

# The DHS Herald

17 November 2011  
Issue 35/2011

Durban High School  
Head Master : Mr David Wagner



## From the Head Master's Desk

South Africans were, I am sure, delighted with the 1<sup>st</sup> Test victory over Australia last week. But what an extraordinary match it was! I doubt that the like will be seen soon. It was great to see Hashim Amla stroking a magnificent century. Well done young man. We are so proud of you.

We are also very proud of another old boy, Hank Mc Gregor, who was recently crowned World Champion Marathon paddler. Hank is a phenomenal athlete, and has followed up his achievement with a win in Australia. I doubt that there is anyone to touch him in the world at the moment in terms of his ability in flat water and in the surf. A humble man, we are so proud of his efforts.

The examinations are proceeding well, and we look forward to the end of the year, which is approaching fast.

Next year will be a different one for me as I will be in a different place, doing something very different. Plans are well in place for next year.

I am delighted that the ANC has finally got its act together and dealt with the Youth League Teletubby and his sycophants. He is nothing but an embarrassment, and the decisive action is a sign that the ANC will follow what is right and not be intimidated by

his vacuous rhetoric. When you look at what has been reported regarding his flamboyant lifestyle, one can only imagine what revelations will emerge now that he has been stripped off his position of power. I hope that this signals a move on the government's part to stand strong against corruption. There is little doubt that there is far too much corruption in this country. It is a disgrace, and if we want to be a nation we can all be proud of, this has to change. To the ANC Kindergarten, I hope you have learned, and the new executive acts in a manner that is befitting the future leaders of this country.

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."

Albert Einstein

Have a great week.  
Dave Wagner  
Class of 1973

[From the Head Master's Desk](#)

[Notice of GB AGM and Budget Meeting](#)

[Café Concert](#)

[DHS Old Boys Association News](#)

[Congratulations!](#)

[The Weeks Ahead](#)

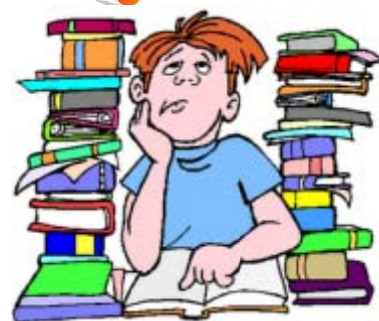
[Extra-Mural Results](#)

[The De Ricquebourg's : 100 Years at DHS : 1911 - 2011!](#)

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Cricket Awards Dinner
- ◆ Last Day of School for Grades 10 & 11
- ◆ Last Day of School for Grades 8 & 9
- ◆ GB AGM and Budget Meeting
- ◆ Last Day of School for Staff
- ◆ Fishing & Orienteering Club Excursion

# Hang in There



## Exams are

# nearly over!



*Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, Head Master of Kearsney, presents Mr Wagner, Head Master of DHS, with a gift to thank him for his contribution and years of service to the school community in Durban*



*Matric Musos, Blessing and David, strut their stuff at the Café Concert. We gonna miss you guys!*



## Notice of AGM and Budget Meeting

### GOVERNING BODY NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for 2011 and 2012 Budget Meeting will take place at the School on **Wednesday 7 December 2011** in the DHS High Performance Centre off Essenwood Road at **17h30**.

#### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 24 November 2010 and of the Budget Meeting held on the same date
4. Approval of the Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2010
5. Chairman's Report on the School's activities
6. Pass the following resolutions:
  - a. It is resolved that the Income and Expenditure Budget, as laid before the meeting in respect of the year 1 January to 31 December 2012, be approved
  - b. It is resolved that Durban High School charge the School Fees specified in the Budget and in accordance with Section 39 of the South African Schools Act No. 84 of 1996
7. General

Please note that on the day of the meeting, summaries of the Budget for 2012 and the audited accounts for 2010 will be available and open for inspection on request prior to the meeting.

## Café Concert

The Final Café Concert of 2011 saw the Music Department saying goodbye to two talented matric musos, Blessing Xaba and Daniel Basckin. They each performed sets that were truly reflective of their musical tastes and identities.

A particular thank you must be extended to Blessing whose whole-hearted commitment to the Music Department has seen him involved in every production and concert staged

this year. He has also been instrumental in the establishing of the a Cappella Singers. Thank you, Blessing.

