



# Dargaville High School

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Tēnā tātou katoa

After the announcement of school closures, the Ministry of Education has been working hard to provide more information for schools.

The Ministry of Education has decided to move the school holidays forward, to begin next week, Monday March 30 and continuing through to Wednesday 14 April.

While Term 2 begins on Wednesday 14 April, schools will remain physically closed. As it is still within the time frame of the Level 4 Alert, staff will be working from home and learning will be online.

We are working as a staff to ensure there is work available for students online to continue their education. Teachers have been in today, working on preparing resources and organising activities to enable students to continue their learning at home and online.

Also the Ministry of Education has launched 2 websites, *Learning from Home* and *Ki te Ao Marama* which will have some resources that could be useful. The addresses for these websites are:

- [www.learningfromhome.govt.nz](http://www.learningfromhome.govt.nz)
- [www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz](http://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz)

At this time, wellbeing of both staff and students is important. Wendy Laird (our Guidance Counsellor) will be available by phone for any students and staff that wish to talk. Her contact number is (021) 02720981. Our Youth Social Worker at School, Karla Lindsay, is also available with her contact number being (022) 060 6736.

We will continue to provide updates, as they become available, and particularly information about when school returns back to regular timetables.

Be kind, stay safe and look after each other.

Naku Nā

Mike Houghton  
Principal