



# DAVID STREET SCHOOL

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A Big welcome to Alyssa, Wednesday, Decklan and Addison who have joined us at David Street School this week:  
Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Rawiri.

Two short weeks into the term and a reassuring working hum as settled across the school. Last nights posting on FB, Hero and Website included changes to mask wearing exemption requirements, guidelines regarding close contacts, and minor changes for parents entering school during beginning / end of day. These are different to those during school time. Please read this post if you have not yet done so.

We are excited that our new kapa haka tutors begin their mahi tomorrow. A small team of kaumatua, senior kapahaka children, and some staff will welcome them with a whakatau in the morning.

Please keep the brilliant questions and thoughts coming as we continue to update our processes as needs and requirements evolve in the coming weeks and months.

### Getting To Know Our Learners – Whakawhānaungatanga Meetings

Something that most parents understand is that the time we invest in forming strong relationships with our children, getting to know their strengths and needs, establishing routines and a collective belief and commitment to a strong learning culture is critical to the success of the learning journey going forward.

It is challenging getting to know each learner in a classroom full of children... but nothing we do is more important than this in our first few weeks of school. It lays the foundation for success for the remainder of the year.

These principles further highlight the importance of our 'Getting To Know Our Learners - Whakawhānaungatanga' meetings with parents over the next 2 weeks. Parents know their children best, and there are things you can share that will help us hit the learning sweet spots for each child.

Please make the time to attend these meetings.

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 This 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.

## Swimming

Swimming began last 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.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Getting to Know our Learners Meetings

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
(Yr 5/6) DSS Swimming Competition at the Morrinsville Recreation Grounds

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
(Yr 3/4) DSS Swimming Carnival Swimming at DSS

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**Wed 13 April**  
Last Day of Term for students

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
Teacher Only Day (COL Kahui Ako)  
School closed to students

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
Good Friday  
School Closed

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

### 2022 School Term Dates

**Term One:**  
Tues 1 Feb to Wed 13 Apr  
Teacher Only Day Thurs 14 Apr  
Good Friday Fri 15 Apr

**Term Two:**  
Mon 2nd May to Fri 8th July  
Queen's B'Day Holiday Mon 6 Jun  
Matariki Public Holiday Fri 24 Jun

**Term Three:**  
Mon 25th July to Fri 30th Sept

**Term Four:**  
Mon 17th Oct to Wed 14th Dec  
Labour Day Public Holiday 24 Oct



## New Administration Block Stage 1

Stage 1 of the new build is under way!  
The DSS Admin team are excited to see it progressing and can't wait to move in.

## Cricket

Matthew Meuli from Northern District Cricket Association visited this week. Children were able to learn some new skills and brush-up on their existing cricket skills.



### Super Smash Cricket

Please note: this is not a David Street School run sport. Any questions please direct them to Northern Districts Cricket.

Super Smash Hubs are back for Term 1!  
Eleven hubs running across the Waikato Valley region. Starting mid-February, come along and give it a go, available for all Year 1-4 boys and girls!  
Start dates and times below!

Registration details here :

<https://www.ndcricket.co.nz/districts/PLAY>

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**SUPER SMASH HUB**

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LOCATION	DAY	START DATE	TIME
Ngatea Domain, Ngatea	Monday	21-Feb-22	4pm
Pohlen Park, Matamata	Monday	21-Feb-22	4pm
Tairua School, Tairua	Monday	21-Feb-22	3.30pm
Centennial Park, Paeroa	Wednesday	23-Feb-22	4.30pm
Te Aroha College, Te Aroha	Wednesday	23-Feb-22	4.30pm
Whangamata Area School	Wednesday	23-Feb-22	3.15pm
Albert Park, Te Awamutu	Friday	25-Feb-22	5pm
John Kerkof Park, Cambridge	Friday	18-Feb-22	5.30pm
Morrinsville Recreation Ground	Friday	25-Feb-22	4.30pm
Rhodes Park, Thames	Friday	25-Feb-22	5pm
Waihi College, Waihi	Friday	25-Feb-22	4pm

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## 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.

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### 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



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