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A Big welcome to the following students who have joined us at David Street School this week:

Sienna, Riley, Cove, Caleb, Graysn, Charlie M, Charlie B, Layson, Elias, Elliott, Sophia, Pippa, Hannah, Toa, Harrison, Rose, Charlotte, Layne, Via, August L, Rhyden, Ema, Sophie, Zinah, Ivy, Mackenzie, Harry, August F, Harvey, Kaia, Ruapani, Quinn, Zarek, Isabella, Coen, Nyah, Hunter and Kendrick. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Rawiri.

Tena koutou katoa.

Happy New Year to all of our DSS community. David Street School Staff and BOT would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who joined us this week. We hope that you all were all able to find some time for a happy summer break over the school holidays.

Our school has sprung to life once again with the sounds of joy and learning echoing through our classrooms and playgrounds. It is wonderful to see our children happy and adapting well to being back at school. Our new students have all fitted in so well and bring such warmth to our community.

#### Welcome to our new team members:

We welcome our new teachers, **Kyle Storey**, **Dom Lock** who have both joined the Senior Kowhai Team, and also **Emma Alemgeest**, teaching Juniors in Room 13. Many will already know Emma as an ex David Street School student, and was with us last year working alongside Janine Fiebig.

A special welcome also to our new kapa haka tutors. Both are teacher trainees, **Ranapia Keepa Ratahi** and **Tya Robinson**, and bring a wealth of Te Ao Maori knowledge and personal kapa haka high level performance experience.

We are extremely fortunate as a school community to welcome five such dedicated and highly competent teachers and tutors join our great team. We wish all new members, including children and their families, and staff, a happy and rewarding time with us.

#### New Leaders:

Congratulations to **Nicola Soffe** who has won the position of Team Leader in the Kowhai team. Nicola has been Acting Team Leader in the Kowhai team since April last year. Best wishes also to our other new leaders as shared at the end of last year... **Sarah Godsal**, Across School Leader in the Morrinsville Kahui Ako (2 days a week), **Caitlin Hazlehurst**, Team Leader of the Kauri Team (Middle School) and **Aimee McGall**, joining **Sam Niven** as Kahui Ako Within School Leader at David Street School.

We are a large team with 500 children, 74 staff, and a great many whānau and community helpers and supporters from time to time, yet we have a small school feel and a very warm, peaceful and 'serious about learning' culture. Our staff are proud to serve our communities children and their families.

#### COVID 19 Updates

We will continue to update our community through regular updates on Facebook, Hero, Hero App email, and our David Street School website as they come to hand. We do not intend to contribute to your information overload by repeating them all through this newsletter, however we ask that you regularly check for these updates.

In the meantime, we continuously evaluate and review all of our safety processes and practices.

Please keep your questions and feedback coming. It has been very reassuring and helpful.

#### Getting to know our Learners – Whakawhānaungatanga Meetings 2022

We are a COMMUNITY OF COURAGEOUS LEARNERS. Our teachers aspire every day to ensure that our learning programmes are engaging and exciting. An important part of this is getting to know a whanau's aspirations for their child and their learning.

These meetings are an opportunity to strengthen parent/school partnerships to help meet the learning needs of your child and to share family ideas on your child's interests and your aspirations for them over the next year and also answer any questions that you may have.

This year, because of being in Red settings, we will be doing things a little differently.

Meetings this year will be held with you and your child's teacher either by phone or video conference.

- o From next week, your child's teacher will be contacting you either via email or phone to arrange a suitable time.
- o Meeting times by phone or video conference will be held during week 3 or week 4 **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**
- o Next week a questionnaire will go out to parents. You do not have to send this back to school, it is a simple guide to some of the questions your child's teacher may want to know and things to think about.



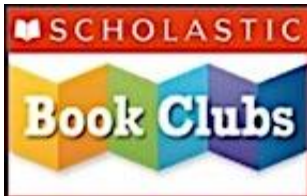
### David Street School Gardening Group – Swan Plants for Sale

The garden group plus some extremely enthusiastic year 3 children have some swan plants to sell. They grew the plants themselves from seeds and potted them up. Great to plant and watch the life cycle of a butterfly or would be good to feed anyone's hungry caterpillars! Plants are \$5 each

**Because of Red setting restrictions on people coming onsite, if you were wanting to purchase any plants, can you please send a note and money along with your child. They can drop the order and money straight to the school office.**

