

#### #13 13 September 2024

#### Tēnā tātou katoa,

The last month has been a busy time at school with a number of events and activities taking place. At the end of August was our annual Open Evening, which was well attended and gave a good taster of what Dargaville High School has to offer. Following this was Daffodil Day, which was a mufti day for the school. A big thank you to all staff and students involved in organising and assisting in the Open Day.

Thank you to all of the whanau that attended the Hui Whānau last week. These are an important opportunity to meet and discuss progress towards goals set by the students, as well as next steps. As a follow-up we are collecting option choice forms for 2025.

This week, a number of students have been sitting the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy assessments and, next week, the school practice examinations are underway. During next week, there are also subject workshops. The timetable for next week has been shared and it is important that students attend these and give all assessments their best efforts, particularly with the examinations giving a good indication of preparedness for the external examinations which start in November.

All the best for staff and students from our school and cast and crew of the Dargaville Little Theatre production of "Our Stories". They are performing in the National Theatrefest competition, in Wellington, on Saturday evening.

There has been a lot of media attention about a teacher shortage, throughout the country, with some schools having to resort to rostering students home. Like all schools, staffing is an ongoing priority, and I can assure you that we continue to work very hard to ensure that all classes are staffed.

# Dargaville High School

In the last week of this term, we have our school photos, as well as the Tutamoe trip to the Coromandel and the Board of Trustees Student Representative voting will take place on Thursday 26th September.

Nāku nā

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Mike Houghton Tumuaki

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Dargaville High School students shone in yellow raising money for Daffodil Day in order to support the 1 in 3 NZers who will get cancer in our lifetime. This year Dargaville High School raised \$334.50 Such a great effort.

AN INVITATION TO WHANAU

Dargaville High School Hall Thursday 24th October 2023 6.00pm

Please be seated by 5.45pm



### **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.



Thank you to Ruawai College for hosting this term's Head Leader Hui. These meetings are great opportunity to catch up and discuss what is happening at each school across the Kaipara.





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**

Monday 16 September To Friday 20 September	Senior Practice Exams
Tuesday 17 September	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 18 September	Ako Tautoko Footsteps to Manea Trip
Thursday 19 September	Yr 13 Raranga
Monday 23rd September To Friday 27th September	Tutamoe Class Tutamoe Trip
Monday 23rd September	School Photos
Tuesday 24 September	Junior Speech Competition Yr 11 Raranga
Thursday 26 September	BOT Student Representative Voting Day

### Next Week ...

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 Jae Carey —Year 12 Dean

Wow, where has this term gone? As we finish off week eight of term three, Year twelve Students will be preparing for important practice exams in week nine. Remember Year twelve that these exams are very important as they will prepare you for your upcoming externals and will also act as a safety net if you are unable to sit your externals due to illness.

Senior option forms are now due. Option selection is very important. If forms are not bought back in a timely manner, some subjects may not run, so please make this a priority.

Finally, now is the time to be getting your leadership applications in for next year. Students have been asked to write a letter of application outlining why they would be a good candidate for a leadership position. This is due at the end of the term. Remember Year twelves to keep on pushing for your credits needed to finish the year strong.



If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

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All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Hub Locations
Wednesday 6 November	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville
Wednesday 11 December	
Wednesday 4 December	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall
	172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.