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Tēnā tātou katoa

# Dargaville High School

This is the last newsletter for Term Two, which has been a busy term in many ways and particularly so for the last 3 weeks. As you can see in the newsletter, activities that have involved students include, Showquest, Mathex, and a variety of class trips.

Congratulations to the students involved in Showquest, which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The students practised hard and represented the school well. Overall they came in second place and were awarded a number of other honours, which are listed in this newsletter. Thank you to the Arts Leaders and the staff members involved in organising the Showquest item.

Also congratulations go to our Mathex teams, who participated in the secondary school competition in Whangarei. A particular acknowledgement goes to our Year 10 team, who were placed second overall.

There have been a number of trips that have taken place recently. In addition to the regular trips by Tutamoe to Baylys Beach and Tane Mahuta, Senior English classes attended a performance of King Lear in Auckland, Senior Art classes visited an exhibition in Auckland and students attended Ngā Manu Kōrero in Whangarei. This week, the Police Academy have tramped in Puketi Forest.

Winter Sport has continued and in the last week, we have held our annual cross country. Well done to all students that participated and congratulations to all of our place getters. This was followed up by students attending the Northland Championships on Tuesday.

A number of Gateway and career opportunities have taken place recently. These include the Barista training for senior students, Project Pest and Girls in Infrastructure.

For senior students, there is a little more than a term left before they go on study leave. It is important that all students attend as much as possible. Attendance is directly related to progress, as well as succeeding with internal assessments. Attendance will be a key focus at the start of next term.

The holidays begin today and I wish everyone a safe as well as relaxing break. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 17 July, for the start of Term Three.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki

Important

## Student Detail Update

If you have recently moved house, changed phone number or email or if any other contact details have changed please contact the school office to obtain a 'Change of Details Form'

This will need to be completed before we can action any changes to student files.



# Barista Course

Brian Ross—Hospitality Tutor



Level 12/13 completed a two day Barista training programme with Hospitality Academy Tutor, Brian.  
All students gained credits & a certificate for their CV.

## English Department

Rachel Leao—English Teacher

On Thursday 18th May a group of keen readers and writers went to the Aotea Centre in Auckland to attend the annual Writer's Festival.

It was a great day where students got to hear famous authors speaking about their works and their lives. The students were inspired. It was an amazing experience for them and lots are keen to go again next year!



# Showquest 2023

Congratulations to our Showquest group. They came second overall and also gained the following awards:

ZM Soundtrack Award

Best Theme

Highly Commended Choreography

Showquest School Spirit.

A big 'Thank You' to the Arts Leaders: Willow Smith (Choreography), Cooper Pulman (Stage Manager), and Natasha Viscoe.

A special 'Thank You' to Zoe Godfrey and Lydia Carey who took on last-minute roles due to illness.

What a great team!





# Mathex 2023

Two Junior Maths groups from DHS participated in the Mathex Challenge. Mathex is a challenging and fast-paced Mathematics contest where schools from across the area compete against each other in teams to answer questions as quickly as possible.

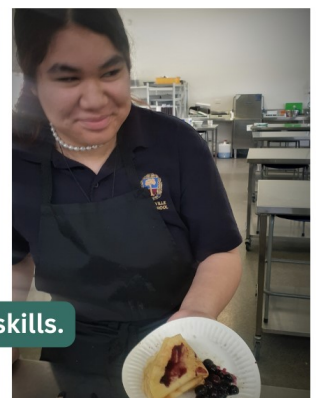
Congratulations to the Year 10 team (Tahir Te'o, Seth Martin, Tayla Kiifuss and runner William Kiifuss), who came second overall.



To celebrate all their new language learning, Year 10 French class made a traditional French favourite: les crêpes.



They followed a recipe written in French and showed impressive cooking skills.  
Bien fait!



## Diary Dates

Monday 17th July	Term 3 Begins
Wednesday 19th July	Tree Planting
Thursday 20th July	Project Pest Assessment Waipoua Forest Nursery Visit
Tuesday 25th July	Senior Boys Basketball
Thursday 27th July	Senior Girls Basketball
Saturday 29th July	School Ball
Sunday 30th July	Yakushima Exchange Students Arrive

**SCHOOL BALL 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday 29th July**

## Dean's Report

**Jae Carey —Year 10 Dean**

Kia Ora, to those of you who don't know me yet, I am Jae Carey and I am currently looking after the Year Ten cohort. Term Two is nearly over and it has been awesome to see our students start to grow and mature as young adults, rapidly approaching the senior years of high school.

As we are getting into the winter months we want to ensure that our uniform is correct and appropriate. Pants must have a straight leg and not be track pants. Please, if your child is not in uniform, send them with a note. Most of our students are respecting the rules and representing the values of our school well. However, there is often conflict around the school's no phone policy. Please remember phones are not allowed at school at any time. The school office is able to make phone calls and get a hold of parents, if needed. I would really appreciate your support with this. If you need to contact your child during school hours, PLEASE call the office not your child's cellphone.

Year Tens, we are halfway through the year! Keep pushing on. Remember the work you do this year will set you up for what you want to do in the future. Keep your options open by doing the best you can!

Be the best that you can be.

## Police Academy Tramp

**Angela Troath—Assistant Principal**

Police Academy students had a trip to Lane Cove last week.

The weather was fantastic and students easily managed the three-hour tramp. Fitness levels are definitely increasing and all students demonstrated how to work as a team.

Looking forward to our Puketi Forest tramp in a few weeks.

