



#5 12th May 2023

# Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa

Thank you to all of the parents and whanau that attended the Academic Coaching interviews last week. These meetings were very beneficial as a checkpoint on student goals and progress as we approach the half way point of the year. Thank you to everyone for working together to make ensure the academic interviews were a success.

Also, a thank you to our Head Students, Eliot and Willow, who represented our kura at the civic service on ANZAC Day. They were excellent ambassadors and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

We have been advised of upcoming industrial action by the P.P.T.A, which includes rostering year levels home. We will keep you informed and provide regular updates of which year groups are affected. We acknowledge the disruption and appreciate your patience.

There are a couple of trips planned for next week, including the Hospitality Academy trip to Auckland, the English and Drama trip to Witi's Wahine (postponed from this week), as well as a trip to the Writer's Festival. On Friday of next week, our school is participating in Pink Shirt Day which focusses on working to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our school is participating in the pilot of the new Literacy and Numeracy assessments, which will be a co-requisite of NCEA going forward. This involves students completing online assessments, with two opportunities a year to complete these. The first assessment week, which is set nationally, is the week starting on Monday 12 June. Closer to the time, we will have a detailed timetable of when the specific Reading, Writing and Numeracy assessments will be set. As this is a pilot, the current pathways to gain the Literacy and Numeracy credits still exist.

Finally, a reminder that we are currently organising a visit to Dargaville by a group of students from Yakushima in Japan. We are looking for homestays for these students from July 30 to August 15. More information is available from the school office and, if you are willing to assist, please also contact the school office.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki

**Dargaville High School**

is looking for Host Families for students we are welcoming from Japan

**Visiting Dates:**  
**Sunday 30th July 2023**  
to  
**Tuesday 15th August 2023**

If you are able to host a student for their visit please contact the school office on 09 439 7229 or via email [ascott@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:ascott@darghigh.school.nz)



# Gateway Update

Jocelyn Hodgson—Gateway Co-ordinator



## Career Roadshow – Term 1

We were lucky to have over 30 providers present to our students at the Career Road Show. Students enjoyed meeting tutors and finding out about courses, entry requirements and career outlooks.



## Rugby ref Course – Term 1

Gateway held a Rugby Refereeing course at the end of last term. This is a new course and was run by a tutor from The Learning Place (a Dunedin-based training organisation.)

The course was funded by the school and Northland Rugby. There is a shortage in New Zealand of Rugby referees and the idea is to encourage more young people into the world of refereeing.



## Diary Dates

Monday 15th May & Tuesday 16th May	Hospitality Academy Trip
Tuesday 16th May	Witi Wahine Trip
Wednesday 17th May	Attitude Presentation
Thursday 18th May	Junior Turbo Touch Writer's Festival Armed Forces Visit (Period 1 & 2)
Friday 19th May	Pink Shirt Day
Monday 22nd May	Theory Fencing Course
Tuesday 23rd May	Senior Turbo Touch
Wednesday 24th May & Thursday 25th May	Senior Mixed Volleyball
Friday 26th May	Mufti Day—\$2

## Deans Report

**Richard Amoroa —Year 12 Dean**

As Year 12 Dean I am pleased to report that there has been a positive shift in Year 12 student attendance at school and to classes this term, compared to Term 1. I believe that Term 2 is the most important term, as it allows students to reflect on Term 1 and make timely changes to their overall academic efforts. This is so important moving forward.

I know that the ongoing negotiations between the PPTA Secondary School Teachers' Union and the Government have caused ongoing strike actions. This, along with other disruptions, such as the recent weather events, are disruptive for everyone. We thank you for your patience.

We have a number of exciting sports, gateway and academic events coming up for our Year 12 students. I encourage all students to take part in any activity that is offered to them.

I can be contacted during the school day by email, [ramoraa@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:ramoraa@darghigh.school.nz), or by phone 439 7229 extn 239 or 027 208 2589.



## INDUSTRIAL ACTION DATES

The PPTA have advised the below dates for Strike Action for Term 2, 2023.

Tuesday 9 May - Year 12

Thursday 11 May - Year 13

Tuesday 16 May - Year 9

Wednesday 17 May - Year 10

Thursday 25 May - Year 11

Tuesday 30 May - Year 13

Thursday 1 June - Year 12

Tuesday 6 June - Year 10

Thursday 8 June - Year 9



**TRIP ON  
WEDNESDAY  
10TH MAY  
POSTPONED**

Four women. Infinite strength. A love song  
to mana wāhine.

## **Witi's Wāhine**

by Nancy Brunning

**POSTPONED  
UNTIL TUESDAY  
16th MAY**

**POUTO NETBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING  
FOR MORE 13-18 YEAR OLD PLAYERS FOR  
THEIR TEAM WHO ARE HEADING TO FIJI  
AT THE END OF THE YEAR FOR A WEEK  
LONG TOURNAMENT AND CROSS  
CULTURAL EXCHANGE.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE GET IN  
TOUCH WITH TE ATAWHAI VIA THE POUTO  
NETBALL CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE.**

## **First Aid Course**

Recently, several senior students took part in the First Aid Course offered by the Gateway office. This is a great skill to have and all students who attended gain certification and credits that can be used towards their NCEA Certificates.

Another course will be offered and we encourage students who are offered the chance to attend, to take part.