The capacity audience was also entertained by musos from other grades and the staff who performed items ranging from the latest Red Hot Chilli Peppers numbers to blues and jazz.

It was a very good way to end 2011!

## DHS Old Boy Association News

DHS Association will be hosting a Relaunch Party in the 1<sup>st</sup> Term 2012.

Join us on FaceBook for the latest newsletters, info and updates - DHS Association Group.

The DHS Association Business Partner Program is kicking off -

join us on [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) and find our group DHS Old Boys.

Old Boys who wish to apply for MySchool cards to benefit DHS can contact Lizelle Blair [lizelleb@mweb.co.za](mailto:lizelleb@mweb.co.za)



Durban High School  
255 St Thomas Road  
Musgrave  
4001

Phone:  
(031) 277 1500

Fax:  
(031) 277 1555

E-mail:  
[sdrew@durbanhighschool.co.za](mailto:sdrew@durbanhighschool.co.za)

*Inspired by our past,  
Committed to our future*

We're on the Web!  
[www.durbanhighschool.co.za](http://www.durbanhighschool.co.za)

## Congratulations!

- ♦ The following boys were selected to represent KZN in Softball:

U17 Saahir Mahomed,  
Damian Perkins

Non-travelling reserves:  
Cameron Donkin,  
Werner Kotze

U15 Ryan Wheeler,  
Justin Diedericks,  
Troy Steyn

- ♦ Keown Delomoney swam in the Lake Eland 3km swim recently. He was placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the combined category (men and women), 6<sup>th</sup> overall amongst the males and 1<sup>st</sup> in his age category (U14), swimming a personal best.

- ♦ The following boys received awards at their Club Rugby prize giving's:

*Collegians Club:*

U14 Gareth Simpson (Back Line Player of the Year)

U15 Michael John du Plessis (Most Improved Player of the Year)  
Kurt Webster (Forward Player of the Year)

U16 Matthew Drew (Forward Player of the Year)

Bongumusa Ngobese (Most Improved Player of the Year)

*Crusaders Club:*

U18 Jared Ryder (Player of the Year)

## Extra-Mural Results

### CRICKET T20/20 vs UMZINTO

1<sup>st</sup> XI Umzinto 106/7 in 20 overs  
DHS 29/2 in 6 overs  
Umzinto won on superior run rate



## The Weeks Ahead

### 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

### Wednesday 7 December

Governing Body AGM and Budget  
Meeting : 17h30 : High  
Performance Centre

### Friday 9 December

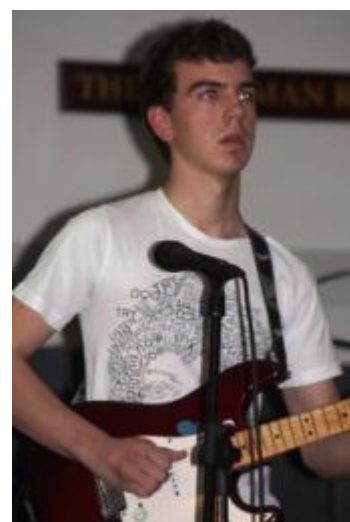
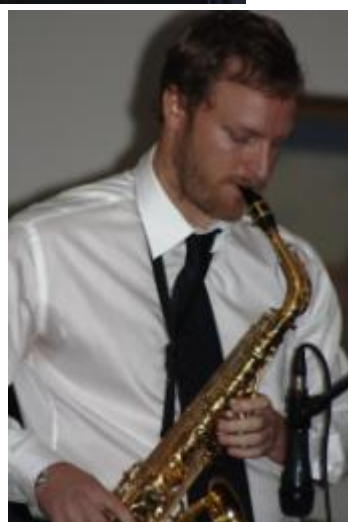
Last Day of School for Staff  
Fishing & Orienteering Excursion :  
9 to 16 December

### Monday 9 January 2012

School Begins for Grade 8s

### Wednesday 11 January 2012

School Begins for Grades 9-12





# The De Ricquebourg's : 100 Years at DHS : 1911 - 2011

As told by Bully de Ricquebourg:

The first De Ricquebourg's to attend DHS were brothers Philippe (Bully's Grandfather) and Guy Ricquebourg who came to School in January 1911 (the 'de' had been removed from the front of the surname). Coming from the North Coast they were boarders. Their younger brother Paul followed in 1912.

