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SENIOR STUDENTS FINAL DAY BEFORE STUDY LEAVE (13 November – 16 December 2008)

Senior students break up on Wednesday 12 November to enable them to study for and sit external exams.

In Tutor Groups, all students will have been reminded of tasks they have to complete including:

- Clearing lockers (by 12 November)
- Returning library books by 7 November.
- Beginning Course Clearance process – completed by 5 December.

DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PRIZE GIVING and BREAK UP Wednesday 12 November 2008 7 pm - Dunstan High School Hall

NB: At the conclusion of the Prize Giving, the Year 13 Graduation and shared supper will take place in the Performing Arts Suite. All families are asked to bring a 'plate' please and leave it in the staffroom.

SENIOR EXTERNAL EXAMS

These are rapidly approaching and students should be in full study mode. All students should have made a study plan to help them manage their time. Students should have limited their work hours, prioritised sporting/cultural activities and have restricted social activities (eg parties) completely. Exams are a priority.

In classes, many courses have been completed and students are going over exam questions and essay writing techniques. There are also some classes finishing off internal assessments and resits. Teachers are also encouraging students to go over old exam papers at home and then bring them to school for marking.

Please help your daughter/son by:

- Going over their study plan (including weekends) – all students have the exam timetable – please highlight their exams.
- Providing a quiet place to study. (Yes, it is okay to remove TVs from bedrooms!)

- Helping them to sort their study materials so they can make charts and diagrams, flip cards, audio tapes, etc to suit their learning style.

There are two and a half weeks of school left followed by two clear study days before exams begin.

External exams begin Monday 17 November (with Scholarship Chemistry Saturday 15 November). The final exam is Wednesday 3 December. Many teachers will be holding tutorials out of school time and during school hours – students will have been given information about these opportunities by their individual teachers.

YEAR 9 INTO 10 COURSE CHOICES

Year 9s received their Course Choice Booklets and Forms earlier this week. Group tutors have been over the process with them.

Please go through the booklets with your son/daughter so they can make their choices for 2009 – Year 10. Make sure you read the general introductory material pages 2-12 and the specific Year 10 Introduction page 21. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Forms must be returned by Monday 17 November 2008.

A HUGE MIHI to Monique Nees and Nakia Randle who won *Mana Pounamu High Achiever Awards* on Friday night in Dunedin.

Both girls have been involved in Dunstan High School events and have achieved at distinction level in their classes. Nakia received a *Junior Mana Pounamu Award*.



Nakia Randle



Monique Nees

Monique, who received a *Senior Mana Pounamu Award*, also won a *Three Year Full Fees Scholarship* to Otago Polytechnic valued between \$15,000 - \$20,000.

Ka haere tonu ki tō traumata. Nga mihi ki a korua!!

PLATINUM PARTNERSHIP

Supporting the roles of the Sports and Arts Coordinators in the school:

**Fulton Hogan Central, Breen Construction Co Ltd, Central Motorways Coaches,
Paper Plus, PlaceMakers Alexandra**

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO)

A team of four ERO auditors spent the first week of term with us evaluating the school in all aspects. Their final report will be some time in coming, hopefully by the end of term.

Whatever the details, our students were calm, engaged in learning and well behaved. One ERO officer commented that he saw five lessons on the Tuesday, and students were fully engaged in learning in all classes and the atmosphere around school was great. Well done!

The school was also sparkling due to Ross Mitchell's work over the holidays with his team, in presenting our school in top condition. A big thanks to the PTA team also for pushing through the new landscaping and plantings. The gardens are really starting to take shape.

There is a massive amount of paperwork and administration required to provide the ERO team with our schemes, plans, charters and projects. A huge thanks to the office staff who worked before and through the holidays to have everything ready and the teaching staff for their huge extra efforts in preparation.

We put our best foot forward and the ERO team recognized the great environment and team we have.

Preliminary feedback indicated that our teaching and learning is right on track and we are in good heart. They have also found some areas to work on for the next three years and this valuable information helps us to achieve an even better performance.

Thanks everyone for your contribution.

YR 12 LEADERSHIP CAMPS

Organisation is underway for Yr 12 Leadership Camps. These will be held when external exams finish. Students have already received information and handed in their application forms.

If there are any families who will find it a financial strain to pay for their son/daughter to attend the camp, please contact Bev Anderson (DP) to discuss making an application for Financial Assistance.

The applications must be in by Tuesday 18 November.

SBS OFFER

Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter from SBS offering an investment opportunity.

We are willing to share this as SBS will pay Dunstan High a commission for each investment to go towards our Foundation Trust which we are establishing for school development.

We cannot offer investment advice but this opportunity from SBS fitted with our plans to develop a School Foundation Trust.

THE DUNSTAN COMMUNITY WHARE TRUST

were thrilled to receive a gift of pillows from Laura Adair of Alexandra Heights Motel. Kia ora Laura.

If anyone has some harakeke plants to give away, could they please contact Louise McKenzie at 03 4486094. We are planning to develop a native garden to soften our Whare environment.

