



Te Kura o Tahu a Tao
Nga Huarahi ki te Kairangi

Our Whakatauki:

Ma te kahukura ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Kia ora nga whanau o Te Kura o Tahu a Tao

The summer holiday break is now a distant memory, as we climb back into another busy school year at one of the greatest little country schools around. Staff have had a restful few weeks over the Christmas/New Year period, and are refreshed and recharged for the school year ahead. We have plenty of exciting things planned for our tamariki over the next eleven months.

Our school **whakatauki** is "Ma te kahukura ka rere te manu" meaning - Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly. If each of our students can be considered **manu** (a bird), then as their educators, we parents, teachers, teacher aides and extended **whanau** (family) have the privilege and responsibility of nurturing each of our manu - developing their skills and talents, their values and attitudes, their ability to think critically and creatively, and to make the right choices - these are the **kahukura** (feathers) we give them that will enable them to fly.

Education is constantly changing and evolving. For us as parents, the school environment, teaching methods, resources etc. are vastly different now from when we were at school. Careers and jobs are forever evolving and changing. Who knows what technological advances will take place between now and 2039? Who knows the careers and jobs that will be needed to support these technological advances? We are potentially preparing our youngsters to work in a world we currently know very little about. To do this we have to work positively together, as a team, ensuring that the **kahukura**, (the feathers) we gift our precious **manu**, allow them to soar confidently into their futures.

It is no accident that our classrooms are named after **nga manu o Aotearoa** (native New Zealand birds) - **Piwakawaka** (fantail), **Kereru** (wood pigeon), **Kea** (mountain parrot) and **Toroa** (royal albatross). And our whare (house groups) are named after **rakau** of the **ngahere** (trees of the forest) that support our native birds - **Totara**, **Kowhai**, **Rata** and **Rimu**. When working in their house groups, our students are encouraged to help and support each other, older students helping and being role models for those younger, showing resilience and responsibility, acting according to our values. **Te Kura o Tahu a Tao** (Dorie School) is their **ngahere** (forest) where they live, learn and thrive together in a safe welcoming environment.

My vision for 2024 is for this year to be one of **kotahitanga** (togetherness), recognising and embracing our differences - together, embracing change - together, working positively - together, so that our precious birds can fly confidently from this forest in search of their own forests of the future.

Nga mihinui, arohanui
Anthony

SCHOOL NOTICES

****ABSENCES****

If your child is sick or will be absent from school please notify us, and provide a reason for the absence **as soon as possible**. This can be done multiple ways: via the Hero app, email to your child's teacher or to office@dorie.school.nz, or call us on 03302 0862. Please **do not use Facebook messenger or groups**, these are not an official communication with our school and cannot be used for absence information.

IMPORTANT BUS NOTICE: A Safety Message.....

If there is a change to your child's daily after school bus routine, e.g. different drop off point, being collected from school by someone else or change of bus. **YOU MUST** let the school know by one of the below options:

By 12.30pm on the day at the latest

- Phone call to the office - 03 302 0862
- Email to office@dorie.school.nz

Speed Limits

Please be aware that our school, along with all other schools in Mid Canterbury, has a 30kph speed zone as you pass the school. Also, that when you are passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop off students, the speed limit is 20kph

Hero Financial information

To view your school accounts please go into the hero app and into the finance. This will bring up your school account and any unpaid line items. When your account has a – that means your account is in credit. For example - stationery, school uniform and please pay this into the school bank account. We no longer send out invoices for anything owing to school. Apologies but at this stage we don't think there is any way to notify parents when a line item has been added to your account so please check frequently.

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Week 2

Monday 05
Tuesday 06 **Waitangi Day – School Closed**
Wednesday 07
Thursday 08
Friday 09 Assembly and Meet the Teachers 5.30pm

Week 3

Monday 12 Junior Swim Week Year 1-3
Tuesday 13
Wednesday 14 Toroa Camp
Thursday 15 Toroa Camp
Friday 16 Toroa Camp Newsletter

Welcome to Dorie School Jimmy and Zion



HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Rimu



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Rata



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Totara



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Kowhai



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Meet The Teacher and Family Picnic

Next Friday, 9 February from 5:30pm.

All Families are invited to come along to school with a picnic tea to share some social time catching up with each other after the summer break.

From 6pm, teachers will in turn, share with you how their class will operate this year, their expectations, how you can help your children at home, and will be free to answer any questions you may have.

The pool will be open, so children can have a swim.

This is a great way to reconnect and promote togetherness.

We would love to see you there.

Swimming Sports

Our annual swimming sports will be held at the EA pool on Thursday 22 Feb from 12 - 2pm.

We have a number of competitors from Years 5 - 8 taking part. A separate note will be sent to parents of those swimmers.

Photos from week 1







Dorie School Uniform Policy



Students at Dorie School are expected to wear correct school uniform at school. Students are encouraged to take pride in their general appearance.

The uniform is available online or at The Warehouse.

Parents are advised to buy uniform items from Schooltex (available at the Warehouse) to avoid variation of colours/shades. (Please note: Students who do not wear vendor specific uniform items, but the items are generally the same colour as the vendor, will not be considered out of school uniform).

It is preferred that students wear uniform items with the Dorie School logo embroidered on the left chest. Students who do not have the current logo will not be considered out of uniform.

Second hand uniforms are available at school.

A list of uniform items is available from the school office to assist with purchasing the correct items and where these are available.

