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THE SCHOOL YEAR

Examination students are again reminded that because of changes in the way the school year has been organised for the World Cup, they must be very mindful of their planning for external examinations.

The school holidays are much later this year. Students will only be back for nine school days in Term 4, before the Senior Prize Giving on 4 November.

The first NZQA External exams begin Thursday, 10 November.

Senior students should be planning their study very carefully:

- completing internals
- preparing for the upcoming school exams
- preparing for external exams

TEACHER ONLY DAY - SENIOR STUDY DAY Friday 2 September (Week 5)

All NCEA assessments and senior courses are being rewritten to align with the revised curriculum standards. The Ministry of Education has given schools two days for teachers to revise their courses and assessments.

Our first day is **Friday, 2 September**, which will also provide a study day for seniors prior to our important exams in Week 6.

It is vital that senior students are already revising and have a study plan for these exams.

The second Teacher Only day will be in Term 4 on **Monday, 21 November**, after seniors have finished.

COMPULSORY WINTER UNIFORM

The requirement that students wear winter uniform finishes on 2 September. Students may still wear winter uniform after that date, BUT it must be full winter uniform.

Students wishing to change into summer uniform must wear full summer uniform.

There is no mixing of the summer/winter uniform items. See page 128 of the Student Handbook to review the requirements.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the time of writing, we are mid-way through the annual Winter Tournament Week for secondary schools throughout New Zealand. Dunstan is well represented across a number of sporting codes including U15 Rugby in Alexandra, Girls' Hockey in Cromwell, Ice Hockey in Dunedin, Netball in Nelson and Basketball in Palmerston North. I want to acknowledge and thank the coaches, managers and supporters who have travelled with our teams. Without this kind of ongoing support, many of our teams could simply not compete.



Brent Russell

While it is important that our school has a vibrant, extra-curricular programme, it is also timely to mention that our paramount focus must always be academic achievement. All senior students should be preparing for the upcoming school examinations scheduled to begin on Monday, 5 September. These examinations are very important as they are the last opportunity for students to be assessed in comparison with their peers. This is particularly critical in case any issues such as bereavement, illness or injury arise for students during the NCEA exams in November.

Following the first round of fortnightly reports, I am pleased to report that 65 students from Years 9 to 13 were awarded grade point averages in excess of 9.0. Congratulations to those students in this category.

Brent Russell, Principal

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Any other businesses interested in supporting the school should contact the DHS office please. We appreciate your support.

TIMETABLE FOR SENIOR EXAMS - WEEK 6 TERM 3 - 5-9 SEPTEMBER

Senior School Exams (Yrs 11, 12, 13) will be held in Week 6. Senior students will have study leave during this period. The exam timetable is set out as below.

Most exams will be in the school hall, but some big exams and specialist exams will be in classrooms also. Students must check the whiteboard at the front of the school each day.

Some students will be required to come into school to complete outstanding assessments as well as having timetabled exams.

Senior students may wear mufti for their exams but, it must be appropriate.

Morning exams are from 9am-12 noon. Afternoon exams are from 1.10-4.10pm. (NB: Pd 4 will finish at 1.10 pm)

Please note that students will need to make alternative travel arrangements if they usually catch the bus and have an afternoon exam.

The Library and Science study rooms, breakout spaces, empty rooms (see Ms Anderson) and P2 are available for students wishing to study at school.

These exams are particularly important to practise for the NZQA exams at the end of the year.

It would be useful for parents/caregivers to go over a study plan with their son/daughter.

Study planning sheets are available at the school office.

Yr	Mon am	Mon pm	Tue am	Tue pm	Wed am	Wed pm	Thu am	Thu pm	Fri am	Fri pm
11	11EN1	11FNT	11SC1	11GRA	11PED	11MA1	11GEO	11DRA	11ART	11FRE
		11MSA	11SC2	11HIS				11ECO	11QUE	11ICT
				11TRS						
12	12MA1	12ACE	123ECE	12FRE	12EN1	123RPW	12ICT	123INL	123GAT	12APH
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								12APA		
13	13MAS1	13APH	13ECO	13ABP	13BIO	13GEO	13MAS2	13ICT	13FRE	13DRA
	13APA	CORR	13EN1	12CHE	13GRA	13HOT		SKOLE	13HIS	13MAC
			13EN2	CORR					13PHY	

EOTC CONSENT FORMS

REMINDER TO PLEASE RETURN the completed consent forms to the office, for each child in your family, attending Dunstan High School.

