

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

Wow! What a weekend we just had celebrating our school turning 125. It was a real honour to welcome so many past students and staff back on the school grounds. After our pōhiri on Friday I had so many people come and talk to me about how much this moved them and how proud they were to be part of this welcome. What meant the most to us all was how they spoke about our students- their warmth, manaakitanga (hospitality) and politeness. We know how hard it can be to speak to strangers and our tamariki went above and beyond- taking tours, introducing themselves and asking visitors about their own experience at South School. Our students truly showed the excellence we expect at DSS.

The weekend would not have occurred without all the hard work of the 125th organising committee who have worked since last year to create this event. We have had many comments about how well organised and run it was and this only occurred due to their hard mahi (work). A special thanks must go to Caroline Gyde (chair), Leigh Buchanan and Katelyn Herbert for making the event such a success and to Anna Murphy for ensuring all the Health and Safety regulations were in place. This was no small task!! Thank you to the Whānau Fundraising for organising the Gala - it was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Staff Only Day Thursday 19 June

On Thursday 19 June we have a Kāhui Ako Ministry of Education compulsory Staff Only Day to learn more about the new maths curriculum. School will be shut for all students and no one will be available to supervise.

Matariki Friday 20 June

Just a reminder that Friday 20th June is a public holiday for Matariki.

Caroline

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT

We are looking for support. We will shortly be having a new issue of our school’s newsletters printed.

The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the newsletters and in our emailed newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school’s newsletter please contact Craig Neeve and Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, ph 021 535 308 or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz. This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and support our school.

CALENDAR

DATE 2025	EVENT
Fri 6 June	Assembly
Thur 12 June	DSS Speech Competition
Tues 17 June	Interschool Speech Competition
Thur 19 June	School Closed Kāhui Ako Day
Fri 20 June	Matariki - Public Holiday
Fri 27 June	Term 2 Ends
Mon 14 July	Term 3 Starts

125 Years of Magic at Our School!

Wow – what a week! Our school just turned 125 years old, and we celebrated in the best way ever. It was a whole week of fun, laughter, and memories that we'll never forget!

The celebrations started with a bang – balloons, streamers, and our school looking extra fancy! We had a huge birthday assembly where everyone sang, shared stories, and even watched a video with pictures from way back.



School Reunion

Former students came back to visit – some even brought their kids (or grandkids!). They told us awesome stories about their time here, and it felt like we were walking through a time machine.



Gala and Games Galore

The gala was so sparkly and fun! There was music, dancing, yummy food, and even a photo booth. There were old-school games like tug-of-war, and egg-and-spoon relays. Some teachers even joined in – and let’s just say, running with an egg on a spoon is harder than it looks!



Special Visitors

We had guests from all over – special speakers, community leaders, and even someone who was a student here over 60 years ago. They reminded us how special our school is and how lucky we are to be part of its story.

Celebrating our school's 125th birthday reminded us that school isn’t just about books and lessons – it’s about friendship, memories, and being part of something bigger than ourselves.

From all of us here at school:
Happy 125th Birthday – and here’s to many more!



REMINDERS

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



DSS TIME CAPSULE

On Friday, 30th May, current and past students, past students, along with whānau assembled on the middle field to plant a Kauri tree and bury the time capsule for our 125th reunion. The time capsule included various items significant to each team in the school.

Te Kākano contributed a team photo, a transition-to-school book, a book about our school cat Simon, and a learning story from our 125th birthday party.

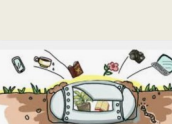
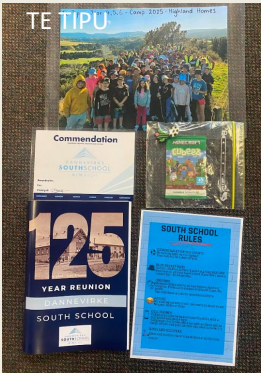
Te Tipu contributed a team photo, a commendation, a copy of the school rules, a USB stick with a walkthrough of a day in the life in Te Tipu, and some Croc Jibbitz and Cubeez.

Te Puāwai contributed a maths and writing book, a team photo, student leader profiles, and a blurb from technology.

The 125th Reunion Committee contributed a magazine made especially for this reunion.



We have marked the latitude and longitude of the time capsule and look forward to digging it up at our 150th reunion!



TE PŪAWAI’S REFLECTION

On Friday we celebrated our 125th birthday and all the elders came to visit our school. The school leaders gave them a tour around the school, and it was a great experience for the elders since South School has had big changes over the years. We also did a big Pōhiri for all the elders and there were many happy tears. It was also a happy experience for me as I love performing Kapa Haka in front of people and seeing them enjoy it. Then after the OG Kapa haka group got to perform in front of the visitors, they got to eat some food, and they were all happy cheering. We then went out to plant a tree and the Head Boy and Head Girl got to dig the hole, and the elders were all watching. We then planted a time capsule, and we sang a beautiful waiata called Tōia Mai. By Mila

Quiz Night

MATARIKI

Whiuwhiu Pātai

Wednesday 18th 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
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Offering sessions for skills and development for our Kiwi and Kwik Stick players in Years 5 - 8.

1 - Hockey Manawatu Development

Skills coaching programme delivered by Hockey Manawatu. Commencing Monday 9th June for 6 weeks.
4pm Foundation Skills (Yr 5 & 6)
5pm Advanced Skills (Yr 7 & 8)
The cost for these sessions has been subsidised to \$45 per player (minimum numbers apply)

2 - Free Sunday Sessions

Free development sessions on Sunday afternoons with training from coaches and senior players (including our talented DHS Senior Students). Commencing Sunday 8th June

These sessions will be held at either the DHS turf or the Anderson Street tennis courts

Registration of interest is required for Hockey Manawatu Development.
Email dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com

To Kete Hauora O Rangitane presents

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