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Out of the Mouths of Babes

As we approach the end of a long, hot first term, it seems appropriate to list some positive comments made about School by the new intake for the year, the Grade 8s. Educators, and parents alike, tend to focus on the bad things and what went wrong. Too seldom do we reflect on what is right and good. There is a homily in this - we, as a School, should "count our blessings" more often than we do.

"There are many good things about DHS, one of which is the teachers. They are very enthusiastic and inspiring, not to mention humorous. They love to teach us." (H Essop 8D)

"DHS is a very noble and proud school that I am a part of. The teachers help to motivate and push us, the learners, to achieve the best that we can." (D Manicum 8H)

"DHS is not just a school - it is a big family of brothers, working together, supporting each other and loving each other." (S L Mtshali 8H)

"At DHS I have experienced kindness from all students. Everyone here 'looks out' for one another, whether it be on the sporting fields or in the classroom. It's nice to know that someone has got your back!" (S Walker 8H)

"From fascinating science lessons to the pride and passion of War Cry, DHS is more than a school - it is a brotherhood. We are a 'team'; we acknowledge all aspects of school life. DHS stretches you as an individual

and as a team player. It's an institution known only as School!" (J Spooner 8D)

"One of my best memories of DHS will be when I put on my DHS Rugby jersey for the first time and ran on to the field to play my match." (K Vorajee 8U)

"DHS has made me fall in love with reading because of its wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books in the Memorial Library." (D Moodley 8U)

"DHS is brilliant at cultural activities, academics and sports. Many great men came to DHS. I'm sure many more will come." (J Penn 8U)

"In The Durban High School Family, we have boys of all talents, religions and cultural backgrounds but even with the great diversity that DHS has, the boys still accept each other as brothers. This is the Brotherhood of DHS. This relationship is shown in all the sporting, cultural and academic activities. This is what makes DHS what it is. This is what makes DHS great." (C Milledge 8D)

The above comments represent a small sample of material that was handed to me but they most certainly do answer a question that any parent of a DHS learner may ask: "Have I sent my son to the right school?"

P G Collyer
Head: Grade 8



School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

A much-loved Colleague used to always count down the term by the number of 'sleeps' left. Just two more 'sleeps' and we close the chapter on the first term of 2012 at School. It has been a demanding, busy term in which our Boys have been actively involved in a great variety of endeavours. These have ranged from various sport codes, to cultural activities, RCL commitments, Prefect duties, War Cry practices, and, not least of all, hard work in the classroom. Our Boys have brought many accolades to School. One such accolade involves the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation's announcement of its Circle of Excellence Membership for 2012. DHS is placed thirteenth on the 2012 Circle of Excellence Membership list, placing School as the first boys' school, and the second school, in KZN.

The Horsefly Coffee Shop was the place where a very significant interaction took place on Friday last week. Sculptor Andries Botha was speaking to our Visual Arts Learners. He was sharing pertinent aspects of his life with them: encouraging them to embrace who they are; to identify that one important goal or vision that they have for themselves; and then, to find the courage to not only articulate it but to pursue it. He shared with our Boys how his life unfolded when he did exactly that, namely tell his father what he wanted to be - an artist. Andries Botha provided a great service to our Boys - he encouraged them.

We continue to receive compliments regarding our Boys, in particular the manner in which they receive, greet and

assist visitors to School. Our Boys must be reminded that they are the best marketers of School and, as such, they must behave in the only way that is right - honourably.

Our Boys will be participating in sporting activities at a variety of locations during the upcoming holiday period. Our hockey team will travel to KES; the rugby First XV will be going to Port Elizabeth; the U14 rugby team to Parktown; the U15 rugby team will participate in the Port Natal Festival; the U16 rugby team will travel to Pietermaritzburg to participate in the 'Skonk' Nicholson Tournament; and our basketball team will participate in a tournament locally. We wish our Boys an enjoyable time at their various destinations, and we thank our Staff who will accompany them. May they travel safely and return home safely, having made new friends through their sporting codes.