In 1913 Phillippe was in the 5<sup>th</sup> form and represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XV. A S Langley was the Head Master. A C Martin, who was a junior master at the time, also played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

In 1914 WW1 broke out. Having completed 5<sup>th</sup> form Phillippe decided to leave school and join the Natal Carabineers and went up to East Africa. At the end of the East African Campaign Philippe was hospitalized with Malaria. On recovery he was seconded to the NMR and went to France and fought with the SA forces at Delville Wood. We presume that Paul left in 1916. We do not have any information regarding Guy and Paul's achievements at school.

In 1946 Peter (Bully's father) and his elder brother, Mike, both came to School from St Charles. Mike was in 3<sup>rd</sup> form and Peter was in 2<sup>nd</sup> Form. Both were boarders as they were living on a farm at La Mercy the site of the new King Shaka Airport. Mike represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XV in 1948 and was also invited to the Natal schools Trials. Unfortunately, he was not chosen that year. In 1949 he again represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and was again invited to Natal schools trials. This time he was selected for the side. For his contribution he was awarded his honours Blazer for Rugby. Mike was also a school and Boarder Prefect, captained the shooting team where he received full colours and also attained half colours for Athletics. Mike also played rugby for DHSOB.

He then moved to Rhodesia and played for the county of Manica Land. During the middle to late 50's the All Blacks toured Rhodesia and Mike was chosen to play against the mighty foe from the land of the long white cloud in the colours of Manica Land. He was also a very active member of the Rhodesian forces during their bush war. Peter played for the open "A" side and 2 games for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. They both left school in 1949.

In 1969 Greg (Bully's elder brother) came to school (by now the surname had been corrected to the correct spelling) and was one of the few boarders to live in both the new and the old Blackmore House. He matriculated in 1974 having played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> team blazer (Half colours). Greg was Head Boy of Blackmore House and a school Prefect. He was awarded full colours for Athletics having won the 100m sprint. He went to the army like all fit lads of the time. Greg went to Angola and was involved in operation Savannah. He served the DLI for 30 years, 7 years as the 2<sup>nd</sup> In Command and 9 years as the Officer Commanding. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Bully arrived at DHS in 1971. The only good thing about him (he says) was that The Great Mr D C Thompson and he started at DHS on the same day. In 1972/73/74 Bully was chosen for the Natal Endurance water-ski racing team. At the end of 1975 he was chosen for the SA team to go and race in Milan. He declined as it would have affected his Matric year. He received half colours for athletics. Bully matriculated in 1976 was called up to the SAAF, spent 8 months on the boarder and retired after all his camps as a Major.

Steve (Bully's younger brother) was at DHS from 1974 to 1978 and was a boarder prefect. In his final

year he was captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV but was then called up to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV. He was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> team Blazer (Half colours). On leaving school he played for the SA Agric Colleges, The Defence Force, Eastern TVL and South Eastern TVL. He completed his army obligation as a Full Lieutenant having been on the boarder for three months.

Justin (Bully's son) attended DHS from 2000 to 2005. He was a boarder prefect and a school prefect. He played a few games for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. He was awarded full colours for canoeing.

Greg's son Brett was at DHS from 2005 to 2009. He was a boarder and played 2<sup>nd</sup> team rugby.

Bully's 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Shaun, arrived at School in 2007 and matriculates in December 2011. He is also a boarder. He is Head Boy of Blackmore House and Deputy Head Boy of School. He represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and was awarded full colours for Academics and Half Colours for rugby.

In Summary, over a period spanning 100 years the De Ricquebourg's as a family have had:

- 53 Years association with the school
- 11 Boys at the school
- 5 1<sup>st</sup> XV players (one in every generation)
- 5 Blackmore House Prefects
- 5 Went to war
- 5 Full Colours awards
- 4 School Prefects
- 4 Generations
- 4 Half Colours Awards
- 2 Blackmore House Head Boys
- 1 Honour's Blazer
- 1 Natal School's Cap
- 1 Deputy Head Boy of School

Wow! What a history. We look forward to the next generation of De Ricquebourg's at School.