

The DHS Dispatch



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Huge Success at SADD Film Awards



Above:

The Judges' Choice Award.

Below:

2nd Runner Up Award



Five students put together their creative talents and entered in a nationally recognised, high profile, short film competition, the *Turners Student Short Film Competition*. Greer Oliver, Cyril Meyer, Anna Thomas, Cingston Brown, and Sarah Morton certainly wowed the judges this year, taking out two top prizes, with their five-minute film, 'Forsaken', aiming to promote the theme Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). The judges were most impressed with the original soundtrack and song, as well as the high-quality of the filming and the message conveyed.

Jess Edmonds, Regional Representative for SADD, visited the school and presented the proud students with their awards and prize money.

Below: Mr Geldard, who helped the students with their soundtrack, Mrs Seaward, SADD Co-ordinator, Greer, Anna, Cyril, and Jess.



Staff Only Day Tomorrow

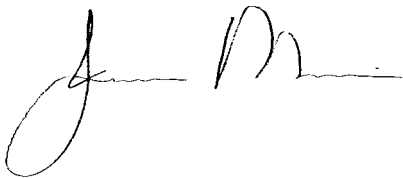
Principal's Comments

This week I have emailed out to parents of Years 7-10 students a link to an online survey about the school. We are committed to working with our community to meet the needs of our students. Receiving good feedback enables us to acknowledge the things that are working well and focus on things we could do better. Thank you for the time you put in to responding to the survey.

Next year, we will be changing when lunchtime occurs on the daily timetable. Instead of lunch being between period 3 and 4 as it is now, we will have a later lunch between periods 4 and 5. Experience from other schools which use this structure shows that students are more focussed with more learning time prior to lunch and a shorter learning block after lunch. The challenge will be making sure interval is used well to refuel in order to compensate for the later lunch.

Senior Prize Giving last week was a great celebration of the achievement of our senior students this year. It was also a time for our Year 13 leavers to reflect on their time and opportunities at Darfield High School over the last seven years. Over \$40,000 worth of scholarships and prizes were awarded at the ceremony. This support provides an extra boost for many of our students for the next steps in their education. Thank you to the prize and scholarship donors and scholarship selection panels for enabling this support to happen.

On Monday, we welcomed the other Malvern schools for the annual Athletics competition for Years 4-8 students. I enjoy seeing our school communities coming together for such events. We are all stronger and can benefit from our ongoing co-operation.



James Morris

School Photographs

School photographs are now available to view and purchase through the Paul's Camera Shop website:

<http://www.paulscamerashop.co.nz/schools.php>

Class Photographs - \$15 **Cultural Photographs** - \$10

Portrait Packs (for Years 7 and 13 students only)

Please complete the order form online through the above website or in person at Paul's Camera Shop on Riccarton Road. Orders will be sent to Darfield High School and then distributed to the classes.

Please email Camille Cartman: cc@darfield.school.nz if you have any queries.

Collier Trophy

Darfield High School students were strongly represented in the successful Bangor Pony Club team at the Collier Trophy, a One Day Event for all pony club branches in Canterbury.

Generally there is a team of six riders: two seniors, two intermediates, and two juniors, with the best score taken from each section of Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country.

As Heather McConchie was the only junior in her team, she had to be successful or the team would be eliminated. Despite, or because of this pressure, Heather and her mount 'Kirkwood Summerwind', now aged 25, had the best score in any section, making Heather the best competitor on the day.

The other Darfield students riding for Bangor Pony Club were Georgia Wilson on 'Boy Skylark', Chelsea Wilson on 'Fantango', Georgia Kimber-Thornley on 'Limited Edition', Michael Campbell on 'King Edward', and Leigh McConchie on 'Night Cap'. Without the contribution and strong riding skills of all the Darfield students, and four other riders making up the teams, Bangor Pony Club could not have achieved the success it did on the day.

This was a great effort from our local clubs and we will be sure to watch out for more successes from these up and coming riders.



Junior Prize Giving

Uniform Requirements for Junior Prize Giving:

For Junior Prize Giving students are required to wear the Darfield High School regulation uniform:

Girls - Blazer, Gym Frock or Shorts, Blouse, Black Knee High Socks and Black regulation shoes (Jersey is optional)

Boys - Blazer, Trousers or Shorts, Shirt, Black Regulation Shoes and Black Knee High Socks (Jersey is optional)

NB: Those Year 10 students who started at DHS in the old uniform and were exempt from purchasing a Blazer are not required to have one for Junior Prize Giving. Year 10 students who have a Blazer are required to wear it for Prize Giving.

