

# TE TŪHONO

*Your pūra, your newsletter.*



**DON BUCK SCHOOL**

**KŌKIRI NGĀTAHI**  
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**WEEKS 5 - 8**  
**TERM 3 2024**



## UPCOMING KEY DATES

Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori  
Week 9

Monday - Friday  
16 - 20 September

Don Buck Sausage Sizzle  
Mitre 10 Westgate  
Saturday 14 September

Blue Light Disco  
Friday 20 September

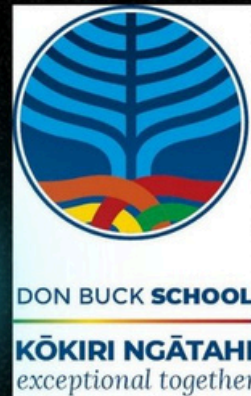
Waka Bake Sale  
Waka Kaha and Manaaki Whānau  
Thursday 26 September

Last day of Term 2  
Friday 27 September  
Close at 1pm





# DBS BINGO



WE ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF  
DBS BINGO! GET YOUR CREW TOGETHER  
FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHS & BINGO!  
**FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER**  
**DOORS OPEN 6:30PM**  
**FIRST GAME 7:00PM**

**PRICE: \$20 PER TICKET**  
**4 ROUNDS OF BINGO**

**VENUE: THE SWANSON RSA - 663 SWANSON ROAD, SWANSON**



**THIS IS AN R18 EVENT, WE ASK FOR NO CHILDREN ON-SITE PLEASE**

**ALL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.DONBUCK.SCHOOL.NZ/DBB-BINGO-NIGHT/](https://www.donbuck.school.nz/dbb-bingo-night/)**





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MITRE 10  
**MEGA**

WESTGATE

# \* BBQ

## *Sausage Sizzle*



**SUPPORT OUR  
SCHOOL TO RAISE  
MONEY FOR NEW  
SPORTS UNIFORMS!**

**OUR TAMARIKI  
WILL BE ON-SITE,  
SO COME DOWN  
AND SUPPORT!**

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**

8:30AM - 2:30PM

MITRE 10 WESTGATE  
95A NORTHSIDE DRIVE WHENUAPAI, WESTGATE

**[WWW.DONBUCK.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.DONBUCK.SCHOOL.NZ)**

# OUR RUMAKI AT DBS



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Tēnā koutou whānau,

Kia ora Don Buck School whānau,

I hope this message finds you all well. We are reaching out to gather your thoughts, ideas, and feedback on an exciting new proposal for our kura – the introduction of a **Rumaki** programme.

For those who may be unfamiliar, a **Rumaki** is a Māori immersion/bilingual class where the focus is on teaching and learning in te reo Māori and English, underpinned by the values and perspectives of Te Ao Māori. At Don Buck School, we see this as a key step in building a strong bi-cultural foundation that supports the growth of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori within our school and wider community.

However, we want this kaupapa to be led by the aspirations of **you**, our Don Buck | community. Your voice is vital in shaping this proposal, and we welcome any feedback, ideas, or suggestions you may have. We are committed to ensuring that this initiative reflects the needs and dreams of our tamariki, whānau, and wider school community.

Additionally, if you are interested in your tamariki joining the **Rumaki**, we would love to hear from you. At this stage, we are in the early planning phases and still gauging the best ages to begin this journey with.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with us, and we look forward to working together to bring this vision to life.

Ngā manaakitanga e tautoko,

Heydon Hohaia

Tumuaki Tuarua / Deputy Principal

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY ONLINE:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/VNJQVQWG9TFTPUEB9](https://forms.gle/VNJQVQWG9TFTPUEB9)**



# UPDATE FROM MR. STIRLING



Kia ora whānau

It's almost the end of another busy term at DBS. We hope you and your family are well and that you have enjoyed seeing your child make progress and enjoy their term. It has been an incredible term full of many learning experiences and memory making.

Term 3 is such a great term for teaching and learning. Our teachers are able to leverage off progress that has been made in the first half of the year to continue learning progress. Literacy and numeracy sessions and workshops are run to provide children new skills and strategies and further extend their knowledge and skills. It's amazing to see the progress that can be made in a few weeks.

This term we have focussed on offering our children fun and engaging trips and one off experiences. Every child has been on a school trip and you can check out some fantastic photos from these trips in this edition of Te Tūhono and on our facebook page. We have offered new learning experiences to our children in a range of areas such as DJ School, Dance groups, Volleyball, hands on technology, and music groups. Offering all our tamariki an ability to showcase and share their exceptional is so important to us. We thank our parent volunteers who have given their time to make many of these experiences possible.

On behalf of all our staff thank you so much for all your support and energy in what has been another great term. We hope you enjoy your holidays and hope to see many of you at our community Bingo night at the Swanson RSA next Friday the 20th of September!

Great mahi tahi everyone.





# 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.



## CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR OUR TAMARIKI DURING WET MONTHS

During these wet days, hopefully they will be ending soon! But we would appreciate if tamariki could please have a change of clothes in their bags just incase they find themselves wet during our break times.

We encourage tamariki to explore and play and sometimes this can lead to wet or muddy uniforms. So please ensure there is some spare clothes in their bag ready to go!







