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Tēnā tātou katoa

One of the major foci for the government and the Ministry of Education, across New Zealand, is to raise attendance. The target that they have set is to increase regular attendance so that 80% of all students are attending regularly. Regular attendance is defined as being at school at least 90% of the time. That equates to at least 9 days out of every 10 or a maximum of one day away a fortnight. All whānau were sent an e-mail outlining processes that we have put in place to support the Ministry goal.

Over this month, a number of our students have been involved in a variety of trips and activities. These have included various Careers and Gateway opportunities, such as Moving On for Year 13s, a Job Explore day in Whangārei for senior students and last week, Dargaville High School hosted a Careers Expo for all students.

There have also been a number of sports events and trips. Most recently, these have included the Northland Track and Field Championships on the 19th of March and the Touch Championships on the 14th of March. Our Senior Girls' Volleyball team are currently in Auckland, competing in the Secondary Schools Championship.

Furthermore, a number of senior students completed a Learner Licence course for three days' earlier in the week, and our EPro-8 Team competed in the regional EPro-8 competition in Whangārei on Wednesday. Our Police Academy students are at Wero Whitewater Park today.

Next week, a group of senior students are going to Polyfest in Auckland and a Health and Safety Course is being delivered at school. We have a site visit from ERO.

A number of students are involved in practices and rehearsals for Kapa Haka and for Show Quest. Our Kapa Haka roopu are preparing for the upcoming Tai Tokerau Festival. This year is the 50th anniversary and Opononi Area School are the hosts. Our roopu is performing at 4pm on Wednesday the 9th April 9. Show Quest is early next term, on 1st May.

The focus on learning continues and currently many of our senior students are working on NCEA assessments. In weeks 4 and 5 of next term, we have the first round of the Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities or CAAs, which will involve students across a number of year groups.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

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Trustee Treasure

The DHS Board believes that parent involvement with their children's education and learning has a very positive impact.

We understand a lot of parents do not know how to help their children with their education, and we want to encourage you to become increasingly involved in home learning activities which then means you have the opportunity to teach, to be models for, and to guide your children.

It is well documented that families, whose children are doing well in school, have an established family routine. Examples: Providing time and a quiet place to study, assigning responsibility for household chores, being firm about bedtime, and having dinner together.

Dargaville High School

2025 Timetable

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



STRATEGIC GOALS

ĀKONGA

ĀKONGA ARE GIVEN AN EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL IN THEIR LEARNING, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

HAUORA

ĀKONGA EXPERIENCE SUPPORT THAT ENHANCES ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR WELL-BEING.

KAITIAKITANGA

ĀKONGA ARE CONNECTED TO THEIR TŪRANGAWAEWAE – THEIR IDENTITY, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.

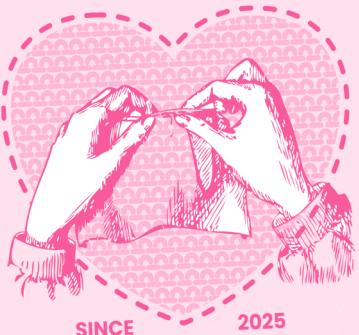
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Diary Dates

Monday 31st March	Head Leader Hui Health and Safety Course
Tuesday 1st April	Health and Safety Course
Wednesday 2nd April	Health and Safety Course
Thursday 3rd April	Yr 13 Polyfest Group
Friday 4th April	Senior Basketball Competition
Monday 7th April & Tuesday 8th April	Level 3 Māori Tourism Trip
Wednesday 9th April	Te Tai Tokerau Festival
Friday 11th April	Senior Basketball Competition Northtec Future Trades End of Term 1

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.



Dean Report

Kia Ora,

I would like to introduce myself. I am Matthew McCahon, the House Dean of our new House Taraire. I am a Physical education teacher at our school.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the timetable issues that we have had to start the year. I am glad that it has been sorted and I'm excited to get into school with no more interruptions. I would like to praise our Year 9 students and parents for their start to our school. I understand that this can be an anxious time for both. It has been a pleasure getting to know these new faces.

I would also like to congratulate and introduce our Leaders for Taraire. Our Head of House Eva Bakulich, House Captain, Te Rau Chase-Amoroa and our Student Council Representative leader, Taylor Pyke. These leaders are three of the fourteen that have been chosen for our school.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we must wear the correct uniform. As we leave summer Behind, the days will get colder. We need to make sure we are not wearing incorrect school hoodies or pants. We also do not wear socks and sandals. If your feet are cold, wear shoes.

Thanks.
Up the Wahs!!



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Volleyball Update



Recently, our Senior Girls Volleyball team participated in the Northland Secondary School Champs placing 3rd overall.

Congratulations, girls. A great result leading up to the North Island Champs this week!!



Any boys or girls interested in playing Under 14s 13-a-side rugby league, contact Dania Wood on 021 074 2990 to register your interest.