

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

Harold is here!

We are very excited to have Harold the Giraffe from Life Ed on site for the next 2 weeks. Harold focuses on Health education and each team has a different focus for their lessons. It is wonderful to have him back on site after the caravan was broken and in for repairs on their last visit- even our seniors are excited to see him!

KidsCan Shoes and Jackets

We are incredibly lucky to have shoes, snacks and jackets donated to the school from KidsCan. Unfortunately, the demand across New Zealand far outstrips the supply so we have been limited to 60 shoes for the year across the school and a reduced jacket supply. This means we need to restrict to one pair of school shoes per family per year. If you need them (and have not already had a pair of black school shoes from us in the year) please pop into the office with your child. We are so grateful for this support from KidsCan and it shows just how many families are doing it tough in the financial crunch at the moment!

125th Registrations

PLEASE register and pay as soon as possible for this so we can finalise numbers for each event. If you expressed your interest earlier in the year (or last year) you do still need to go and formally register now. If you go to the pinned post on our school FaceBook page or our school website the link is at the top. Numbers are essential for us to plan and run a great weekend on King's Birthday.

Attendance and ERO

We were very lucky to have ERO on site last week asking questions about why our attendance improved so dramatically last year. It was really great to celebrate how amazing our students, whānau and staff are and how well we work together to help our students succeed. We all want our tamariki learning the habits that are essential for the workforce- getting up and to school on time, being consistent and pushing through even if you may not feel like it. These skills are the things employers really look for when they hire our young people fresh out of High school and regular attendance from this age really helps to build that. Have a great week, Caroline.

TE KĀKANO SAY HI TO HAROLD

Te Kākano have had their sessions with Harold the Giraffe and Holly from Life Education. They have been learning about healthy eating and how to take good care of our bodies. We really loved our time with Harold and Holly in the mobile classroom.

CALENDAR

DATE 2025	EVENT
17-21 March	Life Education with Harold
Fri 21 March	Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 26 March	Swimming Sports—Competitive Yr 4-8
Tues 1 April	Interschool Swimming Sports
Mon 7 April	Non Competitive Swimming Yr 4-8/BOT Meeting 5pm in Staffroom
Tues 10 April	ANZAC service 2pm
Fri 11 April	End of Term 1
Mon 28 April	Beginning Term 2

TE TIPU CAMPERS 2025

Last week, Te Tipu attended Highland Homes Camp in the Pohangina Valley. Our student's developed valuable skills, including teamwork, communication, and resilience.

Throughout the camp, they built new friendships with tamariki from across the team while participating in rotations, sharing kai in the dining hall, and enjoying cabin life with friends. We had an exceptional time, and our tamariki demonstrated DSS values throughout the experience. For more details, join us at the school assembly on Friday, where we will be sharing highlights from our camp adventure!



REMINDERS

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



TECHNOLOGY AT DHS TERM 1

Kōwhai and Pōhutukawa have been thoroughly enjoying Technology classes. They take part in cooking and woodwork once a week for a term. This is a wonderful opportunity to embrace new and challenging learning. In cooking classes, they need to understand the value of the food cooked and what benefits it has to their bodies. They are learning how to prepare the cooking space and to work safely with the equipment. They need to read, follow and record recipes. Then cook or bake in a buddy group and finally, eat their delicious creations with their friends.



In woodwork classes, they have learnt how to accurately measure according to a specific design, how to use a saw to neatly cut wooden pieces, use a vice grip and electrical drill along with many other tools. All the while being safe and encouraging each other. We are proud of the perseverance, determination and passion you show each week at Technology.

WE NEED....

Good Quality Second Hand DSS Uniforms, plain navy waterproof jackets and black shoes



If you have any of the above items which are in good condition can you please drop them into the school office. These will be passed onto our school community. Due to funding cuts KidsCan can no longer supply as many shoes and jackets as they have in the past and our stocks at school are low. We want to carry on supporting our families who need these staple items for their children so we are reaching out to our community for help. Please only drop off clean items in good condition. Thank you for your support.



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/771a96>

We're Celebrating ... 125th DANNEVIRKE SOUTH SCHOOL REUNION

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

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 who used to attend South School.

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
2. 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 lbuchanan@dannevirkesouth.school.nz or advise the school office.