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- ◆ Football vs Glenwood
- ◆ Yes, We Think We Can Dance
- ◆ I-S Climbing Finals
- ◆ Play List at Seabrooke's
- ◆ Dale McDermott Golf Day
- ◆ Dancing With The Stars!

Last Thursday's Memorial to Shaun Gray was a moving and very emotional event. I was pleased to see the boys arrive in numbers, and the staff were also very evident in their support. I have no doubt that a few tears were shed on Thursday, but it was a beautiful send off for a special man. Thank you for sharing your life with us. We have all been enriched by you. To Menoli we send all our love.

The Matrics start their trials this week, and I hope they have prepared well. They write under Matric Exam conditions, and this is their final test before Finals. The staff have been concerned as many boys just do not seem to care. I hope parents are being strong and insisting their sons make the necessary sacrifices. It is unfortunate that some parents appear to have lost any vestiges of control they may once have had over their children. It is a constant source of amazement to me to see how some parents allow their sons to rule their lives. I am a firm believer in sons showing respect to parents, and being given very firm boundaries whilst at school. Many parents appear scared of their kids. Some say to me that they do not want their children to dislike them, so they give their sons what they want. I wish they would understand that sons need boundaries and rules. Your son will ultimately have no respect for you if all you are concerned about is being his

friend. You are his parent, and sometimes that will mean you are a friend, but sometimes not. After over 30 years of being "in loco parentis", I can say without hesitation that disciplining your son is the single most difficult, but ultimately rewarding aspect of bringing up boys. If you really love your son, do not let him tell you what to do.

At long last it appears as if the ANC's Reception Unit Teletubby is being reigned in. At the time of writing I do not know the outcome of his Chubbiness's hearing, but I hope he gets hammered. He is nothing but a rude, disrespectful and self absorbed ignoramus. What a week it has been. The Loonie of Libya appears to have abandoned his Gilt Palace, despite avowing "Victory or Martyrdom!", and rumour has it he has sought refuge with the Tin Pot Dictator North of the Limpopo. I am sure the two tyrants will have lots to talk about!

"Better to do something imperfectly than do nothing flawlessly." Robert Schuller

Enjoy the week.

Dave Wagner
Class of 1973





Mr Magnier gives Mr Rein's bald head a fond pat!



Ms Pennington and Maqhawe Madonsela play at the Musical High Notes concert organised by Ms Pennington, Head of Music at DHS



*Rotary Exchange Students
Back Row: Jireh Mabamba, Thibaut Grassot (France), Cameron Coleman,
Middle Row: Themba Gwegweni,
Sakhile Nene, Tony Human and Front
Row: Max Munck (Germany)*



Mr Magnier, Mr Neave, Mr Oddy and Mr Pike at the DPHS Flag Raising Ceremony

Chris Rein

We have had the pleasure of Chris Rein's company for the past couple of weeks as he was allowed out of hospital to stay at home. He has popped in to School occasionally to visit and to do some work. It has been great to have his cheerful face around the School again.

We wish Chris well as he goes back to hospital for his third and final stint of chemo treatment at Westville Hospital. He will be in there for a whole month!

Good luck, Chris! We'll all be thinking of you.

Musical High Notes

There could not have been a more suitably chosen title for the DHS Music Department event which was held in the AJ Human Room on Tuesday, 23 August.

The brainchild of our new Head of Music, Miss Pennington, the line-up included the DPHS Gumboot Dance Team, singers from Durban Girls' College, Northlands Girls' High School and Penzance Primary School plus, obviously, our own musos. This resulted in a variety of music from Piazzolla to traditional African songs. Each group had clearly arrived

prepared to give of their best and they certainly all delivered. (There were clearly some stand-out "highlights", but we don't want to appear biased!)

In a week that was a difficult and emotionally draining one for the school, this evening helped to ease the sorrow, uplift the spirits and, yet again, prove that the youth and their talents have the ability to help us rise above it all to the highest note. A special thanks to Miss Pennington for her superb idea and wonderful organisation of this (hopefully) annual event! Bravo!

Yes, We Think We Can Dance!

This is a unique show!

Four Durban schools have choreographed their own dance pieces simply for the love of dance. The result is a varied mix of styles and thus this show is a kaleidoscope of dance. More impressive is that the work is virtually all done by the participants. Schools involved are: Durban High School, Northlands Girls' High, Glenwood High and Queensburgh Girls' High.

No hidden messages, no theme, no story - dance for the sake of dancing! Oh ... and a surprise too!

Come and enjoy an hour of the work of our youth at Seabrooke's Theatre from 8 - 10 September at 7pm. Tickets are R40 and can be booked by phoning 031-277 1500 or e-mail seabrooke's@durbanhighschool.co.za



Dancing With the Stars!

The DHS Moms' Com are hosting a ladies Night - *Dancing With the Stars!* - on 20 September in the DHS Hall from 7pm.

A 3 course meal and entertainment will be provided. Tickets are R200 per person. Please support the evening as

the funds raised will be used to purchase data projectors and laptops for the classrooms.

To book your ticket/table please contact Audrey Claassen on 083-265 3590 or audsclaassen@telkomsa.net

Come dancing

Extra-Mural Results



Congratulations!

