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From the Head Master's Desk

These are what I think are VERY sensible aims for a Head. They come from Rod Smith. He and I were at Varsity together in the distant past, and he now works in the USA and has a column in the Mercury.

"Empowered is the school principal who:

1. Has the support, trust and encouragement of the school community, even when unpopular decisions are necessary.
2. Doesn't have to combat an internal political minefield among the leadership, teachers and parents to get work accomplished.
3. Is sufficiently aware and respectful of the school's history, yet does not allow it to compromise the school's future.
4. Is not surrounded by "yes" men and women who have lost their capacity to think.

5. Identifies the inevitable lunatic fringe that exists in every parent community and effectively resists their agendas, ignores their rumours and remains aware of their proclivity to disrupt and damage learning communities.
6. Is not engulfed by manipulative parents who use money and status to enforce their will.
7. Is not too busy to have meaningful, daily contact with pupils.
8. Knows the most dissatisfied parents are usually those who are unhappy at home.
9. Does not sacrifice family or personal life for the sake of the school, knowing that the two areas are inextricably connected."

Have a great holiday!

Dave Wagner
Class of 1973

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Spring Fair
- ◆ Holiday Activities
- ◆ Extra-Mural Photographs
- ◆ Speech Day
- ◆ Matric Final Assembly
- ◆ Blackmore House Dinner
- ◆ Basketball/Cricket vs Glenwood
- ◆ Prefect Camp

Congratulations to the New Prefects!

The new prefect body for 2011/2012 was announced in assembly on Friday. Congratulations to Head Prefect, Damian Perkins.

The Prefect body for 2011/2012 is as follows:

Head Prefect: Damian Perkins
Deputy Head Prefects: Andrew Kellner, Nkqubela Arosi

Prefects:	Mogamat Booley	Byron Bromham
	Cameron Donkin	Vikash Gopal
	Jevil Govan	Darren Govender
	Mitchell Hayes	Wesley Kusada
	Aatish Maharaj	Mathew Jo Mathew
	Pedro Miguel	Gilmore Munro
	Brenton Naicker	Tremayne Naidoo
	Meegashen Narainsamy	Jean-Pierre Pieterse
	Kreesan Pillay	Matthew Plumstead
	S'mangaliso Sibisi	Shivar Sobrun
	Aco Stulic	



New Durban High School Head Prefect, Damian Perkins (centre), with his new Deputy Head Prefects, Andrew Kellner (left) and Nkqubela Arosi



New RCL Chairman, Darren Govender (right), with his Vice Chairman, Jevil Govan



*A Knowledgeable Achievement!
Rayhaan Younuss, winner of the Grade 8 DHS General Knowledge Quiz is congratulated by Mr Oddy, the DHS Archivist*



*Green Fingers!
Two trees were planted at DHS earlier in the month to celebrate Arbor Day. Joining the DHS learners and staff was Ward Councillor, Jethro Lefevre (right)*

Congratulations to the New RCL!

The new RCL Committee was also announced in Assembly on Friday 23 August. Congratulations to Chairman, Darren Govender.

The RCL Committee for 2011/2012 is as follows:

Chairman:	Darren Govender	
Vice Chairman:	Jevil Govan	
Secretary:	Mthokozisi Ntshingila	
Treasurer:	Maqhawe Madonsela	
Staff Liaisons:	Damien Perkins, Brenton Naicker	
Maintenance Officer:	Andrew Kellner	
PRO:	Nikhil Maharaj	
Committee Members:	Byron Bromham	Rowan Bromham
	Nischay Chetty	Haydn Henning
	Thando Hlongwane	Fabian Henley
	Nihal Jhavary	Ian Lee
	Thabisa Malimela	Kerwin Newton
	Miguel Pedro	Steven Prinsloo

Life in the DHS Cultural Lane ...

In preparing for the end-of-term Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, I reflected on the achievements of the members of the committee and those who they lead.

We have notched up a number of very exciting events over the last eleven weeks:

- Two learners represented DDCL at the KZNSDA Provincial Debating Tournament (Mr Cele) during the holidays and achieved excellent results
- Five of our lads participated in the hugely successful **Seussical, the Musical** at the Sneddon Theatre
- **The Matric Dance** (Mrs Nagiah) - a splendid occasion at the Moses Mabhida Stadium
- DHS hosted the **Durban and Districts Chess Finals** (Mrs Nagiah) and finished in fifth position
- **Singing Swing** (Music Department, directed by Miss Smith) had a very successful run in Seabrooke's Theatre
- **Musical High Notes and Playlist** (both organised by Miss Pennington) saw new and exciting talent emerging
- The Poetry Club (Mr Dunn) hosted a **Closed Mic** session

in Seabrooke's which included poets from other schools

- Our musicians, organised by Miss Pennington and Mr Wilkinson, performed at the **ABSA Kollig Fair** at Port Natal High School
- **Yes, We think we can Dance** (a new dance show) played to full houses at Seabrooke's
- Six of our singers were chosen for the **KZN Youth Choir** (Mrs Peter assisted with their preparation)
- **King Chicken** gave everyone a well-deserved laugh at the end-of-term
- Mr Ramjee organised the **Spring Fair** (currently taking place at the time of going to press!)

