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DHS SENIOR FORMAL 2008

The PTA will be hosting the initial Forum to discuss this year's School Formal in the school library on Monday, 9 June at 7.30 pm. *Rock 'n Roll, 1950s style*, will give our students lots of opportunities for elegant and fun theme wear.

All parents of Yr 12 and 13 students are urged to attend. Two single tickets will be won by parents attending the forum so come and share your ideas and be in the draw for free tickets.

A follow-up meeting will be held on the evening of the first day of Term 3 (Monday 21 July).

For more information about the PTA's role, phone Glenda (4487244).

SENIOR MID YEAR EXAMS

– YEARS 11/12/13

Friday 30 May – Friday 6 June

Senior students have been given their exam timetables for the coming exams.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate students going to the 'Big Sing' and those with exam timetable clashes.

All students should complete their personal exam timetable to help with their exam planning.

REMEMBER:

- Senior students have study leave during the exam time and are expected to use it wisely, **NOT** to increase out of school work hours instead of studying.
- Morning exams run 9 am – 12 noon (over interval).
- Afternoon exams 1.15 – 4.15 pm.
- Exams are one, two or three hours long. Students who have a three hour exam in the afternoon must make appropriate arrangements for getting home, as buses will run at usual times.
- Senior students may wear mufti but it must be appropriate for school.
- If your son/daughter is unable to sit an exam because of illness please contact the office as soon as possible.

WINTER UNIFORM

Full winter uniform is compulsory from 3 June until 29 August (Term 3). Please check illustrations in the student handbook, [page 5](#). We need the support of parents and caregivers to ensure students have the correct uniform and are encouraged to wear it properly. It is everyone's responsibility.

Yr 9-12 students are expected to wear the correct regulation uniform to school, at school and going home from school.

Thank you for your support.

DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM SHOP

Open 11 am – 12.30 pm every Thursday

– sell on uniform items that are too small and buy garments that fit well at a reasonable price.

OOPS! Apologies to Shay McDonald of Pyke House who was incorrectly shown as a Rees student in the last newsletter.

WINTER SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Sport Otago Active Schools team is holding coaching sessions during Term 2 with the aim of providing coaching techniques, skills and game ideas in alignment with current thinking for hockey, soccer and basketball.

The coaching sessions are open to all teachers, parents and coaches of primary and intermediate schools throughout the Otago region.

The sessions will be held over an afternoon and you can attend all sessions or alternatively you can choose which session(s) you would like to attend. The sessions will be held in Dunedin at the Edgar Centre and will be practical-based, so please make sure that you are dressed appropriately.

Times and dates for the coaching sessions are as below:

Term 2 Coaching Sessions 2008:

When: Wednesday 11 June: 1 pm - 4 pm

Hockey	1 pm – 2 pm
Basketball	2 pm – 3 pm
Soccer	3 pm – 4 pm

Venue: Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

Who for: These coaching sessions are designed for teachers, parents, and coaches who would like to gain specific coaching techniques in the areas of hockey, basketball and soccer.

Cost: \$10.00 per session or \$20.00 for all three sessions.

For more information please contact Sport Otago Active Schools team on 03 474 6350.

To register your attendance, obtain a registration form from:

<http://www.sportotago.co.nz/index.phpaid=1086>

and fax, email or post back to Sport Otago by Monday 9 June 2008.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OLIVIA VAN DEN YSSEL

Olivia recently travelled to the Oamaru Performing Arts Competitions Festival and successfully danced for a place (nomination) in the Tap section of the Mazda Young Performer of the Year competition to be held in Tauranga in October.

TENNIS

Two players from Dunstan High School competed in the ASB Junior Indoor Tennis Championship at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin on 3 May 2008.

Ryan MacKay reached the quarterfinals of the Boys 14 singles and the semi-finals of the Boys 14 doubles.

Simon Anderson also played very well in the 18 and under age group reaching the semi-finals of the Boys singles and with his partner winning the Boys 18 doubles.

CENTRAL OTAGO BASKETBALL TRIALS

Please inform interested basketball players at your school that Central Otago Basketball Trials for the Under 13 Boys, Under 13 Girls, Under 15 Boys and Under 15 Girls will be held at the Cromwell Gym on Friday 30 May 2008.

Programme: Under 15 Girls & Boys from 6.30 pm
Under 13 Girls & Boys from 7.30 pm

Interested Managers and Coaches are invited to contact Robyn Marnane on 03 445 1433 or at bballcojb@xtra.co.nz

GARDEN MAKEOVER

The DHS garden makeover is well underway with the removal of unwanted shrubs and trees at the weekend. Some beds might look a bit bare until replacement planting is organised, but Heather Whiting and Helen Hillis's vision will eventually result in a more attractive and appropriate setting for the school.

Many thanks to the seven volunteers who turned up on Saturday and Sunday, especially the three young ladies from Pyke House, **Emily Campbell, Livi Geddes and Allanah Harvey**, who put in a morning's work. The girls deserve some house points for their effort perhaps?

As well as the two garden designers, three PTA members and one BOT member, we were lucky enough to have two parent volunteers also. Good gardening weather meant a lot was accomplished in two mornings despite a somewhat disappointing turnout from the school community. Better luck next time – we would welcome more hands on deck.

First National Real Estate, Alexandra,

offers a donation of \$400 + GST for any property sold successfully through their company and the client's nominating Dunstan High School as the school of choice.

DEBATING

Interest in debating remains strong this year, with three teams entered in the Central Otago Rotary Debating contest. Under the guidance of Mrs Vercoe and Miss Wilkinson, all teams were busy in the first three weeks of the term, preparing for the first round, on the topic "That NZ's legal driving age should be raised to 18". The senior and intermediate teams had the affirmative and the junior team had the negative side of the argument.