2012 Prefects

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to be Prefects for 2012:

Nicholas Baldwin

Vanessa Bragan

Allie Curtin

Michelle Dalton

Travis Dickson

Alana Fowler

April Gardener

Lauren Haig

Rui Ishikawa

Faith King

Gini Letham

Mikee Liugan

Ryan Marriott

Sam Meder

Rosalina Ngatupuna

Emily Oakley

Simon Roper

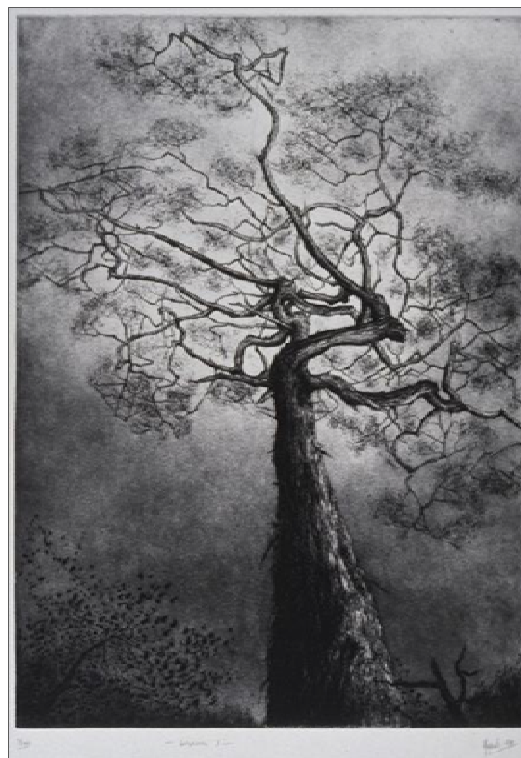
Jesse Stuart

Simon Taege

Kelsey Williams

These students will be attending New Entrants' Day, giving advice, answering questions, and taking group activities.

At the beginning of December, a Prefect Camp is being held at Lake Lyndon, where training will be given for next year's Year 7 Camp, where prefects will be assisting with the running of activities. Prefects-to-be will also be given some advice and what the expectations will be for the following year.



Indigenous IV 1991, by Denise Copland

Speechless

The tree stands proudly
Doing nothing but thinking
For a tree is not granted

Permission to walk
Or even to speak aloud
Just silent words locked inside

By Kristen Blaber-Hunt

Kristen was the winner of the Years 13-15 'Stories from the Christchurch Art Gallery' Competition. Her Certificate will be awarded at the Geodome tonight, and she will also be awarded a behind the scene look at the Art Gallery when it re-opens.



Year 10 Outdoor Ed

Next week, two groups of Year 10 students will be heading off either to camp at Spencerville, or on a tramping trip for three days.

Students will be planning and cooking their meals and developing their skills in outdoor activities. They will also learn survival skills in the New Zealand bush, while developing personal and social skills.

High ropes, kayaking, surfing and mountain biking will be some of the activities students will take part in.

Tabai Matson Shares Leadership Skills with Year 8s

On Wednesday 16 November, Tabai Matson came to the Year 8 Dean's Assembly. He talked to us all about leadership, as this is our Social Studies topic for this term. He talked about all the different leaders in the world, how they became leaders and some of the qualities they have. He also spoke about his role as the Coach to the Crusaders and the Canterbury Rugby Team, and how he can influence his players with his leadership skills.

He also brought with him the ITM Cup for us to have a look at. Canterbury has won the ITM Cup four times in a row - now equal with Auckland, who won it four times in the 80s.

I think everyone learnt something new about leadership and the skills you have to learn to become a great leader.

By Hillary O'Connor



Senior Prize Giving Snaps



Clockwise from left: Lauren Collier and Mr Warren, Aisling Rayne, Cyril Meyer and Mr McIlroy, Mr Smith, Ben Miller, Rebecca Legat, and Stephanie Williams



International Department

We are very proud of the following international students who were recognised for their achievements at Senior Prize Giving on Monday 7 November. Our warmest congratulations go to these students.

Ren Tsutsumi:

- The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who Achieves the Greatest Academic Progress in a Language Other than their Native Tongue.
- The Darfield High School Prize for French
- The Christopher Cullen Memorial Trophy
- Caldwell Hampton House of Travel Award
- The Lee Arthur Holdings Ltd Award for 3rd in Year 13



Ren has been at Darfield High School for over six years. She has also been recognised as a Darfield High School Young Achiever on at least three occasions, and this year she was a Darfield High School Prefect.

