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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Grade 10 & 11 Visual Art Pracs
- ◆ Diesel Vanilla
- ◆ Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Glenwood
- ◆ Exams begin for Grades 8 to 11
- ◆ Cricket Awards Dinner

From the Head Master's Desk

Last Friday night's 100 Years of Rugby Dinner was a huge success. As is usual in laid back Durban, we had to work hard to get the Old Boys here, but on the night over 350 arrived for what was a spectacular function. The venue at school was on Van Heerden's Field, the site of fond memories for all Rugby playing Old Boys, and the marquee was a treat for all. The food was sumptuous and the guest of honour, John Smit, was superb. His address hit just the right spots with the enthusiastic audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the man. It was my first meeting with him, and I was hugely impressed. He is a man of substance and character, who has all the hallmarks of a born leader. One is immediately taken by his bearing, his sincerity and warmth. What a fine young man he is, and another product of a Monastic school- Pretoria Boys' High. Messrs Norton and Neave do not let me forget that! My special thanks to Old Boy Gavin Varejes for securing John to speak. Thanks, mate, sorry you were unable to attend. Darren Scott was a superb MC. His highly professional manner, and easy off the tongue patter kept the evening going at an excellent pace, after a late start. He also hosted the highly successful auction, which, with the silent auction for the specially made 1st XV jerseys, raised a considerable sum of money for the development of Rugby at DHS. I was thrilled with the generosity of Old Boys, who certainly dug deep to offer their support to us.

All in all I was a very proud man. The function was a resounding success, and is an indicator of where we are as a school at the moment. The pervasive negativity of previous years has gone, and Old Boys are once more rallying

around the School. We are in a good space as a school, and the future looks very sound. I do not speak only of Rugby here, but I am referring to the complete package offered by the School. My grateful thanks go to all who were involved in the success of the function. Don Spiers was the driving force behind the evening. Alan Vels worked tirelessly to ensure that everything was out of the top drawer, and he certainly showed everyone what hard work is about. Thanks to Jo Vels and Jam Restaurant for the excellent food. To my staff a special thanks. Barry Coskey and Dave Dunn worked exceptionally hard in the lead up to, and in the physical organisation of the event. Thank you guys. On the day Rob Smyth was once again a tower of strength running the drinks. A difficult task with some of our Old Boys! Thank you for your usual unflappable manner. If I have missed anyone - I am sorry. Finally thanks to all the Old Boys who came out so enthusiastically to support us on the night. Thanks again to all for a very special evening.

The weekend was definitely sealed by the success of the Sharks on Saturday - an awesome performance! Congratulations to Ali Hargreaves on his selection for the Bok squad - a well deserved honour. Whilst in congratulatory mode, I was delighted to hear that Neil Coppen had been honoured with the Standard Bank Young Performer of the Year award. Neil, who was our guest speaker at the Junior Speech Day earlier this year, is a fantastically talented and committed young man. I am so pleased for this fine young artist - I am sure he will continue to do great things!



Eddie Mongwambe (left) and Matthew Parkinson with John Smit at the 100 Years of Rugby Dinner



Mr Neave, John Smit, Don Spiers, Mr Wagner and Stephen Saad at the dinner



David Prinsloo and Sam Pennington sing about Albie the Racist Dragon at the Café Concert



Matthew Barnwell (left) and Matthew Ellis perform at their last Café Concert

From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

Exams for Matrics have started and are progressing smoothly. The rest of the School writes next week, and I trust that all the boys have prepared well for the challenges that lie ahead.

"No objects of value are worth risking the priceless experience of waking up one more day."
Jack Smith.

Have a great week.
Dave Wagner : Class of 1973

Café Concert

The final Café Concert for the year was held on Friday 29 October and what a concert it turned out to be. The versatility, the expertise and creative ability of so many boys was put on display to a packed and very appreciative audience and, despite the fact that the Concert was long, the audience was clearly rejuvenated by the creative celebration they had been part of.

