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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Grade 8 Selling Week
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- ◆ Inter-House Sports Day
- ◆ Rugby Dinner
- ◆ Football vs Hilton
- ◆ Grade 9s to Spirit of Adventure

## From the Head Master's Desk

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than the opposite." Nelson Mandela

Last weekend the world celebrated Nelson Mandela Day, to celebrate the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of this incredible man. As South Africans we should feel great pride in this icon. There are very few politicians who achieve global recognition, and this amazing man will, I am sure, be an inspiration to many for many more years. He is truly remarkable, most significantly because he appears to have no vestiges of bitterness, despite the iniquities he was forced to endure. The fact that he came out of prison after 27 years and showed no anger against those who put him there is an indication of the caliber of the man. He is a leader we can all admire. Happy Birthday, Madiba. We love you.

The first week of term 3 is behind us, and by the time this missive reaches you I shall have been at Cobham for a few days. The opening week went well, and I am sure the Cobham experience will be enjoyed by the Grade 10 boys. I know I am looking forward to it immensely. The Cobham Hike has been an integral part of the boys' leadership experience for over 12 years now, and the extended version which we introduced last year is proving to

be of great value to the boys. Let's hope the weather is nice and cold! Last year we just missed snow, so maybe we'll get lucky this year!

The Football season kicked off with a highly successful day for the school at Pinetown. As expected, there is tremendous enthusiasm for playing the game, and on Saturday the boys matched their enthusiasm with much skill. We lost one game out of 14, and I am sure that the season will be a rewarding one for everyone. The boys looked great in their "away" strip - the Bafana jerseys we had made. Good luck to the 1<sup>st</sup> side, who play in the national Kloof Tournament next week. We have shown good form there in the past, and I am sure that this young side will do us proud.

We welcomed three new staff members at the start of the term. Mr Coskey, an old boy, joins the Marketing team; Mr Mandy, also an old boy, and Mr Gcilitshana have joined us as Teacher Interns. I am sure all three will be valuable additions to the staff, and we wish them long and happy associations with the school.

"The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Nelson Mandela

Have a really great week.  
Dave Wagner  
Class of 1973

*The Grade 10s, together with some Grade 11 leaders, spent the week hiking and camping at Cobham in Underberg*



## Dangers of the Hubbly Bubbly

Professor Anthony Mbewu, President of the South African Medical Research Council, has drawn attention to the growing practice of hookah pipe (Hubbly Bubbly) smoking in South Africa. "Of particular concern," he said, "is the popular belief that hookah pipe smoking is harmless, or less harmful than cigarette smoking. On the contrary, the World Health Organization has advised that there is no evidence that the use of hookah pipes is safe, and that in some respects the available information indicates that it may be even more harmful and hazardous to health than cigarettes," he said. He went on to say that, "Over and above the risk of lung cancer, emphysema, cardiovascular disease and nicotine addiction associated with smoking tobacco, the shared use of hookah pipes may also play a role in the transmission of diseases such as tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and oral herpes infection."

Professor Angela Mathee, Director of the MRC's Environment & Health Research Unit described how a Johannesburg-based study of urban environment and health trends had pointed to exceptionally high levels of smoking in some areas, and that further investigations had revealed the widespread practice of hookah pipe smoking.

"Of particular concern," she said, "is the prevailing fallacy that hookah pipe smoking is harmless, or even protective of lung health." She went on to express concern that mistaken beliefs about the harmless nature of hookah pipe smoking may be playing a role in its growing popularity among young people and children.

"I have personally witnessed a two-year old child smoking a hookah pipe in the presence of his mother. I have also seen children as young as six years of age smoking 'hookah pipes' that they had constructed themselves from plastic bottles and straws."

Mathee said that that the increase in the use of hookah pipes was not

restricted to South Africa, and that similar public health challenges were being experienced in other countries, such as the United States of America. She went on to say that "while much more research information is needed to help us understand why, where and by how much the use of hookah pipes is increasing locally, we know enough about the hazards of the practice to act now."

She further cautioned that, "From anecdotal evidence we believe that hookah pipe smoking is not restricted to areas of poverty, and that the South African youth, especially high school and university students across the wealth spectrum, are increasingly taking up this harmful practice, often with the approval of their parents. Hookah pipes are now being sold in spaza shops, as well as sweet and other shops in shopping malls throughout the country", she added.

