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Upcoming Events

- ◆ School Opens on 4 October
- ◆ Sport and Cultural Photos
- ◆ Deal : 7-9 Oct
- ◆ 20/20 Cricket vs Port Natal (h)
- ◆ Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Hilton
- ◆ Prefects' Camp

From the Head Master's Desk

Well we have reached the end of a demanding term. I am proud of the staff and boys for their commitment in the face of some stern tests. The industrial action was a difficult hurdle to overcome, but we can feel satisfied that we came through it all well. There has been a plethora of discussion around the strike, and I think we have all had enough of it. I sincerely hope that we have seen the end of it.

Last week we had a series of talks and workshops conducted by Dr John Buswell of the organization Rapewise. He spoke to parents, boys and staff at different opportunities during the week. He was absolutely outstanding. He is a leading authority, as a forensic psychologist, on adolescent problems, including drug abuse, sexual misconduct, suicide and violence. The staff met him at the end of the week, and what he had to say was hugely informative and very scary. It is very clear that the whole of our country is in the grip of huge social changes, and there are a tremendous number of threats to children these days. I also believe that the average parent nowadays is not dealing with the problems at all. Many parents are simply abdicating their responsibilities, or are shifting blame to others, such as the school. If a boy, for example, starts smoking dagga, it is the school's fault, because the boy got the drug from a classmate. It is very clear that every school in this country has got drug problems, and it does not help to bury your head in the sand. We are instituting an LSD programme - Let's Stop Drugs. This will require support from many quarters, but we are determined to do the best we can to root out this scourge of our schools.

I was glad to hear support from John with regard to the issue of cellphones. I have said repeatedly that parents are not supporting the school enough. After various attempts to regulate cellphones at school we are finding it very frustrating dealing with parents who will not see what is going on. Phones with camera facilities are not supposed to be brought to school. I cannot tell you how many times we have had parents tell us that their son has to have a certain phone. I would estimate that at least 95% of boys who have phones at school have camera phones. These phones are not being used purely as a means of communication with parents, as most parents claim. Boys share downloads of improper, and sometimes illegal, material. I think if parents were to check what the boys have stored on their phones, they would be shocked. Pornography is readily available, and frequently shared. Boys film violent and promiscuous behaviour, and then send it to all their friends. We have had two incidents this term where it is clear that fights are being provoked so that boys can film the event. It is a sick and shocking truth that our youngsters are being brought up on a diet of violence and so called 'reality' television and video games. Many of them seem to think that what they see is what should be. The school is proud of its values based Mission Statement, but we are completely hamstrung without the support of parents. Frankly, many parents do not seem to care, and allow their children too much freedom. On Monday night last week we invited parents to a talk presented by Dr Buswell at school. About 50 people arrived, many of them parents who are clearly doing the right thing. Parents with

From the Head Master's Desk cont'd



*What a fun day!
Elegant outfits, delicious food and
music and dancing in the classroom!
Please can we do it again, Sir?*

problem children were conspicuous by their absence.

What many boys, and I am sure parents too, do not realise, is the legal position. The school is entitled to conduct searches, test for drugs through urine samples, and examine what is stored on cell phones. We will be conducting random checks. As part of our LSD policy we have an obligation to do so. We have also decided that no DHS boys will walk through Berea Park before and after school. It is known that drug dealers operate out of the park, and a number of our boys have also been accosted and threatened in the park. Therefore they are banned from crossing the park. They must stay on the pavements outside the grounds. I ask parents to support us for the good of the boys.

I could talk for a long time about this, but talk is not going to solve the problem. We need

action. We also need to accept we have a problem, and support each other to resolve the problem. We are committed - are you?

I hope that we all enjoy a well-deserved break over Michaelmas. I am really looking forward to it, and I hope that I can return for the last term with renewed vigour. The final term flies by very quickly, and I hope that all the boys get their heads down and work hard for finals.

"The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naïve forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget." Thomas Szasz

"Some folks are wise, and some are otherwise." Tobias Smollett

Have a good break.

Regards
Dave Wagner
Class of 1973

India Day

In preparation for the Durban High School Eastern Tour headed by Mr Ramjee and Mrs Nagiah, a festive and fun "India Day" was held to celebrate the exotic essence of India.

It was a day especially enjoyed by the women on the staff, who entered into the spirit of the idea, looking splendid in flowing Punjabis and saris. Learners

wore their favourite Indian attire.

