

# TE TŪHONO

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**WEEKS 1 - 3**

**TERM 4 2024**



**UPCOMING KEY DATES**

Waka Athletics  
Week 4  
Friday 8 November

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Wednesday 20 November  
Thursday 21 November

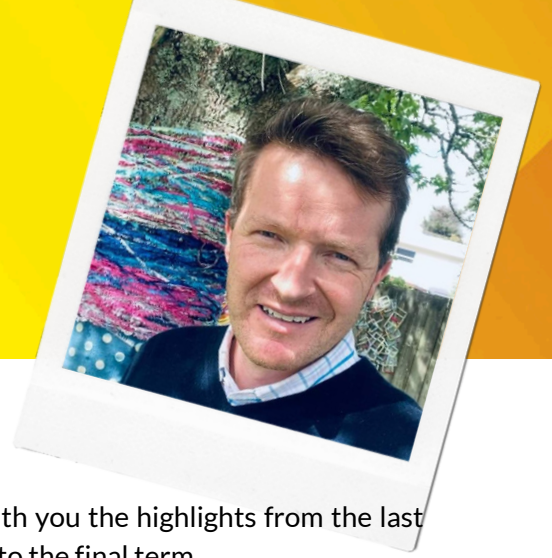
Colour Run / Waka Bake Sale  
Thursday 28 November

Teacher Only Day  
Friday 29 November  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

Variety Gala  
Saturday 8 December  
10am - 2pm



# UPDATE FROM MR. STIRLING



Kia ora whānau

Welcome to our latest edition of Te Tuhōno. We are excited to share with you the highlights from the last few weeks at our awesome kura. I can't believe we are already 3 weeks into the final term.

The performing arts continues to go from strength to strength at our school. I was reminded just today how confident our children are at practicing a dance, a cultural performance, or a song. I was showing a new family around our school and as we walked around we saw at least 5 dance and performance groups rehearsing and practicing outside in the sun, in classrooms, or in cloak bays. I was blown away by the confidence and care shown by our tamariki along with their amazing natural ability. The 3 incredible waka celebration hui this term have been filled with incredible song and dance and with so much performance opportunities ahead of us before the end of the year we are all excited to see our tamariki shine.

We were incredibly proud of how brightly our performers at WestFest shone this week. 86 of our children participated at this huge event at the Kumeu Showgrounds in front of really big audiences. Our Pasifika Group, Kapa Haka Group and Filipino Group did our kura so proud with their performances that highlighted the incredible talent that lives at our school. It was an incredible day and we are already looking forward to next years event where we aspire to take even more groups and children along. A big thank you to Whaea Hilary, Miss Lemusu, and Mr Shepherd for your tireless work organising this event. Also great mahi tahi to our wider kura whānau and community for all your help making the event such a success.

With so many events coming up between now and the end of term we are all looking forward to connecting and celebrating with you the tino pai progress and success that has been the 2024 school year.





# TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 29th November

# SCHOOL CLOSED

We will be closing the school for our teachers to review  
2024 and look ahead to the new curriculum for 2025



# LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

FRIDAY  
13TH  
DECEMBER

# VARIETY GALA 2024



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**Food  
Stalls**

**Raffle Draws**

**Bake Sale**

**Saturday 7th  
December  
10am - 2pm**

**Pony Rides**

**Food Trucks**

**Inflatable  
Games**

**Carboot Sales!**

*Book a spot to setup your own carboot sale  
for \$20.00 more info to come!*

*Come along to enjoy our performances, food  
and purchase some creative crafts from our  
tamariki!*

*Check out our website for details:  
[www.donbuck.school.nz](http://www.donbuck.school.nz)*



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# 2024 WAKA ATHLETICS

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

WAKA



WAKA



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WAKA



Get your Waka Colours ready!  
Whānau come along...more details to come!



# 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.



## TERMS 1 AND 4 - DON BUCK SCHOOL HATS

Please make sure that your child has a Don Buck School hat during term 1 and 4. Due to our sun safety policy we require all tamariki to have a Don Buck School uniform hat to ensure they're staying safe during these hot summer months.

You can purchase these hats from the office or online for \$16.50.

If your child is not wearing a school hat we will be asking them to stay inside or in our designated shade spot during all break times.

We are also encouraging tamariki to leave these at school each day so they have them at school. They do not need to be wearing them home.





## 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 3. 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 4 we are looking to have 1 waka bake sale which will land on our school Colour Run Day! So we look forward to having your support yet again for the term ahead!



# Term 4 Waka Bake Sale

Week 7  
Thursday 28/11

WAKA  
**KAIHA**

WAKA  
**MANAKI**

WAKA  
**TOA**

WAKA  
**MANA**

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## DBS AT WESTFEST 2024!

On Wednesday 30th October our kura at the privilege of sharing the stage with a number of other schools from our local community! This was a chance to showcase their talent and their cultural pride on the big stage in front of hundreds of people at Kumeu Showgrounds. We had our Pasifika, Filipino and Kapa Haka groups performing and we could not have been more proud of their hardwork, effort and final performan on the day! Truly exceptional! A huge shout out to Whaea Hilary, Ms. Lemusu and Mr. Shepherd for all the hard mahi that went into the build up to the day!







# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## CONGRATULATIONS TO WAKA MANA - TERM 3 CHAMPS!

A huge well done to the whānau of Waka Mana who took out last terms Winning Waka!  
This term it is everythig to play for, as we strive for the chance for our winning waka to go on our annual  
Winning Waka trip to Parakai pools!

<b>2024 OVERALL POINTS - TERM 3</b>	
<b>MANA</b>	<b>346,207</b>
<b>TOA</b>	<b>338,223</b>
<b>MANAKI</b>	<b>312,738</b>
<b>WAKA</b>	<b>263,061</b>



## 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.



# DBS COMMUNITY UPDATE



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT!**

We want to take this section of our Te Tuhono to thank the whānau who have been so supportive throughout this term. From giving your time to trips, donating to transport, to coaching teams and especially for being apart of our celebration hui on a Friday each week!

We love seeing you there and we hope to see more of you as the weather warms up and we reach the end of an epic year at DBS!



## 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)



Policies and Procedures



Seesaw

## CONTACT US

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Facebook: @DBSPRIMARY

## KEEP UPDATED WITH US ONLINE

To see weekly updates or daily changes that may impact our whole school, please keep an eye on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DBSPRIMARY](https://www.facebook.com/DBSPRIMARY) or Website [www.donbuck.school.nz](http://www.donbuck.school.nz). 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)



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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

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>



Looking at the property market and needing someone to guide you on your journey? Contact local realtor Lance Beddoes

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## KEEP UPDATED WITH US ONLINE

To see weekly updates or daily changes that may impact our whole school, please keep an eye on our Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/DBSPPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/DBSPPrimary) or Website [www.donbuck.school.nz](http://www.donbuck.school.nz).

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)

