



# DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NZ Careers Road Show

**Where: Dargaville High School  
(School Hall)**

**When: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time: 3.00pm to 7.00pm**

**All welcome.**

It's never too early or too late to spend time considering your career options.

Come along and meet and get information from providers across a variety of industries and work types including tertiary trainers and institutions (Northtec, Telford Rural Polytechnic, Industrial Training Organisations, trades and apprenticeships (Hairdressing, Tourism, Building and Construction), Army and Airforce.



Building Students  
on work experience

Early Childhood  
work experience

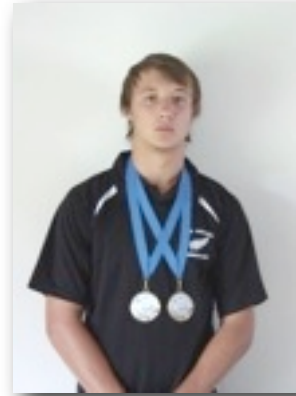


## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

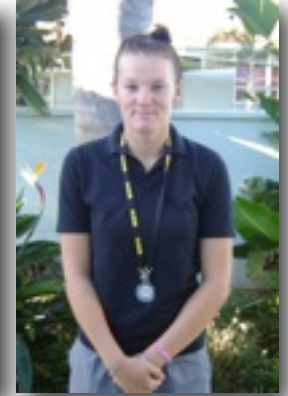
### Damen Beynon

The 2011 Oceania Championships took place in Apia, Samoa from 23 – 25 February and there were 13 countries competing from Australia and the Pacific Islands.

New Zealand's team consisted of 12 wrestlers, 11 male and 1 female. Damen participated in Greco Roman and Freestyle in the cadet category (16 to 17 yrs) and won gold in both events.



Damen Beynon



Taryn Gillespie

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Taryn won the 50m Breaststroke (16 -18yrs) at the Northland Secondary Schools Swimming event held on the 8th March at Dargaville Kauri Coast Pool.

## FROM GATEWAY

**Congratulations** to all participating students who have successfully completed their 1<sup>st</sup> AID and KIWI HOST COURSE! I am pleased to report that both facilitators were impressed and commented positively on student behaviour and work.

Gateway students are required to study and complete workbooks in their own time and gain up to 10 credits by the end of the year. Some students have been out on workplace already, but most placements will start in term 2. However, the Building Course students have completed their theory training and are out on their building site.

Getting involved with Gateway provides a student with an insight into what their chosen industry is all about and, in turn, make informed choices about their future career path.

If you are an Employer interested in taking part and able to offer work experience please contact me at the school.

### Claudia Guthrie-Oehlinger

### Gateway Co-ordinator

## PEER SUPPORT



The school is gearing up for the Year 9 Peer Support Camp this week. Year 13 Students have been working this term with their Year 9 Buddy groups developing some of the skills that they will use on camp and in future life.

The Student Leaders also were involved in group training earlier this term. The forest course required co-operation and communication in some very unfamiliar situations.



Kiwihost Course Participants



First Aid Course



Work Experience at the SPCA



## **FROM THE DEANS**

### **YEAR 9 DEAN**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to parents of the Year 9 students to Dargaville High School in 2011.

It is great to see that everyone has settled into their classes and that there is some great work going on within them. Deliberations and considerations are being discussed by staff at present to ensure every effort is made to place students correctly. Should any movement of students occur, parents/ caregivers of such children will be contacted.

#### **Uniform**

99.9% of Year 9 students abide by the uniform rules and wear it with pride. They are the great ambassadors for DHS. The 0.1% need to adhere to the rules.

***We need to remind students that they must have hard covered shoes for science and technology classes ie Food and Nutrition, Textiles and Product Design. This is a Health and Safety requirement.*** Students who fail to wear the correct shoes are in breach of the health and safety policy at DHS. For your child's safety please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to participate in these subjects. There are huge ramifications for the school should an accident occur in these classes.

