



UPCOMING DATES

May

Thur 6	PhotoLife Photos
Sun 9	Mother's Day
Mon 10	Drury School Book Week
Tue 11	FODS Meeting
Fri 14	Book Week Character Parade
Mon 31	Y6 Puberty Parent Meeting

June

Fri 4	Teacher Only Day
Mon 7	Queen's Birthday
Fri 11	Y7/8 Vaccinations

Community Notices

Cheketri Karate.

Classes held at Drury School Hall. For kids aged 4 to 10 years old. For more information, or to organize a free trial, email; penny@cheketrikarate.com



Principal's Reflection

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a lovely start to term 2 we have had this week, plenty of sunshine and children pleased to see their friends and teachers after the holidays.

We have welcomed Mrs Irene Morgan to our team this week, Irene is teaching in Room 11 on a job-share basis, initially with Mrs Jan Ahern and then from Week 7 with Mrs Kelly Scott. Irene will be working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We also have three student teachers with us again this term, they are working alongside teachers in room 8, 15 and 21. As teachers we recognise the importance of successful practicum experiences for trainee teachers and are delighted to provide an opportunity for them to work alongside our staff.

Over the weekend you might have caught some of the coverage in regard to Mathematics education in New Zealand on Q+A on TVNZ, this has been a topical issue in education over the past few years. We are pleased to have Mrs Baker-Lim and Mrs Kumar working as Within School Leaders with our Kahui Ako (local cluster of schools) with a focus on mathematics this year, we also look forward to the Ministry of Education working on a curriculum review within this area. We are pleased to report that our results in mathematics remain pleasing at 83% - this means that 83% of our students are achieving at, or above, the curriculum expectation for their age. We want to encourage positive attitudes towards mathematics - when helping your children at home avoid telling them how much you hate maths/used to hate maths/were terrible at maths at school. Strong maths skills are so important in life and confidence in maths starts with believing you CAN be a problem solver.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

WORKING BEE

We have planned a working bee at school this Saturday, we would really love it if you could spare a couple of hours to come along and give us a hand, this is a great way of coming together and getting to know other members of the community. We have purchased plants, sand and mulch for this event - but we really do need YOU to make it possible! If you are able to come along please RSVP using the google form below or by calling the office. Children are welcome to attend (under your supervision).

We plan to clear, plant and mulch the garden inside the Room 2 gate.

We are expecting a delivery of sand to top our very popular junior sandpit. This involves shovelling and moving the sand via wheelbarrow to the sandpit.

We have plenty of weeding jobs in the junior courtyard area for those wanting to help out without the need for more physical labour.

We ask you to bring gardening tools with you, such as spades, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows if possible.

Our goal is to re-plant all the beds in the junior area before the end of the year.

There will be pizza and drinks to celebrate our work at the end of the afternoon.

RSVP by Friday morning:

<https://forms.gle/ByxajTcBERVsFQrA9>

or by contacting the school office.



INVITATION TO COME AND READ

We would like to invite parents, grandparents & families to come and read with their child and class during book week next week. We are suggesting after lunch as a good time to visit. Can you please contact your child's teacher to let them know if you would like to come.

BOOK PARADE ON FRIDAY

Everyone welcome to attend at 9 am in the school hall. Class teachers will be discussing the class theme with their students so they know what to wear.

Any photos of students reading with their families or alone, please send them to me via email - jillyleger@drury.school.nz

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the cooler weather now here plain long sleeve thermals or polyprops in black or school green may be worn under our school polo for extra warmth. All footwear and socks worn by students must be black in colour. This is important to conform with our School Uniform Policy and to provide pride in appearance.

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS REMINDER

Drury School Photos will be taken this Thursday morning 6 May by Photolife. Please ensure your child/children come to school in correct school uniform. Every child will be photographed individually and in their class group. Pre-booked siblings with pre-schoolers need to be at the school hall at 8.30am. All other pre-booked siblings photos will be taken during school hours. Last day to pre-book siblings photos is Wednesday 5 May.



BOTTLE TOP MURAL PROJECT REMINDER

The Enviro Group - Mural Project Team are running a competition for design ideas. This is for Years 4-8. The theme is underwater. There is a prize for the best design, plus a chance for that design to be created.

Criteria for Designs:

- Pictures are underwater themed
- On paper with outlines and solid colours
- Colours used can be found in the plastic lid range
- Not too much detail
- Ensure your name and room number is on the back
- **Due to Mrs Blomfield by Friday week 1 (7th May)**



TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 4 June is a Teacher Only Day - school will be closed but sKids will be operating on site for those needing supervision for their children.

All of our staff will be completing their bi-ennial first aid refresher on this day. This is an important part of our school health and safety plan.

PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have been advised by Argyle Online that sell our school uniform that there will be a small price increase effect from 1st June 2021.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

The Walking School Bus is still running.

Route 1 leaves from the corner of Gatland Road and Great South Road on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.10 am.

Route 2 leaves from the corner of Waihoehoe Road and Fitzgerald Road on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8.10 am.

We would love if you are able to come and join us.

To get notifications through our school app, please make sure you join the walking school bus group.

Term 2 Activities

Week 1: Book Week
We have loads of titles to choose from along with real life stories based on children's experiences and real life stories. Make your own Book Week Book!

Week 2: NZ Native
We're reading 'Whero' by John M. Lee. It's a story about a kiwi bird. We'll be reading 'Whero' by John M. Lee. It's a story about a kiwi bird.

Week 3: Water Cycle
Can you name the water cycle? We'll be reading 'The Water Cycle' by David Almond. We'll be reading 'The Water Cycle' by David Almond.

Week 4: Elements
Fire, Water, Earth and Air are the four elements. We'll be reading 'The Elements' by David Almond. We'll be reading 'The Elements' by David Almond.

Week 5: Four Seasons
Create your own book about the four seasons. We'll be reading 'The Four Seasons' by David Almond. We'll be reading 'The Four Seasons' by David Almond.

Week 6: It's for a Queen
We have loads of titles to choose from along with real life stories based on children's experiences and real life stories. Make your own Book Week Book!

Week 7: Rainbow BEEZ
We're reading 'Rainbow Bees' by John M. Lee. It's a story about a bee. We'll be reading 'Rainbow Bees' by John M. Lee. It's a story about a bee.

Week 8: Leap into the Week
Can you name the water cycle? We'll be reading 'The Water Cycle' by David Almond. We'll be reading 'The Water Cycle' by David Almond.

Week 9: LOL Week
The Thursday is our favourite day! We'll be reading 'The Thursday' by David Almond. We'll be reading 'The Thursday' by David Almond.

Week 10: Across the Otago
Travel across the Otago region and discover the beauty of our region. We'll be reading 'Across the Otago' by David Almond. We'll be reading 'Across the Otago' by David Almond.

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