

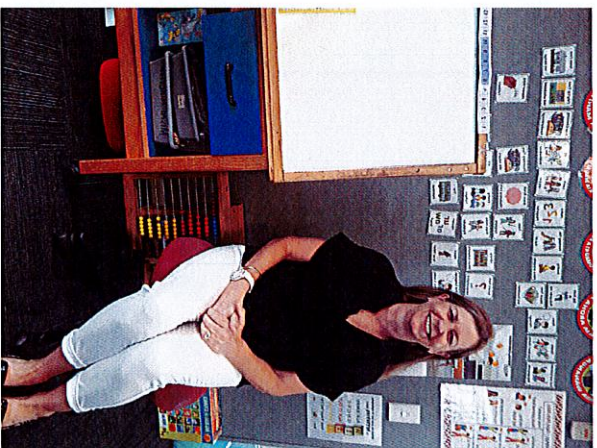
Darfield Primary School Te Whenua Kōkōwai

Standing Tall: Reaching our Potential

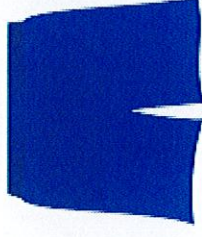
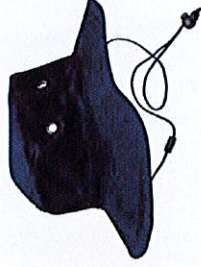
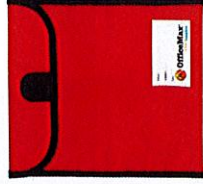
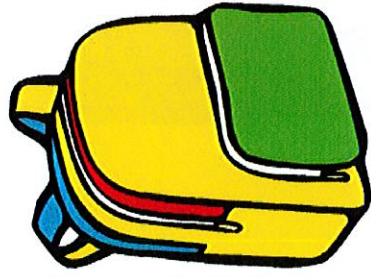


Welcome to The Nest!

Mrs Kennedy teaches in The Nest and will be there each day to help you to settle into school life at Darfield Primary School.

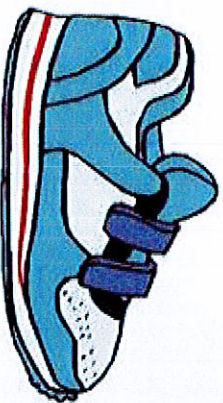


What do I need to bring to school?



A bag with your lunch, morning tea, healthy snack and water bottle, spare clothes, safety vest, a sunhat and swimming togs in Terms 1 and 4.

What will I wear?



Shoes you can take on and off yourself, school polo shirt, blue shorts or skort in warm weather, blue trackpants and a blue sweatshirt/jersey if it is cold.

What will I do each day at school?

You will start the day before school playing with the games and toys within the classroom or outside in the playground.

When the bell rings it is time to sit down on the mat for roll time – this is where the teacher checks that everyone is here. After roll time you will talk about what day it is and the weather.



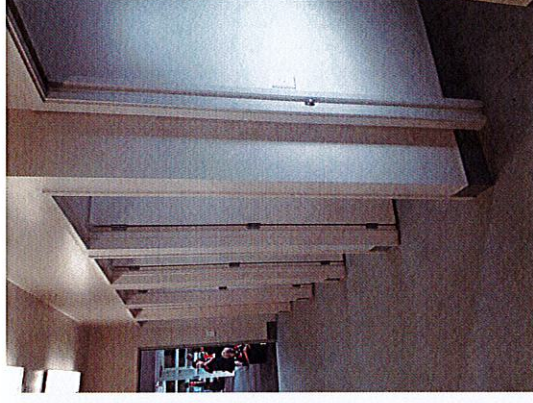
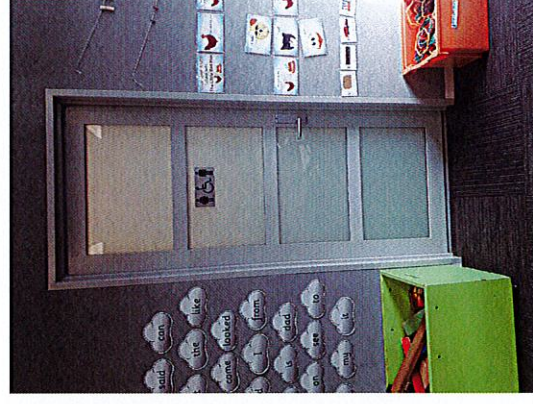
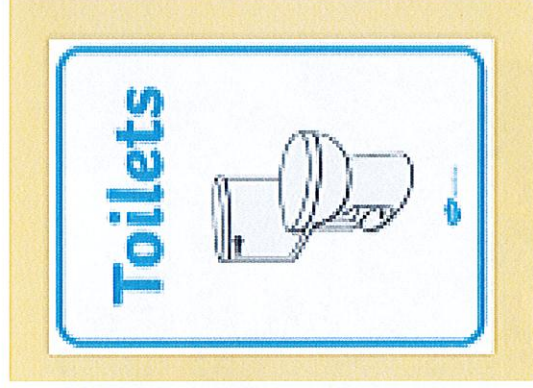
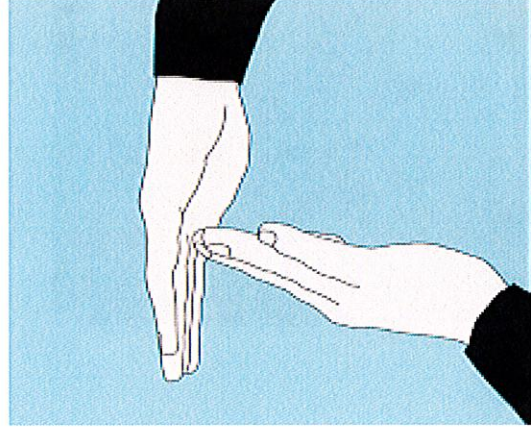
Throughout the morning you will then complete a range of Reading, Writing and Maths activities. Some of these will be with the teacher in a small group, all together or on your own in a space in the classroom.



