

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

Well done on attendance!

On Monday the 10th of March we are being visited by the Education Review Office (ERO). They are researching what schools can do to increase their regular attendance and we were one of the schools they identified across NZ who has had a big increase! They are coming to talk to us, our tamariki and some families about how we have increased this. We are really proud to be one of the 16 schools who have made a positive impact on regular attendance.

We are hoping to have an even bigger increase this year as poor attendance has such a big impact on the future for our children. Did you know that only 50 % of 25 year olds who had poor attendance earn either a salary or wage?

School Lunches

There has been lots of information in the media about the new school lunches provided by the School lunches collective. These lunches are **NOT** the lunches we receive. We were lucky enough to be part of the Iwi scheme which differs from the Lunch Collective. This means that we get to carry on with Ngāti Kahungunu who operate out of a kitchen in the back of Sugar and Salt cafe. We have fresh and yummy food with ingredients sourced in our area, made by people from our community. We have been affected by the reduction in funding for each meal though so the sizes of our meals have decreased and we now only get fruit once a week. Even with these changes we are so appreciative of having food that is yummy, nutritious and fresh.

Have a great week,
Caroline

Edge App



We're excited to announce the launch of our new school app designed to keep parents connected and informed about their child's education. With this app, you'll be able to:

- ◆ Check your child's attendance
- ◆ View your child's report
- ◆ Easily submit absence notifications straight to the school

A flyer with instructions on how to download the app will be going home tonight. This will replace any previous apps we have used for the school.

If you have any questions, feel free to call in to the office.

CALENDAR

| DATE 2025 | EVENT |
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| Thur 6 March | Te Manawa Trip |
| Fri 7 March | Sausage Sizzle (cash preferred by Thursday) Assembly 2.30pm |
| Mon 10 March | Board Meeting 5pm |
| Wed 12 March | Te Tipu Camp begins |
| Fri 14 March | Te Tipu Camp ends |
| Wed 26 March | Swimming Sports |
| Fri 11 April | End of Term 1 Beginning Term 2 |

SWIMMING SKILLS, SAFETY AND CONFIDENCE

This term Te Puāwai students have been enjoying swimming. The swimming classes focus on building basic swimming skills, water safety, and confidence in the water. For the confident swimmers they are extended from 2-20 laps at a time. This year swimming has been different as each class in Te Puāwai have been swimming 1 day a week for 40 minutes. Swimming is a great skill to have especially if you love any places that involve water.



TIME KEEPERS NEEDED FOR SWIMMING SPORTS

9AM-2.15PM WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025



DSC JUNIOR FOOTBALL



Saturday Mornings starting Term 2
For more details visit our WEBSITE
TO REGISTER: [HTTPS://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/VIEWFORM/336961](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/336961)

AGE IS AS AT 31/12/2025
4-6 YRS - \$10 FIRST KICKS
7-10 YRS - \$25 INTERMEDIATE
11-13 YRS - \$45 SENIOR

REMINDERS

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



Te Tipu Teamwork

During P.E. this term, Te Tipu has been developing their teamwork through various cooperative games. Room 7 has had loads of fun transporting 'hot potatoes', crossing 'shark infested waters' and keeping 'satellites' in the air. We've had to work together, listen to each other and try not to get grumpy when things go wrong! If our idea doesn't work, we have to try something else and persevere until we are successful as a team. We have been so fantastic at this, that we are even having to work out ways to adapt the initial rules and challenge ourselves further. The skills we are learning don't only help us in P.E., they help in our classwork too, as we are becoming more resilient and willing to tackle new or tricky situations.



Te Tipu Raffle Winners

Congratulations to:

- * Jessica Robertson
- * Pippa Smyth

STREAM FUN

Te Kākano has been taking a trolley down to Nature School so we can do some more learning during this time. One of the activities that was popular last week was the half barrel. The tamariki were learning to take risks and to balance. There was also a lot of teamwork involved.



DANNEVIRKE JUNIOR HOCKEY 2025



Registrations now open for junior hockey!
Register before 31 March 2025

- This is an interschool competition for all children Years 0 – 8.
- All players welcome
- Each team will require one parent/caregiver to be their manager.
- Our junior competition for 2025 is planned to start Term 2 commencing on Friday 2nd May.

This is a fast, fun introduction to hockey.
If your child would like to give hockey a go we have hockey sticks available to borrow.

\$35 per player (including mouthguard)*
15% discount for additional children registered
*Mouthguards are included in registration fees and must be worn.

If you have any questions email dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com
Visit our DSC Junior Hockey Facebook page for the link to register:
<https://www.playho.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/771d96>

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