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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Cricket and Water Polo vs College
- ◆ Parents Talk on Mixit, Facebook, Drugs, Internet
- ◆ Cricket and Basketball vs St Charles
- ◆ Water Polo vs Thomas More
- ◆ Boots 'n All

From the Head Master's Desk

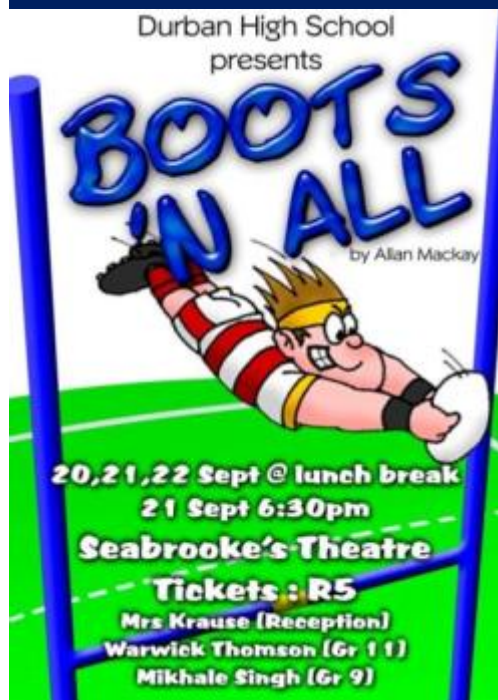
After three and a half stressful weeks it appears as if a solution is in sight for the Teachers' strike. At this stage the unions have agreed to suspend their strike for 21 days, and we all sincerely hope that sanity prevails and teachers return to their posts permanently. A great deal of damage has already been done to already disadvantaged pupils, and I hope the damage is not irrevocable. Whilst our boys have not been disadvantaged, there has been a cloud of uncertainty hanging over the school. We have not been sure of the possible problems we could have endured, and it has been a constant nagging worry. I am relieved we have got through unscathed. I must congratulate the staff for their commitment and professionalism. Whilst many of our colleagues have behaved in a manner which has tarnished the reputation of the whole teaching body, I am so proud that the DHS staff has conducted itself in a manner which has brought great credit to them. They have shown loyalty to the boys, and many have soldiered on in the face of worry and concern over their own personal safety. There is no doubt that they have placed the needs of the boys and the school above their own. They deserve any kudos that come their way. Thank you staff for your unswerving loyalty.

The Football season came to a close on Wednesday, with two of our teams participating in the finals of the Midweek Cup. The under 14 and 1st teams played the old foe, College. Both teams won their games, with the Under 14 A team ending their season unbeaten, and with the 1st XI providing a dramatic finish when they easily won a penalty shoot out after ending up 1 all. Particularly dramatic was the fact

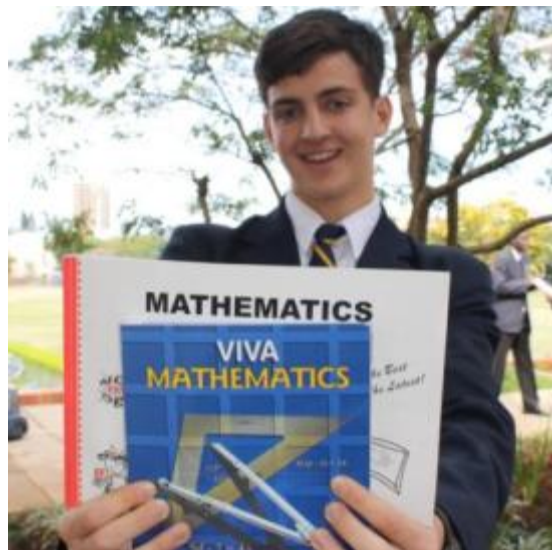
that our keeper was injured just before the finish of the game, and our normal reserve keeper was unavailable. Cometh the hour, cometh the man, and up stepped Jonathan King, a defender in the 1st XI. He saved three penalties in spectacular fashion, and School coasted home! This brings to a close a hugely successful season. Our teams have performed exceptionally well, and we have had large numbers of boys playing. On Sunday last week our Open 5-a-Side team won the annual competition played at DHS. Khaya Ndimande was chosen as player of the U19 tournament. My congratulations to all the staff and boys involved in Football. They have done the school proud. Well done everyone!

Congratulations are due to our Sport Climbers who performed exceptionally well in the finals of the KZN Climbing League held last weekend. DHS is the top boys' school in the province and Stefan Lutge won the trophy for the top male climber in the province. Well done to all involved.

Following the euphoria of the World Cup we have sunk once more in this country into bickering, complaining and fighting with each other. How sad it is to see the atmosphere of distrust which is rife. I sincerely hope that we can all come to our senses. This country suffers from a lack of trust. We are hopeless in dealing with each other, and rapidly revert to stereotypes in dealing with problems. This school has a Leadership Mantra which is "Honour all relationships". How I wish that as a country we could work on improving our relationships. I am not naive, and I know it is not easy. But then again it is not that difficult either. A



Did you get served on Secretaries Day? Springing into action for Secretaries Day was DHS Head Master, Dave Magner, who made sure that all the school secretaries got a well earned tea break on this special day! Enjoying the attention were Gugu Mkhonza, Sharon Drew, June Skinner and Maryse Wardell. Picture: S&A Marketing



Victor Bantchovski, Grade 9, wrote the third and final round of the Maths Olympiad this week. We wait with bated breath for his result!

