



#15th November 2024

# Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Senior students are currently on study leave and the 2024 NCEA examinations have begun. A reminder that students need to attend all examinations in school uniform and be prepared with pens and their admission slip. We wish all senior students sitting these exams all the best.

School continues as normal for the Year 9 and Year 10 students, with a number of activities involving the students taking place before the end of the year, including the Junior Examinations, various sports trips and the Junior Activity Days. The Junior Examinations start on Monday November 18 and the Activities Days are planned for the 9th and 10th of December.

Events coming up also include the NISS Junior Volleyball Competition in Auckland. We wish the teams all the best for the tournament and thank the staff and families who have been involved in the fundraising and training to get these students there.

Please also note we will be having a Teacher Only Day in Wednesday 27th November. These are important for staff to plan for 2025. We appreciate your patience and support in keeping your child/ren home on this day.

Finally, I invite all whānau and community to the Junior Prize Giving to be held at the school hall on Wednesday 11th December. This is an important day for students to celebrate their hard work throughout the year. This day will also be the last day for school for 2024. .

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton

**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**

## AN INVITATION

## JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Time to be Confirmed

Dargaville High School

**NAU MAI  
HAERE MAI**



# Sport Update



Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who recently competed in Whangarei at the NSSA Volley Cup Tournament.

Both teams played well and are improving with every game. We look forward to seeing the results from the upcoming Volleyball Nationals competition in Auckland.



Jacinda from the Hundertwasser Centre came and delivered an educational program to our Year 9 and 10 students. What a great opportunity for our budding artists!

The Board would like to wish our students all the very best for the upcoming exams. The time and effort that you put into preparing for exams will be reflected in improved results.

Congratulations to those students who were acknowledged at the Senior Prize giving for their achievements during 2024.

The next two Board meetings scheduled for the year are to be held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November and the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

You are welcome to attend.

Kim McCahon  
Chairperson  
Dargaville High School Board  
Email: [board@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:board@darghigh.school.nz)

# Trustee Treasure

## What can you do if you are worried about your child's learning?

**Talk with your child.** This is the best way to understand what's happening for them. Together you can take time to decide what the issue is, how big the issue is for them, and what it means for their learning.

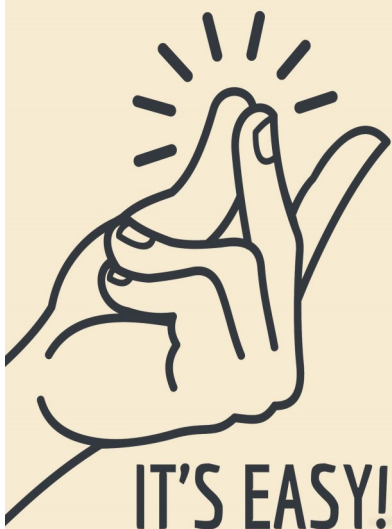
**Who to contact?** If your child is having trouble with a specific subject, then arrange to meet with their subject teacher. They will be able to help you with your child's progress and formulate a plan which will help them catch up to their year group or to their expected levels with learning.

If the teacher uses education terms you don't understand, ask them to explain them. Make sure when the meeting ends you have understood everything so that you're in the best position to help your child.

Any plan you, your child and your child's teacher decide on should have some long-term and short-term learning goals, actions for the teacher and perhaps some actions for home.

(from Partners in Learning booklet ERO)

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## BYOD - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE 2025



DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
YEAR 9

### Scheme outline

- Each Year 9 student will have the option of a device provided by Dargaville High School (Chromebook, 4GB, expires 2029). A Chromebook will be part of our Year 9 stationery requirements.
- A non-refundable deposit of \$50 (per year) is required before collecting the Chromebook.
- Parents/Whanau have the option of purchasing the Chromebook outright. The Chromebook will cost \$225 (minus deposit paid) plus GST. If not purchasing, the Chromebook is returned (in good condition) to Dargaville High School at the end of 2 years (or upon leaving DHS).
- The Chromebook can be taken home, for homework purposes, but must be brought back into school.
- Chromebooks can be left at school and charged overnight.
- Lockers and charging areas are available throughout the day.
- Maintenance and repairs: DHS will take responsibility for warranty issues but not deliberate damage e.g. cracked or broken screens or keys picked off/missing.

Parents/Whanau can opt out of this scheme. Chromebooks will be available for a daily hire but these are unable to go home with the student and we have a limited supply.



Please contact [office@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:office@darghigh.school.nz) for further information



[www.dargavillehighschool.co.nz](http://www.dargavillehighschool.co.nz)

## Diary Dates

Monday 18th November	Junior Exam Week Starts
Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November	NISS Junior Volleyball
Wednesday 20th November	Ako Tautoko History Walk NW Bulls Senior Touch Competition



## UNIFORM DONATIONS

For our uniform cupboard, we are on the lookout for:

1. DHS polo shirts
2. DHS hoodies
3. Black shorts
4. Black pants - no cuff
5. Black uniform skirt
6. Black lace-up shoes
7. Black socks

If you are not sure, please ask.

Unwanted items still in decent condition can be left with the Dargaville High School Office.

Thank you!

## Dean Report

**Matt McCahon —Year 10 Dean**

Kia Ora,

Term 4 is upon us and the weather is definitely starting to feel more like summer. We need to remind our students of our summer uniform. Sandals are allowed but must have a back strap and not be worn with socks. School hoodies and plain black puffer jackets are the only jumpers Allowed. No plain black hoodies.

Holidays are just around the corner. This time of the year can sometimes feel like it drags on but we have some important things coming so it's super important that our Year 10 students stay on track. We have exams coming up in week 6. These help us to place students into classes next year and identify any additional support students need. We also have activity days and prizegiving coming up, as well.

As the Year 10 dean, I have appreciated the support I have received this year from whānau when dealing with issues. It has made my job easier and more enjoyable and I thank you for that.

Go the All Blacks !