Bang Kyunghwan (Eric)

- Mr & Mrs I Cullen's Prize for Digital Technology
- The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who shows Consistent Effort and Application across all Subjects

Eric has been at Darfield High School for two years. Eric has worked very hard and is intending to continue his studies at Auckland University.

Yuhei Saito

- The Malvern Community Board Prize for ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages).

Yuhei will be returning to Japan to attend Nihon University.

Kento Dogin

- The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who participates most fully in the life of Darfield High School
- The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages)

Kento will be continuing his studies at Darfield High

School in Year 12 next year.

Akari Fujita

- The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who shows Consistent Effort and Application across all Subjects

Akari has returned to Josuikan High School in Japan, to continue her studies.

Rikako Mandai

- The Darfield Bakery Prize for English as a Second Language

Rikako will study in Year 13 in 2012 and she hopes to achieve University Entrance.

Rui Ishikawa

Congratulations also to Rui Ishikawa who was selected to be a School Prefect in 2012. Rui is a role model for all students and he deserves this success. We know you will be a wonderful role model for all students, Rui.

Kagoshima Junshin Girls' High School Group

A group of 24 girls and two teachers arrived at Darfield High School on 30 October. This is the fourth time Kagoshima students have visited our school. We were delighted to welcome Mr Alistair Turley and Miss Yumiko Ninomiya back for the second time. The group participated in many activities, including English lessons, visiting the Antarctic Centre, Rubicon Farm, Akaroa and Darfield Primary School. The girls were all outstanding and made friends with everyone they met while they were here. A celebration dinner was held mid-way through their visit and this was a very friendly occasion. At these dinners we usually say 'sayonara' to the students, however they had five more days to spend with us and we finally said goodbye at an afternoon tea the day before they left, and the students received their certificates. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Kagoshima Junshin and to welcoming another group here next year.



Below: Eric, Kento, Yuhei, Akari, Rui, and Rikako





The Eco-Club's Revegetation Project

From left to right: Nicole Frazer, Ciara Rayne, Brie Gullery, Lachlan Marshall, Lois Freemantle, Alexandra Wood, Sam Broughton, Emma Forbes, Nicole Hamilton-Cross, Jessica Vernal and Cherry Dudley.

It's 9 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday 8 November and, despite the rain, a group of 10 Darfield High School students are on their way to Creyke Road. They are on a mission to plant not only a few trees... but 200 of them!

This planting is the first of a series of three that will take place over a year. A total of 900 plants will be planted on a section of land located on the corner of Creyke Road and Homebush Road, in Darfield. This revegetation project is run by the Darfield High School Eco-Club with the collaboration of the Selwyn District Council, and it provides an opportunity to raise students' awareness of NZ native endangered species and of the need to create corridors of native plants to encourage wildlife movement.

Al Hutt, a former DOC conservation officer from Banks Peninsula, was there with us on the day and he explains, "Native birds do not have the ability to fly large distances over open country. This has evolved because in pre-European times the rain forest canopy

was almost a total coverage. Since the process of denuding of the forest canopy, species that didn't have the ability to travel over open country became genetically isolated and, as a result, became inbred and died out.

"Birds that can't fly over open country risk predation either from the air or from ground predators if they land to rest. Bush corridors continue to allow birds to travel and mix the gene pool and, as a result, keep the populations healthy."

By planting this section of land with native species, the Eco-club members hope it will provide birds with a place to nest and rest and, therefore, encourage the presence of New Zealand birds in our region.

Thanks to Sam Broughton and Mike Kwant from the Selwyn District Council for their support in this project. If you want to join the Eco-club and be part of the 2012 planting events, just talk to one of the club members or to Mrs Juhel, Eco-club Co-ordinator.

