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DON BUCK SCHOOL

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### WEEKS 1 - 4 TERM 2 2024 UPCOMING KEY DATES

Samoan Language Week 27th - 31st May

Half Day of School Close at 1pm Tuesday 28th May

King's Birthday Weekend Monday 3rd June

DBS Teacher Only Day Tuesday 4th June

Bingo 4 Bikes -Bike Track Fundraiser Event Friday 14th June

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

### WHAEA CELEBRATION DAY 2024 / MOTHER'S DAY!

Just like last year we had an exceptional mothers day celebration with lots of music, food, and fun. We had amazing baked goods baked by the lovely mothers who participated in the mother's day celebration. We also had a fantastic pampering zone where our children could do the nails for the special whaea in their lives, and what wonderful designs we saw. For the assembly for our awesome moms we had classes performing lovely dances and songs for their special ladies. We can't wait to have another great mother's day celebration day for next year.

Written by Larmina and Kristilly





#### SWIMMING SKILLS

Swimming is back, and our year 3 to 6 children are having a really "splashing" time at Massey high school's pool! And They are learning all sorts of skills to keep themselves safe in the water, such as floating, paddling, using life jackets, retrieving things from under the water, and most importantly having a fun time while doing so. Recently we interviewed a class, and here we have a statement from a child in room 5: "I really enjoyed swimming, and it's really fun to play around in the water, I learned so many new things" We hope you enjoy the rest of your swimming lessons, kids!

Written by Kristilly

#### **STEPPING OUT - ROAD SAFETY**

In week 2, the juniors had an exciting experience with the NZ police to learn how to cross the road and what to do when crossing roads. They also had the privilege to ride inside the police cars and test out and play with the sirens and talk into the speaker. They had an amazing time getting educated by the police. We are very excited for more lessons in the future.

Written by Larmina and Kingsley



#### **EXCEPTIONAL TIME AT DBS!**

Every Friday we have started a new adventure at DBS. Exceptional Time! We had an extraordinary time socialising, getting to know each other and taking part in tons of creativity! This time was called "exceptional time" and it included a lot of projects to do! Like building with lego, Pasifika, Junky Monkeys and so many fun activities! This is the opportunity for our DBS tamariki to explore their interests, talents, urges, and explore some new experiences. Whānau are always welcome to come along every Wednesday at 2pm!



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### TĀTOU TĀTOU / ALL OF US - CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

On Thursday 23rd May we had the special opportunity to bring our community together. Our tamariki and whānau were invited to represent their exceptional selves, their culture with pride. We are so privileged to be in such a diverse community and we love to celebrate our diversity together. Kōkiri Ngātahi / Exceptional Together is our school vision and today was truly a day to celebrate what makes us all unique and exceptional and how if we come together, work together, encourage each other and are kind to each other we can truly be Exceptional Together!



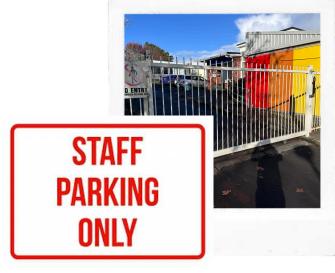


# DBS TEAM UPDATE

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE - STAFF CARPARK**

We have been reviewing our health and safety processes at school and need to advise our community that our gated car park is for school staff only. All visitors are to park in the allocated car parking spaces in our community car park.

There are limited car parks at drop off and pick up time so please be aware of others when parking.



### **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE - CARPARK CROSSING**

Our carpark in the afternoon can be a very busy place. Our tamariki safety is number 1. Please be aware there is a small crossing just by the school gate, we ask if tamariki and families please use this to keep safe when walking around our carpark area, especially at the start and end of the day.



#### HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE - SMOKE / VAPE FREE SCHOOL

This is a reminder to our community that our school is a smoke and vape free zone. That is for all people that enter the school grounds. If students are caught with a vape on school grounds we will be making contact with families to discuss the next steps. It is something we take very seriously, so please whānau, be mindful of what your children bring to school each day.



### LANCE BEDDOES & DON BUCK SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP!

We are so thankful to Lance, a former DBS student, an NZ representative Squash player and your local real estate agent! We are grateful for Lance's commitment to supporting our kura to become truly exceptional. Lance has made a generous offer to our community:

Lance Beddoes x Don Buck Primary Partnership Incentive (Real Estate Offer)

List/Sell your property with Lance between now and the end of 2024 and Don Buck Primary will receive \$1500. If you have a friend/family member considering selling, consider them getting in touch with Lance for amazing service and support towards Don Buck Primary.

Further info regarding me that may be helpful.

- Former student of Don Buck Primary
- Former Professional Squash Player from 2010-2018 and competed for NZ in 2 Commonwealth Games
- #1 Harveys Elysium Agent 2022-2023

Contact Lance on 021 090 72089 or <u>lance@harveyshomes.co.nz</u> for further info, mention Don Buck Primary Incentive.



### SOME TERM I DBS SNAPS

### UPDATE FROM MR. STIRLING



Tena koutou DBS Whānau

We are constantly looking for ways to improve how our school is run and how our teaching and learning approaches best meet the needs of our tamariki. We welcome your feedback to help us develop in partnership with you our community.

If you have feedback for us either a concern or a complaint, or some general feedback please do let us know via email or phone, or by arranging a meeting with either your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team. Please note we do need to receive a complaint within 90 days of an incident occurring.

For further information on our concerns and complaints policy and procedures please go to <u>www.schooldocs.co.nz</u>. Search for our school (Don Buck Primary) and use the password 'exceptional.' All our policies and procedures are held on this site including our concerns and complaints process and supporting documents.

Ngā mihi nui

Sandy Stirling Tumuaki - Principal







#### HALF DAY OF SCHOOL - TUESDAY 28TH MAY -SCHOOL CLOSED 1PM

#### SCHOOL CLOSD - MONDAY 3RD JUNE -**KING'S BIRTHDAY**

**SCHOOL CLOSED - TUESDAY 4TH JUNE TEACHER ONLY DAY** 



### 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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of any updated emails by emailing office@donbuck.school.nz



### DMMUNITY NOTICES





### Lincoln Heights School

Step by step together we reach new heights.

#### STORM RECOVERY EVENT / BBQ

Who: ALL Whanau 'impacted' by the Feb/March Rains/Floods of 2023 Where: Lincoln Heights School, 16 Keegan Drive, Massey When: Saturday 25th May Time: 9am-Midday

Come along and have a chat to YOUR Massey/Ranui/Henderson Community Storm Navigators to see how they can help you.

Looking the at market property needing and someone to guide your you on journey? Contact local realtor Lance Beddoes Email lance@harveysho mes.co.nz Phone - +64 21 0907 2089



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