

DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



BROADSHEET JULY 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 and beyond

Date	Event	
Wednesday 4th August	DHS PTA – Friends of Dargaville High School	The next meeting of the Friends of the School will be held on Wednesday, 4 th of August 2010 at 3.30p.m. in the school foyer office. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend
Thursday 5th August	Australian Maths Competition.	
Wednesday 11th August	Careers Evening (4 - 7pm)	Student, parents and caregivers are welcome to come and find out about different careers and tertiary education courses. On the 9th August the Senior Option Course books will be issued.
Thursday 12th August	Urapukapuka Island Camp	Winter Camp for the Sport and Recreation Class
Tuesday 17th August	School Parent Option Evening.	Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come and discuss subjects for next year and NCEA requirements.
Tuesday 24th August	Year 9 Extension Programme	
Thursday 26th August	Year 10 Extension Programme	
Tuesday 7th September	Year 9 and 10 Exams start.	Junior Examinations will finish on 10th September. Normal Junior Timetable will resume on completion of the exams until end of term.
Friday 17th September	Senior Examinations start	
Friday 24th September	Term 3 ends	
Monday 11th October	Term 4 Starts	Day 6 of timetable
Thursday 21st October	Moving Out	Information for Year 13 Students leaving school.
Friday 22nd October	Interim Reports issued	
Thursday 11th November	Senior Prizegiving	
Saturday 13th November	NCEA External Examinations Start	Scholarship exams start. All students by this time should have their NZQA numbers, log in and examination timetable.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

CONTRIBUTING

INTEGRITY

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR DEAN

All eligible students for our End of Year Activity Programme have now been told what activities they are in and on what days. Students should also have all permissions and payment slips by the 30th of July 2010. If this is not the case, please tell your child to see me urgently. Please note parents, that payment is due for all trips by the **17th of September**. There can be **NO EXCEPTIONS** as deposits and number confirmations need to be made. Any student who withdraws from a trip after this date or who is removed from a trip due to poor behaviour will only receive a 50% refund.

School photos have now been taken and very shortly your child will be bringing home a photo order sheet. Again there is a due date on the slip when money and orders need to be returned by. Late orders can be made but must be sent to the photographer directly and with a late penalty fee.

Lastly a reminder to all parents that when your child is away from school, they must produce a written note of explanation on their return. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Education. If no written note is produced, then your child is entered on our computer system as 'Truant'. Unfortunately txt messages are not an adequate form of absence explanation.

Karen Exley

NZQA FEES, 2010 - FROM THE ASSESSMENT DEAN

A reminder to parents.... if your children are sitting NCEA standards this year (that will be all of Years 11, 12, and 13) NZQA charges an administration fee of \$75 (maximum \$200 per family).

If you receive a Work and Income or Study Link benefit or if you are entitled to a Community Service Card, you can apply for financial assistance with the fees. This reduces the cost to \$20 per candidate (or \$30 maximum per family). Application forms are available from the school office or the NZQA website

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html>

Payments and applications for Financial Assistance should be made to the school before Friday 27th August.

In exceptional circumstances, which **must** be negotiated before the 27th August, we can accept payments up to 15th September. Late payments will need to be made direct to NZQA and will incur a late payment fee (\$50 in 2009).

Applications for financial assistance **cannot** be accepted after 27th August.

Dr Roy Barton - Assessment Dean

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Junior students are receiving homework reading logs again this term. Parents, please be on the lookout for them and encourage your students to complete them, as you sign off on them as well. Numbers completed last term were a little disappointing, but we are hoping that students will get into the habit of reading and of remembering their English homework.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the end of last term it was with regret that the Board of Trustees accepted Simon Gray's resignation from the Board. Simon will continue to assist with the review of the disciplinary process which was started earlier in the year. The Board has resolved to fill the vacancy by selection rather than election unless 10% of the electoral roll registers their written objection to this by 9th August, 2010.

The Board of Trustees has adopted the following policy to assist communication:

"The Board recognises that effective communication with its stakeholders is key. The Board requests written communication on points of significance. The Board acknowledges that this is difficult in a number of circumstances and that this can disenfranchise individuals. We recommend that individuals who wish to formally communicate with the school and/or Board get assistance from a third party, in recording their concerns, eg. Te Ha, CAB, The Hub, using the resources of a Marae, interpreters, etc. The Board is happy for individuals to have support persons with them as appropriate. "

If you have queries please contact me.

Shirley Baume – Chairperson - DHS Board of Trustees

SCHOOL CLOSING TIME

From the beginning of Term 3 students will no longer be having an afternoon form period and the School finishing bell will ring at 3.15 p.m.