Senior Prize Giving

SPORTS

Sarah Schnell, The Darfield High School Cup for Intermediate Girls' Cross Country Champion; **Danny Hynam** - The Darfield High School Cup for Intermediate Boys' Cross Country Champion; **Nikita Summerfield** - The Dick Cup for Junior Girls' Athletics Champion; **Brooke Halliday** - The David Baird Trophy for Intermediate Girls' Athletics Champion, Colours for Cricket; **Liam Sharp** - The Porter Heights Cup for Excellence in Skiing; **Michaela Woolf** - Malvern AFC Trophy for Senior Player of the Year – Football; **Kieran Meikle** - The Broughton Cup for the Most Improved Rugby Player; **Navita O'Gram** - Colours for Softball; **Jake Spinks** - Colours for Judo; **Mark Weatherley** - The Darfield High School Golf Championship Trophy, Colours for Golf; **Michelle Dalton** - The Malvern Netball Association Trophy for the Most Improved Netball Player; **Maree Stewart** - Darfield High School Most Improved Player in Girls' Basketball; **Vanessa Bragan** - The Staff Rose Bowl for Senior Girls' Cross Country Champion; **Wiremu Kihi** - The David Baird Trophy for Intermediate Boys' Athletics Champion; **Peter Anderson** - The Chamberlain Trophy for the Most Improved Boys' Hockey Player; **Shannon Stott** - The Coley Cup for Senior Boys' Swimming Champion; **Ethan Patfield** - Colours for Hockey; **Lauren Collier** - The Skinner Cup for Senior Girls' Swimming Champion; **Kylie Wilson** - Senior Girls' Tennis Champion; **Sammy Jo Murray** - The Porter Heights Cup for Excellence in Snowboarding; **Scott Jefferis** - The Malvern Basketball Trophy for the Most Improved Player; **Luke Jefferis** - The B & E Smart Trophy for the Individual Claybird Shooting Champion; **Stephanie Williams** - Colours for Target Shooting; **Ben Owers** and **Jaymin Williams** - The S M Forsyth Trophy for Services to School Hockey; **Ben Owers** - Colours for Hockey; **Jaymin Williams** - Colours for Hockey; **Cyril Meyer** - The Rosanowski Family Trophy for Senior Boys' Individual Triathlon Champion; **Shaun Beatty** - The 1994 1st XV Trophy for the Best Contribution to 1st XV Rugby; **Sophie McMullen** - The Taege Family Cup for the Most Valuable Player in Senior Netball; **Lucy Wright** - The Trophy for Senior Girls' Individual Triathlon Champion; **Lucy Wright** - The Cup for Senior Girls' Athletics Champion; **Ben Miller** - The Charles Family Cup for Senior Boys' Athletics Champion, The Mr C S Ell Cup for Senior Boys' Cross Country.

Sports Letters

Anteisha O'Connell - Netball; **Hannah Wilson** – Netball; **Jakeb Riley** – Rugby; **Vanessa Bragan** - Endurance Riding; **Shannon Stott** – Hockey; **Peter Anderson** – Hockey; **Ben Miller** – Rugby; **Shaun Beatty** - Rugby.

PREMIER SPORTS

Kaitlyn Anderson - The Neil Thomas Cup for the Best Off-the-Field Contribution in any Sport or Recreation; **Stephanie Williams** - The Roach Wilson Trophy for Sportsperson of the Year for Excellence and Contribution.

KIKORANGI – House Cup

CULTURAL

Tara Paxton - The T & H Drama Trophy for an Emerging Talent who Demonstrates Initiative and Enthusiasm at Year 11; **Sammy Jo Murray** - The Kirwee Players' Trophy for Contribution to Drama in Years 12/13; **Cameron Marriott** - The Carran Cooke Cup for Best Performance in a School Production; **Sophie McMullen** - The Stage Challenge Trophy for Performing Arts; **Will Katae** - Colours for Drama; **Cyril Meyer** - Senior Drama Trophy, Colours for Drama; **Kento Dogin** - The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who Participates Most Fully in the Life of Darfield High School; **Ren Tsutsumi** - The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who Achieves the Greatest Academic Progress in a Language other than their Native Tongue; **Akari Fujita** - The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who shows Consistent Effort and Application Across All Subjects; **Bang Kyunghwan** - The Darfield High School Award for the International Student who shows Consistent Effort and Application Across All Subjects; **Rahera Ingle** - The Darfield High School Award for Creative Writing in the Senior School; **Sarah Mowberry** - The Lilly Cup for Services to the Darfield High School Library; **Calum Gray** - The MKB Buchart Cup for Year 11 Public Speaking; **Jesse Stuart** - The Avery Cup for Public Speaking - Year 12, The Jebson Trophy for the Best Public Speaker – Years 7-13; **Scott Jefferis** - The J Paul Cup for Public Speaking; **Nicholas Baldwin** - The Malvern Community Arts Council Metronome for the Most Promising Instrumentalist; **Kelsey Williams** - The Judy Grant Trophy for Significant Contribution to Vocal Music; **Dudley Fairbrass** - The Grenell Family Trophy for Best Performer of Contemporary Music; **Jesse Stuart** - The Charlotte Hayes Trophy for the Most Improved Music Student in the Senior School; **Aidan McKay** - The Malvern Community Arts Council Prize for the Best Contribution to School Music; **Bobby Lee Ross** - The Naomi Lush Memorial Trophy for Consistency and Dedication to Kapahaka Hinewaiata; **Rosalina Ngatupuna** - The Rahui Whanau Taonga for Achievement in Tikanga and School Studies.

