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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rugby vs Pioneer in Vryheid
- ◆ Bouldering League Finals at UKZN
- ◆ Book Applications
- ◆ **GB Elections**
- ◆ ID Book Applications
- ◆ Toastmasters Gala Dinner
- ◆ Schools Closes

## Slam Dunk! DHS Basketball Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Year

*"All through my childhood years the only thing I really dreamed about was being a learner at Durban High School playing basketball for the First Team as my elder brother had done a number of years before me. I attended some of my brother's games and to this day, I have clear and vivid images of those games, with their excitement and atmosphere. I play for the First team this year and I can say that the reasons why we push ourselves so much on the courts are: we play as the 'underdog's of the School; we play for our coach; we play for previous DHS basketball players whom we respect and, most importantly, we play as a unit."*

*(Sonke Mzolo Grade 12)*

Basketball, from being an under-rated sport code, has now established itself as a Code B sport in the country and Durban High School is holding the School flag up high. It is the first school in Southern Africa that has defended its title back-to-back at the St John's College Southern African Tournament. It has also successfully won the DHS International Tournament for the past four years. In the last seven years, the Durban High School 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball Team has collected many trophies and accolades in both local and international competitions.

We have had a solid programme and good coaches in place since 1972, when basketball was first introduced by Mr Rod Thomson (who is still playing basketball - now as a veteran!). Mr D Fletcher, Mr I Gilchrist and Mr M Delport, who followed, took basketball to a higher level. Mr Delport, with his vision, took DHS basketball to the USA and, then, Mr P Spanos and Mr

J Rodrigues, with their vast experience, raised the level of the coaching of the game to where it is today. We compete not only at the highest local levels but also at competitions as far away as Senegal (Thies) where School played against the defending champions of the Senegal Senior League as well as their National U23 Team.

DHS Basketball players have attracted the attention of many overseas coaches who have been keeping an eye on our players with a view to offering them scholarships in USA. We have produced several athletes that have gone to play and study overseas. The DHS Basketball coaches have always firmly held the view that academics are important and we always encourage our young players to keep their academic priorities in place.

In this regard, Luvuyo Mandela (Nelson Mandela's grandson), who played basketball at DHS, was awarded an overseas basketball scholarship; Andrew Gobi, another DHS player, is currently studying Medicine in New York; Sakhile (Yao) Sithole who, at the age of 14, was chosen for the SA U19 team, is now in New York pursuing his studies; and, recently, Patson Siame won a place at the Las Vegas Trinity International School.

Our vision is to produce more athletes in any age group to wear the "green and gold" South African colours and raise the School flag high. We have produced exceptional players like Thabo Sithole who, at the age of 14, was playing for SA U16. He was voted the best player of the U17 tournament in Swaziland and was

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## School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

A person can only be amazed and stand in awe of all that School has accomplished in the last month and a half. Our sincere thanks to all who have shown their passion and pride for DHS: our Mom Com who has been very busy in beautifying various areas of School and identifying various projects; our Groundstaff who have done a sterling job to date in setting about the mammoth task of ridding the school of years of accumulated dirt; our dedicated Educators who have engaged effectively with our Boys; our Administrative Colleagues who are the foundation of so much that we are able to achieve; our Learners who have enjoyed and availed themselves of the full range of activities and opportunities at School. We have received many e-mails from our Parents in which they provide positive feedback on the accolades, the good behaviour of our Boys, as well as the visible improvements to the physical aspects of School. Some Parents have specifically commented on the fact that our Boys are greeting visitors to School. These comments are most appreciated. It is reassuring to know that we are making progress in re-aligning various aspects of School and its appearance. We look forward to welcoming Mr de la Rouviere, our Estate Manager, who commences work at School on 1 April 2012. There is no doubt that the good work done in this short time will gain momentum under his guidance and leadership.

