



From the Head Master's Desk

Despite their loss to the Aussies in the One Day Series, I was extremely proud of Acting Protea's Captain and DHS Old Boy, Hashim Amla. It is a great honour for him and for the school to have the incumbent Captain a DHS boy, and confirms the proud Cricket tradition that the school has. I was never much of a cricketer myself - the Fiery Fourths was my limit - but I am immensely proud of the Cricket history of this school. We have worked hard to continue this tradition, and I am confident that in our juniors and next year's boys, we have the potential to continue the tradition of excellence that would make Les Theobald smile. I want to congratulate the U16A side in particular. They had a disappointing first term, but have been unstoppable this term, winning every match. Congratulations to the boys and to coach, Marc Adam, who has done a stunning job rebuilding the boys' confidence. It just goes to show what is possible. While we are talking sport, well done to the school on the results against Michaelhouse - all the First Teams won - a fantastic result. Let's hope we can complete the Treble this Saturday against Kearsney!

The Matric examinations are progressing very smoothly and in general the standard of papers has been very good. The first Maths paper was a bit of a stinker, but we are back on track with a better second paper on Monday this week. We have been visited regularly by the monitors, who have been very impressed with the efforts of the school.

Thanks to all involved, but particular thanks to Messrs McKenzie and Shore for their organisation.

Last week we hosted four staff from Celukuphiwa Combined School. This is a semi rural school outside Estcourt. It is horrifying to hear just how difficult their conditions are. They have 1500 boys and girls from Grade 0 to Grade 12. They have 15 permanent classrooms, and five prefabs. The smallest classes are in Matric, with 71 learners in one room. Grade 1 has 150 learners in a room. The school has a total of seven pit toilets for 1500 learners and 45 staff. They have virtually no facilities or teaching aids, and some of the learners walk more than 25 kilometres to school. How can learning and teaching take place under these conditions? I doubt that there has been any significant improvement to these learners' lives since the fall of Apartheid. The Government has failed these people miserably, and I suspect there are even worse situations around the country. I have heard from colleagues, for example, that the Eastern Cape is a nightmare.

But while Rome burns, his majesty heads off to Mauritius for a party. It disgusts me the way some of the new elite behave in our society. If we allow this to continue, we are heading for a Banana Republic, like our friends in Zimbabwe and Sobhuzaland. What is it that government does not understand? Corruption is wrong. There are too many people in

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Café Concert
- ◆ Water Polo vs Hilton
- ◆ Cricket/Water Polo/Basketball vs Kearsney
- ◆ Exams Begin for Grades 8, 10 & 11
- ◆ Youth Theatre Musical at Seabrooke's
- ◆ Armistice Day
- ◆ Exams Begin for Grade 9
- ◆ Cricket Awards Dinner



Lindo Mateyisi (Grade 10) and Cameron Donkin (Grade 11) participated in the South African Athletics Games that were held in Polokwane recently. Both boys did extremely well with Mateyisi claiming Gold for Long Jump and Donkin bringing home the Silver for Discus.



Richard Curtis and Thobelani Msimango are looking forward to writing their Maths Paper 2.



Daloshen Govender's paper (Maths Lit) was 'a piece of cake' and Dian Kotze is expecting a low B for Maths Core.

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this country who are more interested in feathering their own nests than actually making a difference. We are blessed with a beautiful country, rich in potential. We have a diverse and potentially dynamic society. We need each other, and we need to start believing in each other. We have to stop stereotyping and stop judging others on race colour or creed. South Africans across the board have to change.

Last Friday the school, through the MOM COM, hosted a breakfast for the incoming parents of 2012. In a break with tradition, the Dads were asked to attend, and it was wonderful to see the turnout. It was definitely the best attendance we have ever had for this function, and the buzz amongst the incoming parents was very good. Thanks to Jerry Oddy who regaled the audience with tales of yore. Special thanks to Mrs Audrey Claassen, head of the MOM COM, and her team of wonderful ladies for a great breakfast.

How Are the Matric Exams Going?

We chatted to some the Durban High School matriculants after they wrote their Mathematics Paper 1 on Friday.

Many of the boys left confident and smiling while others looked stressed and left the exam room doubting their efforts.

