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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rugby / Hockey vs St Charles
- ◆ Exams start for Gr 8 to 12 on 9 June
- ◆ 1956/57 Reunion Luncheon
- ◆ Old Boys Reunions and Dinner
- ◆ FOUNDERS' DAY Rugby/Hockey vs Hilton College
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

From the Head Master's Desk

The examinations are almost upon us and there is a satisfying buzz of activity around the school. The reality of exams is that they count so much in the lives of the boys. I know that they should not, as exams are a somewhat unrealistic tool of measurement, but they are a reality and we cannot escape that. Even the Matric exam is not that far away. Matriculation is so important for the boys. The quality of pass achieved is critical. The type of pass will determine, to a large extent, what a person can do after school. If you get an average pass, the number of doors open to you is limited. You should aim to have as many doors open to you as possible. I trust that all the boys are working hard to maximise their results.

I was very pleased to meet two representatives from the Department of Education this week. They were on a visit to KZN to test the efficacy of an evaluation document that they are putting together for schools throughout the country. Dr John Volmink and Mr Gert Jordaan were both impressive individuals. Dr Volmink was a particularly interesting person. Having grown up in the back streets of Cape Town, he has a Doctorate in Mathematics from Cornell, an Ivy League University. He has a genuine

interest in the furthering of education in this country, and a commitment to maintaining excellence. His approach was refreshing, and certainly instilled confidence in the future. We need more men like him!

The school was shocked to hear last Monday that long time staff member, Mr Shaun Gray, had been rushed to hospital for emergency surgery to remove bleeding on the brain. As I write he is still in a stable but serious condition in Entabeni Hospital. Shaun is a popular teacher, well liked by staff and boys, and his sudden illness has cast a cloud over the staff. We ask all of you to remember him in your thoughts and prayers, as we hope for a safe recovery from his operation. We ask that you also remember his wife, Ms Gounden, in your thoughts and prayers. They are both wonderful people and we are united as a school in wishing good health and a speedy recovery.

Don't forget Founders' Day - only a week away!

"It is never too late to be what we might have been."
George Elliot

Have a great week.
Dave Wagner
Class of 1973

Don't Forget!

Founders' Day

on Saturday 11 June 2011

Rugby and Hockey vs Hilton College : 1st XV Kick Off at 17h00



Seussical the Musical

From left: Maghawe Madonsela (who plays Schmitz), Kyle Smith (Jungle Animal (Bear)/Fish/Circus Animal/Hunch), Sakhile Nene (Who/Fish/Cadet/Hunch), Trent Webster (Jungle Animal (Tiger)/Fish/Circus Animal/Hunch) and Blessing Xaba (Horton)



David van Zyl was placed 9th in the world in the U18 division of ISA World Surfing Champs in Peru



The Physical IQ Sports Academy launched the new DHS High Performance Centre, which has been designed to provide all with access to the best facilities and resources available in the field of Sports Medicine, as well as Sports Conditioning. Seen at the launch were (from left): Stef Crasso, Clive Barker, Ashleigh Hall.

Seussical the Musical

Auditions for the Rainbow Young Performers' Project 2011 stage musical, *Seussical* were held at Durban High School recently and 27 young performers from high schools throughout KZN were chosen as cast members. Five boys from DHS were included in the cast: Maghawe Madonsela,

Kyle Smith, Sakhile Nene, Trent Webster and Blessing Xaba.

The boys are excited to be staged in such a professional production and hope to learn as much as they can from the experience.

2nd Hand Book and Play Station Sale

The U14A cricket team is appealing to all boys, parents, teachers, friends and colleagues to bring all unwanted books (fiction or non-fiction) and Play Station/Computer games to school for our Founders Day Book and Play Station sale.

It is a good way to clear out your cupboards and you will be able to buy second-hand books

and Play Station/computer games at a fraction of the price of a new one. All books and games are to be handed in by Thursday, 9 June 2011. Mr Kurt Donaldson has kindly agreed to store all the books/games in his office so the boys can simply leave them with him.

