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REPORTING TO PARENTS

We are still accepting feedback from parents on our current reporting policy, the parent/teacher interview evening and the new junior report format. The 'Reporting' survey was issued with Newsletter 11 on 14 August and we would appreciate your responses before the end of term please.

COURSE CHOICES FOR 2009

Senior Course Choice booklets and 2009 Course Choice Forms will be given out to Year 10/11/12 students shortly.

Please go through the booklets with your son/daughter very carefully. The Course Choice forms will be due on the first day back in Term 4.

Students have already been encouraged to talk to their teachers, tutors and the Careers' Counsellor to help them make their choices.

Yr 9 students will receive their Course Choice booklets in Term 4.

SENIOR EXAMS

All senior students will have received personalised timetables for their exams 15-19 September. They have also spent time in Tutor Groups looking at study plans for these exams and the rapidly approaching External exams in November.

- It is important that students are committed to a thorough study programme for these exams. Senior students will have study leave.
- Appropriate multi may be worn to exams – PLEASE ensure your son/daughter is wearing adequate clothing (it is difficult to concentrate properly if cold!)
- Exams are three hours long unless specified. Morning exams begin at 9 am and go to 12 noon. Afternoon exams begin at 1.15 pm and go to 4.15 pm.

NB: School buses will run at the normal time.

MATHS CALCULATORS

The Maths Department has FX9750C Graphics Calculators available for \$70. At this price they are cheaper than the reduced prices offered at the beginning of the year. These calculators are compulsory for senior maths classes (Years 11-13).

Tuition continues to be available in B5 every Thursday after school.

METHAMPHETAMINE PRESENTATIONS

On Wednesday 24 September 'Methcon' will be at DHS for presentations on methamphetamine to our students.

The **objective** of these presentations is to provide students with a hard hitting, relevant and comprehensive understanding of methamphetamine and the implications of the drug and others, to themselves, their family and friends and the community they live in. Presentations will be tailored to the age group at the time.

The **aim** is to provide them with a level of knowledge, strategies and deterrent to help them make informed decisions, not only about methamphetamine but also other drugs of addiction to keep themselves safe in a challenging time.

The timetable for presentations:

Year 10	9 - 10 am
Year 9	10 - 11 am
Year 12/13	11.20 am - 12.20 pm
Year 11	1.15 - 2.15 pm

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday 6 September – Dunedin

Well done to **Simon Anderson** (Yr 12), **Daniel Sanson** (Yr 13) and **Ben Brosnan** (Yr 9) who travelled to Dunedin on Saturday to represent Dunstan at the Annual Junior Chess Tournament open to players under 20 years of age.

All boys played very competitively with Dunstan coming second equal with Otago Boys High School.



Simon Anderson



Ben Brosnan



Daniel Sanson

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Short term accommodation is urgently required within the Alexandra area for International students during the next term holidays - \$200.00 per week board.

For more information, phone Gail at the school office, 448-8595 or Noelen Radka at 449-2395.

BIKE HELMETS

It has been a concern that a number of students have been riding bikes to/from school while not wearing a bike helmet. This is not permitted by the school/law.

PLEASE ensure your son/daughter has a bike helmet (in good condition) to wear when cycling.

2008 PARTNERSHIP PLAN

PLATINUM – Breen Construction Co. Ltd, Central Motorways Coaches, Fulton Hogan Central, Paper Plus, PlaceMakers Alexandra.

GOLD - Allied Press, Alexandra Rotary Club, Budget Central Pharmacy and Bookshop, Central Beta Electrical, Checketts McKay, Cooneys Clothing and Footwear, Criterion Club Hotel, Feron Motor Court Ltd, Gas & Engineering Supplies Ltd, L J Hooker, Magnum Mac Dunedin, MWH NZ Ltd, Omakau Commercial Hotel, Otago Daily Times Print, Peter Lyon Shearing Contractors, Phil Morris Electrical, Southland Building Society, Stadium Bar and Grill Alexandra, Stu McLeod - Courier Post, Tarbert St Dental Surgery, Terrace Distributors (1985) Ltd, The Community Trust of Otago, Tony Botting – London.

