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- ◆ GB Elections
- ◆ DHS Hockey Golf Day

Performing Arts Competition

This year's Performing Arts Competition proved that the musical and performance talent at DHS is varied, creative and of an excellent standard.

After a record number of entries, a rigorous audition phase took place, culminating in a final selection on Wednesday 8 March. We knew then that we had a show that was worthy of selling out ... and it did.

The boys never cease to amaze and entertain us each year. One must always remember that it is mostly their own work and more so this year with many of the "drama" items being self-written.

In the music section, performances ranged from a flute sonata to Audioslave, from "Broken Vow" to "The Humans are Dead". During Act Two, thought-provoking poems, slick interpretative mime, comedy sketches and dance pieces provided something for everyone. (We even discovered our own "Ginger Horatio"!)

Our three adjudicators, Roberta Reddy, Devin Moller and Nathan van Rooyen, had a difficult task in deciding on the awards and the final results were as follows:

Outstanding Vocal Performance:
Victor Smith

Outstanding Ensemble Piece:
Rorke Kemp, Michale Maduray, Julian Janse van Rensburg and James Mellon

Best Musician:

Tharan Pillay

Best Dance Piece:

Tarquin Samuels, Thulani Gumede, Brendan-Lee Johnson

Best Performance:

Shared by Justin James and Kyle Smith, Adam Mohamed and Victor Bantchovski

Congratulations to all of you and to everyone who made the evenings happen. Special mention must be made of the Technical Team (ably led by Mr Skevington, Tyron Brennan and Africa Majola) who have the added challenge of meeting all the performers' "demands" without much rehearsal time. Old Boy, Alex Smillie, returned to assist with the sound and we really appreciate his time and input. "Bravo" to all of you!

Darren Govender proved to be an efficient and effective host and Michale Singh assisted admirably with administration and running the show from backstage.

Thanks also go to Miss Pennington and the Music Department staff members (Miss Smith and Messers Skevington and Wilkinson) and the staff who assisted with the administration of the show - Mrs Krause, Miss Nell, Mr Greef and Mrs Rattray.

"No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist."

Oscar Wilde



What a musician! Tharan Pillay stole the show with his piano playing abilities (more pics on page 3)

School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

The weather respects no persons and nor does it respect any sport code! Our basketball and cricket fixtures against Maritzburg College were cancelled due to 'bad' weather, with only waterpolo being played. Our Boys are to be commended on their effort, with U14A and U14B players deserving special mention for their sterling performances and convincing wins over their opponents!

It was a pleasure to spend a couple of hours at the end of last week with some of our Grade 8 learners at Spirit of Adventure. The conversations ranged from shared fears, such as the fear of heights to the fear of scary creatures usually encountered on such adventures, to proudly showing off the battle scars of the day's activities. Our Boys were particularly enjoying experiencing new challenges, one of which was the snake pit. Canoeing in a straight line seemed to have posed quite a difficult and unexpected challenge to most. They were a happy band of Boys who were forging new and deeper friendships.

There has been a fair amount of talk this week regarding traditions at School. The talk has been amongst people at School, via e-mail and telephone, and also by means of interactions with passionate visitors to School, be they Parents or Friends of School. It is probably accepted by most that a tradition is a long-standing belief, practice or custom that has been handed down from one generation to the next. It is also accepted that new traditions evolve, are developed and introduced into an organisation, such as a school. All too often it seems that the cry goes out that some

practice or other is a tradition that would seem to be under threat. However, one needs to consider the authenticity or validity of such a questioning. We need to remind ourselves regarding the importance of traditions: they are used at School to, among other things, teach our learners how to be part of our school community and to embrace one another as valued members of School. Traditions enable us to create significant moments in the 'walk' through our days at School; they show us the way to celebrating our existence, and how we are to conduct ourselves. We have many proud traditions at School which enable us to enjoy and appreciate that which we have - one another. These traditions include: the manner in which we greet one another; our mentorship programme with its focus on brotherhood; our various ways of gathering together - be it grade and sport assemblies or full assemblies or group gatherings with a common interest or cause; war cry; our newly-adopted Pledge of Allegiance for Grade 8; the walk-way for the Grade 12s; gladly-rendered service to others through our various initiatives such as the Interact Club and the RCL. There are many more.

However, we must be sure to examine constantly, re-examine and interrogate our traditions as to their purpose and sustainability, given possible constraints such as time and physical resources. We need to ask whether a tradition 'makes sense' and whether it is aligned to the School's vision and mission statement. We need to ask whether our traditions have a creative dimension to them and thus whether they are responsive to change when needed. Ardis Whitman has the

following to say: *"We must cherish our yesterdays, but never carry them as a burden into the future. Each generation must take nourishment from the other and give knowledge to the one that comes after."* There is no doubt that conversation around traditions will continue. May it be lively debate and exchange, which will continue to build on the proud traditions of School, and one that constantly breathes new life into the being of School.

