



DYER STREET SCHOOL

Learning for life

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Title Newsletter 17 March 2019



Principal's Comments

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is impossible for me to even begin to write this newsletter without acknowledging the devastation that occurred in Christchurch on Friday. It is an unimaginable tragedy for any community and for our country as a whole. What has been incredibly heartening over the weekend has been the outpouring of support from local communities to Christchurch but also to support our local Muslim communities. On behalf of our school, I send our support to our Muslim families and encourage everyone to demonstrate our school value of "Everyone Together" as we support all of our families, but especially our Muslim families through this difficult time.

On Saturday morning my husband and I visited the local Muslim centre in Taita, on the street where I grew up, and placed some flowers. When we did so, there were around 6 other bunches of flowers. We drove back past an hour later and there were over 30 bunches of flowers. I know that the number of flower tributes and of people wanting to pay their respects continued to grow throughout the day.

On Monday morning, our staff will gather together early to ensure we have a plan for any students who may be experiencing feelings of grief or anxiety as a result of Friday's events and the wave of information that accompanied it. While for many children a normal school day brings a timely distraction from what has happened, we want to be sensitive to those for whom that may not be the case. It would be naive to think that this won't be a topic of conversation. We are making our library a

place where people can come throughout the day to have a quiet space, to chat if they need to and to take some time out. A member of staff will be in there at all times. You are welcome to join us if you feel you would like some company.

This afternoon, Mr Steere and I met at school to consider our Lock Down Plan. All schools have lock down plans and we have never had to use ours in a "real" situation. We wanted to see how we could strengthen our plan. It seems timely to remind you that in the event of a lock down, we will not open the door to parents until we have been given the all clear by the police to do so. That will feel awful. It is important to remember that we will endeavour to communicate with you via our Social Media and via our text messaging system but that we may not be able to, depending on the situation.

I really appreciate you taking the time to read this notice, somber though it is.

Nga mihi nui

Paula Weston
Principal



Assembly 29th March

Photo day - 20th March - family photo order forms will be available from the office from next week. Other photos do not need to be ordered in advance.

Ako Iti trip - Wednesday 3rd April

Ako Nui trip - Thursday 11th April

End of term 1 - Friday 12th April at 3pm



Don't forget that we have lunchonline options available on a Wednesday

Wednesday is Pita Pit

We no longer have Sushi Monster on a Thursday but we are looking at an alternative option. We will keep you posted on this but hope to have it up and running in the next two weeks.

Assembly Awards

Term 1 week 7

Room	LEARN certificate	Other certificate	Room	LEARN certificate	Other certificate
1	CJ	Kasey	6	Isaac G	Somya
3	Pavle	Amelia	7	Reihania	Ethan
4	Jessica	Kap	9	torere	Nazanin
10	Geva	Tyler	11	Thang	Cooper Safa

Easter Raffle

We are running an Easter Hamper Raffle to kick off our fundraising efforts. Funds raised go to support our students in a variety of ways, like subsidising swimming or extra resources for classes.

Tickets will be \$2 each. Your child will be sent home with a sheet of tickets. If you do not wish to sell them, that is fine. If you

sell tickets, please return the ticket sheet and the money to the office. Extra ticket sheets will be available in the Foyer.

All tickets and money needs to be returned by Wednesday 10th April.

Prizes will be drawn Thursday 11 April.

If you would like to donate some Easter goodies to the raffle, please send them to the office.

Term Dates

2019 School Terms:

Term 1: 31st January to 12th April

Term 2: 29th April to 5th July (Teacher only day Tuesday 4th June - day after Queens Birthday weekend)

Term 3: 22nd July to 27th September

Term 4: 14 October to 17 December

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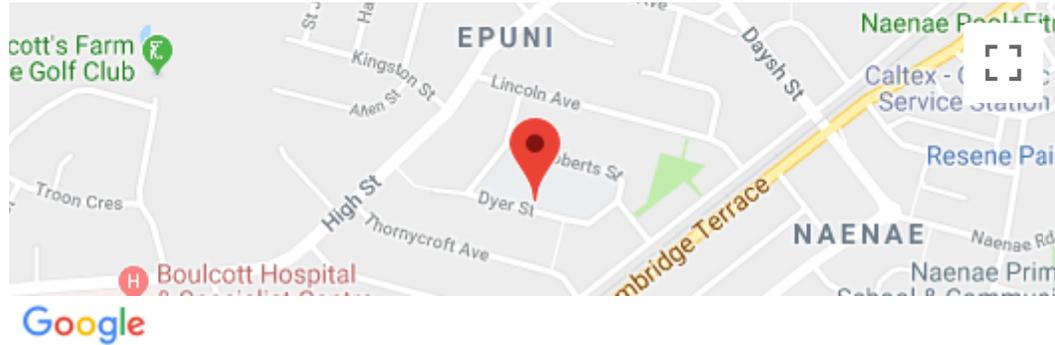
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