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The cyclone of last week had an impact on our community that in some cases is still being worked through. In particular the impact on a number of farms and roads around the district. For part of last week, Dargaville High School acted as an Evacuation Centre and I would like to acknowledge the staff and whānau that assisted in a variety of ways during this time.

School returned last Friday and with buses resuming on Monday, we are starting to get back to a focus on learning, as well as house events that take place at the start of the year. Some of these house events did not take place last year due to Covid restrictions, so it is pleasing to be able to put them on the school calendar again.

At the start of this year, as well as welcoming our new Year 9 students and other new students at other year levels, we welcomed three new staff members. We welcome:

- Ms E Hooton (our new Guidance Counsellor).
- Miss K Mackereth (teaching Mathematics).



- Mr L Steed (Sports Coordinator) (Absent from photo)

Additionally, Ms H Corfield has returned after maternity leave and Ms A Curry, returns to teach English, Social Studies and French.

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At our first school assembly for this year we celebrated the students who achieved an endorsement result for NCEA, as well as presenting out 2023 student leaders with their badges. I am looking forward to our senior leaders having an active role around the kura.

Classes are underway for this year and student timetables are being finalised. It is important that students start the year in the right way by turning up to all classes, prepared for learning.

School-wide Ara Tātou and restorative approaches continue, with our school expectations being:

- Whakaute - Respect;
- Kawenga -Responsibility;
- Aroha Hōatu - Contributing,
- Ngākau Tapatahi - Integrity.

Further to these, we will continue to enforce the cell phone ban and we will have a close focus on attendance as well as uniform. Start of class routines have been put in place by staff and we are working collaboratively on an emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy in preparation for the NCEA changes.

All students will be working on setting goals for this year with their Form Teacher, as a starting point for the Academic Coaching programme, which is another focus area for 2023.

Finally there are a number of events and activities coming up for students. These include the swimming sports which are on today, the Peer Support Camp which takes place next week and the athletics set down for the 10th of March.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton
Principal / Tumuaki



Year 9 Powhiri

On Friday February 3rd, our Year 13s and staff welcomed our incoming Year 9 cohort. The students were officially welcomed with a powhiri 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.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th February To Thursday 2nd March	Buddy Camp Yr 9 and Year 13
Friday 3rd March	Mountain Biking
Friday 10th March	School Athletics

Careers Corner

Julie Chiaroni—Careers Advisor

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary school pupils in Year 9 and Year 10.

The skills-based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum.

The online competitions will be run in the last three weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance.

All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered.

If you want your child to participate in this Opportunity, please email Julie Chiaroni - jchiaroni@darghigh.school.nz or contact the school office.

Savannah Scott - Leeming with her Level 2 MITO (Motor Industry Training Org) Certificate, which she completed last year following a work placement at Keith Andrews Trucks in Whangarei.

Well done !



Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Te Tai Tokerau

There has been a confirmed case of measles in New Zealand. Measles is a highly infectious virus and has no treatment. It starts like a cold with runny nose, fever and cough, and then a blotchy red rash appears after a few days, from the head to the rest of the body.

It can be very serious, especially for babies under the age of one year and people who are immunocompromised (for example on cancer treatment).

The Measles Mumps Rubella Vaccine (known as MMR) is a very effective vaccine. It has been given to millions of children around the world. After the first vaccination of MMR over 90 out of 100 children are protected against measles. After the second vaccination, 99 out of 100 are protected. One vaccination is good, two are better.

The rubella and mumps parts of the vaccine give protection to about 95 out of 100 children after the first vaccination.

Notices

You're Invited! Te Kopuru Community Meeting

Sunday 5th March 1pm
Coronation Hall Te Kopuru

Free sausage sizzle

Come along and share your ideas for Te Kopuru
Everyone welcome



BOMB COMP

Kai and Prizes for ages 16 - 18

MARCH 17 3-5PM

WHANGAREI AQUATIC CENTER

FIRST 50 FREE OR \$2 ENTRY

Come talk to us about what our service provides for 16-17 year olds

- free Licenses
- free Programmes
- free CV Support
- free Career advice



NAU MAI HAERE MAI

NCEA ME TE WHĀNAU WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop designed to help whānau understand NCEA.

Dargaville High School

Wednesday 15 March
5pm to 6pm



What we will cover:

- Aspirations of your tamaiti
- NCEA Endorsements
- University Entrance
- Choosing the right subjects
- The importance of STEM
- Tips for supporting your tamaiti



Dargaville High School Board of Trustees are currently reviewing school policies.

We are asking parents to please review our current policies and give feedback to the school.

If you would like to review these please contact the school office for log in details.