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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket to Grey Bloem
- ◆ U15 Cricket to Queens
- ◆ Grade 8 Orientation and Sport Trials
- ◆ School Opens for Grades 9-12
- ◆ Grade 8 Parents Info Evening
- ◆ DHS Gala
- ◆ Grade 8 Campout
- ◆ BE Induction
- ◆ Open Rugby SoA Camp

## From the Head Master's Desk

Good day to everyone out there. This is the final desk of the year, and as usual it has been a hectic one for the school. As we wind down this week, I have taken time to ponder the state of the school. I have also attended a number of Primary School Speech Days of late, which have given me a different focus on what we are doing as a school. There is no doubt that we can be proud of where we are as a school. We have achieved excellent progress this year, and I am confident that this will be continued next year as we start the epic five year stretch to our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The grade eights of 2012 will be the standard bearers of that march to even greater things, and I am excited with the crop of youngsters starting next year. They are a talented group in every area of school activity, and my visits to local primary schools speech days of late have confirmed this. The Trust will be launching a Fund Raising initiative based on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Details will follow, but I urge all of you who care about this great school to agree to pledge a sum towards this initiative. Every small amount counts, and your contribution over the next 60 months as a debit order will, cumulatively, make a huge difference. So get behind us, and let's push for the highest return for 2016.

I was privileged to attend the Prep Speech Day last week, and was deeply touched by Richard

Neave's kind words about me. As a Prep old boy, I have always had a special relationship with my old school, and I am proud to be associated with this fine school. I hope our tight relationship will get even stronger as the years progress. Dan Skinstad was the guest speaker. Younger brother of Bobby, Dan was born with cerebral palsy, which has meant he has been limited with regard to what he can do. What has not been limited, however, is his will. He recently kayaked around Iceland, over 2000 miles in freezing temperatures. His commitment is embodied in that epic voyage, and he is determined not to allow himself to be denied what he wants. He was an inspiration to us all.

I also attended Glenwood Prep and Glenmore this last week. What wonderful schools they are. Both are lead by true leaders, who have done wonderful work at their schools. Truly inspirational. Well done to all of you. I was so impressed by the behaviour, manners, spirit and work ethic evident in both schools. We are still fortunate to have people who care.

If we ever had any doubts that climate change is not a reality in our lives, the weather over the last month must have put paid to that notion with brutal precision. November was one of our wettest months ever. We had over 3 times the normal



### Long Service Awards!

Seen with Mr Magner at the Long Service Awards: (back row) Mr Zulu, Mr Dunn, Mrs Els, Mrs M Vermaak, Mrs Henley, Mr Bodasing; (front row) Mrs Glossop, Ms Jamal, Mrs Oikers, Mr Ramjee and Mr Moodley



Gareth and his Dad with the bakkie load of rugby equipment and with the Deputy Head Master of Ohlange High, Mr Mtshali



U14A Rugby Captains 74 Years Apart! Basil Williams (left) contacted Gareth Simpson when he read about Gareth's Recycled Rugby Campaign in the Mercury

## From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

rainfall, and even had snow on Sani Pass in the last week of November! I hope and pray that the cognoscenti gathered in Durban can persuade the politician to stop worrying about votes and power, and focus on saving our planet's future. Every one of us should try to do our bit-as small as it might be. Let's ensure our children and grandchildren can enjoy our beautiful world as much as we have.

If anyone out there has any old pots please consider donating them to the school. They need to be fairly substantial. Colour is no problem as we will paint

them. I want to put more plants around the school-indigenous of course! If you can help, please drop them off at the school.

Thank you to everyone out there who has supported the school this year. We value all you do. I hope that everyone has a wonderful break over the Festive season, and I look forward to catching up with all of you in 2012.

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God."

Best Wishes  
Dave Magner  
Class of 1973



## Long Service Awards

The GB presents Long service awards to members of the DHS staff who have been employed at the School at certain milestone years.

At the Christmas lunch on Tuesday 29 November a number of committed staff members were presented with their long service awards, by the Head Master, Mr D Magner. A total of 155 years of service was acknowledged for this group alone.

