

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

### 2025 Annual Plan

Every year we create a plan to help us reach our goals as a school. When we design them we ask for staff, Board and Whānau Hui input to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students and community (as well as the Ministry of Education areas of focus). In 2025 we have new curriculums in both English and Maths to learn and use and we have started our Structured Literacy journey. Due to these large changes you will see that they are a big part of our annual plan. These plans drive a lot of what we do at school and what we focus on. If you would like to discuss this please feel free to come and chat.

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| <b>For he Tāngata</b><br>Further develop how we reflect Te Ao Māori in DSS including Marae visits<br>Plan and run events to increase community and whānau engagement<br>Further develop our attendance approach to build regular attendance | <b>For Kaiako</b><br>Work through Collaborative Problem Solving Process and create solution strategies and requirements<br>Undertake Structured Literacy PLD and measure impact<br>Implement the new curricula and undertake PLD on these | <b>For Ākonga</b><br>Learn about DSS history for our 125th celebration in May<br>Undertake Trauma Informed PLD to help ākonga succeed<br>Collaborate across the school and Kāhui Ako to prepare our students to succeed at High School |

2025 Targets

Target One: To improve our Reading to 70% of all students At or Above

Target Two: To Lift the lid for all by improving regular attendance to 75%

### Lifting the Lid by Inspiring Passion, Growth and Success at Dannevirke South School 2025



### Te Manawa Trips to celebrate turning 125!

Over the next 3 weeks every class will travel to Te Manawa to be part of their Life in 1900 education experience. This is also the year we opened as Dannevirke South School so it is great learning for our students about what life was like then.

This will all be funded by the school but any parents who wish to join us will need to find their own transport and pay the entry cost as our buses will be full.

Talking of the 125th- please go and register as soon as possible to attend over King's Birthday weekend. It will be a great weekend of celebrating this amazing school and community. The link is on our school's website and our FaceBook page.

### Attendance

We are working really hard to get to our goal of 75% of students attending school regularly (90%) of the time. We are currently at 77% as we dropped due to Waitangi Day and the following weekend. We would love to keep this going as last year we started strong and dropped as the year continued- please support us with this.

**Did you know that students in NZ with poor attendance already earn \$40,000 less than their peers by the time they are 25?**

We want our children to succeed in their adult life and we know regular attendance has a massive impact on this- please help us to keep raising our statistics for our tamariki.

Have a great week,  
Caroline

## CALENDAR

| DATE 2025    | EVENT                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Tue 25 Feb   | Te Manawa Trip              |
| Wed 26 Feb   | Announce Head Students 2.30 |
| Thurs 27 Feb | Te Manawa Trip              |
| Mon 3 March  | Staff Only Day—school shut  |
| Tue 4 March  | Te Manawa Trip              |
| Thur 6 March | Te Manawa Trip              |
| Fri 11 April | End of Term 1               |
| Mon 28 April | Beginning Term 2            |

## TE TIPU'S TOOLBOXES

Te Tipu tamariki would like to thank the BOT for the money that allowed them to purchase 2 sturdy toolboxes with nails, hammers and safety glasses in them. These toolboxes were used by a variety of children at Nature School on Tuesday to make steps to help climb up trees, to make the hut construction more sturdy and to assist in the creation of weighing devices. All the tamariki are very grateful and excited by the purchase. We can't wait to see what creations are constructed throughout the year.



### TIME KEEPERS NEEDED FOR SWIMMING SPORTS

9AM-2.15PM WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025

CONTACT THE OFFICE 06 374 8915



## REMINDERS

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



### Te Kākano's being SunSmart



This week Room 10 and 11 are learning about being SunSmart.

The tamariki are learning about ultraviolet light and have made a bracelet using UV beads. The UV beads contain different pigments that change colour when exposed to UV light from the sun. As UV light is invisible to the naked eye, the beads show us when UV

light is present. The stronger the UV radiation, the quicker the colour change and the deeper the colour. Once indoors and away from the sun's UV radiation, the beads change back to an off-white.

The tamariki are also doing other activities from the SunSmart table to help them be safe in the sun. This fits in with our Science, Maths and Health and P.E. Curriculum.



## TE PUĀWAI'S KEEPING HYDRATED

### How much water have you drunk today?

Drinking water is essential for maintaining good health. Did you know our body is about 50-75% water, so if your pee is yellow, you need to drink more water! Staying hydrated is crucial for our body to work properly. In Mānuka, we have learned why drinking water is important. Here are some interesting facts about drinking water:

- It helps regulate body temperature
- It supports digestion
- It flushes the toxins out of our body
- It helps to improve our mood and concentration while we learn

This calculation shows us how much water we need to drink each day:

Minimum (per day) 30mls x body weight  
Maximum (per day) 45mls x body weight



## GO BUS NEEDS SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

A CLASS 2 LICENCE OR P ENDORSEMENT PREFERRED



A FULL CLASS 1 LICENCE (2 yrs minimum) - full training provided)

Call MICHELLE at Go Bus on 0212811401

**Wai splash**  
TRIATHLON 2025  
ALL AGES & ABILITIES  
CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE AND DISTANCE.  
\$10 ENTRY FEE - SPLASH AND DASH  
\$20 ENTRY FEE/PER PERSON  
\$35 TEAM LONG TRI ENTRY  
\$50 FOR 3 KIDS - FAMILY ENTRY (ANY DISTANCE)

**SWIM**  
**BIKE**  
**RUN**

Sunday 2nd March 2025 - 11am

Enter Now! MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

Enter online at [waisplash.org/tri25](http://waisplash.org/tri25)

## 125th Reunion Dannevirke South School

We're Celebrating ...

Dannevirke South School is turning 125 and we would like to celebrate this milestone with past pupils, families, staff and supporters.

**30 MAY – 1 JUNE 2025 (King's Birthday Weekend)**

To register, go to the school website and follow the link on the homepage or call into the school office to pick up a registration form.

Please pass this information on to whānau and friends. Some of the events are limited in numbers, so get in early.

### Merchandise

There is some special 125th Celebration merchandise available. Go to: <https://mangatera.co.nz> to view and purchase this merchandise.

A 125th Reunion Magazine is being compiled. We are looking for sponsorship for the magazine. There are 2 options available:

1. Name printed at the bottom of a page - \$50.00 e.g. *Page sponsored by the Blogg family* Get family members together and get your name in the magazine

Business sponsorship - \$200.00 This will be for a business card size advertisement on the inside front or back cover.

If you are interested in sponsoring, please email the Planning Committee [lbuchanan@dannevirkesouth.school.nz](mailto:lbuchanan@dannevirkesouth.school.nz)