



FAREWELL TO STAFF

In a year of big changes we sadly say farewell to a number of staff who are making changes of their own.

Mrs Foote who has been teaching itinerant music at Dunstan High School for the past five years will be leaving us to move to Nelson with her family. Mrs Foote has also been responsible for our Chamber Music Group and has always been a valued and integral part of our Arts Faculty.

Mrs Mawhinney has been responsible for the smooth running of the Science Department laboratories for the past seven years. We wish her well as she leaves us to pursue further study in Early Childhood and to work at Educare.

Ms Hawaikirangi joined us to teach Maori and this year has also taught English. She is leaving to join her family in Australia and takes with her our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Ms Fairbairn has been with us for two years and we have appreciated the energy and commitment she has put into our school, both in and out of the classroom.

Lastly we say farewell to **Ms Craighead** who has taught in the PE/Health and Social Sciences area for the past three years. Ms Craighead will be joining the staff at St Andrews College in Christchurch and we wish her the very best in her new school and a big thank you for all she has done for Dunstan High School.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of the 2010 school year, I am amazed at the speed in which this year has gone. And as I reflect on my first year as principal at Dunstan, I marvel at the range of opportunities available for our students. Our calendar this year has included many rewarding and exciting events and activities. As a school community, we have much to be proud of in terms of sporting, cultural and academic achievements.

I have enjoyed my first year as principal. The impression I have formed is that Dunstan High School is a successful school because of the collective contribution of all branches of our school family including staff, students, parents, the Board of Trustees, the Parent Teacher Association and the wider community.

Being an integral part of the wider community, brings certain responsibilities and expectations for the school and this year, the school has continued to promote community service opportunities for our students. A new initiative that was launched recently was the gifting of Christmas cakes to elderly residents. In partnership with the Alexandra Rotary Club, the Year 9 and 10 baked 36 cakes and delivered them with the help of staff members on Thursday last week. The response has been very gratifying for all concerned and it is hoped that this will become an annual school project.

As this is the last issue for the year, I would like to thank all contributors to our newsletter this year. I hope you have found them both interesting and informative. Special thanks to Ann Wills for the production of the newsletter.



Brent Russell

*I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday.
Merry Christmas to you all.*

Brent Russell, Principal

2010
PLATINUM
PARTNERSHIP

Supporting the roles of the Sports and Arts Coordinators in the school:
Bodeker Scientific, Breen Construction Co Ltd, Budes Central Pharmacy and Bookshop,
Central Motorways Coaches, Fulton Hogan Central, Paper Plus, Peter Lyon Shearing Contractors,
PlaceMakers Alexandra and Tony Botting, London.

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

PTA FUNDRAISING FOR THE GYM KITCHEN

We are delighted we have exceeded our goal of \$5000 to fit out the gym kitchen. An unofficial total for the truffle and raffle fundraiser is approx \$5,200 plus we have received generous donations in excess of \$1000.

So far we have been able to purchase and install two new ovens, a commercial dishwasher, a double door chiller, two microwaves and shelves. We are overwhelmed with your response. The kitchen will be available for hire in the New Year.

PTA would like to thank all of you who have purchased, supported and helped towards our cause.
Jo Brun, Karen Enright, Pip Pedofsky

PTA UNIFORM STORE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 26 January 2011
6 - 8 pm

Any enquiries to:
Judy Dymock 448 8092 evenings
Vyv Weller 449 2800 evenings

Anyone with uniform items for sale, needs to have them washed and ironed, with contact details (name, address, phone numbers) attached please.

Deliver to Bells Footwear,
Tarbert St, Alexandra during the holidays.

*Seasons
Greetings
to You All*

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN PAID EMPLOYMENT: A SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

The Department of Labour has just released a research document that looks in part at the impact of paid employment on school achievement.

The results mirror the research conducted at school by two former teachers, that indicated when students work under ten hours per week and are working towards a goal, employment is beneficial.

It's a timely reminder for students, parents and teachers. The key points are:

Participation

Participation in part-time employment is a common activity for many New Zealand school children, with around 40% of secondary school students working in regular part-time employment during the school term.

Students are primarily motivated to work to earn money, typically for spending on extra items for their personal use, while a smaller proportion of older students are saving for study-related reasons.