For any queries, please call Leanne Ross on 083-566 4310.

World Refugee Day Art Competition

Durban Refugee Service Providers Network in commemoration of World Refugee Day 2011 is holding an ART competition for Primary and Secondary schools. Entries to the competition will be exhibited and judged on World Refugee Day at the Durban Holocaust Centre.

World Refugee Day is commemorated globally on the 20 June to highlight the challenges faced by refugees.

The competition serves as a vehicle to raise awareness amongst communities about Refugees and how as individuals each One of us can help by doing One thing

The theme for World Refugee Day 2011 and this competition is therefore the "1 Campaign". Entries close on 15 June 2011.

For further information please contact Mrs Kusial.

Next at Seabrooke's

Next at Seabrooke's is Belinda Henwood in *The Swansong of Norrie Da Silva*, a delightful look at a small life where truths have been "magicked away", rules smartly broken and adventure self-styled. *Norrie's* is a surprising story of survival, told with love and candour.

Belinda premiered this show at the Musho Festival earlier this year and it is on at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown in July.

She is here for a two night run on 8 and 9 June at 19h30. Tickets are R50 (pensioners and students R35) and can be booked by e-mailing: seabrooke's@durbanhighschool.co.za

The performance duration is one hour. Seating is unreserved and the doors will open at 19h20.

Extra-Mural Results

RUGBY vs GLENWOOD

Friday Night's classic clash can only be described as one of missed opportunities for the DHS 1st XV. Glenwood were always going to be the favourites with no less than 7 Craven week players in their side. However it was game in which DHS were able to compete and at some points overpower their more fancied rivals. Unfortunately School was not able to convert a number of great scoring opportunities where Glenwood took all theirs.

The game started well for DHS as Cope sliced through the Glenwood defence and was able to put through a kick in which Mbembe Payi gathered and scored in the corner. Payi was unable to convert the kick and School took a 5-0 lead early in the game. Glenwood struck back with a penalty after some prolonged attack.

The major turning point in the game came when a set move by DHS on the Glenwood 10m line was misjudged by a sniping Payi. The ball landed in a Glenwood hand and their number 12 was able to run 70m to score under the posts. Literally fingertips were the difference between a DHS try and a Glenwood try. This effective 14 point turnaround really put DHS on the back foot.

However, DHS did have a number of opportunities to get back into the game, Cope missed two makeable penalties and Mbembe had a long range effort drift just wide. At this stage DHS were enjoying the majority of possession and territory, and should have made this dominance count. The scrums were particularly good as a Glenwood pack littered with Craven week players went backwards.

The second half was all about DHS trying to play catch-up, which against a quality side is always

very difficult. Instead of taking the three points on offer (on 4 occasions) the option was to go for touch and attempt to score tries. Unfortunately this was not to be as a combination of good defence and some basic errors stopped School from crossing the line. Glenwood on the other hand took every opportunity that came their way and extended their lead through another 2 penalties, the final score being 19-5 to Glenwood.

The game certainly lived up to the hype experienced before and it is a game that could have gone either way. Well done to both sides for the spirit in which the game was played, it was hard but very clean. A great advert for schoolboy rugby.

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| 1 st XV | 5 | Glenwood | 19 |
| 2 nd XV | 3 | Glenwood | 18 |
| 3 rd XV | 0 | Glenwood | 12 |
| 4 th XV | 7 | Glenwood | 19 |
| 5 th XV | 7 | Glenwood | 17 |
| U16A | 0 | Glenwood | 32 |
| U16B | 0 | Glenwood | 29 |
| U16C | 0 | Glenwood | 43 |
| U15A | 0 | Glenwood | 26 |
| U15B | 7 | Glenwood | 22 |
| U15C | 3 | Glenwood | 13 |
| U15D | 0 | Glenwood | 17 |
| U15E | 5 | Glenwood | 29 |
| U14A | 0 | Glenwood | 17 |
| U14B | 0 | Glenwood | 51 |
| U14C | 20 | Glenwood | 19 |
| U14D | 0 | Glenwood | 25 |
| U14E | 0 | Glenwood | 27 |