The date for our School Governing Body Election is getting very close - Thursday, 8 March 2012, at 18h00. There is every expectation that the 15% quorum will be achieved. Our Boys were urged to keep reminding their Parents of this very important event and thus ensure that their sons' futures are placed in the hands of caring, passionate and creative Governors for the next term of office.

To our Learners - continue to be a blessing to your Parents and to those with whom you share your life. Be faithful in your daily tasks and worthy endeavours, all the while giving of only your best.

M Vermaak
Deputy Principal

May our daily choices be in line with our vision.

May we choose the path of principle - for it leads to character.



The triumphant U14 Water Polo team!



*Outstanding Ensemble Winners:
Julian Janse van Rensburg, Michale
Maduray, Rorke Kemp and James Mellon*



*Best Performance Winners:
Justin James (above) shared with Adam
Mohamed, Kyle Smith (Ginger Horatio)
and Victor Bantchovski*



*Outstanding
Vocal
Performance
won by
Victor Smith*



*See pics
of
Grade 8
at
Spirit
on
page 6*

Grade 8 Spirit of Adventure

The learners arrived in high spirits and were very excited to get started with their adventure. The boys had a short wait before the instructors divided them into groups and during this time many snacks and treats (packed by parents no doubt) were consumed. The boys were divided into teams according to their register classes and given different activities to do. This Grade 8 group was fortunate enough to have three DHS old boys as instructors.

The boys responded well to the challenges, with many boys coming face to face with their

fear of heights when presented with the challenge of abseiling. The boys also got to kayak across the dam, to build their own rafts and to cook their own food! A new experience for some of them I'm sure.

All in all it was a very physical experience and the boys can be very proud of themselves for working together and encouraging each other to achieve their goals whilst on the course.

Mr R Mc Dowall
Grade 8 Class Tutor

What's On at Seabrooke's

Seabrooke's Theatre hosts
2 x Follow Spot Productions in
March

For both Shows:
Tickets: R70 pp, Scholars and
pensioners: R50 pp

Duration: 1 hour
Seating unreserved.

BIG BOYS DON'T DANCE 1 - 4 March 19h30

This hugely popular production makes a return to Seabrooke's Theatre after a sold-out run in 2011.

The show is a South African version of *The Hangover* meets *Flashdance*. It is great fun for the whole family.
Starring Bradley and Ash Searle.
Directed by Vanessa Harris

Hear ye! Hear ye!

DHS Old Boy, Peter Southwood, the only Town Crier in South Africa has passed away.

Peter was a common sight every Saturday at the Alexandra Park Farmers' Market and the city centre in Pietermaritzburg with his distinct cry of "Oyez, oyez, hear ye, hear ye" clearly heard, wearing his immaculate 18th

LOVE @ FIRST FIGHT: 7 - 10 March 19h30

This comedy is a rollercoaster ride through the trials and tribulations and titillations of relationships. Follow Vanessa Harris and husband, Ash Searle, as they sing, dance, (mis)communicate and negotiate how to make love work!

Not entirely suitable for the whole family - maybe 14+!

Bookings:
seabrooke's@durbanhighschool.co.za

SPECIAL TICKET DEAL:

Book for both shows and only pay R120 pp for both!



century attire and ringing his bell. He was the Town Crier for over 20 years and travelled to Australia and Canada for international town crier competitions.

Peter will be remembered for his brilliant voice. His wife, says that she knows he is now heaven's town crier.

Extra-Mural Results

CHESS TOURNAMENT : GREY COLLEGE, BLOEMFONTEIN

Three DHS teams were entered in the tournament. They achieved 2nd and 3rd place.

This is an invitation only chess tournament, comprising 31 schools from all over the country. It is held at Grey College, Bloemfontein.

The entire tournament is held over 2 days and 5 rounds are played. Each round is 2 hours in duration.

The 12 DHS boys who entered were:

2nd Place winners:

1. Musa Mthembu
2. Linda Mduli
3. Mvelo Zulu
4. Yashan Rajh-Gopaul

They won silver medals and R800 prize money.

3rd Place winners:

1. Mayur Garach
2. Kaelin Deepraj
3. Ashendran Naidoo
4. Darshan Nagessur

They won Bronze medals and R600 prize money.

The third team consisted of:

1. Nthutuko Mlondo
2. Kabir Jivan
3. Shivar Ishripersadh
4. Gwala Phiwokuhle

These guys had a tough time as it was the first time they entered a tournament of this nature. Despite this they secured 6 points.

All the boys thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and the Bloem hospitality was excellent.

