



#5 23rd May 2025

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Last Friday was Pink Shirt Day, an annual event to speak out against Bullying. We held a mufti day with students encouraged to wear pink, or items of pink, in support.

A number of Year 12 students attended the Auckland Writers Festival last Thursday. The students were involved in a full day programme and enjoyed the experience. On the same day, we had a group of students attending a Health Forum for senior science students in Whangārei.

This week was the first week of the Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments were completed online and involved Year 11 students as well as some students from other year levels. These continue next week.

Mid-Year reports have been written by teachers and are due to be issued early next week. Following the reports, 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 next steps in their learning journey. We encourage all families to make appointments for these.

The beginning of June starts with a holiday for King's birthday on Monday 2 June and the rest of that week includes a Flight Attendant Course as well as a Beauty Therapy course (both at Northtec).

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.

Finally, I will be taking leave from Monday for the remainder of the term. In the interim, Vern Stevens will be covering my role and I will return at the start of next term.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

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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Pink Shirt Day

Last Friday Dargaville High School participated in Pink Shirt Day to support the elimination of bullying and celebrating diversity, inclusion and kindness.

We hosted a Flamingo hunt where students could trade the flamingo for a prize and students were also able to nominate other students for doing kind things for them or around the school. Thank you to all the teachers who helped put this day together, the students had a great day .



Diary Dates

Monday 26th May	Collegiate Hockey
Tuesday 27th May	Gateway Fencing Assessment
Thursday 29th May	Novice Table Tennis
Monday 2nd June	King's Birthday SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
Tuesday 3rd June	DHS School Cross Country
Wednesday 4th June And Thursday 5th June	Flight Attendant Course—Northtec
Wednesday 4th June	Puhoro Term 2 Wānanga
Thursday 5th June	RYDA—Year 12

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