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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Cricket / Basketball vs Westville
- ◆ Toastmasters
- ◆ Langley Day
- ◆ Junior Speech Day
- ◆ Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Glenwood
- ◆ Moms' Com Breakfast

From the Head Master's Desk

The week's events for me have been totally overshadowed by one significant announcement. The Department of Education informed us on Monday night that Kashmeel Bisseru, our Dux of 2011, was the top candidate in South Africa in the Matriculation Examination! I am overwhelmed with delight, and so proud of Kashmeel. As some of you are aware, he was incorrectly given a mark of 74% for Science on his initial statement of results. This was immediately challenged by the school, and by 1pm on the day after the results were issued, the administration error had been rectified, and Kashmeel now had 100% for Science. When the Sunday paper published the results of the young man from College who was placed second in the country, we knew there was another issue to address - Kashmeel's results were better than his. It has taken a while to gain the acknowledgement, but we are so happy for this humble, committed young man. He has done all of us proud! Well done Kashmeel! We are incredibly proud of you. I believe this is just the first step on a long and varied path of success for you.

On a totally different path, our first weekend of sport was a very successful one. There is no doubt that the teams in the major sports - Aquatics, Basketball and Cricket - were well prepared and very competitive. It was particularly pleasing to see the number of boys playing Water-Polo, and the level of Polo being played. It appears that the new coaching team, assisted by old hands Alan Burt and Nico

Lamprecht, is going to have a significant effect on our Polo. There were some outstanding individual performances in the Cricket games, with the 1st XI recovering well to have Northwood fighting to clinch a draw. The U15A side continued their good form, and the U16A side won a tight match by one run. The success story of the day though has to be Basketball. They won every game they played, with the 1st side winning by over 100 points. It appears as though the juggernaut continues to roll! Well done to all the boys on a good start to the season.

The newbies appear to have settled well, and I am delighted to see their manners. I must greet boys a thousand times a day! I must say that I would happily do so ten times over. Good manners are an integral part of what we believe in at this school, and as far as I am concerned we can never have enough.

Last weekend was a "ballies' weekend for me. I attended Mr Bennison's 70th Birthday celebrations on Saturday, and on Sunday I was with Allan "Snakes" Chandler for his 60th. Both are good friends, and it was fabulous to see old mates and swap stories of bye-gone years. But it does remind us all that we are mere mortals! Tempus Fugit!

"Reputation is for time;
character is for eternity."

J B Gough

Have a great week.
Dave Wagner
Class of 1973



Kashmeel Bisseru writes in the School Log Book, recording his thoughts and feelings for the history books



Kashmeel with the ladies who worked tirelessly to get his Science mark corrected: Mrs Vermaak (left) and Mrs Mewalal



Kashmeel with Mr Neave (left) Head Master of DPHS and Mr Magner, Head Master of DHS - both very proud Head Masters!



Kashmeel with his delighted Grade 12 teachers, Mrs Mewalal, Mr Johnston, Mr Dunn, Mr Ramjee, Mrs Henley, Mrs Girodo and Mr Collyer

Kashmeel - 1st in South Africa

On Wednesday 25 January 2012 a special assembly was held to honour the achievements of the cleverest boy in South Africa for 2011 - KASHMEEL BISSEU!!

The assembly was attended by every boy in the School, the entire staff, members of the press, Mr Neave from DPHS (where Kashmeel went to primary school) and the entire Bisseru family, all gathered to congratulate Kashmeel on his outstanding results - 1st in South Africa - WOW!!!

Kashmeel, as modest as always, accepted all the praise, accolades and numerous photographs with grace, humility and good humour.

This is what Mr Neave had to say in the DPHS news letter The Patter:

"How proud I felt this morning as the DPHS representative when I attended the special assembly held at DHS in honour of DHS and DPHS old boy Kashmeel Bisseru who was placed first in South Africa in the 2011 Matric exams. Kashmeel's accomplishment is the ultimate and most distinguished scholastic high school achievement possible.

The tone of the assembly was one of humility and dignity and I not only felt proud but also inspired by the spirit of the DHS boys and the school. Headmaster, Dave Magner's address and the speeches by Kashmeel and his Mathematics teacher, Narenee Mewalal reminded me of a quotation attributed to Albert Einstein: 'Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value'.

Kashmeel, in his address to the school, was very humble and gracious, thanking his teachers for their dedication and hard work and the part they played in helping him achieve his goals.

I was able to congratulate DHS, Kashmeel and his family on our school's behalf. They very kindly and generously acknowledged DPHS's part in preparing Kashmeel for high school and setting him on the path towards fulfilling his dreams. We wish Kashmeel well for his engineering studies in KZN."

Well done Kashmeel - we're so proud of you!



Performing Arts Competition 2012

The Performing Arts Competition is an annual event, designed to showcase the talents of the boys at this school. They enter of their own accord in three categories: music, dance and drama. They move through a series of selection processes and the finalists perform for the public in Seabrooke's Theatre. Adjudicators, who are in the professional arena, decide who the winners in the various categories are.