FOOTBALL vs KEARSNEY

Team	DHS	Kearsney
1 st XI	3	2
2 nd XI	0	3
3 rd XI	0	1
4 th XI	2	3
5 th XI	2	5

16A	1	4
16B	2	5
16C	0	2

15A	1	2
15B	6	2
15C	1	1
15D	0	2
15E	2	5

14A	0	2
14B	3	2
14C	1	4
14D	3	0
14E	1	2
14F	3	1
14G	6	0
14H	5	5



INDOOR HOCKEY

U16	DHS	1	Clifton	9
U18	DHS	3	Clifton	0
U18	DHS	0	T More	6
U18	DHS	8	Clifton	4

ATHLETICS CANCELLED OWING TO BAD WEATHER

SOFTBALL

U19A	20	Kingsway	U19A	4
U19A	13	Westville	U19B	12
U16A		vs Hillcrest	U16A	

(DHS won on points as Hillcrest did not arrive)



GOLF

DHS A	4	Northwood A	0
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SIDNEY ATKINSON CHAMPIONSHIP

On Thursday 25 August DHS hosted the inaugural Sidney Atkinson Championship. This Championship is envisioned to become the KZN equivalent of the Inter-High Championship in Pretoria. This meeting is a great opportunity for the boys to test themselves against the top athletes from our traditional rivals. The schools participating were Glenwood, Westville Boys, Suid Natal, St Charles and Michaelhouse.

With DHS hosting the competition it would have been a shame to perform badly, as the athletes have been training hard throughout the year with this being the highlight of the third term, and I do believe that all the hard work and dedication has paid off with our athletes producing some excellent results.

DHS produced 17 first places, 9 second places and 7 third places. As this is a new meeting first place results are counted as records for the years to come.

The following first places were achieved:

U15:

C Govender	100m : 11,35
L Hose	1500m : 4:40,25
A Mwanga	Long Jump : 6,12
D Palframan	200m : 23,1
	400m : 50,75
4x100m Relay	46,8

U17:

C Donkin	Discus : 44,39m
	Javelin : 52,42m
L Mateyisi	Long Jump : 6,78m
	Triple Jump : 13,61m

Open:

N Memela	Triple Jump : 12,10m
E Mongwambe	200m : 23,5
	400m : 52,05
	Long Jump : 6,52m
W Russouw	Discus : 32,09m
P Siame	High Jump : 1,88m
	Javelin : 40,69m

♦ Thabo Sithole (Grade 10) and Patson Siame (Grade 11) are attending *Basketball Without Borders* in JHB until 4 September where they will compete with players from African countries - 100 boys from all around Africa were selected. It's a life time opportunity to be with NBA players/coaches. Scouts from America and Europe also attend. After *Basketball Without Borders* Thabo Sithole goes to the Western Cape to prepare for the World 3 ON 3 games in Italy which take place from 7-13 September 2011.

♦ The SA U19 Badminton team won the inter-continental Badminton Championships in Mauritius. In the individuals, Reneshan Naidoo lost to the No.1 seed in 3 sets and he and his Doubles partner lost in the Finals in a very tight 3 sets. He brought home a Gold and Silver medal and a Silver Cup.



Mr Magner and Athletes, Eddie Mongwambe and Cameron Donkin, hold the newly refurbished Sidney Atkinson Trophy

It was great to see the traditional rivalry of the boys carried out onto the athletics track. Every boy that competed gave their best and DHS was rewarded with an outstanding win with the final points being:

1 st	DHS	540
2 nd	Glenwood	498
3 rd	Westville	326
4 th	Suid Natal	239
5 th	St Charles	151
6 th	MHS	148



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CANSA Relay for Life

The Moms' Com and a team of DHS boys participated in the CANSA Relay for Life at the Westville Correctional Services field (wardens' section!) on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the event was not well attended, but this did not prevent everyone from having fun!

The Moms, as usual, did a sterling job with organising the coffee and muffins and doughnuts to sell to raise funds for CANSA. And they didn't stop walking the whole night! Well done Audrey and Roelien!

The boys on the other hand didn't do that much walking, but they did stay up all night playing soccer, rugby and singing in the karaoke!

And then there were those who just made themselves comfortable!



The Weeks Ahead

Friday 2 September

Softball vs St Henrys

Trials - Session 1 : Afrik/Zulu

Session 2 : Art

Sunday 4 September

Inter-Schools Climbing : Round 3

Monday 5 September

Trials - Session 1 : LO

Session 2 : English

Tuesday 6 September

U16 Indoor Hockey vs Nrthwood 1

Trials - Session 1 : Physical

Science

Wednesday 7 September

Trials - Session 1 : Life Sciences

Thursday 8 September

Trials - Session 1 : Geog 1 and

Session 2 : Geog 2

Yes, We Think We Can Dance :

8 to 10 September

Friday 9 September

Trials - Session 1 : Maths/Maths
Lit 1

Football vs Glenwood

Softball vs Northwood

Sunday 11 September

I-S Climbing Finals

Wednesday 14 September

Play List at Seabrooke's : 14-15
September

Thursday 15 September

Dale McDermott Golf Day at Royal
Durban

Friday 16 September

Softball vs Glenwood

Saturday 17 September

Cricket vs Westville

International Coastal CleanUp Day

Friday 23 September

Prefects Announced



Wishing U A
HAPPY SPRING!



DHS Poetry Club Closed MIC

On Wednesday, 24 August, the DHS Poetry Club hosted a closed mic session in Seabrooke's Theatre.

This was a primarily learner organised and executed event and again, our boys never cease to amaze! The line-up included guests from neighbouring schools and this resulted in poetry of varying styles and content being very competently delivered. Judging by the response from the capacity crowd, their messages were being heard loudly and clearly! Never let it be said that this generation has nothing to say. Their comments on society and its issues are perceptive and, unfortunately, accurate.

Congratulations to Cebo Ntuli and his team for making it happen and to Mr Dunn for introducing this important means of expression at DHS.



*Cebo Ntuli, Chairman of the
Poetry Club, in action at the
Closed MIC*





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