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Tēnā tātou katoa,

Today is the last day of Term Two and what a busy term it has been.

Last week, our school celebrated Matariki, with a number of events at school and locally throughout the week. The Tourism class assisted in putting up the Matariki lights in town and on Monday 24 June, our Kapa Haka Roopu performed at the Kāhui Ako Matariki Festival. During the week, a number of activities took place during the lunchtimes, culminating in a hangi for all staff and students on the Thursday. It was wonderful watching our students sharing kai together while our Kapa Haka Roopu performed their bracket.

Also last week, a number of Year 10 students travelled to Auckland to attend the Auckland Theatre Company production of "Red, White and Brass". There was also the Northland Cross Country Championships.

This week, we hosted former Year 13 students for the Leavers' Lunch, which was very successful. We also had a Market Day run by both classes of Ms Smith and the Student Council. The students put a lot of planning into this and a wide variety of items were available to purchase.

Earlier in the week, we had our final assembly for the term. The whole assembly was devoted to presenting students with a range of different awards. It is always pleasing to see students being acknowledged for their achievements in so many different areas.

For the last two days, our senior Police Academy class have been in Rotorua, with a number of different activities planned, including zip lining and rafting. They are back today.

A number of STAR and Gateway courses have



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taken place during the term, including Māori Art, Girls in Infrastructure and Project Pest.

Preparations for the School Ball are underway as is planning for other events and activities. Our Ball will be held on Saturday 27 July. We also have an up coming visit from students from Yakushima, Japan and Rodney College hosting us as part of the annual Sports Quad.

I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 22 July for the start of Term Three.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

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Year 10 Commerce

Last week, we said farewell to the Tweens (8 weeks old), who went to their forever homes. Thanks to the Kihifuss family and the Culpans for giving our tweens good homes. The babies, who are now five weeks old have enjoyed the larger cage this week and are ready to also be rehomed in time for the holidays but will still need their heater overnight until they are 6-7 weeks old.

Students have learned that... Chickens smell if you leave the cage too long between cleanings...What goes in, certainly comes out... Chickens go through an ugly phase at about 4 weeks old... They grow really fast... If you put your fingers in the cage then they will get curious and peck you...Chickens can be friendly and perch on your arms and shoulders (and head!)...Chickens will eat more food if you keep feeding them so their feeding needs to be monitored or they will cost you too much to keep (and you will not make money off them as a business)... Ms Smith is the crazy chicken lady...Chickens are great therapy when you just need some time out.

Thanks to the Pre-Trades students who built the mini chicken run so that the tweens could get outside on the grass. We loved your work.

Thanks also to Kaipara Landscaping supplies who gave us bags of bark to line the bottom of the cage, greeted me with a smile on a Friday when I stopped in, and took an interest in the chickens' growth.

Final thanks to Farmlands Dargaville for the chick starter to keep our mini flocks going this term.

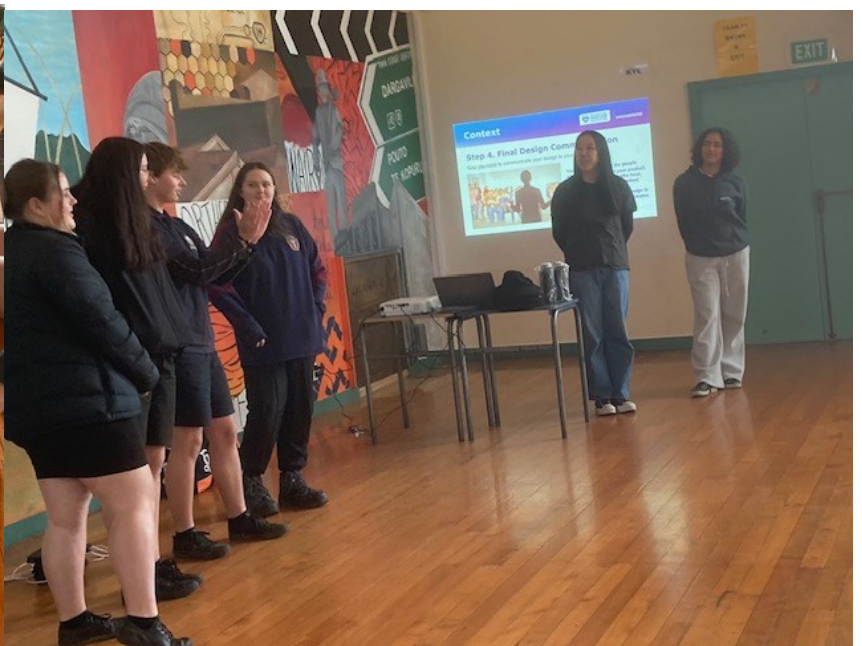


Careers Corner

Girls in Infrastructure hosted another wonderful day in Whangārei to help our students learn about the many great work and training options in Infrastructure including machinery operation, engineering and water management. Well done to our students who put up their hands for this worthwhile experience.



