



#12 8th September 2023

Tēnā tātou katoa

Dargaville High School

During this week our senior students have been involved in the school examinations as well as some workshops for their subjects. As I have said previously, the results will give a good indication of preparedness for the external examinations that begin on Monday, November 6.

Over the last couple of weeks, there are a number of events that our students have been involved in. One of the biggest days was the 'Tools of the Trade' programme, which involved a large number of our students experiencing hands on activities with a variety of trades. On the same morning we had a presentation from Women in S.T.E.M.

The previous week, a group of students attended the Ngāti Whatua Tertiary Summit, held in Auckland. There were a number of inspirational speakers as well as the opportunity to attend tertiary campuses. There is more information about this in the newsletter.

The last couple of weeks of this term are very busy, including our Open Day on Tuesday 12 September. This will be from 4pm until 7pm, with guided tours starting from the school hall. On Wednesday we have our school photos, which is always a busy day. In the last week of the term, there is the annual ski trip.

As we are moving into spring, it is a good time to have a reminder about the uniform expectations, particularly footwear. Either black shoes or Roman sandals are permitted items of footwear. Also students that do a Technology Class will need to ensure that they have hard leather lace up shoes to comply with Health and Safety regulations. The 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.

Finally, some dates to put into your diary. The first of these is Fia Fia Night, which is on Friday September 22 (the last day of this term). Students have been practising hard and are looking forward to it. The Senior Prizegiving date is October 26. As with previous years, this will be an evening celebration (starting at 6pm). The Graduation Dinner for the Year 13 students and family is happening on October 27. More information about this is to come.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

Tai Tokerau RTLB Cluster 2 presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to... Understanding our kids **Online World** and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk
Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#)

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023 | 4PM - 6PM
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
245 WESTERN HILLS DRIVE, WHANGĀREI



Ngāti Whātua Tertiary Summit

Richard Amoroa

Several students attended the Ngati Whatua Tertiary Summit recently, which was based at Mahurehure Marae in Pt Chevalier.

Our first night we attended sessions including Smoking Cessation (Mike Pocklington), Mission Ready (Alan Kahn) and a Te Tiriti o Waitangi presentation.

Our first morning was full of a Mau Rakau session with Matua Sam, to get us energized for the day before we headed to the Unitec campus for a pōwhiri, tour of the trades, apprenticeship and courses information sessions. After pōwhiri in the campus wharenui - Te Noho Kōtahitanga - we separated into 5 groups and were taken on a tour of the facilities: Digital/Creative and Performing Arts; Trades (Engineering/Plumbing/Automotive); Animal Care and Husbandry; Building; and Architecture. That evening we attended the Formal Dinner with guest speakers MMA fighter Mike "Blood" Diamond, Hon. Kelvin Davis MP, Dr Mataroria Lyndon and Te Tai Tokerau Green Party candidate Hūhana Lyndon. Our Deputy Principal, Takiri Pumipi, was also acknowledged for her commitment to the Tertiary Summit programme since its inception.

On our final day we had, an early wake up call at 5.30am to pack up and get ready for our visit to the AUT City Campus. We arrived at the University for the Pōwhiri and spent the rest of the day exploring the campus for ourselves and seeing the course options the University offers. We met up together after lunch and headed home.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the tertiary providers and see the many options available and is a trip well worth attending. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of the event and Mr Amoroa and Mrs Pumipi for accompanying the students over the three days.



Tools of the Trade

Julie Chiaroni—Careers Advisor

Tools of the Trade was a great day and well supported by a large number of tradies who came to share their skills with our students.

Thanks to Tai Tokerau Trades Training for organising this great event.



FIA FIA NIGHT 2023

Pasifika Poly Group

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS	MENU
CHILDREN UNDER 5 – FREE	CURRY
16 AND UNDER – \$5	CHOP SUEY
17 AND OVER – \$10	POTATO SALAD
	SURIMI PASTA
PAY AT SCHOOL OFFICE	BBQ MEATS
FOR TICKETS	KEKE 'ISITE

\$10 FOR WHOLE MEAL, \$2 FOR OTAI
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM | SEATED BY 6PM
EFTPOS AVAILABLE!



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 11th September To Friday 15th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
Tuesday 12th September	School Open Day Year 11 Maths CAT Exam
Wednesday 13th September	School Photos
Thursday 14th September	First Aid Course Police Academy Escapade Trip UoA Whakapiki Ake
Friday 15th September	Ki o Rahi Mufti Day— Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
Monday 18th September To Friday 22nd September	Ski Trip
Wednesday 20th September	Junior Speech Contest
Friday 22nd September	Fia Fia Night Last day of Term 3

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Haymish Sanderson, Year 9, who won the \$100 Warehouse Gift Card. The prize draw was for those students whose parents/caregivers attended the recent Academic Coaching Interviews.

Dean's Report

Sarah Martin—Year 10 Dean

Well, Term 3 has only a few more weeks to go. It has been nice to come back and reconnect with the cohort and meet our new pupils who arrived during Term 2. I would like to give a big thankyou to Mrs. Jae Carey for taking care of the cohort during my absence.