The various sport fixtures for the second term have been published, and one cannot ignore the importance that is placed on the performance of, especially, school boy rugby, specifically at first team level. Some schools, including DHS, have already played a couple of fixtures this term. It is maybe wise to reflect on the following words penned by Dr Glenn Hagemann: *I believe that the role of sport at school is to instil in our children a lifelong love for sport and participation in physical activities, to teach our youth how to be competitive (but also how to lose gracefully), to build self-esteem and to develop life skills. We need to encourage our young athletes to strive for sporting excellence, but remembering at the same time the importance of academic achievement which will pave the*

way for a successful future. One hopes that people will heed the words of Professor Tim Noakes as far back as 1984: And the bottom line is that South African society is not yet sufficiently enlightened to realise that the quality of a school is not necessarily in direct proportion to the win-loss record of its first rugby team. One can only live in hope that our society has learned and become smarter in the time since 1984 regarding this matter.

We bid farewell to Matron van den Bergh at the end of March. Matron has been an integral part to School, especially Blackmore House, where she has taken excellent care of our Boys. We will miss her, especially her effective solutions to so many problems. Our best wishes to Matron for a blessed future.

The view from the second floor foyer window on Tuesday was a particularly pleasing one - the neatly trimmed bottle-green hedge contrasted well with the pool, which was just the right shade of blue. Neatly marked and cut fields were dotted with Academy learners at practice. Our resident Egyptian geese were nowhere in sight - it is possible that plans are being hatched to bring the next generation of chicks into existence!

M Vermaak
Deputy Principal

May each and every one of them remember that as he is, so is his school.



Dayne Mare wins the ball yet again for the DHS 1st XV at Vryheid



Ryan Killian scores a winning try for the 2nd XV at Vryheid High



Mohamed Danka, has been selected to participate in a soccer tournament in Dubai in April by his club

BDO Quiz

The BDO Quiz is an event designed to make learners reach into the depths of their minds and retrieve various facts and figures about the world we live in.

Our team, "Quizteam Aquilera", consisted of: Darshan Reddy (Geography Expert), Keshan Naido (Pop Culture Junky), Nicholas Conyngham (History Master) and Victor Bantchovski (Connoisseur of Arbitrary Knowledge) - a well-rounded group ready to cause some intellectual damage.

We sailed through the first round and finished a surprisingly pleasant 2nd position, falling behind only to a formidable Clifton Team.

On the evening of Monday 12 March, we participated in the final round of the BDO Quiz with our sights set on gold, as well as having a great time (but mostly gold!). The atmosphere was positively sizzling in the Clifton College Hall as 44 teams from various schools prepared for an action packed 2½ hours of general knowledge. The topics

Cultural Hive of Activity

This afternoon, I would like to have been in four places at the same time. Not possible, so I opted for the "most important" event for the afternoon - the Junior Debate against Maris Stella on "Space Exploration should Cease"... and I'm glad I did.

Hearing these young speakers challenge each other intellectually, strategically and witness them literally having to "think on their feet", was an absolute treat. Our Junior team, consisting of Thabiso Malimela, Sahil Maharlall and Aime Izineza, were in fine form and justifiably won the debate. Aime Izineza was awarded Best Speaker for the second time in a

row - congratulations. He is insightful and has an astounding grasp of the English language. What a pleasure to listen to!

After a gruelling first half, we knew we needed some new inspiration and the provided pizza did not fail to deliver. After a quick social bite we were back in the hall and ready for more. It was time for a comeback. And what a comeback it was ... we were right on form. During the final tallying of the points there was a bonus sing along round and DHS poured its soul out to the late Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You".

It was an entertaining and emotional evening. We were most tense when the teams' final points and positions were being announced. The news of us placing 3rd only to Westville Boys and Clifton completed a good day. We learnt many things from this wonderful experience and were proud to represent DHS.