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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION - pta@dunstan.school.nz

On behalf of the PTA we would sincerely like to thank all parents, teachers, students and friends of the school community, who kindly contributed to ensure a very successful, safe and memorable formal night for our students.

To our PTA members who took on the co-ordination of formal night as a separate activity from the PTA, we thank you most sincerely. **Roger Williams** and **Sue Philip** who worked with groups of students, **Mrs Cowie**, and key co-ordinators in so many areas.

A very special thank you also, to the very willing team of cooks, who worked so efficiently to produce a wonderful supper for the students to enjoy. As many capable hands make light work, this is a fun and rather painless PTA fundraiser.



A sample of the Formal supper

As **Di Craig** from the restaurant "Piranha" said on Saturday night. *"It is a real privilege to be involved in formal night. It is a celebration of positivity in youth"* she said, and *"Once you've been involved, you know how very special it is."*

Jim Benck's legacy has been for the PTA to ensure there is a buffer of care around our students through the formal planning forum. Thanks so much everyone "Well done". Please pass on sincere thanks to the friends of the PTA and wider community who helped too, there are lots of big hearts, thank goodness! We are indeed fortunate to live in such a supportive community.

Joanne Brun, PTA

SPEED THINKING COMPETITION

At the end of last term, a group of Year 9 students challenged Cromwell College to a "Speed Thinking" competition. Students from each school created a challenge that could be solved within five minutes by a pair from each school. Each pair moved around the room completing all the challenges. Dunstan High won the competition for the second year in row and once again, I was impressed by the creativity of the challenges that the students designed.

Todd Hamill and his Cromwell partner tried to guess what was in each box by touch. The challenge was designed by **Maddie Grant**.



Todd Hamill and student from Cromwell College



Mikade Barns-Graham, Ms Hitchman and a Cromwell College student

Ms Hitchman

DHS SPORTS TEAM and SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS

A photo shoot is scheduled for lunch time on each of the following days:

**Monday 29, Tuesday 30,
Wednesday 31 August, and
Thursday 1 September.**

Please check notices for times set.

PLEASE NOTE: To contact the school regarding absences, please email absences@dunstan.school.nz
NOT admin@dunstan.school.nz
To reach the Principal's PA, please email office@dunstan.school.nz

HAUTONGA - KAPAHAKA OTAGO -SOUTHLAND

On Friday, 12 August 2011, we travelled to Gore to support and participate in the annual Southland-Otago kapahaka competitions.

It was our first time ever on stage and we were all very nervous. We had been practising every day and everyone was a little tired and exhausted. Our turn arrived on stage - all those people watching! Adrenalin was pumping.

Whaea Steph had three friends playing the guitar for us. They were awesome and our friends from Te Whare Kura o Arowhenua in Invercargill, also got up on stage behind us to support our bracket of songs and Haka. We survived our first time on stage as Whakangahau (entertainment). We received a certificate and third place for our efforts. What an awesome day!

We watched some brilliant performances from various schools, however, Te Whare Kura o Arowhenua took out the overall winner's trophy and will represent us all at the Nationals. Now we have seen the benchmark of where we have to strive for next year.

Thank you to the parents, friends and DHS that support and encourage this kaupapa, and many thanks to those who were able to attend for the day. Special thank you to Te Ao Huri Whanau for making our journey possible.

Tenei te mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa
Kapahaka students and Whaea Steph

BREAKFAST CHALLENGE

For a typical person, the longest duration of time that passes between meals is from dinner (or that after dinner snack) till breakfast the following morning. Our bodies are like a machine that needs to be refuelled regularly and the more time that passes between meals the less effective your body will perform. Therefore, your energy will decrease along with your focus and enthusiasm.

It is for these reasons that breakfast is the most important meal of the day - so if you usually skip breakfast, why don't you challenge yourself to eat breakfast every morning for a week? You just might feel a difference!