The Year 10s are working positively towards the end of term with assessments and end of unit tests. Uniform is looking good, although just a reminder that only the school jumper is the regulation jumper and not black jumpers either with or without zips. Also, with summer just around the corner, black roman sandals are the required school uniform shoe. Any form of slides are not acceptable.

It is pleasing to see the number of Year 10s participating in school sports trips. For your Information, the Deans have decided that students may only attend three sports trips per term. This is so your child does not miss out on classroom time.

Attendance has been pleasing but many students are late turning up to class. This means they disrupt the start of the lesson, which is not helpful to the teacher or the students. I will be reminding the cohort of the importance of being on time to class.

I appreciate all communication with regards to the wellbeing of your children and will always do what I can to accommodate parent/caregiver requests. I can be contacted via email, shorner@darghigh.school.nz or on my cell phone 027 208 1789 . Alternatively, you can contact the school office and leave a message for me to call you back.



THE MOBILE DENTAL VAN IS VISITING
DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

4 TH SEPTEMBER

FREE BASIC DENTAL CARE FOR
YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS (UNDER AGE 18)

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD:

0800 262 2022

mobiles@dentalplanet.co.nz



Cyber Safety

This link has information relating to this issue.

<https://bullyingfree.nz/search/results?Search=cyberbullying>

Excerpt from this website:

Parents and whānau - keeping children safe from cyberbullying

It is important that you work with your child to agree on a plan of action that supports them but doesn't harm their social life further or reduce their contact with friends. Save offending text messages and take screenshots of any abuse online. Report internet cyberbullying to the website where the bullying took place. Usually there is a 'report abuse' button or 'safety' link, as well as a 'block sender / user' link. You can also report an incident to NetSafe, using their online form.

Many social networking sites such as Facebook have a 'block' or 'report' function where a student can enter the user names of people bothering them or people they want to avoid

If bullying occurs through text messages, contact your child's mobile phone company and ask them to take action. Phone companies have an agreement to liaise with each other and take Action, where appropriate. They can block numbers or disable an account (that the texts or calls are originating from).

If the bullying involves another student at your child's school or it's affecting your child at school, talk to the school. Parents and whānau should regularly remind children not to post or share images they don't want spread further, including email, pxt and txt.

More advice is available from netsafe.org.nz or call 0508 NETSAFE (638 723) or email queries@netsafe.org.nz

PLEASE NOTE – Student safety on the internet is an ongoing concern. At DHS, internet use is governed by a cybersafety agreement that we want to draw to your attention at least 6 monthly. Please review this with your student and confirm with him or her that it is being observed. If you require a spare copy of the Agreement, please contact the office.

Junior Activity Days

The Junior Activity Days will be happening at the end of Term 4.

This is a great way for the students to have some fun and celebrate the end of the school year. Students are able to pick the activity they wish to participate in for the days and the cost of the activity and any remaining school fees for the year are required to be paid before students are able to attend the activity.

Parents are able to set up automatic payments now to ensure all fees are paid in time.

If you have any questions regarding fees and Payments, please contact the school office as soon as possible to avoid any student not being able to participate.

Dargaville High School



We invite prospective parents and students to our Open Evening. Come visit our well-resourced School. Tours run from 4.00 - 7.00pm, from the School Hall.

**OPEN
EVENING**
Tuesday 12th
September

We look forward to welcoming whānau and prospective students to our Open Evening. Visitors will have the opportunity to view learning areas, talk to teachers and experience what Dargaville High School can add to your child's education.

Please meet in the School Hall for the Principal's welcome and a guided tour.



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Tutamoe Raffle

The Tutamoe Class have been fundraising for their class trip to Taupo later on in the year.

A big congratulations to the following prizewinners:

Karen Duncan- Rump and beeswax pack
Sheree Cranston- Rump and beeswax pack
Maria – Rump and beeswax pack
Edwards Whanau- Swimming Pool family season pass and beeswax pack
Mark and Sandy-Swimming lessons and beeswax pack
Richard Amorooa- Salt and pepper and beeswax pack

A big thank you to our sponsors:

Silver Fern Farms
Kauri Coast Community Pool
Coleman's Beeswax Wraps
Kylie Kelsen



Congratulations to Year 12 midfielder Finn Sloan, who was Man of the Match in a two-to-one victory for the Northern Wairoa Football Club.

How can I support my child with NCEA?

Your child will be expected to complete work started in class, study for tests, undertake projects or assignments, prepare for new work, practise work they've learnt and do their own research. They need to be organised, be able to prioritise what is important, and be clear about the marking criteria for all assessments.

Some ways you could help your child learn include:

- Talk with your child's teacher or Dean to ensure your child is enrolled for the right subjects to get where they want to go and meet their aspirations
- Help your child manage their time. Together make a timetable of assignment and assessment dates
- Work with them to set goals and put them up around the house
- Help them develop good work and study habits. Get them to make time each day to read and study
- Create a place to work. If not at home, then maybe a local library, or a relative's home.
- Create a network of 'go to' people who can help with different subjects – these could be peer homework groups, friends or neighbours, whanau or professional tutors
- Celebrate good work and effort