JUNIOR DEBATING

DHS vs Crawford La Lucia
Result: DHS Lost

CRICKET vs CLIFTON

Night game at UKZN Oval in Pietermaritzburg

1st XI DHS 242
(Booley 44, Trenoweth 31)
CLIFTON 93 all out in
31 overs
(S Makhanya 4/22 off 9
overs)
DHS won by 149 runs

U15A Clifton 134 all out
(Matt Noot 3 for 20)
DHS 135 for 4
(Brandon de Meillon 36*)
DHS won by 6 wickets

WATER POLO vs MARITZBURG COLLEGE

1 st	DHS	3	College	14
2 nd	DHS	4	College	9
3 rd	DHS	5	College	8
U15A	DHS	2	College	6
U15B	DHS	2	College	10
U14A	DHS	18	College	1
U14B	DHS	10	College	4

BASKETBALL AND THE BALANCE OF THE CRICKET GAMES WERE CANCELLED DUE TO THE WEATHER

FIFA Beach Soccer

This week a group of learners from DHS was involved as a demonstration team at a FIFA accredited advanced Beach Soccer course for coaches and referees. They received instruction by a Brazilian National coach sent by FIFA and were used as a demonstration team to do various drills to enable 70 coaches and referees countrywide to be assessed by the course instructors. As a finale to the course the learners participated in a mini tournament and played in the final against a team of homeless children from a shelter near the beachfront. Keegan Mentz Grade 10 was selected as one of the most promising players and he and four other learners from DHS

Congratulations!

- ◆ Reneshan Naidoo was awarded the Trophy for Top Achiever in both the U17 and U19 divisions at the 2011 KZN Junior Badminton Prizegiving. The Senior Committee awarded the Sports Person of the Year Trophy to a Junior and this also went to Reneshan due to his excellent achievements all year through. Reneshan will be receiving his SA Colours and SA Blazer at a special awards function at the end of the Super 16.
- ◆ Jarred Martin (Old Boy) will be presenting an academic paper at the 30th International Congress of Psychology in Cape Town in July this year. Not only is he one of the youngest Psychologists presenting a paper at this prestigious gathering of Psychologists, Academics and Researchers from around the world, but it is also the first time this conference will be held on the African continent.



were invited by the Durban based SA Beach soccer players to train with them and possibly be selected for a junior Ethekweni team in the interprovincial beach soccer tournament taking place in August.

eNews covered parts of the event and will flight the interviews and highlights of the course on their eNews channel on Friday. Look out for Keegan being interviewed.

It was a worthwhile event to attend and DHS are grateful to have been given the opportunity by being invited by SAFA. Thanks go to Julia Shuping of SAFA Ethekweni who co-ordinated the entire event, invited our school to participate and also ensured that our learners were well looked after over the two days.

Stef Crasso
M-i-C : Football



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The Weeks Ahead

Friday 24 February

Water Polo vs Thomas More (h)

Saturday 25 February

Cricket / Basketball vs Clifton (a)
Basketball Tour : St John's
Festival

Monday 27 February

Golf A vs Clifton at royal Durban
Golf B vs Clifton at Beachwood

Tuesday 28 February

Test Period : Grade 8 - English;
Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 - Afrikaans
Athletics : District Qualifiers
Grade 7 Invited Schools Open
Evening : 1730 in AJ Human
Room
Toastmasters : Ms Smith's
Classroom : 17h30 to 20h30

Wednesday 28 February

Top 10 Gala : King's Park :
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE FOR
ALL LEARNERS
Big Boys Don't Dance : Seabrooke's
: 29 February to 4 March

Thursday 1 March

Water Polo Tours - 1st Team to KES,
U15 to Parktown, U14 to Jeppe
Junior Debating at Fatima

Saturday 3 March

Rugby vs KZN Development

Tuesday 6 March

Rugby Parents' Meeting

Thursday 8 March

GB Parent Elections : 18h00
DHS Hockey Golf Day : Royal Durban

Water Polo Fixtures

WATER POLO vs THOMAS
MORE (h) : Friday 24
February

1st 15h45 (4x8min playing)
2nd 15h00 (4x6min running)

U15A 14h45 (4x5min playing)

U14A 13h30 (4x5min playing)



*The Grade 10 Footballers at the
FIFA Beach Soccer Course*

This Week's Fixtures

Cricket Fixtures vs Clifton (h) & (a) : : Friday 24 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
2 nd XI	15h00	Theobald (h)	20/20	Rein
3 rd XI	15h00	Rovers Main (a)	20/20	Perks
4 th XI	15h00	Clifton Oval (a)	20/20	Wilkinson

Cricket Fixtures vs Westville (h) & (a) : Friday 24 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
U14D	15h00	Commons 1(a)	20/20	Mfusi
U14E	15h00	Commons 2(a)	20/20	Elliott
U14G	15h00	Topfield (h)	20/20	Mduli

Cricket Fixtures vs Reddam (h) : : Saturday 25 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
1 st XI	10h00	Theobald (h)	50/50	Donaldson

Cricket Fixtures vs Clifton (h) & (a) : : Saturday 25 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
U16A	09h00	DHSOB (h)	50/50	Maungwa
U15B	13h00	Kmead Oval (a)	30/30	Wilkinson
U15C	08h30	Kmead Oval (a)	20/20	Capper
U14A	09h00	Clifton Oval (a)	50/50	Adam

BASKETBALL vs CLIFTON (h) : Saturday 25 February 2012

Team	Time	Court	Team	Time	Court
2 nd	11h00	Court 2	U16A	11h00	Court 1
U15A	10h00	Court 1	U14A	09h00	Court 1
U14B	09h00	Court 2	U14C	10h00	Court 2



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