

TE TŪHONO

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DON BUCK SCHOOL

KŌKIRI NGĀTAHI
exceptional together

WEEKS 5 - 11
TERM 1 2024



UPCOMING KEY DATES

DBS Teacher Only Day
Friday 12th April

DBS Teacher Only Day
Monday 29th April

First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 30th April

Year 7 / 8 Vaccinations
Tuesday 30th April

Stepping Out Road Safety
Year 1 - 2

Tuesday / Wednesday 7th / 8th May

DBS TEAM UPDATE!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW KAIMAHI / STAFF WHAEA TAUPIRI - LEARNING SUPPORT

Kia ora e te whānau o Don Buck

Ko Taupiri Rountree toku ingoa. He kaiako āwhina hou ahau ki to tātou kura o Don Buck School. Nōku kē te maringa nui te noho mai ki tō tātou kura rangatira Mauri ora

Greetings everyone, My name is Taupiri Rountree, I have been fortunate enough to be given a role of Teacher Aide in our school. I am very humbled to be apart of our school and Don Buck Community.

Mauri ora



KA MAU TE WEHI! CONGRATULATIONS



Term 1 has come to an end and this has been such an incredible effort by all of our tamariki but especially our whānau from Waka Toa! They have taken out Term 1! Let's look forward to seeing which Waka could take out Term 2!

2024 OVERALL POINTS - TERM 1

TOA 314,531

MANAKI 300,175

MAHA 291,235

KAWA 286,155



OUR DBS WAKA LEADERSHIP WHĀNAU FOR 2024

Waka Pride is everything at our kura as it is the foundational pieces of building connections and growing a sense of belonging to our very special place. But in order for these Waka to be a living and thriving aspect of our school, we need strong and thriving leaders to take the lead into the year ahead. This term in Week 8 we announced our Waka leadership for 2024. We can't wait to see them develop their leadership skills and help us grow our kura into an exceptional place.

WAKA



NAVIGATOR - LARMINA



CONNECTOR - TY SIN



ACTIVATOR - FAITH

WAKA



NAVIGATOR - LYDIA



CONNECTOR - PENNY



ACTIVATOR - KRISTILLY

WAKA



NAVIGATOR - SAM



CONNECTOR - GRACE



ACTIVATOR - ERSKINE

WAKA



NAVIGATOR - JOHN



CONNECTOR - LIAM



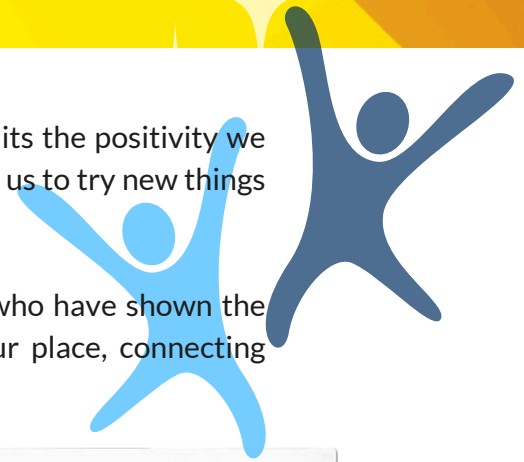
ACTIVATOR - AKA

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

TERM 1 DBS BEAT KEEPER AWARDS

The DBS Beat is the foundation of our school. It is the rhythm of our school, its the positivity we show towards each other, it is the creation of a safe space each day for each of us to try new things and push ourselves.

Our DBS Beat Keeper awards are awarded to the tamariki across the kura who have shown the DBS Beat values consistently throughout the term. Being respectful of our place, connecting closely with others and taking responsibility for our actions.