SILVER - Alexandra Avenue Motel, Brian Luff Automotive, Business & Accounting Solutions Ltd, Currie Motors, Davis Auto Electrical Ltd, McLellan's Plumbing and Heating, Treadwell - Tyreland, Wedgerwood Joinery.

BRONZE - ANZ, Alexandra Night 'N Day, Alexandra Inspiration, Alexandra Physiotherapy, Bell's Shoes Unlimited, Geoff Weller Surveying Consultant, Grant Ward Nissan, House of Travel Alexandra, The National Bank of New Zealand, Stems Florist, The Warehouse.

ARTS WEEK

Junk Art

This was a very exciting contest between the Houses fought over the lunch hour on Monday 25 August. Each House was given a pile of junk in House colours to work with. There was lots of creativity on show and plenty of improvisation, but in the end, **Caples** showed their superiority in this instance, producing the fabulous piece of state-of-art transportation pictured below. The contest was judged by a very impressed **Claire Higginson**.



Dunstan Junk Art: First Place - Caples

There was a very high standard throughout in this competition with **Selar Henderson** commenting that all entries were of a standard to go through to the Blossom Festival Wool On Competition. The only criteria was that the garments had to be at least 50% wool. Judge, **Marnie Kelly** was overwhelmed by the level of talent on display.

The placings in this strong field were: First, **Denise Murray-Karaka** and **Micky Jackson (Caples)**; Second, **Alice Finch** and **Yoli Mzamane (Haast)**; Third, **Pyke House** represented by **Meg Butcher**.



*Literary Figure:
Karen Brown (Peter Pan)*

Market Day

On Wednesday the hard court was awash with activity. Some students held stalls, others let their creativity flow on the pavement with chalk. Students and teachers alike were drawn to the food stalls. Popular were 'spiders' and rice bubble cakes. Some chose to dress up for the day - the theme being 'characters from literature'.

Creative Writing

This competition drew a strong field of talented writers. **Mr Alan Whitaker** judged and chose **Heidi Little** as the overall winner for her poem entitled 'The Wind'. Second, **Esther Oh** and third, **Charlotte Stringer**.



Heidi Little

**Absolutely Amazing
Awesome August
August Arts Week**
Round Up

Wear Wools Wearable Art



*Wear Wool Winners - Denise
Murray-Karaka and Micky Jackson
(Caples House)*

ARTS WEEK

Dance Off

Thursday brought more inter-house rivalry with everyone involved putting their all into it. All entries are to be congratulated on their level of achievement. This contest was judged by local dance teacher **Marilyn Cassidy**. The placing were: First, **Rees**; Second equal, **Caples** and **Pyke**; Third, **Haast**.



Dunstan Dance Off

Photography Competition



Barrie Wills and Caroline Harmsworth

The photography competition was displayed in the library. **Barrie Wills**, a local photographer and author, judged the competition on

Thursday at lunchtime. He very generously donated a copy of his book 'Central Otago - a View from the Interior' to the first placegetter. The placings were: First, **Caroline Harmsworth** for her dose-up of a dog; Second, **Heidi Little** for her photograph of Deep Cove; Third, **Karen Brown** for her Fire Station montage, in particular the nine squares image.

Lego Legacies

This competition was very well supported and drew wide interest from fellow students. Judged by **Mr Adamson** on Thursday at lunch time, he considered the overall winner to be 'Pukeho', a sophisticated entry original from **Iain McGarry** and **Daniel Sanson**.

Second equal were **Jack Allen** for his *Lego Technics* entry and a multi-faceted **Pyke House** entry constructed by a group of enthusiastic boys. Third was **Kate Willyams** with her prehistoric creation.



Daniel Sanson



Iain McGarry



Dunstan Lego Legacies Pukeho by Ian McGarry and Daniel Sanson

Variety Concert

On Friday we had eight super talented acts enter in the final lunch time event – the Variety Concert! It was a superb effort from these acts, with a dedication act to **Shannon Stewart**, **Kate Vendt's** spectacular piano playing, the heart-warming voices of **Chloe Hishon** and **Aliesha Park**, the **Chris and Chris 'S Block Thriller'**. And ... who could forget '**The Monoghan Experience**'? The answer is: no-one, because they made several students miss the beginning of class time with their very fine '*Sixties Baby*' and swell rock music.

Thank you so much to the entrants, to the bell lady who held the bell and to everyone that attended. Your gold coins helped us on our way to that camera for the Art Department.