The other three cultural activities all on the go at the same time were auditions for the Eastern Evening in the Hall, the Poetry Club rehearsing for their Open Mic in Seabrooke's and the musos in the AJ Human Room preparing for "Some Cool Tunes". In other words, every staff member of the Cultural Activities Committee was working with our learners this afternoon ... simultaneously. Thank-you all.

Culturally, we are in a good space.

Extra-Mural Results

RUGBY vs VRYHEID HIGH

1 st	DHS	30	Vryheid	22
2 nd	DHS	14	Vryheid	10
U16A	DHS	24	Vryheid	5
U16B	DHS	38	Vryheid	0
U15A	DHS	24	Vryheid	0
U15B	DHS	32	Vryheid	0
U14A	DHS	29	Vryheid	0
U14B	DHS	24	Vryheid	0

Played	8
Won	8
Points for	215
Points against	37

RUGBY FILLER FIXTURES vs WESTVILLE BOYS

DHS U14D	0	Westville U14E	7
DHS U14E	0	Westville U14F	19

HOCKEY vs THOMAS MORE

1 st	DHS	2	Thomas More	0
2 nd	DHS	6	Thomas More	0
U16A	DHS	1	Thomas More	0
U16B	DHS	1	Thomas More	0
U14A	DHS	1	Thomas More	0
U14B	DHS	0	Thomas More	3

Played	6
Won	5
Lost	1
Goals for	11
Goals against	3

HOCKY vs FELIXTON COLLEGE

1 st	DHS	5	Felixon	1
U15	DHS	4	Felixon	0

CLIMBING LEAGUE : KZN FINALS

The finals of the KZN climbing league took place at the UKZN Indoor Sports Centre on Sunday, 18 March.

The results were as follows:

Boys U13:

2 nd	William Clarke
3 rd	Ethan Hulett

Boys U15:

6 th	Ryan Dafel
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Boys U17:

1 st	Jordan Pillai
5 th	Lindani Msomi & Langelihle Sosibo (tied)
7 th	Donavan Hulett & Justin Stevenson (tied)

Boys U19:

2 nd	Gareth Imray
3 rd	Luke Penn
5 th	Krinolen Naidoo & Dimitrije Mamontov (tied)

Good Luck

to All our Boys

Going on Tour!

Congratulations!

- ♦ The following learners have been selected to represent KZN Schools in Athletics at the National Championships in Germiston from 30 March to 1 April 2012:

Cameron Donkin
Lindokuhle Mateyisi
Ntandazo Mtshengu
Nhlakanipho Zulu

- ♦ Mohamed Danka has been selected to participate in a soccer tournament in Dubai in April through his club football U14 team.

Friday Detention

To All DHS Parents:

As you are aware, DHS has a robust discipline structure which is clearly outlined in the Code of Conduct (Blue Book). The structure currently has several levels of referral and punishment to deal appropriately with any misconduct by the pupils.

A small group of pupils have identified a 'loop hole' in the current system. In order to tighten up the following procedure will be implemented from the start of Term 2.

- All pupils who miss a scheduled Friday detention (13h00 to 15h30) will be excluded from class the following Monday and will spend the entire day in the Duty Room (C425).
- Only those pupils who are accompanied by their parents to school or those in possession of a valid Doctor's note will be afforded the opportunity to explain their absence.

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Abnormal Loads

Do yourself a favour and get down to the Playhouse Theatre during the next two weeks to see what is one the finest pieces of theatre on offer for many a year.

Written and directed by hugely talented old boy Neil Coppen, the play is a complex, but at the same time, easily accessible tale of South Africa. The acting is magnificent, and the set and lighting are superbly executed. Travis Horton, sound design, and Gary Thomas are two other old boys involved in the production along with Greg Lomas who designed the advertising material. It is a fantastic production, and made us so proud to know that DHS had a small part to play in the development of this young man's talent.

Durban audiences are notoriously fickle when it comes to theatre, and often wake up to a good production when it is too late to see it. Don't make that mistake!