After every break you come back to the mat in the classroom space. In the afternoons you will be doing activities such as learning to write letters, listening to stories, swimming and there is usually some time for free choice activities.

What do I do if I need to go to the toilet?

If you ever need to go to the toilet at school, just let the teacher know you are going by putting up your hands in the T for toilet sign or just by telling them. We have five toilets right beside The Nest that you can use at anytime.



Where will I put my things at school?

After you come up the ramp to our classroom you will see the bag hooks on the wall where we keep our bags.

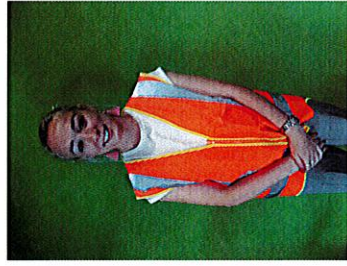


All of the drawing and writing things you will need are kept together on this trolley for anyone to use.



What happens at morning tea and lunch times?

At morning tea and lunchtime on fine days you will head outside to eat under the shade sail and then play in the playground. There are two duty teachers who are there to help you if you need it at playtimes, you can tell who they are because they will be wearing an orange vest. On wet days we stay inside our classroom space to eat and play.



Who else can I ask for help?

As well as your teachers and the duty teachers, we have many other helpful people at Darfield Primary School.



Mrs Devonald is the Principal and she is in charge of the school. Mrs Devonald loves to hear all about the wonderful things you have been learning in your classroom.



Mrs Warman might be your teacher sometimes too.

Who else can I ask for help?

In the office space you will find Mrs Brunner. You might need to see her if you have a letter from home or something from your teacher to deliver to the office.



The end of the day

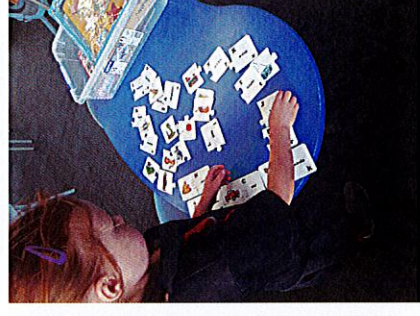
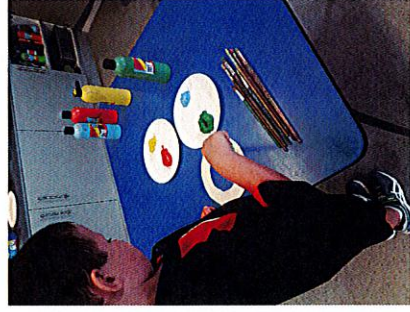
At the end of the day you will pack your bag up in the classroom and put on your safety vest. At 3pm the teacher takes you outside to meet whoever is picking you up to take you home.



Friday Timetable and Special Events

On Fridays we have a special timetable with things like school assembly, Kapa Haka, sports and Discovery Time.

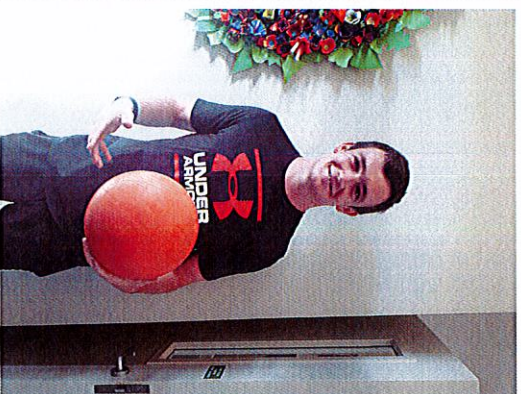
Discovery Time is where you get to choose between a range of Art, Science, construction, sports and Technology activities.



This is Matua Anton taking Kapa Haka in the hall. We sing and learn actions to go with the waiata.



This is Mitch, he comes and plays games and sports with us.



Sometimes on Fridays or for special occasions we meet together with the rest of the school to take part in things like a Pet Day, Sports Day, House Groups or Assembly. The Assembly is in the hall and we get to watch what other kids have been doing in their classrooms or sometimes we even get to share our special learning.



Shortly after you arrive at school you will be given a House Group. This is a group of children from across the school who work together to take part in fun games or sports. The school houses are named after mountains located in the area.

The houses are:

ALGIDUS **HARPER** **CRAIGEBURN** **TORLESSE**

On special House Days you can wear the colour of your House to school.

