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FROM THE ASSESSMENT DEAN

WHAT'S NEW WITH NCEA? COURSE ENDORSEMENTS AND CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS

One of the great advantages of NCEA is its flexibility. The down side is that this can make it very complex. The system is constantly being developed with innovations introduced and changes made. We know this can be bewildering for parents and students (as well as teachers!). The DHS Newsletter will now include regular features on changes to NCEA and basic information about the qualification. I hope this will help students and caregivers to better understand the system.

This year has seen the introduction of **course endorsements** by NZQA. This means that the courses that students take at school can be "graded" to show exceptional performance in a course. The courses can be endorsed at Merit or Excellence level. So, a high performing student may now get, say, a Merit endorsement for Level 2 Geography. This will appear on their certificate.

To get a subject endorsement at Merit, the student has to get at least 14 credits at Merit or Excellence from the course. Except for Physical Education and Level 3 Art courses, these 14 credits must include at least 3 internally assessed and at least 3 externally assessed credits. 14 or more credits at Excellence earns an endorsement at Excellence. The credits for a course endorsement must all be gained in one year.

You may be aware that NZQA has given **Certificate Endorsements** for a few years now. If a student gains 50 credits at Excellence, their NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence. Likewise, if a student gains 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), their NCEA will be endorsed with Merit.

Credits earned can count towards an endorsement over more than one year and more than one level. However, if the students gets an endorsement at a particular level, they will not receive any further endorsements at a lower level.

More details on NCEA levels, certificates and endorsements can be found on the NZQA website:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/ncea-levels-and-certificates>.

Dr Roy Barton

DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please note that the School's Daily Notices is accessible to parents/caregivers on the school website. Please visit: www.dargavillehighschool.co.nz to view the Daily Notices.

UNIFORM

Thanks to all parents for your support in getting students into correct uniform. As you will understand this is not only about correct uniform but about following school rules. Our aim is for staff and students to be able to concentrate on teaching and learning. Thanks for your co-operation.

If any parents/caregivers have any old items of uniform which are unwanted the School would greatly appreciate donation of such items.

Takiri Pumipi
Deputy Principal

TERM 2 SPORT

Various inter-house activities will take place at lunchtimes throughout the term. This includes: Futsal, Tug O War, and Badminton & Table Tennis. Students are to enter with their House Prefects.

Students are not permitted to participate in these events in any part of the school uniform, PE gear only.

DHS events:

Our major event will have been the Cross Country which took place on the 19th May.

Mid week competitions: Started on 11th May

- Girls and Boys Soccer
- Girls Rugby
- First Fifteen Rugby

Northern Wairoa Netball

Started on Saturday 7th May. Dargaville High School have 5 Teams entered in the competition this year. The weekly draw will be displayed on the SPORTS notice board and in the window of the common room. All teams train each week after school. Many thanks go to the Adults and Students who have offered to coach this season.

Remember to pay your fees at the main school office \$40 for the season.

NSSSA Midweek Soccer

This year we have both a boys and girls team competing on Wednesdays home and away games. Competition started on 11th May. Many thanks to the coaches, management and referee support from Trish McCullough, Reuben Rhodes and Shawn Allen for the Boys Team. Sam Green, and Sarah Horner for the Girls Team. There are practices on Mondays after school and new players are welcome. Good luck players.

Midweek First Fifteen

Thanks again to Simon Barnsley and Eddie Matthews for coaching the boys. Good luck for the season.

NSSSA events: enter at the Sports Office for these events

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| • Lower North Cross Country (Otamatea) | 24 th May |
| • Cross Country (Northland) | 2 nd June |
| • Clay Target | 15 th June |
| • College Day | 21 st June |
| • Teams Squash | 7 th July |

Wrestling News

Damen and Coen Beynon recently competed in the NZSS Wrestling Tournament. There were 38 schools represented and 107 wrestlers competing.

Coen wrestled in the Under 15s, 63kg to 69kg class. There were 6 contestants in his group. Coen had 5 bouts and won them all to take out the gold medal.

Damen wrestled in the 16+ age group, 69kg to 76kg class. There were 10 contestants in his group which were split into two pools. Damen won his pool and met the winner of the other pool in the final. It was a close match with Damen winning the silver medal.

Congratulations to both boys. It is fantastic to see our students achieving such heights on a national level.

**SEEN AROUND!
KAPA HAKA**



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 and 3 2011

Date	Event	
30th May	L2 Biology Field Trip	Assessment Field Study at Matapouri Beach
31st May	Yr 9 WINGS Programme	Enrichment programme for selected Year 9 students
2nd June	Yr 10 WINGS Programme	Enrichment programme for selected Year 10 students
2nd June	NCEA Information Evening	Changes and latest information on NCEA
6th June	Queens Birthday	Holiday
7th June	Normal School Day Tuesday Timetable	Yr 9 module changeover
14th June	Yr 12 Sport and Recreation Trip	Adventure Forest
17th June	Yr 13 English and Drama Group Theatre trip	Auckland.
23rd June	Stage Challenge Rehearsal	
24th June	Stage Challenge	Forum North Whangarei
28th/29th June	Blood Drive	Dargaville Town Hall
4th July	Attitude Theatre Group	High School
7th July	Yr 12 Sport and Recreation Trip	Abseiling
14th July	School Reports Issued	
14th July	Senior Option Book available	Subjects for all students in Years 11 to 13 in 2012
15th July	Leadership Group leaves for Malaysia	
15th July	End of Term 2	
1st August	Start of Term 3	
4th August	Parent Student Teacher Interviews	
8th August	Subject Selections for Years 11 to 13 in 2012 completed	

NOTICES

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