## 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 2. 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 3 we are looking to hold 2 bake sales one in Week 5 and one in Week 10. This time however we will be working together with another Waka to bring in the baked goodies!

**Week 5 Bake Sale** - Waka Toa and Waka Mana whānau

**Week 10 Bake Sale** - Waka Kaha and Waka Manaaki Whānau

We will send out further letters to you soon with greater detail!



**Term 3**  
**Waka Bake Sales**  
**Week 10**  
**Friday 27th Sept.**

W A K A

**KAHA**

W A K A

**MANAAKI**



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## KURA TEINA TRIP TO THE MUSEUM!

Our tamariki from Kura Teina (Years 1 - 3) made their way on a big trip of epic proportions to the Auckland Museum! They got to explore all the amazing things about the world of creepy crawly bugs, see the large volcano and even go into the volcano house! It was a huge day enjoyed by all, thank you to all of our whānau who came along to support and participate in the day!





## RUMA ONO AND WHITU SPACE EXPLORERS!

Our tamariki from Ruma Ono and Whitu (Year 4-5) got to be space explorers and went on a trip to the Auckland Stardome Observatory! This was a chance for them to explore even more the space beyond our world...the solar system! They got to see all the different constellations, explore the planets and even got to see a bottle rocket take off!



## DBS TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE! NORTHWEST SPEECH FINALS / CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our DBS seniors have been representing our school with pride in other areas than just sport! We had 2 amazing finalists for the Northwest Speech competition. Our Year 5/6 finalist was Blake from Ruma Whitu. Our Year 7/8 finalist was John from Ruma Tekau. John did great coming 2nd overall!

They both did so well being brave, having courage and delivering their speeches so well!

We also had our first Chess team compete against Royal Road school for the very first time in a long time! We had 7 amazing tamariki put their hands up and show their skills at the great game of chess. They were amazing competitors, and Elisaia from Ruma Waru came away with 3rd place! An exceptional achievement!

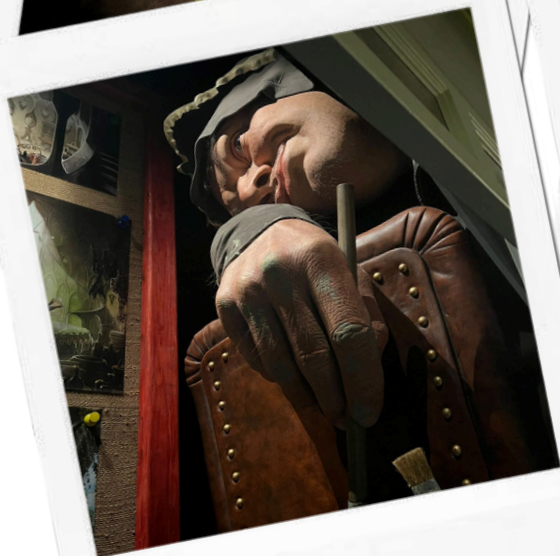
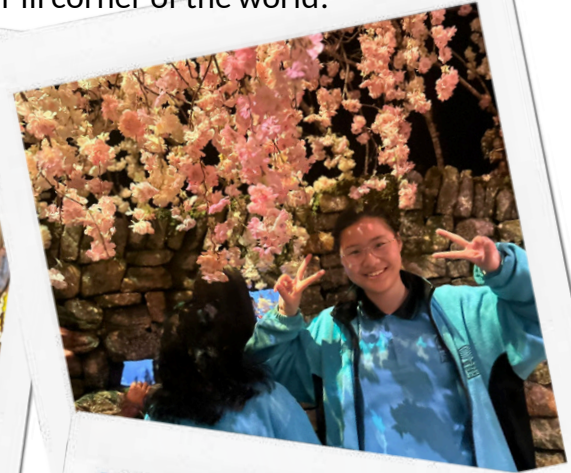
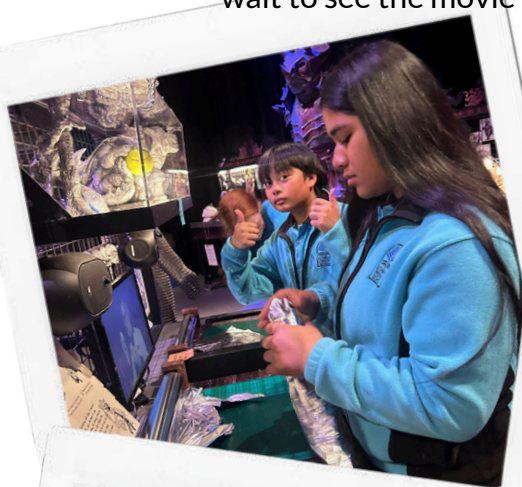




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## RUMA WARU, IWA AND TEKAU - FUTURE MOVIE MAKERS!

Our senior tamariki from Kura Tuakana went on a hikoi to the big city to explore the Weta Workshop Experience! This was a spark trip for the theme of their learning of "Out of This World..." A chance to see human imagination turned into real life, through set design, prop making, model making and movie magic! We can't wait to see the movie makers of the future coming from our lil corner of the world!





## 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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## 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



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

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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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).

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