CATCHING UP WITH EX PUPILS

JOE DOBSON: 2000 - 2004

Joe Dobson, a past Head Boy at Dunstan High School, recently won the top award in the *Registered Master Builders 2008 Apprentice of the Year* competition. He beat nine other apprentices from around the country and was presented with his award at a ceremony in Wellington.

The judges were impressed by Joe's passion about building, excellent communication skills, his "get-stuck-in" approach and his belief it was up to apprentices to take responsibility for their learning.

WILLIAM NAYLOR: 1999 – 2003

Will Naylor left Dunstan with the intention of studying architecture at Victoria University, diverted to Otago for Geography and Physics, and discovered that his academic passion lay in Physics. (As we teach our students – Shift Happens - be prepared to be flexible in your thinking and plans.)

Will has just completed his Honour's Dissertation in Quantum Information Science with a topic entitled "*Characterisation of a Proposed Optical Quantum Memory*".

Will's next step in 2009 is to go to Vienna University which is at the World's cutting edge in Quantum Optics, Nanophysics and Quantum Information. A quick Google will uncover Vienna University's homepage and lead you into all sorts of domains.



Will is going to Vienna to work on the "*reason the rules of QM are as they are*". In Will's words "*It has been proposed that this reason is basically information, and that this is the fundamental quantity in the universe (not matter)*". Otherwise the group is working on these ideas about "Schrodinger's Cat" (very loosely), basically trying to 'scale up' QM to see at which stage the world that we experience (governed by Newtonian Mechanics), starts to play a major role and just how far into this world (the classical/Newtonian world), the ideas of QM can be applied.

ATERATI

CONGRATULATIONS to **Simon Anderson** who has won a place in the New Zealand Secondary School's Choir for 2009 and 2010.

Simon auditioned along with over 200 other secondary school students from around New Zealand and had to demonstrate singing ability, sight reading and other musical skills to gain his place.

Thanks to Mrs Ruth Reid (Alexandra), Simon's Music Teacher. Mrs Reid has long had a reputation for preparing Dunstan students to successfully audition for this prestigious choir including Brendon Shanks, Simon Goudie, Neil Williamson, Jimmy Halliday, Michelle Wilyams and Ross Calverley.

Thank you Mrs Reid.



Simon
Anderson

CONGRATULATIONS to **Ross Calverley** on his recent selection for the New Zealand Youth Choir following in the footsteps of Brendon Shanks and Jimmy Halliday.



Ross Calverley

RESULTS FROM THE TRINITY COLLEGE OF LONDON EXAMS

SINGING:	Ross Calverley	Grade 8	<i>Merit</i>
	Kate Wilyams	Grade 7	<i>Merit</i>
	Sarah Williamson	Grade 6	<i>Merit</i>
	Nick Goudie	Grade 5	<i>Merit</i>
PIANO:	Rosie Whiting	Grade 6	<i>Pass</i>

RESULT FROM THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

SINGING: Simon Anderson Grade 5
Distinction

ALEXANDRA MUSICAL SOCIETY COMPETITIONS - 31 October – 2 November 08

The Alexandra Competitions were held over the weekend with very strong fields. These attracted entrants from places as far away as Invercargill, Dunedin, Christchurch and Nelson. There were classes for Dance (ballet, tap and jazz), Singing/Vocal, Instrumental and Speech/Drama.

Our local entrants were all of a very high standard and should be congratulated on their outstanding achievements. Those successful over the weekend from Dunstan are listed below.

(VHC = Very Highly Commended, HC = Highly Commended)

SINGING

Simon Anderson - 3rd equal Popular/Musical Comedy Song (16 and U18 yrs), 2nd Vocal Solo (16 and U18 yrs), 2nd National Song (16 and U18 yrs), **VHC** Sacred Solo (16 and U18 yrs).

Ross Calverley - 1st Vocal Test Piece (16 and U18 years), 2nd Popular/Musical Comedy Song (16 and U18 yrs), 1st Vocal Solo (16 and U18 yrs), 1st NZ composer (14 and U18 yrs), 3rd Sacred Solo (16 and U18 yrs).

Regan Dodd - **VHC** Vocal Test Piece (16 and U18 yrs), **VHC** Vocal Solo (16 and U18 yrs), 3rd National Song (16 and U18 yrs), **VHC** Sacred Solo (16 and U18 yrs).

Nick Goudie - 1st Popular/Musical Comedy Song (14 and U16 yrs), 3rd National Song (14 and U16 years), 2nd Vocal Solo (14 and U16 yrs), 3rd Senior Championship Song in Character (14 and U18 yrs), 2nd NZ Composer (14 and U18 yrs).

Heidi Little - **VHC** Popular/Musical Comedy Song (14 and U16 years).

Victoria Martin - 3rd equal Sacred Solo (14 and U16 years), 3rd Vocal Solo (14 and U16 yrs).

Ruth Price - **Encouragement Award** Senior Championship Song in Character (14 and U18 yrs).

