

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

It was wonderful to start our term with so many smiley faces last week. It is a busy term with our 125th birthday and then the Jubilee, cross country, Inter school cross country, whānau interviews, class speeches, team speeches, and Inter school speeches all in the first five weeks. A busy start but a great one!

Pub Charities Grant Success

We are very grateful to have received funding from pub charities to buy 30 new chrome books! This helps us reduce the amount we are paying to lease our laptops and also helps us to keep them up-to-date. This means we can keep replacing our stock and providing our students with the newest chrome books possible.

Help for our 125th and Gala on King's birthday weekend

There has been a lot of planning behind the scenes to make our 125th successful. We do however still need some support with different jobs on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Things like helping set up at the gala and helping with pack up at the many events. There's a range of jobs big and small that we would really appreciate some community support with. If you are able to help, could you please contact our office to find out more.

We are also trying to create great prizes for the spinning wheel and raffles at the gala. If you are able to help provide some of the things below, this would be much appreciated.

Have a great week,
Caroline



Raffle Items Needed:

- ❖ **Te Kākano:** Please bring some arts or crafts e.g. chalk, felts, note pads, pencils, pompoms, glitter
- ❖ **Te Tipu:** Please bring something for either men or women that is health and beauty e.g. soap, body wash, moisturiser, body spray
- ❖ **Te Puāwai:** Please could you bring something winter warmers e.g. cup of soup, milo, hot water bottle, winter slipper, pjs, hats, scarves.

Please drop these donated items off to the school office before Friday 16 May 2025.



QR Code
for School Interviews
Bookings online.

CALENDAR

DATE 2025	EVENT
Wed 7 May	Manuka at Technology
Fri 9 May	Assembly School Hall 2.30pm
Mon 12 May	BOT Meeting Staffroom 5pm
Thur 15 May	Happy 125th Birthday South School/Olden Day
Fri 16 May	Pink Shirt Day
Tue 20 May	DSS Cross Country
Wed 21 May	Whanau Interviews 3.15pm-7pm
Thur 22 May	Whanau Interviews 3.15pm-7pm
26-30 May	Staff Whanau Week school closed from 3.30
Thur 29 May	Interschool Cross Country
30/5-1/6	DSS 125th Jubilee Celebrations
Mon 2/6	Kings Birthday

Te Tipu's Kicking off Term 2 with a Bang

This term in Te Tipu, we've jumped straight into persuasive writing. Our tamariki are loving the chance to share their opinions and engage in meaningful conversations about a range of topics. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learn to craft strong arguments and consider others perspectives thoughtfully and respectfully.

In mathematics, we've been exploring rational numbers and learning how fractions, percentages, and decimals are all connected. Our students have been developing their understanding by representing numbers in various forms and tackling complex problems with impressive resilience. They are becoming skilled at explaining their thinking and supporting their answers with sound reasoning.

We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude, curiosity, and determination our learners continue to show. Te Tipu is thriving, and we're looking forward to the rest of the term with excitement!

Storing medication

Just a reminder about how the process of school giving student medicine is run at DSS. Please read the notes below from our school policy on School Docs.

If a student requires medication during school hours, we only administer prescription medication to students whose parents/caregivers have completed a [medicine authority form](#).

We observe the following guidelines when storing medicines.

- Medication held by the school is stored securely in the office. Medication is refrigerated as required.
- Medication must be supplied in its original container/packaging labelled with the name of the student and dose required. Any variation in dose must be notified in writing.
- Medication must be delivered to school by parents/caregivers, not by students.

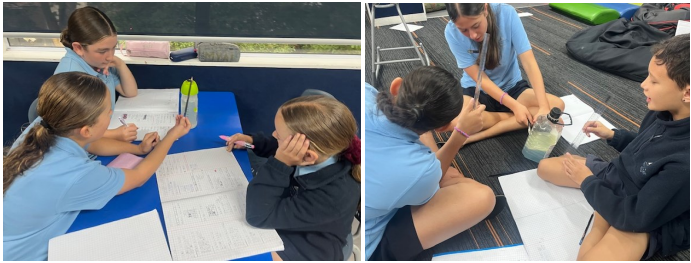
REMINDERS

- ⇒ DSS Dental Clinic ph 0800825583
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook

Remember!!!

TE PUĀWAI GET RATIONAL

It's all about rational numbers in Te Puāwai. We have been exploring percentages, decimals and fractions by participating in practical tasks within groups. We have estimated, compared and converted. Our discussions and feedback have been backed up with explanations and justifications. We had to prove, in various ways, why we decided on a particular answer. We have shown we can confidently participate and contribute within our class. Thinking critically and analytically has enabled us to dive deeper and gain a better understanding of how percentages and fractions operate as well as how they are connected.



Te Kākano Explore Measurement!

This week in Te Kākano, we kicked off our maths learning with a hands-on exploration of measurement! Tamariki had the chance to measure all sorts of spaces – from the courts to the decks and even entire rooms. They got creative, using jellybeans, sticks, teddy bears, and other loose parts to measure... until they realised they didn't quite have enough to finish the job!

The next day, we had a great kōrero about what makes measuring work. Materials need to be the same size, touching, no gaps, and straight from start to finish. With this new knowledge, our clever tamariki made posters and came back ready to try again. This time using metre rulers, hands, feet, and blocks. What a difference! Measurements were quicker, more accurate, and way more fun. Ka rawe Te Kākano – awesome mahi!





REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FLIPPA BALL

We are all go! Flipper Ball is coming to Wai Splash in Term 2

So now we just need our teams, being the first season we will be offering it up at an introductory prize of \$15 per player for the season (9 weeks) - \$150 per team of 10 players

125TH JUBILEE GALA RAFFLE ITEMS DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Can students from the below teams please donate the following:
- Te Kākano: Arts, Crafts (chalk, note pads, felts, pencils etc)
- Te Tipu: Health and Beauty Items (soap, body wash, moisturizer)
- Te Kākano: Winter Warmers (Milo, Hot Water Bottle, Slippers, PJs)
- Please bring your contributions to the school office.

READY FOR NEW SEASON

DANNEVIRKE SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB (DSRC) INVITING RETURNING AND NEW JUNIORS TO THE CLUB FOR THE 2025 SEASON

Are you a Year 7 or 8 and want to have a go at Smallbore Rifle Shooting? Boys and girls both welcome. Our junior shooting season starts every Tuesday from 6 May 2025 from 5:30-7pm. There are very limited spaces available, with year 8 students given priority. Parental help is a necessity. Cost for the 8 weeks is \$150 which includes targets, ammunition, rifle use, coaching, final parents vs child shoot, Southern Hawkes Bay competition and awards. Please register your child's interest by the 1 May 2025.

For more information contact Ruth McNair (0210777952) or Julia Blacklaws (0273311660) or email jullaanddean@xtra.co.nz

Picky Eating

IN PAHIATUA

LEARN HOW TO REDUCE STRESS AT MEALTIMES OVER THREE SESSIONS

Details

- 10:00am - 12:30pm
- Thursday 15, 22 and 29 May
- Tararua Community Services Pahiataua
- Koha Appreciated
- Refreshments available

To Register, contact Tararua REAP

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