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Upcoming Events

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From the Head Master's Desk

Well, we are finally at the end of the year! 2010 has been a busy and productive one for the school. The country has enjoyed the success of the World Cup and the nadir of the Education strike. As a school I can say that I really feel this has been a very good year for us. The school is on an upward curve, and the numbers for 2011 reflect this. We have over 230 Grade 8 boys next year, a number we have not had since the 1990's. Overall the school is increasing in size by about 100 boys. More importantly, the calibre of the intake is excellent. I would rather have a small school, but the laws of competition and economics say otherwise, so big it is! We also have only 3 staff leaving at the end of this year. Of these, Mr Ramathula is emigrating and Messrs Joseph and Bennett are at the end of their contracts. Compared with other schools this is remarkable. It is clear from these numbers that DHS is the school to be for boys and staff. I am delighted. I am looking to 2011 and beyond with great confidence.

I was delighted to attend the Speech Day at Prep last week. I am always proud of my Alma Mater, and this year was no different. Prep has had a very successful Centenary Year, and I am sure that all associated with this great school can look ahead with confidence. I was particularly pleased with the success of the boys who are enrolled at DHS for 2011. We are back to having an excellent intake from Prep. My thanks go to Mr Neave and his staff for their support. I hope we can continue to work well together for a very long time. Well done to the whole school on their excellent year.

As I write this now, the school is a quiet place. The boys are gone,

the SEM has been in to sign our schedules, and the timetable is complete for 2011. We have a few loose ends to tie up, and then we can look forward to a rest well earned. I am fortunate to be surrounded by thoroughly well organised staff. The planning and execution thereof is meticulous. We are ready for 2011 now. Not many schools can say that. We are indeed a fortunate few, and the aim of our department should be to bring as many schools as possible up to this kind of level. I remain positive that over time things will improve. As long as we all focus on doing the best for our children-and not on feathering our own nests!

Last week I went up to Howick with Mr Human to visit one of my old teachers, Mr Norman Lucas. Lucie turned 89 recently and had not been well. I was delighted to find him on top form, and full of the joys of life. He is a wonderful gentleman, full of stories and enthusiasm for life. For those who don't know him, he was the longest serving teacher at DHS before Mr Human toppled him from his crown. DHS was his first and only posting in education. Mr Human and I had a wonderful morning with Mr Lucas and his wife, and I look forward to returning.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Xmas break. I look forward to the challenges of 2011!

"A man who finds no satisfaction in himself will seek in vain for it elsewhere". La Rochefoucauld

"A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."

Benjamin Franklin

Regards
Dave Wagner
Class of 1973





Mr AJ Human and Mr Norman Lucas, the two longest serving staff members of Durban High School



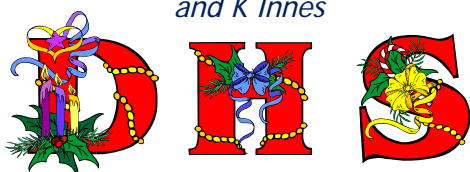
*1st XI Cricket Award Winners:
N Poole, J Grewar, L Govender,
J Michaux V Daya and J van Heerden
(front)*



*U15 Cricket Award Winners:
W Jean-Louis, K Pillay and L Chetty*



*U15 and U14 Cricket Award Winners:
R Killian, A Ndlovu, D Moodley, J Kisten
and K Innes*



Cricket Awards Dinner

On Friday 26 November the annual Cricket Awards Dinner was held in the AJ Human room and Jesse Chellan, the CEO of KZNCU, was our guest speaker. All the A teams' Best Batsman and Bowler and Captain were invited, along with the entire 1st X1. Mr Chellan outlined the Dolphins strategic plan for the next 5 years and gave the boys some idea of what to expect in the professional ranks.

Recipients of Awards for the 1st X1 were:

1. Shaun Broughton Super Striker for scoring the most runs - Jared Van Heerden with 951 runs
2. Bowler of Year - Luwesson Govender
3. Sam Abrahams Team Man of the Year award - Vishal Daya
4. Most Improved player - Jarryd Michaux
5. Chris Catto Award for Greatest Contribution to Cricket - Nathan Poole

The 1st X1 had a good year, winning the Southern Coastal 20/20 competition after defeating Glenwood by 8 wickets at Kingsmead. The team

probably performed above their weight division and ended up having a better record than some of the better sides I have coached in recent years.