In his book entitled *The Second Cycle*, Lars Kolind states that the **meaning** of a school 'is personal growth of each individual student into a responsible and capable adult, who is ready for further studies, for work, and for life.' We are not able to achieve true **meaning** at School without the collaborative interaction with, and involvement of, our Parents. Education is a partnership and our

Parents have a vital role to play. Good, effective education must be supported by the home. Parents may need to ask themselves whether their sons arrive at school correctly attired and on time; whether their sons are being taught to respect authority; whether a good place to do homework is provided in the home; whether their sons have a positive attitude and a teachable spirit; whether their sons have been taught right from wrong. In an article written in 2000, Kevin Donnelly described good parents as those who realise that real education begins and grows in the home - the values, work habits and behaviour in the home reinforce and support what the school does in the best interests of the learners. We have just over a week left before our Parents will be in receipt of their sons' Term 1 reports. We encourage each Parent to discuss their son's progress with him, giving praise where it is due, but also determining where challenges lie and outlining possible interventions. This type of discussion with our Boys will enable our Parents to gain maximum benefit from the scheduled Parent Evenings in Term Two.

The 15% quorum required for the first SGB Election Meeting for Parents was unfortunately not met on Thursday, 8 March 2012. We required 271 Parents to attend. However, only 93 Parents attended the meeting. The second SGB Election Meeting for Parents will be held on Thursday, 22 March 2012, at 18h00 in the Hall. A quorum is not required for this meeting. Kindly note that Parents are required to produce a **bar-coded South African identity document or a valid passport** when they arrive at the meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

M Vermaak  
Deputy Principal

*To our Boys*

*... May you grow up to be righteous*  
*... May you grow up to be true*  
*... May you always know the truth*  
*... May you always be gracious*  
*... Stand upright and be strong*  
*... And may you stay forever young.*

## Fabian is a DHS Hero

Fabian Henley, a Grade 11 learner at Durban High School, is a hero in the eyes of his peers. He was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy at an early age, but has since had various tests to confirm this, without a definite conclusion from doctors regarding his condition. He started using a wheel chair at the beginning of 2011, but he did not let this hinder him living life to its fullest.

Fabian previously attended Open Air School, but he had a dream to attend a standard High School. After doing a placement test he was accepted into DHS. Every day he is seen pushing his way around the school and is admired by all the other boys and has made many lasting friendships.

His friends see him as inspirational because he made his own decisions to go to a school that is a challenge to him physically. However, academically and culturally he excels - his grades are good and he participates in a number of activities at the school such as Music, singing, previously a member of the film unit as well as the fishing club. Fabian participated in Spirit of Adventure in Grade 8 and 9, which included abseiling and rock climbing, and he attended his Grade 10 Cobham hike under freezing conditions. He is currently a member of the RCL, a Grade 11 mentor and is involved in Toastmasters. He has not let anything stand in the way of pursuing his interests.

Comments from a few of the boys that know him suggest that Fabian  
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*The 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball Team hold up the gold medals they brought home from the St John's College Basketball Tournament*



*Our Hero, Fabian Henley, with his close friends Dylan Naidu, Victor Bantchovski and Shivan Gopee*



*Mbembe Payi holds up his SA 7s Rugby jersey which he wore when he played in a curtain raiser before the Bulls game on Saturday*

## Fabian is a DHS Hero ... cont'd

is quite popular amongst his peers and has made a difference in the lives of those around him. Tyler Pillay from Grade 10, said that "Fabian is so brave to attend a normal school despite the challenges he has to face every day. My friends and I often help him around and chat to him and are inspired by him, because he doesn't feel sorry for himself or even ask for help unless he really has to." His close friends Dylan Naidu, Victor Bantchovski and Shivan Gopee appreciate the way he presents himself and

gets involved at school like a physically-able learner.

Yale Naicker, a Grade 10 learner in the music team with Fabian, mentioned that he has a very good singing voice and even plays instruments and is a role model to younger students. Fabian is passionate about animals and would like to become a veterinarian after matriculating. He is known as the DHS vet and has already rehabilitated two injured birds brought to him by the boys.

