



Dovedale School Newsletter

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Our vision: Flying Together – working alongside my community to reach my full potential

Message from the Principal...

Kia ora,

Welcome back to school and a new term. I hope you all had a great holiday with your children. It was lovely to hear about their holiday news on Monday and to see so many children excited to be back at school.

This term we welcome our new teacher in the senior class Paula Finch. Paula has had a great first two days at school and is getting to know the students and the way we do things at Dovedale. Next time you are in the school pop in to meet her.

This term we are beginning a new inquiry topic 'Around the World in 50 Days'. This unit will focus on different countries of the world and the cultural differences between other places and New Zealand. The students are already well into their learning and are excited to be learning about new places. We are excited to announce that a group of Chinese Students will be visiting our school on Tuesday 22nd May. A special thank you goes out to Mel van Reenen for organising this for us. It will be a wonderful experience for our students. Our end of term showcase will include an international food festival, we look forward to exploring learning with our students! I have attached our planning overview for you to see what we are focusing on in each subject area.

Other exciting events this term include; The Cross-Country events (both the senior one at Mahana and the Junior one that we host on Wednesday 30th May). Our wonderful PTA will be running food stalls on the day as one of our major fundraisers for the year so if you are able to help out in any way that would be very much appreciated. We will be asking for baking closer to the time so look out for notes home.

We will be participating in specialist Hockey coaching this term with some sessions booked with Nelson Hockey. These start next week so look out for some photos on Storypark.

Our Year 8 students began a 4-day Leadership Programme at Whenua- iti today. This course is an Outdoor Education Course giving students a chance to participate in arrange of challenging pursuits whilst developing leadership skills to help them as they transition to Secondary School next year. We look forward to hearing feedback from them as they complete their course. Enjoy the start to the term.

Ngā mihi,
Sonia

Welcome

Glad you're here!

Welcome to
Fletcher van Reenen
Who has just turned 5 and has
started in our Junior Room.

Save the Date...

Junior Cross Country
Hosted by Dovedale School
Wednesday 30th May
11:30am

*Followed by shared lunch/PTA
food stalls*



Thank you to everyone who supported our last fundraiser at the Mapua Easter Fair. We had 39 cakes baked, firewood and raffle prizes donated, lucky dip items donated and wrapped and many of you also provided help on the day. It was a great success and we raised close to \$2000!

The PTA and school very much appreciate everyone's hard work. Together we can achieve great things!

Assembly

Friday 24th May at 9:00am lead by Pukeko Class, this is a week later than usual due to our Hockey Coaching

May 2018~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Week 1	30 MOTEC Yr 7/8	1	2 Wheel's Wednesday Year 8 Whenua-iti Leadership PTA 7pm	3 Year 8 Whenua-iti Leadership	4	5
6 Week 2	7 MOTEC Yr 7/8	8 Hockey Coaching Yr 1-8	9 Wheel's Wednesday Discovery 11:30	10 Hockey Coaching Yr 1-8	11 Hockey Coaching Yr 1-8	12
13 Week 3	14 MOTEC Yr 7/8	15	16 Wheel's Wednesday	17 Senior Cross Country at Mahana Vineyard	18 School Assembly 9:00am Pukeko Class Leading	19
20 Week 4	21 MOTEC Yr 7/8	22 Chinese Student visit to Dovedale School	23 Year 8 Whenua-iti Leadership Wheel's Wednesday Discovery 11:30	24 Year 8 Whenua-iti Leadership	25	1