

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

It was such a pleasure to spend the day at camp last week with our Te Puāwai team. Camp provides an amazing opportunity for our students to try new experiences, build resilience and connect on a whole different level with their peers, teachers and camp parents. Once again our students blew us away with their behaviour, willingness to challenge themselves and just how awesome they were. A huge thank you to the teachers and staff for organising such a great week.

### 2025 dates

It is already time to set our 2025 dates- this year has flown!

Next year our dates are:

- 27, 28, 29 January- Staff Only Days
  - 30 January- School starts for students
  - 19 June - Ministry of Education Curriculum Day (school closed)
  - 11 August- Ministry of Education Curriculum Day (school closed)
  - 24 October- Staff Only Day
  - 16 December- Last day of the year
- We will also have a structured literacy staff only day in Term 2. We will let you know once our provider has confirmed this day.

### Yummy stickers

Yummy stickers are a great initiative that allows schools to earn free sports gear by collecting these stickers off fruit and apple bags. If you would like a sheet to collect these on, please pick one up from the office- we would be very appreciative!

### Staff Only Day- 15 November

We will be closed for our compulsory Ministry curriculum day on NEXT Friday (15th November). All staff will be off site and working at Huia Range school as our Kahui Ako is joining to do this day together. This means there will be nobody at school to supervise students.

Have a wonderful week,  
Caroline

# SCHOOL FUNRUN

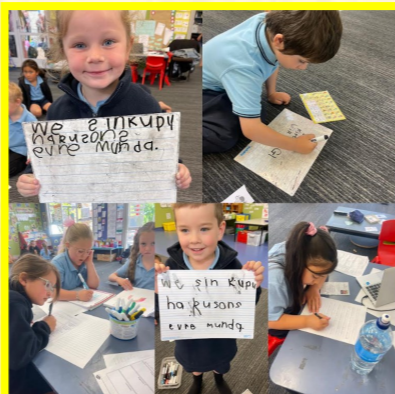
Families can sign up for a Student Profile Page at [schoolfunrun.co.nz](http://schoolfunrun.co.nz). You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

## CALENDAR

DATE 2024	EVENT
Thur 7 Nov	South School Athletics Yr 4-8
Fri 8 Nov	Yr 0-3 Tabloids at Huia Range
Mon 11 –15 Nov	Whānau Week (teachers unavailable from 3.30pm)
Tues 12 Nov	Patrols and Wardens Treat
Thurs 14 Nov	PALS workshop
Fri 15 Nov	Staff only day (School closed)
Wed 20 Nov	Inter School Athletics
Mon 25 Nov	Te Kākano Swimming
Tue 26 Nov	School Colour Run
Fri 29 Nov	DHS Year 8 Day
Tues 3 Dec	Yr 7 & 8 Social
Thurs 5 Dec	Ki o Rahi Tournament @ South School
Wed 11 Dec	Te Tipu Fun Day
Thurs 12 Dec	Leavers Dinner
Mon 16 Dec	Prize Giving Town Hall
Tue 17 Dec	Term 4 Ends

### Te Kākano - Are Persuasive Writers

Over the past two weeks, our Te Kākano students have been diving into the world of persuasive writing! With the theme centred around the Poho Kereru Award, each student crafted a pre-writing plan and developed three strong arguments to convince others why they deserve this recognition. This has been an excellent opportunity for many students who are also applying for the end of year award. The judges will have a tough time deciding, as our students have presented some incredibly convincing reasons to support their cases. Ka mau te wehi tamariki mā.



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[www.facebook.com/Dannevirke-South-School-101397252247314](https://www.facebook.com/Dannevirke-South-School-101397252247314)

## REMINDERS

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

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### What is bullying?

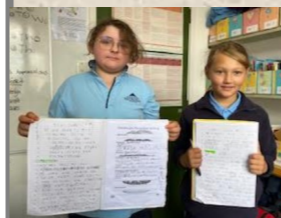
Bullying is actions that are repeated and deliberate in an effort to gain power. An argument between people that only occurs once or twice is an example of conflict. DSS staff are trained to recognise the differences between conflict and bullying. Students are consistently encouraged to report incidents of bullying as they occur to a duty teacher, class teacher, whanau or any adult they feel they can confide in.



### Te Tipu put the mahi into their Speeches

Te Tipu are focusing on persuasive writing so we can all present a speech to our class. We have looked at examples of persuasive writing from Te Puawai tamariki and have identified the features we need to have in our

speeches. This week we are creating our conclusions and publishing our mahi onto cue cards. Week 5 is presentation week for our Tamariki.



### Te Puāwai Camp Adventures 2024

Last Tuesday, our very excited Te Puāwai group set off to El Rancho Camp grounds in Waikanae. Our first afternoon was spent working together to solve the clues on the El Rancho Scavenger Hunt and then spent it slip sliding away on the waterslide. That evening we played relay games and were treated to student standup comedy and karaoke. During day two, we experienced various camp activities such as kayaking, raft building, slingshot paintball, rock climbing, crate stacking and team extreme trust challenges. In the evening, we took a walk down to the beach and some of us enjoyed a game of Rippa Rugby while others collected sticks, shells and made sandcastles. On Thursday we went into Wellington and different groups learnt how to make a 3D game while others presented a news show with ON TV Media Lab. We also explored Te Papa Museum and ended our afternoon at the Wellington Zoo. That evening we played sports and spotlight. Our tamariki were just amazing and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and positive approach to all new experiences. Thank you to all the parents and staff who made our 2024 camp such a success.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 11 November 2024 First Aid Courses Dannevirke

Venue: Tararua REAP 15 Gordon Street, Dannevirke.

Comprehensive First Aid and First Aid Revalidation. Held with NZ Red Cross. For more information and to register: visit [www.redcross.org.nz](http://www.redcross.org.nz) or phone 0800 733 2767



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN THE PARK

Dannevirke Showgrounds  
Saturday 14 December | 3pm to 10pm

WE ARE ALL ABOUT FAMILY, FUN AND FESTIVITY.  
The evening will finish with Carols by Candlelight.

### 28 November 2024

### Wai Splash Ambrose Golf Tournament

Time: 10:30 am

Venue: Dannevirke Golf Club, off Tamaki River Rd and SH2

Phone: 06 374 7772 Website: <http://www.waisplash.org>

Price: \$165.00 x 3 Players

All proceeds go towards developing the Wai Splash complex.

Shotgun start at 11am. Register now - space is limited.

