



UPCOMING DATES

March

Mon 1-31	Walking School Bus Month
Thurs 25	BOT Meeting
Mon 29	Learning Conversations
Mon 29	All Easter Raffle Sheets to be returned to the office <u>by 9am</u>
Mon 29	Easter Raffle Drawn

April

Fri 2	Good Friday
Mon 5	Easter Monday
Tue 6	Easter Holliday - school closed
Fri 9	Ride to School
Fri 16	End of term 1

Community Notices

Drury Junior Rugby Muster
Sunday March 28th 2-4pm (first hour registrations)
Or register online anytime
via www.sporty.co.nz/druryrugby
Questions, contact Craig 0272585246.

Music Lessons, choose your instrument and sign up now at www.musiqhub.co.nz Lessons are held at Drury School.

Principal's Reflection

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday the staff had a great professional learning day exploring the Bounce Back resilience and wellbeing resource. We want to support our students with their feelings, especially in light of the disruption we've experienced due to Covid. Bounce Back teaches children the skills and attitudes to help them be in a positive mood most of the time, get along well with others and become more resilient.

The programme can help your child get better at:

- Using helpful thinking when faced with a problem or a difficult situation
- Thinking more optimistically, i.e. expecting bad times to get better
- Understanding that everyone has setbacks and difficulties, not just them
- Talking to people they trust so they get a reality check on their thinking
- Being brave and facing their fears
- Enhancing their own wellbeing
- Feeling and expressing gratitude
- Boosting their positive emotions
- Managing uncomfortable emotions and turning a bad mood into a good mood
- Getting along with others, making and keeping friends and dealing well with disagreements
- Setting goals, being resourceful, developing a growth mindset and not easily giving up
- Being kind, fair, honest, friendly, cooperative, responsible, and accepting of differences
- Using humour in a helpful, not a harmful way
- Identifying, applying and extending their ability and character strengths

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE CONT'

- Respecting other people and not bullying others.

I am sure you will all agree these are really important skills and attitudes for our students to develop in primary school which will set them up for future success.

We look forward to starting these lessons in term 2 and we will keep you updated on what we are focusing on here at school.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

LATENESS AND EARLY PICKUPS

We have noticed a number of children regularly arriving late to school and/or regularly being collected early at the end of the day. This is very disruptive to your child's learning as well as the classroom programme. It is important that your child arrives at school by 8:50am to allow them time to get ready for school starting at 8:55am. The school day finishes at 2:55pm, children should only be collected early in exceptional circumstances.

Did you know that if your child arrives 5 minutes late every day this equates to more than 3 days of lost learning over the course of the school year? Those arriving 15 minutes late on a daily basis are losing 10 days of learning each year.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

We look forward to hosting our first round of learning conversations for 2021 on Monday 29 March from 2:20-7:30pm. These are a great way of connecting home and school in term 1 and establishing good working relationships, focused on supporting children's achievement at school. We encourage you to make time to come along with your child on that day. Note that school will finish at 2pm on this day, school buses will run at normal times. Make sure you book a time on the School Interviews page: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz booking code **snp73**



TURNING RIGHT ONTO GREAT SOUTH ROAD

There are a number of people who are ignoring the traffic signs indicating that right turns onto Great South Road from 8:30-9:00am and 2:45-3:15pm are prohibited. Turning right while our road patrol is operating is extremely dangerous and also illegal. We all need to do our part to keep everyone safe, starting by following the road rules in our area.

NEW FODS COMMITTEE

Congratulations and thank you to the following parents who have been elected to positions on FODS this year.

Chairperson: Melissa Farrell (parent - Room 5)

Secretary: Ange Greenwood (parent - Rooms 5, 13, 16)

Treasurer: Scott Griffiths (parent - Room 18)

Assistant Treasurer: Joanna Waters

We continue to encourage you to come along to a meeting to learn more about FODS this year. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 May.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS POOL PARTY

Giant walking school bus on Wednesday 24 March. Once a year we try to get everyone to walk to school. Walking School Buses will leave as usual from Waihoehoe Road and Gatland Road at 8.10am. Meet us there or join in along the way.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS POOL PARTY

Walk on Wednesday 31 March to get a ticket for the Pool Party on Thursday 1st April. For more details, please see Mrs Waters.



SEAWEEK

We had a great week observing Seaweeek here at school last week, a huge thank you to Mrs Blomfield for organising the week for us. We saw some great sea creatures and sea week posters, well done everyone who entered something into the competition, it was clear a lot of work went into each item.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Riley Hathaway from Young Ocean Explorers, Riley talked to the children about her experiences in the Hauraki Gulf and the importance of looking after this marine reserve.

Yesterday Room 17 and Room 8 were able to take part in a waka experience at Waikawa Regional Park. This was a fabulous opportunity and we are grateful to Tamaki Herenga Waka Trust and Sir Peter Blake Marine Education & Recreation Centre for providing us with this experience.





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