Cultural Letters

Jessica Waters – Drama; **Georgia Ludemann** – Drama; **Sammy Jo Murray** – Drama; **Michaela Robson** – Music; **Simon Roper** – Music; **Nicholas Baldwin** – Music; **Emma Cunningham** – Music; **Aidan McKay** – Music.

ACADEMIC

Year 11

Calum Gray - The Jebson Family Prize for Geography, 2nd Placing in French; **Jessica Waters** - The Taege's Foodcentre Prize for Drama; **Rosie Forbes** - The G M Ridgen Prize for English, 3rd Placing in Art, 2nd Placing in Mathematics; **Genevieve Jebson** - The Trevor Wall Design Prize for Graphics; **Aisling Rayne** - The Taege's Foodcentre Prize for French, 2nd Placing in History, 2nd Placing in English, 3rd Placing in Art, 3rd Placing in Physical Science; **Jonas Meyer** - The Courtenay A & P Association Prize for Home Economics, The National Trade Academy Cup for Excellence in Practical Assessments in Rural College; **Henry**



Above: Jesse

Oliver - The Diedrichs' Family Prize for Economics, The Darfield PostShop Prize for Accounting, The Business Distributors Ltd Prize for a Year 11 Student Studying NCEA Level 2 Mathematics, 3rd Placing in Physical Science; **Sarah Schnell** - The New Zealand Agriseeds Limited Prize and the Forrester Family Cup for Agriculture for Conscientiousness and Diligence in Theory and Practical Work; **Brooke Halliday** - The Malvern Community Board Prize for Physical Wellbeing; **Tara Paxton** - The Amelia Scott Cup for Year 11 Music; **Monique Dalzell** - The Rosanowski Prize for Gateway; **Danny Hynam** - The Mitchell Brothers Prize for Furniture Making, The Trevor Wall Design Prize for Engineering; **Elizabeth Gameson** - The Taege's Foodcentre Prize for Japanese; **Megan Cunningham** - The Macartney Prize for Mathematics, The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for Physical Science, 2nd Placing in Digital Technologies; **Kento Dogin** - The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for ESOL; **Tessa Pearce** - The Mitre 10 Mega Prize for Digital Technology; **Rochelle Waters** - The Te Whare Koru Trophy for a Student Gaining a Significant Goal; **Gordana Rodden** - The Canterbury Education Services Cup for History, The Malvern Record Prize for Biology, 3rd Placing in English; **Ashley Corden** - The Andrew John Kennedy Memorial Prize and the Five Star Paints Ltd Prize for Art.



Mr Denis Deidrichs and Caitlyn

Year 12

Suguru Murdoch - 12AN, The Hayakawa Trophy for Japanese; **Alana Fowler** - 12AN, The Five Star Paints Ltd Prize for Art; **Virginia Letham** - 12AN, The Rural Women New Zealand Prize for Mathematics, The Rachel Ridgen Memorial Cup for English, 2nd Placing in Biology; **Callum McKay** - 12AN, The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for Physics; **Rosalina Ngatupuna** - 12AN, The PWA Griffin Prize for Te Reo Maori; **Georgia Ludemann** - 12BA, The Taege's Foodcentre Prize for Drama; **Anna Thomas** - The Roberta Marshall Cup for Girls' Physical Education, The Malvern Community Board Prize for Home Economics; **Alexandra Curtin** - 12BA, Mrs V Booth's Cup for Digital Technology; **Ngahemo Wells** - The Federated Farmers Trophy for Vocational Skills; **Simon Roper** - The Pearson Family Cup for Geography; **Jesse Stuart** - The Christchurch Cleaning Supplies Prize for Accounting, The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for Excellence in Economics, The Darfield Federated Farmers Prize for Chemistry, 2nd Placing in Physics, 2nd Placing in Mathematics; **Kelsey Williams** - The Taege's Foodcentre Prize for Music; **Shannon Stott** - 12GC, The Trevor Wall Design Prize for Design Technology; **Rikako Mandai** - The Darfield Bakery Prize for English as a Second Language; **Zivannah Keen** - The Logan Friedman Trophy for Year 12 History, The Lee Arthur Holdings Ltd Prize for French; **Vanessa Bragan** - The Business Distributors Ltd Prize for Outstanding Performance in Class and Practical Work in Rural College Studies, The Malvern Community Board Prize for Biology; **Michelle Dalton** - The Trevor Wall Design Prize for Graphics.

