



#15 1st November 2024

Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Thank you to all whanau and family that attended Senior Prizegiving last Thursday evening. It is always a highlight of the year to celebrate the achievements of our students. Particular congratulations go to April Morris, who was announced as Dux Litterarum for this year. I also want to acknowledge the staff involved in organizing and assisting with prize giving.

Senior students are currently on study leave and the NCEA examinations for this year are due to start next week. A reminder that students need to attend all examinations in school uniform and be prepared with the equipment they need and their admission slip.

Over the last couple of weeks, there have been several events that senior students have been involved in. Firstly, there was an interview with More FM to talk about the Year 13 theme days. This was followed by a visit to The Hits Radio in Whangarei, again to talk about the theme days as well as helping out with other activities around the station. Finally, two head students spoke to the Rotary Club about their year and plans to the coming year and beyond. Again, our students are excellent ambassadors for the school.

Duing the last week of last term was the Tutamoe trip to the Coromandel. The students had a busy time visiting a number of place and tourist attractions. It was a very successful week and photographs from the trip are included in this newsletter.

School continues as normal for the Year 9 and Year 10 students, with various activities involving the students taking place before the end of the year, including the Junior Examinations and various sports trips.

The Junior Examinations take place during the week starting November 18.

Before the end of the year, there are two Teacher Only Days planned. The first of these in on Friday 8 November, with a focus on NCEA planning and preparation. The second day is Wednesday 27 of November, with a focus on collaborative planning.

The final day for students is on Wednesday December 11. This is the day of the Junior Prizegiving, which starts at 10am, in the school hall. Parents and whānau are welcome to attend.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

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



Senior Prizegiving

Dargaville High School's senior students' academic year came to a conclusion on Thursday October 24th with the annual school prizegiving. The prizegiving saw the announcement of this year's Sports and Academic Duxes.

The 2024 Boys' Sports Dux was Jack Vallance and the Girls' Sports Dux was Billie Burke. The Proxime Accessit was Alyssa Ledingham and the 2024 Dux Litterarum was April Morris.

This year's prizegiving saw a number of scholarships awarded to deserving students to the value of \$75,000. We would like to thank sponsors for their generosity and their investment in the futures of our students.

We wish all students every success in the upcoming national exams and our best wishes to those leaving.



Trustee Treasure

How can I support my child with NCEA?

Your child will be expected to complete work started in class, study for tests, undertake projects or assignments, prepare for new work, practise work they've learnt and do their own research. They need to be organised, be able to prioritise what is important, and be clear about the marking criteria for all assessments.

Some ways you could help your child learn:

- Talk with your child's teacher or dean to ensure your child is enrolled for the right subjects to get where they want to go and meet their aspirations
- Help your child manage their time. Together make a timetable of assignment and assessment dates
- Work with them to set goals and put them up around the house
- Help them develop good work and study habits. Get them to make time each day to read and study
- Create a place to work. If not at home, then maybe a local library or a relative's home.
- Create a network of 'go to' people who can help with different subjects – these could be peer homework groups, friends or neighbours, whānau or professional tutors
- Celebrate good work and effort

(from Partners in Learning booklet ERO)

AN INVITATION

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Time to be Confirmed

Dargaville High School

**NAU MAI
HAERE MAI**

Teacher Only

Days

Term 4

Friday 8th November

&

Wednesday 27th November

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th	Volleyball Cup—Boys
Wednesday 6th November	Volleyball Cup—Girls
Thursday 7th November	Tutamoe Beach Walk— Pouto
Friday 8th November	Teacher Only Day School Closed for Instruction
Wednesday 13th November	NW Bulls Senior Touch
Thursday 14th 'November	Tutamoe Beach Walk
Friday 15th November	Mufti Day—\$2

From the Board

Our Term 4 school policies are now open for Review. You are welcome to review any or all of these. They are found on the "School Docs" website.

Just search "Dargaville High" under the school name, our username is: "darghigh". Please contact the school office for the password.

Student safety on the internet is an ongoing concern. At DHS, internet use is governed by a cybersafety agreement that we want to draw to your attention at least 6-monthly. Please review this with your child and confirm with him or her that it is being observed.

If you require a spare copy of the agreement, please contact the office.

Dean Report

Ashleigh Sage —Year 9 Dean

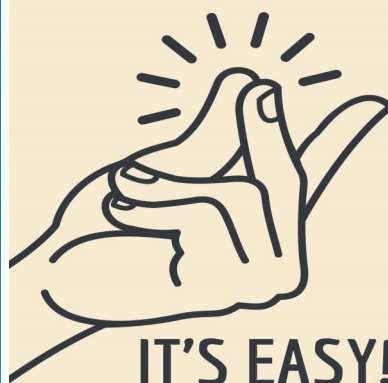
The year has flown by and we are in the final weeks of Term 4 for our year 9s. They have been working so hard and putting effort into all areas of school life. It has been great to see them find themselves and evolve into fine young ladies and gentlemen.

The next few weeks are important as they are getting ready for their junior exams. These are happening during Week 6 and they have been putting together study plans during Whanau Time. I would like to see their continued efforts, ensuring they are studying and getting ready for exams. It is important to turn up to all classes so they do not miss any information.

Mr McCahon and I are in the planning stages of End of Year activities for years 9 and 10. This will be in Week 9 and will be two days of fun for the students.

Well done to our Year 9 students and all that has been achieved this year - continue the hard work. Thank you for your support throughout the year and I look forward to seeing you at Prizegiving.

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