HOCKEY RESULTS vs GLENWOOD

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|---------------------|---|----------|---|
| DHS 1 st | 0 | Glenwood | 5 |
| DHS 2 nd | 0 | Glenwood | 3 |
| U16A | 1 | Glenwood | 0 |
| U16B | 0 | Glenwood | 5 |
| U14A | 0 | Glenwood | 2 |
| U14B | 1 | Glenwood | 0 |
| U14C | 0 | Glenwood | 4 |

Congratulations!

- ◆ David van Zyl participated in the Quiksilver ISA World Junior Surfing Championships in Punta Hermosa, Lima, Peru where he was placed 9th out of over 100 surfers from 27 countries in the U18 division. The SA team achieved their best result in the history of the event getting a silver medal.
- ◆ The following boys have been selected for KZN Cricket squads:
 - U15 Ainsley Ndlovu, Wade Canham, Winston Naidu
 - U17 Tylor Trenoweth, Aatish Maharaj, Cameron Janse van Rensburg, Wayne Jean-Louis
 - U19 Jared van Heerden, John Grewer, Richard Curtis, Dian Kotze
- ◆ Travis Pellew participated in the Southern Coastal Squash Championships" and made the Southern Coastal Open side where he was ranked 8th overall.

BADMINTON RESULTS

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| DHS B | 3 | G Campbell A | 5 |
| DHS A | 8 | Northwood A | 0 |
| DHS B | 4 | New Forest A | 4 |
| DHS C | 5 | New Forest B | 3 |
| DHS D | 0 | Northwood D | 8 |

CHESS RESULTS vs GEORGE CAMPBELL

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| DHS | 7 | G Campbell | 3 |
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HOCKEY vs THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

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| DHS 1 st | 2 | Thomas More | 0 |
| DHS U14A | 0 | Thomas More | 1 |

CROSS COUNTRY at THOMAS MORE

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| U17A Team | 2 nd |
| U15A Team | 2 nd |



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The Busyness of our Business

All shapes and sizes playing an impromptu ball game of sorts in the pool,
Three rugby matches on the go and two teams warming up,
Eager spectators seated on the terraces.

Professional actors rehearsing within the walls of Seabrooke's
The strutting of lads and lasses auditioning for the Fashion Show,
The Horsefly Café abuzz with afternoon visitors.

Extra teaching is viewed through some windows,
The climbers are reaching great heights as if wanting to get closer
To the sounds of "The Best of British" being rehearsed above them.

The administration corridor is full of keyboard sounds,
Some teaching staff are preparing or appraising,
Reports are on their way.

And in all this activity, a young Grade 7 lad is auditioning for a scholarship.
Does he sense the busyness of OUR business?

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 3 June

Make Up Schedule Lesson : Day 6
Lesson 5
Chess vs Northwood (h)
Surfing vs Northwood
Barnyard : Girls Wanna Rock :
Matric Dance Fundraiser
Vocal Vibes at Seabrooke's

Saturday 4 June

Rugby / Hockey vs St Charles (a)
Tennis A & B vs Crawford NC (a)

Sunday 5 June

World Enviro Day

Monday 6 June

Squash vs Northwood/Crawford

Wednesday 8 June

Cross Country at Kearsney College

Thursday 9 June

Mid Year Exams Begin
Badminton vs George Campbell

Friday 10 June

Mid Years Exams : Grades 8-12
Chess vs Marist Brothers (h)
Surfing vs Umthombo

Saturday 11 June

FOUNDERS' DAY : Rugby and
Hockey vs Hilton College :
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Monday 13 June

