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# Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa,

The annual School Ball was held on Saturday night (July 27), with the theme of A Night in Paris. It was wonderful to see the students dressed up for the occasion and enjoying the Ball. A big thank you to all of the staff and students who worked on the Ball and made it the success that it was.

Today was the official pōwhiri to welcome the visiting students from Yakushima, Japan. There are five students with their teacher and they will be based at our school for the next couple of weeks. There are a wide variety of activities planned for our visitors, including a number of excursions. Thank you to the families that have provided homestays for them as well to Mrs Lambrechts for organising the programme and to Mr Grant for working with the students.

Also today, we have a number of students competing in the Annual Quad tournament. The tournament has students from Otamatea High School, Ruawai College, Rodney College and our school competing in a variety of sports. Rodney College were the hosts this year and thank you to Mr Steed for organising our students to attend.

This week, there have been several Gateway and Careers events, including Forklift Training and a visit from the Army recruiter, as well as a site visit to QRC taking place on Monday.

There are a couple of important events taking place next week. On Tuesday, we have teams entered for the Northland Mathex Competition, which is hosted by Whangarei Boys' High School. On Thursday Night, we have the annual Fia Fia Night. The students have been practising hard and we are all looking forward to it. Tickets are available from the school office.

This term is an extremely important one for our senior students working towards NCEA. Attendance is directly linked to progress, so it is important for all students to attend regularly. Students also need to ensure they are best prepared for the assessments they are sitting in class and for their external assessments.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki

## Hands-On at Otago Whai Wheako i Ōtākou

12-17 January 2025

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For students in Year 12 or 13 in 2025.



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Applications open Monday 1 July 2024

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# Around School



**Congratulations to Carleesha Aiken for winning the Golden Kauri draw at our school assembly on Wednesday. Her prize was an iPad, presented by our guest Paul Roukchan**



**Students from the Hospitality Academy catered for the RSA Ladies Lunch on Monday 22nd July**

**Dargaville High School Board of Trustees are currently reviewing school policies.**

**We are asking parents to please review our current policies and give feedback to the school.**

**If you would like to review these please contact the school office for log in details.**



## Dargaville High School Art Club

Every Monday at 2nd break



Art Shed

With your visual art leaders



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## Careers Corner

### Defensive Driving

Defensive Driving Course for Term 3  
(Last course of the year)

September 9, 11, 16, 18  
Monday and Wednesday evenings,  
with a practice drive with the instructor  
on a weekend day that suits you.

Only \$20 (subsidised by over \$200)

Book your place at the school office  
Limited places



## Reader Writers Wanted

We are currently looking for people in the wider community who are able to give some time to our senior students who are eligible for assistance for internal assessments throughout the year, exam week, and during NCEA external exams at the end of November.

You must have the ability to relate well to teenagers.

If you are able to read fluently, spell and write legibly, and would like to help our students Succeed, please contact the school office on 439 7229.

## Trustee Treasure

When schools encourage children to practise reading at home with parents, the children make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who only practise at school.

It is well documented that families whose children are doing well in school are involved in encouraging their children's development and progress.

Examples: Maintaining a warm and supportive home, showing interest in children's progress at school, helping with homework, discussing the value of a good education and possible career options, staying in touch with teachers and school staff.

DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

# Fia Fia Night

8TH  
AUGUST  
2024

TICKETS ON SALE AT DHS FRONT OFFICE  
\$10.00  
\*12 AND UNDER: \$5.00  
\*5 AND UNDER FREE

MENU:  
CHOP SUEY, FA'I, CHICKEN DRUMSTICK, POTATO SALAD, FRY BREAD

MEALS SOLD SEPERATELY ON THE NIGHT: \$10.00

6PM - 7:30

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES FROM WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, KAMO HIGH SCHOOL, DARGAVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, AND SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

# Diary Dates

Monday 5th August	QRC Site Visit
Tuesday 6th August	Mathex Competition
Thursday 8th August	Fia Fia Night
Monday 12th August	Dental Planet Van Arrives
Wednesday 14th August	EPRO8 Challenge
Thursday 15th August	Yukushima Japanese Group Departs

# Dean Report

**Ashleigh Sage —Year 9 Dean**

Welcome back to Term Three. I am happy with how well the cohort has settled into high school and are feeling more confident in their surroundings. We have had to change our Year 9 core classes and the students have taken this change very well and are making new connections with fellow classmates. Well done, team!

Our year 9 students have picked two options that they would like to focus on for the rest of the year and I hope they find these classes enjoyable. I am looking forward to seeing the Year 9s push themselves in the second half of the year and take opportunities that arise.

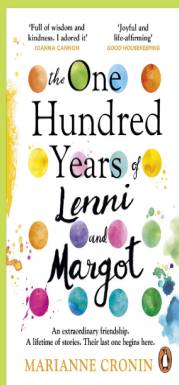
Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me 0276281152 or [asage@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:asage@darghigh.school.nz). Alternatively, you can contact the school office and leave a message for me to call you back.

## DHS Reading Corner

### The Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot

by Marianne Cronin

This is an amazing book about friendship in unlikely circumstances.. It is funny but also sad, with really amazing characters, and has interconnected ideas which you only work out towards the end. There are cool little sub-plots throughout as well. I went to read about the author afterwards as I was so impressed by the quality of writing, and she is only in her 20s!!! So it just goes to show, anyone can have a go writing a book at any age. I have already recommended this book to two students so I hope some of you others go and get it out of the Dargaville Public Library and enjoy it as much as I did! It was incredible and I highly recommend it.



Review by  
Whaea Libby

## Visiting Author

We are very lucky to have author **Deborah Robertson** (Ngāi Tahu) visiting DHS on the 20th of August when some of our junior students will have the privilege of meeting and working with her.

Deborah's novel *Before George* is described below.

### Before George

When Marnya immigrates to New Zealand from South Africa in 1953 with her mother and sister, her mother cuts off Marnya's hair and changes her name to George to hide her identity as a girl. Hours later, their Christmas Eve train plummets into the Whangaehu River and George loses not only her family and name, but also the answers as to why her mother deceived her father and fled their homeland.

Now a ward of the state, George finds herself enrolled in a rural school where survival depends on fitting in with a group of boys who think she's strange. Disconnected from everything that once defined who she was, George must reconstruct her identity and come to understand her mother's decisions.

(From <https://huia.co.nz/>)

