

# TE TŪHONO

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**DON BUCK  
SCHOOL**

**MOTUHAKE TAHI**  
*exceptional together*

**WEEK 5 - 7**  
**TERM 2 2023**



## KEY DATES

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday 23rd May

Year 8 Massey High  
School Visit  
Thursday 25th May

Whānau Hui - After school care  
Thursday 25th May

Samoan Language Week  
29th May - 2nd June

King's Birthday  
Monday 5th June

# DBS TEAM UPDATE!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

### Charne Enslin - Teacher Aide

Kia Ora everyone. My name is Charné Cloete and I am so excited to be a part of Don Buck school whānau. My husband and my two little boys that I absolutely adore, moved to NZ recently. It's my passion to work with children, every child I work with, each unique in their own way. In my spare time you will find me outdoors enjoying the nature with my family



### Candice Ferris - Garden 2 Table / Te Mahi Kai (Preparing Food)

Hi, my name is Candice Ferris and I am working with our seniors. Through the Garden to Table model we are encouraging our kura to learn some life skills both in the garden and in the kitchen. My focus is on practical cooking and kitchen skills as well as trying new foods and flavours. Kia Ora!



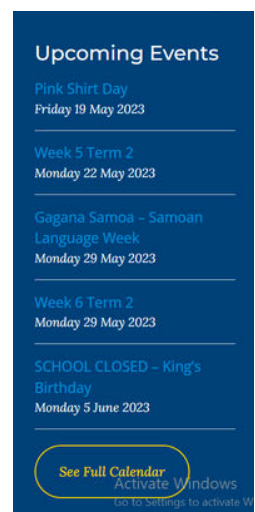
## DBS STAFF FIRST AID COURSE

A huge thank you to all of our whānau out there for supporting our early finish on Thursday last week. It was a huge help in order for our staff to have the time to update their first aid certificates. We are now upskilled and ready for any scenario should it occur while at school or off site on a trip. Thank you once again!



## UPDATE OF OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE!

It is with great excitement that we share with you about some mahi that has been going on in the background of our school over the past few months. We have finally updated our school website! This is updated to match the visuals of our school environment, connect to how we do what we do and a space to share the vibrancy and exceptional of our tamariki. An important aspect of it as well is the ability to check out the school calendar which has all the key upcoming dates. Keep this close to keep up to date with upcoming events and activities. Check it out at [www.donbuck.school.nz](http://www.donbuck.school.nz)







## GARDEN 2 TABLE AT DBS!

We've started a new program called Garden 2 Table! This program was created by Mrs. Ferris and Whaea Steff. Many senior kids volunteered to join in the new program! This is a program where you can learn how to do gardening and cooking! You also get your own garden 2 table book and you even get to eat what you have created! On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, you can see us cook in our Community Hub by the Super Top Court! We are all divided into groups of 12 and have turns doing gardening and cooking. We are very excited to share Garden 2 Table to you!

*Written by Larmina (Ruma Iwa) and Liam (Ruma Tekau)*



## YEAR 7 / 8 FOOTBALL TEAM!

On Tuesday of Week 4 our Year 7/8 tamariki showed their tremendous teamwork and skills out on the football field. We took 2 amazing teams, one boys team and one girls team. It was so good to see our tamariki take part in a sport they may not always play, develop their teamwork, communication and building their bond as a year 7/8 whānau group.

Our boys team came away closely drawing all of their games and our girls team came away with 2 wins and 1 loss and finished 2nd in their pool!

We love to see our tamariki try new things and encourage each other to try their best when taking risks. Really proud of their exceptional effort!





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## WHAEA CELEBRATION DAY!

On Friday the 14th of May we hosted a Whaea day celebration for all the powerful and amazing women our students are lucky to have.

We had an afternoon of face painting by our talented year 7 and 8 students, and incredible dances performed by Ruma Rua and Ruma Tekau Ma Rua. We then put on a delicious grazing platter for our whaea to enjoy while our year 7 and 8 judges taste tested our bake off entries! Congratulations to , Flynn and Zevan's grandmother for taking home a bag full of goodies for winning the bake off! Your butterfly cupcakes were loved by everyone.

Thank you to Mr Shephard for organising a fun game for our Whaea to enjoy with their children.

We also had a beautiful photobooth set up by Whaea Stevony.

It was great to have such an amazing atmosphere where our Whaea were celebrated for all that they do.

Miss Bates and Miss G







## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

This term the Waka Leaders have been up to some fun. Last Thursday we went to the national young leaders program which happens every year, it happens at the Due Drop Event Center in Manukau. Many different schools across Auckland and around about 1000 students were there. We started off playing a game called giant volleyball, and the stadium was separated into two sections to see who would win.

Then the first speaker came out, his name was Brad Smeele, who was a quadriplegic he was awesome. Brad said that he used to wakeboard but after his accident he turned to inspire people. His message to us was to never give up. There was also Julia Grace, who talked about mental health, Graci Kim who talked about book writing, how she got bullied because of her race in school, how she persevered through it and how you can use kindness as a weapon against bullying.

