



From the Head Master's Desk

The boys finish their exams this week and we will be closing just over two weeks' later. The examinations have gone very smoothly, and I am sure that the marking and report process will be equally smooth. I hope the boys have prepared well and given their best for the exams. Only time will tell! At this stage of the year we are busy with finalising arrangements for 2012. Staffing is complete, and I am pleased to say we have an excellent group entering the school in 2012. We have had to employ extra staff because of the school's growth in numbers, and the staff entering next year bring a variety of skills with them. It is important to ensure the academic programme is given first priority, but we are always on the lookout for staff who can bring attributes to bear that benefit the whole school programme. This can be in the field of sport, cultural activities, leadership and so on. I really subscribe to the view that a DHS boy receives far more than an academic education at DHS. I believe wholeheartedly that the extra value at DHS - the hidden curriculum here if you wish to call it that - is what separates the successful adult from the rest. And over the years this school has been hugely successful in producing leaders in South Africa and the world. Long may it continue.

The school will be making it possible for parents to fetch reports for their sons. This means they receive them a lot earlier than if they went via our postal service. Details will

appear on the Communicator. I hope parents avail themselves of this service.

I cannot let this week go by without saying how disappointed I am that the government has seen fit to railroad the Secrecy Bill through Parliament, despite the massive groundswell of opposition. Many of us grew up in a South Africa that was governed by draconian legislation. We had security operatives conducting clandestine and often brutal activities. With the advent of a world class constitution I thought those dark days were behind us forever. The new bill brings back memories of those dark times when you were scared to say what you believed for fear of swift and usually violent retribution. Many white South Africans were ignorant of what went on during those days, but the evidence is there. I do not want us to live in a society where the capacity for free speech is to be limited in this fashion. I know that calls have been made to still address the issue at the Constitutional Court. Let us hope we do not allow ourselves to go down the road of totalitarianism. We do not need that back.

"As to the evil which results from censorship, it is impossible to measure it, because it is impossible to tell where it ends." Jeremy Bentham 1832

Have a good week.
Dave Wagner
Class of 1973

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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



Mrs Vermaak presents Mr Norton with an "Honours" blazer for his achievements over the past 12 years coaching the 1st XI



1st XI Prize Winners : John Grewar (left), Jared van Heerden, Byron Bosch, Taariq Booley and Cameron Jansen van Rensburg



U16A Prize Winners : Ryan Killian and Kyne Innes



U15A Prize Winners : Darryn Matthysen, Wade Canham and Jordan Kisten



U14A Prize Winners : Kyle Scheepers, Dillon Bryan and Ross Koekemoer

Cricket Awards Dinner

The 14th annual Cricket Dinner was held on Friday 18 November in the AJ Human Room and Founders. The 1st XI and their parents and the prize winners from the various age groups and their parents attended.

A special group of people were invited and a photograph shows the various Cricket People from all our traditional rivals and friends. It was indeed a privilege to have all of them at the dinner. Mr Dave Karlsen was the Guest Speaker and he spoke to the boys, the parents and the staff and conveyed a wonderful message. We thank him and his wife Tracy for making the trip and for spending the evening with us.

I would like to thank everyone who has made my 12 years as 1st XI coach so memorable, from the boys to the staff, parents and ground staff. I would like to thank the School for the faith shown in me and for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I have enjoyed every moment of it.

Alan Norton : 1st XI Coach

This year's Cricket Dinner was Mr Norton's last as the 1st XI Coach, as he is stepping down after 12 years of coaching the 1st XI. At the dinner Mrs Vermaak presented Mr Norton with a specially tailored "Honours" blazer in acknowledgement of his achievements. Mr Adam thanked Mr Norton for his contribution over the years and presented him with a framed bat.

It was, however, Mr Oddy who had the most to say about Mr Norton. He had dug into his archives and presented the audience with some interesting facts. It would seem that Mr Norton was on par with the most successful cricket coach in the history of DHS Cricket, Mr Les Theobald.

