

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

Kia ora. Welcome to the start of the 2018 school year. We trust everyone has had an enjoyable break and great family time over the festive season and summer holidays. We look forward to an excellent 2018 school year.

Our newsletters are sent home each fortnight (on a Wednesday) from the first week of each term. They are also emailed (so please ensure the office has the most up-to-date email for your family) and are available on the school website www.drury.school.nz

Today we welcomed 20 new students to our school. A very warm welcome to their families also. We trust they will enjoy their association with our school and community.

2018 TERM DATES:

Term 1	Wednesday 31 Jan	-	Friday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April	-	Friday 6 July
Term 3	Monday 23 July	-	Sat 29 Sept (Calf Club)
Term 4	Monday 15 October	-	Friday 14 December

STAFFING:

Congratulations to Mrs Lam and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby son Arlo earlier this month.

A very warm welcome also to our new teaching staff:

Mrs Karen Edwards	- Year 3/4 Team Leader
Mrs Dawn Blomfield	- Year 4
Miss Ranita Prasad	- Year 5
Mrs Trish Owen	- Year 5
Mrs Sharon Aislabie	- Year 7/8
Mr Wouter Vermeulen	- Year 7/8



Our full staff list for the coming year is as follows:

Year 1-2 Syndicate:

Room 12	Mrs April Van Dam (Tuesday - Friday)	
	Mrs Lynne Penney (Monday)	Yr 1/NE
Room 2	Mrs Sue Carpenter (Deputy Principal/Team Leader)	Yr 1
Room 3	Ms Kay Kennedy	Yr 2
Room 11	Miss Tanya Glengarry	Yr 2
Room 6	Miss Donnelle McNab	Yr 2

Year 3-4 Syndicate:

Room 4	Mrs Stephanie Meier	Yr 3
Room 5	Mrs Pauline Patrick	Yr 3
Room 7	Mrs Karen Edwards (Team Leader)	Yr 3/4
Room 8	Mrs Dawn Blomfield	Yr 4
Room 19	Mrs Tessa Wicks	Yr 4

Year 5-6 Syndicate:

	Miss Julie Glasson - Assistant Principal/Team Leader	
Room 13	Miss Ranita Prasad	Yr 5
Room 14	Mrs Trish Owen	Yr 5
Room 17	Mrs Katherine Robinson (Mon-Thur) Music Teacher (Friday)	Yr 6
Room 18	Mrs Jill Coleman (Term 1)	Yr 6

Year 7-8 Syndicate:

Room 9	Mr Wouter Vermeulen	Yr 7 & 8
Room 10	Miss Paula McMullen (Team Leader)	Yr 7 & 8
Room 16	Mrs Sharon Aislabie	Yr 7 & 8

Part Time Teachers:

Mrs Judy Glasson	Management Release Rm 2
Mrs Jilly Leger	Management Release Rm 10 Groups/Library/Sports
Mrs Felicity Spick	CRT
Mrs Jude Clement	Yr 5 - 8 Reading Boost/FPS Te Reo/Gifted & Talented
Mrs Lynne Penney	Room 12 Monday/CRT
Mrs Margaret Morris	Yr 1- 4 Reading Boost
Mrs Joyce Trafford	Management Release Rm 7
Mrs Megan Hart	CRT (Term 1)

Ancillary:

Mrs Suzanne Henley	School Secretary
Mrs Margaret Seys	Executive Officer
Mr Bruce Ireland	Property Manager
Mrs Mary Lea	Library
Mrs Deb Hobson	IT Technician
Mrs Janine Sanford	Teacher Aide/Learning Assistant
Mrs Glenda Welsh	Teacher Aide/Learning Assistant
Mrs Debbie Lucie-Smith	Teacher Aide/Learning Assist.
Mrs Joanna Waters	Teacher Aide/Learning Assistant
Mrs Sally Arvidson	Teacher Aide/Learning Assistant
Mrs Theresa Parker	School Chaplain

SWIMMING:

- Swimming is an essential part of the curriculum this term and all students are expected to participate to the best of their ability. **If your child can't participate on any given day for medical reasons, a note from their parent or caregiver is expected.** Please assist your child to be organised with their swimming gear on the days their class is timetabled to swim.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named as items often get misplaced when changing for swimming.**
- Year 3-6 students will have "Swim For Life" coaching during Weeks 3 & 4.
- School swimming sports for Year 5-8 students will take place at the Massey Park pools on Friday 16 February** (week 3).

