

DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians

Tena koutou katoa

Greetings to you all and welcome to the new school year at Dargaville High School.

We extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff in 2010.

Mr Dreyer

Mrs Clark

Mrs Kerby

Miss McCulloch

Assistant Principal

HOD Maori

English

Textiles and Food



Other staff news:

Our prefects for 2010 are:

Head

Deputy Prefect

Maori

St Patrick's

St George's

St David's

St Andrew's

Boy

Michael Polglase

Clark Taylor

Hamish Tane

Sam Dennis

Ethan Pocklington

Hamish Younger

Jordan Bennett

Girl

Demi Exley

Grace Portanger

Tiana Lemon

Aiden Bryers

Nicole Zwaans

Petra Gough

Andrea Thomson

Please feel welcome to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions regarding your son/daughter. Usually the Dean of their year level should be the initial contact. Please contact the office to make an appointment so we can ensure that they are available.

Deans for 2009 are:

Year 9 and 10

Year 11

Year 12

Year 13

Mrs Exley

Mrs Burnett

Mr Barnes and Miss Troath

Mrs Greaves

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Term Dates for 2010 are:

Term 1	Thursday 2 February	To	Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April	To	Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July	To	Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October	To	Thursday 9 December

We have recently held our school swimming and athletics sports days. Well done to all students who participated in these days. Congratulations to the following students who were overall champions:

SWIMMING:

Junior Girls

- 1st Eve Verberne
- 2nd Marshayla Christie
- 3rd Maiah Cossill

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Taryn Gillespie
- 2nd Michaela Verberne
- 3rd Suzanne Groome

Senior Girls

- 1st Nicole Zwaans
- 2nd Hayley Gilchrist
- 3rd Brooke Tier

ATHLETICS:

Junior Girls

- 1st Tia Himiona
- 2nd Sarai Cotes
- 3rd= Geneva Baanders
Amber-rose Smith

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Isabella Wood
- 2nd Aria Gent
- 3rd Giavanna Pumipi

Senior Girls

- 1st Hayley Gilchrist
- 2nd Demi Exley
- 3rd= Emaline Lavaka
Nicole Callis

Junior Boys

- 1st Nathan Paniora
- 2nd Alex Barnsley
- 3rd Michael Boyd

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Matthew McCahon
- 2nd Thomas Barnsley
- 3rd Soul Winstanley

Senior Boys

- 1st Sam McCahon
- 2nd Sam Dennis
- 3rd Jordan Holster

Junior Boys

- 1st Jordan Tibbetts
- 2nd Kieran McCahon
- 3rd= Alex Barnsley
Jordan Firoa

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Matthew Morris
- 2nd Thomas Barnsley
- 3rd Jarrod Gilligan

Senior Boys

- 1st Hamish Younger
- 2nd Jordan Bennett
- 3rd Daniel Plewinski



School Donations:

This is worthy of comment in this economic environment. Dargaville High School asks parents/caregivers for an annual donation of \$60 for 1 child, \$70 for 2 children and \$80 for 3 or more children. I would like to note that this is a donation and is a voluntary payment. It is also distinct from subject fees which contribute to course costs. Schools are very much struggling for funds and we are certainly no exception. The funds we gain from school donations are valuable to the school and do make a difference to the education our students receive. We also offer the facility to pay this in small regular installments to make it easier for parents. Some parents/caregivers will find that they are just unable to pay this donation because of their circumstances. We understand this, and I can reassure parents that this will not affect the education their children receive.

David Bargh
Principal

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR DEAN

To all new parents of Year 9 students welcome to Dargaville High School and a big welcome back to parents of returning Year 10 students.



2010 has started magnificently well with a very positive attitude by all. The atmosphere in classrooms has been great as has the sporting events that have been held so far. Please feel free to come and watch any of our school events. Your child may tell you that you are not welcome, but we certainly will tell you otherwise! One of my favourite phrases is “character building for your child”.

Uniform Issues:

1. A reminder that all Year 9, 10 and 11 students must have hard covered shoes for the winter months and for their technology classes. These shoes must have a heel and must in no way resemble a sneaker. Please check with me if you are unsure about styles. A concern at the moment is students wearing sandals to school and failing to remember to also bring their hard covered shoes for the above classes. With the incorrect shoes they are unable to participate in technology classes. The punishment for this is an after-school detention.
2. Jewellery – One necklace only to be worn and plain gold or silver studs (earrings worn are to be no bigger than the size used when ears are pierced) in the ears.

Class Placements in 2010:

Over the next two weeks, staff will be reporting back to me on the class placements for 2010. Every effort is made to place student’s correctly at the start of a year to avoid disruption, however if there are concerns from staff, some students could be moved. All parents/caregivers of such children will be contacted should this situation arise.