The event is of a very high standard and the variety of

talent that is on display is always audience-pleasing and proves the diversity that is present at this school.

The dates for this year's performances are **Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 February** (adjudication night) at 19h00 at Seabrooke's Theatre.

Booking has opened and tickets are R40pp and available Mrs Krause, Miss Nell and Mr Greef. Seating is unreserved.



Term 1 Sport Captains:
Front from left: Jared Ryder, Gareth Imray, Byron Bromham, Kyle Smith
Back: Cameron Donkin, Sifiso Sithole, Aatish Maharaj
Inset: Tylan Koekemoer



The South African National Blood Service was at Durban High School last week and they were glad to see the huge amount of support from the boys. The boys were excited to be a part of the donation drive and for many it was their first time, which saw a number of nervous faces. Among the donors was Douglas Fuchs, Saiheal Saikoolal and Joshua Bell

Extra-Mural Captains/Leaders 2012

Congratulations to the following learners who have been appointed as Sport Captains and Cultural Activities Leaders in their respective activities:

Sport Captains

Athletics:
Cameron Donkin
 Basketball:
Sifiso Sithole
 Cricket:
Aatish Maharaj
 Golf:
Byron Bromham
 Sport Climbing:
Gareth Imray
 Squash:
Kyle Smith
 Swimming:
Jared Ryder
 Water Polo:
Tylan Koekemoer

Cultural Activities Leaders:

Chess Captain:
Sashin Govender
 Debating Captain:
Mikhale Singh
Dylan Naidu (Vice-Captain)
 Heads of Music:
Julian Janse Van Rensburg
Maqhawe Madonsela
 Head of The Film Unit:
Africa Majola
Ntokozo Mnisi (Vice-Head)

The Communicator

Parents are reminded that the Communicator is the primary form of communication at DHS and parents should therefore ensure that they download it and use it if they wish to keep informed and up to date with events and news at the School.

Remember please that it is also available on your phone.

If you have not yet downloaded it click on the following link:

<http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>

Moms' Com Breakfast for New Moms

All DHS moms, especially the new moms, are invited to join the Moms' Com for breakfast on Friday 10 February from 07h15 in the AJ Human Room.

The breakfast is being held to welcome the new moms to DHS and to give them the opportunity to meet other moms.

A few speakers will chat to the moms to share some interesting information about the School.

Please RSVP to Karen Krause on 031-277 1550 or :

karen.krause@durbanhighschool.co.za



DHS Hockey Golf Day

DHS is celebrating 100 years of Hockey next year and we are hosting a Golf Day in order to help raise funds for new equipment, kit and tours in 2013.

The Golf Day will take place on 8 March 2012 at Royal Durban Golf Club.

We would really appreciate your support by playing in our golf day or with sponsorship.

Should you be interested, please contact Wendy at:

wendy.kockott@durbanhighschool.co.za

Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET vs NORTHWOOD

1st DHS 183
(Makhanya 59, Maharaj 38)
Northwood 71/8
(Ndlovu 4/20)
Draw

2nd DHS 209/6
(Chetty 55, Pillay 44,
Perkins 37)
Northwood 119
DHS won by 90 runs

3rd DHS 146
Northwood 70
(Naidoo 4/7)
DHS won by 76 runs

4th DHS 122/8
(Mbembe 61)
Northwood 120/9
(Mbembe 3/16)
DHS won by 2 runs

16A DHS 164
Northwood 163
DHS won by 1 run

16B Northwood 130
DHS 90
DHS lost by 40 runs

16C DHS 98/7
Northwood 87
DHS won by 11 runs

15A DHS 288/6
(Fletcher 97*, Koekemoer
68)
Northwood 50
DHS won by 238 runs

15B DHS 109
Northwood 57
DHS won by 42 runs

15C DHS 76
Northwood 71/9
(George 4/15)
DHS won by 5 runs

15D Northwood 106/5
(Farrell 4/28)
DHS 78
(Moodley 39)
DHS lost by 27 runs

14A DHS 176
(Khan 44)
Northwood 180/3
DHS lost by 7 wickets

14B Northwood 168
DHS 169/8
DHS won by 2 wickets

14C Northwood 129/5
DHS 98/9
DHS lost by 30 runs

14D Northwood 129
DHS 99
(Boyd 33)
DHS lost by 30 runs

14E Northwood 145/5
DHS 60
DHS lost by 85 runs

14F Northwood 192/6
(Pillay 49)
DHS 84
(Madoda 35)
DHS lost by 108 runs

14G Northwood 118
DHS 121/2
DHS won by 8 wickets

BASKETBALL vs NORTHWOOD

1st DHS 141 Nwood 20
2nd DHS 31 Nwood 12
15A DHS 71 Nwood 16
15B DHS 28 Nwood 4
14A DHS 67 Nwood 0
14B DHS 17 Nwood 8
14C DHS 11 Nwood 7



WATER POLO vs NORTHWOOD

1st DHS 8 Nwood 3
2nd DHS 2 Nwood 16A 8
3rd DHS 5 Nwood 2nd 4
15A DHS 3 Nwood 7
15B DHS 1 Nwood 8
14A DHS 13 Nwood 2
14B DHS 6 Nwood 6

Congratulations!

