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COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
- ◆ Mid Year Exams for Grades 8 to 12
- ◆ Rage at Seabrooke's
- ◆ Football Trials
- ◆ Rugby vs Conzaga College
- ◆ Long Weekend!!

From the Head Master's Desk

Last Friday I was privileged to attend a fundraiser for the filming of a documentary on leopards, *To Skin a Cat*. Old boys will be familiar with the project, as I authorised their promotional email to be sent out under the DHS banner. I did so for two reasons. Firstly the cause is a just one, and secondly the documentary is being shot by two old boys. Last Friday I attended the function and came away a very proud man. The project to save the leopard population from being decimated is being run by Panthera. It is based at Phinda, and is being run by a wonderful man called Tristan. It is the longest running, most extensive project of its kind in the world. Essentially the problem is that the leopard population is dwindling fast, mainly as a result of poaching. Panthera is trying to find ways of reducing the demand, by supplying artificial leopard skins to religious and cultural groups who use the skins with impunity. Tristan revealed that there are between three and four hundred leopard in KZN. He recently attended a Shembe Church meeting, where he saw at least 1000 leopard skins worn by participants!

The issue is not a simple one. The specific cultural and religious groupings have leopard skins as an integral part of their rituals, and are not willing to simply change. But the leopard population is declining, and urgent action is needed. As a result of political sensitivities, funding for the project is difficult to source. Corporate funding is simply not going to happen, and the film makers are relying on individuals to donate to the project. Two old boys have already stepped forward

with significant donations, but the film makers need more assistance to complete the project. Hence the fundraiser on Friday night.

I have started by saying I was a proud man on Friday night. I was proud that two old boys, Greg Lomas and Colwyn Thomas from the class of 1999, are the film makers. They have initiated the project to save these animals, and I am so proud of them for doing so. I also know that the finished product will be an excellent piece of film making. There were also works of art for sale from a number of artists, including Greg and Colwyn, and also Chris Mugnai. It was also great to see Neil Copen, also from the class of 99, supporting the project. Neil is rehearsing his *Magnum Opus, Abnormal Load*, for its premier on the main at Grahamstown. Significantly the original music for this ground breaking production is being written and performed by another talented old boy, Gary Thomas. Another old boy was also involved on the night. I taught Michael Cross many years ago, and he is now managing an exciting new musical group, The Hinds Brothers.

Driving home that night I felt very proud of these young men. They have chosen a path which is not easy, but so necessary and so creative. They are all making their name in the world of the arts, and contributing significantly to the development of a hugely exciting cultural movement in the country. I have nothing but admiration for their courage and commitment. I also remember the significant role that their schooling played in their development. People like Jean McBean, Geoff Mace and Jenni Schultz were a huge influence on



The Boarders having fun on the water logged fields at DHS.



Africa Majola, Fabian Henley and Aaron Katz assisted with moving the drama costumes to their new venue.



Exchange Student Tobias Naeschen of Germany

From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

these creative young minds, and there is no doubt that the space created for them at DHS helped nurture and inspire these creative spirits.

I hope old boys will support these young men in their endeavours, and that our society gives them the necessary support to continue allowing them to enrich our lives.

Chris Rein and Shaun Gray

The school was shocked to learn on Tuesday that Chris Rein has been diagnosed with leukaemia. He is currently in Westville Hospital, undergoing six weeks of treatment. The specialist is confident that with aggressive chemotherapy and good care he will recover completely. Chris is a long serving staff member, who is extremely popular with the staff and boys. He and Audrey, as well his two young children, Travis and Ashley, are regular visitors to functions at school as he has lived in Blackmore House for many years. He is renowned for his

Don't forget Founders' Day this weekend.

"Every thought is a seed. If you plant crab-apples, don't count on harvesting Golden Delicious."

Dave Magner

A proud old boy from the class of 1973

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good humour and sense of fun, and he loves his annual trip to Cobham with the Grade 10 boys.

I ask all of you to remember Chris and his family and pray for his safe recovery.

Mr Gray is making slow progress. He is safely off the ventilator, and has been moved from intensive care, He is not yet conscious, but is showing positive signs. Let us hope his progress continues.

Dave Magner
Head Master

New Costume Room for Drama

Thanks to the workmanship of Tony Heckler, the Dramatic Arts Department has housed its costumes in a better venue. The previous "storeroom" became too small for the costumes that have been collected over the years. Now there is sufficient hanging space and in a more secure venue.

If anyone has any interesting items that they'd like to get rid

of, we'd gladly accept them. Also, should you need anything for a party, etc. just ask - we may just have what you are looking for!

Africa Majola, Fabian Henley and Aaron Katz assisted with moving the costumes and are seen alongside promoting the new costume facility!