The Weeks Ahead

Thursday 22 March

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

Friday 23 March

School Closes for the 1st Term

Holiday Activities

Rugby Tours:
1st XV to Grey PE : 22-29 March
U14 Parktown Festival : 28-31 March
U15 Port Natal Festival : 1-5 April
U16 Skonk Nicholson Festival : 2-6 April
Basketball Tournament at DHS :
4 to 8 April
1st XI Hockey to KES : 4-9 April

Monday 9 April

1st XV Rugby Touring Squad Braai

Tuesday 10 April

School Opens for the 2nd Term

Thursday 12 April

Grade 10 Briefing on Cobham for Parents

Saturday 14 April

Rugby vs Westville (a)

Wednesday 18 April

Grade 12 Parents Evening : 17h30

Saturday 21 April

Rugby vs College (a)

Tuesday 24 April

Grade 9 Parents Evening : 17h30

Saturday 28 April

Rugby vs KES (h)

Friday 4 May

Matric Fashion Show



This Holiday's Fixtures

1st XV RUGBY Tour to Grey Rugby Festival PE : 22 to 29 March

Date	Time	Opponent
Saturday 24 March	11h30	Queen's College
Monday 26 March	13h30	Daniel Pienaar
Wednesday 28 March	12h00	Nico Malan

U14 Rugby Tour to Parktown : 28 to 31 March

Date	Time	Opponent
Thursday 29 March	TBC	Helpmekaar
Friday 30 March	11h30 12h05 15h35	St John's St Stithians St David's
Saturday 31 March	08h00 12h05	St Andrew's Parktown



U15 Rugby Tournament at Port Natal, Durban : 1 to 5 April 2012 Fixtures not yet confirmed

U16 Rugby Tour to Skonk Nicholson Tournament : 2 to 6 April

Date	Time	Opponent	Venue
Tuesday 3 April	15h10	Brandwag	Goldstones
Wednesday 4 April	12h30	Queens	Goldstones
Thursday 5 April	08h30	Menlo Park	Nicholsons

1st XI Hockey Tour to KES School Hockey Festival : 4 to 9 April

Date	Time	Opponent	Venue
Thursday 5 April	09h05 14h30	St David's Marist Brothers Afrikaanse Hoer Seunskool Pretoria	St John's KES
Saturday 7 April	14h30	St Benedicts College	KES
Sunday 8 April	13h25	St John's College	KES
Monday 9 April	12h20	St Alban's College	KES



Jes Foord Foundation Community Information Talk

RAPE, a sensitive subject.

A young woman growing up in South Africa has more chance of being raped than she has to learn to read and write. 40% of South African men have admitted to being raped or sexually assaulted. As a parent, have you been left in the dark? Most teenagers feel they cannot confide in their parents following a rape or sexual assault ordeal.

Rape Survivor and Founder of The Jes Foord Foundation, Jes Foord, is presenting a Community Information Talk aimed at informing parents of the reality of rape in South Africa, and how parents can encourage their children to speak out after such a terrible experience.

Jes will be talking about her own personal experience and her journey over the last 4 years following her brutal rape by 4 men, whilst her father was forced to watch. Jes will be covering issues surrounding young adults and their need for unconditional love and support from immediate family and friends after rape. In our experience most young adults find it very hard to come forward and talk about their ordeals, and most of them have not told their parents as they are either too scared or ashamed. Jes will share some advice on how parents can deal with the shock and trauma related to rape and sexual assault.

Details:

The talk will be held on 17 April 2012, at 19h00, at the main hall at Glenwood High School. Tickets are R75 per person. Should you wish to attend, please contact us on 031 765 4559 or admin@jff.org.za to secure your seat. Tickets can be pre booked, and paid for at the door. Doors open at 18h30 and Tea and Coffee will be served before the talk.

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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.

I Care is an NGO which endeavours to take the street children off the streets and give them a better future by way of rehabilitation of substances, shelter, food, clothing and education or skills training. We aim to reunite these children with their families wherever possible and monitor their progress.

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