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Tēnā tātou katoa,

Dargaville High School

As the end of term three quickly approaches, we have a number of school events happening. First, I would like to thank all the families who attended our school Open Evening yesterday. It was great to see so many parents and their children come and see what we have on offer for 2025.

The senior school examinations will start on Monday September 16 for all year 11, 12 and 13 students. These exams are important both as a gauge of preparedness and also to assist with preparing a derived grade if one is required. Students should be studying in preparation for these.

We had a number of sporting events which our students have attended over the last couple of weeks such as The Beast Mud Run, Junior and Senior Netball competitions. Congratulations to all the students who competed in these events and came away with some great results in the netball. We also had a number of students involved in other school trips such as the Tourism and Hospitality classes to Rotorua, a careers trip to Future Pathways at Northtec and, more locally, to the cinema to watch a film based on their current topic of study in year 10 social studies.

The Senior Prize giving is set to take place on October 24. As with previous years, this will be an evening celebration (starting at 6pm). Please be seated by 5.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating our school and individual successes of our students.

If your child will be away from school, please don't forget to let the school office know. You can contact the office by phone, email or even the school app. The school app is available at the app store, and is a great tool for keeping in touch

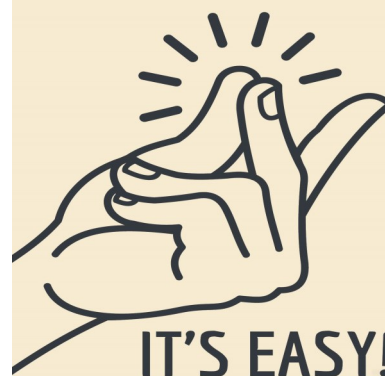
with what is happening around the school. You can also register your child's absence through the app.

Next week, we will be holding our Hui Whānau/Hui Ako meeting, previously known as Academic Coaching, on the 5th and 6th September. These meetings will be with form teachers and are an excellent opportunity to discuss student progress, goals and next steps. These meetings will be held during the day, school will be closed for instruction both of these days.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE
10TH SEPTEMBER AT 12PM**

**PLEASE SEE ALANA IN THE OFFICE FOR
A NOMINATION FORM**



Senior Netball

On Tuesday, we sent a team to play at the NSSSA Senior Netball Competition at Whangarei Netball Centre. The team was a mix of our Koura and Kōkōwai senior teams. They had two wins against Opononi Kohine and Okaihau College and two losses against Bream Bay Red and Otamatea Silver to finish third in section 1 of the cup grade.

Well done, girls and thank you to Francie for coming over with the team and coaching!



Junior Mathex

We recently took three teams of Year 9 and 10 students to the Northland Mathex Competition in Whangarei.

The teams competed against schools from across Northland in the fast-paced and challenging Mathematics competition. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the competition. You represented our school well.



Dargaville High School Art Club

Every Monday at 2nd break



Art Shed

With your visual art leaders

Trustee Treasure

The DHS Board believes that parent involvement with their children's education and learning has a very positive impact.

We understand a lot of parents do not know how to help their children with their education, and we want to encourage you to become increasingly involved in home learning activities which then means you have the opportunity to teach, to be models for, and to guide your children.

Families whose children are doing well in school express high but realistic expectations for achievement. Examples: Setting goals and standards that are appropriate for children's age and maturity, recognising and encouraging special talents, informing friends and family about successes.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

8 September
2024



READING TAKES YOU PLACES



whakaute / kawenga / aroha hoatu / ngākau tapatahi



Nau mai, kake mai!

Join us for a NCE A-Z workshop designed to help ākonga understand NCEA

This workshop will cover:

- Your Aspirations
- The NCEA structure
- NCEA Endorsements
- University Entrance (UE)
- The importance of STEM
- Choosing the right subjects
- Tips to achieve your aspirations

Where:

Dargaville High School

When:

Friday, 6 September 2024

Workshop 1: 10am – 11am

Workshop 2: 12pm - 1pm

Careers



NCEA info



Endorsements



This NCEA me te Whānau Workshop is presented by



WHAKAUTE KAWENGĀ AROHA HOATU NGĀKAU TAPATAHI.

NOMINATE YOUR CLASSMATE

WHICH DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
DEMONSTRATES ONE OR MORE OF OUR
SCHOOL VALUES AND WHY?

STUDENTS: GET A NOMINATION FORM FROM YOUR
FORM TEACHER AND PUT YOUR CLASSMATE'S NAME
FORWARD TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED.



RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CONTRIBUTING INTEGRITY

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 September	Health and Safety Course Senior Reports Issued Head Leader Hui – Ruawai College Year 9 Raranga
Wednesday 4 September	Health and Safety Course
Thursday 5 September	Hui Whānau/Hui Ako SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
Friday 6 September	Hui Whānau/Hui Ako SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
Monday 9 September To Friday 13 September	NCEA Co-Requisite Exam Week
Tuesday 10 September	Distance Learner Exams Yr 10 Raranga
Wednesday 11 September	2025 Senior Option Form Due Back DHS 1st XV
Thursday 12 September	Police Academy - Gun Club Trip Yr 11 Raranga

Coming Up

Senior Practice Exams will take place Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September.

These are important exams for senior students to complete. Exam timetables have been emailed to students and parents. If you have not received the timetable, please contact the school office.

Dean Report

Sarah Martin —Year 11 Dean

Hi Everyone,

This has been such a busy term for our Year 11 cohort, starting with the school ball, where the students looked so adult and grown up. Congratulations, Duke and Duchess: Ashlee Winter and Luke Jackson. Fia fia night was a great night where our year 11 Pacific Island students shone both on stage and behind the scenes. Many of our cohort were also involved in supporting and hosting the students from Yakushima, Japan. I have heard nothing but glowing compliments about well these students presented themselves. It has been enjoyable traveling with our students to the Quad in Wellsford and also to The Beast in the Bay of Islands. Well done to all those students.

Academically, things are really starting to heat up for the Year 11s now. Many subjects have external in class assessments, worth 5 credits, which are run over a number of days. Many internals are also being marked and if your child does not pass these, many subjects are running catch up classes later in term 4. The next round of NCEA Co-requisite Numeracy and Literacy exams are week 8 (beginning 9th September). If you or your child are unsure if they are sitting these exams, please contact me and I can let you know. Practice exams begin week 9 and all senior students will be on study break only coming in for their exams or catch up workshops. Students should have had their exam timetable emailed to them but, again, if you or your child is unsure please contact me.

Hui Whānau/Hui Ako: these meetings are coming up. It's a good time to check in with your child's form and or subject teacher or me. Please contact the school office to make a booking. These academic coaching sessions will focus on NCEA progress as well as option choices for 2025, so it is well worth coming in to get up-to-date information on student progress as well as sorting options for next year.

I am monitoring uniform and attendance and your continued support in ensuring students are dressed in the correct school uniform and arriving at school on time is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school on 09 439 7229 or via email shorner@darghigh.school.nz