



#8 21 June 2024

Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa,

We have a number of student successes to share over the last couple of weeks. Firstly, the Show Quest students performed in the regional competition on Friday 7 June. Our students practised hard and did very well on the night. As well as other prizes, our team was the overall winner. On the next night, Te Timatanga Henare performed at the Northland Rockquest, placing first for his Solo-Duo. He performed an original song, which he wrote himself. Congratulations to Te Timatanga and all students involved in Show Quest. Thank you to the staff who worked on supporting the students in these areas.

Next week, our school is celebrating Matariki. There are a number of activities and events being planned, including our Kapa Haka Roopu are performing at the Northern Wairoa Matariki Festival on Monday. On Thursday, we have planned a hangi for all staff and students. Next Friday is the Matariki Public Holiday.

Attendance continues to be a focus area, particularly as most senior students are working towards NCEA. The intention is for students to maintain regular attendance, which is defined as 90% attendance or higher. That equates to attending at least 9 days out of 10. Attendance has a direct connection to progress. When students are away, they miss the learning in class as well as making it difficult for assessment work to be finished and submitted.

Finally, we farewelled Ms Crofts, who will begin working for the Northland Kindergarten Association and Ms Corfield is now on Maternity Leave, giving birth to a daughter earlier in the week.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

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.

Leavers' Lunch

Tuesday 2nd July from 1 pm at DHS Kauri
Cafe E2

All recent leavers are invited for lunch and coffee. Come along and tell us how you are getting on.

Say hi to your teachers and meet our Year 13s who may be following in your footsteps.
All welcome !



Smokefree Rockquest

Congratulations to Year 13 Te Timatanga Henare, who gained 1st place for his Solo-Duo at the recent Northland Smokefree Rockquest competition. He created and performed his own song... "Devil's Work".



Farewell Ruth, we wish you all the best in your new position at Northland Kindergarten Association.

HUI AHUREI O MATARIKI

A Matariki Festival that encompasses the Kura of the Northern Wairoa area lead by Kāhui Ako. Celebrated during the rising of Matariki through Kapa Haka performances.

**Hosted by Te Kopuru School
Monday 24th of June**

**DARGAVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL BALL
A NIGHT IN PARIS**

*Saturday 27th July
Dargaville High School Hall*

Tickets are on sale at the school office

Showquest 2024

On Friday, the DHS Showquest team were awarded 1st place at the Northland regional Showquest competition. The last time we won Showquest was in 2015! The team put in many hours at lunchtime and after school, and put together a wonderful performance. What an awesome, talented bunch of students we have at DHS! Thank you, Mrs Carey, Ruby, Miss Corfield and Miss Mackereth for organising all of the rehearsals and helping with the performance/backstage support.



DJ Training

Daniel, Moana and Methuka took part in an interactive DJ session with Kimba Jade <https://soundcloud.com/kimba>

What an awesome experience and we look forward to them "mixing some tunes" in the near future! Moana said he eventually wants to DJ for the School Ballwatch this space!



Cross Country 2024

Congratulations to all students who competed in the recent cross country. We had over 100 students participate which was great to see.

Winners' names are on the school Facebook page!



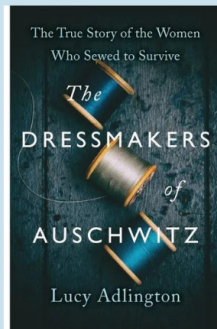
Matariki
market
28th June 2024
Victoria St, Dargaville
4pm to 7pm
Stalls, Food, Performances
For more info contact info@dcdnb.nz



Literacy Corner

DHS Reading Corner

The Dressmakers of Auschwitz
by Lucy Adlington



This is the true story of a group of women who were forced to make clothing for the top Nazi leaders, their wives and children. Prior to being forced into a concentration camp, the women had been seamstresses and the sewing skills they had become their ticket to staying alive and surviving their harrowing ordeal.

Recommended by Mrs Cooper



Strike Performance

We had the percussion band Strike perform for us today. Awesome to see our Student Leaders help setup/packup.

Great to see the teacher "drum off" between Mrs Martin and Mr Mackay, and the six student volunteers drumming-up a beat!

A powerful Haka was performed at the end of Strike's performance. A good way to end the week .



Diary Dates

Monday 24 June	Te Kopuru Matariki Festival
Wednesday 26 June	DHS 1st XIII League Senior Tourism-Matariki Lights
Thursday 27 June	Mufti Day - \$2 Yr 10 English Trip 'Red, White and Brass'
Friday 28 June	Matariki Day School Closed for Instruction
Tuesday 2 July	Leavers Lunch
Wednesday 3 July	Student Council Bake Sale
Wednesday 3 July To Friday 5 July	Rotorua Police Trip
Thursday 4 July	Project Pest
Friday 5 July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22 July	Start of Term 3

Dean Report

Sarah Martin —Year 11 Dean

Well, we are almost at the end of Term 2. It has been pleasing to see so many of our Year 11 cohort taking part in winter sports as well as Show Quest. Well done to all of you for your participation.

The serious business of gaining credits is now well underway. The literacy and numeracy tests have been and gone and the results should be available during August. Hopefully, most of the cohort will gain these 20 credits available from these exams. Many subjects are now working towards the internals they are offering to the Students. It is important that all students are attending school and making every effort to complete the work in class so all credits can be attempted to the best of their ability.

School can be very stressful and overwhelming for many students at this time of year, please take the time to find out what assessment your child has coming up, and please contact their teachers if you have any questions.

As we are getting into the winter months, we want to ensure that our uniform is correct and appropriate. Pants must have a straight leg and not be track pants. Non-regulation clothing will be swapped with clothing from the uniform room. Most of our students are respecting the rules and representing the values of our school well. However, there is often conflict around the school's no-phone policy. Please remember phones are not allowed at school at any time. The school office is able to make phone calls and get hold of parents, if needed.

NZQA Information

Results from our recent NCEA Literacy and Numeracy exams will be released in the week beginning 5 August 2024.

A link/guide to the new NCEA Level 1 be found at the below link:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/About-us/Publications/Resources-and-videos/Guide-to-NCEA/Guide-to-NCEA-English.pdf?>



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