Daloshen Govender said; "I am confident as my paper - Maths Literacy - was a piece of cake. I think I will get a good mark."

Dian Kotze said that he wrote Mathematics Core and was expecting a low B. He said, "If you learnt the work, you would

By the way, it is amusing and incredible to hear some of the stories going around about my impending retirement, despite my going to great lengths to explain it was a very personal decision and had nothing to do with the school. I have heard I have been offered a R5million package to retire early! I have also heard that I am leaving because things are falling apart at school. Quite amazing the rubbish people speak! In case you don't know, I remain hugely optimistic about the future of DHS. I would never leave a sinking ship. I would not go if I did not believe that the school will continue to prosper. I am leaving for personal reasons, that is all! What more do I need to say!

"One cannot think crooked and walk straight." Anon

Have a great week, and spread the message of positivity!

Dave Magner
Class of 1973

be prepared. I prepared for three weeks for this paper."

Other boys said that the paper was tricky and that it was a very long paper.

Richard Curtis and Thobelani Msimango and most of the other boys who wrote Mathematics Core said they were looking forward to Mathematics Paper 2, to try to get a better mark, as Paper 1 had been a challenge.

DHS wishes all of the boys best of luck for the duration of the exam period.

Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET vs MICHAELHOUSE

1st XI DHS 179
(Booley 66, Bosch 37)
Michaelhouse 127
(Grewar 3/44)
Won by 43 runs

2nd XI DHS 103
Michaelhouse 105/4
(Vine 3/16)
Lost by 6 wickets

3rd XI Michaelhouse 239/9
(Pillay 4/50)
DHS 91
(Mason 40)
Lost by 148 runs

U16A Michaelhouse 68
(de Wet 5/13)
DHS 69/3
Won by 7 wickets

U16B Michaelhouse 143/7
DHS 94/3
(Tazo 35*)
Lost by 49 runs

U15A DHS 167
(Zama 49)
Michaelhouse 169.4
Lost by 6 wickets

U15B DHS 110
Michaelhouse 111/4
Lost by 6 wickets

U15C DHS 124/9
(Qwabe 38)
Michaelhouse 128/0
Lost by 10 wickets

U15D Michaelhouse 185/8
DHS 102
Lost by 83 runs

U14A Michaelhouse 194
(De Meillon 3/17)
DHS 160
(Coskey 42)
Lost by 34 runs

U14B Michaelhouse 185/7
(Mall 3/23)
DHS 120
Lost by 65 runs

U14C Michaelhouse 109
(Vermaak 4/9)
DHS 110/6
Won by 4 wickets

U14D DHS 111
(Stanton 42)
Michaelhouse 112/5
Lost by 5 wickets

U14E Michaelhouse 116
DHS 60
Lost by 54 runs

CRICKET T20/20 vs HIGHWAY

Lower Highway 63/9
(Panday 2/6 off 4 overs, Kotze 2/10 off 4 overs)

DHS 64
(Makhanya 28 no, Kisten 25 no)

Won by 10 wickets

Congratulations to the 1st XI as they have now progressed to the 2nd round of the group stages of the Schools Twenty 20 Competition. They now play Glenwood and Umzinto.

BASKETBALL vs GLENWOOD

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 128 | GHS | 48 |
| U16A | DHS | 41 | GHS | 20 |
| U15A | DHS | 81 | GHS | 15 |
| U14A | DHS | 19 | GHS | 11 |

BASKETBALL vs CRAWFORD NC

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|-----|-----|----|--------------------|----|
| U16 | DHS | 43 | NC 1 st | 31 |
| U15 | DHS | 37 | LL | 18 |

BASKETBALL vs MICHAELHOUSE

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|-----------------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 94 | MHS | 63 |
| 2 nd | DHS | 74 | MHS | 26 |
| U16A | DHS | 49 | MHS | 39 |
| U15A | DHS | 34 | MHS | 39 |
| U14B | DHS | 27 | MHS | 15 |
| U14A | DHS | 70 | MHS | 41 |

Congratulations!

