

# TE TŪHONO

*Your pura, your newsletter.*



**DON BUCK SCHOOL**

**KŌKIRI NGĀTAHI**  
*exceptional together*

**WEEKS 1-4**  
**TERM 3 2024**



## UPCOMING KEY DATES

Life Education Bus @ DBS!

Week 5

Monday - Friday

19 - 23 August

Waka Bake Sale

Waka Toa and Mana Whānau

Friday 23rd August

Tongan Language Week

Week 5

Monday - Friday

19 - 23 August

Daffodil Day - Wear Yellow!

Gold Coin Donations

Friday 30th August

School Class and Portrait Photos

Thursday 5th September





# BINGO 4 BIKES



Last term we had our very first Bingo 4 Bikes evening! This was a chance for us to come together, have a bit of fun and raise some money for our exciting community bike track project. We want to thank all of you who came along to the evening, dealt with our rookie Bingo calling, got involved in the laughs and made it an exceptional evening.

A GIGANTIC thank you once again to all of the key sponsors for the evening who made all of this possible with their kind donations. We wouldn't have done it without your support.



# DBS TEAM UPDATE

## 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.



## SCHOOL LOCKDOWN PRACTICE - WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

To continue our development and to ensure our school procedures are well practiced, we will be holding a Lockdown practice. We will be guided by the team from Harrison Tew Emergency Planning,

This will be held on Wednesday 11th September.

So if you see any online updates or receive any communications from us on this day, please be aware that it is only for training purposes.

If you have any questions please make sure to make contact.





## REMINDER - DBS MOBILE PHONE POLICY

As we come into Term 3 this is just a reminder to our community that our school is following the Government's mobile phone policy very closely and have developed clear process around these in school.

Unless required by whānau for safety reasons, no mobile phones will be allowed on our school sites by students. Any phones required by whānau will be collected and kept safe at the office.

Any phones found during the day in class or on school grounds will be collected and whānau will need to come in to collect the device when they can. We appreciate your support.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT WITH OUR BAKE SALE!

A huge thank you from all who provided the amazing kai for our Bake Sale at the end of Term 2. We were blown away by the amazing effort, time and heart it takes to be involved in a bake sale. We were so proud of the effort and the fundraising efforts it brought in as well.

In term 3 we are looking to hold 2 bake sales one in Week 5 and one in Week 10. This time however we will be working together with another Waka to bring in the baked goodies!

**Week 5 Bake Sale** - Waka Toa and Waka Mana whānau

**Week 10 Bake Sale** - Waka Kaha and Waka Manaaki Whānau

We will send out further letters to you soon with greater detail!



# Term 3 Waka Bake Sales

**Week 5**  
**Friday 23rd August**

**Week 10**  
**Friday 27th Sept.**



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS SPORTS CHALLENGE DAY

Last term we were invited to take part in a sports challenge day against our local whānau at Lincoln Heights School. Such a special for our kura to be able to connect together and continue to play the sports we know, love and have been practicing over the past term. The tamariki took part in a game of Netball, Football and Basketball. Even the Basketball game going down to final shot wins...and DBS took the game! Great mahitahi whānau!



## TERM 2 DBS BEAT KEEPER AWARDS

Congratulations to our tamariki who have displayed consistent effort towards our DBS Beat. Our DBS Beat is our school values, the effort towards their learning and just helping make our school an exceptional environment. Epic mahi whānau!





## NETBALL SEASON DONE AND DUSTED!

Another year and another season of our DBS Netball team taking the courts and representing our school with pride. We have been extremely lucky and truly grateful for our coaches for this year! A huge thank you to Beth and Trev, parents in our community and committed coaches for our year 5/6 teams this season, they have displayed tremendous support for our tamariki and we just want to say thank you! Also a big thanks to Whaea T for coaching our year 7/8 team and of course Mrs. Hayes for the management of our Netball crews.

Bring on 2025!



## EPETOMA O TE REO MĀORI KŪKI 'AIRANI COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK!

“Ātui’ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga.”