MUSIC LESSONS:

- Musiqhub lessons continue to be on offer. For drum lessons contact paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz or phone 022 198 0044. **There will be a drum "Have A Go" session in the hall at 8.30am on February 13 for any potential drum students and their parents.**
- Guitar or Ukulele lesson interest should be directed to Lih Foo lih.foo@musiqhub.co.nz or 021 207 6231.
- For Keyboard lessons, contact Ken from Music in Schools on 273 3411

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

PLEASE READ

- **ATTENDANCE:** Please note that all students should attend school every day unless there is a verifiable reason for their absence. **Being on time for school is also extremely important** and avoids any disruption and loss of learning time.
- **ABSENCES:** Likewise, if your child is going to be absent from school, it is YOUR responsibility to inform the office as soon as possible. Please either phone and leave a message or utilise the "Absentee" facility on the school website. Unfortunately unexplained absences default to "Truant" on the computerised records. If your child is late, they will need to report to the office on arrival to update their attendance status for the day.
- **COMMUNICATION:** An effective partnership between school and parents is essential in your child's education. Please remember to communicate if you have any matters regarding your child's welfare or progress. The first call should be the child's classroom teacher.
If your home address, phone number, email address or emergency contact people have changed, please inform the school office so these details can be updated.
- **SCHOOL HATS:** All students must wear a Drury School hat when outside during Terms 1 & 4. Obviously UV levels are very high at present. Hats are \$12 each and are available from the school office or online.
- **SCHOOL UNIFORMS:** Please ensure you refer to the sizing chart when ordering and allow 3-5 days for delivery. Available online from www.argyleonline.co.nz. Black shoes or sandals are footwear permitted with our school uniform. Any hair ties must be green or black.
- **MEDICAL INFORMATION:** The school office holds detailed information (and often medicine) for the health and safety of individual students who have particular medical conditions, allergies etc. It is essential that parents notify the office and ensure that medical information is kept up to date. If your child has an inhaler held at the office, please ensure this is also current and has not expired.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS:

As an integral part of Drury School's Travelwise programme, our two walking school buses will continue to operate again this year.



- Route 1 leaves from the corner of Gatland Road and Great South Road every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** morning @ 8.10am.
- Route 2 leaves from the corner of Waihoehoe Road and Fitzgerald Road every **Wednesday & Friday** morning @ 8.10am. This bus also picks up any children who want to walk to school from the end of Tui Street (behind the Drury Shops). Meet there at 8.25am. There is plenty of parking on Tui Street.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tues 6 Feb	Waitangi Day - NO SCHOOL
Mon 12 Feb	Swim For Life programme commences for Year 3-6 classes
	FODS Meeting @ 7pm
Fri 16 Feb	Swimming Sports Yr 5-8 @ Massey Pool
Mon 19 Feb	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Tues 20 Feb	FODS "Meet The Teacher/Family Fun BBQ" evening at school
Thurs 22 Feb	Yr 8 HPV vaccinations
Thurs 1 Mar	ECCS Swimming Sports
Mon 12 Mar	Year 8 EOTC Camp @ Katikati
Mon 19 Mar	FODS AGM @ 7pm
Fri 23 Mar	FODS Mufti Day
Tues 27 Mar	3-Way Conferencing (Yr 1-4)
Wed 28 Mar	3-Way Conferencing (Yr 5-8)
Fri 30 Mar - Tues 3 April	EASTER
Fri 13 April	Ride To School & End of Term 1
<i>Further events will be advised once finalised</i>	

RIDE TO SCHOOL - VEHICLES REQUIRED

Ride to School 2018 will take place on **13 April** this year. We are after any parents, friends of pupils, relations or neighbours who own a "cool" vehicle which they would be keen to supply as a ride. **We are after vehicles which may be slightly unusual, rare, classic etc.** If you can help, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Mark Bolton via his email address: cyndi_mark@xtra.co.nz

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ Be it a matter of great or small
do it well or not at all ”

Nga mihi

Clive Morris - Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following activities take place in the Drury School hall each week:

TAEKWONDO (Adults & Children): Monday and Thursday each week from 6.00 - 7.30pm. Contact Joseph 021 195 1195

FIT360 (Boxing/Circuit Training for Adults): Every Tuesday from 6.30 - 7.30pm. Contact Tammie 027 234 5900

KARATE (Children): Thursdays after school 3.15 - 4.15pm. Email Penny on cheketrikarate@gmail.com



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