- ◆ The following boys have been selected for U18 Basketball National team to go to Stellenbosch in December:
Thabo Sithole, Sonke Mzolo, Siyathanda Shange, thando Bhengu and Sifiso Sithole.
- ◆ The following boys have been selected to attend the KZN Basketball Senior Camp:
Thabo Sithole, Andile Ntshingila, Khulekani Madlala



WATER POLO vs NORTHWOOD

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 15 | NS | 12 |
| 2 nd | DHS | 7 | NS | 6 |
| U15 | DHS | 0 | NS | 11 |
| U14 | DHS | 1 | NS | 9 |

WATER POLO vs COLLEGE

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 10 | College | 12 |
| 2 nd | DHS | 1 | College | 9 |
| U15 | DHS | 1 | College | 6 |
| U14A | DHS | 4 | College | 4 |
| U14B | DHS | 5 | College | 5 |

WATER POLO vs MICHAELHOUSE

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1 st | DHS | 16 | MHS | 14 |
| 2 nd | DHS | 1 | MHS | 5 |
| U15 | DHS | 0 | MHS | 10 |
| U14 | DHS | 5 | MHS | 8 |



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The Weeks Ahead

Friday 4 November

Café Concert : AJ Human Room :
19h00

Water Polo vs Hilton (h)

Saturday 5 November

Cricket, Water Polo and
Basketball vs Kearsney (a)

KZNA C League Athletics: Kings
Park : 09h00

Wednesday 9 November

Grades 8, 10 & 11 Exams Begin
T20 Cricket vs Umzinto (a)

Youth Theatre Rock Musical :
Seabrooke's : 9-12 November

Friday 11 November

Armistice Day : Remembrance
Ceremony : 12h30

Thursday 17 November

Grade 9 Exams Begin

Friday 18 November

Cricket Awards Dinner :

AJ Human Room :
18h30 for 19h00

Friday 25 November

Last Exam and Day of School for
Grades 8, 10 & 11

Monday 28 November

Last Exam and Day of School for
Grade 9

Thursday 1 December

World Aids Day

Friday 9 December

Last Day of School for Staff
Fishing & Orienteering Excursion :
9 to 16 December



The Weekend's Fixtures

CRICKET vs KEARSNEY COLLEGE (A) : Saturday 5 November 2011

| TEAM | TIME | VENUE | FORMAT | COACH |
|--------------------|-------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| 1 st XI | 09h15 | A H Smith (a) | 50 Overs | Norton |
| 2 nd XI | 09h30 | Theobald (h) | 50 Overs | Coskey |
| 3 rd XI | 09h00 | Osler (a) | 20/20 | Crasso |
| U16A | 10h00 | DHSOB (h) | 50 Overs | Adam |
| U16B | 09h00 | Matterson (a) | 20/20 | Perks |
| U15A | 09h15 | Silcocks (a) | 50 Overs | Gcilitshana |
| U15B | 13h30 | Matterson (a) | 20/20 | Levin |
| U15C | 13h30 | Hopkins (a) | 20/20 | Matthyssen |
| U15D | 09h00 | Hopkins (a) | 20/20 | Mabena |
| U14A | 09h15 | Roberts (a) | 50 Overs | Donaldson |
| U14B | 13h30 | Osler (a) | 20/20 | Maungwa |
| U14C | 09h30 | Topfield (h) | 20/20 | Hlongwa |
| U14D | 13h30 | Topfield (h) | 20/20 | Mfusi |

WATER POLO vs HILTON COLLEGE (h) : Friday 4 November 2011

| TEAM | TIME | TEAM | TIME |
|-----------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 st | 17h00 | U15A | 16h15 |
| U14A | 15h30 | | |



WATER POLO vs KEARSNEY COLLEGE (A) : Saturday 5 November 2011

| TEAM | TIME | TEAM | TIME |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 st | 11h15 | 2 nd | 10h30 |
| U15A | 09h45 | U14A | 09h00 |

BASKETBALL vs KEARSNEY COLLEGE (A) : Saturday 5 November 2011

| TIME | COURT 1 | COURT 2 | COURT 3 |
|-------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 12h00 | 1 st | U15B | |
| 11h00 | 2 nd | U16B | |
| 10h00 | U16A | U14A | |
| 09h00 | U15A | U14B | U14C |