



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

Writing this edition of the newsletter, it is Thursday evening and I am on camp with Mrs Barns, the Year 6,7 and 8 students and a bunch of totally awesome parents. What a cool group of students to take away. So far, they have impressed; the sailing tutors who spent 4 and a half hours with us, the adults who work for Waka Kotane, who taught us how to paddle maori waka toa on the Avon River in Christchurch and the Education Tutor at the Air Force Museum. We have seen Dorie School values on display out in the wider community - these kids are magnificent!

A big thank you must go out to the families who turned out last Friday for the Meet The Teacher/Family Picnic Evening. The teachers really like sharing with you how their classes will operate this year, how you can help at home, their expectations and the chance to answer your questions. I know the kids had a great time swimming in the pool and playing with friends. We hope to have further family events during the course of the year - we will keep you updated as to when these will happen.

Bus Safety - we had a visit from Constable Sean Pattison from the New Zealand Police, earlier this week to remind our bus students about what they should be doing to keep safe on the school bus. He talked about; sitting with your back against the back of the seat, facing the front, talking quietly to the person beside you, having school bags on your lap or on the floor in front of you, keeping the aisle clear, staying in your seat until the bus stops, and wearing your bus vest. At the start of last year all bus students were issued with a free bus vest. Most still have theirs. If your child does not have a bus vest they should come to the office to be issued with another. Over the next few weeks we will be rewarding students who correctly wear their bus vest with house points. It would be really great if parents could reinforce the bus safety points from time to time with your children.

It has been a fantastic start to the year. There is a strong sense of positivity about the school. When moving through the classrooms, I see students totally engaged in what they are doing, cooperating, sharing and caring for each other. What a great school!

That's all for this week.

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 4

Monday 19 Kea Camp
Tuesday 20 Kea Camp
Wednesday 21
Thursday 22 Swim Sports Year 5-8
Friday 23 Assembly





Week 5

Monday 26
Tuesday 27 BOT Meeting
Wednesday 28
Thursday 29
Friday 01 Triathlon and Newsletter

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.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Rimu		24
Rata		24
Totara		14
Kowhai		15

Assembly

Toroa

- Jake A was awarded a **Respect Award** for sowing respect for yourself and your class with self-management.
- William H was awarded a **Determination Award** for a great start in a new class, including working hard to keep pace with all of the new routines.

Kea

- Kaelin M was awarded an **Empathy Award** for always supporting her peers and including others.
- Bas R was awarded a **Determination Award** for giving every activity a go and having a positive attitude towards challenges.
- Molly W was awarded a **Determination Award** for having a positive attitude in class and showing great determination during swimming.

Kereru

- Kaeron M was awarded a **Determination Award** for always putting his best into his work.
- Mathew D was awarded a **Determination Award** for producing great work this week.

Piwakawaka

- Jimmy J was awarded a **Determination Award** for trying hard in class and giving things a go.
- George H was awarded an **Integrity Award** for being a great role model in class.
- Andre G was awarded a **Principals Award** for being a positive role model for others to aspire to.







SUNDAY 3RD MARCH / 10.30AM - 2.30PM
AT THE TINWALD PLAINS

FREE JOIN US **FREE**
FOR THE MID CANTERBURY

CHILDREN'S DAY



A FUN **FREE** DAY OUT!

LOTS TO SEE AND LOTS TO DO. BRING A PICNIC AND ENJOY!

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4 & 6 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Saturday 13th April 2024



  Teams  Solo  eBike

FABRIC AND CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday 23rd March

Time: 9am - 4pm

**Venue: Sinclair Centre,
Park Street, Ashburton**

**Donations of good quality fabric, wool,
and craft supplies accepted**

Items can be dropped off
at: -

Smith and Church

or

Resene Paints



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MATT PARR - Director of Boarding

BOARDING ROADSHOWS

Visit stac.nz/boardingroadshows for further
information and to register online

19 February **BLENHEIM**
20 February **NELSON**
21 February **QUEENSTOWN**

26 February **NORTH CANTERBURY**
27 February **SOUTH CANTERBURY**
7 March **WANAKA**

