

# Our New Entrant classrooms

Our new entrant classrooms are spacious and set up for rich learning through play as well as formal learning.

Children are introduced to school routines, values, and academic curriculum including structured literacy.

## When can my child start at Dyer Street School?

Children can start school anytime from their 5th birthday. If your child's birthday falls right at the end of a term you might consider starting at the beginning of the following term. DSS staff will be happy to discuss the best date for your child and your family.

## Stationery

Stationery is ordered by the school and parents receive an invoice via Hero.

## School timetable

Children can arrive at school from 8:30 a.m.  
8:55 a.m. school day begins  
10:30 a.m. outside play  
10:50 a.m. school lunch provided  
12:50 p.m. eating time  
1:10 p.m. outside play  
3:00 p.m. school day ends



Miss Bronwyn Langley and Miss Nicolette Barris - New Entrant/Year 1 teachers

# Tumuaki Welcome

My name is Lee Ewington, and I am proud to be the Tumuaki of Dyer Street School. Our kura has a strong sense of community, where people are valued and respected. We have a village approach to supporting the diverse range and needs of our tamariki. Everyone plays a part in the journey of tamariki at our kura.

We base our teaching and learning beliefs upon our vision "whakapiki i te mana o ngā ākonga kātoa" (enhancing the mana of all learners). Every child has mana and our goal is to nurture them and meet their specific needs in their learning journey.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would love to take you for a tour or provide further information about our wonderful kura.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Lee Ewington



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

*Whakipiki i te mana o ngā ākonga kātoa*  
*Enhancing the mana of all learners*



## Lunches

Our kura works alongside a local provider Kāpura to deliver free school lunches for all the tamariki. Special dietary requirements will be asked of us upon enrolment to make sure we meet the needs of all tamariki. Sample menus can be provided on request.

## School visits

School walk-throughs are available most times. If you can, making an appointment via the office will ensure the Principal or Deputy Principal is available to meet you and show you around.

It can be a great idea to visit the school grounds outside of school hours to let your child familiarise themselves with the environment.

Once we have your details your child will be booked in for school visits. Generally children have three visits before starting school. These take place on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the three weeks before their starting date.

Some children require more visits. We are always happy to come up with an individual plan for transition to school.

## How do I enrol my child?

You can complete enrolment forms online via our website. If you prefer you can come into the school office and pick up a paper enrolment pack.

To complete enrolment we need to see your child's birth certificate and immunisation records.

The friendly office staff will advise you if any extra documentation is required.



## How can I help my child prepare for school?

- Help them to be independent with dressing and undressing including shoes and jumpers.
- Teach them to recognise their name.
- Read lots of stories and nursery rhymes.
- Make sure they can carry their own backpack, open and close their bag, lunchbox and drink bottle.



## Powhiri

On the first Friday morning of each term, we hold a Pōwhiri to welcome, new staff, families and tamariki into the DSS community.

This is a special occasion and we encourage all new families to attend and be a part of this ceremony.

## Communication

Most important school communication is done electronically.

We use the Hero app to publish newsletters, notices, and permission forms and receive absentee notices.

Classroom teachers also use Hero to communicate with whānau and share children's learning.

Office staff can help families with accessing Hero.