



#1 7th March 2025

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Welcome back to all of our staff and students; it has been a busy start to the year. I also would like to welcome our new staff, students and whānau. We have a number of new staff that I would like to introduce.

We welcome:

- Mr Peni Leao—HOD Science
- Ms Rekha Sumesh—Chemistry/Science

Thank you to all the staff and swimming club members who assisted with our school Swimming Sports on February 13 and Athletics Day today. The weather was perfect for both days and the students had a great time. Congratulations to all the participants and the race winners.

Our first school assembly was held on 26 February where our Head of House Leaders for 2025 were announced. Congratulations to Kayla Shannon, Lucy Pulman, Ti-Jaye Aloua and Eva Bakulich. We also announced our Kaiarahi Tane and Wahine: a big congratulations to Montel Tahere and Phoenix Kelly.

We have been working hard on the timetable issues which have arisen since students returned to school for the 2025 school year. As you can appreciate, this is not an easy task with 400 students and the many academic requirements they require in a school year. We have had a dedicated staff member working on this for the last couple of weeks. We are at the tail end of this and hope to have the new timetable go live next week.

Attendance and uniform are important focuses for the start of the year and I am pleased to say that the uniform is looking tidy at present.

# Dargaville High School

Our Ara Tātou values also continue to be a focus and these are:

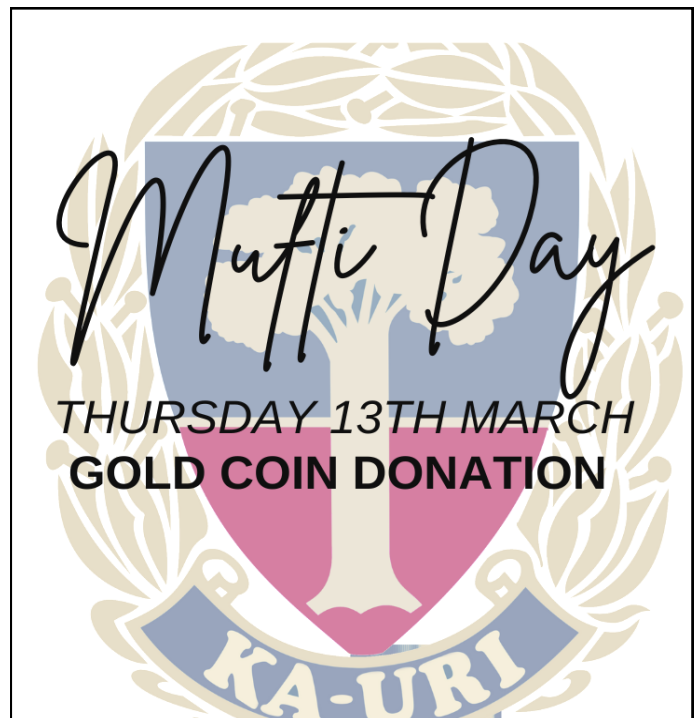
Whakaute - Respect.  
Kawenga - Responsibility.  
Aroha Hōatu - Contributing.  
Ngākau Tapatahi - Intergrity.

Our Kapa Haka Roopu are up and running, preparing for Te Tai Tokerau Festival in April. Currently, about 40 students are practising weekly with weekend practices planned. Opononi Area

Nāku nā,



Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki



# Year 9 Powhiri

On Tuesday, 4th of February, our Year 13s and staff welcomed our 2025 Year 9 cohort. Students were officially welcomed to Dargaville High School with a pōwhiri and spent the remainder of the day familiarising themselves with their new surroundings and meeting their teachers, with the support of our Year 13 students.

We look forward to seeing this year's cohort take advantage of the opportunities they are offered and enjoying their first year at high school.



***The Dental Planet van is in school. The same service is provided at the local dentist, also. When enrolling your student, bear in mind you cannot enrol at both places. If a student enrolls at the Dental Planet van you cannot enrol at another dentist, for example, the Dargaville Dentist, for 12 months.***



# Attendance 2025

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students, and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. Health guidance to support you to decide is available. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your learner.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th March	Moving On—Yr 13
Thursday 13th March	Mufti Day Student Council Gold Coin Donation

**WANTED - OLD WOOL** for DHS KNITTING CLUB. We are teaching students to knit and crochet and would appreciate any donations of wool, knitting needles and crochet hooks.



## Dargaville High School 2025 Timetable

<b>Whānau Time</b> (First bell: 8:40am)	<b>8:45am</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Pd 2, Wednesdays Only:</b> Assembly or House Mtg	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>1st Break</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Period 3</b> (First bell: 11:35am)	<b>11:40am</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>12:40pm</b>
<b>2nd Break</b>	<b>1:40pm</b>
<b>Period 5</b> (First bell: 2:05pm)	<b>2:10pm</b>
<b>Home Time</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>

# Dean Report

I would like to welcome our new students and families to Dargaville High School.

We have had a great start to the year with the welcome Powhiri, Peer Support day with the Year 13s and our transition day. The students are adjusting to high school routines and adhering to the rules and expectations.

