

DALEFIELD SCHOOL

Message from the

PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau, and welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed some time with friends and family over the break and have come back refreshed and ready for what will be an action-packed term at Dalefield School.

Well, that was a massive surprise for the kids turning up to school this morning for the start of term 3. While the holidays were being enjoyed by all, we have completed Stage 1 of our playground project!! We have so many people to thank for reaching this first milestone, the list is endless. A big Thank you to Playground People Ltd who are patiently working with Dalefield School as we manage our ongoing fundraising to reach our required financial goal. Our fundraising efforts continue, and we are still seeking out external funding to support this incredible wellbeing project for the Dalefield community. And of course, we couldn't get to this first stage without the help of our awesome fundraising team, Cimone Grayson and her skills with grant applications, and the school board, staff, and the generous grants given by Trust House, Lion Foundation and the Trillian Trust have helped us reach this Stage 1. A big thank you to all of you for all your support! "Heather Wilson, Cimone Grayson"



EVENT INFO

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We were delighted to connect with whānau at our recent parent-teacher conferences. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss our tamariki academic achievements, next learning steps, and overall wellbeing at school. The staff at Dalefield School are always inspired by your unwavering support.

Thank you for partnering with us to nurture and guide our students.

Lunch menu

IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer to our website for a full list of dates.

School BBQ every Friday

July

31st - Football day

- Bot Meeting
- Mini ball 1st game

August

2nd - Football postponement day

- Assembly
- Fundraising meeting

6th - Kia Hakinakina



School Wide News

Dalefield Playground

The kids at Dalefield were excited to come back from the school holidays and see a new playground. The children love the new swings and the slide.

"I like the swings because in my eight years of being at Dalefield, this is my first time having swings in the playground." (Alex 12)

"I like the climbing wall because you can go fast up it and try to hold on" (Ben 13)

"I like the rock climbing wall because it's so fun, I can be so high. I can see all of the playground and the trees. I also like the slide because it is fast and bumpy" (Charles 5)

Although the school have not raised all of the money for the playground, the school will be doing fundraisers like sausage sizzle to pay the rest of the money for the playground. The kids love the new playground and they play fun games like tag, busted and the floor is lava

By William and Jimmy

CLASSROOM CHATS



MATARAWA

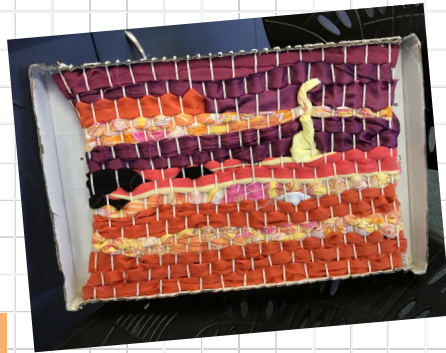
Recently (Term 2) Matarawa created some woven artworks, with help from Cherryl Norman - teacher reliever and artist. The piece made was based on a place that the students connected to, e.g a beach they visited often.

The first step was to cut notches into a shoe box lid, and then wind string through them to create the frame. Making sure the string was tight enough was tricky for most, but everyone persevered! The students then wove with fabric of various colours and textures to replicate their chosen place.

"Weaving was fun, I enjoyed it!" - Isy (12)

Thank you to Mrs Norman for her expertise in colour and giving up her time to help Matarawa with their masterpieces!

- Fedora



WAIHAKEKE

Waihakeke have been easing into term 3 they have been learning about the olympics, They even made their own olympics with the brand new playground, they climbed the rock wall then they went down the spider net.

They have also learnt where the Olympics originated from Austin [7] "It started in Athens, Greece"

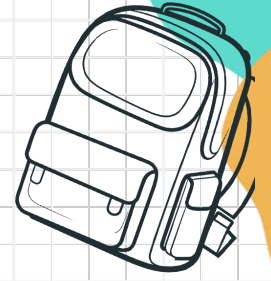
I Asked a couple of the students what is there favourite sport in the Olympics Rex [6] said, "Swimming because I do swimming lessons and it's fun"

Austin [7] said, "Skateboarding because I'm learning"

By Ben Trischler



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MANGATARERE

This week, Mangatarere has been learning about the Olympics. The students have mainly been focused on the host country, France, and the contrast between the ancient games and the modern ones. Today they're working on drawing the Eiffel Tower.

The things that stuck out most to the class were that women weren't allowed to participate in the old Olympics, and that the athletes competed naked.

"It surprised me that they measured the running track to be 192 miles because their hero, Hercules, did that." Jessie (10).

"I thought there were only horses in the modern Olympics, so it was surprising to hear about the chariots." Molly (9).

By Isabel Wilson.

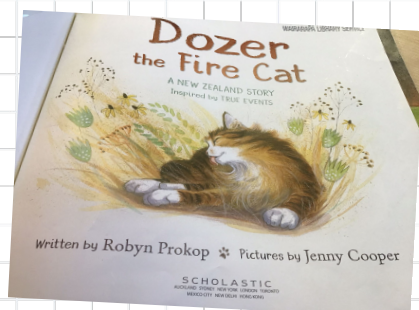


WHETU

Whetu has been working hard learning about the Olympics and made a hat to resemble the five rings of the Olympics.. Margo year 1 said "We made the Olympic hats for the Olympics coming". Jaydee, year 1 said "We coloured them, then cut them out and then stapled the back of them".

Whetu read *Dozer the Fire Cat*, this book is based on a true story, Dozer the Cat was stalking a praying mantis when a siren went off. Dozer's family got ready to evacuate in case of a fire. The family called for him but by now he was having a snooze. He never came, so they had to leave Dozer behind. He woke up to big black skies and ash. He was scared and ran home only to his disappointment no one was home, he scarpored and hid until it was over. His family came home and called Dozer for hours, then there he was. Dozer! He got his hug even if it was too tight he did not mind. Whetu enjoyed Mrs Webb reading this story to them.

By Ollie Field.



Out And About!

Cross Country

On the last week of Term 2 we had our three amazing stars (Zac, Conner, and Jimmy) represent Dalefield at the Wellington Regional Cross Country. At first glance, the track looked intense and exhausting.

Zac had the first race. He came around for the 2nd lap looking like he had been climbing through bushes and mud.

Jimmy had the second race and was exhausted by the last lap but pushed through and came 13th out of all the year 8 boys from the Wairarapa, Kapiti and Wellington.

Connor had the lucky last race. "It was very slippery, wet and cold and one of the hardest tracks I've been on." Connor (10).

Overall, it was a very excitingly tense day, and our runners represented our school amazingly.

By Alexander Hollis