Mr Theobald produced 40 provincial and 10 SA Schools players in his 13 years of coaching the 1st XI and Mr Norton produced 35 provincial and 7 SA Schools players in his 12 years of coaching the 1st XI. So, if Mr Theobald was the best Cricket coach in the history of DHS, then Mr Norton certainly deserves to share the pedestal with him.

Well done Mr Norton and thank you for all you've done for DHS Cricket!

Award Winners:

Recipients of Awards for the 1st XI were:

- Shaun Broughton Super Striker for scoring the most runs - Jared van Heerden with 940 runs
- Bowler of Year - Cameron Jansen van Rensburg with 33 wickets
- Sam Abrahams Team Man of the Year award - Byron Bosch
- Most Improved player - Taariq Booley
- Chris Catto Award for Greatest Contribution to Cricket - John Grewar

Congratulations to John Grewar who captained the 1st XI with honour and commitment and to Jared van Heerden who was selected for the KZN U19A side.

Awards for other age groups:

U16:

Best Batsman Sibonelo Makhanya
Best Bowler Kyne Innes
Captain Ryan Killian

U15:

Best Batsman Jordan Kisten
Best Bowler Darryn Matthysen
Captain Wade Canham

U14:

Best Batsman Dillon Bryan
Best Bowler Kyle Scheepers
Captain Ross Koekemoer



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Community Service

A reminder to Grade 8, 9 and 10 boys to please hand in their community service project cards to Mrs Subbiah, so that she could verify their involvement in community service this year (2011) and then process a certificate for their CV's.

Mrs Subbiah will be at school until Friday 9 December.

1st XI Coaches and Heads of Cricket from renowned traditional rival cricketing schools in KZN attended the Cricket Awards Dinner to pay their respects to Mr Norton at his last Cricket Dinner as the 1st XI Coach

Mr Norton shows off the wig which was presented to him at the Cricket Dinner by the boys in his 1st XI



The Weeks Ahead

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 : DHS High Performance Centre

Holiday Activities

Fishing & Orienteering Excursion :
Date TBC

Thursday 5 January 2012

Management and Admin Staff return to School

Monday 9 January 2012

Educators, RCL, Prefects Grade 8s return to School

Wednesday 11 January 2012

School Begins for Grades 9-12

Congratulations In Order ...

◆ The Mercury Durban Theatre Awards took place at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre on 21 November. Durban High School was well represented by Old Boys.

- Old Boy, Tim Wells, was awarded Best Comedic Performance and Best Lead Actor for *The God of Carnage*.
- Liam Magner and Jacobus van Heerden were awarded Best New South African Script for *Tokoloshe Come Again!*

Both of these productions were staged in Seabrooke's Theatre earlier this year and Steven Stead made special mention of the venue when he received Best Drama/Comedy Production for *The God of Carnage*.

Shaun Gray was mentioned in the Memorial Tribute by Caroline Smart.

- ◆ Garth Mulroy (DHS Old Boy) won the Alfred Dunhill Championship held at Leopard Creek Golf Club, Malelane, recently by 2 shots (19 under par). Not only did he win ±R1.7 million in prize money but the win secured him winning the Sunshine Tour Order of Merit and gave him his European Tour Card. Garth qualified earlier this year for the US tour. The win at Leopard Creek opens numerous doors to many big tournaments around the world for Garth. We are all extremely proud of the former Blackmore boy who matriculated in 1996.



Education for a New World

by Judith Ancer (Sunday Times)

A shiny prefect's badge has little to do with vital leadership skills.

TRUE story: the phone in the principal's office was ringing even before the school had finished filing out of the hall. A student who, minutes before, had not been chosen as a prefect had already sent a cellphone message to her mother, who was already demanding to know why her child had not been selected.

These are the times we live in. People feel entitled to and validated by a shiny badge, or a strip of gold on the edge of their blazers.

Call it what you like - prefect, councillor or student representative - as long as the focus of student leadership is on status, not service, we and our children will buy into the wrong idea of leadership.