Year 13

Bang Kyunghwan - 13PC, Mr and Mrs I Cullen Prize for Digital Technology; **Jonathon McIntyre** - 13AW, The Rosanowski Prize for Outdoor Education; **Yuhei Saito** - 13AW, The Malvern Community Board Prize for ESOL; **Stephanie Williams** - 13AW, The Class of 1954 Trophy for Outstanding Performance in Class and Practical Work in Rural College Studies; **Cyril Meyer** - 13AW, The Darfield High School Prize for Year 13 Drama; **Jessica Martin** - 13AW, The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for Geography, 2nd Placing in Biology, 2nd Placing in Chemistry, 3rd Placing in Mathematics – Statistics; **Ashleigh Staddon** - 13GO, The Darfield High School Parent Teacher Student Association Prize for History, Mr Bruce Smart's Prize for Classical Studies; **Richard Stevenson** - 13GO, The McDonald and Horton Prize for Graphics; **Ren Tsutsumi**, 13AW, The Darfield High School Prize for French; **Shaun Beatty** - The Helen Moore Trophy and the Five Star Paints Ltd Prize for Excellence in Art in the Senior School; **Rahera Ingle**, 13PC, The Johnston Family Trophy for Excellence in Japanese Years 11-13; **Robert Brook**, 13PC, The Malvern Community Board Prize for Music; **Elizabeth Sutherland** - The Lee Arthur Holdings Ltd Prize for Home Economics; **Lucy Wright** - Mrs Eleanor Smart's Prize for English, The Darfield ITM Prize for Biology, The Malvern Community Board Prize for Physical Education; 2nd Placing in Economics, 2nd Placing in Mathematics – Statistics, 3rd Placing in Chemistry; **Aidan McKay** - The Torlesse Travel Ltd Cup for Economics; The Torlesse Travel Ltd Cup for Economics, The Torlesse Travel Ltd Prize for Chemistry, The Darfield High School Parent Teacher Association Prize for Mathematics – Statistics, The Lee Arthur Holdings Ltd Prize for Mathematics – Calculus, The PWA Griffin Prize for Physics.

PREMIER AWARDS

Olivia Smith - The Malvern Community Arts Council Prize and the Jessica Penn Clark Memorial Art Award for the Senior Art Student with the Most Potential; **Rosalina Ngatupuna** - The Patricia Henderson Plate for Consistent Effort and Application in Year 12; **Alana Fowler** - The Darfield High School Ex-Students' Association Cup for Consistent Application and Effort in the

Below: Gini, Kikorangi Leader, Ben, with the House Cup, Ren, Aidan, and Lucy



Senior Prizegiving continued...

Senior School; **Lauren Collier** - The William Broughton Plate for the Student who Realises their Potential by Making the Most of their Opportunities; **Ben Miller** - The Malvern Freemasons' Good Citizenship Award – Male; **Lucy Wright** - The Malvern Freemasons' Good Citizenship Award – Female; **Lauren Collier** - The 1993 Malvern Suffrage Celebrations' Committee Trophy for a Female Student in the Senior School who Participates Fully in the Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Social Life of the School; **Greer Oliver** - The 1993 Malvern Suffrage Celebrations' Committee Trophy for a Female Student who Demonstrates Exceptional Leadership Skills Both at School and as a Representative of the School in the Wider Community; **Rosie Forbes** - The Darfield High School Prize for High Academic Achievement – 2nd in Year 11; **Aisling Rayne** - Mr and Mrs R L Bennetts' Trophy for General Excellence – 1st in Year 11; **Virginia Letham** - The Darfield High School Prize for High Academic Achievement – 2nd in Year 12; **Jesse Stuart** - The Sonia Early Memorial Trophy for General Excellence – 1st in Year 12; **Ryan Lancaster and Rebecca Legat** - Frews Sponsorship for a Student to Gain a Heavy Trade Licence; **Caitlyn Brooks** - The Darfield High School Ex-Students' Association Scholarship for a Year 11 Student Continuing into Year 12 at Darfield High School; **Scott Jefferis** - The Selwyn District Council Education Fund Bursary; **Greer Oliver** - The Orion Selwyn District Centenary Educational Trust Scholarship; **Cyril Meyer** - The Malvern Lions Club Scholarship; **Lauren Collier** - The Malvern Health and Community Welfare Trust Scholarship; **Lucy Wright** - University of Canterbury School of Law Scholarship; **Ben Miller, Stephanie Williams, Rebecca Legat, and Sarah Walker** - The Elizabeth Richards' Scholarship; **Nicholas Baldwin** - The School Supplies Prize for Service and Co-operation for Years 11 to 13; **Aidan McKay** - Mrs M Thompson's Trophy for the Best All-Rounder;