#### **Fees/stationery/trips**

Many families choose to spread out the costs associated with having students at Dargaville High School by making a regular automatic payment to the school ie a school account. This is used to pay for school subject costs, sports and classroom trips, etc. If you are interested in learning more about setting up a school account please contact Liz Pocklington in the office.

#### **Peer Support Camp**

This camp is an absolutely awesome camp and one of the highlights on the schools' annual calendar. By now you should have received permission slips for this camp. Thanks to those students who have returned their forms to their form teacher promptly and to all parents/caregivers who have indicated that they are able to help with this camp. Any queries contact Ms Rogers, Ms Banton or Mr Weight.

Lastly, please feel free to contact me with any concerns that you may have regarding your child – school protocol, class work, their friends, uniform, fees etc. I am always available to listen to your concerns.

### **Mrs Winnie Clarke**

#### **YEAR 10 DEAN**

Here we are in week 8 of the first term and Year 10 students are busily engaged in the work necessary for a successful preparation for next year's NCEA Level 1.

Year 10 is sometimes seen as not having the same importance as Year 11. This could not be further from the truth because without the skills and knowledge from a sound foundation in Year 10, Year 11 becomes a very big ask.

Year 10 students benefit a great deal from help given when needed with homework and taking an organised approach to project work. Attendance is another very important factor in success, with research indicating that students with attendance below 95% struggle to achieve their full potential.

Recently uniform has become a concern with some students wearing black lightweight canvas shoes or plimsolls. These are not Year 10 school uniform and do not meet the Health and Safety requirements of OSH in the Science and Technology areas. As all Year 10 students are required to take Science they must have hard leather shoes as specified in the uniform code.

If you have any individual queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school.

### **Mr C. Bayliss**

**YEAR 11 DEAN**

Kia Ora Year 11s and Year 11 Parents/Caregivers,

Most of the Year 11s have started the term really well and there have been some excellent results from their first assessments. If you are already receiving merits and excellences remember that you need 14 in a subject to get the merit/excellence endorsement in that subject. If you're achieving then good on you, 80 credits at achieved level to make a level one certificate (as long as you have 10 literacy and 10 numeracy credits), but why not push yourself towards a merit for the next assessment.

We are not yet meeting our target of 90% attendance so please make a bigger effort to get into school and get some learning done. Any parents that would like to know what their child's attendance percentage is can contact the office to find out.

On uniform, please note that you are only allowed studs in your ears and you cannot wear soft 'ninja style' canvas shoes (you know who you are).

Ka kite ano,

**Mrs Katrina Sylva**

**YEAR 12 DEAN**

As the term progresses Year 12 students are finding some school work quite challenging. It must be appreciated that Level 2 NCEA especially full academic courses are considerably more difficult than Level 1 NCEA.

Students need to be organised in their work and to study for two or more hours per night (Monday – Thursday). Completed homework is an expectation. Students need to be managing their own learning to a large extent and must be talking to their teachers if they require extra help. Most classes have extra help available at lunchtimes or after school.

Students must also be aware that during the class time they do not have the right, by their actions, to interfere with the learning of others. It is way past the time that Year 12 students waste class time with inappropriate behaviour. Chatting, texting and off task behaviour does impact negatively on those around you. It is time to step up and make the best use of the teaching and resources available to you.

On a positive note we are seeing some excellent work from many students. If you have any concerns about your student please do not hesitate to ring the school and make an appointment to see me.

**Mrs P. Burnett**

**YEAR 13 DEAN**

Welcome back to DHS! Hopefully all options are sorted now. It is good to see you using the common room and it is relatively neat and tidy! There are a few differences being a Year 13 student. These are predominately:

- 1) Allowed to bring a car to school (car passes available from the office). Speed limit around the school grounds is 5kph.
- 2) Shoes – black shoe (of any description – no jandals!) but remember black, hard leather shoes are required for Hospitality, Technology and Science.
- 3) Collared polo shirt (any colour)
- 4) Able to sign out for lunch (book is at the office)

Just as a reminder Peer Support camp is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Payments to be made to the office and for further information see Mr Weight. I look forward to seeing all of Year 13 being successful in their studies!

**Mrs A Troath and Mr P Barnes**