Their enthusiasm was infectious to say the least. Many prospective Bollywood stars walked the passages of DHS!

The Indian cuisine on sale provided a delicious feast for all.



Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET vs ST CHARLES

1st XI St Charles 128
(Curtis 4/27)
DHS 129/9
DHS won by 1 wicket

U16B DHS 155/7
(V Moodley 38)
St Charles 157/5
DHS lost by 5 wickets

BASKETBALL vs PINETOWN BOYS

1st Team DHS 101 PHS 10
U14A DHS A 25 PHS B 19

GOLF

DHS A 2½ Glenwood 5½
DHS B 5 Westville 3

DHS B won the C League,
unbeaten for the year.

ATHLETICS : LEAGUE 3 RESULTS

1st Boys U15 High Jump
Ntandazo Mtshengu 1.9

2nd Boys U13 Long Jump
Anthony Mwanga 5.77

4th Boys U13 100m
Anthony Mwanga 13.18

4th Boys U15 Long Jump
Ntandazo Mtshenu 5.98

Exciting Football News

Exciting football news is that **Jonathon King** and **Khaya Nzimande** were selected from a group of 250 boys at the NIKE CHANCE trials (Durban Round) that took place this week. This means that they are the top 5 players from this province that will join 5 from the Cape and 22 from Gauteng (a total of 32) for the final trial.

They will be flown up to Johannesburg next month and a final trial will be held to select 4 players from South Africa that will attend the NIKE Football Academy in London UK for a year. Eric Tinckler a former SA player (class of 1996) who also played in Portugal and Cagliari (Italy Series A) who was the head selector was very impressed with the talent on display, especially Jonathon and Khaya. He is also head of development at Bidvest Wits and is eager to chat to Mr Crasso again regarding the two of them.

They will be in Jo'burg representing KZN Schools and have a fixture against Wits Academy on 25 September. Mr Crasso is sure that at the very least Jonathon and Khaya will get a solid offer to sign up for Wits. Keep your fingers crossed for both of them.

Congratulations!

- ◆ The new RCL Committee was elected last week. The members are as follows:

Chairman:
Keagan Vance

Vice Chairman:
Blessing Xaba

Treasurer:
Jevil Govan

Secretary:
Mthoko Ntshingila

Staff Management Liaisons:
Byron Bosch
Jireh Mabamba-Kabeya

Maintenance Officer:
Andrew Kellner

Members:
Rowan Bromham
Byron Bromham
Thabiso Malimela
Stephen Prinsloo
Darren Govender
Fabian Henley
Ryan Killian
Sechaba Mafokeng
Henry Nichols
Matthew Parkinson
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Vacant Positions at DHS

Two positions are currently vacant at Durban High School:

- Maintenance Manager**
To look after the maintenance requirements of the School and manage the Estate staff. The ability to talk Zulu is a prerequisite for this position.
- Catering Manager**
To run the BE, the Horsefly Café, the Tuck Shop and all catering requirements at the School.

Both positions require someone with relevant qualifications and experience.

If interested in applying for either position, please email a 2 page CV to Ms Drew: sdrew@durbanhighschool.co.za

The Weeks Ahead

Thursday 23 September

School Breaks Up for 3rd Term :
10h30

Holiday Activities

See Below

Monday 4 October

School Opens for 4th Term

Wednesday 6 October

Sport and Cultural Photos :

REMEMBER YOUR GEAR

20/20 Cricket vs Port Natal (h)

Thursday 7 October

Deal in Seabrooke's : 7 to 9 October

Saturday 9 October

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs Hilton

Sunday 10 October

Prefects' Camp : 10 to 12 October

Monday 11 October

Golf A vs Westville

Holiday Activities

India Tour : 23 Sep - 10 Oct

Water Polo to SACS Tournament : 23 - 26 September

Day 1 : Friday 24 September

09h50 - 10h10 DHS vs Rondebosch

12h30 - 12h50 DHS vs MacMar Jag

15h10 - 15h30 DHS vs St Johns

19h50 - 20h10 DHS vs Bishops

Day 2 : Saturday 25 September

08h50 - 09h10 DHS vs PBHS

11h30 - 11h50 DHS vs Selborne

14h10 - 14h30 DHS vs Glenwood

16h50 - 17h10 DHS vs Northwood

Day 3 : Sunday 26 September

07h10 - 07h30 DHS vs Grey PE



1st XI Cricket to Michaelmas Tournament : College : 24 - 27 Sep

DHS Fixtures as follows (all games start at 09h30):

