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DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Head Boy and Head Girl for 2012

After interviewing nine shortlisted students from a list of nominations the panel, which included the current Head Boy and Head Girl, Principal Mr Bargh, Deputy Principal Mrs Pumipi, Year 12 Dean Mrs Burnett and Board Chairperson Ms Baume, selected Mitchell Powell to represent the school as Head Boy and Katie Humm as Head Girl for 2012.

Congratulations.

Currently other student leader positions for 2012 are being selected and the full list of House Sports Leaders, Academic, Arts and Cultural Leaders will appear in the next newsletter.



From the Year 12 DEAN

Best wishes to the Young Enterprise Students as they undertake their project work this term. They have put a lot of effort into these programmes and they deserve to achieve well.

Next week is Gateway week and a lot of Year 12 students are involved with these courses. Students who are involved in Gateway placements next week must make every effort to catch up on missed class work. NCEA assessments are ongoing through out the year and any time away from class needs to be caught up.

Teachers are concerned with the amount of absenteeism that is occurring in this year group. To succeed at school you must attend on a regular basis and this includes both form periods and resource classes. Some students are working long hours in jobs outside of school and this is also effecting their school performance.

If you have any concerns about your student's work please ring the school to make an appointment to see me

Prue Burnett

Term 4 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Monday 24th October	Labour Day
Tuesday 25th October	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 26th October	The Year 10 Option Subject selection process for 2012 begins for Year 9.
Thursday 27th October to Sunday 31st October	Year 12 Sport and Rec Class Cape Brett Tramp
Tuesday 1st November	Mufti Day
Tuesday 8th November	Senior Prizegiving.
Thursday 10 November	NCEA External Examinations begin. For the Exam Timetable go to www.nzqa.govt.nz .
Thursday 1st December and Friday 2nd December	Year 9 and 10 Activity Days
Monday 5th December	Powhiri for the incoming Year 9
Wednesday 7th December	Senior School Reports Issued and Senior Student sign out. Graduation Dinner
Friday 9th December	Junior Prizegiving and End of School Year.

Early Warning! 2012

Thursday 26th January	Senior Subject confirmation day. All Year 11 -13 Students are expected to come into school to confirm their subjects for 2012.
Friday 27th January	Peer Support Training for Year 13.
Monday 30th January	Auckland and Northland Anniversary Day
Tuesday 31st January	First Day for Year 9 and Year 13
Wednesday 1 February	Day one for Whole School. All students to attend.

FarNet -Engaging in E-learning in Tai Tokerau

How does e-learning through FarNet and the Virtual Learning Network Community work?

Who will be my teacher? If you are enrolled in an online course, your e-teacher will be from another school in New Zealand.

How often will I see my teacher? You will have an hour long video conferencing class each week, and your “e-teacher: will provide an online classroom (like a website) where you will work 3-4 hours each week in. Your e-teacher may hold extra tutorials though skype or adobe connect or some other web 2 tool.

How will I communicate or get work to and from my teacher? You will be able to communicate regularly with your e-teacher through emails, online forums, online chats , news forums, discussion boards, web 2 tools, skype and text messages.

How do I receive or send work to my e-teacher? You will be able to upload your assignments, assessments, tests and other work into your online classroom. Your teacher may also provide you with some paper based resources and you will also be able to purchase workbooks and study guides to support your learning.

Do I need access to a computer at home? You will require access during school time to a computer and the internet so that you can work independently in your “online environment/online classroom”. If you have the internet at home, that is an added bonus and highly recommended.

What happens if I have another class at that time? You will have to make up for the lost time by working with your teacher from your school on what you have missed in their regular lesson. This is why you need to be SELF MOTIVATED. Regular attendance of your online classroom is VERY important.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR AN ONLINE CLASS if the subject or course you wish to study is: Not currently offered at your school , clashes with another timetabled class, or is offered through a tertiary organisation.

Students who apply must: Be self motivated, well organised and committed to achieving, have an excellent attendance record, have permission from your Dean and the school.

For more information see Ms Chiaroni E Dean.

Host Families

Dargaville Rotary club is seeking expressions of interest from families willing to assist us with hosting a senior student from South America in 2012. The carefully selected student will be in Dargaville for 1 year, we like to have 3 or 4 host families. A Rotary counselor assists in all avenues pertinent to the student and their hosts. This is an opportunity to participate in an exciting experience that contributes greatly to the students self development and rewards the hosting family with a son or daughter who will in turn contribute to your family in many ways over their lifetime.

Please contact **Neil Clements 439 8160** as soon as possible for full details. Your help will allow us to secure another great young exchange student for the coming year.



FREE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

LAST ONE FOR 2011

Our Online sessions provide access to the same information presented at our city sessions.

- Meet our staff
- Hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange
- Ask questions
- Listen to questions asked by other students and parents
- Learn about our discounts & scholarships on offer!

Our last LIVE Online information session for 2011 will also be held **on Wednesday 19th October at 8:30pm (NZST)**, alternatively you can watch our On Demand pre-recorded video presentations **anytime you like**. To access our online sessions, please register online:

<http://studentexchange.org.nz/info-sessions/>

SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER - DEADLINE 31ST OCTOBER

Each year we also offer 12 scholarships valued from NZ\$2,500 up to NZ\$13,900. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

- Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 2 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from NZ\$2,500 up to NZ\$13,900 each.
- Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 3 Creative Arts Scholarships valued from NZ\$2,500 up to NZ\$3,500 each.

The deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between April 2012 - September 2012 is 31st October, 2011. More information on scholarships is available from Ms Chiaroni D H S

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TWILIGHT HOCKEY 5 -ASIDE MIXED

Commencing Wednesday 26th October at Dargaville High School Turf between 5.30 – 7.00pm

8 weeks pre Christmas and 8 weeks post January

Registration 5pm 1st night.

\$2.00 per player per game

Rolling substitutes

get your team together

OR come along and be teamed up

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