The Arts Committee

ARTERATI NEWS - Inter-House Debate

This week saw the Houses doing verbal battle during the lunch hour. The final was hotly contested between Caples and Haast. Placings in order were **Caples**, **Haast**, **Pyke** and **Rees**.

Watch out for MORE
DHS event and activity photos
on our website!
www.dunstan.school.nz/imagegallery

TOURNAMENT WEEK

South Island Secondary Schools Tournaments

It was excellent to see that once again Dunstan High School has given all the big city schools a run for their money at all the sporting tournaments.

We had a lot of great results, and have had a lot of feedback about how well turned out our students were at each tournament.

BASKETBALL A TEAM WIN

The Dunstan A Basketball team emerged the winners of the Secondary Schools Region 4 A Boys Tournament held during Tournament Week in Timaru. With two full games and duty each day, the boys had huge days and in the end, stamina and grit saw them through to win by one basket in the final 0.6 seconds. The final was against Buller High, last year's winner and against whom we had a win in pool play by two points, also in the final seconds.

The boys went through undefeated beating Cromwell, Fiordland, Logan Park, Mairehau and Buller.

The win was only possible through having depth in the squad. All the games were hard and being able to replace tired legs with equal skills gave us the edge. Also vital was the extreme fitness of some and relentless intensity.



The team players were fed like kings, their fluids/sugars monitored by **Lois Mulvihill** so that they kept focused, and guided in winning tactics by **Peter Mulvihill**. It was a hard fought but deserved win by a whole team effort. Team: **Josh Benck, Brian Chiu, Joe Cooney, Mat Feron, Sean Lowe, Thomas Mulvihill, Jeremy Nesbitt, Sam Paulin, Lachie Rutherford, Mitchell Webb, Patrick Williamson.**

Co-coaches: **Peter Mulvihill, Mark Wilyams**

Manager: **Lois Mulvihill**

Parent Help: **Jacqui Rutherford**

Thanks to all the **'Mums'** for the lovely meals.

Games:	vs Cromwell	106-55
	Vs Fiordland	63-22
	Vs Buller	67-65
	Vs Logan Park	69-63
	Vs Mairehau	88-55
FINAL:	Vs Buller	57-55

ICE HOCKEY

Due to a drop in player numbers DHS and Cromwell College entered a combined team this year. The majority of the boys were juniors but this didn't have any impact on their strong competitive force.

The boys came up against a strong St Andrews College team in the first game and, despite scoring 6 goals. They lost this match, but went on to draw with Kings and beat Otago Boys High School and Gore.

The boys ended up in a respectable seventh place overall.

A big *Thank You* to **Julie Muir** and **Fiona Bailey** for their help on the trip.

BOYS RUGBY

Under 15 COED Rugby Tournament 1-3 September 2008 in Nelson.

The team played five games against Gore High School, Menzies College, St Kevins College, South Otago High and Waimea College. The team ended up fifth after beating Waimea College (a school that has 2,000 pupils).

While there is a Tournament Winner, the title of 'Best All Round Team' is highly prized as it is achieved by points gained from: opposing coaches for attitude, from referees for fair play as well as on results. This is the fourth year in a row this team has won and only the second time it has been awarded to a team outside the top four.

NETBALL

The DHS A Netball team got off to a cracker of a start at the SISS Tournament in Dunedin last week. They started well, dominating their pool by winning four consecutive games. Unfortunately, they couldn't keep this up for the rest of the tournament, winning five out of eight games and ending up in a modest tenth place in their grade (around 35th out of 76 teams).

They had a fantastic time though, putting their collective skills to use and managing to avoid catching norovirus through excessive hand sanitizing.

Congratulations to **Anna Enright** and **Hannah Coutts** who were identified as 'talented players', being named in the B Tournament Team and scoring a free t-shirt.

Also, to their fabulous coach, **Camille O'Connor**, who managed to hold on for them for three days on the sideline before leaving to give birth to her third child, Jack Henry!

Thank you to **Sarah Reid** who stepped in to fill the coaching shoes, and to our awesome manager, **Karen Enright**, aka 'Muggins'.

It was a great tournament for all, with the senior players stepping up and the younger members gaining valuable experience, to do our school proud.