Rotary Exchange Student

Exchange Student from Cologne in Germany, Tobias Naeschen has been a student at Durban High School for the past 10 months and will be leaving this month to return to his life back home. His time in Durban was an enjoyable experience and the best year of his life thus far.

It was a cultural shock when he first arrived at the school but he adapted quickly to the lifestyle and mentioned that he would love to come back to visit in the future. When he finishes his schooling in Germany, he aspires to take up a career in the German Municipality.

Extra-Mural Results

RUGBY vs ST CHARLES

On Saturday DHS travelled to Pietermaritzburg to take on St Charles on their old boy's day. The day was a good one for School as all sides except the U16 age group won their games. The 1st XV were hoping to round the day off with a good performance against a fired up St Charles side.

School started the game well with a series of good phases which ended with Matthew Peters going over in the corner. It was clear that if DHS kept their structure, they would be far too strong for St Charles.

Unfortunately it was not to be, DHS began to make very basic errors and their discipline at ruck time resulted in them being heavily penalized. Besides all the errors, DHS were able to extend their lead when Payi scored; the score was now 10-0 to DHS.

St Charles then struck back when their fly-half ghosted through some poor DHS defense to put his left wing into the corner. The try was converted and all of a sudden the difference was only 3 points.

The second half was pretty much the same, DHS made far too many mistakes which took all the flow out of the game. St Charles drew first blood in the second half to tie up the scores. However, a piece of individual brilliance by Mbembe Payi got DHS back in front.

DHS were able to lift their game slightly and spent some time in the St Charles half. St Charles gave away a couple of penalties which allowed DHS to extend their lead, and ultimately take the game away from St Charles. The final score: 24-13.

DHS will have to lift their game significantly this week if they want to finish the season on a high and beat Hilton on founder's day.

1 st	DHS	24	SCC	13
2 nd	DHS	19	SCC	17
3 rd	DHS	21	SCC	5
4 th	DHS	19	SCC	14

U16A	DHS	7	SCC	13
U16B	DHS	14	SCC	22
U16C	DHS	5	SCC	8

U15A	DHS	35	SCC	0
U15B	DHS	52	SCC	7
U15C	DHS	36	SCC	0

U14A	DHS	42	SCC	3
U14B	DHS	42	SCC	0

HOCKEY vs ST CHARLES

1 st XI	DHS	0	SCC	5
2 nd XI	DHS	0	SCC	9

U16A	DHS	0	SCC	2
U16B	DHS	2	SCC	5

U14A	DHS	0	SCC	2
U14B	DHS	0	SCC	4
U14C	DHS	0	SCC	1

BADMINTON RESULTS

2 June

DHS A	6	Westville A	2
DHS B	5	Glenwood B	3
DHS D	5	Pinetown D	3

Player of the week: B Iyer

9 June

DHS B	5	Hillcrest A	3
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Player of the Week: R Maharaj

CHESS RESULTS vs NORTHWOOD

DHS	5½	G Campbell	4½
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CROSS COUNTRY at KEARSNEY

CANCELLED



Four happy Durban High School Cricketers have been selected for the KZN U19 Schools Cricket Squad. They are Back Row : Dian Kotze, John Grewer and Front Row: Jared Van Heerden and Richard Curtis



Three of the five boys from DHS who are proud to be selected for the U17 KZN Cricket Squad that will tour Benoni this year. They are from left: Tylor Trenoweth, Wayne Jean-Louis (reserve), and Aatish Maharaj.



Ainsley Ndlovu is one of three DHS boys selected for the U15 KZN Cricket Squad that will tour Benoni this July.



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Founders' Day Programme

- 10h00**
Opening of Don Speirs 1st Team Room - near Sports Office
- 10h30-11h30**
Tea for Spectators under Blue Gazebo
- 11h00**
Opening of AJ Human Lab in the Science Block
- 11h40**
Rugby Games Begin on Van Heerden/Nourse/Top Field
- 12h00-14h00**
Lunch for Invited Guests in Founders (AJ Human Room)
- 15h00-16h30**
Tea for Spectators under Blue Gazebo
- 15h40**
Guest of Honour arrives in Vintage Car on Van Heerden
- 16h00**
Tea for Head Master's Guests in Bradshaws
- 16h30**
Unveiling of Photo of DHS in Bradshaws
- 17h00**
1st XV Rugby Match on Van Heerden
- 18h30**
Sundowners Cocktail Party in DC Thompson Hall

The Weeks Ahead

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
Debating Training at DGHS : 09h00 to 13h00

Monday 13 June

Mid Years Exams : Grades 8-12
Football Trials from 12h00
Rage at Seabrooke's

Tuesday 14 June

Mid Years Exams : Grades 8-12
Football Trials from 12h00
Badminton B vs Thomas More (NBA Hall)

Wednesday 15 June

Mid Years Exams : Grades 8-12
Football Trials from 12h00
Rugby vs Conzaga College (from Ireland) : DHS from 15h00
Rage at Seabrooke's