This terms DBS Beat Keepers are:

Ruma Tahī - Karlos Single

Ruma Rua - Mia Hewitt

Ruma Toru - Jann Clarence Bartolome

Ruma Whā - Zeevah Griffiths

Ruma Ono - Reyansh Raj

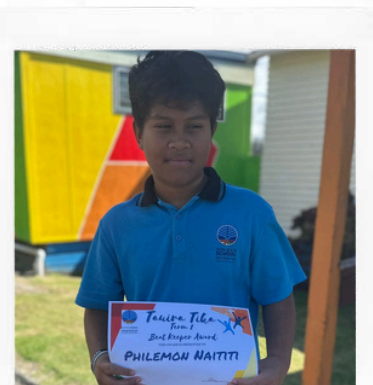
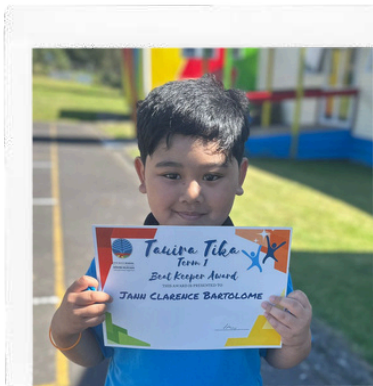
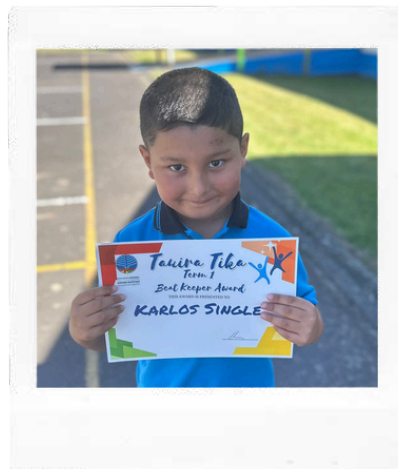
Ruma Whitu - Tahī Te Puke