The awards were as follows:

30 Years: Mrs M Rattray  
(Admin)

20 Years: Ms M Buffy  
(Educator)

10 Years: Mrs M Vermaak  
(Deputy Principal)  
Mr S Bodasing  
(Educator)  
Mrs H Henley  
(Educator)  
Mr B Ramjee  
(Educator)

5 Years: Mr S Dunn (Educator)  
Ms C Joiner  
(Educator)  
Mr L Zulu (Sport)

Congratulations to them all!

## School Golf Champs

The School Golf Championships were played at Beachwood Country Club on 30 November 2011.

The results were as follows:

Winner:  
Chris Elliott 74

Runner Up:  
Ruben Coetzer 76





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## Rugby Recycled Campaign

Gareth Simpson, a Grade 8 pupil at Durban High School started an initiative recently, called the Rugby Recycled Campaign.

This campaign started with a call to the DHS pupils for second-hand rugby boots and balls to be donated to under-privileged High Schools in KZN. The initiative came about after a tournament was held at DHS where some of the players did not have the privilege of playing in rugby boots and Gareth thought it would be a valuable gift to the players to gather up and donate rugby boots and balls on behalf of DHS. Gareth's father, Grant, also extended the collection to all club rugby players.

Gareth and his parents, accompanied by Mr Dunn and Mr Coskey of DHS then visited Ohlange High School in Umlazi to hand over the collection of

## The Weeks Ahead

### Holiday Activities

1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Tour to Grey Bloem  
U15 Cricket Tour to Queens

### Thursday 5 January 2012

Management and Admin Staff  
return to School

### Monday 9 January 2012

Educators, RCL, Prefects Grade 8s  
return to School  
Grade 8 Placement Tests & Sport  
Trials

### Tuesday 10 January 2012

Grade 8 Orientation & Sport Trials

### Wednesday 11 January 2012

School Begins for Grades 9-12  
Grade 8 Induction Ceremony :  
11h30 in DC Thompson Hall :  
Parents welcome to attend

### Thursday 12 January 2012

Grade 8 Parents Information  
Evening : 17h30 : Hall

### Friday 13 January 2012

DHS Gala : 14h00  
Grade 8 Camp Out

### Saturday 14 January 2012

BE Induction  
Open Rugby Camp at SoA

### Tuesday 17 January 2012

Grade 9 Parents Information  
Evening : Hall : 17h30  
Inter-House Gala : 13h00

### Thursday 19 January 2012

Grade 10 Parents Information  
Evening : Hall : 17h30

### Friday 20 January 2012

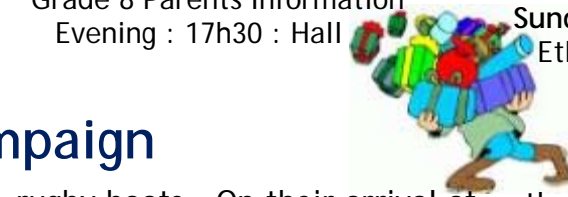
DHS Gala A & B

### Saturday 21 January 2012

Cricket vs Northwood (h)  
Basketball vs Northwood/Kings  
Glenwood Gala A & B

### Sunday 22 January 2012

Ethekweni Trials



rugby boots. On their arrival at Ohlange High they were met by the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Mtshali.

When Gareth explained the reason for the visit, Mr Mtshali was overwhelmed and so appreciative. He then introduced them all to the school's head rugby coach who showed them around. The school was in the process of having their field revamped and Mr Mtshali also took them to see their modest gym (which was in a 20" container).

The learners of Ohlange are very proud of what they have and we can only see them going from strength to strength.

When Basil Williams, an old boy of DHS read about Gareth's initiative in the Mercury he was impressed and wanted to meet Gareth. It just happened that both Basil and Gareth had held

the title of U14A rugby captain at DHS, with Williams captaining the U14A rugby team 74 years ago and Simpson being the current captain of this year!

This was a truly remarkable meeting for both, and Williams wanted to help out by making a donation to the initiative, due to its great significance on the lives of the young men who are involved.

With the support of Williams and many others, Simpson looks forward to continuing his initiative next year and encourages the public to donate any old or new rugby boots and balls to Durban High School in the new year.

Congratulations to Gareth, his parents Grant and Tina and all those who have generously donated to this worthy cause.





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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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