Twenty-two musical items and six dramatic items made up the programme and the boys from DHS, along with some guests, really shone. It seems

inappropriate to single out any individuals but mention must be made of the Matric boys who will be leaving us so soon. Sam Pennington, David Prinsloo and Johann Potgieter were outstanding in their comedic acts; Pavishen Paideya danced like the star he is; and, Matthew Ellis, Matthew Barnwell and Alex Smillie, once again, displayed consummate professionalism and skill. We will miss the Class of 2010.

We salute them and wish them all fulfilling and creative futures.

Cultural Old Boys' News

We have recently received the following news of successes by DHS Old Boys in the Cultural arena:

Sean de Klerk has been selected to perform in an international production of *TWIST*, based on the Charles Dickens classic. The production is to be staged by the Theater Groep Siberia, in the Netherlands, and will run throughout December and January in Holland and Belgium. This updated musical, directed by ground-breaking Dutch director Joland Spoel, is set in a modern-day nameless city, which could as easily be Rotterdam or Johannesburg. Sean leaves for Rotterdam this week. Congratulations and best wishes to him.

Neil Coppen, creator and director of *Tin Bucket Drum*

and *Tree Boy*, has won the prestigious Standard Bank Young Artist of the Year Award in the Theatre category. These awards are based on artistic excellence, accomplishment to date and the promise of future achievement. Essentially, the winners of each category are remarkable individuals who are on top of their game. This is a huge honour for Neil and, as an Old Boy, we salute his endeavours and success in the theatre world.

Lyle Buxton will be starring in the lead role of Kickstart's next pantomime, *Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood*. The production runs at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre during the December vacation. Congratulations to him and we wish him every success in this show.

Extra-Mural Results

PRO 20/20 CRICKET vs GEORGE CAMPBELL

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 st XI | DHS | 107/4 |
| | G Campbell | 82/9 |
| | DHS won by 25 runs | |

CRICKET vs NORTHWOOD

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1 st XI | Northwood | 104 |
| | DHS | 108/2 |
| | (Van Heerden 30, Michaux 35 no) | |
| | DHS won by 8 wickets | |

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|------|-------------------|-------|
| U16A | DHS | 150/6 |
| | (Chetty 45) | |
| | Northwood | 142/9 |
| | DHS won by 8 runs | |

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|------|-------------------------|-------|
| U15A | DHS | 167/8 |
| | (Killian 39, Slater 36) | |
| | Northwood | 168/3 |
| | DHS lost by 7 wickets | |

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|------|---------------------|------|
| U15B | Northwood | 88 |
| | DHS | 89/9 |
| | DHS won by 1 wicket | |

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|------|----------------------|-------|
| U14A | Northwood | 222/6 |
| | DHS | 108 |
| | DHS lost by 114 runs | |

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|------|---------------------|-----|
| U14B | Northwood | 125 |
| | DHS | 70 |
| | DHS lost by 55 runs | |

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|------|----------------------|-------|
| U14D | Northwood | 127 |
| | DHS | 128/8 |
| | (Klopper 44 no) | |
| | DHS won by 2 wickets | |

BASKETBALL vs NORTHWOOD

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|--------|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 135 | N'wood | 31 |
| 2 nd | DHS | 70 | N'wood | 17 |
| 14A | DHS | 38 | N'wood | 2 |
| U14B | DHS | 22 | N'wood | 7 |

WATER POLO vs NORTHWOOD

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|-----|
| 1 st | DHS | won | 6-5 |
| 2 nd | DHS | won | 7-4 |
| U15 | DHS | won | 6-5 |
| U14 | DHS | lost | 5-6 |

WATER POLO vs KEARSNEY

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---|----------|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 8 | Kearsney | 11 |
| 2 nd | DHS | 4 | Kearsney | 10 |
| U15 | DHS | 1 | Kearsney | 15 |
| U14A | DHS | 6 | Kearsney | 8 |



DHS Indoor Centre

Durban High School maintains its proud tradition of being a beacon in schooling in South Africa, and continues to be a true reflection of Durban's society, producing leaders in academics, sport and culture.

The School is currently reviewing its facilities, with recent upgrades to classrooms and the installation of state of the art audio-visual teaching aides.

