



Dargaville High School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

He mihi nui ki a koutou
Greetings to all Parent and Caregivers



Tena koutou katoa

A big congratulations to Bernie Baanders, Daniel Nurse and Reece Cash for their selection in the Northland U14 Rugby squad and to Sam Dennis, Steven Morris, David Mullan and Jye Tau for their selection in the Northland U16 Rugby squad.

Earlier this month Ming Ming Edgar competed in the New Zealand National Powerlifting Championships. He was competing in the 75 kg class for under 18s. Ming Ming won this division with results of:

- Squat 1 35 kg
- Bench press 90 kg
- Deadlift 155 kg
- **Total 380 kg**

This is an outstanding effort. I would like to thank Brian Froggatt for the coaching he has given Ming Ming over a number of years and for his guidance during the competition.

Shane Tredidga has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Oceania Karate Competition in Auckland in September. Shane will compete in the team kata and the fighting events in the U68kg and Open class. Shane has also been selected to represent NZ at the World Championships in Morocco in September 2009. He will compete in the individual Kumite under 61kg 16-17 year old class, and in the senior and junior kata team events. We wish Shane all the very best for these competitions.

David Bargh

Principal

Visitors to Dargaville High School

Please note that all visitors to Dargaville High School are required to report in to the Office and sign in. Thank you for your co-operation.



From the Board

The date for the next Board of Trustees meeting is now the 10th of September 2008.

Kelly Bryers

PTA Meeting

The date for the next Dargaville High School PTA meeting is Wednesday, 17th of September 2008. Meetings are informal and short and an extremely effective way of finding out what is happening at the School. All parents/caregivers welcome.

Senior Exams

Please note that all senior students have school exams during the last week of this term (22 -26 September 2008). Study preparation should be well under way!

Calendar and upcoming events.

27 th August	1 st XV Rugby game vs Bream Bay College
1 st September	NCEA Fees should be paid into the School Office
1 st – 5 th September	Gateway and Tournament Week
4 th September	Mufti Day
8 th – 19 th September	Assessment Weeks
22 nd – 26 th September	Senior Examinations
26 th September	End of Term 3
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13 th October	Start of Term 4
20 th October	Senior Interim Reports issued
13 th November	Senior Prizegiving
17 th November	NCEA External Exams begin
26 th – 28 th November	Junior Exams
8 th December	Senior Reports issued
10 th December	Junior Prizegiving.

Schedule for BOT Meetings

Term 2	30 th June
Term 3	12 th August
	10 th September
Term 4	14 th October
	11 th November
	9 th December

From the Deans

Year 9 DEAN

It was very lovely to read the mid year, Year 9 reports for 2008. There were some lovely comments and it was pleasing to read that the majority of students are really trying hard.

A 44% turn out of parents at the parent teacher interviews however was a little disappointing. I encourage all parents/caregivers to come along in future years. From a teacher's perspective, it is nice to meet face to face the person in charge of the student you teach. It is also nice to be able to complement the student when they are working hard or perhaps offer advice on how to improve. We really do like to meet you all and I promise next year to smile!

Please take the time to seriously discuss with your child their option choices for 2009. Every year we get students who want to take a particular subject but cannot because they haven't met the pre-requisite requirements ie: taken the subject previously. While this will not apply to your child next year, it will for 2010. If you are unsure about any aspect of the option booklet, please contact me.

Yippee, the end of the year trip is officially booked for all well behaved Year 9 students.

- December 4th
- Leave DHS 8.00 am
- Rainbows End till 3.00 pm-ish
- Waiwera till 7.00 pm-ish
- Return 9.00-9.30 pm-ish

Official forms will be sent home later in Term 4.
From a very happy Year 9 Dean .

Karen Exley

Year 10 Dean

It was really good to see so many Year 10 parents at both the careers evening and the option evening. Remember your option choice forms for next year must be in by **Friday, 29th August 2008**. I hope you have taken into account the teachers' comments on the mid-year report to help with your selections.

