

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Whanau,

ATTENDANCE

Some of you may have noticed Philippa at the front of the school from around 9am until 9.30am talking to students and whanau who have arrived at school a little late. We want to improve student attendance with a particular focus on those students who regularly arrive late.

Our aim is to help whanau and students do their best to arrive on time to be engaged with learning and be less disruptive for teachers and other students. If we can talk with families about attendance then we can work on ways to improve.

Although lateness is improving, we still had 12 students late today. We really do appreciate families who make an effort to get their children to school on time.

Children need to be at school by 8.55 am every day

If your child is going to be absent or you know he/she is having difficulty with lateness the best thing to do is talk with your classroom teacher. Teachers are here to understand your situation and help where possible. By discussing these issues we can avoid using the Truancy service which will always be our last resort.

There is a reward shield for class attendance at weekly assembly. Lets all encourage our students to be on time to start class in the morning so they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

Throughout the year we will keep you updated on the progress to improve attendance.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

This Friday we will be presenting the 2019 House Captains with their badges. Assembly starts at 2.20 pm and you are always most welcome to join us.

IMPETIGO—School Sores

We presently have a number of cases of impetigo at school. These are blisters on the skin that burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. If you think your child has a school sore please get them to a doctor as they are easily spread. We hope the attached information sheet on Impetigo is helpful.

Stephen Snell
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY Monday 25	SWIMMING
MARCH Friday 1	SWIMMING
Monday 4	SWIMMING
Tuesday 5th	KiVa whanau meeting 5.30-6.00pm
Friday 8	SWIMMING
Monday 11	SWIMMING
Tuesday 19th	WEET-BIX TRYATHLON
Wednesday 20	NZSTA Hui School Trusteeship
Monday 25	PHOTOLIFE—class/individual photos
Thursday 28	Year 7/8 EPRO 8 challenge 5pm
Friday 29	Year 5/6 EPRO 8 challenge 9.30 am
APRIL Monday 1	South School Swimming Sports
Wednesday 3	Interschool Swimming Sports
Friday 12	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29	Term 2 begins
Monday 3rd June	Queen's Birthday
Friday 5th July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 22nd July	First day of Term 3
Friday 27th Sept	Term 3 ends
Monday 14 Oct	Term 4 begins
Monday 28 Oct	Labour Day
Tuesday 17th	School Prize giving
Wedn 18th Dec	School finishes at noon



KiVa

At the end of 2018, our students participated in a KiVa survey to see what impact this programme has had on bullying at Dannevirke South School.

A couple of interesting points were:

- Children being bullied at Dannevirke South School is lower than other schools involved in KiVa.
- Children have a clearer understanding of what bullying is- repeated, deliberate and imbalance of power situations.
- Some children can now identify themselves as a bully and work on ways to stop themselves from doing this.
- A high percentage of children at Dannevirke South School feel that their teachers and families see that bullying is bad and not acceptable.

A goal for the KiVa team is to contact the whanau of children who are a bully in 2019. These bullies will be identified in each KiVa case.

On Tuesday 5th March, we will be holding a KiVa information meeting in the school hall starting at 5.30 pm and going to approximately 6.00 pm. All whanau are most welcome to attend, but we would especially love to see all our new families to the school come along and learn about our anti bullying programme .

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Please remember to keep your contact numbers up to date. If you change your cell phone number please advise the school office.
- ⇒ If your child is going to be late or away please contact the school office on 374 8915, text 027 506 4860 or send a message via the school app.
- ⇒ School canteen every Friday in the school hall— please remember to write your child's name and room number on all orders
- ⇒ School assembly held every Friday at 2.20 pm. Parents/whanau are most welcome to come and join us.
- ⇒ Some swimming fees still to be paid
- ⇒ Technology fees now due \$38 for the year
- ⇒ South School uniforms can be purchased from both The Warehouse and StitchMe.
- ⇒ School sun hats are now available for purchase at the school office—cost \$12 each
- ⇒ Our school bank account details are **03 0614 0579563 00.**

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC - PHONE 374 7361



Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kórari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

We are holding a community hui at Dannevirke South School on **Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 6.00 pm** in the lead up to this year's Board of Trustees' elections.

A the hui you will hear about:

- What is the school Board of Trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a Board of Trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the Board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning

SPORTS INFORMATION

DANNEVIRKE SPORTS CLUB

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Registration dates:

- ⇒ Saturday 2nd March 10am to noon at the Dannevirke Domain Grandstand
- ⇒ Saturday 9th March from 10am to noon at the Dannevirke Sports Club Clubrooms

Subscriptions to be paid on registration:

Cash, eftpos and cheque payments accepted

First Kicks—5 year olds and those turning five in 2019

Registration \$10

Fun Kicks—Turning 6 or 7 this year—\$25

7 aside and 9 aside—\$45.00 each.

\$90 family cap

For more information please contact Louise Forsyth on 374 2888 or 027 549 6647 or Kate Holdem 0272423937

CRICKET:

Junior Cricket is every Thursday night at 5.15pm.

For further info go to the Dannevirke Sports Club Junior Cricket Facebook page

DANNEVIRKE JUNIOR HOCKEY 2019

Interschool Hockey will run during Term 2 at the Dannevirke Sports Centre tennis courts for Years 0-6 and at the Dannevirke High School for Year 7-8's. This is a fast, fun introduction to hockey.

Pre season development sessions for Years 6, 7 and 8 will be held at the DHS turf on Friday 5th and Friday 12th April from 4.00 pm. Contact Bruce Donald 374 2939.

Mouth guards must be worn and are included in the registration fees.

\$25 per player (including Mouth guard)

\$70 per family (three or more children)

\$40 per player (Dannevirke and Manawatu)

Please register and pay online at:

www.sporty.co.nz/dannevirkesportsclub/Junior-Hockey/Junior-Registration-2019

Further information: please email dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com

NETBALL

The graded netball season starts on Saturday 4th May and the Future Ferns will start on Saturday 11th May.

Notices were sent home last week for interested netball players. If your child is interested in netball, please ensure these are sent back to the office asap.