Ruma Waru - Philemon Naititi

Ruma Iwa - Fane Tutagalevao

Ruma Tekau - Grace Gin

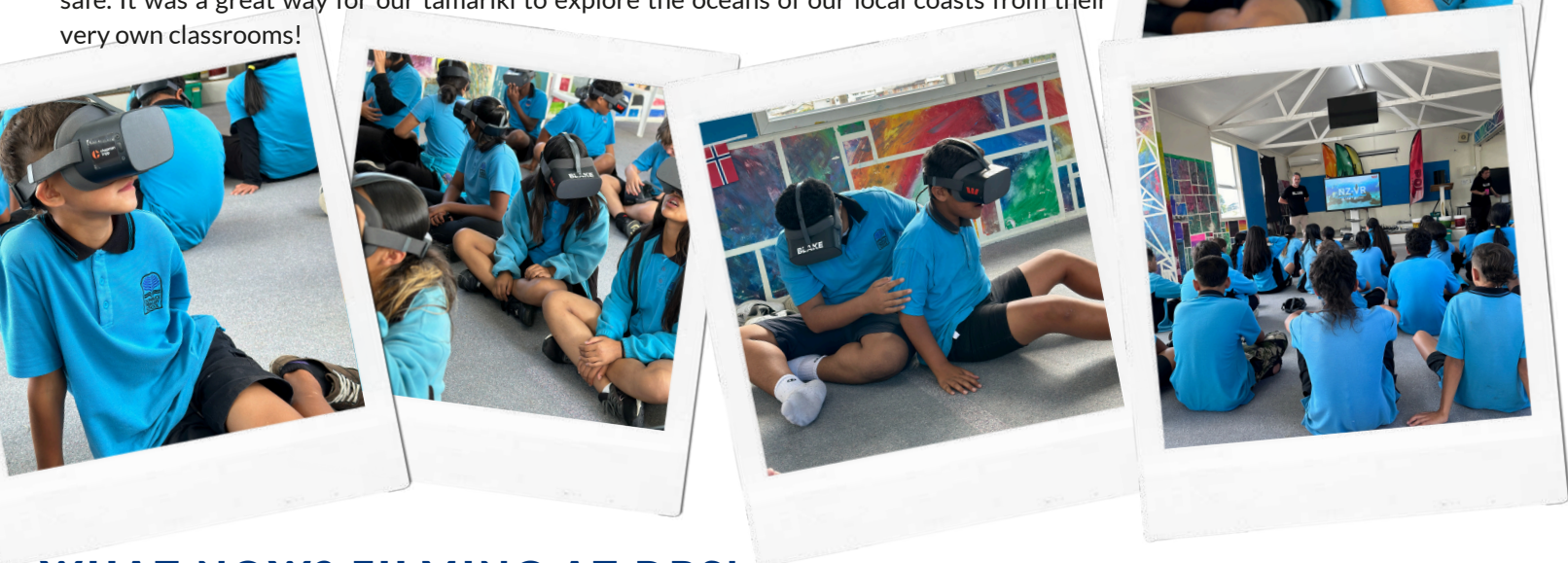
Special Beat Keeper - Kar Reh



BLAKE VR

In Week 10 our Year 6 - 8 tamariki were treated to a special learning program. This program was put on by the Blake Foundation, which promotes the work and aspirations of the great New Zealander Sir Peter Blake.

The Learning for our tamariki was focused around exploring the oceans in our local area and seeing how what we can do to keep the oceans, the waterways and the marine life within them safe. It was a great way for our tamariki to explore the oceans of our local coasts from their very own classrooms!



WHAT NOW? FILMING AT DBS!

In Week 11 we were so grateful to have the crew from the classic NZ kids TV show What Now? come along to film a special quiz segment for their show!

We were randomly selected to take part and our tamariki from year 4 - 6 were able to take part in the special foaming quiz game! We can't wait to see our DBS tamariki really shine on national TV in the weeks to come!

Don't forget to watch each weekend to see when we will be on!



...MORE HAPPENING...

GARDEN 2 TABLE UPDATE - ECOFEST 2024!

This term we have seen our amazing tamariki from Ruma Waru take control of our Garden 2 Table mahi for Term 1. They have been working hard all term to develop their skills, knowledge in the garden and their skills in the kitchen. Our amazing leaders Whaea Augustine and Mrs. Ferris have done an outstanding job of preparing our tamariki for the Auckland wide EcoFest. An opportunity for the wider community to come in and learn more about what our tamariki have been working on, sharing their learning with the community and providing kai for our visitors. Which is what this kaupapa is all about!



WAKA CONNECTION DAY 2024!

Waka Connection Day this year was an opportunity for our Waka to come together in their colours and connect with all the different kids in their whānau. This year the focus was on all of our tamariki working together with their kaiako in a large game of Capture The Flag. We were so incredibly proud of our whole school whānau for showing up in their colours and making the day really special!





WARRIORS TUPU MAIA FESTIVAL DAY

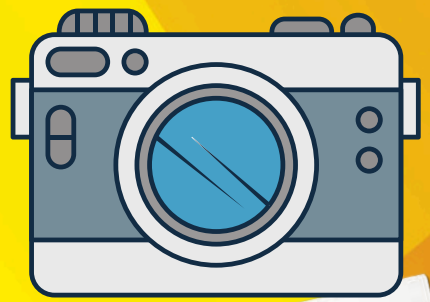
UP THE WAHS!! What a kick off to 2024 for our might One NZ Warriors and it has been an epic kick off for our year 7/8 girls as they have been working with the Warriors in their Tupu Maia program. This was an 8 week program working on building confidence and connections. The Tupu Maia whānau have been so supportive of our tamariki and have really pushed them to jump out of their comfort zones.

To finish the program our tamariki got to go on a trip to Go Media Mount Smart Stadium along with 2 other intermediate schools to take part in a range of activities. From rippa, to tours of Mt. Smart Stadium to being able to connect with the players and other schools through our chants. The girls even smashed it taking out the chant competition!! Ka mau te wehi whānau! We can't wait to have the Warriors back at our kura over the coming terms!



SOME TERM 1 DBS SNAPS





UPDATE FROM MR. STIRLING



Kia ora e te whānau.

We hope you are all well and enjoying the year. This term has been jam packed with amazing growth and progress at our school.

On behalf of all the the DBS kura whānau we would like to thank you for all your support over this fantastic first term of the year. We have really felt the support from our whānau every day at kura. Seeing more and more parents, grandparents, aunties in classes before, during and after school, helping out at events and joining in at our weekly waka celebration hui has given us all great joy. We are "he whānau taumata rau - A family striving for the best."