Younger students are most likely to be doing babysitting and cleaning (mainly females) and outdoors work like gardening and newspaper deliveries (mainly males). As secondary school children get older, they become increasingly likely to work in retail and hospitality. Most secondary school students in regular part-time employment work a moderate number of hours each week. Two-thirds work less than 10 hours a week, while around 15%, mainly older students, work more than 15 hours a week. Students typically work on 1-3 days per week. Of concern, 6% of students are working more than 20 hours a week in their regular part-time jobs - a figure generally considered excessive and likely to impact negatively on subsequent educational outcomes.

Impacts of extracurricular activity on education and employment outcomes

Echoing the international literature, New Zealand studies indicate that, when limited to a moderate number of hours, part-time employment during the school term does not have a negative impact on scholastic achievements or subsequent employment outcomes.

The data suggests that optimal levels for Year 10 and 11 students sit at less than ten hours per week (and likely as high as 6-10 hours per week).

Similarly, some participation in sport is associated with higher NCEA level achievement than none at all or too much, suggesting that caregivers may have a critical role to play in supporting and monitoring their children's out of school extra curricular activities.

The full report is available at http://www/dol.govt.nz/publications/research/schoolchildren-in-paid-employment/youthreport_00.asp



FOOD DRIVE

Southern Realty, has once again run a food drive to support the Salvation Army. Some of our Year 9 and 10 students helped out collecting around town with the Southern Realty teams, this was another opportunity to help out in our community. Well done Juniors!



Those who helped included:
Doiy Assavachamnan 10R-Ca, Anita Frew 10C-Tm, Nelson Gaw 10P-Mv, Andrew Highsted 10C-Tm, Aleisha McAra 10C-Am, Kelly McCauley 10C-Mo, Kayla McDonald 10P-Mv, Matt McLellan 10C-Hg, Matthew Mulvena 10P-Mw, Lauren Ross 10X P-Jm, Josh Rowson 10P-Ve, Brittany Smith 10P-Be, Nathan Smith 10C-Am, Ryan Snodgrass 10R-Wr and Sam Wilson 10R-Wr.



Lauren Ross, Brittany Smith, Ryan Snodgrass, Matt McLellan and Doiy Assavachamnan (in front)

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Our Year 9 and 10 Food Technology classes have been busy baking small Christmas cakes. The cakes are for elderly people living in our community who are mostly on their own. The project was initiated by our Principal, Brent Russell, who is very keen to advance our cornerstone of Community Service and reinforce the values of thinking about other people.

Alexandra Rotary donated the ingredients to support this Christmas Project and the cakes were delivered by students with staff drivers.

Well done, Food Technology! Students who volunteered were: Cilla Albert 9C-Am, Brit Cradock 9C-Hg, Louis Day 9C-Tm, Tess Diver 9C-Tm, Reed Frewen 10H-Nm, Mark Graham 9C-Fl, Andrew Highsted 10C-Tm, Eilish Hoskins 10R-Kd, Ada Lin 9C-Mo, Liam Mulvihill 10R-Gi, Kate Pascoe 9C-Mo, Daniel Ryley 10H-Bj, Deahna Shearer 10C-Tm, Brittany Smith 10P-Be, Connor Wallace-Christensen 9C-Mo and Sam Wilson 10R-Wr



Tess Diver, Connor Wallace, Kate Pascoe, Ada Lin, Mark Graham and Cilla Albert (Yr 9)

CONGRATULATIONS

to Ben Lewis and Robyn Hall who have recently been selected for the 'Hands on Science Week' in Dunedin in January 2011.



Robyn Hall



Ben Lewis

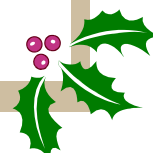
Ben has also been selected for a five day voyage on the 'Spirit of Adventure' in February 2011.

Well done Ben and Robyn!

DHS 2011 COMMENCEMENT DATES

January 28 (Friday) - Course Confirmation
January 31 (Monday) - Course Confirmation and Teacher Development
February 1 (Tuesday) - Year 13
February 2 (Wednesday) - Years 13 and 9
February 3 (Thursday) - **WHOLE SCHOOL REQUIRED**

Confirmation of these details will be in the ODT on Saturday 15 January and CO News, Wednesday 19 January 2011.