Date	Opponent	Venue
24 September	St Stithians	Barns
25 September	KES	Varsity Oval
26 September	Pretoria Boys	The Oval
27 September	Hudson Park	Eston

U14 Cricket to Charl van Rooyen Tournament : Jeppe : 26 Sep - 3 Oct

Monday - 27 September - Match 1

DHS vs Jeppe Jeppe Oval (Jeppe)

Format

Captains declaration - 60/50 overs

Tuesday - 28 September - Match 2

DHS vs KES Oval 1 (Queens High)

Venue

50/50 overs

Wednesday - 29 September - Match 3

DHS vs Selbourne Oval 1 (Queens High)

20/20 overs

Thursday - 30 September - Match 4

DHS vs PBHS Marshall Oval (Jeppe)

Venue

50/50 overs

Friday - 1 October - Match 5

DHS vs Affies Marshall Oval (Jeppe)

Venue

Captains declaration - 60/50 overs

Climbing Nationals : 30 Sep - 3 Oct



Still one of the South Africa's leading "people pleasing bands" with a repertoire that stretches over four decades.

Today they perform as a trio and offer music for everyone - which includes: Pop, Country, Rock & Roll, Reggae and, of course, all the good ol' Irish favourites with an abundance of built-in party-party-party.

Dave Monks - Founder member, lead vocalist and multi-instrumentalist was born in Dublin, Ireland.

Marion Loudon and Angela Dodds both highly professional vocalists make up the balance of this unique band.

The Leprechauns are totally self-sufficient boasting a state of the art sound system which can be tailored to suit all indoor and outdoor venues.

On-stage lighting is also supplied as well as the on-board "Sham-Rock Disco" which caters for all your before and after party needs - so the party never stops.

D.H.S 1ST TEAM CRICKET TOUR
FUN EVENING - 23 OCTOBER 7 PM
R100 HEAD - DRINKS FOR SALE
GREAT AUCTION ITEMS !!!!!
TICKETS ERROL 072 392 3494

The Leprechauns cater for:

- CORPORATE EVENTS
- IRISH & BRITISH PUB EVENINGS
- BEER FESTIVALS
- CONCERTS
- AGRICULTURAL SHOWS
- BIRTHDAY BASHES
- And much more....

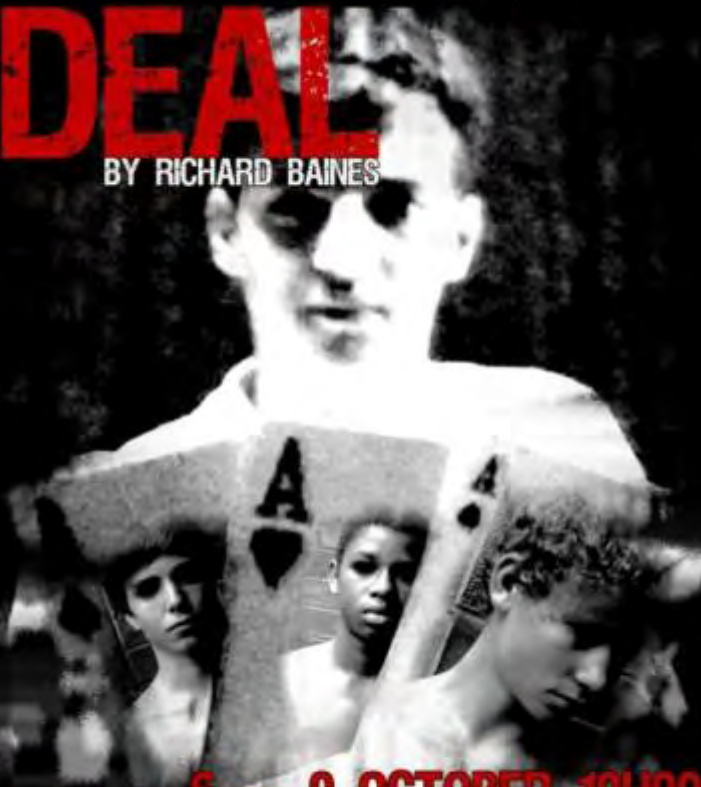


POSTERS AVAILABLE FOR ALL SHOWS.

DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

DEAL

BY RICHARD BAINES



6 - 9 OCTOBER 19H00

TICKETS R20 @ MRS KRAUSE

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