



## **IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES - PLEASE READ:**

- School finishes for the year at **12 noon on Tuesday 15 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 your normally collect your child, that they are picked up at 12noon that day
- Buses will leave school at approximately 12.15pm
- The 2021 school year starts on Thursday 4 February



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **December:**

- Thurs 10 Helpers' Morning Tea @ 10.30am  
Yr 8 Dine & Dance Graduation
- Mon 14 Students visit 2021 classrooms  
1:45 - 2:20pm
- Tue 15 School prizegiving @ 10.30am  
School finishes @ 12 noon

### **KINDO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE LEAVING**

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use KINDO for school payments, you will need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to My Details and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

### **WEETBIX TRYATHLON**

It was great to see 48 students from Drury School take part in such a fun and challenging event last week. Drury School can be proud of the conduct and positive attitude shown by our students. Thank you to the whānau who brought their children along and helped carry all the gear and the lovely food for the shared lunch.

### **TERRACYCLE ITEMS**

We are about to bundle up and send off all the used toothbrushes/toothpaste tubes, bread tags and old pens/felts/markers which we have been collecting throughout the year. If you have any remaining items at home, please send these along this week via the drop off point in the office.

## **Principal's Reflection**

Kia Ora Koutou.

It has been lovely over the past few weeks to read the children's end of year reports, sign their certificates and leaving awards and reflect on what they have been able to achieve during what has been a year like no other. The progress made by students this year is extremely pleasing given the circumstances, thank you again for working closely with us to ensure these successes.

It is almost time to farewell our Year 8 students, like always they begin to feel a mixture of excitement and anxiety about the move to college. This is an exciting time for these students and we know that this group of Year 8's will make the most of every opportunity that comes their way. We wish them every success on their journey.

I'd like to extend the warmest of thanks to those that have contributed to making 2020 as manageable as possible. To the Board of Trustees members, thank you for your support and governance throughout the year. The Board has been working really hard on the preparation for the growth of Drury School, the expertise that they bring to this role is invaluable. To FODS, a huge thank you to the committed group of parents who do an amazing job supporting Drury School. This has been an extremely challenging year for FODS with lockdowns and restrictions forcing many changes to events. What FODS have managed to achieve despite these challenges is amazing. We hope to see some new faces coming along and being part of FODS in 2021.

To all the parents and businesses that have supported us in many different ways, thank you.

To the staff I'd like to acknowledge what an enormous year it has been. Thank you for all that you have done to ensure that our students were able to thrive. I know you are all looking forward to a well-earned break to recharge and refresh - enjoy!

I wish you all a very safe, happy and relaxing holiday break. Enjoy our beautiful country and the freedom our collective hard-work throughout the year has afforded us,

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

## STAFFING AND CLASS PLACEMENTS

We have now finalised class placements for 2021 and this information will be shared with your child's report on Monday. Students will also have the opportunity to visit their new class and meet their teacher and classmates on Monday afternoon.

No doubt there will be children who may be disappointed to find their best friend is not in their class. This happens! We encourage you to be positive about the class placements with your children, they take their cue from you. If they don't have their best friend in their class, reassure them. Tell them that everything will be okay and that they have the opportunity to make new friends in class, while still being able to play with best friends at break times. Be positive, reassure them and show that you are confident that they will have a good year.

Other than administrative errors that could arise, our class lists are final. If you think we have made an error of this nature e.g. placed your child in the wrong year group or with a sibling, please let us know. Otherwise we ask that you give your child 3-4 weeks to establish themselves in their new classes and speak to the class teacher if they experience any issues settling after that.

There are some changes to class groupings and locations for 2021:

### Year 0-2: (Team Leader - Daniel Wickman)

Rm 1	Daniel Wickman	New Entrant/Year 1
Rm 2	Anita Masters	New Entrant/Year 1
Rm 3	Davina Olsson	Year 1
Rm 4	Donnelle McNab	Year 2
Rm 5	Josie Messam	Year 2

### Year 3-4: (Acting Team Leader - Julie Glasson)

Rm 7	Jo Pointon	Year 3-4
Rm 8	Dawn Blomfield	Year 3-4
Rm 19	Karen Aschebrock	Year 3-4
Rm 20	Melissa Peagram	Year 3-4
Rm 21	Natalie Baker-Lim	Year 3-4

### Year 5-6: (Team Leader - Karen Edwards)

Rm 13	Ranita Kumar	Year 5-6
Rm 14	Trish Owen	Year 5-6
Rm 15	Karen Edwards	Year 5-6
Rm 17	Tanya Glengarry	Year 5-6
Rm 18	Faith Lunjevich	Year 5-6

### Year 7-8: (Team Leader - Paula McMullen)

Rm 9	Lizanne Mostert	Year 7-8
Rm 10	Paula McMullen	Year 7-8
Rm 16	Sharon Aislabie	Year 7-8

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## THANK YOU MRS HOBSON

This week we farewell Deb Hobson who has provided contract IT support at Drury School for many years. We thank Deb for all the work she has done to keep staff and students digitally connected, managing our network and ensuring online safety. We wish Deb all the very best for the future.

## COMPOSITE CLASSES

From 2021 all our classes from Year 3 and above will be composite classes - two year levels combined (Year 3-4, Year 5-6, Year 7-8).

Composite classes allow us much more flexibility in terms of grouping students, managing class sizes and behavioural, learning and social needs.

The formation of the five Year 5-6 classes in 2020 has been really successful for both students and staff.

Parents often have concerns about their child not managing or potentially being 'held back' by having mixed year levels together. There is NO empirical evidence or data that supports any assumption that student learning is hindered by composite classes. The key to understanding this model is to appreciate that growth and learning is determined by stages not ages. Although a child might be chronologically older or younger - their maturity, social needs, academic and behavioural needs are all individual. New Zealand teachers are highly skilled and recognised internationally for their ability to responsively teach to the needs of every pupil.

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## ROAD PATROL PARENTS REQUIRED FOR NEXT YEAR

We are after parents who can supervise road patrol mornings and/or afternoons next year please. If you can help please contact the school office or Mrs Kumar in Room 13.

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## LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

There is a HUGE amount of unnamed and unclaimed uniform items in the lost property. Please remind your child to check for any items you are missing or pop in to have a look. Senior lost property is located in the corridor behind Room 9 and junior lost property is in the Room 11 foyer.

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## STAFF CAR PARK

Please do not use the staff car park off Young Crescent to park in or drop off your children. It is much safer for them to be dropped off and picked up along Young Crescent.

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## 2021 SCHOOL STATIONERY

Stationery packs will be available for Years 2-8 from Papakura Paper Power (located on the main street in Papakura). Packs will already be made up according to your child's year level and will be available from 4 January. This year the store is offering online purchases. A delivery fee of \$9.99 will apply which covers multi packs and rural delivery (where applicable).

As in the past, those parents not wishing to purchase the ready-made packs can obtain the stationery list from the school website or by going to the 'links' section of the School App.

(Please note: All students in 2021 who will be in Rooms 1, 2 or 3 will need a combined Year 0/1 pack which is purchased from school - not Papakura Paper Power. Payment for these packs are made via KINDO and delivered directly to the classrooms.)





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