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Tēnā tātou katoa

Dargaville High School

Today is the last day of Term One, which has been a very busy term for a number of reasons: class trips, careers trips, Gateway workshops, sports, competition, camps and Kapa Haka.

Firstly, congratulations to the students who participated in the regional EPro8 Challenge, which was held in Whangarei on the 28th of March. They competed against teams from other secondary schools, completing various challenges. The Year 10 Team, 'The Geeky Frogs', were the overall winners of the challenge. Our other team competing, 'The West Coast Wonders', were placed 5th. Well done to all the students involved and thank you to Mr Barnes for his organisation.

The Police Academy have had an eventful time recently, undertaking a survival camp last week and white water rafting. Other senior trips include some students attending the Future Trades Day and the Tourism class going to Footprints of Kupe. Additionally, there have been a number of Sport Northland events attended by our students. Other events at school have included a robotics workshop last week. This was a hands-on opportunity for junior students to experience a range of robotics activities, including Virtual Reality headsets. This week, our school Athletics Day was held, which was a great day.

Our Kapa Haka roopu have been practicing hard in preparation for performing at this year's Tai Tokerau Festival. As well as practices during the week, there have been weekend wānanga over the last two weekends. The students were on stage on Wednesday and represented the school with pride. A big thank-you to the staff, tutors and whānau that have worked on or helped with the campaign.

Interim Reports will be issued early next term and these will be followed by the first of the Academic Coaching Interviews for whānau. The interviews will be on the 9th and 10th of May. These are a very valuable opportunity to meet with your child's from teacher to discuss Progress-to-date and goals working forward. Interview booking forms have gone out this week and I encourage all whānau to make a time to attend.

Also, advance warning of a planned Teacher Only Day, which will be on Thursday May 23. The intention is for all staff to complete and / or update First Aid certificates in the morning and attend a Paid Union Meeting in the afternoon.

As I have stated, today is the last day of Term One. Term Two begins on Monday 29 April. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

**DHS
SPELLING
BEE
COMPETITION**

YEAR 9s Wednesday 1st May (period 2)
YEAR 10s Wednesday 8th May (period 2)

In the School Hall

First prize - \$50 voucher
Second prize - \$25 voucher
Third prize - \$10 voucher

Whanau welcome to support!



Police Academy

Angela Troath—Police Academy Teacher

Police Academy students were on a SOS survival course on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April. A number of skills were learnt throughout the day(s): tying knots, building and lighting fires, identifying plants that can be eaten in the forest, building shelters with tarpaulin and natural resources, using a slingshot to hunt prey and what to do if students are lost in the outdoors.

They slept in their shelter overnight and, despite the rain, they remained "relatively" dry. We had a lots of laughs with the instructor ,Stu, and all students demonstrated great teamwork!



Robotics

Year 9s got to experience Virtual Reality, Turing Tumble and Makey-Makey with our interactive Robotics STEM workshop in the Hall.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

THURSDAY 23RD MAY

DHS will be closed for instruction on this day to enable staff to attend a First Aid Course and Paid Union Meeting

Gateway Update

Jocelyn Hodgson—Tourism Teacher

Ten students have undertaken the Countdown (Seeds) and Warehouse (Red Shirt in Schools) programme. This involved retail theory and then five days of in store work experience.

A Workplace Health and Safety Course was held at the school. Twenty-two students took part and a First Aid Course was also undertaken with good attendance.

The Tourism class has had three guest speakers this term. Many thanks to Chelsa Bassett from QRC, Amanda Bennett from Northland Regional Cycle Trails, and Lorraine Davidson from Dargaville Community Development Board.

We recently had a class trip to Manea - Footprint of Kupe in Opononi to look at it from a Tourism perspective. It was wonderful to see a professional cultural tourism activity in Northland.



Dargaville High School

Is looking for Host Families for students we
are
welcoming from Japan

Visiting Dates:
Thursday 1st of August 2024
to
Thursday 15th of August 2024

If you are able to host a student for their visit, please contact the school office on 09 439 7229 or via email ascott@darghigh.school.nz

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Diary Dates

Monday 29 April	Start of Term 2 Year 9 Option Change
Tuesday 30 April	Tutamoe Hatea Loop Trip
Wednesday 1 May	Year 9 Spelling Bee
Thursday 2 May & Friday 3 May	Project Pest
Monday 6 May to Friday 10 May	Youth Week
Wednesday 8 May	MITO Bus Tour Year 10 Spelling Bee
Thursday 9 May	STAR Maori Art Academic Coaching SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
Friday 10 May	Academic Coaching SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION

Academic Coaching Interviews

Thursday 9th of May
and
Friday 10th of May

To book an appointment please use the link below:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/xgbc2>
to be in to win a \$100 gift card and spot prizes

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION BOTH DAYS
TO ENABLE THE INTERVIEWS TO TAKE PLACE**

Dean Report

Haley Corfield —Year 12 Dean

Just like that, we are at the end of Term 1. I have definitely been very impressed with our Year 12 cohort this term. I am pleased with the way our students have moved into Yr 12 and the effort that they have put into their classes. This term has gone quickly and I think that is an important reminder of how fast the remainder of the year will go.

It is exciting to see our Year 12 students immersing themselves in school life and involving themselves in sports teams and extra curricular activities. We have a number of students involved in Gateway, PITA and Police Academy and I would encourage all our students to get involved in those things that interest them and to make the most of the opportunities the school offers while they can.

Reminders Uniform

Moving into Term 2 we will start to have the colder mornings and wetter days. Please ensure your child has the correct Dargaville High School hoodie, jacket or black puffer Jacket. We are continuing with our current uniform procedure and are not issuing uniform passes for incorrect uniform items. Instead, we will give your child the correct item of clothing to wear for the day.

Car Passes

If your child wishes to drive to school, they need to collect the correct form from me to be completed. Please have a conversation with your child around safety when driving to and from school. Yr 12 students are not permitted to leave the school site during the school day unless they have a note from home or contact has been made with the school to let us know.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2, ready to continue the great work of Term 1.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school on 09 439 7229 or via email hcorfield@darghigh.school.nz.