Breakfast at home can be fast, low in cost, no mess, healthy and easy to prepare. Some simple options are toast with spreads, cereal such as wheat biscuits with milk or rolled oats/porridge with milk.

To obtain any resources or advice on healthy eating and the importance of breakfast, talk to your school's public health nurse -

The Public Health Nurse for Dunstan High School is: Sue Philip

Contact details: 440 4309
027 2290063

SERENADE TO MUSIC



A Cappella - Invercargill

Central Otago Regional Choir

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Zadok the Priest - Handel

Serenade to Music - Vaughan Williams

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The Terrace Primary School Hall Alexandra

Sunday August 28th - 2.00pm

Tickets \$20.00 - School aged students, free

Budges Pharmacy, Alexandra

Paper Plus, Cromwell

Wanaka Fine Wines, Wanaka

Amcal Summerfield's Pharmacy, Frankton, Queenstown

CLAY TARGET

Inter-Collegiate Shoot at Balfour, Sunday 14 August

If it wasn't snowing, the wind was blowing and the temperatures did not get above two degrees all day. Four shooters attended (two had to turn back due to road conditions from Tapanui) and we thank our drivers Ed, Trevor and Russell for their efforts.

Match 1 - Single Rise 20 tgts: **Kade Bellaney 19** (second Junior Boy); **Ruth Price 16** (second Girl); **Drew McBride 15**; **Luke Whipp 14**

Match 2 - Single Score 20 tgts / 60 points: Shot in heavy snow and all scores showed this

Match 3 - Single Barrel 10 tgts: **Drew McBride 8**; **Kade Bellaney 7**; **Ruth Price 6** (third Girl); **Luke Whipp 6**.

The Alexandra Clay Target Club in conjunction with Dunstan High School and Moa Creek Gun Club will host the Taieri Shield Competition on Sunday, 4 September at the Galloway Grounds, commencing at 8.45am. Whether you are a spectator or competitor, for further information on this shoot, please contact Win Morris on 448 6243.

CYCLING

Congratulations to **Sophie Williamson** who recently placed third in the Points Race at the World Junior Track Championships in Russia.

SPARC AMBASSADOR VISIT

Cory Hutchings, former Surf Life Saving World Iron Man Champion, visited the school recently, speaking to a select group of students from Dunstan High School, Cromwell College, Roxburgh and Maniototo Area schools about commitment and determination in becoming the best in their chosen field. The feedback from the students who attended was very positive; Cory is an engaging speaker and he shared some good stories of his journey to becoming a world champion.

NETBALL

A REMINDER to all Netball Players - please ensure you take a change of clothing to your final game on Saturday because you need to return your uniform to your manager at the conclusion of the game.

A Netball Team - good luck to the team, which is through to the final of the Central Otago Netball Competition. This is the first time the A Team has made it through to the final in as many years as anyone can remember. Supporters are more than welcome to go along and see them play on the afternoon of Saturday, 27 August against Molyneux. The players look forward to seeing you there!

RUGBY

Dunstan Under 16 has completed a very successful 2011 season, taking out the Otago Secondary Schools' Competition on Saturday, 13 August, in Dunedin. Playing against OBHS in the final, the team won 44 points to 3. The team has only lost one game all season, that game

being the very first competition game. In winning the competition, the team has scored 451 points while conceding 157. The players have stepped up after three members from last year moved up to the 1st XV. Their willingness to play for each other and as a team has netted a great result.



Dunstan U16 Rugby Team

A Note of Thanks

Another rugby season has come and gone ... heralding spring is nigh.

Overall, a successful season for Dunstan with two of our teams winning their respective divisions - proving the point, I guess, that rugby success lies in the heart of the player and not just the school one attends. And for that reason, I take my hat off to all of you who played this season and demonstrated "commitment" to the cause, you have done the school proud.

Big thanks to the players from Maniototo and Roxburgh Area Schools; your numbers were essential in ensuring we could field four competitive teams.

Parent Helpers and Supporters - you are vital to a successful season; your efforts in cost, travel, on the sideline and in the kitchen have not gone unnoticed. Thank you.

Coaches - sport has long been recognized as a vehicle for personal development; all too often the importance of the coach role is overlooked or understated. With this in mind I wish to acknowledge the effort, the commitment and the dedication of our rugby coaches throughout the 2011 season.

