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SCHOOL REVIEW Half Day School on Friday

This Friday, 21 November, pupils will be released at lunchtime and are able to go home. The staff will be completing our department and school reviews of 2008 goals and establishing priorities for 2009.

Year 10 students will be work shadowing all day. Buses will run at the normal times and supervision is available if required. Please let the office know if your son/daughter will be staying on at school for the afternoon. Letters were sent home with Year 9 students on Wednesday.

Thank you.

COMPUTER DEAL

MagnumMac Dunedin has had a strong long standing relationship with Dunstan High School and has provided and supported the integration of ICT into the school. As a company we have managed to negotiate a Special Education Deal for students at your school and you will find attached to this newsletter, information regarding this.

We live in a fast-changing and information rich world. Apple products are a proven platform from which students can both increase productivity and enjoy learning. No viruses, easy to use, great software bundle included, and at a heavily discounted price.

Any questions - don't hesitate to call MagnumMac, contact details attached. Ask for Regan or Jamie.

LEAVERS' HOODIES HAVE ARRIVED!

These personalized hoodies will be handed out from the Common Room:

Wednesday 26 November and Thursday 27 November from 12.30 – 1.30 pm each day.

Please pick yours up on one of these days.

Thanks – Anna Parsons

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

www.dunstan.school.nz/imagegallery

COMMUNITY SPIRIT



A group of Year 10 students again spent a day as helpers at the Supermasters Games. This sports event is the annual competition for Central Otago rest-homes and senior citizen clubs. The pupils helped the contestants with their activities, assisted with lunch and ensured the safety of travel. They also reduced the average age significantly!

It was a lovely day and the organisers congratulated our pupils for their manners and help. Well done!



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**

12 ESOL



Our ESOL class finished up the year with birthday celebrations at the Courthouse Cafe and a barbecue evening including some croquet (with interesting international rules) and a card game using English words, won by our new student from Japan, Shu.

Next year Willy, Peter, Ice and Shu will return to Dunstan High School, while we say farewell to Brian, Mantau and Martin. We wish them all the best for their future studies.

Our best wishes also go to Mr Radka and we would like to thank him for all his support and help with the ESOL programme.

Lynne Paterson, ESOL Department

WHITEWATER KAYAK SLALOM NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

An U18 team has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Australian Secondary Schools competition and the Australian Open Nationals in Tasmania in January over a two week period.

Nick Henderson has been selected for this team (1 of 6 boys).

We wish him all the best of luck and skill.

*Carolyn Bellamy, NZ U18
Kayak Team Manager*



Nick Henderson

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CONGRATULATIONS to **Ester Oh** on passing her Trinity Guild Hall Grade 8 Flute Exam with *Distinction*.

Also to **Jess Ward** for passing Trinity Guild Hall Grade 3 Violin with *Distinction* and Grade 5 Clarinet with *Merit*, and to **Nadine Ward** for passing Royal Academy of Dance Intermediate Classical Ballet with *Merit*.

LIBRARY BOOKS

There has been a slow return of books this year from **Senior students** so students are being invoiced for the cost of books not returned. It is not too late to return books though and these may be left at the school office foyer. Your account will then be cleared of the library book charge.

Junior students need to return all their books as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help,
Lynne Paterson, Librarian

ST JOHN COURSES DUE TO START

The following ST JOHN courses are scheduled to be held at Alexandra St John during December:

9 December 08 Emergency / Basic First Aid

Seven hour course with NZQA Units 6401 and 6402 (allows the person *'on the spot'* to offer vital assistance before more experienced help arrives.)
Cost \$95. Course Time 8.30 am - 5.00 pm

18-19 December 08 Workplace First Aid

Two Day 16 hour course with NZQA Units 6400, 6401 and 6402. (For First Aiders in the workplace and those wanting a thorough knowledge of First Aid.)

Cost \$215 (Student Resource Kit included).

Course time 8.30 am - 5.30 pm.

To register please phone 0800 785 646 or online at www.stjohn.org.nz

These courses may be of interest to those intending to study at University or Polytechnic in 2009 as some courses require students to have a current First Aid Certificate.

Once obtained, a First Aid Certificate is valid for a two year period before requiring renewal or attendance at a refresher course.

LOST PROPERTY

Students are asked to check all belongings at home, as numerous items of clothing, shoes and bags remain at school in Lost Property. Please call at the school office and check before leaving for the year.

Many thanks.

WANT TO MAKE EXTRA \$\$\$

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.

2008 PARTNERSHIP PLAN

GOLD - Allied Press, Alexandra Rotary Club, Budgets Central Pharmacy and Bookshop, Central Beta Electrical, Checketts McKay, Cooneys Clothing and Footwear, Criterion Club Hotel, Downer EDI Works Limited, 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.