Congratulations to Nathan Poole who has captained the side with distinction and was rewarded by being selected as the KZN Southern Coastal Khaya Majola Week Captain. John Grewar, Jared van Heerden and Aatish Maharaj were selected for the U17 side.

1 st X1 results:	Played	29
	Won	14
	Lost	4
	Drew	11

Awards for other age groups:

U16 Best Batsman	L Chetty
U16 Best Bowler	W Jean-Louis
U16 Captain	K Pillay
U15 Best Batsman	Ryan Killian
U15 Best Bowler	K Innes
U15 Captain	D Moodley
U14 Best Batsman	J Kisten
U14 Best Bowler	A Ndlovu
U14 Captain	A Ndlovu



Basketball Awards Evening

Basketball held its 5th annual awards ceremony; the function took place at DHS in the AJ Human Room. The turn out from the learners was good and the evening was also attended by dignitaries and school staff.

The awards were as follow:

Ethekwini and KZN colors:

U18

X Saraji	R Rodrigues
L Ndlovu	N Zondi
H Moosah	A Ntshingila
S Mahlinza	T Sithole
T Ndaba	N Mthethwa

U16

K Beukes	W Machiza
V Madikane	S Sithole
S Mzolo	N Madlala
T Sithole	S Shange

U13

M Mthiyane	
N Dlamini	F Hlophe

U20 eThekwini:

X Saraji	A Ntshingila
K Madlala	K Nondzala
R Rodrigues	S Shange

Player of the year 2010:
Patson Siame





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Staff Long Service Awards

At the Staff Christmas function last week, staff were recognised for their service to the School.

Mr Magner thanked Mr P Ncwabe, who has served DHS for 40 years, and Mr J Mtshali, 30 years, for their loyal support and commitment to the School.

Mrs S Nagiah and Mr B Johnston, who have been around for 10 years, and newbies, Ms M Girodo, Ms G Mkhonza and Ms S Drew for 5 years were also thanked for their contributions.



The Weeks Ahead

6 to 12 January 2011
1st XI Cricket Tour to Grey PE

Monday 17 January
Educators return to School
Grade 8s, RCL and Prefects return

Wednesday 19 January
School Opens for 2011

Thursday 20 January
Grade 8 Parent Evening
House Assembly

Friday 21 January
Cricket vs Krugersdorp :
1st/2nd/U16A
Fishing and Orienteering Club
Excursion : 21 to 23 January

Saturday 22 January
A & B Gala at DHS

Monday 24 January
Grade 12 Information Evening

Tuesday 25 January
Inter-House Gala
Grade 9 Information Evening

Wednesday 26 January
Grade 8 Photographs
Langley's Day
Standard Bank Pro20 Semi Final

Thursday 27 January
Cultural Expo/Leadership

Saturday 29 January
Cricket / Basketball vs Northwood
A & B Galas at Michaelhouse and
Glenwood

Sunday 30 January
Ethekeweni Swimming Trials



High Performance Sports Programme

A new High Performance Sports Programme will be launched in 2011 for Grade 8 and 9. The current Academy structure has been modified and a lot of work has gone into the overall design of the new programme.

The programme focuses on the identified six high priority sports ie,

Mo-vember Madness

It was a hairy month for the staff of Durban High School who grew their moustaches for "Mo-vember" a month-long moustache growing campaign aimed at raising funds and awareness for the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA)'s Men's Health programme, focusing on prostate and testicular cancers.

rugby, cricket, hockey, basketball, aquatics and soccer. The Grade 8 and Grade 9 "academy phase" is open to all learners and is timetabled into the school day.

For further details please refer to the Communicator.



The "MO's" are from the back row: Thabani Sibaya, Len Girodo, Andrew Stewart, Brian Green, Dave Magner, in front: Marc Adam and Barry Coskey, all of whom were proud to show off their hairy upper-lips for this good cause.

The Men with Mo's



Long Service Awards: Mr Magner with Ms Mkhonza, Ms Drew, Ms Nagiah, Mr Ncwane, Mr Mtshali, Mr Johnston and Ms Girodo