On behalf of your sons, I extend sincere thanks to all of the staff members who have made all of this happen, often at the expense of their personal and family time. We are very fortunate to have these dedicated and talented people in our midst and acknowledge that they go more than the extra mile ... in the fast lane.

C Chapman
Head of Cultural Activities

Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET vs COLLEGE

1st XI College 206
(Maharaj 4/32, Booley 4/58)
DHS 177
(Grewar 38, Kotze 33)
Lost by 29 runs

2nd XI DHS 91
College 92/3
Lost by 7 wickets

3rd XI DHS 60/10
College 62/0
Lost by 10 wickets

U16A DHS 153
(De Wet 38)
College 149
(Pruthab 4/31)
Won by 4 runs

U16B DHS 53/10
College 53/0
Lost by 10 wickets

U16C College 195/6
(Asmail 3/43)
DHS 68
Lost by 127 runs

U16D College 197/7
DHS 68
Lost by 129 runs

U15A DHS 178
(Kisten 37, Naidoo 41)
College 183/2
Lost by 8 wickets

U15B DHS 57
College 61/4
Lost by 6 wickets

U15C College 171/5
DHS 45
Lost by 126 runs

U15D Match cancelled

U15E College 137/6
DHS 123
Lost by 15 runs

U14A College 278/7
(Clarke 3/49)
DHS 181
(Bryan 67)
Lost by 97 runs

U14B College 255/9
DHS 252/9
Lost by 3 runs

U14C College 238
DHS 187
Lost by 51 runs

U14D DHS 59
College 60/5
(Cooper 4/6)
Lost by 5 wickets

U14E College 188
DHS 126
Lost by 7 wickets

U14F DHS 50
College 52/0
Lost by 10 wickets

U14G Match called off due to weather conditions

BASKETBALL vs COLLEGE

Team	DHS	College
1 st	91	43
2 nd	44	16
U16A	40	25
U15A	18	34
U15B	23	16
U14A	22	21
U14B	33	12
U14C	14	6

WATER POLO FESTIVAL at CLIFTON

DHS	3	Clifton	5
DHS	2	Affies	2
DHS	1	St Peter's	3
DHS	5	Thomas More	3
DHS	5	St John's	11
DHS	9	St Stithians	8
DHS	1	Kearsney	5

DHS finished 6th out of 16 schools.

GOLF vs WESTVILLE

DHS A	3	Westville A	5
DHS B	2½	Westville B	5½

Congratulations!

- ◆ Tarak Pema and Yasien Meth have been selected for the KZN Swimming Team. They will compete at the 5th SA Games in Polokwane in September.
- ◆ DHS Old Boy, Grant Robertson, made his debut for SA Hockey vs Argentina last week.
- ◆ After losing to Crawford by 1 point in the KZN School Surfing League, David van Zyl, Keagan Wright and Kane Bennewith of DHS participated as an invitational team in the SA Schools Surfing Festival in Cape Town - and once again they brought the trophy back to DHS. DHS Surfers have won the SA Schools Festival every year since 2006.
- ◆ David van Zyl was awarded Surfer of the Contest at the SA Schools Surfing Champs.
- ◆ Rayhaan Younuss in Grade 8 won the DHS General Knowledge Exam. He won by 1 point after a re-test!



David van Zyl surfs the high seas at the SA Schools Surfing Champs in Cape Town, where he was awarded Surfer of the Contest

SOFTBALL vs THOMAS MORE

U16A DHS won on forfeit
U19A DHS won 16 - 6

DHS U19A ended in the 2nd place for the 2011 season (losing only two games).
DHS U16A ended in the 5th place for the 2011 season.



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DHS Old Boys Association

The DHS Association has employed a new contact person for the Association. Her name is Lizelle Blair.

Lizelle's contact details are as follows:

- 084-353 6715 or
- lizelleb@mweb.co.za

Please contact her if you have any queries regarding your membership status or your membership payments for 2011.

The Association is currently undergoing a revamp - keep a look out for details on the Relaunch Party shortly.

FaceBook - there is a new group - DHS Association - please join and add your views.

LinkedIn - we have started our new Business Partner Program on www.linkedin.com - look for the DHS Old Boys group.