A PRE NOTICE RE YEAR 10 CAMPS 2011

DATES ARE: 25 Feb - 1 March, 1 -5 March, 5 - 9 March, 9 - 13 March
COST: \$180



WHAT WILL BE NEEDED:

THE KEY PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Pack	Comfortable and large enough to carry everything inside
Sleeping Bag	Good quality and packed in a stuff bag
Ground Sheet	Lightweight and waterproof/plastic or foam karrimat
Torch	Plus spare batteries (preferably a head torch)
Insect repellent	
Sunscreen	
Personal water bottle	
Camera	Optional

NOTE: We discourage day packs. In bad weather we need to walk in and out from the Homestead (3-5 hours) and day packs add to the load students need to carry and make it hard to travel over rough ground safely and quickly.

*Ideal
Ideas For
Xmas Presents!*

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Waterproof/Windproof Layer

Parka	Must have a hood and should come down to mid thigh in length
Over-trousers	Must be waterproof and windproof - Both garments should be seam sealed

WARMTH LAYER

Fleece jacket x 2	One light weight, one mid weight. Could also be a Bush shirt or Swandri
Pullover	Wool or extra fleece jacket
Hat	Or balaclava - Wool or polypropylene
Gloves	Wool or polypropylene

SKIN LAYER

Polyprop top	Preferably long sleeved - could also be woollen
Polyprop bottoms	Could also be woollen

FOOTWEAR

Boots or running shoes	Two pairs (gaitors or puttees optional)
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OTHER

Long trousers	Two pairs (Track Suit trousers acceptable - Jeans unsuitable)
Underwear	Preferably including longjohns/polypropylene top
Shorts	Two pair
T shirt	At least two
Shirt	Or rugby jersey



Please note:

- We are unable to tell you which class goes when until February 2011. Class dates are dependent on staff availability and timetables and these will not be definite until that time. We apologise for any uncertainty or inconvenience this may cause.
- It is possible to apply for financial assistance if you find that the cost of the camp is placing an undue burden on the family.
- Please contact Bev Anderson, Deputy Principal, in the New Year if you would like to discuss (confidentially) making an application.

Other

A reminder to please bring lunch on the day of departure. It would also be appreciated if each student could donate one packet of biscuits towards the camp.

We look forward to the usual successful camp with new friendships formed, new learning achieved and five days of safe and successful activities.

Eric Schusser, Education Outside The Classroom Co-ordinator

JUNIOR SPEECH COMPETITION RESULTS

Yr 9 Finalists:
MacCauley Harris 9H-Cj
Kate Pascoe 9C-Mo
Kirsty Paulin 9P-Be
Georgia Vessey 9R-Wr



Sophie Wright

Winner:
Sophie Wright 9R-Wr

Yr 10 Finalists:
Rachel Forsyth 10C-Mo
Paige Richmond 10H-Br
Lauren Ross 10P-Jm
Matthias Schorer 10H-Nm



Lauren Ross

Winner:
Lauren Ross 10P-Jm

HOME STAYS WANTED FOR 2011

We have two students coming to Dunstan High School for the first two terms, and they both require a home stay family.

Victor is from Brazil. He is 15 years old, and is coming to Dunstan to improve his English, and to experience life in New Zealand.

Victor likes to read, and play computer games. While he is at Dunstan, Victor wants to try lots of outdoor activities and sports.

He is a good student who gets good grades, and he is polite and respectful.

Fritz is from Vienna. He is 16 years old, and also wants to improve his English. He loves sports, including snowboarding, and plays the trumpet and the drums. (Which he promises not to practise at your place!) Fritz has a younger sister, and lives with his parents.

If you would like to find out more about hosting either of these students, please contact Heather Taylor 448 7579 (leave a message) or 027 685 1834.

HELPFUL NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

BEING A TEENAGER

As a young person, YOU have the right to:

- have a say about things that affect you
- be treated fairly and with respect
- live with people who care about you
- an education
- be safe at home and school
- have enough food to eat, a place to live and good health care
- be protected from harm and abuse

Where can I get help?

If something is happening to you that you don't like, for example, an adult is hurting you or you are being bullied at school, what can you do?

Trusting someone is the first step to protecting yourself when things aren't going well. Perhaps you and your closest friends can talk about the special people in your lives.

