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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Long Weekend
- ◆ Grade 8 Parents' Evening
- ◆ Mr Wagner's Birthday
- ◆ Night Football vs Westville
- ◆ Grade 10 & 11 GB Parents' Evening
- ◆ Singing Swing
- ◆ Bandana Day
- ◆ Football vs College

From the Head Master's Desk

Last week's trip to Cobham was a difficult and sobering experience for all of us. I have never taken the Berg for granted and have always understood that being up there is not something to be taken lightly. I have never, however, realised just how quickly things can change in what is a beautiful, but sometimes dangerous environment. On Monday 25 July at 4pm, the snow arrived. With two groups on the mountain, it was a tremendous concern for us all. Parents in Durban were obviously aware of the weather problems, and some were frantic about their boys. It was difficult to establish what was going on, but my communication with the staff indicated that the boys were safe. Nonetheless, I travelled to Cobham the next morning to see for myself what was happening. I am very grateful that I did go. I was able to experience first-hand the courage, determination and grit of the boys. Sitting around a roaring fire on Tuesday and listening to the boys singing lustily was a great experience. On that day I had been able to travel to all the venues where the boys were, and was able to satisfy myself that they were all safe and in good spirits despite the cold and wet.

Quite clearly one learns lessons from this experience. We have to improve our communication. That is very clear. We also need to ensure that parents are kept well informed. Parents need to understand, however, that the staff is experienced and capable. We understand that the Drakensberg is a dangerous environment, and should never be taken for granted. We have always utilised the services of Spirit of Adventure to assist us in this exercise. Their staff members are highly trained, and safety is paramount for them. We will be

meeting with them to discuss the events of last week, and where necessary changes will be made. I certainly do not want the exercise to cease. I believe that the boys have had an amazing experience, which will help them to grow as individuals. Adversity helps build character, and I have no doubt that the boys who experienced Cobham 2011 will be better people because of what they went through. First and foremost, however, I am relieved that no-one was hurt.

On Saturday 30 July the annual Matric Dance was held at the iconic Moses Mabhida stadium. The event was a fabulous success. The venue was stunning, and the boys had a fantastic evening of fun. My thanks go to Mrs Nagiah who did a brilliant job in organising this event. My congratulations go to the boys, who were impeccably behaved. I received many compliments from the staff at the facility, who were deeply impressed by the good manners of the boys. Well done, guys, I hope that the evening was all you had hoped for. I am sure it will be an event long remembered.

Chris Rein, after a brief spell back at home, is back in hospital for his second treatment of chemotherapy. Those of you who know him will know that he has a tremendous love of life, and he has endured his travails with dignity and courage. We ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he battles this insidious disease. Our thoughts are also with his wonderful family as they cope with the worry. We are confident he will win his battle, and we look forward to his being back with us. Shaun Gray has had a setback, but he is also making good progress. He is also showing



Photos taken at the Matric Dance



Hands Up for Change!
Jes Foord and with the DHS boys.
 To find out more about the Jes Foord Foundation contact 031 765 4559 or visit www.jjf.org.za

From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

typical courage in battling his affliction, and I am confident that he too will overcome his illness. He is a man of tremendous optimism, and he has shown great fortitude in dealing with his difficulties. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Shaun, and also with your wife, Menoli, and we look forward to seeing you back on your feet.

Events like these make us realise what is important in life. We often allow ourselves to be dragged down by the daily

grind, but the sanctity of life is our most treasured asset. Keep focussed on this, and the pettiness of the world just fades away. Even the ANCYL's teletubby pales into insignificance - where he belongs!

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary." Vidal Sassoon.
 "Inch by inch, life's a cinch. Yard by yard, life is hard."
 Unknown

Have a great week.
 Dave Magner : Class of 1973

World Knowledge Olympiad

DHS boys and staff once again acquitted themselves very well in the World Knowledge Olympiad which the whole school wrote last term.

The results were as follows:
 As a school, DHS was placed 1st in the Category Large Schools category (650 learners and more participating).

DHS was ranked 1st in the Hall of Fame (schools who have entered all the learners in the school).

Grade 8:

- Brandon Douwie (8P) was placed 2nd in KZN

Grade 10:

- Nicholas Conyngham (10H) was placed 2nd in South Africa and 1st in KZN

Grade 11:

- Yanga Mthembu (11G) was placed 1st in KZN
- Ismail Dhan (11B) was placed 2nd in KZN

The results of the fiercely competitive staff were:

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| 1 st | Dave 'Lead from the Front' Magner and Conal Levin |
| 2 nd | Warwick Goodwin |
| 3 rd | Buffy Bischoff |
| 4 th | Shaun Gray |
| 5 th | Alan Norton |

Hands Up for Making a Change

Jessica Foord, founder of the Jes Foord Foundation that helps survivors of all forms of abuse and rape, spoke at Durban High School this week to create awareness of the effects of rape and to encourage the boys attending to make a change for their generation's sake.

