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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rugby vs Pinetown
- ◆ Hockey vs Glenwood
- ◆ Best of British
- ◆ Rugby/Hockey tour to KES
- ◆ Looong Weekend
- ◆ Grade 9 Parents' Evening
- ◆ Rugby and Hockey vs Westville
- ◆ Matric Fashion Show

## From the Head Master's Desk

Welcome back to term 3. I trust all of you have had a relaxing break. This term is a very disruptive one because of the proliferation of long weekends. The Department of Education nationally has now announced that schools can close for 28 and 29 April, if they make up the time. The school had earlier had its request for this denied by the Department in KZN. Realistically it is crazy to expect those two days to be productive ones for the school when they are preceded by a six day long weekend and followed by a three day long weekend. The School has already played the sporting fixtures scheduled for that week, and I know that many boys will simply not come. We are awaiting official confirmation from our local Department. If it arrives, which we expect, we will make up the two days, starting as soon as possible. It makes complete sense, but is not ideal to maintain momentum for half year exams. Please bear with us.

During the break we had Rugby and Basketball fixtures. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV have had a very disappointing start to the season. We all had high expectations of the team after last year's successes. Unfortunately the results have not gone their way. Their loss to Northwood was very hard to bear, as I do believe we were a better side. Nonetheless we have no option but to keep working and trust that luck will turn. The team lost heavily to Grey High at their festival, after doing very well in the first half. They lost narrowly to Dale, in a game where if we had kicked better we would have won. On the final

day of the festival they played very well to beat Louis Botha from Bloemfontein. Our U15A side played some great Rugby at the Port Natal Festival, defeating the hosts heavily in the final of that festival. There is no doubt that our strategy of building from the bottom up is working. Our junior sides, U14 and U15, won every game against Northwood, and are playing great Rugby.

DHS once again hosted a Basketball Festival during the break. We won both the B section, with our Second team, and the main festival. The victory re-affirms our position as the premier Basketball school in the country. In fact we also defeated the best that Zimbabwe has to offer. Congratulations to Mr Zulu and all the boys for their efforts. You have once again made us very proud.

Next week sees our musical revue, Best of British. I have been listening to the music for some time now, as the boys practise in the afternoon, and I can strongly recommend this show to anyone who enjoys music. I am sure it will be a blast.

The school was saddened to hear of the passing on of Vic Pellew. Vic was a distinguished teacher of Biology at DHS in the 1950's and 1960's. He was a fabulous character, and was one of the three who was responsible for the planting of the Baobab tree at DHS, with Bill Payn and Teddy Beare. I met Vic on a number of occasions, and was struck by his warmth and intelligence. He had a great love of life, and certainly



*David Palframan competed in the SA Athletics Champs in Paarl recently. David was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the U15 Boys 400m, which makes him the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest U15 boy in the country!*



*Anton Bresler, Sharks rugby player and DHS Old Boy, paid the School a visit last term. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby boys were delighted to meet him.*



*The Best of British crew hard at work at rehearsals. Book your tickets for the show with Mrs Krause.*



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## From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

made a lasting contribution. The huge turnout at his funeral was testimony to the reverence in which he was held. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family and friends. He will be missed.

"In these bodies we will live, in these bodies we will die. Where you invest your love, is where you invest your life."

Have a great week.  
Dave Magner : Class of 1973

## Extra-Mural Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards for achievements in their extra mural activities last term:

### Athletics

Honours C Donkin  
M Hayes  
E Mongwabe  
Colours L Mateyisi  
N Mtshengu  
Half Colours L Barnwell  
JP Pieterse  
R Venter

### Swimming

Re award Honours K Rowe  
Re award Colours B McCormack  
Colours J Dastaghir  
T Ramblee  
C Smith  
Half Colours Y Meth  
T Pema  
J Ryder

### Climbing

Honours N Potgieter  
Colours J Salt

### Tennis

Half Colours R Dalle Vedove

### Golf

Half Colours C Elliott

## The Truth about Dagga

Dagga is one of the most widely used illegal drugs in South Africa. But what are the facts?

Physical problems caused by dagga use:

- Accumulation of toxins in the fatty tissues, brain and other organs.
- Dagga disrupts brain functioning.
- Impaired concentration and short term memory.
- Abnormal cell division, causing severe hereditary defects.
- Suppression of the immune system.
- Possible irreversible brain damage.
- Pains in the back, legs, chest, stomach and head (for chronic consumers).

Mental problems:

- Nervousness.
- Study difficulties: reduced ability to learn and retain information.

