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Tēnā tātou katoa

Dargaville High School

At this week's student assembly, a number of students were recognised for a range of achievements and successes. It is always pleasing to see students acknowledged at our assemblies.

Last week saw the completion of the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite examinations, which involved a number of students. Organising the students and the assessments is a big job and I would like to acknowledge Ms Troath and Ms Hodgson for ensuring these assessments ran smoothly.

Last weekend, Sapna Reddy and Joanna Azariah represented our school at the regional Model United Nations (M.U.N.A). They had to represent a country and participate in debating resolutions from the perspective of their country. Sapna was a delegate for China and Joanna represented Qatar.

This week has also been a busy week with our Year 12 students participating in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme (RYDA), yesterday. The focus of the programme is to deliver up-to-date road safety information. Also today, 32 students have represented our school at the regional Showquest. They have been practising hard and we wish them all the best.

Next week, we have M.O.T.A.T visiting and they will be delivering hands-on science and technology programmes for our students. Also next week, we have the Strike Percussion Group performing for our students.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki



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

Attendance Competition

This term we are running an attendance competition for all students at Dargaville High School!

Students with a 95% or above attendance record will be invited on an afternoon out with food and drinks provided.

Students and Caregivers can check their attendance rate on student Kamar or MyMahi.

Let's get to work and support our students being at school.



LITERACY AT DHS

Your student may recently have sat one or more of the NCEA co-requisite literacy (and numeracy) exams, the standalone exams which are part of the NCEA. Literacy doesn't start and finish with the exams, though - at DHS, we are working school-wide to strengthen the literacy skills of all our students. Over the next few newsletters, look out for more tips and information about ways you can support your student at home to develop his or her literacy skills.

What is literacy?

Literacy is the ability to read and write so that we can communicate effectively and make sense of the world around us.

Just a few reasons literacy skills are important

Success at school!

Students with strong reading and writing skills do better at school as it is easier for them to do the work and access the learning.



Maths!

Strong reading skills are even linked to success in maths.

Better job opportunities!

People with higher levels of literacy are more likely to have better paying jobs when they leave school.

Quality of life: People with higher levels of literacy generally have better health outcomes.

RED! Read Every Day

Here is one small but really significant way you can support your student to develop literacy skills: **encourage them to read - every day!** Putting down their phones and picking up a book for twenty minutes would have a huge effect on their learning, over time.

Stuck for ideas? Check out the *Reading Corner* in our newsletters or ask your student, "If somebody wrote the perfect book for you, what would it be about?" and then encourage them to ask our fantastic librarian, Tamara, for help to find it. Dargaville also has a really great town library, so there are plenty of books around to choose from! **There is truly a book out there for everyone!**

Model United Nations



Congratulations to Sapna Reddy and Joanna Azariah who participated in MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly).

MUNA is a one-day-event that encourages students to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations (UN) while they develop debating skills and gain self-confidence in public speaking.

Joanna was allocated Qatar and Sapna had to study China. They both researched history, politics, economics, peoples, international alignment and policies, and then they debated selected resolutions from each country's point of view in a simulated United Nations Assembly.

The debates reproduced genuine UN debates often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent, bloc walkouts and corruption (in the form of a chocolate bar!)

Thank you to Dargaville Rotary Club for sponsoring this event and both girls are keen to continue their MUNA journey!



THE MOBILE DENTAL VAN IS VISITING
DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
12 - 30 AUGUST 2024

FREE BASIC DENTAL CARE FOR
YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS (UNDER AGE 18)

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD:

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The tweens (as we fondly refer to them as) have hit the 6-weeks old mark and are thriving. Boofer, Unco, Rolly and Lil-Jit love climbing up on students and being noseey.

Our new babies have hatched and are one week old, reminding us how large the tweens really are in comparison. Named (from left to right) Nuggs, Cee, Eff and Kay, they are quietly peeping their way into our lives.