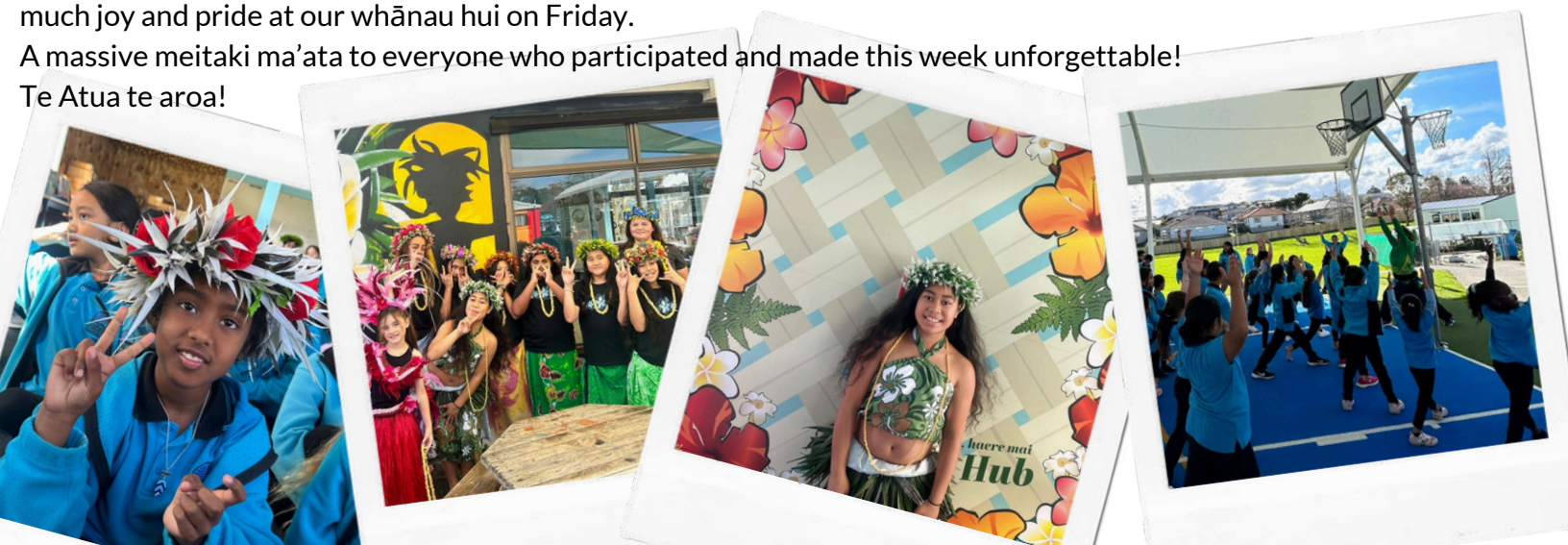
“Connect me to the canoe of my tribe’.”

Kia Orāna kōtou kātoatoa!

This week, our school proudly celebrated Cook Island Language Week. We immersed ourselves in the vibrant culture by sharing stories, teaching the language, Cook Island Zumba with Whaea Augustine and embracing the beautiful colors and traditions of the Cook Islands. The highlight of the week was our tamariki performing with so much joy and pride at our whānau hui on Friday.

A massive meitaki ma’ata to everyone who participated and made this week unforgettable!

Te Atua te aroa!



## 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 [lance@harveyshomes.co.nz](mailto:lance@harveyshomes.co.nz) for further info, mention Don Buck Primary Incentive.