The intermediate team, (**Sarah Liley, Victoria Martin** and **Callum Geddes**) won their debate against Wakatipu High School, with **Victoria Martin** being awarded Best Speaker.

Helen Liley was awarded Best Speaker at the Rotary Club meeting, where Dunstan Senior team (**Clara Pau** and **Livi Geddes**) had a convincing win against Cromwell College. The junior team (**Ged Finch, Caroline Harmsworth, Nick Pascoe** and reserve **Heidi Little**) travelled to Wanaka to debate against Mt Aspiring College, winning the debate. **Nick Pascoe** was named as Best Speaker.

Well done to all of the teams and their supporters and all the best for the next two rounds which will be held at Cromwell College on 11 June and 25 June.

A big thank you to our adjudicators, Mr Stuart Thom, Mrs Jenny Collier, Mr Dave Ramsay, Mr Simon Lewis and Mr Murray Anderson. Also to the Alexandra Rotary Club for sponsoring us in the competition.

AUDITIONS FOR BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PRODUCTION

The Alexandra Musical Society's 2008 production is "Bye Bye, Birdie", a fun musical set in America in the late 1950s, with a focus on rock and roll and a variety of acting, singing and dancing roles for all ages. The production will be directed by professional director, Karen Elliot who will be ably supported by Mr John Buchanan as Musical Director and Mrs Judith Campbell as Choreographer. A very talented team! Students who can sing and dance are encouraged to audition for the show, as the chance to be a part of a large scale production, working with a professional director is a fantastic opportunity to develop and enhance performance skills, not to mention the fun involved.

Auditions will be held Saturday 7 June and Sunday 8 June at the Alexandra Musical Society clubrooms.

Phone Claire Goudie, 4489485, for an audition time. For more information, see Mrs Vercoe.

NATIONAL YOUTH DRAMA SCHOOL

On the first Saturday of the April holidays, **Liv Gardener, Sarah Williamson** and I flew up to the exciting town of Havelock North to attend the National Youth Drama School. This is an annual event which takes place at Havelock North High School for a week.

The week is packed with intense training sessions with some of the best drama teachers in New Zealand. There are subjects such as improvisation, screen acting, stage combat, song writing, musical theatre, acting technique and much more. Each evening we were busy with social activities including live music, talent shows, plays and films made by some of our own tutors.

We all stayed at the school hostel up the road and made many exciting and intriguing friends. The week ended with a class performance in the Hastings Opera House in front of a public audience followed by a dance party.

It is the best thing I have done all year and I have gained many skills, experience and joy from the week. I recommend it to anyone interested in music, drama or even the technical aspects of drama. For more info visit their website www.nyds.co.nz – and put it on your calendar to attend in 2009.

Anna Parsons (Yr 13 Drama Student)

AFS EXPO NIGHT

Which opens more doors? BSc? BA? AFS?!

Want to brush up on your Russian, French, German, Spanish – students arriving in July for 2 to 12 months! Interested in AFS student exchanges or hosting a student? Visit the AFS Otago Information Expo, June 4 at 7.30 pm in the Clifford Skeggs Gallery, Municipal Chambers, Octagon, Dunedin. www.afsotago.org.nz

Contact Dianne (ph: 03 486 1442) for further information.

***AFS Intercultural Programmes of course!**

LOST PROPERTY

The following items can be collected from the office as soon as possible please:

- 2 backpacks – blue/black, orange/black
- Gold t-shirt
- PE top
- 3 black hoodie tops
- Shoes
- Jacket
- Polar fleece
- Jacket with fur trim around hood
- T-shirt (black with logo)
- Hooded fleece sports jacket – double stripe across shoulders
- Jandals
- Gold/white/grey t-shirt
- Girls black trousers

CAREERS CORNER

Once again we are lucky to have been having some very pertinent, purposeful and timely visits from liaison people from various tertiary institutions.

Year 13 enjoyed the insights from Steve Walker, Liaison Officer from Otago University on 12 May. On the same day, Tony Simmons from NZ Broadcasting School at CPIT in Christchurch spoke to 15 self-selected students about global career possibilities and award winners who had studied with them, alongside a thorough overview of what this media training institution can provide.

On Monday 26 May, Robyn McLeod from Auckland University spoke to all Yr 12 and 13 Physics classes about studying Engineering in Auckland, though she did cover broadly the opportunities available to students of physics and calculus. She is the Women and Engineering Equity Officer and was enthusiastic about the new range of engineering options including such things as biomedical engineering and the mathematical modeling civil engineers use when planning motorways or the optimum daily use of a busy airport, to ensure that most planes are flying and making money!

On the calendar soon:

- **10 June 2008:** Canterbury University Liaison Officer, Jan Stuart, 12.20 pm.
- **17 June 2008:** three teachers off to Careers Advisers' Day.
- **18 June 2008:** some third year medical students will talk about Med School and life as a student to Year 13 (2.15 pm Library).
- **15 August 2008:** Professor Mark Henaghan, Otago Law Faculty in to talk to Yr 11, 12, 13 students likely to study law at Otago or elsewhere (11 am Library).
- **11 September 2008:** All day - Peter Doquain and the \$1½ million Mobile Careers' Unit will be at school for students to visit. It has 22 interactive large screens, showing career possibilities. It will be a free way to broaden students' ideas about their career life pathway. We hope to cycle students through in English classes.

Parents welcome!

Please feel free to come and be part of your son or daughter's career decision making.

Parents are very definitely a welcome and important part of their children's mentoring as role models for what life may hold for them.

If you would like a parent/student interview, please phone me at Dunstan High 03 4488595.

Thank you – Rose Thom

2008 PARTNERSHIP PLAN

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full names please) _____ Yr _____ H/Tg _____