- Personality and mood changes.
- Apathy, drowsiness, lack of motivation.
- Life seeming unreal.
- Inability to understand things clearly.

Over the last 10 years millions of children of drug users have been born with serious defects including IQs that are 30 to 40 % lower than children born to parents not smoking dagga.

Dagga contains 400 different chemicals; 60 have been proven to cause cancer.

THC, the strongest intoxicating substance in dagga, stays in the body fat for months, sometimes years, thus a person smoking dagga 2 to 3 times a week is constantly under the influence of this drug.



## Extra-Mural Results

### 1<sup>ST</sup> XV RUGBY TOUR TO GREY PE

During the school holidays our 1<sup>st</sup> XV took part in the Grey High School Rugby Festival in Port Elizabeth. The team played 3 games against the hosts Grey High, Dale College, and HTS Louis Botha.

Our first game was against Grey and was the main game on the first day of the Festival. The first half was a very competitive affair which saw DHS play some of their best rugby. The score at half time was 14-10 to Grey. Unfortunately, the second half didn't go as well. The long day's travel the day before and Grey's superior size began to take its toll. This led to Grey scoring some soft tries. The final score was 46-10 to Grey.

Our second fixture was against Dale College from King Williams Town. The Dale side was regarded as one of the best sides at the festival and therefore DHS really needed to be at their best to compete. In the first half DHS played poorly and allowed Dale to play a sevens style game which suited them perfectly. Dale rushed into a 21-3 lead with three superb tries from broken play. In the second half DHS tightened up the game and played some really good forward dominated rugby. School was able to deny the Dale backs the ball which caused them a lot of frustration. At this stage DHS were playing all the rugby and were rewarded with 2 well structured tries. The final score was 27-15 to Dale.

The final fixture of the festival was against HTS Louis Botha from Bloemfontein. This side had impressed in their previous 2 games with a 1 point loss to Michaelhouse and then a comprehensive victory over Nico Malan. They played a very similar game to Dale with very good backs who loved to throw the ball around. The first half was a case

of DHS allowing Louis Botha to play their type of game. Louis Botha were able to score 2 tries against the run of play and went into half time 14-3 up. The second half saw DHS finally 'click' and they began to play the type of rugby we now they are capable of. The play was efficient and many of the basic mistakes were eliminated. Schools' forward domination caused Louis Botha to give away a number of penalties which brought the scores closer. Another break away try by Louis Botha really put the DHS side under pressure. However, School stuck to their game plan and were rewarded with 2 superb tries, set up by the forwards and scored by the backs. The final score was 26-21 to DHS.

### U15A RUGBY : PORT NATAL RUGBY WEEK

Last week the U15 Rugby squad played in the Port Natal Rugby week.

School started well against HTS Tuine in their first game keeping the ball alive to play some brilliant running rugby running out winners 40-0.

In the second game we faced Wilgerivier who were a much more physical team and put a great deal of pressure on us in our own 22. It must be said that we didn't play a very structured game in the first half and spent a great deal of time moving sideways across the field but some very slick handling led to a try so we led at half time 7-0. After half time the boys started with more purpose and stuck to our structures to overwhelm Wilgerivier 36-0. With our success during the week this meant that we were in the final against hosts Port Natal for a good local derby.

We started the game off well by scoring a try in the early exchanges of the game to lead 7-0 but then a wild pass led to an

## Congratulations!

- ◆ Michael Byrne (DHS Old Boy) has been awarded a full Scholarship to Cambridge to do his PhD.
- ◆ Mrs Malini Subbiah's twins were born on 13 April. Sebastian and Sarena weighed in at 2.9kgs and 2.7kgs respectively!
- ◆ Mr Andrew Stewart married his long time sweetheart, Angela, on Saturday 2 April.



intercept which Port Natal dotted down under the poles for 7 points. We weren't playing at our best and the fact that we kept trying to force the pace in the first half led to many silly mistakes and when we managed to string together enough phases and apply pressure to the correct areas we managed a try in the corner which we failed to convert leaving us with a slender 12-7 lead just before half time. However from the kick off we watched Port Natal recover the ball and score a try off a penalty of their own immediately after leaving the score at 12-12. We re-gathered at half time with some personnel changes in the team and started the second half with a more concise idea of what we hoped to achieve, this bore fruit early off the kickoff when we scored through a gap in the defense in midfield. The game was over as a contest from that point onwards with the team running in tries almost at will running up the score to 43-12 by the end of the game.

It was the end of a very enjoyable week of rugby and one which the boys will remember. Congratulations to the U15 boys for the good rugby that they played during the week.



