



Dyer Street School

Empowering Learners For Life

Term 1, Newsletter 3

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Denise's Column

BOARD ELECTION

Every three years there is an election for the school Board of Governors. This process starts next week when nomination forms will be sent out, with the election in May.

The Role of the Board

Running the school is divided into two areas, management, which is looked after by the principal and the management team, and governance, which is the responsibility of the board.

Governance is about making sure that the school is run in accordance with its vision, its mission statement, its strategic plan and its annual plan. And of course the budget.

As a member of the board, you will not be asked to fix leaking toilets or holes in the wall. But you will be asked to take an interest in the education of all the children in the school, and how to make best use the available resources to maintain a safe and productive learning environment.

Commitment

If you are elected onto the board, this is a three year term. We have eight meetings a year held in the evenings, some training sessions and sometimes other meetings which it is good to attend e.g. our self review process and presentations with staff at Labour Weekend.

What we have achieved

Our board has been very successful over the last three year term, as seen in the ERO report, a summary of this was sent home earlier in the year.

- Property – completion of new playground, new classroom, refurbished toilets
- IT projectors in the library and hall
- Home School Partnership – community involvement
- Support Naenae Literacy – partnership with local schools
- Preparation for National Standards
- Focus on student achievement - lifting the standard of education for all students at Dyer Street School

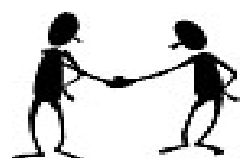
Make a Difference

The next board meeting is on the 24th March at 7pm in the staff room. If you are thinking of standing for the board and want to know a bit more then please come to the meeting.

It would be great to see representation from our wider community, take this opportunity of becoming involved with our school.

Kerry Newton

Chairman



Reminder

Wednesday 10th March

Join us for a picnic tea on the field at 5pm

Followed by an inspirational talk by Laughton King
from 5.30pm to 8pm in the Library



Dental Therapist

The Dental Therapist is currently working in our school.

For any enquiries please phone 567 0556



Office News

Thank you to the parents who inform the office that their child/children will be absent or late to school each day.

It is now a ministry requirement that the school does not have **unexplained absences**. This is monitored by the Ministry of Education. This means that when you are leaving a message on the absence line that you need to leave your child/children's names, room number and a brief reason for absence, such as unwell, on holiday, family bereavement etc as we use an electronic absence system with specific coding as required by the Ministry of Education. **We have had a few instances of children ringing in to leave a message, to say they are away, this is not acceptable and will be followed up with a phone call to a parent to confirm they are home sick.**

Please remember to phone or text the school office prior to 9am if your child/children will be late or absent for the day. You need to ring in each day your child is away.

School Phone: 567 8016 or Cellphone: 027 697 3801

The school Cellphone is only for you to text in any absences for the day. Please do not leave messages for the teachers.

Please remember to inform the office of any changes in address and contact phone numbers. It is important that we have up-to-date student contact details in the event of a medical emergency or sickness.

Family donation

Our family Donation, has slightly increased this year.

\$30 per child, per term or \$120 per year

\$50 per child, per term or \$200 per year

Payments can be made at the office.



Dates for Term

Picnic Tea (5pm)	Wednesday 10th March
Laughton King - Dyslexia (5.30pm-8pm)	Wednesday 10th March
Oceans Alive	Monday 15th March
Junior Conferences	Monday 23rd March
The Minstrel	Friday 26th March
Showcase	Tuesday 30th March
School closes for Term 1	Thursday 1st April



Carpool

Do you live in Stokes Valley?

*Would you be interested in setting up
a carpool to school?*

If so please call Mike or Lisa

Phone: 938 0600

