

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are just under two weeks away from our 125th community weekend which is very exciting. Last week we had such a fun for our birthday. It is crazy to think of people 125 years ago opening the very school we still work and attend today. The office and Te Tipu rooms were part of this two classroom building and our Head Girl Wikitoria is even a descendant of Mr J.W. Duley who built it!

125th Pōhiri NEXT Friday and student pick up

Our community and whānau are all welcome to our Pōhiri next Friday to open our 125th celebrations. We are very proud of how beautiful our children are sounding and would love you to come. Kaiako (teachers) will be checking in with you to see if you will be attending so we can confirm numbers for catering (and seating). Please be aware that there will be over 160 people attending so parking will be limited, especially at 3pm. Please be patient and if possible, either have children walk to school or consider walking to pick them up and parking in town. Do not double park to get children, it is very dangerous as this blocks visibility for other cars and road wardens crossing students.

Whānau Hui

Normally we have our whānau Hui this week but due to the 125th planning and whānau interviews we are postponing this to later in the term. We look forward to seeing you then.

Emergency contacts- why we cannot release your child in an emergency

Did you know that in an emergency we can only release your child to those listed as your emergency contacts when you enrolled? It is very important that you keep these up to date, so it reflects who is likely to pick them up day to day but also in an emergency. Please contact the office if you would like to review or change these.

Emergency planning

We are currently reviewing all our plans for how we cope when there is an emergency. If you go to:

<https://dannevirkesouth.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: dannevirkesouth Password: aimhigh

You can read our current policies and give us much appreciated feedback.

Help for the 125th needed

We are still seeking a few people to help with some things at our Gala next Saturday and the pack up on Sunday. It would be very much appreciated if you could contact the office or let me know if you are able to help.

Have a great week and we look forward to seeing you at whānau interviews and hopefully at our Pōhiri a week Friday.

Caroline

CALENDAR

DATE 2025	EVENT
Wed 21 May	Whānau Interviews 3.15pm-7pm
Thur 22 May	Whānau Interviews 3.15pm-7pm
26-30 May	Staff Whānau Week school closed from 3.30
Thur 29 May	Interschool Cross Country
30/5-1/6	DSS 125th Jubilee Celebrations
Mon 2/6	Kings Birthday

STUDENT BUS SAFETY

Reminders for parents and caregivers:

- Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.
- Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).
- Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.
- Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.
- Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.
- Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:
- While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.
- Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.
- After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.



QR Code  
for School Interviews  
Bookings online.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ DSS Dental Clinic ph 0800825583
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook

Remember!!!

RŪMA WHITU GET INTO SCIENCE



Over the last couple of weeks, Room 7 have been learning about Science. We started by learning how to conduct a Fair Test. This meant that we only changed one variable (thing) in our experiment so that we could see if, and how, it affected the results. We really enjoyed the practical part of the experiment - especially as it involved using Skittles!

We've also been learning about how animals are classified. We can use the key features of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians and insects to identify and sort animals into the correct group. It was a bit of a surprise to some that we are actually mammals! We were being curious learners and asking lots of questions to find out more - especially around the stranger and more unique species that we have in New Zealand and Australia. I wonder what adaptations we will investigate next?



Te Kākano's Remarkable Role Play Learning!

This week in Te Kākano we have a mechanic's garage set up in the construction area. The kaiako have responded to a group of tamariki who had begun playing with the tools, metal parts and old boxes the week before. Our tamariki love coming in on a Monday and seeing what new areas have been set up for them to explore. It is wonderful to see tamariki creating, taking turns, sharing roles and working together as they pretend to be mechanics in the garage. Our friends have shared experiences they have from working on cars with whānau and they are building on their vocabulary using words like 'hydraulic lift', 'engine' and 'trolley jack'. Ka rawe, tamariki mā!



DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR A  
NETBALL  
FUNDRAISER

CAR  
WASH

MITRE 10  
CAR PARK

SATURDAY  
24TH MAY  
1PM - 4PM

\$10 PER  
CAR

COME DOWN AND SUPPORT  
OUR GIRLS AS THEY  
FUNDRAISE FOR  
TOURNAMENT WEEK.



Quiz Night

MATARIKI  
Whiuwhiu Pātai

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

5.30 PM

Prizes to  
be won

Doors open at 5 PM

Merrylees Hotel  
2 Hall Street, Dannevirke

Register:

Team of 5

\$50 per team

[ewharetaiao@twr.rangitane.co.nz](mailto:ewharetaiao@twr.rangitane.co.nz)

Dress-up  
Theme:  
A Starry  
Night



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