknowledge our parent helpers for morning tea and a cuppa in the hall and then at the end of the week, we say goodbye to our Year 6's with our graduation and final assembly. It will be week full of emotion, and celebration.

Finally, I wanted to acknowledge Faith Tameifuna who qualified 1st place quoits at the recent Interzone Athletics with a throw of over 18m. Congratulations Faith on this outstanding achievement. We are proud of you and wish you all the best for Regional Athletics.

Lee Ewington  
Tumuaki/ Principal



## From the classrooms:

# ROOM ONE



Room 1 has been reading the book 'The Star Maker's Apprentice' by Sam Hay & Xin Li.

It is a beautiful story with a lot of descriptive language in it. We have learned what some new vocabulary means. We also designed stars and wrote about what is special about them.

Here is some of our writing:

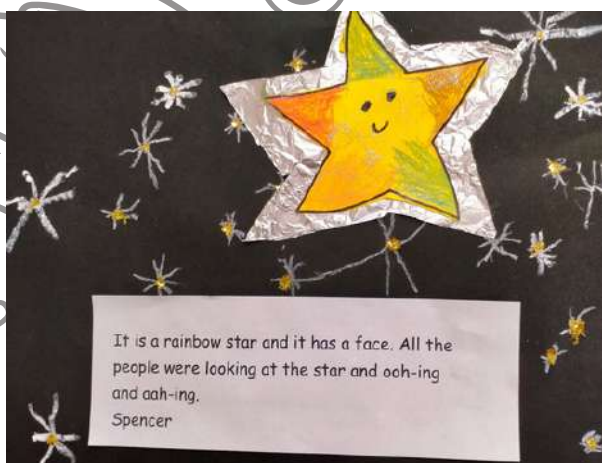
My star is a sparkling star and it is a rainbow star. (Arthur)

My star is all sparkly and it is a rainbow. People pointed because it is amazing. (Iris)

My star is a shooting star. People pointed in amazement. (Eli)

My star is shiny. It can only make one wish. (Rhydian)

My star is really, really good. People ran out of their houses to look at it and stare at it. They loved it so much. (Aurora)



**From the classrooms:**

# ROOM ELEVEN

Room 11 have been working on descriptive language using a range of language features to display tone.

Will Never Fall (excerpt)

As she walks up the driveway to the mystic academy, vines strangle the stone wall that surrounds its boundaries. The grey cold mist clears a clear path. She stares at the grey building that has no colour it looks like a mansion that had stood for centuries. A sound suddenly rings out, screeching across the school. A herd of kids shove their way towards the entrance door to start the day.

From an anonymous Room 11 author



# 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](mailto:linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com)

The Link Up committee has held its last meeting for 2023. Keep an eye out for the first meeting date in the notices next year.

If you cannot attend but have some suggestions for fundraising or events please email [linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com](mailto:linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com)

*thank you*

The Link Up Committee would like to thank the DSS community for their support this year. We met our goal of raising \$10,000 through our events, food sales, raffles and school artwork. Notable was our inaugural quiz night which raised \$4000. We were able to reduce some of the costs for senior students to attend camp. The remainder of the funds raised will be attributed to improving our outdoor learning spaces. You may have noticed some improvements already made to these spaces. The Committee was also successful on grant applications that enabled DSS to purchase/install the wharenuī, sunshade, mural and new curtains in the hall. We are excited about what 2024 will bring and hope to welcome some new members to help us do big things for our little kura.

# thank you

Link Up  
Committee



## DSS Link Up Movie Fundraiser

Come support our school and have a fun night out with friends!

Thursday 16th February 8:30 p.m.

Lighthouse Cinema Petone

Tickets \$25 pp or \$30 with three raffle tickets.

Raffles, prizes and treats on the night!

Book your tickets via the form:

<https://forms.gle/9ZHZA7difcsLjfYe9>

Day changed due to weather

Spring  
Working Bee  
Sunday October 8th  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



## PIE FUNDRAISER

Pies can be collected from the school library  
from 2:00 p.m this Thursday.



PLEASE COLLECT YOUR  
HOT CROSS BUNS FROM  
THE LIBRARY FROM 2:30  
TOMORROW!



Friday 24th  
of February

HERE COMES THE SUN

SENDING SOME LOVE TO  
THE EAST COAST FROM DSS

Wear your brightest, sunniest, clothes and bring along a gold coin donation towards our school koha to the Ngati Porou ki Poneke fund for disaster relief on the East Coast.

We will also have a small treat sale outside the hall after assembly on Friday afternoon for anyone who wants to make an extra contribution.

SAVE THE DATE

QUIZ  
NIGHT

FRIDAY 1ST  
SEPTEMBER

7:00 p.m.  
Dyer Street School Hall

Fundraising for improvements to DSS outdoor environments

# Important Dates and Reminders

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

- Tuesday 5th December - Ako Iti Christmas Choir performance at Dyer Street Kindergarten
- Wednesday 6th December - Friday 8th December - Year 5/6 Camp @ Kaitoke
- Thursday 7th December - Ako Iti Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Thursday 7th December - Ako Nui Avalon Park Trip
- Monday 11th December - Bring a Toy to School Day (PB4L reward)
- Tuesday 12th December - Road Patrollers Pool Party
- Tuesday 12th December - Helpers Morning Tea
- Thursday 14th December - Year 6 Graduation 6 p.m.
- Friday 15th December - Prizegiving Assembly (11 a.m)
- Friday 15th December (12 p.m.) - End of Term 4
- Tuesday 30th January 2024 - School begins

Shoebox Christmas Gifts are now starting to arrive.

When they are ready to be collected you will be contacted. Please remember that not all children are receiving one so it is best if they can be discreetly collected by an adult to be distributed at home or kept for Christmas.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 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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