Ren Tsutsumi - The Christopher Cullen Memorial Trophy, Caldwell Hampton House of Travel Award, and the Lee Arthur Holdings Ltd Award for 3rd in Year 13; **Lucy Wright** - Mr & Mrs Ryburn's Prize, the Torlesse Travel Ltd, the Business Distributors Ltd Prize, and the Rosanowski Family Trophy for Proxime Accessit to the Dux; **Aidan McKay** - The Darfield High School Parent Teacher Student Association Prize and the Lee Arthur Holdings Award for Dux.



Paper Maché Fun

Prue, Stefan, Reanne and Celine in the Learning Centre enjoying some Papier maché artwork for their SPEC class.



School and Community Notices

Important Dates for Term Four

Friday 18 November: Staff Only Day.

Monday 28 November: Years 11 and 12 Sign Out, 9.00am

Tuesday 29 November: Year 13 Sign Out, 9.00am

Wednesday 30 November: NCEA Examinations finish. New Entrants' Day.

Thursday 8 December: Years 7-10 Reports mailed. Years 7 and 8 Prizegiving, 9.30am. Years 9 and 10 Prizegiving, 1.30pm.

WHAT'S ON?

WEEK 5:

Wednesday 23 November

Canterbury Primary School's Summer Tournament

Year 10 Camps (to Friday)

Friday 25 November

Year 7 End of Year Trip

WEEK 6:

Monday 28 November

Year 13 Sign Out 9am

Wednesday 30 November

2012 New Entrants' Day

Last NCEA External Exam

Thursday 1 December

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Canterbury Primary Schools' Athletic Champs

Friday 2 December

Year 8 DARE Trip to Christchurch

Any events listed above may be postponed or cancelled. We will update as we find out and list these on our website.

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FEATURING LLOYD & DOUBLET
12PM ONWARDS
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

26-27 NOV

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Trip to Japan

Darfield High School has a sister city in Japan and, every two years, a group of students has the opportunity to visit Hiroshima, Tokyo, in Japan during the 2012 September holidays. If you have an interested student, please contact Sumi Hayakawa, sh@darfield.school.nz, for more details, or to register your interest. An information evening will be held in December.

JUNIOR PRIZE GIVINGS

Thursday 8 December

YEARS 7 AND 8 PRIZE GIVING: 9.30AM

YEARS 9 AND 10 PRIZE GIVING: 1.30PM

Please note the change of times!



Country Christmas in the Park

**Saturday 10th December 2011
From 6pm
Darfield Recreation Reserve**



- **Fun for all the family**
- **A picnic atmosphere**
- **Local Entertainment**
- **Food for sale from 5.30pm**
- **Raffles**
- **Glo Products for sale**
- **A visit from Santa**



**Come and join in the Christmas Spirit.
See you there!**

RURAL COLLEGE SPONSORS

Darfield High School would like to thank the following community members and businesses for their support and sponsorship of the Rural College. Without their help, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do with such great success.

Bassett Agriculture Ltd, Pat Morrison, Rakaia Island Dairies Ltd, Hydro Services Ltd, Alistair and Sharon Rayne, Jim Collier, The Malvern Farmers Veterinary Club, Darfield Seed Cleaning, Mr and Mrs Mulholland, CRT Real Estate, Mackenzie Trust, North Canterbury Farmers, Malvern Community Board, and J Jebson (Flockton).



SPRINGFIELD LIME COMPANY



IS swooping to West Melton TOWN!!