- Please include your child's name and classroom number on the note and what you would like to purchase.
- Children can bring the money and note to the school office.
- A small box or bag to carry them home would be appreciated.
- Orders will be made up and sent home on Friday

**Please note: There are limited plants for sale. If we sell out we will return your money to you via your child.**



Keep a look out for Scholastic Lucky Book Club brochures which will be coming home over the next couple of weeks. Or you can order online now at <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>  
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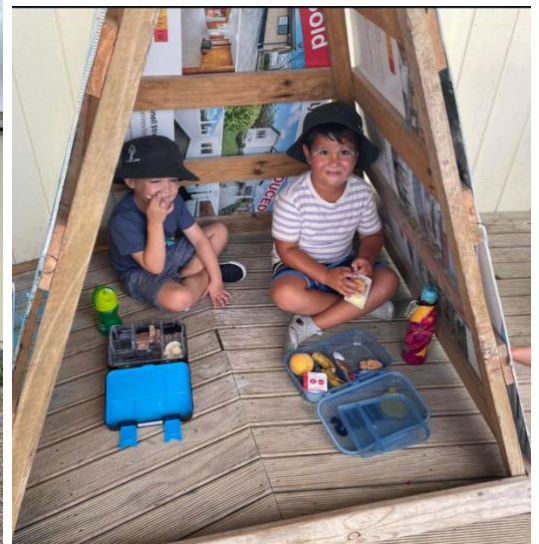
# Swimming

Swimming has begun this week. To make the most of this learning opportunity, please ensure children bring their togs and towel in a waterproof bag every day. Swimming is a requirement of the curriculum and an important part of our Physical Education programme. Send a note to your child's teacher if you wish to excuse your child from swimming on any given day.



### New Entrants

Here are a few photos from our Junior School. They are settling well into school life at David Street School.



### Morrinsville Junior Cricket Club

For any children years 5 – 8

Registrations and further information available via our facebook page



Morrinsville Junior Cricket Club  
morrinsville.junior.cricket@gmail.com



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Waitangi Day Observed Holiday

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Getting to Know our Learners

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

DSS Swimming Competition (Yr 3 – Yr 6) at the Morrinsville Recreation Grounds

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

DSS Swimming Carnival Swimming (Yr 3 – Yr 6) at the Morrinsville Recreation Grounds

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Teacher Only Day (COL Kahui Ako)  
*School closed to students*

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday  
School Closed

**Term 2 begins on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

# CARE FOR KIDS

## Job Vacancy

### Casual Childcare Worker/Assistant for Morning/After School/Holiday Programme.

David Street School is looking to appoint new Casual Assistants for the morning, after school and holiday programme 'Care for Kids'.

You will part of a team who will ensure the programme continues to run at a high level. Ideally you will have experience in working with children. Availability to work at short notice and/or a few afternoons a week would be advantageous.

A police check and safety check will be required. Full COVID Vaccines required.

For an application pack please see our website [https://www.davidst.school.nz/1/notice\\_areas/3-vacancies](https://www.davidst.school.nz/1/notice_areas/3-vacancies)

or you can email [careforkids@davidst.school.nz](mailto:careforkids@davidst.school.nz)

Alternatively text or call our Manager Pia on 0273691263.

## SCHOOL STAFF 2022

**Principal:** Brian Harrop

**Deputy Principal:** Michelle Fielding. **Deputy Principal:** Chris Marks

**Year 5-6 Team Leader:** Nicola Soffe

**Te Ao Marama Teachers:**

Nicola Soffe, Aimee McGall, Jocelyn Mitchell, Kayley Martin, Kyle Storey, Dom Lock