A special thanks to: **Jamie Clark, Mike Direen, John Ryley, Mick Enright, Leon van Boxel, Keith Turner (Roxburgh) Tom Blakie, Baldie Shearer, Gary Wilson, Murray Shanks, Steve Fulton, Stephanie Blair, Shaun Trask and Naomi Linwood.** Rugby could never happen without people like you. As coaches and managers you have not only been central to the development of your team, but you have been influential in the personal growth and development of the young adults that made up those teams. A gold medal to you all!

Greg Dobson, RAIS

BLUES, BARS AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTINGS AWARDS - Final call for nominations

- **DHS Sports Blues** - are awarded to students who have represented the school in a Senior A Team for two years.
- **DHS Sports Bars** - are awarded to students who have represented the school in a Senior A Team for three years. Students must have been awarded a Blue before attaining a Bar Award.

Note - please ensure you read the criteria carefully. Specific attainment criteria apply for Adventure Racing, Athletics, Clay Target, Cycling (Road/Mountain Biking), Kayaking, Multi-sport, Rowing, Squash, Swimming and Tennis.

DHS Individual Achievement Sports Awards - recognise students' achievements competing in a team or as an individual in competitions/events other than secondary school events or being selected in a Regional, South Island or National Team/Squad, eg Otago Country Rugby Representation, Central Otago Hockey/Netball Representation, NZ Equestrian Team, placing in Club Rowing Regattas, and so on.

Anyone who feels they themselves, or a particular student is deserving of a Blue/Bar or an Individual Achievement Award, will need to complete a nomination online as of 1 August.

NOMINATIONS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Submission Closeout - Nomination forms must be submitted before Friday, 2 September 2011.

Important:

- No late submissions will be accepted!
- Unless a nomination form is completed and submitted online, the individual will not be considered!

Instructions for submitting online applications for sports awards:

Start up your web browser (On a PC it could be *Internet Explorer*. On a Mac it is called *Safari*)

1. Delete all the information in the address bar of your web browser
2. Type dunstan.ultranet.school.nz and press enter (do not type the w's first!) What not to type: www.dunstan.ultranet.school.nz
3. Look at the menu down the left hand side (looking at the computer) and click on whichever Sports Nomination you need to complete (Blue Sports Nomination 2011, Bar Sports Nomination 2011, Individual Achievement Sports 2011)
4. Complete the questions and hit the Submit Button

Contact John Buchanan on 448 8595 if you need help with the online application.

SPORTS CELEBRATION NIGHT

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Dunstan High School Sports Night being held at the Orchard Garden on Tuesday, 20 September.

This evening is dedicated to our volunteer coaches and managers acknowledging their commitment to Dunstan High School Sports. So parents and team members, please show your support of those coaches and managers who have given up their time and energy to support you and your children, by purchasing a ticket for the evening. The night commences at 7pm and it will conclude approximately 9pm!



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Tuesday 20th September 2011
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WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK

Results will be published in the next newsletter issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- South Island Secondary Schools Ski and Snowboard Championships, Cardrona 3-4 September
- Taieri Shield Clay Target Competition, Galloway - 4 September
- Rugby World Cup Opening Game (NZ v Tonga), Eden Park, Auckland - 9 September



REMINDER

I am currently on leave until 8 October. Alan Whitaker is standing in for me for the remainder of this week and Sarah Reid will take over from Alan on 29 August until I return. They can be contacted on 448 8595 or by emailing sportscoord@dunstan.school.nz

Greta Mason
Sports Co-ordinator

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Fundraiser for DHS students who have been selected for the NZ U18 Canoe Slalom Development Squad

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Check out the website - www.learningkerb.webs.com - or - Facebook by searching *3ee Enterprise* - or - email 3ee@hotmail.co.nz - for further information. Orders can be sent to *3ee Enterprise*, PO Box 6072, North Dunedin. Postage is \$1.80 nationwide, and cheques can be written out to *3ee Enterprise*

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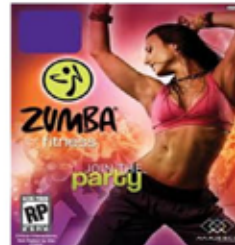


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