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From the Head Master's Desk

The Term 4 sport season is a short one and ended last weekend with a fixture against Kearsney. For the second week in a row we won all three First Team fixtures- an excellent effort! As far as I am concerned we are making real progress towards once again being the dominant force in KZN sport. What is particularly encouraging is that our U14 group has been very strong this year, which augurs well for the future. In 2016 the school celebrates its 150th Anniversary, and I firmly believe that by then we will have a very powerful sporting group who will carry the school's flag with great pride. Congratulations to all the staff who have been involved in co-curricular sport this term for the excellent job. Special thanks to the Heads of the key sports for their commitment this year. I think we have seen some very significant progress. Well done to Marc Adam, Director of Sport, for a job well done.

The end of this season also marks the end of Mr Norton's tenure as 1st XI coach at DHS. He picked up the reins in difficult circumstances 11 years ago from Geoff Mace. The latter was a popular coach, and his sudden and tragic death was a very traumatic experience for the boys in his team. In his own inimitable fashion Alan assumed the task with all the commitment he is known for. He is passionate about Cricket, and in his tenure he has stamped his own style upon the cricketers he has passed. The boys soon learned the value of basics, and his no frills approach certainly paid dividends. Alan has always believed his job was to serve a greater good. He was competitive, but results were certainly not the most important factor to him. More important was

the way the boys played the game. Scrupulously honest, under his tough regime the school has developed a number of top cricketers - Imraan Khan, Jon Vandiar and Hashim Amla spring immediately to mind. Thank you for your commitment, passion and sacrifice over the years. You have left an indelible mark on Cricket at this school and in the province. Enjoy the break!

As one goes, another moves in. Kurt Donaldson assumes control of the 1st XI in 2012. An old boy and former 1st XI cricketer, Kurt has an abiding passion for the game and has been involved in playing and coaching for most of his life. After two successful years with the U14's at DHS, he assumes the position of 1st XI Coach. He is currently working with the Stayers XI playing in the 20/20 competition. The team has done very well under his guidance, winning their section and defeating Glenwood in the second round so far. Good luck, you have big shoes to fill.

Exams are on their way this week and we move into the final lap of the school year. Good luck to all the boys, and I hope that they all give of their best. Please remember, parents, that the school year is not over yet. Make sure your son dresses correctly and is presentable as a DHS boy until the year is finished. Your support is critical!

"There is no sadder sight than a young pessimist."

Mark Twain

Have a good week.

Dave Magner
Class of 1973

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Youth Theatre Musical at Seabrooke's
- ◆ Armistice Day
- ◆ Exams Begin for Grade 9
- ◆ Cricket Awards Dinner
- ◆ Last Day of School for Grades 10 & 11
- ◆ Last Day of School for Grades 8 & 9
- ◆ Last Day of School for Staff
- ◆ Fishing & Orienteering Club Excursion



The DHS Blues Band performs at the UKZN Youth Jazz Festival



DHS Old Boy, Peter Keogh, received a Military Cross, one of the highest awards in the UK



Brandon McCormack scored the goals and Joshua Ungerer saved them in an exciting final Water Polo game vs Kearsney, which DHS won 9 - 7



DHS Blues Bands Wows at the UKZN Youth Jazz Festival

The DHS Blues Band participated in the 6th UKZN Youth Jazz Festival where they impressed the audience and the organisers.

The following are excerpts from a letter received from the UKZN School of Music:

"The DHS Blues Band was outstanding and their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by our audience."

"We are pleased that DHS offers its learners a variety of music making opportunities and we look forward to developing a continued relationship with your school."

"Thank you to the DHS boys for their dynamic performance!"

Well done to the Blues Band, Ms Pennington and Mr Wilkinson!

DHS Old Boy Receives Military Cross!

A DHS Old Boy has received one of the highest awards in the United Kingdom, The Military Cross, for his bravery during a 90-minute fire-fight in Afghanistan.

Peter Keogh, 30, who is now a sergeant in the 1st Battalion, the Royal Irish Regiment, received his medal during a ceremony before the Queen of England, alongside other soldiers who were also recognised for their bravery and leadership during Operation Herrick 13, an operational tour in Afghanistan from October 2010 to March 2011.

According to the British Army website, Peter led a patrol which completely overran seven Taliban positions in a single afternoon. It said Peter and his patrol came under attack soon after leaving their checkpoint. "Despite heavy and accurate fire striking all around, Peter ensured his patrol regained the initiative, returning fire and assaulting the enemy position," read the website.

The series of attacks lasted for an hour-and-a-half. "At one point, the sergeant dashed, under fire, 150m across open ground to link with another patrol which had become pinned down. He then ran back to his patrol, again under fire. "He then again put himself in

the enemy firing line to administer first aid, and deliberately drew fire to himself to allow wounded soldiers to be carried away safely, before again dashing through enemy fire to retrieve weapons and equipment left by the insurgents," the army said.