Fees/stationery/trips:

There is always a huge expense at the start of the year. As a parent myself, I am in the same situation. Please consider the option of automatic payments to the school – set up at the office, so that small amounts are consistently paid throughout the year. This can continue throughout your child’s time at DHS.

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. It is never a problem to listen to your concerns.

Karen Exley

YEAR 11 DEAN

Welcome to this year’s Year 11 students. It is the first of your senior years at High School and now is the time to be fine tuning your class work and study skills. We will help you as much as we can, however students need a positive attitude to their work and need a will to succeed. Good study habits formed now will help you succeed at school and with work or study after leaving school.



If parents/caregivers would like to discuss any issues concerning their child please feel free to telephone me at the School on 4397229.

Prue Burnett

BREAKFAST.....

the meal that gets you through the learning day!

Free breakfast of Weetbix and milk is available to all High School students daily at the School Canteen. We encourage students to take advantage of this.

YEAR 12 DEANS

Firstly, welcome back! It is good to see that a number of you have decided to return to school and continue with your studies. As a reminder, all students should be studying five subjects and one resource/transition lesson. Some of you have requested not to have a resource lesson which has been negotiated with us. You should, by now, have an idea of what your future career intentions are and have made subject choices appropriate to these intentions. If you are still unsure, you can arrange an appointment with our careers advisor Mrs Bourke, or alternatively have a look at the following website: http://www.careers.govt.nz/secondary_students.html



Hopefully all timetables have been given out (please don't lose them!) and everyone has a diary (useful for handy dates and sticking your timetable into!)

Angela Troath & Paul Barnes

YEAR 13 DEAN

Hi Everyone!

I'm very excited to introduce myself as the new Year 13 Dean for 2010. It is a privilege to be closely involved with such an enthusiastic and (usually!) responsible group of young adults. Just a few reminders about rules for the year:

- The common room is only open at break and lunchtimes – study periods are spent in the library either working, reading or helping out with younger students.
- Year 13 students are able to sign out and leave school during break and lunch times but no other times unless they have a note from home.
- Students bringing cars to school must have completed a permission form (available from the office) and must also display their pass on their vehicle's dashboard at all times.



I'm anticipating a smooth and enjoyable year for us all. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may have.

A great start to the year – let's keep it up!

Alison Greaves

CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday 9th March	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 11th March	Moving On
Monday 15th March	RYDA: Road Safety. (Sponsored by Rotary.)
Wednesday 24th March to Friday 26th March	Peer Support Camps for Year 9
Tuesday 30th March to Wednesday 31st March	Tai Tokerau Festival
Tuesday 30th March	Northland Secondary Schools Swimming Championships at Dargaville Town Pool
Thursday 1st April	End of Term 1

NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

1. A reminder that all students in years 9, 10 and 11 receive a homework review sheet each week. These are given out and are due back the same time each week, or on the same day in their timetable each week. Please take the time to look over your child's homework and to supervise completion by the due date. The consequence for incomplete homework is remaining behind during lunch in order to complete it.
2. All junior students complete a class, weekly speed times table sheets. The problems are mixed and range from 1×1 up to 12×12 . We encourage students to be fast and accurate with their times tables to assist in all other work completed in our Maths lessons. Please ask your child what their results are in these tests. There are 136 questions in each test and we would like all students to be getting at least 130/136. If your child is struggling with the tables, we encourage flash cards to be made and practised nightly for 10 minutes.
3. Graphics calculators can be purchased from the department for \$100.00. All NCEA students should have a graphics calculator as should those year 10 students intending to move on to NCEA Maths in 2011. Please feel free to contact your child's Maths teacher if you are unsure as to the most suitable calculator. Year 9 students will be advised later in the year as to their calculator requirements.
4. A reminder for all year 11, 12 and 13 NCEA Maths students that copies of the year's notes, daily exercises and corresponding worksheets can be purchased from your Maths teacher for \$40.00 (total payment). We encourage the purchase of these books as this enables students to get started on the days examples straight away, without having to copy pages of notes first. It also enables students to continue with their work should they be absent for any reason.

Important Information

CAREERS/TRANSITION

Moving On: This is a day of workshops for Year 13 students to help them begin to focus on 2011 when they will have left school. We have arranged for the Liaison people from Auckland, Waikato and Otago Universities, as well as Career Services, NorthTec and Modern Apprenticeships. There are also workshops on budgeting, stress, time management and study skills. The day will be Thursday, 11 March 2010 and is held off site.

