

OTHER SOURCES OF INFO

- School newsletters are every fortnight on a Wednesday. An emailed copy is sent out to the email address provided and also via the school app. Families can also request a hard copy to be sent home with their child.
- Newsletters are also available on the school website. The school website www.drury.school.nz is also comprehensive and most information can be found here e.g. calendar of events, latest notices, Calf Club Day information, school term dates, school policies, uniform prices, school lunch options etc.
- We also have a school Facebook page - so ensure you follow us!
- You are always welcome to pop into the school office or give us a call (294 8502) if you have a query.
- Please ensure you have downloaded the school app:



Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search '**SchoolAppsNZ**' to download the app onto your device.

Then search '**Drury School**' to find our app.

Welcome to Drury School



An information booklet
for parents of New Entrants

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

At the beginning of the day:

- Children are supported to take their own belongings out of their bags, take off their jackets and hang them up, put their bags away etc. Children get their own hook to hang their belongings and bag on.
- Children are taught to store their book bags as advised by their class teacher.

At the end of the day:

- Teachers will assist children to gather up their belongings and pack their bags. Please encourage independence and a level of responsibility by expecting your child to look after their own belongings.
- Parents are asked to stay outside the classroom and wait for the teacher to dismiss the students. It is expected that a parent/guardian or older sibling will arrive on time to pick up each child.

At home:

- Encourage your child to pack their own bag at home before school. This helps them to remember what is in the bag and helps them to be more accountable for their belongings.
- There will also be notices and schoolwork that comes home – please review and check their book bags and see-saw on a daily basis and **ensure you have downloaded the school app so that you are kept up to date with school-wide notices.**

LUNCH BOXES

We endeavour to supervise junior students for the first 10 minutes of lunch break – which is when they are all required to sit down and eat their lunch prior to playing. Please assist us with the following:

- Pack one or two things for morning tea.
- Provide a healthy lunch – sandwiches, fruit and a biscuit – but don't overload their lunch box.
- We encourage litterless lunch boxes, so please try to limit packaged convenience items.
- There are no rubbish bins in the school grounds and all rubbish will be sent home. (Please keep this in mind when sending yoghurts to school.)
- Drinking fountains are located around school, however water from home can be provided in a named drink bottle.
- Free school milk is provided at 1.30pm every Monday to Thursday.



SCHOOL SYNDICATES & HOUSES

- The houses are **Kauri** (Green), **Puriri** (Blue), **Kowhai** (Yellow) and **Pohutukawa** (Red). Siblings belong to the same house.



- Drury School operates 3year group teams:
Year 0-3; Year 4-6; Year 7-8

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

Our school has three dedicated bus services providing travel to and from school on designated travel routes:

Run 1: Waihoehoe Rd, Appleby Rd, Drury Hills Rd, Fitzgerald Rd and Great South Rd to school

Run 2: Runciman Rd, Kincora Lane, Pitt Rd, Burt Rd to Needham Rd and Great South Rd to school

The Ministry of Education deems eligible children as those who live between 3.2km and 4.8km from the school to their house . Ineligible children are still permitted to utilise the bus service but incur a charge of \$25 per child per term.

(See the office for further details.)

THE SCHOOL DAY

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

It is helpful for children to arrive at school with enough time before the bell to manage their morning routine and settle into our Play Based Learning time. Teachers are present in the class from 8.30am, so children should not arrive significantly before this time.

Students need to be collected from their classroom no later than 3.15pm by a sibling or guardian.

PLAY BASED LEARNING

From when they arrive each morning, Year 0-1 children are able to engage in Play Based Learning. Learning opportunities are provided which span the curriculum and are led by student interest and engagement. The focus during this time is on the skills and processes they can develop to support their learning throughout the day.

This research-based approach to the curriculum encourages communication and oral language, observational skills, problem solving, creativity, motor skills and independence. It supports the transition from early childhood and provides numerous benefits to their education.

UNIFORM

- We have an official uniform exclusive to Drury School which features the school logo or tag and all children are required to wear this. Black shoes and black socks are worn to complete the uniform.
- ArgyleOnLine is the online seller of our school uniform. Delivery to your door is 3-5 working days after payment is received. Click on the link on our school website or app or **go to www.argyleonline.co.nz** and select "Drury School" from the Auckland region schools. *(Use the tape measure provided by us to ensure you order the correct size.)*
- As per our Sun Safe Policy, it is compulsory to wear Drury School hats in Terms 1 & 4. Bucket hats are \$12 each and are available from the uniform shop. Children who do not have their hat are required to stay under the shaded areas of school during break times. (Note: Only Year 7/8 students have the option of the black cap-style hat. All other year levels wear the bucket-style.)
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ARTICLES OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM ARE NAMED** - including footwear. Purchase iron-on labels to ensure any misplaced items get returned by our Lost Property Monitors.
- Junior lost property items are located in the foyer of Room 11.