From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

change in attitude can work wonders. Let's all try to be positive.

The term has flown by, and we find ourselves rapidly approaching the end of the year. Final exams are around the corner - I hope all the boys get organized and maximize their few remaining weeks to realize their full potential in the finals. Parents need to be firm in ensuring sacrifices are made in order to attain the best

possible results. Whatever we say about the merits or otherwise of end of year exams, they exist and are a major factor in determining the boys' futures. Knuckle down and get the work done!

"Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed." Michael Pritchard

Have a good week.
Dave Magner
Class of 1973

Boots'n All

This short comedy, written by Alan Mackay, is being staged in Seabrooke's Theatre by a primarily junior cast. It deals with a somewhat uninspired and incapable team who are about to play a game of rugby against their toughest opposition. The coach tries desperately to lift the team's spirit.

The 25-minute performances will take place at **lunch breaks** from 20 - 22 September to give all boys a chance to support

their friends in the production. The show will start at **13h00** (lunch break times will be altered to accommodate the show).

Tickets are **R5** and available from Mrs Krause at reception, Warwick Thomson (Grade 11) and Mikhale Singh (Grade 9).

There will be one evening performance on Tuesday 21 September at 18h30.

Blackmore House Retreat

Blackmore Retreat was held on 24 and 25 August 2010.

The whole BE went along to Shongweni Dam for a cell leadership exercise with the Housemasters, to reaffirm honouring all relationships with honesty and integrity.

The 8 Cells competed in several "Survivor" exercises where they built a shelter, made a fire, boiled water, cooked food fit for consumption, using clues to achieve these goals.

A variety of interesting other challenges provide the boys with the opportunity to interact and enjoy the privilege of a being a member of Blackmore House.

A relaxing evening spent around a bonfire with hot chocolate and a chance to catch fish set the tone for the boys to chat about their good times at school.

After a healthy breakfast the following morning, the boys tested their physical skills with a tug of war and sand sprints.

The Retreat ended with the announcement of the Grade 11 Candidate Office bearers for 2011. The final group will be announced on 8 October.

Thanks to all Blackmore staff for their assistance over the two days and to Mr Rein for organising it.

Extra-Mural Results

FOOTBALL vs ST CHARLES

1 st XV	DHS	4	St Charles	1
2 nd XI	DHS	0	St Charles	1
3 rd XI	DHS	3	St Charles	1
4th XI	DHS	6	St Charles	0

U16A	DHS	2	St Charles	2
U16B	DHS	4	St Charles	0
U16C	DHS	2	St Charles	1
U16D	DHS	1	St Charles	3

U15A	DHS	6	St Charles	0
U15B	DHS	1	St Charles	1
U15C	DHS	2	St Charles	1
U15D	DHS	6	St Charles	1

U14A	DHS	3	St Charles	1
U14B	DHS	7	St Charles	0
U14C	DHS	7	St Charles	0
U14D	DHS	6	St Charles	0
U14E	DHS	7	St Charles	1
U14F	DHS	2	St Charles	1

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

DHS hosted the 5-a-side Tournament on Sunday 5 September.

The DHS U19 team won the U19 section, beating Westville 3 - 2 in extra time in the final. This was a great achievement as there were no Matrics in the team as they were writing Trials.

Neil Tovey, former South African captain, handed over the prizes and trophies to the winning teams and top players.

Khaya Nzimande of DHS received the Top Player in U19 age group prize.



MID-WEEK CUP FINAL vs MARITZBURG COLLEGE

1st XI

Half-time score:
DHS 1 College 1

Full-time score:
DHS won 3 - 1 on penalties

U14A DHS 3 College 1

GOLF VS CLIFTON

DHS 1 Clifton 6

KZN INTER-SCHOOL CLIMBING FINALS

The KZN Inter-School Climbing Finals were held at UKZN on Saturday. The DHS results were as follows:

Boys U15:

Jason Salt	1 st
Jordan Pillai	4 th
Pablo Rees	6 th

Jason and Jordan were selected to represent KZN at the provincial competition and Pablo was selected as a reserve,

Boys U19:

Stefan Lutge	1 st and awarded the Trophy for the Top Boy Climber in KZN
Wasim Khan	3 rd
Roland Fuchs	3 rd
Damian Caister	6 th

Stefan, Wasim, Roland and William van Zyl were selected to represent KZN at Nationals and Damian was selected as a reserve.

DHS was placed 3rd in the Inter-School Competition. This was largely due to injuries to our top climbers, the likes of William van Zyl and Nicholyn Potgieter.

*DHS Rugby players selected for DRSU Club Rugby:
Back: D Mare, Z Nqawe, L van Zyl, D Cooper, M Drew, K Keough,
Kneeling: P Rees, R Thomas, K Webster, E Mongwambe
(not in the photo J Ryder)*

Congratulations!