Road Show: In Week 1, Term 2 the Careers Road show will be set up in the School Hall. Senior students will be given the chance to check this out. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come along as well. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

University Trip: On the Thursday and Friday of Week 2, Term 2 we will be taking a group of Year 13 students to visit the Waikato University open day. On the way down we also get a chance to look at Massey University – Albany, Auckland University and A.U.T. Students who are keen to look at Wintec in Hamilton also have this opportunity. Students interested will be bringing home an information sheet soon.

PAST PUPILS

Congratulations to the following past pupils who graduated from Waikato and Victoria Universities in 2009:

Waikato University Graduates:

Daniel Robinson Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Social Sciences
 Malcolm Barnes Bachelor of Management Studies
 Rosie Greaves Bachelor of Social Sciences

Victoria University Graduate:

Lyndon McEwing Master of Arts

ADVANCE NOTICE

In Term 3 the Careers Department will be putting on a Careers Night for all students. This will occur before students choose their options for the following year and is open to students and their parents/caregivers.

PARENTS/FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parents/Friends of the school will be held on Wednesday, 5th of May 2010, in the school foyer at 3.30 pm. This is a great opportunity for parents/caregivers to find out what is happening in and around the school. Please mark this date on your calendar.

CELLPHONES AND VALUABLES

Please note that we have had a number of cell phones go 'walk about' during the last week. If a student brings a cell phone to school, then they do so at their own risk. Students must be responsible for their own property at all times. Items such as cellphones are easy targets to be stolen if left unattended at any time.

DENTAL NEWS – ADOLESCENT ENROLMENT DENTAL PACKS

There has been some confusion as to which provider you should tick when enrolling adolescents for free dental treatment in the Dargaville area.

If you want treatment undertaken in Dargaville tick:

**N.D.H.B. Oral Health Service
Adolescent Dental Service
Whangarei**

Treatment will be done in Dargaville. If you wish to have treatment done at any other the other providers then tick your choice. Adolescent dental treatment is free until the age of 18 years.

Bev Williams – Dental Therapist

LIBRARY NEWS

A warm welcome to all students at D.H.S. from Miss Houston (Mullan), Librarian.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS:

- * Open at lunchtime
- * New Books arriving regularly
- * A student wish list for new books
- * Computers
- * Magazines
- * Board games, etc
- * Wii playstation game

REQUEST:

We would love donations of any books or games suitable for the library, (in reasonable order),

THANK YOU.

QUOTE:

*Reading is a means of thinking with another person's mind;
it forces you to stretch your own."*

Charles Scribner, Jr.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

HOUSE POINTS FROM ATHLETICS

Championship Results

4 th	St Davids	1159
3 rd	St Andrews	1268
2 nd	St Patricks	1321
1 st	St George	1548



Participation Points

4 th	St Davids	217
3 rd	St Andrews	230
2 nd	St Patricks	248
1 st	St George	267



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Northern Wairoa Soccer Club

Come along to register for the 2010 season

New players welcome, all ages from 4-15 years old

Also 14 & 15 year old guys and girls required for the Youth Team playing in the Whangarei Competition

15 year olds and over can also be selected to play in the Senior Men or Senior Women teams.

For information ring Joyce Gallagher 439 0284

Or register online at www.sportsground.co.nz/nwsoccer

Circus Kumarani Circus Classes 2010

Contact us: 09 439 5152, 14 Parenga Street, info@circuskumarani.co.nz

After School 3 – 5 pm OSCAR/CYF approved 5 – 13 years

Monday - Body Balance & Acrobatic

Balance in a head or handstand; build human pyramids, walk the tightrope and globe.

Tuesday - Circus Games & Improvisation

A stimulating and fun class, with a variety of games and drama

Wednesday - Circus Mix

Introduction into the wonderful world of circus skills

Thursday - Circus Fast & Furious

Fast paced class with a variety of activities, which focus on body strengths and flexibility;

Friday - Juggling & Object Manipulation

Master the art of juggling, diabolo, hula hoop, poi and much more.

Thursday 5.30 – 7.30 Youth Circus 13+

A casual class, where you participate at your own space; work on acts, share skills and teach each other

Tall Ship Sailing Adventure

The R. Tucker Thompson has berths available for 7 day voyages in April - July. If you're interested in joining us for the adventure of a lifetime on Northland's own Tall Ship, please contact the School Office for an application form.

- ★ School holiday voyages available
- ★ Day Skipper (NZQA accredited) and VHF courses available on some voyages

www.tucker.co.nz info@tucker.co.nz

Vanuatu Raffle Results Leadership Trip 2010

Woolworths 13 February: Wendy

Woolworths 27 February: Steve Mrkusich