"Men do not rape; cowards rape" said Jes during her heartfelt talk to the 800 Grade 8 to 11 boys attending. The boys asked valuable questions about her ordeal, but the question that raised the loudest cheer was related to the sentencing of the criminals, which showed they appreciated that justice had been served.

Jes has spoken at a number high schools in and around Durban and said that the all-boys schools seem to be the most interactive, as was the case at DHS. At the end of her talk, all of the boys put up their hands to aim towards making a change and becoming men of tomorrow that will oppose rape and abuse. The Power to change begins with all of them!

DHS will continue to stand up against rape during their sports games and raise money towards the Jes Foord Foundation. This term, they will title each soccer game as "Soccer against Rape" and aim to score a goal in the direction of change!

Extra-Mural Results

FOOTBALL vs ST CHARLES

1 st XI	0	SCC	1
2 nd XI	0	SCC	2
3 rd XI	3	SCC	2
U15A	2	SCC	1
U15B	7	SCC	0
U15C	1	SCC	0
U15D	0	SCC	1
U14A	1	SCC	0
U14B	2	SCC	0
U14C	5	SCC	1
U14D	0	SCC	1
U14E	3	SCC	1
U14F	3	SCC	4

FOOTBALL vs NORTHWOOD

1 st	2	N'wood	2
2 nd	0	N'wood	2
3 rd	4	N'wood	1
4 th	2	N'wood	4
5 th	2	N'wood	1
6 th	3	N'wood	0
U16A	2	N'wood	1
U16B	2	N'wood	2
U16C	1	N'wood	3
U16D	1	N'wood	2
U15A	1	N'wood	0
U15B	2	N'wood	0
U15C	1	N'wood	3
U15D	3	N'wood	1
U15E	3	N'wood	2
U14A	1	N'wood	2
U14B	4	N'wood	0
U14C	9	N'wood	0
U14D	3	N'wood	0
U14E	1	N'wood	3
U14F	1	N'wood	2

SPORT CLIMBING

BOYS U15

D Hulett, L Msomi and C Dafel were tied 1st.

BOYS U17

J Salt	1 st
J Pillai	3 rd
L Sosibo	7 th
L Penn	8 th
G Imray	9 th
K Naidoo	10 th

BOYS U19

A Majola	8 th
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INDOOR HOCKEY vs NORTHWOOD

U14A	7	N'wood	U14B	1
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ATHLETICS at HILTON COLLEGE

On 30 July a group of athletes participated at the Hilton College meeting. They did very well achieving ten 1st places, twelve 2nd places and five 3rd places.

1st places were achieved by:

U14			
A Mwangi	100m		
	Long Jump		
H Peters	Javelin		
U15			
D Palframan	100m, 400m		
	4x100m Relay Team		
U16			
N Mtshengu	High Jump		
Open			
E Mongwambe	400m		
P Siame	High Jump		
C Donkin	Javelin		

2nd Places were achieved by:

U14			
H Peters	400m		
	High Jump		
U15			
M Peter	Long Jump		
C Govender	100m		
J Donkin	Javelin		
	4x100m relay "B" Team		

U16

L Mateyisi	Long jump
J DeWett	800m

Open

E Mongwambe	100m
	Long Jump
M Hayes	Shot Put
	4x100m Relay Team

3rd Places were achieved by:

U14			
J Pieterse	Shot Put		

Congratulations!

- ◆ Mbembe Payi has been selected for the U18 Junior Commonwealth 7s Rugby Team to participate in the Junior Commonwealth Games to be held on the Isle of Man from 28 August to 14 September.
- ◆ Conal Levin (staff member) has been selected for the KZN Wildebeest Rugby XV and will be going on tour to Saldanha Bay from 18 to 24 September.

Singing Swing

Don't forget to book your tickets for the DHS's latest musical offering, *Singing Swing*, which runs from 18 to 20 August in Seabrooke's.

With a playlist that includes modern takes on old favourites such as *Come Fly with Me* and *New York, New York* as well as numbers such as Michael Bubl 's *Everything*, the show will also guest feature members of staff and promises to be a polished, modern spin on classic swing.

The starting time is 19h30 and tickets are R40 pp. **BOOKING IS NOW OPEN.**

For more information, telephone: 031-277 1500 or e-mail:

seabrooke's@durbanhighschool.co.za



U15

T Bianchina	Shot Put
T Steyn	Javelin

U16

L Mateyisi	100m
N Mtshengu	Long Jump

Congratulations to D Palframan who was awarded the track athlete of the meeting for his 400m and N Mtshengu who was awarded the Jumper of the Meeting.



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Help Us Find Ex-DHS Pupils who fought in the Boer War!

Durban High School is making a call to the public to put forward the names of ex-DHS pupils that fought in the Anglo-Boer War.

We would like to pay tribute to the good deeds of these men on November 11, 2011 which is Armistice Day. DHS would like to honour the memories of the Old Boys who died in these wars by listing each name on the Memorial Wall at school.