On the sporting front, the School is in the planning stages for a new Indoor Centre for Sporting Excellence. This is to accommodate indoor basketball, soccer, hockey, futsal, badminton, karate and volleyball. This forms a part of the School's master plan vision as it heads towards its 150 Year celebrations in 2016.

The School proposes to develop the new building to house 2

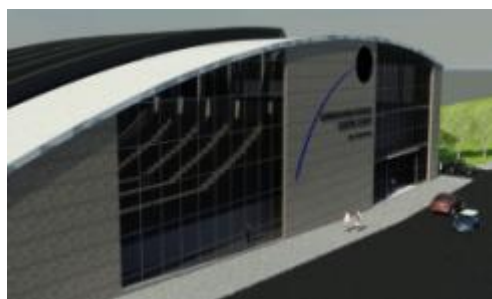
Congratulations!

- ◆ David van Zyl was selected for the 2010 SA Junior Invitation Surfing team and represented SA in an international Surfing competition in Reunion Island. He won the U18 division and was placed 4th in the U20 division.
- ◆ Wayne Adriaanse was selected to represent the Gauteng Lions during the 2010 SA U18 Ice Hockey Champs and was awarded full colours as a result. He has now been awarded Full Provincial Colours from two provinces, KZN being the other.
- ◆ Asad Jeewa 9W was placed 4th in the Poetry Institute of Africa's annual competition. His poem, *Happiness*, is published in "Miles of Smiles", available at the DHS library.

Architect's drawing of the proposed new Indoor Centre at DHS

regulation size basketball/ multi-sport courts (3 practice courts) together with an area for exercising and high-performance training. Adjacent to this will be changing, ablution and administration facilities. The facility will provide seating for up to 1000 spectators. The facility may also be used as a marking centre and conference venue, and there is also the opportunity for the venue to be utilised as a training centre for international sporting events eg, National and International Games.

It is the vision of Durban High School to create a facility that through effort, determination and pride will produce excellence in sporting within its community. We trust that you will share in this vision and the opportunities for the many that it embodies.





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Special Request for Assistance

DHS Community Service Department is doing a final project in Ashburton KZN (White Cross Disabled Centre). The centre is an institution which provides total care for a wide variety of disabled children. Whilst some of these children were born with disabilities, a large number of them have had these infirmities inflicted on them from parents and subsequently others from witchcraft rituals and beliefs.

The special need there is for cereals, milk powder, diapers (especially for bigger children 10 years and older), bedding/linen, food etc. DHS learners have already contributed Samaritan gift boxes (toys + goodies). Thank You!!!

Items can be dropped off with Mrs Krause at reception or Mrs Subbiah (Room S218).

Thanks

M Subbiah
Community Service Co-ordinator

The Weeks Ahead

Thursday 4 November

Grade 10/11 Visual Art Prac Exam
Cricket vs Glenwood
Diesel Vanilla in Seabrooke's : 4 to 6 November

Friday 5 November

Cricket, Basketball & Water Polo vs Glenwood

Saturday 6 November

Cricket vs Glenwood
Basketball vs Alex

Wednesday 10 November

Grade 10 and 11 Exams Begin

Friday 12 November

Grade 9 Exams Begin

Monday 15 November

Grade 8 Exams Begin

Friday 26 November

Cricket Awards Dinner : 18h30



Weekend Fixtures

CRICKET Fixtures vs Glenwood : Thursday 4 November

| Team | Time | Venue | Format | Coach |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|----------|--------|
| 3 rd | 15h00 | Van Heerden (h) | 20/20 | Perks |
| 15A | 15h00 | DHSOB (h) | 40 Overs | B Adam |

CRICKET Fixtures vs Glenwood : Friday 5 November

| Team | Time | Venue | Format | Coach |
|------|-------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| 15A | 17h00 | DHSOB (h) | 30 Overs D/N | B Adam |