# UPDATE FROM MR. STIRLING



Kia ora whānau

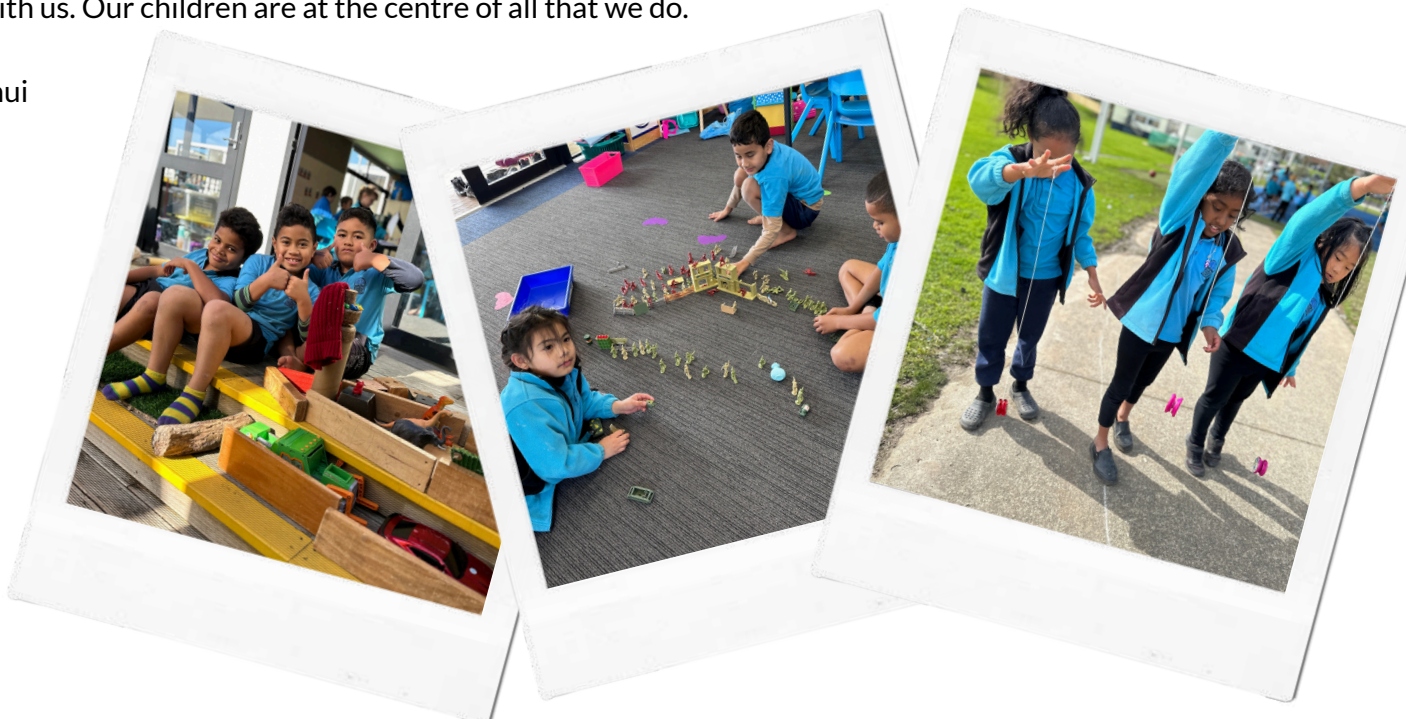
Welcome to the latest edition of our Te Tūhono school magazine. It is always a great pleasure to share with you the exceptional things that have been happening at our school over the last few weeks.

This term we have all been marvelled by the Paris Olympics. All our classes have enjoyed taking a deep dive into all things Olympics related from supporting our NZ Team through to learning more about the countries competing and the events that we have been watching. It's been amazing to see the range of activities happening in classes. From making olympic torches to reading all about the history of the games, to undertaking Olympic inspired maths we've done it all. It has also been a great opportunity for our classes to make the most of the good weather and get outside to try out some of the Olympic sports.

At the beginning of this term we opened up our new reception /new entrant classroom which has been so exciting. Mrs Hayes has moved from our Year 5 class to lead this incredible class of new to DBS learners. With Mrs Hayes moving classes we have welcomed the incredible team of Mrs Feasey and Mr Shpherd into Ruma Whitu to teach our Year 5s for the remainder of the year. This move was necessary due to our ever increasing role and we are happy that we have been able to reduce class sizes, particularly for our youngest learners. A big thank you to Mrs Hayes, Mrs Feasey and Mr Shepherd for making this change so seamlessly, and a big well done to our tamariki who have embraced these changes. Great mahi tahi!

As ever keep connecting with your child's teacher. Home /school partnerships are most important to us so let's keep connecting and we are always available if you have any concerns or issues you would like to talk through with us. Our children are at the centre of all that we do.

Ngā mihi nui





# DBS COMMUNITY UPDATE



## MATUA / FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE!

From Week 5 onwards (19th August onwards) We will start selling tickets through the office for our special Father's Day raffle! We will be sharing with the community the special prizes that can go towards a matua/father/uncle/grandfather in your life that means the most to you!

We look forward to also celebrating our Matua the Friday before Father's Day on 30th August at a special assembly. We can't wait to see you there!



## 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](http://www.donbuck.schooldocs.co.nz)



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## UNIFORM UPDATE! - TERM 4 SCHOOL HATS - ORDER SOON!

We are excited to share that our new school logo is finally making its way onto our uniforms! We can't wait to have the colour being spread around our school.

With term 4 coming up we will be asking all of our tamariki to have a school hat during the break times to protect themselves from the hot NZ sun. We will have more information out about these as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to connect in at school.

<https://www.schooluniform.co.nz/collections/don-buck-primary-school>



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We would also like your most recent email address so please let us know of any updated emails by emailing [office@donbuck.school.nz](mailto:office@donbuck.school.nz)

