



#17 15th December 2023

Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa

This is the last newsletter for 2023 and there are a number of activities that our students have been involved in since the last newsletter.

November was a busy month, with a number of students involved in a variety of events and excursions. The annual Year 9 Social Studies trip to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds took place on the 15th of November. The Junior exams took place the following week and our Junior Volleyball Teams attended the North Island Junior Championships. While they were not placed, they learned a lot from the experience.

On the 20th of November, a group of staff and students were involved with the powhiri to welcome Takiri Pumipi into her new role at the Ministry of Education. Our students were fantastic ambassadors, representing Takiri and the school with pride.

December has also been a busy time at school, including an orientation of Year 8 students from the smaller contributing schools on December 8. Again, we received a lot of positive feedback about our students and 2024 Student Leaders acting as guides. On the following day, the junior Enterprise class held their market day, which they have been preparing for during this term. The A Block Quad was a hive of activity during the interval break.

During this week, we have had the junior Activity Days, with Monday being a craft focus and Tuesday being a range of Tabloid sports as well as a waterslide on the field. The Prizegiving took place on Wednesday, which was the last day for students. Congratulations to students that were recipients of awards for prizegiving.

For all of the events and activities outlined above, a number of staff have had a critical role in the organisation and running of these. A big thank you to our staff for their valuable contribution to ensuring the success of these.

Organisation for the start of next year is well underway and the starting dates are included in the newsletter. There are a number of new staff that will be joining Dargaville High School and I will introduce them in the first newsletter of the new year.

I would like to acknowledge the staff that are leaving at the end of this year, which includes Takiri Pumipi, who has been at our school for 33 years, many of these as Deputy Principal. She has already started at the Ministry of Education, but she will be formally farewelled at the end of this year. Ian Butterworth is moving to England at the end of this year, with Jackie. Ian has been Assistant Principal and a valuable member of the Leadership Team and Jackie has done an amazing job as Librarian as well as Literacy support. We also farewell, Nuala McCulloch, who will be working in Tauranga, and Geoff Prentice, who will be working at Pompallier College next year. Similarly, Peter Northey, Jody Reynolds and Deb Steele will be leaving also.

Finally, I wish everyone a happy and safe festive season as well as a relaxing holiday break. I look forward to working with you in 2024.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki



Junior Prizegiving

We celebrated our Junior student's successes on Wednesday 13 December. Thank you to all the families and members of the community who attended.

A big congratulations to our Year 10 Dux and Proxime Accessit. This year the recipients for these awards were Tahir Te'o and Tayla Kiihfuss respectively.

Congratulations to all the recipients of awards this year, we look forward to next year !



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WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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Primary School Science Day

Paul Barnes—HOD Science

25 students from Year 9 and 10 became the teachers today, demonstrating science experiments to Year 5 and 6 students from DPS.

Well done to them all in what was an exhausting but rewarding day for them!



Return to School Dates 2024

Thursday 1st February

Teacher Only Day/Options with Deans
Year 13 Leadership Training

Friday 2nd February

Teacher Only Day/Options with Deans
Year 13 Leadership Training

Monday 5th February

Yr 9 and Yr 13 Only

Tuesday 6th February

Waitangi Day

Wednesday 7th February

Seniors back to school (Yr 11, 12,13 Only)

Thursday 8th February

All Students Back to School



SUMMER SCHOOL

Tāpiri ki ō whiwhinga NCEA i te raumati
Top up your NCEA credits

Kia tuihono tō ako ki te Kura Raumati.

Kauā e tuku mā te iti ō ō whiwhinga ako NCEA koe e whai ai i te mātauranga, whakangungu me te whai mahi hoki a tēra tau.

Ka tuwhera ngā rēhitatanga a te Whiringa ā- Rangi.

Study online with Te Kura Summer School.

Don't let a few NCEA credits stop you from going on to further study, training or employment next year.

Registrations open in November.

Bell Times 2024

			Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Period Labels			Start Time	Length	Start Time	Length	Start Time	Length	Start Time	Length	Start Time	Length
1	Form Period	FP	08:50 am	10			08:50 am	10	08:50 am	10	08:50 am	10
2	Period 1	P1	09:00 am	55	08:50 am	55	09:00 am	60	09:00 am	60	09:00 am	60
3	Period 2	P2	10:00 am	60	09:45 am	55	10:00 am	60	10:00 am	60	10:00 am	60
4	Assembly	FC			10:40 am	20						
5	Interval	I	11:00 am	40	11:00 am	40	11:00 am	40	11:00 am	40	11:00 am	40
6	Period 3	P3	11:40 am	60	11:40 am	60	11:40 am	60	11:40 am	60	11:40 am	60
7	Period 4	P4	12:40 pm	60	12:40 pm	60	12:40 pm	60	12:40 pm	60	12:40 pm	60
8	Lunch	L	01:40 pm	30	01:40 pm	30	01:40 pm	30	01:40 pm	30	01:40 pm	30
9	Period 5	P5	02:10 pm	60	02:10 pm	60	02:10 pm	60	02:10 pm	60	02:10 pm	60
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Market Day 2024

On Tuesday 5th Dec our Year 9 Enterprise class held a Market Day during lunchtime.

Groups of students sold food and other services. It was well received by the students who supported the class in large numbers.