Mid Years Exams : Grades 8-12

Thursday 16 June

Public Holiday

Friday 17 June

School Holiday

The Weekend's Fixtures

RUGBY vs St Charles (a) : Saturday 4 June 2011

| TEAM | TIME | VENUE | COACH | REFEREE |
|--------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 st XV | 13h15 | Harwin | D Gericke/B Adam | |
| 2 nd XV | 12h00 | Harwin | A Stewart | |
| 3 rd XV | 09h00 | Conway | K Donaldson | |
| 4 th XV | 11h00 | Conway | C Rein | |
| U16A | 11h00 | Harwin | C Wilkinson/B Qabathe | |
| U16B | 12h00 | Conway | Wessels | |
| U16C | 10h00 | Conway | Perks | |
| U15A | 10h00 | Harwin | G Brown/L van Zyl | |
| U15B | 12h00 | Smith | T Sibiya | |
| U15C | 09h00 | Colts | O Gcilitshana | |
| U14A | 09h00 | Harwin | M Adam/Z Thome | |
| U14B | 11h00 | Smith | C Levin | |

Bus leaves MAIN GATE at 06h45

HOCKEY Fixtures vs St Charles (h) : Saturday 4 June 2011

| TEAM | TIME | VENUE | COACH | UMPIRE |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 ST | 11h00 | St Charles Astro | M Wiggett | Union |
| 2 ND | 09h00 | St Charles Astro | T Kelly-Stack | S Wiggett |
| U16A | 10h00 | St Charles Astro | S Wiggett | T Kelly-Stack |
| U16B | 12h00 | St Charles Astro | S Crasso | S Zungu |
| U14A | 09h00 | St John's Astro | R Williams | D Hulett |
| U14B | 11h00 | St John's Astro | W Kockott | R Williams |
| U14C | 10h00 | St John's Astro | S Zungu | S Crasso |

Bus leaves MAIN GATE at 06h45 and will return from St Charles after the last hockey game (U16B) has finished.

It is compulsory to watch the 1st team hockey game at 11h00
(If using your own transport please be there 1 hour before your game.)

a Right Royal



Please support the
DHS U14A cricket
tour to Paarl in
Sept / October



Come and join us at Africa's greatest horseracing event... The **Durban July** is comparable to Britain's Royal Ascot - high fashion, exciting horse racing, food, champagne and lots of beautiful people. The excitement of the Vodacom Durban July surpasses that of any other event on the African continent.



Please note: Limited access to the July proceedings.

Date: 2 July 2011

Venue: Royal Durban Country Club Functions Room

Cost of ticket includes:

- * Amazing sit down lunch (from 11:30 – 17:00)
 - * Parking close to the venue
 - * Own tote in the Functions Room
 - * View races from a private balcony
 - * TV's in Room
- All this for **R500** p/p (cash bar)

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Gift of the Governors

SPRING FESTIVAL

DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER - 02 OCTOBER 2011

WIN 2 tickets to India

with accomodation

STALLS | SHOWS | SOCCER

DHS SPRING FESTIVAL 2011

The Spring Festival is planned for the 30 September 2011, 01 and 02 October 2011. During the Festival there will be a number of activities planned for each day. A variety of food stalls, catering for every individual will be available throughout the day. Also featuring:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Rock Concert Eastern Extravaganza Fashion shows Master & Miss Spring Festival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zulu Cultural Show Children's rides & entertainment and lots more |
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The committee is organising an inter class soccer tournament. As a highlight we are negotiating with Amazulu to play an exhibition soccer match against our First Team.

Entrance fees are set at R10 per person. Learners are encouraged to buy a DHS 3 DAY PASS a minimal cost of R20. Learners who sell the highest number of tickets in EACH GRADE will be eligible to win a BLACKBERRY CELLPHONE. (Terms and conditions apply).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As this is a mammoth undertaking for DHS we NEED your help. Please contact Bharat Ramjee or any members of our committee for ANY details regarding STALLS, SPONSORSHIP, SHOWS any information. Any form of assistance will be HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THIS IS A DHS INITIATIVE!

SPRING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:
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The Swansong of Norrie Da Silva

Featuring Belinda Henwood

Seabrooke's Theatre

DHS

June 8 & 9

Directed By
Michael Gritten

