



Darfield Primary School

Te Whenua Kōkōwai

Standing Tall: Reaching our Potential

Thursday 4 February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to school and a warm welcome to our new families who have started with us this year.

At the beginning of the year there are a number of administration tasks to complete and we are sending home forms that need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Goal Setting Meetings

Goal setting meetings for parents/caregivers and students take place 16, 17 & 18 February. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code wsfsg which will enable you to book a time to meet your child's teacher.

Any problems, contact the office and we are happy to help or book for you.

Ezlunch

Ezlunch (Kindo) commences Wednesday 10 February. Go to the website to order/set up an account.

Our **MAIN FORM** of communication to families is via our Student Management System app - @etap parent app. The expectation is that all families have downloaded the app onto their phones.

Unfortunately, at the start of this year we realised there is a problem for some accessing the app, and for us to email families through etap for families that have hotmail/Microsoft email accounts. I'm not sure there is an easy solution for this. Etap have suggested doing the following:

We had investigated this with Microsoft & what we think may be happening is that Microsoft are hiding emails coming from etap. They seem to do this at random.

The parents may have to add etap.co.nz to their 'safe list'

Click on "Options" in the upper right corner of your Hotmail screen. Then click the link for "Safe and Blocked Senders" in the body of the page under Junk e-mail.

Click the "Safe Senders" link and enter the email address you want to whitelist. Click "Add" to put it on your list.

The address is etap.co.nz

Some families may have an alternative email that we can use until this issue is resolved. Please let the office know and we can add this to your details.

Activities/School Donation

This year the Board of Trustees has set the school fee donation as \$60.00 per child and \$95.00 for a family.

The expectation is that families contribute towards activities that take place at school during the year. You will be notified of these either with an emailed invoice or a notice from your child's classroom/team.

School Newsletters

This year our school newsletter will be sent out to our school community once a fortnight. It will also be available on the etap app and on our website. It will provide a calendar of events, notices and contributions of children's work from the Pikopiko, Kōwhai and Rimu teams.

School Uniform

The children look fantastic in our school uniform - excellent work everyone. We expect this to be maintained throughout the year, as per our school uniform policy. Consistency in socks could be improved.

We have Darfield Primary School socks for sale at the office. These are excellent quality, navy socks with 'Darfield Primary' embroidered on the top. Various sizes - \$10.00 a pair.

MUSIC LESSONS @ DARFIELD PRIMARY

There are a few vacancies for Group Lessons; Keyboard/piano (Yr 3-6), guitar (Yr 4-6), ukulele (Yr 2-6). Lessons are held during the school day on Tuesdays.

Please contact Adele Langlands ph 3187112 or email adelelanglands@gmail.com for more information.

Scholastic Book Club

The first book club issue has arrived and we have handed this out to the classes. The closing date for orders is next Friday 12 February. Parents can order through the LOOP system - order and pay online. Please see the instructions on the order form. Orders can also be made through the office. Please complete the form and pop into the Book Club box in the office with the money. Unfortunately, cheques are no longer accepted.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Kind regards
The Darfield Primary Team



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