## Slam Dunk! DHS Basketball Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Year ... cont'd

also voted as the "Best Player of the Tournament" in Zone 6. In 2011, he captained the SA side and broke records as one of the top three scorers in Africa when the national side played in Egypt. He did it again during the World Youth Games when he was one of the top five scorers of the tournament, a tournament in which the side played against the best teams in the world. Last year, we had seven DHS players in the KZN U17 side, all seven of which were invited to attend the National Basketball camp.

all the athletes going from the "old" days when basketball was not considered seriously as a School sport to the point where our basketball players are now heroes of sport at DHS.

Since their modest beginnings in 1972 to the great successes of 2012, our players have put basketball and the school on the map. We salute you. Your names will be remembered by athletes that follow in the years to come.

*"There are plenty of teams in every sport that have great players and never win titles. Most of the time, those players aren't willing to sacrifice for the greater good of the team. The funny thing is, in the end, their unwillingness to sacrifice only makes individual goals more difficult to achieve. One thing I believe to the fullest is that if you think and achieve as a team, the individual accolades will take care of themselves. Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."*

*(Michael Jordan)*

Basketball, in its fortieth year at DHS, is celebrating in grand style. We have played 109 games without loss! Our boys are true Southern African champs when they wear the DHS basketball kit. They wear their School colours with pride and passion. Our U14A side was unbeaten this season and they made history when they beat Glenwood 118-0 - an U14 South African basketball record! Their success is ample proof of our positive direction and the commitment of our boys. From players to coaches we have a single motto: "One school, one vision, one team and one badge." This is what has kept

L Zulu  
Senior Basketball Coach

## Extra-Mural Results

### RUGBY vs PORT NATAL / PINETOWN

1 <sup>st</sup>	34	Port Natal	22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	Pinetown 1 <sup>st</sup>	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	Pinetown 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12
4 <sup>th</sup>	0	Pinetown	3
U16A	26	Port Natal	5
U16B	3	Pinetown 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
U15A	15	Port Natal	7
U15B	15	Pinetown U15A	3
U16C	10	Pinetown 4 <sup>th</sup>	12
U16D	0	Pinetown 5 <sup>th</sup>	10
U15C	7	Pinetown U15B	5
U14A	33	Port Natal	7
U14B	23	Pinetown U14A	7
U14C	15	Pinetown U14B	5

### HOCKEY vs HILLCREST / CRAWFORD LL

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	3	Crawford LL 1 <sup>st</sup>	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	4	Hillcrest 1 <sup>st</sup>	2
U16B	1	Crawford LL U16A	2
U14B	1	Crawford LL U14A	1

## It's the Dutch Way of Playing

The Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB) invited the Durban High School U15 soccer team to train with coaches from around KZN at a World Coaches programme.

The programme is aimed at developing the skills of coaches in South Africa in order to equip them with the knowledge of teaching the youth the Dutch technique of football.



*Durban High School's U15 soccer team with coaches from all over KwaZulu Natal for the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB) workshop*

## Game Goes Back to School with DHS

Durban High School was chosen by *Game* stores as an ideal venue to shoot their "Back to School" campaign for 2012, which aired over the December/January back to school period this year.

"The location had the correct "space and elements" needed to give our campaign the correct look and feel" according to Kagiso Africa - Production Manager (TV and Radio) for leading Advertising Agency, Ogilvy Durban.

Out of gratitude for DHS allowing them to use their facility, *Game* thanked the School by donating stationary to the value of R5000 to a number of deserving pupils at DHS.

One such deserving pupil was Mkhize Khabazela, a grade 8 learner who was grateful for the donation that would see him through the school year.



*Dave Dunn, Marketing Manager of DHS, hands Grade 8 DHS learner, Mkhize Khabazela his stationery from Game*



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## DHS Old Boys Take to the Stages!