Female senior students enjoyed meeting University of Auckland Engineering students and learning about this degree and the many interesting and well-paid jobs it can lead to. Students must aim for Calculus and Physics at Level 3 for this degree and enjoy problem solving and technology. Come on Girls - set your sights high.



Trustee Treasure

When schools encourage children to practice reading at home with parents, the children make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who only practise at school.

It is well documented that families whose children are doing well in school are involved in encouraging their children's development and progress. Examples of Support include maintaining a warm and supportive home, showing interest in children's progress at school, helping with homework, discussing the value of a good education and possible career options and staying in touch with teachers and school staff.

From the Board

Please be advised that we have reviewed our DHS Firearms Policy and it is available for you to view on the School Docs Website. If you would like to view it, please contact us for the password.

It states that we do NOT allow Firearms or ammunition on the school grounds at all. With permission, we may allow students to attend events outside of the school that involve the use or presence of firearms, such as career days and/or sporting activities.

Exam Help Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Special Assessment Conditions students. Applicants would need to be police-checked (DHS can do this for you) and enjoy working with students. The role could involve reading exam questions, scribing answers for students or help with supervision. Contact office@darghigh.school.nz

Year 12 Digital

Year 12 Digital students went to Weta Workshop Unleashed in Auckland. We experienced make-up techniques, (where we created our own wounds) robotics, 3D printing and animation.

It was a fantastic hands-on experience, which provided our students with inspiration and ideas on how to be imaginative and creative!

Well worth a visit with plenty of opportunities to ask questions!



Senior Tourism

As part of a class project, Tunatahi Tourism (Dargaville High School Tourism class) approached KDC for funding and permission to install solar lights for Matariki around the Band Rotunda and surrounding trees on Victoria street.

The original plan was scaled down somewhat but many thanks still to KDC for funding the lights and the Matariki flag which is now flying proudly on the old Band Rotunda flag pole. A big shout out also to Northpower for their help.



Matariki 2024

Mānawatia a Mātariki!

Matariki is a time to reflect and respect, to gather (with kai!) and celebrate, and also to hope and plan for the future.

Week 9 has been a wonderful celebration of the season as we make way for the Māori New Year at Dargaville High School.

On Monday, Te Kapa Haka o Tākiwira (DHS Kapa Haka) were privileged to attend and perform, alongside the Kōhanga Reo and most of the other schools in the Northern Wairoa area of the Kaipara, at Te Hui Ahurei o Matariki which was extremely well-hosted by Te Kōpuru School. It truly was a magnificent hui and we're grateful for everyone who made it such a spectacular day.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a tātou katoa!



Diary Dates

Monday 22 July	Start of Term 3
Saturday 27 July	School Ball
Monday 29 July	Tutamoe Trip— Pohe Island
Thursday 1 July	Yukushima Japanese Group Arrive



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Dean Report

Richard Amoroa —Year 13 Dean

As we near the end of the Term, it is important to reflect on why we are here and what we are doing to achieve our academic goals.

Student attendance is relative to academic success. If your Year 13 student has an attendance below 70%, you would have received a letter from me. Together, we can improve student attendance which will by proxy improve academic progress. Speak to your tamaiti. Remind them that they have come such a long way to be here in this moment in Year 13. It is important that we not disregard all the hard work that allowed us to be in this position in the first place.

This year, our Year 13 cohort as a whole have been instrumental in maintaining a positive peer/role model status. They have been an absolute credit to you as parents, and to the school. Our work isn't finished, however; indeed, the most testing times are yet to come.

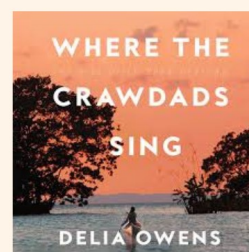
Term 3 will be the most important period of time in their whole school life. Help me to support them to reach the finish line.

DHS Reading Corner

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Kya Evans, a 'marsh girl', has been abandoned by all those who should have loved her and looked after her. Isolated from her local community, she has raised herself in the treacherous marshlands of North Carolina. She becomes the main suspect when a young man is found dead...

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