Here are some things you can do:

- It can be a really hard thing to do, but it does help to talk to a friend you trust
- Work out some of the things you could do with this person's help
- Talk to an adult you trust about what's happening and the ways you can get help. (Family member, Youth worker, teacher, Public Health nurse,)
- If at any time you feel scared, don't hesitate to tell an adult
- There are many agencies that can offer advice and support such as Youth line (0800 376 633), Rape Crisis, Relationship Services or a Youth worker
- If you are being abused, or are wondering if what you are experiencing is abuse, please call Child, Youth and Family (0508 FAMILY/326 459). You can speak to them about your problem. They deal with many young people at-risk every day and understand what may be happening. It is their job to make sure you are safe and they will take action to look after you
- You can also ring the Police

Remember, abuse is NEVER okay.

The Public Health Nurse for our school is:

Sue Philip -
Contact details are:
440 4309 or 027 229 0063



CRICKET

Senior Cricket

The 2010/2011 season got off to a great start, with a core of 14 dedicated, enthusiastic and talented players, managing to be on top of the points table in the Central Otago Senior Reserve Competition. The team's winning streak came to an end after the fifth win when last weekend Queenstown narrowly beat them, due mainly to an epidemic of bad catching, but we can't win them all.

The highlight to me as coach has been the team effort and the self-belief, this added with the 'never give in' attitude has provided a good team effort each week.

Shane Attfield

Junior Cricket

DHS have fielded two teams in the Junior Year 9/10 Cricket competition of approximately equal strength. It has been pleasing to see the development of many of the boys, and leadership provided by some of the Year 10s. Several of the less experienced Year 9s have grown in confidence, and their fielding skills in particular have improved significantly.

When school begins again in February, a small number of them may have the opportunity to move up to the Senior Team, but with another batch of Year 9s coming in, numbers should continue to be strong, enabling at least two teams to be entered again.

- **DHS vs Kavanagh College**

A composite team from the two Dunstan junior teams found the going too tough against a well-disciplined Kavanagh team.

Batting first, Dunstan approached their 40 overs like a 20 innings. After the first over they had 10 runs, but after the 20th, they were all out for 71.

Kavanagh bowled a good line and length, and their catching was particularly good with DHS giving them plenty of practice. Hopefully some of our boys learnt the lesson of being patient, and playing each ball on its merit. **Nathan Connor** with 23 was the top scorer for DHS.

- **NZCT Year 9 Regional Semi Final - DHS vs Southland Boys High School**

After doing well to beat Cromwell College and Wakatipu HS, DHS made it to the semi-final stage of the NZCT Year 9 Competition.

Unfortunately SBHS completely dominated, and using only two of their bowlers, dismissed DHS for their lowest total of the season.

Our boys found the pace too much, and were lucky to get 17. Better luck next year.

Steve Ward

CROQUET

Any students interested in learning how to play croquet should contact June Clarke on 448 7467 or 021 455726 to register your interest. June has been at the school during a couple of lunch times and mentioned there were one or two boys who showed good potential.

EQUESTRIAN

Well done to **Kate MacLean** on her recent placing at the FEI World Dressage Challenge held in Christchurch.

Kate was selected as First Reserve for the New Zealand Competitors in the Elementary Section and due to a team member having to forego their place on the team, Kate was elevated to the position and placed fourth in the 12-15 years section.

SOFTBALL

DHS vs Roxburgh

Despite the uncertainty of the weather on Monday morning and the mismatched skill level of the teams with Dunstan taking out all games, our players displayed softball etiquette and ensured Roxburgh had a very positive softball experience.

DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY - NETBALL - RUGBY 2011



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**For Volunteer
Coaches & Managers**

For ALL Dunstan High School Hockey, Netball & Rugby Teams in 2011.

Contact the Sports Coordinator on 448-8595 or email sportscoord@dunstan.school.nz

to express your interest in the above positions.

TENNIS

Otago Secondary Schools Junior Tennis Tournament - Dunedin

On Wednesday 17 November, the Dunstan High School Junior Tennis Team consisting of **Abe Taucher**, **Cody Benck**, **Tom Pedofsky** and **Matt Enright**, travelled to Dunedin to compete in a Doubles Tournament, hosted by the Otago Secondary School Sports Association and held at the Logan Park Tennis Courts.

There were mixed teams from across Otago, which provided good playing experience and a challenge for the boys. They played very well and Abe and Cody managed to obtain a top three placing.