What a pleasure it is at the moment to drive around Durban and see (often on the same street pole) two posters advertising productions that feature DHS Old Boys.

Neil Coppen's hugely successful production of **ABNORMAL LOADS** is on in Durban this month before going to the Market Theatre in Johannesburg. He won the Standard Bank National Arts Festival Award for Drama in 2010. This production is written and directed by Neil.

The posters for KUCH KUCH HAPPENS, feature Yesheen Bhagwandeem who was prominent as a dancer while here at DHS. He is certainly making a name for himself in the dance world and we wish him every success in this production which runs at Suncoast this month.

## The Weeks Ahead

Friday 16 15 March

U14 Rugby vs Westville : 15h15

Saturday 17 March

Rugby vs Vryheid (a) - 1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, U16A/B, U15A/B, U14A/B

Sunday 18 March

Bouldering League Finals at UKZN  
: 07h00 to 13h00

Monday 20 March

ID Book Applications - Department of Home Affairs at DHS

Monday 20 March

Toastmasters Course

Wednesday 21 March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Human Rights Day

Thursday 22 March

GB Parent Election : Adjourned Date  
Toastmasters Gala Dinner : 18h00

Friday 23 March

School Closes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Holiday Activities

Rugby Tours:

1<sup>st</sup> XV to Grey PE : 22-29 March

U14 Parktown Festival : 28-31 Mar

U15 Port Natal : 1-5 April

U16 Skonk Nicholson Festival : 2-6 April

Basketball Tournament at DHS :  
4 to 8 April

1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey to KES : 4-9 April

Monday 9 April

1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Touring Squad Braai

Tuesday 10 April

School Opens for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

Thursday 12 April

Grade 10 Briefing on Cobham for Parents



## This Week's Fixtures

RUGBY vs WESTVILLE (h) : Friday 16 March

Team	Time	Opponent	Venue	Coach
U14D	15h15	Westville U14F	Van Heerden (h)	Cornew
U14E	15h15	Westville U14G	Nourse (h)	Burt

RUGBY vs VRYHEID (a) : Saturday 17 March

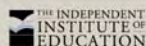
Team	Time	Venue	Coach
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	12h00	Field A Pioneer	Gericke/B Adam
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	11h00	Field A Pioneer	Brown/Thomes
U16A	10h00	Field A Pioneer	Wilkinson/Donaldson
U16B	10h15	Field B Pioneer	Wessels
U15A	09h00	Field A Pioneer	Stewart/Sibiya
U15B	08h00	Field B Pioneer	September
U14A	08h00	Field A Pioneer	M Adam/Levin
U14B	09h00	Field B Pioneer	Matthysen/Zwane

### Travel Arrangements:

All players will leave DHS at 14h30 on Friday 16 March from Top Field. They will be accommodated in the Vryheid High School BE for Friday night. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. The bus will return to DHS after the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game on Saturday.

The players may travel in their blue and gold practice shirts, with their black rugby shorts. However, they must take their full school uniform to wear on Saturday. The learners are also required to take their own bedding, ie sleeping bag/duvet and pillow.

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I Care is holding its Annual Golf Day at Royal Durban Gold Club on Thursday 12 April this year and would like to invite you on board at this fundraising event in one or all of the following ways:-

**Teams/Players:-**

A Team of 4 players for a 4 Ball Better-ball will cost you R1680.00, being R420 per player. Your preferred tee-off time will be secured receipt of payment. Be an early bird!! (Bank details below).

**Sponsorship:**

To sponsor a hole you may advertise/promote your company at the hole. The cost is R3000.00 or share a hole for R500.00 each! Tax Receipts Section 18a will be issued on request for sponsorship.

**Prizes:**

We are requesting donations of prizes of 2 or 4 of a kind. Your gift will be acknowledged in our programme which you will find on the tables at the supper and prize giving.

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