



#11 25th August 2023

Tēnā tātou katoa,

# Dargaville High School

Thank you to all the families that attended Academic Coaching interviews earlier in the month. As a follow up, we are currently collecting option forms for 2024 subjects.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the visit from the Yakushima students, particularly their school 'buddies', teachers and tutors that included them in classes or provided courses, and the homestay families. Also, thank you to Mr Prentice for organising the programme as well as Mr Grant for working with the students. The students truly enjoyed their time in Dargaville and we are hoping that such visits return to being an annual event.

Last week, we hosted Spaceward Bound who offered a number of workshops for students. They brought a number of tools to offer students the opportunity to learn more about space. They also offered a planetarium experience with their portable Astrobiology Dome.

The Senior school examinations start on Monday September 4. As I have shared previously, these examinations are important both as a gauge of preparedness and also to assist with preparing a derived grade, if one is required. Students should be studying in preparation for these.

As I spoke about in the last newsletter, our focus on attendance continues, as does showing respect. Respect, in a nutshell, is about treating other people how you want to be treated yourself. This includes greeting people and saying 'Please' as well as 'Thank you' makes a big difference.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki



## *Dargaville High School*

### Board Election for a Student Representative

Nominations are open for the election of one student representative to the school board.

If you are interested in this position, please see Alana in the school office for a nomination form.

Nominations close at **noon** on  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

#### **Candidate Statement**

If you are a candidate, you are invited to submit an optional statement (up to 400 words) and photo. Make sure your statement is received by **noon on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023** so that it can be sent to voters with the voting papers.

The returning officer may remove or edit any part of the candidate's statement if it exceeds 400 words or is offensive or defamatory.

Voting will take place on **September 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Signed

Alana Scott  
Returning Officer



# Music Department

Deborah Steele—TIC Music Department



As part of the New Zealand Music Commission programme of 'Music Mentoring', Jimmy Colbert from the Reggae band '1814' came to DHS to spend two intensive days working with our music students. Over the two days, students were encouraged to develop their craft in writing their own songs, as well as working in groups to perform music.



## OPEN DAY 2020

**TUESDAY 12th  
SEPTEMBER**

Prospective students and their whanau are welcome to attend our school Open Day to learn what Dargaville High School can offer students for 2024.

# Sport Update

Logan Steed—Sports Co-ordinator



Our Junior Girls Netball team have won the Northland Secondary Schools Junior Netball competition. They were unbeaten throughout the day, topping their pool with four strong wins before a couple of intense finals games. Well done!

# Spaceward Bound



Students were able to enter the inflatable dome and look at 3D images of the Moon and Mars. The pictures were taken from the Mars Rover Probe and were able to see dried-up riverbeds on Mars suggesting that there was water on Mars.



# Careers Corner

Julie Chiaroni—Careers Advisor

## TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Year 10, 11 and 12 students

Are you interested in hands on work, trades, armed forces, like working with tools and machines ??

There will be 9 to 10 stations with hands on activities such as tool use or problem solving and the students will rotate through the different stations running here at

**Dargaville High School  
WEDNESDAY 30 August**

Automotive, Fencing, Power Tools, Construction, Electrical, Landscaping, Fabrication Engineering (welding), Defence Forces and Plumbing.

Please give your name to Ms Chiaroni as soon as possible if you would like to attend.



DHS was lucky to host an informative visit from Keith Andrew Trucks where students learned about the great prospects for Heavy Automotive apprenticeships and how they could enter this lucrative and interesting industry starting with Gateway MITO from Year 12.

HAUORA TAIWHENUA AND STUDENTS OF RURAL HEALTH AOTEAROA

## RURAL HEALTH CAREERS PROGRAMME

INTERESTED IN A HEALTH CAREER?  
WANNA LEARN HOW TO USE REAL  
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?  
COME MEET OUR TERTIARY HEALTH  
STUDENTS!

Our tertiary students are excited to show you how to use a variety of different health equipment, tell you all about studying at Uni or Polytech and answer any questions you may have about pursuing a health career!

WE'LL SEE  
YOU THERE



WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023



## Senior Prizegiving

AN INVITATION TO WHANAU

Dargaville High School Hall  
Thursday 26th October 2023  
6.00pm

Please be seated by 5.45pm

## Diary Dates

Monday 28th August	Dental Planet Van Arrives
Tuesday 29th August & Wednesday 30th August	Gateway Forklift Course
Wednesday 30th August	Tools of the Trade
Thursday 31st August	Police Academy Gun Range Trip
Monday 4th September To Friday 8th September	Senior Practise Exams
Tuesday 5th September	Junior Girls Basketball Cup

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

This will be the last course for 2023

Monday and Wednesday evenings 6pm to 8pm  
Weeks 8 and 9 Term 3.

**COST only \$20.**

Names to office, please,  
registrations close this week  
(by 25 August)

## Dean's Report

**Ashleigh Sage—Year 13 Dean**

Where has this year gone? The weeks are flying by and we are counting down the last weeks of the Year 13's high school journey.

Week 2 saw a very successful senior ball held at school. The students looked fantastic and a great night was had by all that attended. A big thank you to Jackie Butterworth for her guidance, the ball committee for their vision and putting it together and to the teachers that helped on the night.

The Year 13s have also been busy with planning for next year, with University applications, student loans, accommodation applications, job applications and interviews. Practice exams are coming up in Week 8, so it's now crunch time and it is even important that students attend all classes. If your child does not have exams, there are still internals due, so please encourage and support them to get their assessments completed.

Please write in your diaries Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October is Prizegiving and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October is Graduation Dinner for Year 13s.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have had the opportunity to guide and follow this group of amazing young people through their Dargaville High School journey.

I wish them the best of luck for all future endeavours and look forward to hearing from them.



The Hospitality Academy students enjoyed a trip to Whangarei, where they toured Northern Hospitality, Altura Coffee supplies, Bidfoods Foodservice Trade Show and enjoyed a Chef/Manager lunch at Quay Restaurant on the waterfront.