Winter uniform – boys:

- Navy blue cargo shorts or cargo pants
- Grey school sock with navy and red stripe or navy ankle socks
- Red skivvy or red long sleeved polo shirt or
- Red short sleeved polo shirt*
- Navy polar fleece top* or navy sweatshirt*
- Black shoes – black sneakers are recommended

Winter uniform – girls:

- Tartan box pleat pinafore or culottes
- Navy under the knee socks or navy stockings/tights
- Red skivvy or red long sleeved polo shirt or
- Red short sleeved polo shirt*
- Navy polar fleece top or navy sweatshirt*
- Black shoes – black sneakers are recommended

Summer uniform – boys:

- Navy blue cargo shorts
- Red short sleeved polo shirt *
- Navy polar fleece top* or navy sweatshirt*
- Black sandals or black shoes with navy blue ankle socks or grey school sock with navy and red stripe if cold
- Red Dorie School sunhat

Summer uniform – girls:

- Royal/white gingham culottes
- Red short sleeved polo shirt *
- Navy polar fleece top* or navy sweatshirt*
- Black sandals or black shoes with white or navy ankle socks
- Red Dorie School sunhat

A unisex navy polar fleece vest is available for year round use*

A merino long sleeve top is available *

PE/Sports uniforms:

Tops: Red and Navy dry sports T-shirts for sporting events such as athletics day, cross country or red short sleeved polo shirt.

Shorts: Plain navy blue dry sports shorts are the preferred shorts. Plain black or navy shorts may also be worn. Any fabric is acceptable.

Shoes: Sneakers are the preferred footwear for sporting events.

Optional Tracksuits: A Dorie School tracksuit jacket* and pants in navy and red are optional.

Representing Dorie School for sporting events

In addition to the PE uniform

Tracksuit: A Dorie School Tracksuit for use for representing Dorie School are available for loan for sporting events.

Singlet: A Dorie School singlet in red and navy school colours will be provided for sports team events as required.

Tracksuits and singlets are on a loan basis and must be returned in clean and tidy condition within a timely manner.

Bus Vests:

Bus vests are compulsory and must be worn by students travelling to and from school on the bus. Bus vests remain the property of Dorie School and must be returned to the school upon leaving.

Hats

Red sun hats are required Term 1 and Term 4. It is recommended they are kept at school. If a beanie must be worn navy blue is preferred.

Jackets

During winter any type of jacket is acceptable. Jackets are to be worn in the playground and to and from school only.

Undershirts

Students may wear any colour undershirt as long as it cannot be seen. No long sleeved undershirts are to be worn under short sleeve shirts. Undershirts must always be tucked in.

*has the Dorie School logo embroidered on it

Jewellery and Personal Items

For safety reasons no Jewellery is to be worn.

The following exceptions are allowed; plain ear studs, a watch, a cultural necklace, birth or medical bracelet. The necklace and bracelets must be worn tightly on the body and against the skin.

Hair accessories (ribbons, clips ect) can only be red or blue.

No nail polish is to be worn.

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Hot Shots coaching Term 1 2024



**Braided Rivers Community Trust Ashburton Tennis Centre
Oak Grove, Ashburton**

Starts week of Monday 12th February 2024 for 6 weeks [fees below cover all six lessons]

Red Group – 45 mins The focus of these lessons is on developing fundamental motor skills and hand eye co-ordination through fun games & ball/racquet exercises. For players 5 – 8 yrs	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$60 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$110 [save \$10] Please note: Monday 3.30 pm - FULL
Orange Group – 45 mins Structured for graduates of the Red group & other 8 - 10 yr olds new to tennis, these lessons introduce players to basic stroke technique & ball/racquet control through target hitting, drills & fun games	Monday & Wednesday 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$60 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$110 [save \$10]
Green Group – 1 hr For graduates of the Orange Group & others new to tennis [11 yrs +], the focus is on all aspects of tennis including footwork, basic tactics & point play with an emphasis on having fun	Monday & Wednesday at 4.15 pm Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$75 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$140 [save \$10] Please note: Wednesday 4.15 - cancelled
Hitting Squad – 45 mins [Orange & Green] This group helps our Orange & Green players fast track their skills towards playing Interclub tennis, putting into practice what they have learnt mid week. The emphasis is on serving, scoring and leaning basic hitting patterns, all of which are important when playing competitive matches.	Friday 4.15 pm \$30 per player

Please Note: Full payment **MUST** be received at time of registration. You are not registered until you have received a confirmation email.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be made for any sessions not attended

Please complete the form below and email to: admin@midcanterburytennis.co.nz or register online at <https://clubspark.kiwi/MidCanterburyTennis/CoachingOption/HotShots>

Internet banking: 03-1351-0448178-00 Please use Surname & Hot Shots as reference

Name:	Male	Female	[please circle]
Email:	Date of Birth:		
Address:			
School:			
Emergency contact name & mobile:			
[Please circle]	Red	Orange	Green Orange Hitting Green Hitting
[Please circle]	Option 1	Option 2	
Please write your selected day/s & time/s: Eg: If you have selected Orange option 2 & wish to attend Mondays at 3.30 pm & Wednesdays at 4.15 pm, please write Mon 3.30 pm & Wed 4.15 pm in this box			
Cash/Internet Banking [please circle]	Amount due: \$	Hot Shots T1-24	

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After school and weekend
lessons



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