- ◆ Stefan Lutge was awarded the Trophy for the Top Boy Climber in KZN at the KZN Inter-School Climbing Finals.
- ◆ Khaya Nzimande was awarded the Top Player in the U19 Age Group at the 5-a-Side Tournament.
- ◆ The following boys were selected for the DRSU (Durban Districts Club Rugby) teams. They will play in a tournament during the holidays against teams such as Blue Bulls, Falcons, Old Grey's:
U14 Pablo Rees, Kurt Webster
U15 Matthew Drew, Kurt Keough, Dayne Mare, Richard Thomas, Le Roux van Zyl
U16 Zuko Nqawe, Jared Ryder
U18 Darren Cooper, Edward Mongwambe
- ◆ Trent Bingham won the first regatta of the KZN Grand Prix series sailed at Island Sailing Club in Durban Bay on 4/5 September. Sailing 5 races in the Laser 4.7 Class against the cream of KZN's sailors, he scored 2 firsts, 2 seconds and a third (discarded), to win both the 4.7 Class and the overall Laser division on handicap.
- ◆ Travers Pellew competed in the "Spur High School Mountain Bike Championships" which were held at Kearsney. This was a cross country event over 28km. Travers competed for DHS in the U18 age group where he was placed 2nd overall.
- ◆ Mr Deon Gericke, 1st XV Coach, who came top of his class when he successfully completed the Level 4 coaching Course, with an outstanding mark of 92%!



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Dale McDermott Golf Day

The annual Dale McDermott Golf Day was a huge success this year. Congratulations to the winning fourball of MarkWenning, Alan Jenkins, Brad Reed and Paul Hedelam.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with sponsorships and came out to support the day. A special Thank You to Mr and Mrs McDermott who joined us for the prize giving and shared a little about Dale. Andrew Kelner, the recipient of the Dale McDermott Scholarship was also there and was grateful for everyone's contribution.

Special thanks to Russell Simpson and his crew from Troubleshooters who always come out in numbers and support this worthy cause. We can only imagine that next year will be bigger and better and look forward to everyone's generous support. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 10 September
Softball

Saturday 11 September
1st XI Cricket vs Howick High
Cricket vs College (h) and (a)
Water Polo vs College (h)

Monday 13 September
Facebook, Mixit, Internet, Drugs
Talk for Parents : 18h30

Wednesday 15 September
Water Polo vs Clifton (a)

Friday 17 September
Softball

Saturday 18 September
Cricket vs St Charles
Basketball vs St Charles - TBC
Water Polo vs Thomas More (h)

Monday 20 September
Boots 'n All : 20 to 22 September
(lunch time performances at
13h00)

Tuesday 21 September
Boots 'n All : 18h30

Thursday 23 September
School Breaks Up for 3rd Term :
11h00

Cricket Fixtures

Cricket vs Hillcrest High (a) : Saturday 11 September

1 st XI	09h30	Howick-(a)	Mr Norton
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Cricket vs College (a) : Saturday 11 September

2 nd XI	09h30	Goldstones	Mr Rein
U16B	09h30	Barns	Mr Crasso
U15B	09h30	Nicholsons	Mr Gclitshana
U14A	09h30	Snows	Mr Donaldson
U14B	09h30	Leaches	Mr Coskey

Meal arrangements:

2nd XI, 16B, 15B, 14A, 14B all at 12h30 in the Dining Hall

General information:

Flat soled shoes only for U14B

Travel Arrangements:

Buses leave DHS @ 06h45 sharp on Saturday and return at the conclusion of all the fixtures @ 17h30.

All boys are expected to travel up on the bus. If you intend going with your parents a letter stating so needs to be given to Mr Donaldson by no later than Friday - no exceptions.

Cricket vs College (h) : Saturday 11 September

U16A	09h30	Theobald Oval	Mr M Adam
U15A	09h30	DHSOB	Mr B Adam

Lanterns Children's Choir Concert

The Lanterns Children's Choir are holding a fundraising Concert for Cancer patient, Arya Ramkisson.

When: 12 September 2010

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Grace Baptist Church,
Northdene (679 Main
Road, Northdene)

Cost: FREE! (Any donations will be welcome and will go towards helping six year old Arya who was diagnosed with stage four Cancer at the age of three.

Durban High School
presents

BOOTS IN ALL

by Allan Mackay



20, 21, 22 Sept @ lunch break

21 Sept 6:30pm

Seabrooke's Theatre

Tickets : R5

Mrs Krause (Reception)

Warwick Thomson (Gr 11)

Mikhale Singh (Gr 9)

An invitation

to Parents and Teachers
to a talk by Dr John Buswell,
a forensic psychologist & founder and CEO of
Rapewise
on



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DRUGS, ETC**



Learn how best to deal with the above issues

Date: Monday, 13 September 2010

Time: (6:15pm for 6:30pm)

6:30 pm – 7:30pm

Cost: R20.00 per person (payable at the door)

Venue: Durban High School, Founders Room

255 St Thomas Road, Musgrave

RSVP: 031-277 1500

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