REPORTING TO PARENTS

- Term 1 Meet the Teacher evening; 3-Way Conferencing
- Term 2 Mid Year reports
- Term 3 3-Way Conferencing
- Term 4 End of Year reports

There are a number of opportunities to share and discuss your child's learning throughout the year. In addition to the above events, your child's teacher will provide you with instructions on how to join the learning platform Seesaw. Seesaw allows students and teachers to share more regular examples of learning happening in the classroom and prompt discussions about learning at home. Parents are able to message classroom teachers and classroom information can be easily shared. Seesaw can be accessed through the "Seesaw Home" app on the App Store or Google Play, or through the website.

ASSEMBLY

- Full school Assemblies are usually held in the hall in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. See the school newsletter for dates and times. Parents/caregivers are always welcome to attend.
- Assemblies are a time for children to sit with others in their house.
- The whole school enjoys singing together and also acknowledging the Principal Awards which are given out at each Assembly to individuals recognising their effort, achievement and behaviour.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

- For 2020 the Drury School Board of Trustees has opted into the Ministry of Education \$150 per student donation scheme. This means that we will not be asking parents to pay the school donation in 2020.
- There are some costs that fall outside of the donation scheme that we may request payment for. This includes a donation towards school camps for Year 8 students and the take-home component of the technology programme for Year 7 and 8 students.
- From time to time we offer optional and non-curricular events such as visiting performers. These events will continue to operate on a 'user-pays' basis.

KINDO: ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP

KINDO is our preferred payment option and is designed to make it easy for parents to manage school payments, order sushi, juices, purchase school hats, support FODS fundraisers etc. The easiest way to register for the first time is via the link under the "Links" option on the school app home page. There is a second link there also for you to use once you are registered.

(See back page for instructions on downloading the school app)

Payment of your child's new entrant school stationery pack can also be done via KINDO.

SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

At Drury School we believe in our vision 'Growth Through Learning'. This vision underpins our teaching and learning programmes and our approach to our community. We aspire to:

- **Grow Achievement** through learning opportunities that are authentic and responsive to our learners and community
- **Grow Wellbeing** by providing a positive and caring environment
- **Grow our People** by giving students the opportunity for ownership and agency in learning, and through supporting whanau to engage with the learning happening at school.

Our school values support our expectations throughout the day. Children are taught each value and how they relate to a variety of contexts across the school. Students are expected to model these values and are acknowledged for demonstrating them positively. These values also form the basis of conversations to reinforce and remind students to show:

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Kindness**
- **Excellence**



SWIMMING

Swimming is part of the school curriculum in Term 1. All children are expected to take part in these lessons during school time unless a letter is sent from home explaining the reasons for non-participation.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning for new entrants should only take a few minutes and is literacy based. The children will have a small book (reader) to share Monday – Thursday. On Friday the children will usually bring home their poetry book to share. Parents are asked to fill in a reading log every night to track progress. There will also be lists of 'high frequency' words to commit to memory.

LIBRARY

Classes attend the school library once a week. Your child's teacher will let you know their library day. Library books are brought home for one week and returned the next library day. Library books must be transported to and from school in your child's book bag.



CLASS PROGRESSION

- Typically, children with birthdays between January and April will start school as a Year 1. In the new school year they will become Year 2.
- Children with birthdays between April and December will start school as a Year 0. In the new school year they will become Year 1.

ABSENCES & LATENESS

- By regulation, all children are required to attend school unless prevented by illness or special home circumstances.
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please advise the school office prior to 9.00am. Please note **This is YOUR responsibility** and essential to ensuring we account daily for all of our students. Unexplained absences default to "Truant".
- You can notify the office in one of the following ways:
 - ⇒ phone the office (294 8502) and leave a message
 - ⇒ email office@drury.school.nz
 - ⇒ fill out an absence form on the school website www.drury.school.nz
 - ⇒ send in a notification via the Drury School app
- If your child is late to school, they need to report to the school office to be signed in prior to going to their class. This enables their attendance status to be updated.
- Similarly, if you are taking your child out of school in school hours, you must report to the school office to sign out your child.
- Once children have been dropped at school they are not permitted to leave the school grounds before school or at lunchtime unless a note or other communication has been received from the home concerned.