Having read through all the reports again, it was pleasing to see the majority of students are putting in the effort needed for success.

Once again take note of your teachers' comments and make improvements where necessary.



There are a few students pushing the uniform regulations. Please make sure your child leaves home in the correct uniform.

During the senior exams at the end of this term I am hoping to take deserving students to the Tree Adventures Park and finishing off at the Hot Pools in Helensville. Information on this will be out soon.

Eileen Schick

Year 11 Dean

There is not long to go until the end of this term – five weeks as I write this. Unfortunately, it seems to me that there are a number of Year 11 students who have slackened off badly this term with regards to attendance and classroom behaviour. In order to impress upon these students the necessity of regular attendance of **all** classes and proper, respectful classroom behaviour, many infringements will now result in an after school detention – especially bunking. Non-regulation footwear has also crept back on to the scene. This is not acceptable. Year 11 students are old enough to ensure that their uniform is **clean and dry** every day. I will not accept notes from students who have left their shoes out in the rain or in their mate's car. I have a lovely selection of shoes purchased from the Red Cross and The Salvation Army that thoughtless students can wear should the need arise!

Option booklets have been issued, the Options Evening was on Monday 25th of August and option forms need to be signed and returned to form teachers by **Friday, 29 August 2008**. Students who fail to meet this deadline may find that they can not take the options of their choice next year.

Overall, this has been a fairly good term for most. A little more conscientiousness on the part of some will result in a much more pleasant next few weeks.

Rebecca Matich

Year 12 Dean

Having survived the ball excitement it is now time for year 12 students to:

- 1) Be creating a study plan so that they are well prepared for the exams and assessments at the end of this term and
- 2) Be thinking carefully about their option choices for next year

Some students are putting their subject choices at risk through poor attendance, non completion of assessment work and little effort. There is an entry criterion into most level 3 subjects so students need to be very careful that they meet the required entry standards. These are all listed in the options booklet given to students last week.

Students must take care not to work too many hours at after school jobs this term.



I am very happy to discuss option choices with students and / or parents so please ring the school to make a time to meet or students can see me at school. Please have your option sheets returned as soon as possible indicating your preferences for next year – even your intension to leave.

Most students are working well and I look forward to reading positive interim reports shortly. If you have any concerns etc about your students please do not hesitate to ring.

Well done to Shane T and Ming Ming E for their outstanding sporting achievements.

Prue Burnet

Year 13 Deans

Students should be well in to their revision for School examinations which are being held at the end of this term. The senior School ski trip is leaving in four weeks on the 21st of September 2008. Members of this trip need to ensure that they have appropriate clothing, sleeping bags, equipment etc for this trip. Anyone having problems obtaining gear should see Mr Barnes as soon as possible.

The Ball was a great success and many thanks to those who helped set up and clear away the mess afterwards.

Paul Barnes and Angela Troath

Past Pupils Successes

Our congratulations to the following ex-Dargaville High School pupils who have graduated:

Auckland University

Edward Ashby	Bachelor of Arts
Julia Clarkin	Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences
Erana Clarkson	Master of Management
Brooke Fitness	Bachelor of Commerce
Jodi Hackett	Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary)
Eleanor Hamlyn	Postgraduate Diploma in Translation Studies
Traan Hewetson	Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) Traan is currently teaching Art at Dargaville High School
Polly Johnson	Bachelor of Arts
Margaret Samson	Postgraduate Diploma in Creative & Performing Arts
Stephanie Taylor	Bachelor of Pharmacy

Victoria University

Jade Hadfield	Bachelor of Arts
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Correspondence

A Letter to the Community – DHS Sponsorship Programme

The sponsorship programme at Dargaville High School has established a valid connection between the School and the Dargaville Community. Without the community, we would not have a sponsorship programme at all and we are very grateful for the wholehearted response that we have been given this year.

