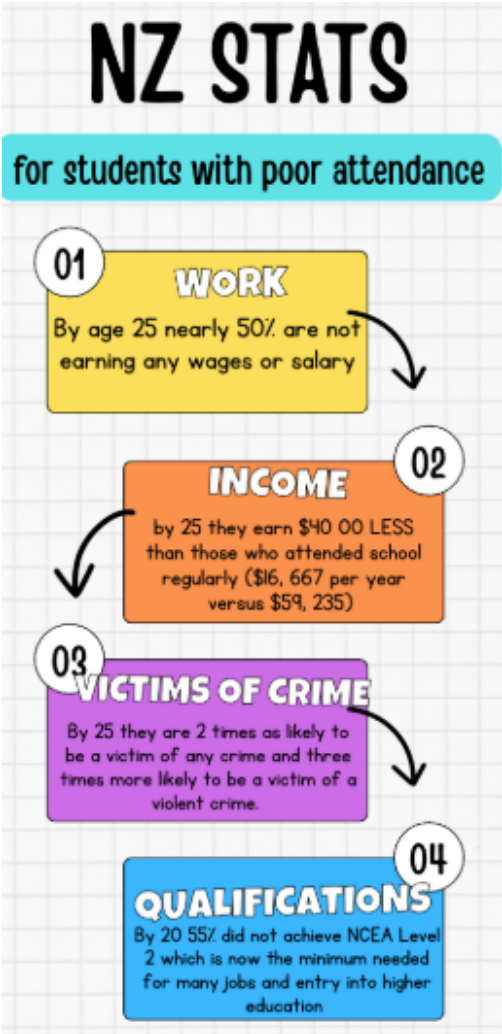


PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora whānau
It has been so wonderful having our tamariki back- school comes alive once they return. You will have received a list of our Fun Days last week. We sent these out so you can hopefully book in the days that appeal to come and join us as a whānau. We do have 2 amendments. The **School Picnic** has been moved to Tuesday 24th February so we did not clash with Dannevirke High School BBQ. This will start at 5.30 with a sausage sizzle provided (families are also welcome to bring a picnic tea, play sport and chat with staff) and then the **Whānau Hui** will start at 6.15pm. The other change is our **Rural Day** (which includes Pet Day) is 30 October 2026.

Attendance
Sadly we did not reach our goal of 75% of our students being at school regularly (over 90% of the time) last year. We know that it is incredibly important for students to be at school as it helps them form connections with peers, get used to a regular timetable (like in a job) and of course learn. Last year ERO (Education Review Office) released some shocking statistics for students who have low attendance.



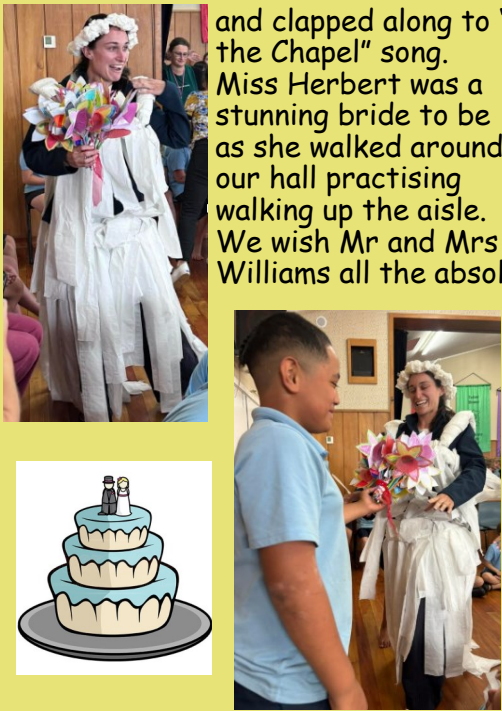
Ngā mihi,
Caroline

CALENDAR

DATE 2026	EVENT
Wed 11 Feb	Kowhai Technology
Fri 13 Feb	Pohutukawa Technology/Assembly
Mon 23 Feb	Does your child have their own spork or spoon/fork at school?
Tues 24 Feb	After school family picnic 5.30pm/ Whānau Hui 6.15pm
Thurs 26 Feb	Play day and picnic
Fri 27 Feb	Announce Head Students
11-13 March	Te Tipu Camp
16-18 March	School Pukaha Trips
Fri 3 April	Term 1 Ends
Mon 20 April	Term 2 Starts

TE TIPU CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

In week 1, Te Tipu celebrated Miss Herbert getting married. Each class created part of her wedding outfit (top, skirt, veil and flowers) which was then presented to Miss Herbert in front of the whole school. The outfit was carefully attached to Miss Herbert by her helpers while the whole school watched and clapped along to "Going to the Chapel" song. Miss Herbert was a stunning bride to be as she walked around our hall practising walking up the aisle. We wish Mr and Mrs Williams all the absolute best on the next part of their journey together!



CAREGIVER UPDATE SHEET BACK BY

MONDAY 16 FEB 2026

Return SIGNED if correct or if changes have been made.

First class back gets a reward.

REMINDERS

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

Remember!!!

Te Kākano Tower Above

In Te Kākano 1, 2 and 3, we've been quite excited about building towers! We've all gathered different materials to see who can create the tallest one. This week, we've taken a look at pictures of famous towers from all over the world to see if we can build them ourselves.



A Fantastic First Week Back!

Our first week back at school has been full of smiles, new friendships, and exciting learning experiences. The Te Puāwai students jumped straight into a range of group work activities designed to help everyone get to know their new classmates. Through games, problem-solving tasks, and shared challenges, children practised listening to one another, sharing ideas, and working together. These activities helped build confidence and reminded us that we can achieve so much more when we work as a team.



TEAMWORK makes the dream WORK



Have you downloaded the Edge App (your caregiver login for school) on your device?



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Join us for our
DSC Junior Hockey AGM
Wednesday 11th February 2026
Merrylees Hotel (Restaurant)
6.30pm
ALL WELCOME!
For more info email:
dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com
or contact Naomi 0278 105 570

Join Dannevirke Girl Guides!
Ages 5-17 year olds!
Wednesdays 5:15-6:45pm
\$125 per term
New members welcome!
Old Scout Hall on The Domain
Find out more at:
girlguidingnz.org.nz/find-a-unit
thedunz32@gmail.com

Tackling Technology
Raising kids in a digital world
Technology can be a helpful tool, but it's also a minefield - especially for our kids!
With the latest information on topics including cyberbullying, grooming and sextortion, as well as insights on parental controls, appropriate boundaries and healthy habits, this talk is your vital guide to keeping kids safer online.
DATE: 6pm, Thursday 19 February 2026
VENUE: The Hub 23 Gordon Street Dannevirke
RSVP: Tararua REAP Ph 06 374 6565
Light supper served
FREE EVENT
TARARUA REAP Rural Education Activities Programme

Diverse by Design
A space for whānau to learn, share, and support each other in understanding NEURODIVERSITY.
Fortnightly - Thursday
10.00 am - 12.00pm
Tararua REAP Blue Building 17 Gordon Street, Dannevirke
Connect with other Parents of neurodiverse children in this relaxed, inclusive group designed to provide support, education, advocacy and social connection.
Meet other parents
Connect with specialists and connectors from support networks such as Autism NZ.
Help design the group going forward depending on your needs
For More Information contact
Caroline Gyde
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caroline@tararua-reap.co.nz

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COST: \$25