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From the Head Master's Desk

After all the disruptions we are back on track for the balance of Term 2. Coming to work this week felt like we were starting a new term! As much as holidays are good for the soul, the disruptions have not been good for the academic progress of the School. The boys have to commit to a sustained period of hard work over the next five weeks. We start mid-year exams in early June, and the boys cannot afford not to be well prepared. The disruptions have made life difficult for the staff too, but they have committed to do their level best to prepare the boys for the exams.

I was delighted to learn that previous Head, Dudley Forde, has been recognised by the country for his contribution to education. He was honoured by the President with the Order of the Baobab at a recent ceremony. Dr Forde has a long and illustrious record in education in the country, and we are privileged to count him as a friend of the school. He continues to be closely associated with DHS, and we value his wisdom. Congratulations Dudley, we are very proud of you.

I was privileged to attend the 10th KES Festival over the Easter break. It was marvellous to catch up with old friends from some of South Africa's greatest schools, and we were honoured to be a part of it. The Rugby and Hockey sides had a tough time of it, but acquitted themselves well. We have also been honoured by being invited to the 30th Anniversary St Stithians Festival

in 2013. It is an indication of the esteem in which the school is held. Long may it last.

A number of boys have excelled in the world of Drama. Each year the Young Performers' Project puts on a musical at the Sneddon Theatre. Directed by renowned theatre personality, Themí Venturas, the show is always a huge success, and places in the cast are highly sought after. DHS has a history of providing a number of members of the cast for this prestigious production, and this year is no different. This year's production is *Seussical The Musical*, and we have five boys in the cast: Blessing Xaba, Kyle Smith, Maqhawe Madonsela, Sakhile Nene and Trent Webster. Well done boys.

As you all know I have announced my decision to retire next year at the end of term 1. I have received large numbers of wonderful letters from parents and old boys, and I really appreciate all of the nice things that have been said. I would love to respond personally to all of you, but that might take some time! Thank you so much. It means so much to me to have heard from you all, and I will treasure those thoughts. The months ahead are not going to be easy, but I am committed to making them memorable for me and the school.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Martin Luther King

Have a great week.
Dave Magner
Class of 1973

Extra-Mural Results

1ST XV RUGBY TOUR TO KES FESTIVAL

The 1st XV attended the 10th annual KES Easter Festival from 21 to 25 April. The first fixture of the festival was against the hosts KES. KES were regarded as one of the top sides at the festival and had already recorded impressive wins against Michaelhouse and Pretoria Boys High.

The first half was very competitive with DHS standing up well to the physical battle. DHS were able to force KES into silly mistakes and took a 6-0 lead. However, KES came back with a well worked try and a penalty to go into the break 10-6 up. Unfortunately the second half was a very different. DHS allowed KES to completely outmuscle them and as a result KES dominated and scored a number of soft tries. The final score was a very disappointing 41-6 to KES.

The second fixture of the festival was against St Albans College from Pretoria. The DHS side had a lot to prove after the poor display against KES. There was definitely a different attitude when the guys ran out and it shone through in their performance. The guys were committed on defense and showed some real quality on attack. Brendon Cope and Mbembe Payi had superb games and were able to dictate field position with some pin point kicking. Edward Mongwambe was also excellent and made some decisive runs, he was rewarded with scoring 3 tries. The final score was 36-22 to DHS.

The final fixture was against Jeppe. It would be a good test to see if our boys could stand up to the physical challenge Jeppe presented. Again the boys were able to rise to the task and were able match and at some times dominate the collisions. DHS dominated large periods of the game but could not always make

the advantage count. It was a high tempo game where both sides played some really entertaining rugby. In the end only one point separated the two sides with Jeppe winning 15-14.

Overall it was a successful tour; most of the boys put up their hands and showed the commitment required to play 1st XV at DHS. We now look forward to the 'derbies' against our traditional rivals starting with Westville this Saturday.

DHS	6	KES	41
DHS	36	St Albans	22
DHS	14	Jeppe	15

1st XI HOCKEY TOUR TO KES FESTIVAL

DHS	0	KES	5
DHS	0	Bishops	4
DHS	0	Jeppe	3
DHS	1	St Benedicts	4
DHS	0	Affies	2
DHS	0	St Albans	2
DHS	0	St John's	1

BOUNCING VICTORIOUSLY



Durban High School Grade 10 learner, Thabo Sithole captained the South African U16 Basketball team at a National tournament held in Zambia recently. At only 15, this young man has shown tremendous talent and was chosen as player of the tournament on top of his team taking the winning trophy overall and qualifying for the All-Africa games to be held in July this year.

Congratulations!

- ◆ David Van Zyl has been selected for the South African Junior Surfing Team which goes to World Champs in Lima, Peru from 20 to 29 May.
- ◆ Trent Bingham sailed in the Western Cape Champions at Saldanha and the Laser National Champs at Langebaan. As there were insufficient boats to be awarded class status in the Laser 4.7 fleet, Trent upgraded to the larger Radial sail and raced his first national regatta in the Open Class. He was the 1st placed KZN sailor at both events, finishing 8th and 10th overall respectively in strong fleets. In the Nationals he recorded 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in 3 of the 10 races.
- ◆ The following pupils have been selected to appear in the Rainbow Young Performers Project of Seussical the Musical:
 - Blessing Xaba - as Horton
 - Kyle Smith - as Mayor
 - Maqhawe Madonsela - as Bear, Fish, Circus Animal, Hunch
 - Sakhile Nene - as Who, Fish, Cadet, Hunch
 - Trent Webster - as Tiger, Fish, Circus Animal, Hunch

These learners were selected out of 200 hopefuls from the KwaZulu-Natal region and as such are the cream of the crop for 2010. If this was a sports event, it would be the equivalent of representing the province.