◆ Cameron Donkin and Lindokuhle Mateyisi were ranked 7th in South Africa in Athletics for Discus and Long Jump respectively.

◆ The following boys have been selected for the PMB and District Athletics Team travelling to Menlo Park in Pretoria:

U15 Anthony Mwanga
Mthokozisi Ntuli

U18 Nhlakanipho Zulu
Cameron Donkin (C)
Mitchell Hayes

Dale McDermott Gym

The Dale McDermott Gym at Durban High School is up and running again.

Brian Green is Master in Charge of Conditioning and in charge of the gym.

The gym will be used exclusively for DHS High Performance squads from 2:30 - 4:30 during the week and usage will be by invitation only during these times. There will be no charge for boys in these squads who are required by their coaches to attend conditioning sessions.

Gym membership is open to all pupils after 4.30pm. The membership fees for the gym are R300 per term or R1,000 for the year.

MySchool records show that DHS raised R **4,291.95** this month, against R **2,691.84** last month. 449 supporters raised funds this month, whilst 412 supporters used their MySchool card to support DHS last month. Well done DHS!

GOLF vs CLIFTON / KEARSNEY

DHS A 5
Clifton A 3

DHS B ½
Kearsney B 7½



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Toastmasters

Grade 11 learners had an opportunity to attend a talk by Gail Northard from Toastmasters International early this week. This talk was initiated to promote the communication, leadership and organisational training which will be conducted at DHS for eight weeks starting at the end of January 2012.

Those interested are to collect an application form from Mr Cele. The course costs R150. The intake is limited to 24 learners and selection will be based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community Service

Volunteers are required for the following projects:

- Nedbank National Championships for the Physically Disabled and Visually impaired in March
- Beach Clean-Up's
- Clarens Primary School
- Robin Hood Packing

Please enquire if interested to complete community service hours with Ms M Subbiah.

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 27 26 January

Cricket vs Westville (h) & (a)

Saturday 28 January

Cricket, Basketball vs Westville (h)
Gala at Ellis Park, Jhb

Monday 30 January

Golf A & B vs Kearsney/Crawford
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Tuesday 31 January

Toastmasters

Wednesday 1 February

Grade 9 Photos
Squash & Basketball vs Glenwood

Thursday 2 February

Langley Day for DPHS Grade 7's
Junior Debating at Maris Stella

Friday 3 February

Junior Speech Day : 09h30

Saturday 4 February

Cricket / Water Polo vs Glenwood
Basketball vs Alex
Athletics : Menlo Park, Gauteng

Monday 6 February

Golf A & B vs Westville

Wednesday 8 February

Grade 10 Photos : AJ Human Room
Inter House Gala : 13h30 to 14h45
DHS B Gala at DHS
Squash vs College
Rotary Team Talk Workshop
Performing Arts Preview

Friday 10 February

Moms' Com Breakfast

This Week's Fixtures

CRICKET Fixtures vs WESTVILE (a) : Thursday 26 January

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
U16C	15h00	Theobald (h)	20/20	Crasso
U15B	15h00	Commons 1 (a)	20/20	Wilkinson
U15C	15h00	Commons 2 (a)	20/20	Capper

CRICKET Fixtures vs WESTVILLE (h) & (a) : Friday 27 January

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
3 rd XI	15h00	Bowdens (a)	20/20	Perks
4 th XI	15h00	Theobald (h)	20/20	Wilkinson
U16B	15h00	Commons 1 (a)	20/20	Matthyssen
U14B	15h00	Commons 2 (a)	20/20	Levin
U14E	15h00	Topfield (h)	20/20	Elliott
U14F	15h00	Pitlochry 3 (a)	20/20	Ngcobo
U14G	15h00	Pitlochry 2 (a)	20/20	Mduli

CRICKET Fixtures vs WESTVILLE (h) & (a) : Saturday 28 January

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
1 st XI	09h30	Theobald (h)	60/50	Donaldson
2 nd XI	09h30	Bowdens (a)	50/50	Rein
U16A	09h30	Commons 1 (a)	50/50	Maungwa
U16D	13h30	Pitlochry 3 (a)	30/30	Sibiya
U15D	08h30	Pitlochry 3 (a)	30/30	Mabena
U15E	08h30	Pitlochry 2 (a)	30/30	
U15A	09h30	DHSOB (h)	60/50	Gcilitshana
U14A	09h30	Commons 2 (a)	50/50	Adam
U14C	08h30	Topfield (h)	30/30	Hlongwa
U14D	13h30	Topfield (h)	30/30	Mfusi

BASKETBALL vs WESTVILLE (h) : Saturday 28 January 2012

Team	Time	Court	Team	Time	Court
1 st	11h45	Court 1	2 nd	10h30	Court 2
U16A	09h30	Court 1	U16B	10h30	Court 2
U15A	08h30	Court 1	U15B	09h30	Court 2
U14A	08h30	Court 2	U14B	08h30	Court 3
U14C	09h30	Court 3	U14D	10h30	Court 3