



Drury School

Year 0 – 4 Team

Newsletter

October 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4, our last term for 2018. Where does the year go? Term 4 is shorter this year, making it another very busy time.

Teaching Staff:

We welcome Mrs Melissa Peagram to the team. Melissa has begun our next New Entrant room in Room 15. We hope you enjoy your time with us, Melissa.

Sunhats:

A reminder is given about wearing sunhats for outdoor activities during Term 4. Please ensure your child has a named school hat to wear at intervals and PE sessions.

Key Competency:

This term's key competency is **participating and contributing**. This competency is practised through every aspect of the curriculum.

Our goals include -

- I can recognise individual differences in people
- I can include all classmates in games and activities
- I can participate respectfully as a group member or leader

Values:

Diversity is our focus value this term. It ties in beautifully with this term's key competency. Diversity **means** understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences through the different dimensions. The great thing about diversity is that it makes the world an interesting place to be, full of interesting and different people.

School Lunches:

Sushi is available each Wednesday, \$5.50 a tray. Choices are tuna, chicken teriyaki, salmon and avocado, a combination of these, or a mini-combo. Frozen Juicies will be available on Fridays as a fundraising venture for the Year 8 end-of-year activities. Flavours are wildberry or tropical and each juicy costs \$2.00. Juicies can be pre-ordered on Thursday via the teacher. School milk is provided free each Monday to Thursday at 1.30 pm.

Inquiry:

Our inquiry theme this term centres on performing. We are concentrating on learning our musical with a focus on communication through song and drama. YO-2 students will also be looking at a native NZ species. We want to take action to try and make a difference to preserving the population of the chosen species. Y3-4 classes will be continuing on with last term's inquiry on 'Mindfulness'.

Athletics:

We are practising our running, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for our YO - 4 Athletic Sports on Wednesday, 7 November. Age sprint races are held from 9.15 to 10.30. Following this, from 11.00 a.m, the students participate in house/year level tabloid sports.

You are very welcome to come and cheer your children on!



The Lost Planet

The Junior School students are beginning rehearsals for the musical production, The Lost Planet. We will present it to you all late in November as part of the school's Performance Showcase. An afternoon performance is planned for Wednesday, 28 November, and an evening show on Thursday, 29 November. All students will have time on stage, in the spotlight, singing or dancing. Costuming will be simple, and kept to a minimum.

Junior Reading Material:

Many of our reading boxes have depleted stocks. Please search out any Drury School reading books and return them to your child's teacher. No questions asked!

Let Nature In:

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While the benefits of outdoor play have long been known, today's children are spending more and more time inside on their digital devices. Is it time to revisit how to get kids outside?

Wellington clinical psychologist, Kelly Mouat, sees the benefits of playing freely outdoors for both physical health and mental wellbeing. She directs TimberNook, an outdoor programme that uses the environment as inspiration for creative play.

Kelly offers some tips on how to get children outside:

- Start simple. You don't have to go on a massive adventure or a hike: it can be as simple as getting a blanket and sitting in the backyard.
- Take your lunch and eat together outside. Or even easier, take your morning tea or afternoon snack and pop outdoors.
- Get the kids engaged in an activity. It could be an organised sport, or a casual game you made up yourself (or let them make it up!)

- Getting out to a community playground can be great for socialising and meeting other children.
- Don't limit yourself to organised places - get a group of children together to play. Organise friends to meet somewhere, like a nature space, and let the kids have the time to come up with what they want to do.

"Getting out the door is the hardest part; you've just got to start simple and just get out and do it."



Term Events:

07 November	Junior Athletic Sports
28 November	Matinee, Performance Showcase
29 November	Performance Showcase, 6.30
13 December	Reports home
14 December	Prize-giving/last day of term

Have a happy term!

Melissa Peagram R15, Jan Ahern R1, Sue Carpenter & Judy Glasson R2, Kay Kennedy R3, Stephanie Meier R4, Pauline Patrick R5, Donnelle McNab R6, Karen Edwards & Joyce Trafford R7, Dawn Blomfield R8, Tanya Glengarry R11, April Van Dam & Lynne Penney R12, Tessa Wicks R19.