Many thanks again to Kaipara Landscape Dargaville for the ongoing donation of bags of bark for the cages and to Farmlands Dargaville for their donation of the chick starter.



STRIKE TO SCHOOLS

Northland June 2024



Bookings are now open for the 2024 STRIKE TO SCHOOLS tour. Nationwide in Term 1&2

For bookings and information contact strikeschools@gmail.com



DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Pasifika Talanoa Evening

Does your child need help with NCEA? Would you like help understanding the New Zealand school system?

Join us at our Talanoa Evening to get support, provide your input, and discuss raising Pasifika children in Dargaville.

All welcome!

- DATE: 12 June 2024
- TIME: 6.00pm
- VENUE: Dargaville High School

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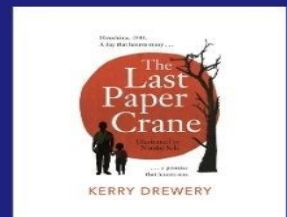


DHS Reading Corner

***The Last Paper Crane* by Kerry Drewery**

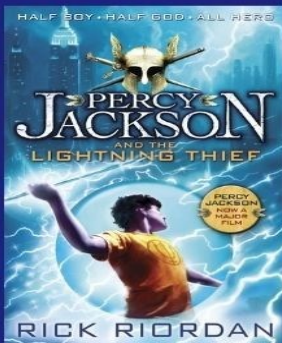
What would it do to you as a person to live through your city being destroyed by an atomic bomb?

The Last Paper Crane is about the 1945 Hiroshima bombing in Japan. Japanese teenager, Mizuki, learns that her grandfather lived through the horror of it. This book is not written like a typical novel and has haiku (a type of Japanese poetry) included in it.



Recommended by Gloria:

“I rate this 10/10. It is full of emotion and you learn about the history of the Hiroshima bombing. It is very well-written.”



The Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

Imagine discovering that you are a demi-god: son of a human and Poseidon, Greek god of the sea! This is what Percy Jackson, 12 years old, discovers while on summer camp. Percy is then sent on an important mission by Zeus, the king of the gods.

If you like adventure, mythology, the idea of being a hero - or even just a really exciting read - check out this series. Start with the first one, *The Lightning Thief*. ★

From the Board

The Board of Trustees 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.

Diary Dates

Monday 10 June To Friday 14 June	MOTAT STEM (Juniors)
Tuesday 11 June To Thursday 13 June	Gateway Beauty Course
Tuesday 11 June	Head Leader Hui (Otamatea High School)
Wednesday 12 June	DHS 1st XIII League
Thursday 13 June	STAR Art Course
Monday 17 June	DHS Cross Country
Tuesday 18 June	BOT Meeting Girls in Infrastructure
Wednesday 19 May	DHS 1st XIII League Mathex
Thursday 20 June To Friday 21 June	Police Trip Puketi Forest Trip
Thursday 20 June	STAR Maori Art
Friday 21 June	Tutamoe Wetlands Trip

Basketball Home Games on Friday afternoon, around 5 - 7:30 pm, 14th June.

Whānau and school support for these home games to cheer us on are welcome!



Dean Report

Matt McCahon —Year 10 Dean

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a good start to term two so far. However, as the weather is changing and getting colder our students are starting to push the limits with uniform. Please remind students that track pants, socks and sandals and non school hoodies are not the correct uniform. The school has soft shell jackets available for students. Each student is entitled to one jacket and they can see the office staff to collect one.

Attendance is important for student success at school. Please contact the school office daily when your child is away. This helps us to account for their whereabouts and ensures their safety.

I am off on leave for the next two months. Mrs Carey will be taking over the dean position for the Year 10 cohort while I am away.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Jae Carey through the school office or by email jcarey@darghigh.school.nz.

DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL BALL

A NIGHT IN PARIS

*Saturday 27th July
Dargaville High School Hall*

Tickets are on sale at the school office