Not only have we been given financial support to send students to the theatre, on field trips, to school camp, but our Agricultural programme has relied on and been supported by members of the community, financially and in a practical hands-on way with people giving their time and expertise and farmers inviting the students for field days on to their farms.

The School column in the D & D News has been consistently supported by five major businesses in town and the 1st XV supported by others. Individuals have come into the School and established a reading programme; others have taken lunchtime groups and sourced materials or donated products for fund raising. The Rotary and Lions Clubs have agreed to sponsor Marcus Brown who is a motivational speaker to address the students. The Rotary in particular have been on going and tireless in their support of the School. All this is happening alongside our existing 'Gateway' programme which has been so well supported by you in previous years.

The D.H.S. School Trust has been established. All monies given for sponsorships are lodged there. The Trustees are a combination of School officials and community members. A copy of the Deed of Trust is available at the school office should anyone wish to read it.

I regularly call on members of the community and use them as a sounding board for ideas and projects. Their willingness to be involved is humbling. I realise that you, like us here at school, want Dargaville High School to give the very best opportunities that we can to our students.

On behalf of our School, we sincerely thank you.

David Bargh – Principal and Robina Needham – Sponsorship Manager

News from the Maths Department

Senior External Exam Revision Classes:

Year 11: Sunday 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Starting 7 September 2008
Room: P3

Year 12 & 13: Tuesday & Thursday Nights 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Starting Week 7, Term 3
Room: D1

Please note – These sessions are work sessions – not social sessions!!!!

Rubicon

Rubicon is a specialised alcohol and drug support service, working with under 18 year old youth in the Whangarei District and Northern Wairoa area. This includes Dargaville High School.

This is a free service; however, comprehensive alcohol and drug assessments will incur a cost.

Rubicon work with youth in schools and the community offering:

- one to one counselling;
- group work;
- alcohol and drug facts and effects education;
- alcohol and drug comprehensive assessments;
- networking and referrals to other services;
- mentoring and peer support projects such as Guardian Angels, Safer Communities.

They deliver three components of the Police Alternative Action Drug Free Contract in Schools:

- alcohol and drug education;
- one to one counselling and group work
- drug testing.

If you would like any further information regarding the Rubicon programme please contact the School office.

Free Health Services at DHS

The School, with the support of Northland Health and the Dargaville Medical Centre, runs two clinics at the High School Health Room.

On Monday the Public Health Nurse runs a clinic. She can see students with a range of issues from general health concerns, dieting, asthma, sexual health issues and wound dressings.

On Thursdays Dr Bev Hopkins is running a G.P. clinic from 12.00 noon. Students can see her at School rather than having to go to the Medical Centre. There is no cost for this service.

Students make appointments for both these clinics through Lyn Lucich in the School office. Parents can ring her to make an appointment if they want their child to see the nurse or the doctor.



Canteen.

As part of our schools commitment to healthy eating we offer the following menu:

Breakfast:

Hot Chocolate	\$1.50
Weetbix and Milk	\$1.50
Bacon & Egg Wrap	\$2.40
Hawaiian Calzone	\$2.40
Up and Go	\$2.50

Hot Food:

Murphies Savoury (Mince)	\$2.40
Murphies Savoury (Chicken)	\$2.40
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.40
Potato Top Pie	\$2.40
American Hotdogs	\$2.80
Soup & Wholemeal Bread	\$2.00
Toasted Sandwiches	\$2.50
Noodles	\$2.20
Wraps – Thai Chicken	\$1.50
- Mince & Cheese	
- Steak & Cheese	
Cottage Bake	\$2.80

Cold Food:

Sandwiches	\$1.50 - \$2.50
Filled Rolls	\$2.80
Yoghurt	\$1.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50
Fruit Muffins	\$1.20
Fruit	\$0.80
Snacks (eg: Rice Crackers)	\$0.60 - \$1.50

Watch our daily menu board for special of the day and exciting new products.

Newsletter

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