For more information call 031-277 1500 or email admin@durbanhighschool.co.za

Unwanted Rugby and Soccer Boots

Gareth Simpson (8W) is collecting second hand rugby and soccer boots, which he will clean and sort and then take to two schools that DHS currently have ties with.

Boys are asked to bring in any unwanted second hand boots and take them to Mr Marc Adam's office, which will be the collection point for the boots. Please assist Gareth with this worthy cause.

The Weeks Ahead

Thursday 4 August

Grade 8 Selling Week
Grade 12 Drama Prac Finals
U14 Indoor Hockey vs Crawford LL

Friday 5 August

Women's Day Walk
Test Day : English
Inter House Athletics
Softball vs Hillcrest
Chess Finals : DC Thompson Hall
Set Up for Visual Arts Finals

Saturday 6 August

U14/U15/U16 and 1st XI Football Festivals

Monday 8 August

U18 Indoor Hockey vs Nrthwood 1
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Tuesday 9 August

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 10 August

Visual Art Moderation
Vietnam Tour Launch
Campbell Book Launch

Thursday 11 August

Grade 8 Parents Evening : 17h30
RLC Nominations Close
Prefect Application Forms In
Visual Art Moderation
U14 Indoor Hockey
Mr Magner's Birthday!!

Friday 12 August

Night Football at Westville
Take Down Visual Arts

Monday 15 August

RCL Voting
U18 Indoor Hockey vs Glenwood

Tuesday 16 August

English Paper 3 : Grade 12
RCL 2012 Announced
Rugby Dinner
U16 Indoor Hockey vs Howick

Wednesday 17 August

Afrikaans Paper 3 : Grade 12
Prefect Voting
Gr 10 & 11 GB Parents' Evening

Thursday 18 August

U14 Indoor Hockey vs Kloof
Swinging Sing : 18 to 20 August

Friday 19 August

Bandana Day
Softball vs Westville

Saturday 20 August

Football vs College

Sunday 21 August

Inter-Schools Climbing : Round 2



The Weekend's Fixtures

FOOTBALL vs PINETOWN (h) : Friday 5 August 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	REFEREE
1 st	18h30	van Heerden	van Niekerk	Maree
U16A	16h30	van Heerden	Perks	Coskey
U15A	17h30	van Heerden	Henri	Norton
U14A	15h30	van Heerden	Crasso	Sibiya

FOOTBALL vs PINETOWN (h) : Saturday 8 August 2011

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH	REFEREE
2 nd	12h00	van Heerden	Sibiya	Maree
3 rd	10h00	van Heerden	Norton	September
4 th	12h00	Nourse	DHS	Paulsen
U16B	11h00	Van Heerden	Thavarayan	Gcilitshana
U15B	09h00	van Heerden	Coskey	Barnes
U15C	11h00	Nourse	Barnes	Zondo
U14B	10h00	Nourse	Paulsen	Coskey
U14C	09h00	Nourse	Zondo	Thavarayan

DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SINGING SWING

18 - 20 AUGUST
19h30
R40pp

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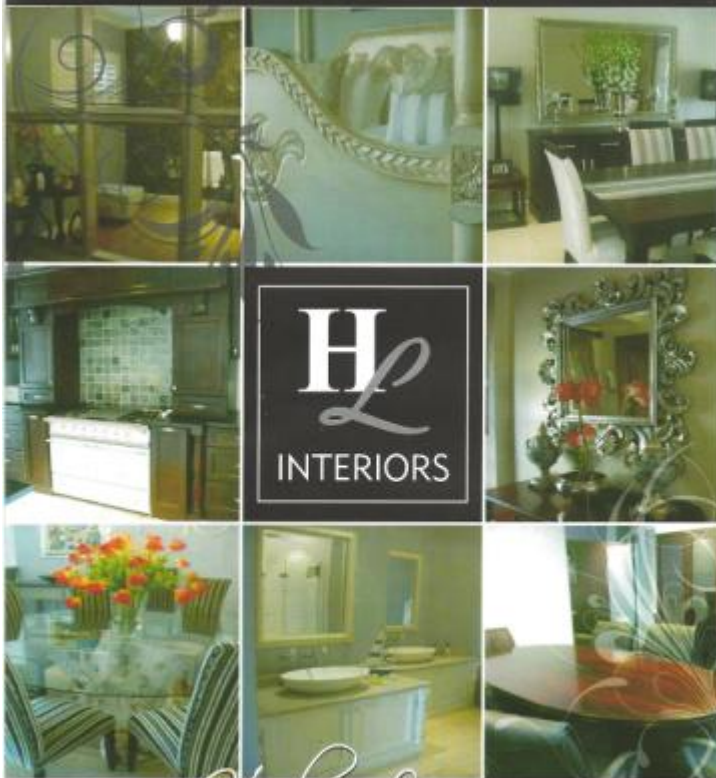
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VIETNAM TOUR LAUNCH

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