Matt van den Yssel - 2nd Action Song not in costume (14 yrs and over), **HC** Popular/Musical Comedy Song (16 and U18 years), 3rd equal Vocal Solo 16 and U18 yrs, 1st Senior Championship song in Character (14 and U18 yrs), 2nd Sacred Solo (16 and U18 yrs).

Sarah Williamson - 2nd 20th Century Song (18 yrs and over), 2nd National Song (18 yrs and over), 2nd equal Vocal Solo (18 yrs and over), 1st Sacred Solo (18 yrs and over), 2nd Popular/Musical Comedy Song (18 yrs and over).

Kate Wilyams - 2nd Vocal Test Piece (16 and U18 yrs), **HC** Popular/Musical Comedy Song (16 and U18 yrs), 3rd equal NZ Composer (14 and U18 yrs), **VHC** Sacred Solo (16 and U18 yrs).

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Promising Vocal **Ross Calverley**
Theatre Potential Vocal **Matt van den Yssel**

INSTRUMENTAL

Russell Moloney - 2nd Instrumental Duet (12 yrs and over), 1st Brass (12 yrs and over).

Bryce Smith - 1st Light Popular any Instrument (12 yrs and over), 2nd equal Pianoforte Own Selection (14 yrs and over).

Kate Vendt - 2nd equal Pianoforte Own Selection (14 yrs and over).

Rosie Whiting - 1st Pianoforte Own Selection (14 yrs and over).

DANCE - All those competing were in the 14 years and over age group.

Kirsten Blee - 2nd Classical Ballet, **VHC** Ballet Pointe, **VHC** Barefoot, 1st National Character, **VHC** Demi Character, 3rd Senior Ballet Championship, 2nd Modern Jazz, 2nd Contemporary, 1st Lyrical, 2nd Jazz Championship.

Special Awards: Ballet Scholarship

Olivia van den Yssel - 3rd Tap Solo, 2nd Song and Tap, 3rd Waltz Tap, 2nd Speed Tap, 1st Slow Tap, 2nd Latin Tap, 2nd Tap Championship, **HC** Classical Ballet, **HC** Ballet Point, 3rd Barefoot, 3rd National Character, **VHC** Demi-Character, **VHC** Senior Ballet Championship, **VHC** Modern Jazz, 1st Contemporary, 2nd Lyrical, 3rd Jazz Championship.
Special Awards: Department Poise and Presentation Tap, Most Points Local Tap.

Olivia is also to be congratulated in gaining Pacanz Jazz nomination to compete at National in Invercargill next year.

Nadine Ward - **HC** Classical Ballet, **VHC** Ballet Point, **VHC** Senior Ballet Championship.

SPEECH - Year 9 and Over

Alice Finch - 2nd Speech Own Selection, 1st Speech Character Recital, 1st Speech Improvisation

Helen Liley - 3rd Speech Own Selection, 2nd Speech Character Recital, 1st Duologue *with Anna Parsons*, 2nd Equal Speech Improvisation

Anna Parsons - 1st Speech Own Selection, 1st Duologue *with Helen Liley*, 2nd Equal Speech Improvisation

Group Drama Secondary School

1st Emilie Rogers, Stephanie Dwyer and Isabella Grant.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Promising Speech
 Speech Aggregate over Class
 601, 603 and 605

Anna Parsons

Alice Finch

LIBRARY END OF YEAR

Students should return all library books as soon as possible. The deadline for senior students is

Friday 7 November and for junior students,

Friday 14 November

Please have students check at home for any Dunstan High School books.



Thank you
 Lynne Paterson, Librarian

**CAR BOOT SALE – 6 DECEMBER 2008 – 8.30 AM
 DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL CAR PARK**

Tickets can be purchased by phoning Jordan or Gill on 4488081. Tickets \$15 per car if purchased before 6 December or \$25 if purchased on day. Limited amount of car parks.

CREATIVE DANCE WORKSHOP

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND BALLET are the facilitators

When: **13 November at Dunstan High School**

For: **Secondary** - for all students no matter what their experience

The focus is on creativity, to enhance enjoyment and participation,

Gives an "Introduction to Choreographic techniques and helps hone their performance skill;

Provides insight into the choreographer's intentions, the musical influences and the designer's vision".

Secondary: Workshop 4.30 - 5.30 pm = \$4

Contact: Central Otago Dance Development

Tania Mawhinney 03 4488782 after 7pm

LOST PROPERTY

Students are asked to check that you have all your belongings at home, as numerous articles of clothing remain at school in Lost Property. Please call at the school office and check before leaving for the year.

Many thanks.



Scene at the end of the Final in Year 11 Interhouse Netball. Pyke 1st and Haast 2nd. A good week of camaraderie for the Yr 11s.

**Watch out for the MORE
 DHS event and activity photos
 on our website!**

www.dunstan.school.nz/imagegallery

2008 PARTNERSHIP PLAN

GOLD - Allied Press, Alexandra Rotary Club, Budge's 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, Tyreland-Treadwell, 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.