Then we had Georgia Lines who spoke about how to succeed in what you believe in. Finally DJ Forbes, who spoke about how to be a great leader, and that a good leader leads people but a great leader makes other leaders. We got so inspired that we came to school being better people! We can't wait to lead our school in the right direction.

*Written by Kristilly (Ruma Iwa) and Saanvi (Ruma Tekau)*

## PINK SHIRT DAY!

On Friday our kura stood together, spoke up and wore pink to stop bullying at our school! We came dressed in pink and celebrated Pink Shirt Day! It was a great time of celebration, fun and whanaungatanga. Throughout the week our school played games to bring their class team together, shared a colouring competition to share the message of kindness and decking out our class teams to see who the pinkest class was! Well done to all of our tamariki and our whānau supporting this very special day!





# UPDATE FROM MR. STIRLING



Kia ora e te whānau

I hope everyone is well and safe. The weather continues to have a massive effect on our everyday lives and hope everyone is getting through OK. It was truly amazing the support we received a few weeks ago when we had to close the school midway through the day due to the torrential rain.

We're mid way through an incredible term! We are excited through this latest edition of Te tūhono to share with you many of the exciting things that have been happening at our kura and share some exceptional learning experiences. With so much going on we want to keep you informed as much as possible with your child's progress. Keep checking out our regular posts on Seesaw which will give you a great insight as to the learning that is going on. You are always welcome to pop into school before and after school to check out your child's learning space and have a catch up with our teacher.

Our school role continues to grow and we have been very excited to welcome so many new tamariki and whānau. We are continually looking at our class sizes and learning spaces as we grow to make sure we provide an exceptional learning environment for our kids to learn in. We are so pleased to be able to be moving our Year 4 to 6 classes back into their newly refurbished classrooms. Ruma 6 and 7 have been refurbished inside after they were flooded back in January and we cannot wait to get using them again.

Great mahi tahi everyone!

Sandy Stirling





# DBS COMMUNITY UPDATE



## REBECCA OUR DBS GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

My name is Rebecca Dam and I hold both a Master of Counselling and a Bachelor of Education degree in Primary Teaching. I am excited to be joining the Don Buck team in the role of a Guidance Counsellor one day per week.

My aim in counselling is to empower my clients to develop their skills and ability to manage the situations or challenges they are faced with in everyday life. I have experience working with both adults and young people and am looking forward to getting to know the school community. I am a full member of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors and abide by their Code of Ethics.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child possibly engaging with a counsellor, please feel free to email with the Principal, Sandy Stirling.



## COME SUPPORT OUR DBS NETBALL!

With the colder months comes the chance for our DBS Netball teams to shine! Being led by Mrs. Hayes our year 5 - 6, year 7 and year 8 Netball teams are back to playing their weekly games, and it would be great to see our DBS community come along and support our tamariki as they share their exceptional sporting talents!

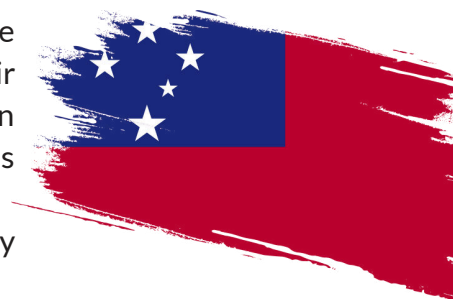
**When do they play?** - Year 5-6 - Monday nights. Year 7-8 Wednesday Nights at Te Pai Courts! We can't wait to see you there! Let's Go DBS!



## SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK!

Next week we will be coming together as a school to celebrate Samoan language week! We would love to invite our DBS aiga to come along to share their knowledge of their culture to help us learn and celebrate our amazing Samoan community. If you would like to come in please make contact with your child's teacher or contact us on the email below.

We will be having a special Samoan Language Week celebration assembly on Friday 2nd June. We can't wait to see you there!



## KEEP CONNECTED WITH SEESAW!

It has been amazing seeing our families connect in to each of our class' Seesaw pages. Please keep this app close as it will be the main way we will connect with you and share any key notices, updates and information. If you're unsure on how to sign up please make contact with your teacher or email the office below.



## CONTACT US

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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)





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## DBS COMMUNITY MEETING - AFTER SCHOOL CARE!

As our school grows its community services we value your voices as to what services you think our kura should or could provide. We are looking closely at how we could improve our services to be a true community service provider.

Join us for a cuppa and some afternoon tea this **Thursday 25th May 3:15 - 4:15pm** bring your ideas and suggestions with you, Your children will be cared for by staff.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

## HAVING EXCEPTIONAL 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), black shoes and DBS jacket.

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

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

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## 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](mailto:heydon@donbuck.school.nz) and we can arrange to have you in our special termly newsletter.

