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Tēnā tātou katoa

Dargaville High School

It has been a busy time at Dargaville High School since the last newsletter.

The Peer Support camp was successful, with the Year 9 students involved in a number of activities based at Kai Iwi Lakes and the Year 13 students being good role models and showing good leadership. I would like to acknowledge the staff that have helped to organise the camp.

During this week, students in Year 10 Science classes have been participating in the EPro8 challenge, which is a set of science and engineering challenges to promote science, engineering and problem solving.

By the time that this newsletter is distributed, our School Athletics would have taken place. All of the organisation is in place and it should be a good day.

As we have advised previously, the PPTA has given notice of a teacher strike on Thursday 16 March. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

As well as the strike next week, there are a number of events taking place, including the Moving On day for Year 13 students (on Tuesday), and the RYDA Driver Education programme for Year 12 students on Wednesday. Both of these programmes will be very valuable for the students involved. The Junior school will also be involved in technology-based learning with MOTAT on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also next week, NZQA are hosting workshops to explain and answer questions about NCEA. They are meeting with students on the morning of Wednesday 15 March, which will be followed with a meeting for whānau starting at 5pm at school. We extend a warm welcome for whanau of students in Year 10 or 11 to this meeting.

Finally, attendance continues to be a major priority, emphasising regular attendance, which works out to be an attendance rate of at least 90%. Students who are not attending regularly, miss out on Learning, impacting on their progress. A sobering statistic is that learners who miss a week of school each term will have missed out on a year of schooling by the time they are 16. A new truancy provider is now in place and will be working with schools to support attendance.

We would appreciate your support with attendance as well as the expectation of students being on time to school and in the correct school uniform.

Naku na

Mike Houghton
Principal / Tumuaki

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

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KIA NOHO TAKATŪ KI TŌ ĀHUA AO!



Swimming Sports 2023

Logan Steed—Sports Co-ordinator

On Friday 24th February, we had our annual Swimming Sports at the Kauri Coast Community Pool. Students enjoyed a fun day filled with competitive races, fun races, bombing and chant competitions, and lots of house spirit. Huge thanks to the Kauri Coast Community Pool and Dargaville Swim Club for use of their facilities and equipment, and also thanks to whānau who came to timekeep and support our swimmers.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th March	Senior Girls Volleyball Year 13 Moving On
Wednesday 15th March	Year 12 RYDA Year 9 and 13 Peer Support
Thursday 16th March	Senior Boys Volleyball
Monday 20th March	Heights Course Student Leaders Hui
Tuesday 21st March	First Aid Course Boys Volleyball Cup
Wednesday 22nd March To Thursday 23rd March	Learner Licence Course Peach Cove— Police Academy
Thursday 23rd March	Careers Roadshow
Friday 24th March	Girls Volleyball Cup



Rylee Laurie (Year 9) has been selected to representing New Zealand in PoloX. She will participate in upcoming national and international games.

We wish Rylee and her team all the best !

Deans Report

Matt McCahon—Year 9 Dean

Kia Ora. I am Matt McCahon ,the Year 9 Dean. Firstly I would like to say well done to our students and parents for a smooth transition into high school. The Year 9 cohort has started the year off well and are adjusting to high school; most students have adhered to the rules and expectations of the school.

Well done to all Year 9s that participated in swimming sports. It was awesome to see students getting involved in races and being dressed up in house colours. However, numbers were very low from Year 9 and it is important to remember that your students are expected to be at these events. We have Athletics day on Friday the 10th of March and I would like to see a lot more numbers at this event. Also Whanau are welcome to this day.

Uniform has continued to be displayed very well in our year level. I am very proud of the students. Just a note; as mornings get colder, please make sure our students remain diligent with uniform and are wearing either a plain black puffer jacket, a school jacket or a school hoodie if they are cold.

Please keep a look out on our Facebook page to keep up to date with events that are happening at our school.

Mentor Drivers Required:

DHS is seeking people to volunteer as MENTOR DRIVERS to assist our students' progress with their driving licences. Having a Driving Licence is a huge issue in employability and is even more important for youth in rural and isolated areas.

DHS will provide the vehicle and some basic Training, with the goal of developing a group of mentor drivers.

Ideally, we would like you to commit to a regular time of two to four hours per week to provide driving practice time for our students. You will also need to undergo a Police Vet procedure since you are working with children.

Please contact Ms Chiaroni at DHS for more information or to offer your help.

Buddy Camp 2023

Ashleigh Sage—Year 13 Dean

Last week we had the Year 13 and Year 9 Peer Support Activity Day at Lake Kai Iwi. The sun was shining and the lake was warm. It was great to see both year groups interacting, problem solving and having fun together. The Year 13s showed real leadership and I look forward to seeing them lead throughout the year. A big thank you to all that helped with the day and running the stations .

