



17 March 2020

Tēnā koe

**Re: Cancellation of Te Tai Tokerau Festival 2020**

A decision has been made by the Organising Committee to cancel the Festival planned for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020. This decision was not made lightly and the Committee took into consideration the government announcement regarding mass gatherings of more than 500 people, as well as the duty of care as a school for the health, well-being and safety of all during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As the school who was to host the Festival this year, I would like to acknowledge all the people involved in the organisation and planning of the Festival, our school community and the funding organisations for their work and support. I would also like to acknowledge the work that Kapa Haka rōpū have undertaken in preparation for the Festival.

For Dargaville High School students and families, this will mean that the last week of Term One will be a normal school week.

If you have any further questions, please contact the School Office.

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