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The Weeks Ahead

Friday 6 May

School finishes at 14h30 - the first of the make-up lessons to be held from 13h30

Matric Fashion Show

Hockey vs Westville (a) and (h)
Chess vs Glenwood (a)
Surfing A vs Umthombo A

Saturday 7 May

Rugby vs Westville (h)
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE FOR GRADES 8 TO 11 - REGISTRATION AT 15H00

Tennis vs Northwood : Westridge

Sunday 8 May

Golf KZN Trials at Beechwood

Monday 9 May

Blood Clinic at DHS : 08h30-14h00
Squash vs Westville / Kearsney

Tuesday 10 May

Academic Scholarship Exam in Founders : 13h30 to 16h00
Production at Seabrooke's : God of Carnage : 10 to 29 May

Wednesday 11 May

Grade 10 Parents' Evening : 17h30
Cross Country at Thomas More

Thursday 12 May

Senior Debating vs Maris Stella
Badminton A B C D vs Glenwood, Kingsway, Thomas More, Kuswag

Friday 13 May

Chess vs Ridge Park (a)
Surfing vs Northwood

Saturday 14 May

Rugby/Hockey vs Michaelhouse (a)
Tennis vs Glenwood

MySchool Cards

DHS has been entered into a competition with MySchool card, with Smart Boards being just some of the prizes that can be won.

Unfortunately, at present we are ranked 184 out of a total of 480 schools, so we need everyone to get those MySchool cards out and swiping!

Last month we brought in R2414.84 for DHS but we can do much better. Are you swiping your card at the Engen Quickshops, Woolworths, etc?

For all the parents who ordered new cards, have you received them? If not, please go onto the Communicator and contact MySchool.

Spend, Swipe and raise funds for DHS



The Weekend's Fixtures

RUGBY Fixtures vs Westville Boys (h) : Saturday 7 May 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	REFEREE
1 st	16h10	Van Heerden	Gericke/B Adam	Union
2 nd	15H05	Van Heerden	Stewart/Fouche	Union
3 rd	12h55	Van Heerden	Donaldson	C Bamber
4 th vs 6 th	10h00	Van Heerden	Rein	A Stewart
5 th vs 7 th	13h40	Nourse	Von Hagen	B Mabena
U16A	14h00	Van Heerden	Wilkinson/Qabathe	Union
U16B	08h55	Van Heerden	Wessels	T Sibiya
U16C	12h45	Nourse	Perks	C Levin
U15A	12h00	Van Heerden	Brown/Van Zyl	M Adam
U15B	10h55	Nourse	T Sibiya/Botha	B Qabathe
U15C	08h55	Nourse	Gcilitshana	R September
U15D	10h55	Top field	Shezi	S Perks
U15E	10h00	Top field	Mabena	L Matthysen
U14A	11h05	Van Heerden	M Adam/ Thomes	A Norton
U14B	10h00	Nourse	C Levin/Curtis	G Brown
U14C	11h50	Nourse	September/Wilkinson	O Gcilitshana
U14D	08h55	Top field	Matthysen	B Curtis

HOCKEY Fixtures vs Westville (a) and (h): Saturday 7 May 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	UMPIRE
1 st XI	19h30	Westville	Mike Wiggert	Grant James
2 nd XI	18h30	Westville	Tanner Kelly-Stack	Steve Wigget
U16A	17h30	Westville	Steve Wiggert	Tanner Kelly-Stack
U16B	15h30	Westville	Stef Crasso	Ryan Williams
U14A	16h30	Westville	Ryan Williams	Stef Crasso
U14B	15h30	Riverside	Wendy Kockott	Sandile Zungu
U14C	16h15	Riverside	Sandile Zungu	Wendy Kockott

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Ben – 082 802 1677



DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Has the pleasure of inviting
all Old Boys to
2011's annual
Reunion Dinner

Date: 10th June 2011

Time: 6 – 6:30pm for cocktail drinks & snacks
Dinner to start at 7:30pm

Dress: Smart casual

Cost: R300 per person including cocktail snacks
and dinner. Cash bar available

DATE	YEAR	VENUE FOR PRE-DRINKS	VENUE FOR FUNCTION
THURSDAY 9 JUNE	1986 / 87		AJ HUMAN
FRIDAY 10 JUNE	1971	SEABROOKES	HALL
	1976	BRADSHAW'S	HALL
	1981	AJ HUMAN BAR	HALL
	1986	AJ HUMAN MAIN ROOM	HALL
	1991	HORSEFLY CAFE	HALL
SATURDAY 11 JUNE	2001	TUCKSHOP	HALL
	1961		DRAMA ROOM

Bank Details: Account Name - DHS OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, Bank - FNB, Musgrave Road,
Account # - 50900520385, Branch Code - 221138, (Please use name and year as reference)

For more details please contact: Barry Conkey on 031-2771590 or 0795175758 and barry.conkey@durbanhighschool.co.za
All proceeds of this event will go to the DHS Old Boys Association for the benefit of Durban High School.

"MAY EACH AND EVERY ONE REMEMBER, THAT AS HE IS, SO IS HIS SCHOOL"



An Invitation

to
Parents and Teachers to a talk by

Prof Lourens Schlebusch,

Emeritus Professor of Behavioural Medicine/Clinical Psychologist

"Stress, Bullying and Suicidal Behaviour"

Date: Tuesday, 10 May 2011

Time: (6:15pm for 6:30pm)
6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

Venue: Gordon Road Girls' School
69 Gordon Road, Morningside
R.S.V.P. 031-3032628



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