Speaking to the army's website, Peter said: "I just wanted to get everyone back. My actions weren't a conscious decision, I just followed my instincts and acted without hesitation. Although some of us have been singled out, everyone did something spectacular on that tour. I will always think of those who didn't come back."

His dad was shocked to read about his son's heroics. Peter is very shy and humble, he said: "All he said to us was that he might get a medal from the queen. "It was only when we Googled his name that we read the details surrounding him receiving this award. We had no idea."

Peter matriculated at DHS and spent a gap year in the United Kingdom with his grandmother. While there he went to a shopping mall where people were recruiting for the army and he signed up. This was 11 years ago and his ambition is to join the military academy in Sandhurst.

Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET T20/20 vs GLENWOOD

1 st XI	DHS	152/1
	(Booley 81, Prutharb 46)	
	Glenwood	130/8
	Won by 22 runs	

CRICKET vs KEARSNEY COLLEGE

1 st XI	DHS	160
	(van Heerden 46)	
	Kearsney	73
	(van Heerden 4/21, Maharaj 3/21)	
	Won by 87 runs	

2 nd XI	Kearsney	245/9
	(Pellew 4/31)	
	DHS	113
	Lost by 132 runs	

3 rd XI	DHS	88/7
	Kearsney	91/1
	Lost by 9 wickets	

U16A vs Kearsney	134
	(Innes 3/26)
DHS	116
Lost by 18 runs	

U16B	DHS	59/8
	Kearsney	60/2
Lost by 8 wickets		

U15A	DHS	111
	(Kisten 30)	
	Kearsney	112/8
Lost by 2 wickets		

U15B	Kearsney	122/5
	DHS	88
Lost by 34 runs		

U15C	Kearsney	175
	DHS	179/6
Won by 4 wickets		

U15D	DHS	145/6
	(Prenchund 53, Moodley 31)	
	Kearsney	147/9
	(Moodley 4/21)	
Lost by 1 wicket		

U14A	Kearsney	230
	(De Meillon 3/42, Bryan 3/49)	
	DHS	232/5
	(Fletcher 31, Noot 44), Bryan 88*	
Won by 5 wickets		

U14B	Kearsney	119/7
	DHS	120/4
	(Sinah 40)	
Won by 6 wickets		

U14C	Kearsney	122/9
	DHS	123/3
	(Manikum 53)	
Won by 7 wickets		

U14D	DHS	199/4
	Kearsney	131
Won by 68 runs		

BASKETBALL vs KEARSNEY

1 st	DHS	68	KC	27
2 nd	DHS	56	KC	39
U16A	DHS	54	KC	31
U15A	DHS	52	KC	51
U15B	DHS	30	KC	33
U14A	DHS	39	KC	34
U14B	DHS	39	KC	13
U14C	DHS	16	KC	4

Congratulations!

◆ Sakhile Humbane was placed 2nd in the UKZN's School of Music 2011 Classical Performers' Competition. Sakhile will now be given the opportunity to perform with the KZNPO at a 2012 KZNPO Campus concert at UKZN.

◆ The Durban Theatre Awards nominations have been announced and, once again, a number of DHS Old Boys have been nominated. They are:

Lyle Buxton

Supporting Actor: Musical Theatre (*Cabaret*)

Lead Actor: Musical Theatre (*Robin Hood*)

Tim Wells

Comedic Performance (*God of Carnage*)

Lead Actor (God of Carnage)

Liam Magner and Jacobus van Heerden

New Script, Comedic Performance, Lead Actor, Director and Production (*Tokoloshe Come Again!*)

The awards ceremony takes place on 21 November at the Sneddon Theatre. We wish our nominees every success.



Well Done to the 1st Team!

WATER POLO vs HILTON

1 st	DHS	14	Hilton	11
U15A	DHS	2	Hilton	8
U14A	DHS	4	Hilton	5

WATER POLO vs KEARSNEY

1 st	9	DHS	KC	7
2 nd	0	DHS	KC	12
U15A	0	DHS	KC	5
U14A	7	DHS	KC	5

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The Weeks Ahead

Friday 11 November
Armistice Day : Remembrance
Ceremony : 12h30

Thursday 17 November
Grade 9 Begin Exams

Friday 18 November
Cricket Awards Dinner : AJ Human
Room : 18h30 for 19h00
KZN Cricket Capping Ceremony

Friday 25 November
Last Exam and Last Day of School
for Grades 10 & 11

Monday 28 November
Last Exam and Last Day of School
for Grades 8 & 9

Thursday 1 December
World Aids Day

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



Hats Off to All the Teachers!

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education.

He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?" She paused for a second, then began ...

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could."

"I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 without an iPod, Game Cube or movie rental."

"You want to know what I make?" She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.

"I make kids wonder. I make them question."

"I make them apologize and mean it."

"I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions."

"I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything."

"I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator."

"I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity."

"I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe."

"Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life."

Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.

"Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant. You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

"What do you make Mr CEO?"

His jaw dropped, he went silent.

Teaching is ... the profession that makes all other professions possible!