

DATES TO REMEMBER

December:

- Wed 11 Helpers' Morning Tea @ 10.30am
- Thur 12 Students visit 2020 classrooms
- Fri 13 School prizegiving @ 10.30am
School finishes @ 12 noon

END OF YEAR REPORTS AND 2020 CLASS PLACEMENT NOTICES will be sent home with your child tomorrow.

2020 SCHOOL STATIONERY

Prior to school starting on 3 February, please ensure you have visited Papakura Paper Power (located on the main street in Papakura) to purchase your child's 2020 school stationery. Packs will already be made up according to your child's year level and will be available from 3 January. **Full information on stationery is being sent home in your child's report envelope.**

PAST PUPIL SUCCESS

A number of our former students were recently awarded leadership roles at Rosehill College next year. Congratulations to Meg Shuker, Hailey Marshall, Rylee Dedden and Courtney Main who have been made House Leaders. Well done also to Ashley Rohloff who has been awarded a Prefect role at ACG Strathallan.

Kia Ora Koutou.

It is hard to believe after such a busy year that it is nearly at an end. We have lots to remember and celebrate - most importantly success for our students in their learning, and in developing work habits and social skills.

We've had so many highlights throughout 2019 - from the arrival of our Kōhatu over the summer break, to completing our community litter blitz, the milepost mural, Drury's Got Talent and the publication of a Kōhatu's Tale book. We've also had the reburishment of some of our classrooms, which are due to be completed by the beginning of 2020.

Over the summer holidays we are expecting the arrival of two portacom classrooms. These will be placed on the edge of the field near my office. The Ministry of Education have provided these rooms to help us with the roll growth within the school, these spaces are temporary until our permanent rooms can be designed and built. We ask that if you are using the school grounds during the holidays that you take extra care around these workspaces.

On Thursday your child will bring home their end of year report. They will also have the opportunity to visit their new class during the afternoon. Our staff have spent a considerable amount of time working and re-working the student placements. We ask that you encourage your child to see the positives in their placement and give your child sufficient time to settle with their new teacher at the beginning of the year. In most instances any doubt students may have disappears quickly once the new school year begins.

I would like to acknowledge the staff who are leaving us at the end of the year. Joyce Trafford has provided leadership release in Room 7. Thank you Joyce for being part of our team over the past few years. We hope to have Joyce back relieving in 2020.

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to the DRURY CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT over recent weeks. Many bags of items were delivered to The Aunties along with food items and clothing to the Papakura Marae. Your support of this project was amazing!

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Margaret Morris also finishes her time with us this week. Margaret has provided remedial reading support in our junior school, she has worked hard to improve the achievement of our younger children. We thank Margaret for her contribution to the school and wish her all the best.

To Judy Glasson, who has provided leadership release in Room 2 and had a very long association with the school, we thank you for all that you have done within the school, and in particular your contribution through the arts.

Felicity Spick has also been involved with Drury School for many years, most recently as one of our Thursday CRT teachers. Thank you for your valued contribution and all the best for the future.

April Van Dam in Room 12 is also leaving us this week. Thank you April for the work you've done in Room 12, for giving our youngest students a great start to their schooling.

Finally I would like to make special mention of our Deputy Principal, Sue Carpenter. After an amazing 34 year association with our school Sue has decided to retire. This week we celebrated Sue's contribution to the school at a special assembly and afternoon tea. It is clear that Sue has positively impacted on so many children, families and colleagues throughout her career and will be missed. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Wishing you a safe, happy summer break and a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all again on the first day of school - Monday 3 February 2020.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS PRASAD

Over the summer break Miss Prasad will be getting married. We wish her all the very best for her special day. We look forward to hearing all about it in the new year. Miss Prasad will be changing her name to Mrs Kumar next year.

MUSIC LESSONS AT DRURY SCHOOL

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KŌHATU'S TALE - DRURY THEN & NOW

Copies of our special school book, which was launched last week, are available for sale @ \$20 per copy. Order via KINDO. Once the current copies are sold, more books can be printed, so please leave your name with the office if you miss out.

SCHOOL SHOES FOR 2020

When buying school shoes for 2020 please remember that the uniform expectation is plain black shoes. This means no other colours should be visible, including on the laces or soles, no white Nike ticks or other coloured logos please.

Many children will prefer a sandal in Term 1 with the hot weather - this should also be plain black with a strap. Jandals or 'slides' are not ideal.

Children with incorrect shoes in Term 1 may be asked to remove them. This expectation is about having pride in the uniform and ultimately in being a Drury School pupil.

2020 CHANGES TO SUSHI ORDERING

The introduction of KINDO has seen an increase in orders for sushi which is available at school each Wednesday. As a result the sushi supplier has asked that orders be sent in the day before.

Next year sushi will commence in week 2 (11 Feb 2020) and the system for placing orders will be:

- **Cash orders - close off is 9am Tuesday morning. Orders placed through your child's classroom**
- **KINDO orders (our preferred option) – close off is 2pm Tuesday afternoon**

Sushi will continue be delivered on Wednesdays.

The earlier close-off time for cash is to avoid students keeping cash in their bags throughout the day, and also minimises the time our student Sushi Monitors are out of class.

(Our preferred method of ordering is through KINDO.

For your convenience don't forget that with KINDO you can place multiple orders for different delivery dates. To access KINDO there are links from both our website and the School phone app.)

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SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Looking for fun, free ways to keep your children learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for Kia Māia te Whai - Dare to Explore, Auckland Libraries' summer reading programme for children aged 5-12 years. Register online www.daretoexplore.nz or visit one of their 54 participating libraries. It's a great activity to do with friends so encourage your child's buddy to join also.

ROAD PATROL PARENTS REQUIRED FOR NEXT YEAR

We are after a parent or parents who can supervise Wednesday morning and/or Friday morning next year please. If you can help please contact the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES - PLEASE READ:

- School finishes for the year at **12 noon on Friday 13 December**
- This will be at the conclusion of our **School Prizegiving which commences at 10.30am**
- Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend
- Please ensure if you normally collect your child, that they are picked up at 12noon that day
- Buses will leave school at approximately 12.15pm
- The 2020 school year starts on Monday 3 February

CHANGE TO BELL / BREAK TIMES

In Term 1 we will be trialing a change to the bell times which will mean a longer morning tea but a shorter lunch break for the students. The shorter lunch break will assist in reducing the amount of time the students spend out in the hot midday sun.

Bell times will be as follows:

School starts:	8.55am
Morning break:	10.30 - 11.00am
Lunch:	12.40 - 1.25pm
School finishes:	2.55pm



Our final STARS OF THE DAY for this year, enjoying orange juice and cookies with Mrs Malcolm. Well done to:

Brooklyn, Maddison, Ben, Hunter and Olena



FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS!

Our Year 8 students enjoyed a wonderful Dine & Dance Graduation last Thursday evening. A huge thank you Joanna Waters and her team of hard working Year 7 parents who catered for this event; to the wonderful staff and their helpers who spent many hours decorating the hall to create such a great atmosphere and preparing the students for this event. You are all very much valued!

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