Thursday 16 June

Public Holiday

Friday 17 June

School Holiday

Sunday 19 June

KZN Golf Trials : Round 4 : Royal Durban

Tuesday 21 June

Badminton B vs Westville (a)

Holiday Activities

KZN Debating Tournament in Wartburg : 24 to 26 June

The Weekend's Fixtures

RUGBY vs Hilton College (h) : Saturday 11 June 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	REFEREE
1 st XV	17h00	Van Heerden	D Gericke/B Adam	Union
2 nd XV	15h50	Van Heerden	A Stewart	Union
3 rd XV	13h40	Nourse	K Donaldson	C Bamber
4 th XV	CANCELLED		C Rein	
U16A	14h40	Nourse	C Wilkinson/B Qabathe	Union
U16B	11h40	Nourse	Wessels	Union
U16C	CANCELLED		Perks	
U15A	12h40	Nourse	G Brown/L van Zyl	Union
U15B	11h40	Top Field	T Sibiyi	R September
U15C	CANCELLED		O Gcilitshana	
U14A	13h40	Top Field	M Adam/Z Thome	A Stewart
U14B	12h40	Top Field	C Levin	B Qabathe
U14C	CANCELLED			
U14D	CANCELLED			

HOCKEY Fixtures vs Hilton College (h) : Saturday 11 June 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	UMPIRE
1 st	13h00	Riverside Astro	M Wiggett	Union
2 nd	11h50	Riverside Astro	T Kelly-Stack	S Wiggett
U16A	09h30	Riverside Astro	S Wiggett	T Kelly-Stack
U16B	10h40	Riverside Astro	S Crasso	R Williams
U14A	08h20	Riverside Astro	R Williams	S Crasso

HOCKEY Fixtures vs Hilton College (a) : Saturday 11 June 2011

U14B	10h00	Hilton Astro (a)	W Kockott	S Zungu
U14C	09h00	Hilton Astro (a)	S Zungu	W Kockott



DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL
 SPRING FESTIVAL
 DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER - 02 OCTOBER 2011
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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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| A Rock Concert | Zulu Cultural Show |
| Eastern Extravaganza | Children's rides & entertainment |
| Fashion shows | and lots more |
| Master & Miss Spring Festival | |

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 at 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).

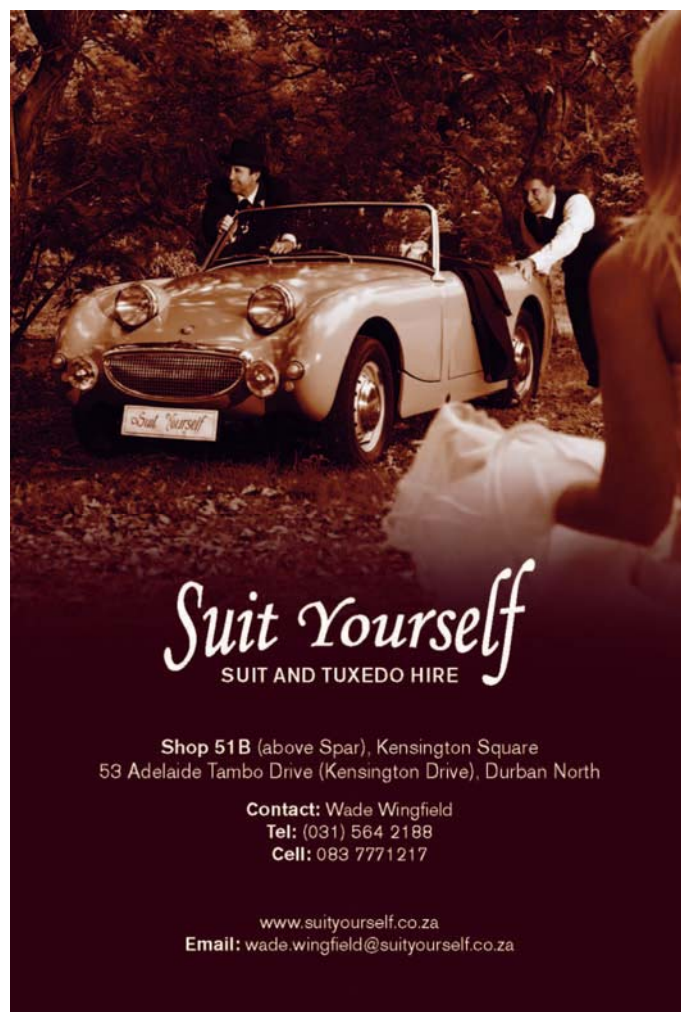
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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 or any information. Any form of assistance will be HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THIS IS A DHS INITIATIVE!

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Please note: Limited access to the July proceedings.