



#4 9th May 2025

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Term Two is underway and it is a busy time of the year. Last week, in particular, was a very busy week and other events are being planned and will take place over the next couple of weeks.

On Thursday 1st May, our Showquest students performed in Whangārei. The students had worked extremely hard for the performance and did very well on stage. They won a number of categories on the night as well as coming Second Overall. Throughout the day and the evening, our students were excellent ambassadors for our school. A big thank to Mrs Carey and the other staff that supported our team.

There are a number of Gateway courses that have been offered to students, with more coming up next week. Already this term, we have had students undertaking Heights courses as well as First Aid training. Next week, we have Project Pest taking place as well as a Health forum for senior students.

Also coming up, we have the Auckland Writers' Festival next Thursday and on Friday we have Pink Shirt Day, which will be a Mufti Day.

Later in the month, starting from the 19th of May, are the Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy. This will involve Year 11 students as well as some students from other year levels. The timetable of which assessment is when will come out a bit closer to the time.

Mid-Year reports are currently being written by teachers and are due to be issued on the 23rd of May. Following these, the Hui Whānau are scheduled for the 12th and 13th of June. Both the reports and the Hui Whānau give opportunities to share student progress to date as well as the next steps in their learning journey.

The attendance focus continues this term aligning with the government goal to raise school attendance throughout New Zealand. As a school, we will carry on with following up on absences and would appreciate your support in this, including calling the school to advise us of the absence of your child.

This term we welcome Adi Tarau. Adi will join us for the remainder of the year teaching English and covering for Ms Shirley Baume who is on study leave. We also welcome back Haley Corfield from maternity leave.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

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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.



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Trustee Treasure

The DHS Board encourages parents to read to their children, have books available, take trips, guide TV watching, and to provide stimulating experiences; these all contribute to student achievement.

It is well documented that families whose children are doing well in school model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work. Examples: Communicating through questioning and conversation, demonstrating that achievement comes from working hard.

DHS Policies Due for Review

This term, we are continuing to review the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section. This term's policies focus on emergency, disaster, and crisis management.

For more information about the review, go to the Current Review tab at the top of your SchoolDocs site, this is also where you can submit feedback on any of the following policies.

A summary is provided below:

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis
- Emergency Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management/ Crisis Management

SCHOOL COSTS – PAYMENT OPTION

With regard to your school costs, did you know you can set up an automatic payment to pay these off? If you are interested in this option, please call in and see Liz Pocklington at the school office to make the arrangements.

Anzac Service



Year 13 students, Kayla Shannon and Gloria Te'o, represented our school at our local ANZAC ceremony on Friday.

The service was held at the Dargaville RSA with a great community turnout to remember all the men and women who served, fought and continue to serve in the armed forces.

Dean Report

Christine Cochrane—Tawa House Dean

Kia ora koutou katoa,
Nau mai hoki mai ki ngā tauira ki te kura ki te ako,
Ko au te Manutaki o te whare o Tawa
Ko Christine Cochrane toku ingoa
Nō Tunatahi ahau

The culture we have created for Tawa House is based on participation, pride, praise, and passion.

Participation

I strongly encourage you to get involved in everything our school has to offer this term. Whether it's sport, clubs, inter-house events, or classroom activities — your contribution makes a difference. If you're keen to join a sport, see Logan Steed, our Sports Coordinator. Sign up for inter-house competitions through your house leaders. Participation fosters engagement, encourages learning, and builds a strong sense of community.

Pride

Take pride in yourself and your efforts. Use whānau time to set SMART goals. Celebrate your strengths and achievements, and do things that bring you joy and fulfillment. Show pride through participation, wearing the correct uniform, and contributing to a positive school environment. Small actions might seem insignificant on their own but together they create meaningful change.

Praise

Congratulations to all students who achieved their Term 1 goals—whether you passed your driver's licence, earned NCEA credits, aced a test, participated in a challenge, or consistently made it to school on time. A special shout out to everyone who took part in Showquest 2025—I was proud to see our kura perform at Forum North in Whangārei. Kia kaha to our Year 13, especially our House Leaders of 2025!

Passion

Get involved in activities you enjoy and care about. Look after your hauora by making time for what matters to you. Try new experiences, explore your interests, and seek knowledge both in and out of the classroom. For Term 2, I encourage everyone to try self reflection, take risks, and embrace new challenges.

He waka eke noa, we are all in this together!
We got this whānau !

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th May	Project Pest Control
Wednesday 14th May	Project Pest Control
Thursday 15th May	Allied Health Forum Auckland Writers Festival
Friday 16th May	Pink Shirt Day Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)
Monday 19th May To Friday 30th May	CAA's Literacy and Numeracy Testing
Friday 23rd May	Interim Reports Issued

Pink Shirt Day
Mufti Day

\$2.00

Friday 16th May





Dargaville High School

is looking for Host Families for students we are welcoming from Japan

Visiting Dates:
Saturday 2nd August 2025
 to
Sunday 17th August 2025

If you are able to host a student for their visit please contact the school office on 09 439 7229 or via email ascott@darghigh.school.nz



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The Dargaville High School Knitting Club is seeking donations of any of the following items that you may have and no longer want:

- Knitting Needles
- Crochet Hooks
- Wool/Yarn

email Mrs Cooper
fcooper@darghigh.school.nz
 if you have any questions

THANK YOU!