This year we have some big changes at Dargaville High with new House names and vertical whānau classes. It has been great to see all students adapt quickly and get back into school life. The Deans for 2025 are:

Mrs Carey:

Kohekohe [jcarey@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:jcarey@darghigh.school.nz)

Miss Martin:

Towai [smartin@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:smartin@darghigh.school.nz)

Miss Cochrane:

Tawa [ccochrane@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:ccochrane@darghigh.school.nz)

Mr McCahon:

Taraire [mmccahon@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:mmccahon@darghigh.school.nz)

In order for this year to be successful, please be mindful of the following:

- Uniform - as per the information included in the Enrolment Pack
- Stationery - As soon as possible for the betterment of the students' learning (available from the school office)
- Our school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:10pm
- PE gear is required for PE lessons
- No phones at school
- If a student is going to be late/absent, we need notification from home as early as it can be given

Please keep a lookout on our Facebook page to keep up to date with events that are happening at our school.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me [asage@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:asage@darghigh.school.nz) or any of the other deans. Alternatively, you can contact the school office and leave a message for me to call you back.

## Reading for Pleasure



Books are windows when they let us 'see' lives and experiences that are very different to our own.

Books are mirrors when we see ourselves 'reflected' in the stories we read.

Books are sliding glass doors when they allow us to 'step into' the world of the story and experience what the characters feel.

Read Every Day

SEE MRS COOPER IN THE ART ROOM FOR MORE INFORMATION

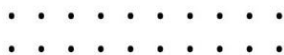


KNIT OR CROCHET WITH US!

ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS WELCOME

EVERY THURSDAY  
11.00AM - 11.40AM  
FIRST BREAK

IN THE ART ROOM G2  
KNIT A SCARF READY FOR WINTER!  
BRING ALONG YOUR WOOL AND NEEDLES



## BYOD DEVICES

Year 9 students are encouraged to bring a device to school everyday to assist with their learning.

Parents are able to purchase a device or rent a device from the school.

Please contact the school office for more details.



## Stay up to date with a snap of your fingers



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## From the Board

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all students and staff to school, and a special welcome to all those just starting at Dargaville High School.

Parental involvement in your children's education both at school and outside of school is very important. There are always opportunities to teach, to be role models, and to guide your children.

Some tips include:

- Encourage your children to read at home and have books available at home. If needed, listen to your children read.
- Help your children with their homework.
- Monitor out-of-school activities. Limit TV watching, computer time.
- Provide a quiet place to study.
- Establish daily family routines. Be firm about bedtime, have dinner together, assign household chores.
- Model the value of learning, self-discipline and hard work.
- Express high but realistic expectations for achievement. Set goals with your children. Recognise and encourage special talents. Tell others about their successes.
- Stay in touch with their teachers and school staff.

Since it is the beginning of the year, now is the time to make a positive start with how you wish to continue.

The School Policies that are under School Docs website and are now due for review are as follows:

Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy  
Safety Management System  
Risk Management  
Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation  
Healthcare  
Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness

We encourage all parents/caregivers/whānau to review these policies and provide feedback if you have any.





# Register Now!

To register go to our website: [nwfcnz.org](http://nwfcnz.org)

Please register on as soon as possible so we can register our teams.

All players must complete a registration form.

Open for ages 4 years and up.

Season commences Saturday 3rd May.

Any queries to [nwfc1953@gmail.com](mailto:nwfc1953@gmail.com)



## Get ready for another exciting season!

DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
TUTAMOE CLASS

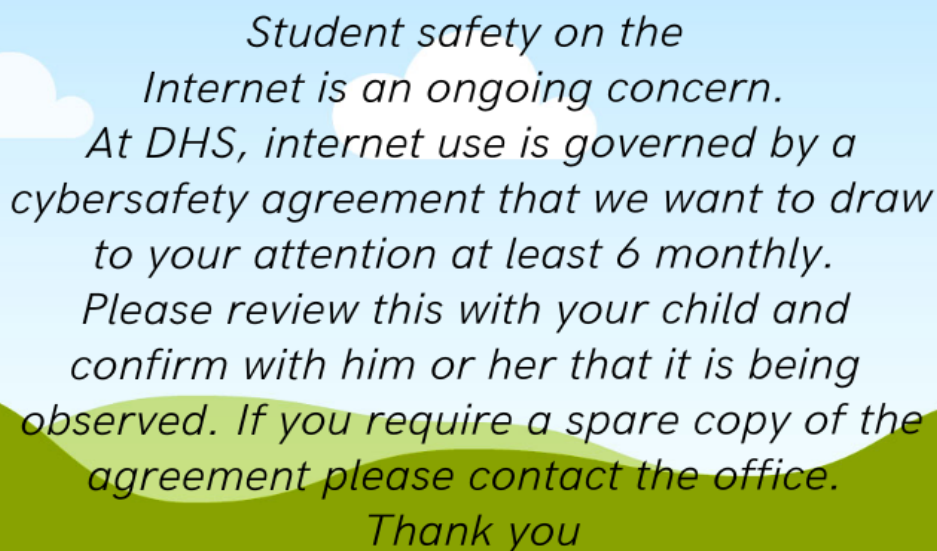
## FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

**Congratulations to  
Bonneville Williams**

**who has won the  
\$400 MTA Voucher**

Thank you to everyone who  
purchased a ticket and  
supported a fantastic cause.

Look out for the next raffle !



*Student safety on the  
Internet is an ongoing concern.  
At DHS, internet use is governed by a  
cybersafety agreement that we want to draw  
to your attention at least 6 monthly.  
Please review this with your child and  
confirm with him or her that it is being  
observed. If you require a spare copy of the  
agreement please contact the office.  
Thank you*