My husband, who is a teacher, conducts his professional life by this philosophy: the purpose of school is not school; the purpose of school is life after school. In other words, schools overly focused on their own reputation, the number of matric distinctions, the first rugby team's performance against arch rivals, the ornateness of their buildings, the billiard-like smoothness of their AstroTurf, the hallowed status of their elite student leaders, miss the point.

Particularly in the area of leadership, a school's job is to focus on the futures that await its students and educate accordingly. In so doing, a school's reputation will in any case be enhanced.

Here is the future: goodbye lifelong employment, old boy networks, financial certainty and a world revolving happily on its axis while nature offers up its bounty. Hello uncertainty, rapid technological change and environmental crisis.

In our childhood we didn't bother about the possibility of global warming or the depletion of energy resources, but we leave these enormous challenges for our children. Most of us grew up in more homogenous groups; now we meet cultural difference everywhere.

The future demands a new kind of leader. Firstly, all children, not just a few, will need to forge their own paths and be more self-reliant. While only a minority of children have confident, charismatic personalities, all children must learn, within their personality types, to be heard and to make brave choices.

But confidence is not enough. We've had enough of leaders whose goal is shiny badges and single malt whiskies, who defer their doubts and see short-term gain when multinational corporations come asking if they can frack our land. The world also needs leaders who can connect with others, who can consult and collaborate, who are brave enough to look the future in the eye and serve the best long-term interests of society even when short-term pain is the price.

I'm not naive about this. Young children are natural egotists and this is normal and necessary to survive in a big people's world. They are easily motivated by merits, star charts and sweets.

When they win a medal in the 60m dash, they don't think much about the losers. When they are chosen as class captains, they don't imagine how they can consult their peers. The problem develops when children grow up and, fed a diet of praise and excuses, pursue leadership for status.

Over time children are able to learn that leadership can be ethical and democratic. Such a servant model of leadership has been well established since the 1970s, based on Robert K Greenleaf's work, *The Servant as Leader*. Greenleaf rejects the hierarchical model of leadership and seeks a democratic, inclusive model. Of course one can debate this and hold on to the idea that leadership is innate, that the strong lead and the rest "should go quietly about the business of achieving other ambitions", to quote Robin Williams. It's just that I prefer to send my children to a school which is prepared to see my child, whatever his personality, as a potential leader; is committed to giving him responsibilities and letting him make mistakes; and expects him to use his leadership to partner up with others.

In the long term, choose your school wisely and pressure your child's school to develop a genuinely inclusive model of leadership. In the short term, look at your own practices in the home.

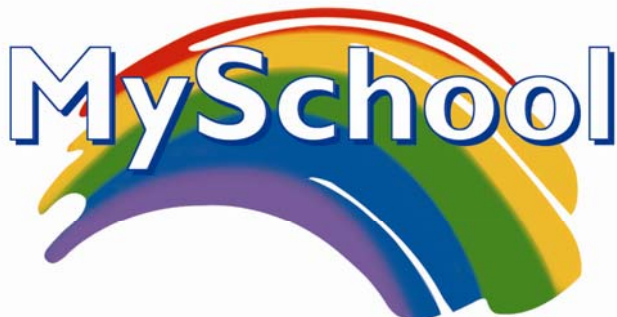
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THE DPHS BOOK FOR DPHS PEOPLE

The eagerly anticipated DPHS coffee table book *'From small beginnings...'* has been delivered and is now on sale at Prep. It really is something very special and all who have seen it are delighted with the final product. This is not a history of the school, but rather an entertaining read with a collection of anecdotes, facts, photographs and illustrations that give readers a glimpse into the life of a school that has spent 100 years successfully shaping the lives of thousands of Prep boys.

The name of every DPHS boy who entered the school from 1910 to 2010 is recorded in the Admissions Register section and for this reason we are confident that all boys will want to own a copy. It certainly is a "must-have" and something that the school and all its associates can be very proud of! It is fine tribute to a great school and all its boys. The cost of the books is R280 and books will be available for sale at DPHS. Books can be purchased from Tracey Stentiford in the Junior Reading Room, Liz Elliott in the DPHS Educational Trust office and from Isabel Edouard-Betsy in the cashier's office. They will also be on sale in the school uniform shop.

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