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# Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa

As Term Three comes to a close it seems it has flown past extremely quickly. Next term begins on Monday 9th October. Week Three of Term 4 will see eligible senior students on study leave in preparation for the external NZQA examinations.

As with previous years, Year 11 students will need to apply for study leave. They will not be automatically going on study leave after the Senior Prizegiving. This is due to some students needing to complete internal assessment work, contributing to NCEA Level One. The key criteria for being granted study leave are having a number of external examinations, or having already achieved NCEA Level 1 or are likely to meet the requirements through their external examinations. Study Leave application forms have gone to students and these need to be returned early next term. If your child has not received a form they can collect one from the Year 11 Dean, Haley Corfield.

During this week, a number of students are on the annual ski trip, skiing on Mount Ruapehu. There has been a good level of snow and the weather has been fantastic. The students have enjoyed their time and there are a number of photos from the trip included in this newsletter.

Last week we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and the theme of making the language stronger - Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori. A number of events and activities took place throughout the week, culminating in a mufti day on Friday. Also last week we had our Open Day, the Mathematics Common Assessment Task, School photos and the Police Academy trip to Escapade in Auckland.

Senior students that sat the school practice examinations should have received their results by now, and should also know what areas may require

more work in to prepare for the NCEA examinations, which start on November 6. As I have said previously, all external examinations are important and I urge students to fit in a programme of study during the upcoming holidays and to continue to study until the examinations. Senior reports are currently being written and will be issued early in the new term.

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 the only permitted items of footwear. 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 school 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.

I would like to invite all families to our Senior Prizegiving, which is on Thursday October 26 starting at 6pm. It would be wonderful if you could join us.

Finally, I wish all staff and students a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki



# Ski Trip



whakaute / kawenga / aroha hoatu / ngākau tapatahi

# Escapade Trip

Angela Troath—Assistant Principal

Police Academy students had a great time today at Escapade in Auckland. They had to work as a team to uncover clues and find their way out of a locked room.

Congrats to the "Bachelor Boys" Team (Lloyd, Kasey and Kyle) who won the challenge and 'escaped' from their room in under an hour! Mahi pai!



# Junior Speech Contest

Shirley Baume—HOD English

This year we had ten students participate in the Junior Speech Contest. There was a wide range of topics spoken about and all the speeches were very informative and wonderfully presented by the speakers.

Thank you to our judges who were impressed by the caliber of speeches.

Congratulations to the winners:

First Place—Christian Burrell  
(Topic—Mental Health)

Second Place—Hazel Jenyns  
(Alternative ways to spend time on your phone)

Third Place—Ben Leao  
(The benefits of PE as a subject)

# 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 9th October	Term 4 Begins
Monday 9th October To Friday 13th October	Police Trip Great Barrier Island
Tuesday 10th October	Senior Report Issued First Aid Course
Tuesday 17th October	Head Leader Hui Otamatea High School
Wednesday 18th October	Level 1 Artboards Due



Year 13 students, Cooper Pulman and Haylee Mitchell got the opportunity to guest DJ on MoreFM with John, Flash & Toast from Northland's Breakfast Club. A big thanks to Mrs. Greyling for organising this for them! Cooper & Haylee do a radio show at Big River FM most Fridays.....tune in and have a listen!

## Dean's Report

**Matt McCahon—Year 9 Dean**

Kia Ora

A big Ka Pai to both our Year 9 students and whanau for getting through Term 3. I know that this term can often feel long but well done for getting through it. This term has seen good sports results for our school and I would like to shout out to our Junior Girls Netball who won the Northland Secondary Schools Junior Netball Champs. This team was a mix of Year 9 and 10 girls.

As we head into Term 4, our Year 9 students need to understand that there still is a lot of work to be done before we end the year. Exams and end of year work need to be a priority for us. We do have some exciting activity days coming up at the end of Term 4 but work needs to be done before these can happen.

I hope that everyone enjoys their holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in Term 4.

Up the Wahs and go the All Blacks !

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