CRICKET Fixtures vs Glenwood : Saturday 6 November

| Team | Time | Venue | Format | Coach |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 st | 09h00 | Van Heerden (h) | 50 Overs | Norton |
| 2 nd | 09h00 | Main (a) | 50 Overs | Rein |
| 14A | 09h00 | Madsens (a) | 50 Overs | Donaldson |
| 14B | 09h00 | DHSOB (h) | 30 Overs | Coskey |
| 14C | 13h00 | DHSOB (h) | 30 Overs | Levin |
| 14D | 13h00 | Glenwood Prep (a) | 30 Overs | Maungwa |
| 14E | 09h00 | Top Field (h) | 20/20 | Sibiya |
| 14F | 13h00 | Top Field (h) | 20/20 | Lunga |

WATER POLO vs Glenwood (h) : Friday 5 November

| Team | Time | Team | Time |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 st | 17h15 | 2 nd | 16h30 |
| U15 | 15h45 | U14 | 15h00 |

BASKETBALL vs Glenwood (a) : Friday 5 November

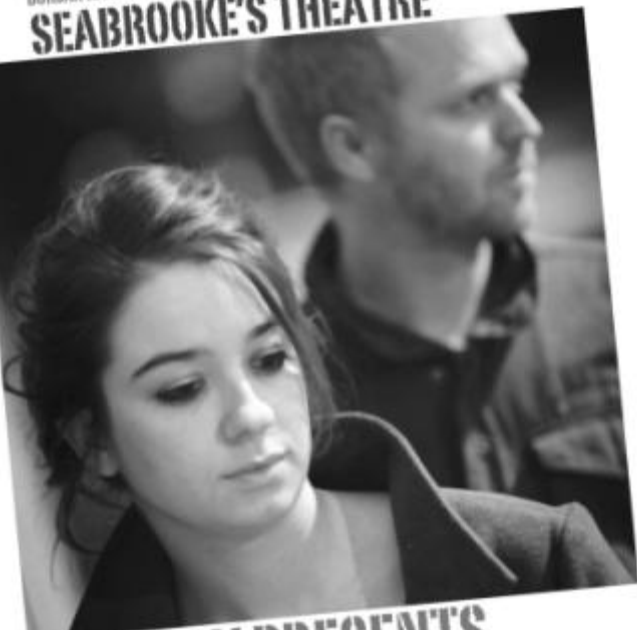
| Time | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 |
|-------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 15h00 | 1 st | 15A | 14A |

BASKETBALL vs Alex (a) : Saturday 6 November

| Time | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 |
|-------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 09h00 | U16A | 15B | U14B |
| 10h00 | 2 nd | U15A | 3 rd vs U16B |
| 11h00 | 1 st | | U14A |



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**PROUDLY PRESENTS
DIESELVANILLA**
NOVEMBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH • 8PM NIGHTLY

CLOSE YOUR EYES...
According to their website, South African, and you'll probably find yourself agreeing that this gifted duo really is a match made in heaven. Darren Peters (acoustic guitar and backing vocals) and Heidi van der Merwe (lead vocals and piano) write, create and perform beautifully beautiful songs that make you wish your iPod had a repeat button. DieselVanilla have already captured the attention of LA heavyweight. Keep your eyes and your ears on these two. They are nothing less than astonishing.

R60 AT THE DOOR

Visual Performance Skills



WHAT IS IT?

Most people are born with the potential for good eyesight but vision, the ability to identify, interpret and understand what is seen, can be trained and improved.

The eyes feed information to the brain which sets the body in motion. If the eyes relay inaccurate or incomplete information, performance may suffer.

Visual Performance Skills is a program specifically designed using specialized visual specific equipment and programs to enhance academic and sporting performance.

Dr Sheryle Calder, through her experience as a professional SA hockey player and coach of some of the world's top sports teams, has identified key areas of visual performance. With the help of her skilled, experienced team, she has devised a range of innovative, visual drills and training programs, which improve visual fitness. The results have been exceptional.

A key area of interest is the positive effects the training has had on Concentration.

DHS is hoping to introduce visual performance training into the sports and academic academies.



Date: 8 November
Time: 18:00
Venue: DHS, AJ Human Room

Dr Calder will be speaking on the huge benefits these training programs have had on academic and sporting performance.



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