Thank you to Pip Pedofsky for looking after the team and providing transport to Dunedin. We look forward to more of these competitions in the future and encourage the students of Dunstan to take up the sport of tennis.

Tom Pedofsky

HOLIDAY EVENTS

- **Outside Sports Bannockburn MTB Classic** - Thursday 30 December 2010
- **Goldfields Jet Lake Dunstan Triathlon and Duathlon** - Sunday 2 January 2011
- Checkout www.cromwell.org.nz and look for 'Cromwell Summer Series' at the bottom of the home page or contact Terry Emmitt - 027 4849424
- **Puzzling World Junior Challenge Wanaka** - Sunday 9 January 2011 - Join hundreds of triathletes, aged from 6 to 15 in the Puzzling World Junior Challenge Wanaka. Enter online at www.challenge-wanaka.com or call Iona Sanders on 03 443 6922 for more information.

And that's Sport for another year!

Thank you to all who have assisted during 2010 - coaches, managers, parent helpers, sponsors and supporters alike; we would not be able to do this without the wonderful assistance you provide. Special thanks to coaches and managers; the time, energy and commitment given to the teams make your input especially valuable.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and see you in 2011.



Students (and staff) were recently able to choose some holiday reading.



COMPETITION:

A photo contest is being held to

celebrate reading over the summer.

Email a photo of yourself reading one of your books - in an unusual location!!

Email photos to: lpateron@dunstan.school.nz

All entries will be in a draw for book vouchers which will be awarded at the start of next year.

BOOK RETURNS:

School accounts have been invoiced for books not returned - remember these books can be brought back to school and no charge will be made. We do not charge for overdue books, only for books not returned.

AMNESTY: on all books from Dunstan High School Library - we are always pleased to see any books returned - no matter how late!

Please have a look around for any that belong here. Sadly, '*Derek the Sheep*' has not returned.

REMINDER: Parents who borrowed books at the Literacy evening are reminded these are now due back.

For fun: have a look on YouTube at - Bookman's Does Book Dominoes
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pw5LlSKKG3M>

For great reading suggestions: check out Bob's Books Blog: <http://bobsbooksnz.wordpress.com/>

Have a safe holiday season - surround yourself with books!

Merry Christmas
Lynne Paterson



Shop at
www.yourfastshop.co.nz
- 90 stores for you,
fundraising for
Dunstan High School



Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa - A Merry Christmas to you all

“Art in the Garden”

Enjoy a Day in a ‘Garden of National Significance’ with a variety of stalls, local enterprises and speakers. Quality food and drink available.

When: Sunday 16 January 2011

Where: Clachanburn Garden - Ranfurly
(will be signposted from
Ranfurly and Patearoa)

Time: 11 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$10 Adult Children
Under 12 Free

All proceeds to
**Maniototo Kindergarten Establishment
Committee**

Enquiries to Erin Elworthy
03 444 9497

MUSIC TUITION

Suzanne Russell MusB, AMusTCL
Private Music Tuition

- **Piano** - *Individual tuition only*
 - Singing
 - Basic Guitar
 - Music Theory

*Group and individual lesson options
available in these areas*

Contact Details:
23 Orchard Street
Clyde

03 4493395 0276465808
suzprussell@gmail.com

Currently taking applications for 2011.
All enquiries/expressions of interest welcome.

Children and Adults welcome - *you're never
too old to learn music ...*

2010 PARTNERSHIP PLAN

GOLD - Allied Press, Alexandra Rotary Club, Central Betta Electrical, Checketts McKay Law Ltd, Cooneys Clothing and Footwear, Criterion Club Hotel, Downer EDI Works Limited, Feron Motor Court Ltd, Gas and Engineering Supplies Ltd, L J Hooker, Magnum Mac Dunedin, MWH NZ Ltd, New World Alexandra, Omakau Commercial Hotel, Otago Daily Times Print, Phil Morris Electrical, SBS Bank, Stadium Tavern, Stu McLeod - Courier Post, Tarbert St Dental Surgery, Terrace Distributors (1985) Ltd, The Community Trust of Otago.

SILVER - Alexandra Avenue Motel, Alexandra Physiotherapy, Brian Luff Automotive, McIntyre and Associates, Currie Motors, Davis Auto Electrical Ltd, McLellan's Plumbing and Heating, Tyreland-Treadwell, Wedgerwood Joinery.

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