



# 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,*

We are into our last 3 weeks of Term 3 and we are looking forward to several events to celebrate our learning this term.

This week is Maori Language week and we have set the children a challenge to speak in Te Reo Maori at least once per day at school with each other. Ask them to share some of their knowledge with you this week. I have included some fun activities on the last page of this newsletter for you and your family to try at home.

Next week we are taking the whole school to Onetahua Marae in Golden Bay to meet Robin Slow. It will be a fantastic trip and due to the distance to get over there and back we will not be arriving back at school till 4:30pm. Please note that the school bus will be running as normal in the morning but will not be running in the afternoon. We ask parents to collect our child from school at 4:30pm on our return.

In the last week of term, we are holding our end of term learning celebration. This is going to be in the format of a 'Family Feud Gameshow' night from 6-7:30pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. This is a finale to our topic 'Connections'. You and your children will be in teams competing in a game of Family Feud. It will be a fun end to our learning and we look forward to seeing you there if you can make it. A note will be coming home next week with more details and if you want to register your family as a team.

We look forward to a busy few weeks at Dovedale to finish Term 3. The holidays are from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

To forward plan Term 4 runs until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December where we break up for the Christmas holidays at 12:00pm. Our 2019 year begins again on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

***He waka eke noa,***  
*We're all in this together*  
Sonia

## Senior Class Speeches

### Years 4-8

Over the past 4 weeks the senior class have been working on speeches. Next week we will be presenting them to each other and if any parents want to come along and hear them they will be presented at these times;

Year 7 & 8 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am

*Please note the winning speech from Year 7 & 8 will be invited to represent the school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at Upper Moutere School 6:30pm*

Years 4,5 & 6 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11:30am

Please ask your child to share their speech with you and help them with their preparation ready for the day.

Thanks for your support.

### Save the date..

#### PETS DAY

Spring will be in the air.....  
So we are holding our annual  
Pet's Twilight event at the start of  
next term this year.

***Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October***

**4 - 7.30pm.**



## End of Term Showcase

To celebrate our 'Connections'  
Topic...



Family Feud Gameshow

***Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September***

***6 - 7:30pm*** Dovedale Hall

## Assembly ....

**This Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am led by Pukeko Class**

September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Week 8	10 MOTEC Yr 7/8	11 SCHOOL PHOTOS 9am Tennis coaching	12 Wheel's Wednesday	13	14 Assembly 9:00am Pukeko Class Leading  MUSIC	15
16 Week 9	17 Year 7 & 8 speeches 9:30am MOTEC Yr 7/8	18 Year 4,5 & 6 speeches 11:30am  Tennis coaching	19 Wheel's Wednesday  Tree Planting 10:30am	20 Golden Bay Marae Trip 9-4:30pm	21  MUSIC	22
23 Week 10	24 MOTEC Yr 7/8  BOT Meeting 5:30pm Reunion Meeting 7:30pm	25	26 T-Ball Tournament Yr 3/ 4 & Yr 5/6 Saxton End of Term Showcase 6 - 7:30pm Family Feud Gameshow	27	28  MUSIC Last day of Term 3	29

## [Ideas for celebrating Māori Language week with your family](#)

Asides from attending organised events and workshops in your area, there are plenty of other ways you can celebrate Māori Language Week with your children. Here are some ideas to get you started.

### [Use 5 Māori Words a Day](#)

Create a family challenge where by every member has to use 5 Māori words in conversation each day. While it might seem like a difficult task at first, chances are you already know more than 5 words and use them without even thinking. Some common Māori words which are used in everyday conversation include:

- Kia ora – Hello
- Kapaī – Good
- Whare – House
- Kai – Food
- Whanau – Family
- Puku – Tummy
- Korero – Talk, speak, have a conversation
- Moe – Sleep
- Waiata – Song, to sing
- Karakia – Prayer, pray

### [Learn New Words](#)

Make an effort to learn a dozen Māori words before the end of the week. You may choose to label rooms and furniture in your house, or find out the Māori words for your favourite animals. You can get instant translations for almost every word at [www.maoridictionary.co.nz](http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz).

### [Correct your Pronunciation](#)

New Zealand is full of Māori place names, but many of us just roll them out without even attempting the correct pronunciation. If you are unsure of how to correctly pronounce a place name in your area, ask a Māori friend or listen to the Māori News.

### [Watch Television](#)

Watch a Māori Children's Programme with your kids, and encourage them to copy the words and phrases. You will be surprised just how much of the programme you already understand, and it may inspire you to become more familiar with the language.

### [Make Māori your Second Language](#)

Use Māori Language Week as your trigger for making Māori your second language.

Some people argue that learning Māori is waste of time, and that languages such as [Japanese](#) or [Mandarin](#) are far more beneficial for you (or your children) to learn. The truth is, learning any language encourages mental development, and Te Reo is fast becoming an essential skill for many jobs in New Zealand.

Learning Māori is also beneficial for many careers including teaching, nursing, social work, policing and tourism.

There are all sorts of courses, books and compact discs available to help you learn Māori, but the best way to learn any language is to team up with a native speaker, and practice, practice, practice.

You can join the [Korero Māori Language Club](#), which will enable you to get in touch with fluent speakers, and encourage other people to speak to you in Māori. The more conversations you have, the better you will get!

Above all else, Māori Language Week is a chance to celebrate a part of what it means to be kiwi. Whether you speak Māori fluently, or simply understand kia ora, the Māori language is a part of what makes New Zealand unique. No other nation shares this part of our national culture, and we should be proud to call it our own!

### **Fun Māori phrases to use at home with your family**

Here are ten simple phrases you can use around the home. Even if you put into practice one or two, you'll be expanding your Te Reo vocabulary and that's a great achievement. Ka rawe! (That's excellent!)

There are also five fun phrases below to learn and impress those around you!

Toitū te reo! (Hold fast to the language!)

1. Tino pai te rangi, nē rā? (Lovely day, isn't it?)
2. Haere mai ki konei (Come over here)
3. Tēnā homai he kaputi (Please give me a cup of tea)
4. I pēhea tāu kai?(What was your food like?)
5. Kei te pēhea koe? (How are you?)
6. Māku e āwhina (I will help)
7. Kei te aroha au ki a koe (I love you!)
8. He aha māu? (What would you like?)
9. Mā mātou e horoi ngā rīhi (We'll wash the dishes)
10. Horoia ō ringaringa (Wash your hands).