Our approach of noticing and recognising children's strengths, abilities and passions has led us in some amazing directions this term. As you will have seen at our recent parent teacher conferences our focus on our indoor learning spaces has led to classrooms full of vibrancy, showcasing exceptional work, and promoting our school values. Our fantastic teachers and support staff do an amazing job each day to develop learning spaces that are inviting to children to explore, investigate and create. As a consequence we have noticed increased levels of student engagement in their learning across our kura.

A real highlight for me in Term 1 has been the increased levels of peer support and encouragement we have noticed across the school. Our children are becoming amazing supporters of their friends, classmates, and team mates which gives such confidence to children and adults alike to take risks and push themselves. Our recent waka connection day was an amazing morning where our waka pride and support was on full show. The colour, vibrancy and support shown on that morning really captured what Don Buck School is all about.

We wish you all a fantastic school holiday break and look forward to seeing the kura whānau back on the 30th of April for Term 2.

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Ngā mihi nui

Sandy Stirling
Tumuaki - Principal



DBS COMMUNITY UPDATE



TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL - SCHOOL CLOSED

TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 29TH APRIL - SCHOOL CLOSED

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 - TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

A friendly reminder to all of our whānau that we have a range of Teacher Only Days coming up to support the staff in their professional development.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school!



VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE / SEESAW & SCHOOL DOCS

Website - Communication with our community is very important to us and we are continuously developing how we are doing this.

We are updating our website regularly with important dates through the School Google Calendar.

Seesaw - Our Class Seesaw pages is the place for you to connect with your child's exceptional efforts on their work in class. But it is also the best way to make contact with your child's teacher and us at school. We will be sending out notices through Seesaw regularly so please make sure to keep this app close at hand.

School Docs (Policy and Procedures) - If you would like to stay informed on our school's policies and procedures we use the School Docs website. This contains all of the school's policy and procedural information.

Check out the website - www.donbuck.schooldocs.co.nz



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COMMUNITY NOTICES





DYNAMIX
OUT OF SCHOOL CARE
34 Glen Road,

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

HP Full Time 06:45 a.m.-06:00 p.m. \$60.00
 HP Casual 06:45 a.m.-06:00 p.m. \$70.00
 Full Payment is Required at Time of Booking
 MSD Approved. Oscar Subsidies Available
 You must arrive before 8.45am on excursion days
 otherwise no care can be provided We have a no refunds policy

<p>Eggsplore Eggstravag</p> <p>Mon 15 Apr</p>  <p>Join us for a Eggcellent Day Celebrating all Things Easter</p>	<p>Wet n Wild</p> <p>Tue 16 Apr</p>  <p>Pack your Swim Gear, We are off to the Pools</p>	<p>Glo Putt Mini Golf</p> <p>Wed 17 Apr</p>  <p>Join us for a fun filled day of glow in the dark mini golf</p>	<p>We Will Remember The <i>Least We Forget</i></p> <p>Thu 18 Apr</p>  <p>Today We Will Remember Our Anzac's and Learn About Anzac Day While Doing Fun & Educational Activities</p>	<p>Challenge</p> <p>Fri 19 Apr</p>  <p>Are you up for the challenge? Think you can beat us at any challenge, then today is your day!</p>
<p>Giornata dello stile</p> <p>Mon 22 Apr</p>  <p>Join us as we experience all things Italian. Lets cook some Italian dishes & play traditional Italian games.</p>	<p>Wheels Day & Devices</p> <p>Tue 23 Apr</p>  <p>Bring your wheels! bikes, skates, skateboards ANYTHING with wheels</p>	<p>Good Planet Splash P</p> <p>Wed 24 Apr</p>  <p>Pack your swim gear, sun hat & sunblock. We are going strawberry picking and cooling off at the Splash park</p>	<p>CLOSED</p> <p>Thu 25 Apr</p> 	<p>Splash Out</p> <p>Fri 26 Apr</p>  <p>We are Heading to the Pool! Pack Your Swim Gear, Towels, Lunch and Drink Bottle</p>

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