Be a part of the fun and action at our own local Circus Arts Gig

presented by the **West Melton Gymnastics Club**

Professional, genuine "Flying Kiwi Circus" coaching

For a once off trial session, Wednesday November 23, 2011

5.30-7.30pm \$25

Minimum age: 8 years

Juggling

Trapeze

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Unicycling

Globe Walking

Acro-balancing

and Diablo are a few of the skills you might learn!

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Darfield:

Charlie Draper - 317 9044



New Cemetery Pit Reserve to open

Sunday, December 4, 11am, Cemetery Pit

Grab your picnic baskets and get ready for the opening of a new park for Selwyn District residents in early December at Cemetery Pit between Leeston and Southbridge!

The Selwyn District Council has been working on restoration of the area adjacent to a working quarry over the past year.

The area has always been known as Cemetery Pit, and so it made sense for that to become the name of the reserve, she says.

The gravel pit has been capped and grassed, further native plants will be added to the reserve and a walking/cycling track created through native trees to be planted on the reserve when the budget allows.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe and Cr Nigel Barnett will officially open the reserve, at 11am on Sunday, December 4. Look for the sign on the Leeston-Southbridge Road in the area of the Catholic Cemetery.

"We'd love people to bring their picnics to help us celebrate the opening. They'll need to bring their own drinking water – the water on site is not drinkable. And plan to take their rubbish out with them when they leave," Ms Greenup says.

The Southbridge Advisory Committee is keen to hear from members of the local community who would like to help organize activities to support the opening event, committee secretary Lieuwe Doubleday says. People can contact him on 03 324 2992 to volunteer.

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For more information contact: Selwyn District Council Strategic Asset Manager Anne Greenup, 03 347 2859, anne.greenup@selwyn.govt.nz



MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Music Department at DHS will be delivering the White and Yellow Pages in the Selwyn District this year. If you would like to help out, in whatever way possible, then please email Nathan Geldard, HOD of Music, at ge@darfield.school.nz.

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IRIS SALE



OPEN GARDEN

5691 Great Alpine Highway 73
Springfield

Saturday 19th November
10 am – 4pm

ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION

- ♦ Rhizomes \$5 each - Orders and Payment on the day
- Collection Early December
- ♦ Light lunches, Devonshire Teas/Refreshment and
Garden Gala Stalls at Mount Torlesse Homestead

All Proceeds to SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL
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- would appreciate a \$1,300 scholarship?
- If the answer is 'Yes' to all of the above
- They are eligible to apply for the West Melton Scholarship for 2012

Encourage them to apply.

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Darfield High School PTSA Annual Fundraiser

COURTENAY A & P SHOW

Saturday 19 November 2011

This year, we are again providing bagged lunches for the Courtenay A & P Show in Kirwee. This is our largest fundraising project for the year, which is why we are asking for your help.

We appreciate that everyone's time and resources are valuable, but as the funds raised go back into the school, we ask if each family can assist by donating home baking, grocery items or a small donation (to cover our expenses for packaging the lunches).

- For those who enjoy baking, we'd prefer slices or muffins; biscuits are not desirable.
- In addition to the baking we require grocery items, as listed below. We have itemised them into the various districts where you live, to avoid receiving excess of any particular item.

Whitecliffs, Glentunnel, Coalgate, Glenroy, Windwistle, Hororata, Te Pirita:

Attractive fruit, eg small apples, mandarins. Carrots.

Springfield, Russells Flat, Homebush, Sheffield, Waddington, West Melton:

Cheese (Colby or Edam).

Greendale, Kirwee, Halkett, Aylesbury, Burnham, Darfield, Kimberley:

Lettuce, wrapped chocolates eg, After Dinner Mints, Roses chocolates or Favourites.

Plus home baking from all districts please.

We also require help in the Home Economics room, making sandwiches, packaging the baking, and filling the lunch bags.

Many hands make light work.

Dads are more than welcome!

Please send your items to school on **THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER** (*Staff Only Day on Friday*) to Mrs Cartman's Room (E2) or arrange delivery to a committee member.

Christina Clarkson 3188109

Lynn Meder 3188712

Please also fill in this slip and return it to the School Office by **Friday 11 November.**

NAME: _____ PHONE NO: _____

DISTRICT: _____

ITEMS BEING PROVIDED (include quantity): _____

Circle the time you are able to help in the Home Economics Room:

8.00 – 9.00am

9.00 – 10.00am

10.00 – 11.00am

11.00am – 12.00pm

It is not too late to help - contact a committee member if you have products to deliver or can help out on the day