Professor Mbewu said that to address the low levels of awareness in South Africa of the hazards of hookah pipe smoking, the MRC had initiated a partnership with the National Council Against Smoking, the National Department of Health, the National Department of Education and other stakeholders, to use the occasion of World "No Tobacco Day" - 31st May - to conduct various activities aimed at raising awareness in the general public of the hazards of hookah pipe smoking, with particular emphasis on exploding the myths of its safety, relative to cigarettes.

Professor Mbewu called for further research on hookah pipe use in South Africa. He concluded by mentioning that South Africa's tobacco legislation applied also to hookah pipes, and appealed to the authorities concerned to ensure strict law enforcement of legislation in respect of hookah pipe smoking.

## Extra-Mural Results

### FOOTBALL vs PINETOWN BOYS'

1 <sup>st</sup> Team	DHS	won	2 - 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	DHS	drew	0 - 0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team	DHS	won	9 - 3
4 <sup>th</sup> Team	DHS	lost	0 - 3

U16A	DHS	won	1 - 0
U16B	DHS	won	3 - 1
U16C	DHS	won	5 - 3

U15A	DHS	drew	0 - 0
U15B	DHS	drew	0 - 0
U15C	DHS	won	7 - 0

U14A	DHS	won	2 - 0
U14B	DHS	won	4 - 0
U14C	DHS	won	6 - 0
U14D	DHS	won	7 - 3

Played	14
Won	10
Drew	3
Lost	1

Goals for	46
Goals against	14
Goal difference	32+



*Debating and Public Speaking Participants:  
Sanele Hlatshwayo, Ricardo Camacho and Msawandile Zungu*



### KZN INDIVIDUAL DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPS

This prestigious event was held on Sunday 18 July at Maris Stella.

Four DHS learners participated - Msawandile Zungu, Ricardo Camacho, Sanele Hlatshwayo and Maxwell Amisi. Mr Cele arranged the DHS contingent and Mr McDowall served as a chaperone and an adjudicator on the day.

The competition includes, debating skills, interpretive reading, prepared and impromptu speaking. The Round One event that I attended included Ricardo Comacho who was paired with a learner from another school. They had to propose the topic: Hosting the 2020 Olympic Games in Durban would be a good thing! What is interesting about this competition is that the "debate" is not awarded to any team - only individual scores count.

At the end of the day, our lads weren't placed. However, what better event to be involved in on Madiba's birthday and we thank everyone from DHS who participated for their time and commitment on a Sunday!



*More Cobham fun!*



## Congratulations!

◆ **Reneshan Naidoo** was selected for the KZN Badminton U17A side at the KZN Trials last weekend. He was also selected as the Captain for the team. Reneshan will also be playing in the Free State U17 Open this weekend.

◆ **Gateway to Fame:** This initiative from Shelly McLean had its inaugural performance at Gateway's Barnyard Theatre during the vacation.

Youngsters could audition in one of three categories: singing, dancing and "anything goes". I'm pleased to announce that **Oz Mansoor** (Grade 12) made it through all the rounds of auditions, attended the training workshops and performed on the Barnyard stage at the final evening in the "anything goes" section. Knowing Oz, I'm sure that this category suited him perfectly! Congratulations to him!

◆ **Brandon McCormack:** participated in the Pan-Pacific Water Polo Tournament in New Zealand recently. Brandon played some solid water polo. He scored some brilliant goals and created several scoring opportunities. He had the opposition defense very focused on the right of the pool on attack.

In the U18 division he was by far one of our top players and leading goal scorers. He played with immense confidence and was reliable on both attack and defense. An injured ankle unfortunately sidelined him for the last two matches.

Brendan fitted into the team well and contributed immensely to the moral of the team.

In conclusion DHS can be very proud of this fine young man. He was an asset to the team and it was a privilege to have coached him.



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## Congratulations Hashim!

Congratulations to DHS Old Boy, HASHIM AMLA, who crowned a year of great personal achievement when he won Cricket South Africa's (CSA) premier award, the South African Cricketer of the Year, at the 2010 SA Cricket Awards Gala Dinner on Tuesday evening.