**Year 3-4 Team Leader:** Caitlin Hazelhurst

Room 7 Teacher: Owen Shanks

Room 8 Teacher: Sam Niven

Room 9 Teacher: Emma Moscrip

Room 10 Teacher: Sarah Godsall / Elysia Gunn

Room 11 Teacher: Shay Teague

Room 12 Teacher: Caitlin Hazlehurst

**Year 0-1-2 Team Leader:** Jo Keogh

Room 13 Teacher: Emma Alsemgeest

Room 14: Teacher Rebecca Bracey / Lisa Clark

Room 16 Teacher: Deb Priest / Susan Garrud

Room 17 & 18 Teacher: Laura Robinson, Maia Ikinofu, Ashley Johnston

Room 19 Teacher: Jo Keogh

Room 20 Teacher: Ashley Miller

Room 21 Teacher: Baylee Klenner

**Release Teachers:** Ange McWilliam, Julie Byers, Maia Ikinofu, Elysia Gunn, Suze Osborne, Emily Reid, Krystal Roskam,

**Te Ao Maōri:** Brenda Te Wiata, Susan Garrud

**SENCO & Learner Support Leader:** Sandy Harrop

**Learning Assistants:**

Adele Alsemgeest, Ang Martin, Anna Dewhurst,

Adri Venter, Cathie Peddie, Deidre Hampton,

Kerryanne Mosen, Linley McMillan, Monica Ward,

Paula Reid, Tessa Steenhoven, Wendy Borrie

**Kapa Haka Tutors:** Ranapia Keepa Ratahi and Tya Robinson

**Office Admin:**

email [office@davidst.school.nz](mailto:office@davidst.school.nz) Phone: 889-7780

**Office Manager:** Carey Burne

**Office Administrators:** Kirsten Woolridge, Janelle Nicholls, Marlene Foley

**Librarian:** Marlene Foley

**Caretakers:** Rob Downing, John Muir

**Road Patrol:** Suzanne Murfitt

**Care For Kids (After School Care & Holiday Programme):**

**Care For Kids Manager:** Pia Doughty

**On Site Manager:** Joshua Doughty

**Care For Kids Team:** Carol Hughes, Kerryanne Mosen, Kaz Bains, Courtney Blake, Grace Bloemendal, Paige Gotty, Danusia Mikkelsen, Tennessee Wynd, Tineke Buser, Mikayla Morgan

**For all queries regarding Care For Kids please email**

[careforkids@davidst.school.nz](mailto:careforkids@davidst.school.nz).

Alternatively text or call our Manager Pia on 0273691263.

## General School Information

### Contacting School:

If parents have any matters to discuss relating to your child, your first point of contact should be with the classroom teacher. Please email the teacher directly. Your child's teacher will then make contact with you.

### Absentees & Student Messages:

The school office is open each day from 8.00am. If your child is going to be late or absent, please phone the office before 8.50am, you can leave a detailed message on our answer phone. In line with ministry policy we do need to know the reason your child is away. If your child is not at school, and we are not sure why, someone from the office will give you a call.

If you have an after-school message for your child, please phone these through by 2.20pm so we have time to get the message to your child before the bells.

We discourage sending emails or private messaging of absences or after school messages as we are not constantly checking these forms of communication and important messages may be missed or not relayed to your child on time.

### Late to School/Appointments

If your child is late for school, they need to come to the office and sign in before going to their class.

It is important for students to arrive at school between **8:30- 8:45am** so that they can settle and get ready for the start of school at **8:55am**.

Children who need to leave school for any reason during the day eg: doctor or dentist appointment, must be signed out at the school office by a guardian.

If someone else is picking your child up you must first phone the office and let us know who that will be.

### School Communication:

- Our newsletter is distributed online via Facebook, Hero app, email and our website every Thursday. This will contain school news, upcoming events and information.
- Please also like our facebook page as this is a very important way of communicating last minute news and information to our school community.
- Occasionally we will also email out important information via our Hero app.
- Our school website is a great place to go for general information about our school. e.g staff, Care for Kids (our before/after school and holiday programme), enrolment, school calendar and general information like term dates etc...

**Sun-Smart Policy:** All students will be issued with a school sun hat. These hats are school property and are to remain at school at all times. It is a good idea for sunscreen to be applied at home before school, every classroom has sunscreen to reapply during the day.

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A \$5 Hat Fee is included with the school fees this goes towards maintenance of the hat. Hat maintenance fees will be invoiced early in Term One.

### School Office Hours

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday** 8.00 am to 4.00 pm  
**Wednesday** 8.00 am to 3.30 pm

### School Hours for children

**8.55am** School begins  
**11:00am** Morning Interval  
**12.30pm** Lunch  
**1.30pm** Afternoon Session  
**3.00pm** School day ends



### 2022 School Term Dates:

**Term One:** Tuesday 1st Feb to Thurs 14th April  
Teacher Only Day Thursday 14th April)

**Term Two:** Monday 2nd May to Fri 8th July

**Term Three:** Monday 25th July to Friday 30th Sept

**Term Four:** Monday 17th Oct to Wednesday 14th Dec

### Music Tuition 2022



**Guitar lessons** – Jane Ferguson ATCL Available at school on Fridays.

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