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 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 Magner
Class of 1973
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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.

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 BISSERU!!

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!

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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  
**Heads of Music:** Julian Janse Van Rensburg, Maqhawe Madonsela  
**Head of The Film Unit:** Africa Majola, Ntokozo Mnisi (Vice-Head)

The Communicator

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Remember please that it is also available on your phone.

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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.

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.

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.

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

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Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET vs NORTHWOOD

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

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

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

4th
DHS 122/8
(Mbembe 61)
Northwood 120/9
(Mbembe 3/16)
DHS won by 2 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
Northwood 20

2nd
DHS 31
Northwood 12

3rd
DHS 20
Northwood 7

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

WATER POLO vs NORTHWOOD

1st
DHS 8
Northwood 3

2nd
DHS 2
Northwood 16A 8

3rd
DHS 5
Northwood 2nd 4

15A DHS 3
Northwood 7

15B DHS 1
Northwood 8

14A DHS 13
Northwood 2

14B DHS 6
Northwood 6

DHS A 5
Clifton A 3

DHS B ½
Kearsney B 7½
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.

This Week’s Fixtures

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