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## More Results

### ATHLETICS : SA YOUTH AND JUNIOR GAMES

On 2 April four athletes from DHS represented KZN at the Yellow Pages SA Youth and Junior Championship held in Germiston/ Pretoria.

All Four athletes made the final in their respective events (Top 10 in the country) and were placed as follows:

Mitchell Hayes : Boys U17  
Shot Put 5<sup>th</sup> 15.29m

Ntandazo Mtshengu : Boys U17  
High Jump 8<sup>th</sup> 1,95m

Eddie Mongwambe : Boys U19  
Long Jump 8<sup>th</sup> 6,83m  
PB

Cameron Donkin : Boys U17  
Discus 10<sup>th</sup> 39.20m

All these boys have worked extremely hard on their events and were rewarded with a good set of results.



## The Weeks Ahead

Friday 15 April  
Chess vs Westville (a)

Saturday 16 April  
Rugby vs Pinetown (h)  
Hockey vs Glenwood (a)

Monday 18 April  
Squash vs Northwood/Westville  
Best of British : 18 to 20 April

Wednesday 20 April  
Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> XI to  
KES Festival : 20 to 25 April  
Cross Country at Gelofto

Thursday 21 April  
Badminton A B C D vs Kuswag /  
Hillcrest / Pinetown  
School closes for Easter Weekend

Friday 22 April  
Easter Friday  
Surfing A B vs Embury/Umthombo

Thursday 28 April  
Badminton A B D vs Westville/  
Thomas More

Friday 29 April  
Surfing A vs Umthombo A  
Fishing and Orienteering Club  
Excursion : 29 April to 2 May

Tuesday 3 May  
School Reopens

Wednesday 4 May  
Grade 9 Parents Evening  
Cross Country at Kuswag/Kingsway

Thursday 5 May  
Badminton A B C D vs Kuswag/  
Northwood/Glenwood/Kingsway

Friday 6 May  
Matric Fashion Show  
Surfing A vs Umthombo

Saturday 7 May  
Rugby and Hockey vs Westville (h)  
Tennis vs Northwood : Westridge



## The Weekend's Fixtures

### RUGBY Fixtures vs Pinetown Boys' High (h) : Saturday 16 April 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	REFEREE
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	11h15	Van Heerden	Gericke/B Adam	Union
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	10h10	Van Heerden	Stewart/Fouche	Union
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	08h00	Van Heerden	C Rein	T Sibiyi
U16A vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	09h05	Van Heerden	Wilkinson/Qabathe	
U15B vs U15A	10h10	Nourse	Sibiyi/Botha	M Adam
U15D vs U15B	09h05	Top Field	Shezi	R September
U14B vs U14A	09h05	Nourse	Levin/Curtis	A Norton
U14D vs U14B	08h00	Top Field	L Mattheysen	O Gcilitshana

### RUGBY Fixtures vs Embury College (h) : Saturday 16 April 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	REFEREE
U15E vs U15A	08h00	Nourse	Mabena	C Levin

### HOCKEY Fixtures vs Glenwood (a) : Saturday 16 April 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	UMPIRE
1 <sup>st</sup>	13h00	Three Schools	M Wiggett	T Kelly-Stack
2 <sup>nd</sup>	14h00	Three Schools	T Kelly-Stack	M Wiggett
16A	08h30	Three Schools	S Wiggett	Crasso
16B	09h50	Three Schools	S Crasso	S Wiggett
14A	07h30	Three Schools	R Williams	W Kockott
14B	10h50	Three Schools	W Kockott	R Williams
14C	11h50	Three Schools	S Zungu	Zungu

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The Music Department at DHS is proud to present a "down-memory-lane" musical romp into the British music of the sixties, seventies, eighties and nineties. Those days before "Rap", "Hip Hop" and "House" dominated the airwaves; those days when the British "sound" was described as the "British invasion" in the American press; those days when the British look was the only-way-to-dress look; the days of Twiggy, Mary Quant, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, the Kinks, the Animals, the Troggs, the Cream, Deep Purple, the Moody Blues, Pink Floyd, Queen and Led Zeppelin.

"The Best of British", featuring an extremely talented cast of some thirty musicians and singers, will be staged in the D C Thompson Hall at Durban High School from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April nightly at 7 p.m. Tickets are R40.

Barnyard-style table bookings will be available for BYO picnic suppers. There will also be an abundance of theatre-style seating. The "Horse Fly Café" will be open before the show and during the interval for the purchasing of drinks and snacks.

Bookings open on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. There is no doubt that booking will be brisk. SO don't put this off and miss out and become just another brick in the wall. This is going to be a night to remember. We will rock you!

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