

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

EXCEPTIONAL TOGETHER COMMUNITY EVENING!

In **Week 8, Thursday 23rd March** we will be holding our very special Motuhake Tahi / Exceptional Together Community evening. This will be a chance for us to share with you the journey and plan ahead for our school, see student performances, take part in games and some time to connect together as a Don Buck School whānau! So save the date and there will be more info to come!

UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to get new uniform or connected with us with any questions or issues around uniform.

This is a reminder about what our uniform is and how having exceptional uniform will help make us an exceptional team.

Don Buck School Hat, Don Buck Blue Shirt, Black Trousers / Shorts (without any clear brands or labels) and black shoes.

We are currently ordering more uniform to sell from the office so will update you when we have a new supply of stock.



SHARING YOUR BUSINESS, CLUB OR COMMUNITY GROUP!

Do you have a business you would like to share? A club that you would like to get more involvement in? Or even a community group you would like to grow? Our Te Tūhono newsletter could be a great place to advertise and share to our amazing Don Buck community.

If you have anything in particular you would like to share please make contact with Mr. Hohaia at heydon@donbuck.school.nz and we can arrange to have you in our special termly newsletter.

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 or Website 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



Week 5 Term 1 2023

TE TŪHONO

Your kura, your newsletter.

Te Tuhono means "To Connect" in Te Reo Maori and this newsletter is your way to connect with what is happening in your kura.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

WELCOME BACK FROM MR. STIRLING!

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to 2023 at our kura. I hope we are all safe and well and ready for an incredible year at Don Buck.

I apologise that we are sending this newsletter out a little later in the term than we would have liked. The floods and Cyclone Gabrielle have had a significant impact on our school and we have had to focus on ensuring our school is a safe and healthy place for our children, staff, and whānau to be. As a consequence of damage caused by the floods we have had to move our Year 4 - 6 classes to temporary classrooms as we repair the damage to these learning spaces. I want to say a big thank you to all the children and staff in this area of the school for their flexibility and patience as we worked through this process.



We are so excited to get our term underway and what a start it has been. The main focus for all our staff has been to get to know our tamariki and particularly to find out about their passions and interests. We want to offer our children as wide a range of learning experiences as possible for them to engage and connect with. To do this we are passionate about getting to know our children as much as we can.

We all really enjoy catching up with you our parents and caregivers before and after school. This is such a great opportunity to learn a little more about your children so that we can respond to your child's needs in ever more effective ways. If you have time, pop into school at these times and catch up with your child's teacher.

And finally, with so much going on at our kura it is really important to keep you all up to date with events and key school dates. We are using the seesaw app to do this. Seesaw is a secure app which enables your child to share their learning experiences with you. If you haven't already please connect to your child's seesaw class as a family member. If you need help doing this your child's teacher will be more than happy to explain to you how to do this.

Ngā mihi nui
Sandy Stirling
Tumuaki - Principal

KEY DATES



Water Skills Begins
Week 6
Monday 6th March

Waka Navigator
Announcement
Week 7
Friday 17th March

Community Open
Evening
Week 8
Thursday 23rd March

Parent Teacher
Interviews
Week 9
Thursday 30th March

WEEK 1-5 ACROSS THE KURA!

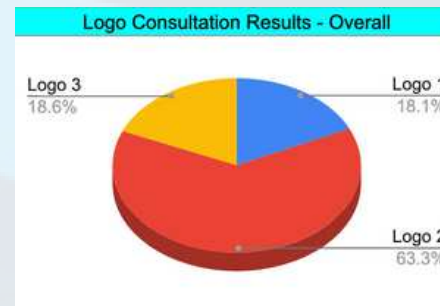
OUR UPDATED SCHOOL LOGO

After a big 2022 of shaping our kura for the next three years...we have arrived at 2023. This year we started off by sharing with you some final design ideas to update our school logo to reflect our new vision, to visually show the plan for our school and create an image that brings colour, vibrancy and excitement. After consultation with staff, students and whānau we collected over 200 votes which led to one overwhelming favourite that will now be our school logo moving forward from today. Thank you so much for all of your tremendous feedback, ideas why you chose the design you chose and just the time put into this important decision for our kura.



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SCHOOL**

MOTUHAKE TAHI
exceptional together



INTRODUCING MISS LEMUSU!

Talofa lava everyone, My name is Patricia Lemusu and I have just joined Don Buck Primary School. I love being a teacher and helping our children discover learning opportunities to develop their growth and further prepare for their future. I am super excited to get to learn about the amazing children in our kura and work alongside our wonderful staff to help our community.



YEAR 7 /8 TECH IN SCHOOL FOR 2023!

This year our year 7/8 team is on a journey to build a strong team, where we find our sparks and launch our ideas! Our focus this year is to provide a range of different experiences to all of our tamariki so that they may be interested to explore deeper projects in terms of construction, dance, visual art, design, music, sports...what ever comes to mind! We have been lucky enough to have Mr. Keegan and Mrs. Booth run construction workshops with us to explore design and construction techniques as we have been creating our very own land yachts. We can't wait to see what ideas are sparked and Launched into our school community this year.



THE HEROES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Over the past few weeks our amazing junior tamariki have been exploring the amazing people that serve our community. We have had St. John's come in to share how we can take care of the people in our lives if they are ever hurt and need help. We also had the Police visit school giving us a special tour of their Police car and sharing about all they do to keep our community and people safe.



CONNECTING IN WITH SEESAW!

In 2023 we are growing our digital connection with our community. To have a place to share what our amazing tamariki are learning, to connect and share important notices and announcement directly to your phone!

If you haven't already please connect to your child's Seesaw account by getting in touch with your child's teacher. We can't wait to connect together online with you all!



PICTURES FROM ACROSS THE KURA!