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 30 September

School closes for 3rd Term : 10h45
DHS Spring Fair : 30/9 to 1/10

Monday 10 October

School opens for the 4th Term
DHS Spring Fair : 30/9 to 1/10

Tuesday 11 October

Extra-Mural Photographs

Wednesday 12 October

Water Polo vs Clifton (a)

Thursday 13 October

Senior Speech Day : 09h30

Friday 14 October

Matric Final Assembly : 08h00
Blackmore House Dinner
Basketball vs Glenwood

Saturday 15 October

Cricket vs Glenwood
Grey College Invitation Athletics

Sunday 16 October

Prefect Camp : 16 to 18 October

Holiday Activities:

Water Polo Tour to SACS :
30 September to 3 October
Climbing Nationals (Joburg) :
30 September to 3 October
Michaelmas Cricket Week at
Maritzburg College : 1 to
4 October
Charl van Rooyen U14 Cricket
Festival : Paarl : 1 to 5 October
Catch and Dr Pocket's Ocean
Commotion at Seabrooke's :
4 to 9 October
Fishing Club Excursion : 5 to
8 October

What's On at Seabrooke's

We are proud to be hosting DHS Old Boy, Jacobus van Heerden, in a double-bill during the October vacation (4 - 9 October):

DR POCKET'S OCEAN COMMOTION:

Come on an incredible ocean adventure with Bogie and Ned and meet fantastical creatures on the way. Pirates, sharks and sea-monsters all come to life in brilliant ultra - violet colours. Innovative props and staging make this an unforgettable journey for young and old. Suitable for all ages. Performances are at 11am (except Friday 7 October).

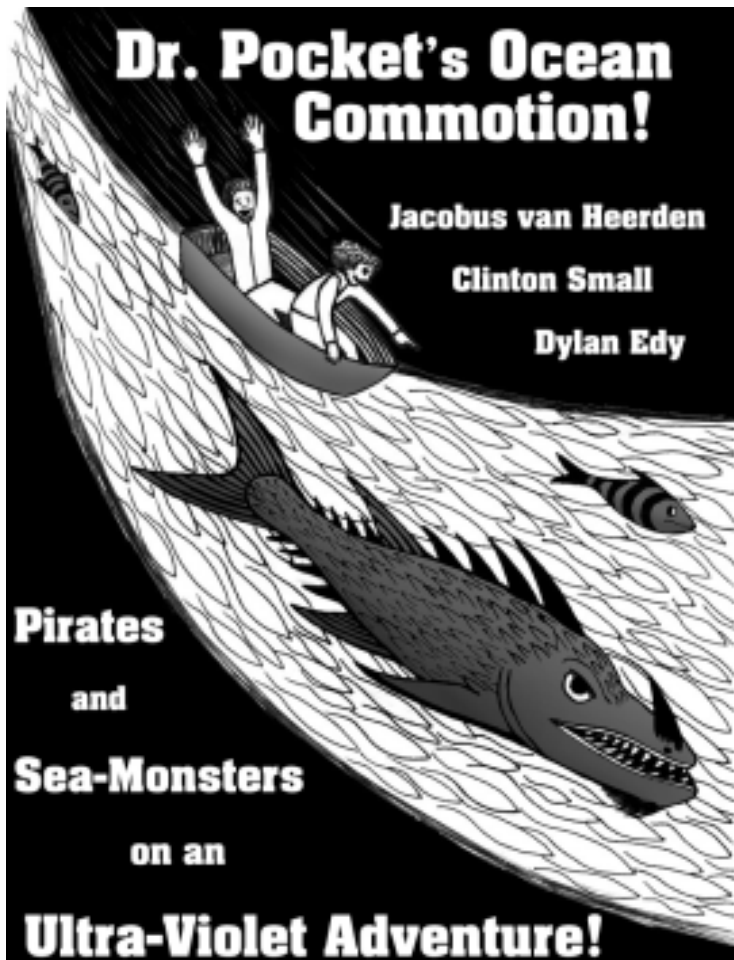
Tickets are R40; book by contacting 031-277 1570 or 084-637 1345.

CATCH! (The hilarious adventure of Felix and Fred):

Felix is a 22 year old wannabe rock star who runs away from home in the search of adventure. Fred is a 12 year old bird watching nerd who has been sent to live with his Gran for a year while his parents teach English in China. Both are newcomers to the town of Knysna where they form an unlikely friendship under the watchful eyes of Fred's overtly religious Gran, Glynis. Things go horribly wrong for Felix and Fred, however, when they embark on an illicit night time fishing expedition during which a disastrous mishap results in them being blackmailed for R5000 by a Thai drug dealer. Their attempts at raising their debt prove fruitless so with time running out they enter the Knysna Big Fish Challenge (Knysna's premier angling competition), in the hope of catching their salvation.

Catch debuted at this year's Musho festival where it received rave reviews before winning both the Audience Vote Award and the Suliman Pick of the Festival Awards. It is performed and written by Jacobus van Heerden and directed by Liam Wagner who together own The Neon Anthems Production Company. Together they have produced a number of shows including The Neon Anthems Flying Comedy Show, The Go Go Musical Comedy Show, Spun, Tokoloshe Come and Go and Catch! They have performed together more than 300 times and have toured their shows extensively throughout South Africa as well as in Zimbabwe.

Performances are nightly at 19h30. Tickets are R60 and can be booked by contacting 031-277 1570 or 084-637 1345.



BASIL MANNING FISHING EQUIPMENT

is looking for students, 16 years or older with fishing experience to work on weekends and school holidays at their Gateway and Durban branches. Interested students to please contact Natasha on 031-2632372 or e-mail sales@basilmanning.co.za for an application form.



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