He was named both SA Players' Player of the Year and CSA Fans' Cricketer of the Year. He also earned a fifth accolade with the KFC "So Good!" Award. This is awarded for an individual performance and recognized his mammoth, match-winning knock of 253 not out in the first Test against India at Nagpur.

It has been a remarkable past 12 months for Amla who has scored four Test centuries including his first career double and also joined the distinguished ranks of those to score centuries in both innings of a Test match. In 9 Test matches during the period under review he made 923 runs at an average of 65.9.

He also established himself as one of South Africa's foremost limited overs batsmen, setting a national record when he scored more than 400 runs in the five-match series in the West Indies.

## The Weeks Ahead

### Friday 23 July

1<sup>st</sup> XI Football at Kloof  
Tournament  
Softball

### Saturday 24 July

Football vs George Campbell (h)

### Monday 26 July

Grade 8 Selling Week : 26-29 July  
Blood Bank Clinic  
Golf vs Crawford NC  
Football Mid Week Cup vs  
Glenwood (h)

### Thursday 29 July

Grade 8 Parents Evening

### Friday 30 July

Test Period : Grades 8-12 :  
08h10 to 09h10  
Inter-House Athletics : 09h10  
Softball  
Rugby Dinner in Founders : 18h00

### Saturday 31 July

Inter-Schools Climbing : Kloof  
Football vs Hilton : (h) and (a)

### Monday 2 August

Grade 9D, 9G, 9N & 9W, to Spirit of  
Adventure : Return 4 August  
Golf vs Crawford at Mt Edgecombe

### Saturday 7 August

Matric Dance at Moses Mabhidia

### Friday 13 August

Launch of *Words Within*; an  
Anthology of the Poetry of  
Geoffrey Mace



## Football Fixtures

### Football : Saturday 24 July : at DHS

Team	Time	Venue	Opponent
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	15h00	Ground 1	George Campbell
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	13h00	Ground 1	George Campbell
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	14h00	Ground 2	George Campbell
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	15h00	Ground 2	George Campbell
U15A	14h00	Ground 1	George Campbell
U15B	13h00	Ground 2	George Campbell
U15C	11h00	Ground 1	George Campbell
U15D	10h00	Ground 1	George Campbell
U15E	08h00	Ground 2	DHS U15F
U15F	08h00	Ground 2	DHS U15E
U14A	12h00	Ground 1	George Campbell
U14B	10h00	Ground 2	George Campbell
U14C	08h00	Ground 1	Clarence Primary U13A
U14D vs U14A	12h00	Ground 2	Greenwood Park A
U14E vs U14C	09h00	Ground 2	George Campbell C
U14F vs U14D	09h00	Ground 1	George Campbell D
U14G vs U14B	11h00	Ground 2	Greenwood Park B
U14H	11h00	Top Field	DHS U14I
U14I	11h00	Top Field	DHS U14H

### Football : Mid Week Cup vs Glenwood: Monday 26 July : at DHS

Team	Time	Venue	Opponent
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	18h00	Ground 1	Glenwood
U16A	17h00	Ground 1	Glenwood
U15A	16h00	Ground 1	Glenwood
U14A	15h00	Ground 1	Glenwood

**Durban High School**  
**Dale McDermott Golf Day**

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The annual Dale McDermott Golf Day is an event which is held in memory of Dale McDermott, a dedicated teacher at Durban High School and Springbok technical adviser. The proceeds of this Golf day are used towards rugby bursaries for deserving, disadvantaged pupils.

**DATE:** 2 September 2010  
**VENUE:** ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB  
**COMPETITION:** 4 Ball Alliance with 2 scores to count  
**ENTRANCE FEE:** R300 per person  
Includes: \*Golf Shirt \* Prizes \* Light Dinner  
**RSVP:** barry.coskey@durbanhighschool.co.za

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**  
18 Tees and 18 Greens R750 each  
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Player's Name	Company	Contact No.	Sponsorship Option

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made by cheque/electronic transfer or credit card. All cheques are to be made in favour of Durban High School. A copy of the deposit slip is to be faxed to Barry Coskey on 0866 548 703 ensuring that the reference is clearly marked.


**DHS BANKING DETAILS:** Acc Name: Durban High School Branch: FNB Musgrave Rd  
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Credit Card (Visa or Master Cards only): Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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