Panui Tau Wha Wahanga o te tau toru 13 Hepetema 2019  
  
Kia Ora Whanau.

Celebrating Maori Language week here this year, also gave us the opportunity to enjoy Hangi. We wish to thank Keri and Moana for offering this service to us. The school had a lovely yummy food smell on Wednesday and Thursday.  
Our Kapa Haka groups put on little concerts that the audiences really enjoyed. We love, respect and treasure our Whaea Leslie. Her own children were once pupils of this school, so it’s like Whaea Leslie has never left us.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Don Buck Primary School has the opportunity to review our local, school curriculum. We would like input from our school community so we design a local curriculum that responds to the vision, needs, and hopes of the whole school community.

**“I see the (national) curriculum as the bones and what schools have to do is put the meat around them, the muscles, and then get the heart pumping.” (Principal)**

We are consulting with families to collect feedback and gain some shared understandings about what teaching, learning and assessment should look like at our school. This will then guide any future planning.

We will gather the feedback via a survey. The survey is voluntary.

We only need one survey per family.

The website link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8MC3H95>

The social media (inc. Facebook) link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8MSLGKD>

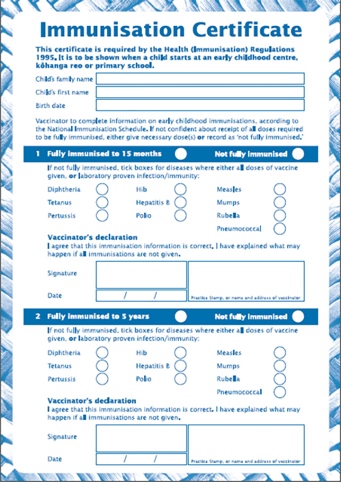
We have also supplied a hard copy of the survey with this newsletter if you prefer to respond in writing.

We ask that comments and ideas are constructive. We would like families to see this as a positive opportunity to contribute practical ideas and comments.

Don Buck School

Board of Trustees

This term finishes on Friday 27th September.  
We only have two weeks left of school and then your children will be on holiday for two weeks. We are all tired. Many of us have been sick with winter bugs.

School is also being vigilant in watching for or hearing of the measles virus getting to our school. Bring in your child’s immunisation certificate if you haven’t done so. We contacted you if we had no proof here that your child isn’t immunised. In the event of cases being diagnosed here you will be required to keep your unimmunised children at home for 10 days. The ten days absent from school is quarantine for your child in case they have picked up the virus.

Those pupils with proof of immunisation will attend school as usual.

**BULLYING**  
Bullying in school, or anywhere, is an unacceptable social behaviour that requires addressing.  
The power of great parenting and school being open to managing this so all parties involved feel supported, is the key to changing our children’s mindset about kindness and empathy.

Recently I had to contact a parent. Their child had bullied another.  
Mum listened to me, we agreed that there are 2 sides to a story, so we met here at school. A good school investigates objectively and informs the parties involved of the process.  
Mum, listened to me. We agreed she would take her child home for a chat and get back to me. The mum took time to parent and take in the situation which was really important.  
Next day mum called. She wanted to meet with me, with her child present. We met.

“Mrs Murray, we have talked at home. Dad is sad, I’m sad, that you told us our child bullied another. You are right Mrs Murray, they did bully.”  
Turning to her child she repeated “You bullied that person. We can’t go around bullying .If I was the mum of the other kid I’d be really angry you did that. Dad and I know we need to get you help.”  
‘’Mrs Murray, can you suggest something please?” Together we worked out a plan, because good parents, parent well. Their child watched home and school come together to help.

Thanks to excellent parenting, that child learnt that wrongs can be fixed.

That mistakes are lessons. That mum and dad knew help was needed

and were not going to defend their child’s behaviour but would help them

when they needed it.

The family accepted the punitive element of the bullying, which is a stand down from school.  
Oh, and the bully and the victim found they have lots in common and are best friends now.  
If you know your child has bullying tendencies, it’s really, really important you get onto this. We usually talk more about victims. We need to talk about the bullies. We need to be honest about our children’s anger or negative behaviours. Leaving the bad behaviour to be part of the family way is not helping our child’s future friendship choices. School can always step in and work with you. It takes a village to raise a child.

TERM 4 DATES - Monday 14th October to Friday 20th December

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Massey High School’s Applications for 2020 Student Enrolment are now live online!

The link is as follows:

[**https://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/enrolments/2020-students-application-for-enrolment**](https://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/enrolments/2020-students-application-for-enrolment)

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