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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rugby & Hockey vs Westville
- ◆ Grade 12 Parents Evening
- ◆ The Single Dad at Seabrooke's
- ◆ Chess vs Stanger
- ◆ Rugby & Hockey vs College - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
- ◆ Grade 9 Parents Evening

## Winter Sports Festivals - Easter Holidays

The past Easter holidays saw 150 DHS learners and 18 coaches involved in different sport festivals all around the country. All boys represented their school with honour and were excellent ambassadors for DHS. We are very proud of all of their exploits.

The U14A rugby team went to the Parktown festival, the U15A and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV went to the Port Natal Festival, the U16A went to the Skonk Nicholson festival at Maritzburg College and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV went to the Grey Rugby Festival in Port Elizabeth.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey team went to the KES Easter Festival in JHB and our U16A and 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball teams competed in our very own DHS International Basketball Festival.

A detailed list of all the team's achievements follows on page 3, but there were some wonderful highlights on and off the field of play.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV showed great promise at the Grey Festival. After a difficult start, they made huge improvements and did incredibly well vs Nico Malan (who beat Kearsney 34-24). DHS fought back from 19-0 down at half time to lose 27-24 in a nail biting finish to a great game of rugby.

The U14A rugby team were hosted by Parktown families the night before the festival. Our boys made a great impression on these families

and the coaches received nothing but compliments about their impeccable behaviour, manners and sense of fun. The team were also named as the team of the festival for their exciting brand of rugby and their sportsmanship and spirit off the field.

The U15A had an excellent, hard fought win over Wilgerivier.

The U16A rugby team showed phenomenal team spirit and resolve at the Skonk Nicholson Festival. The team received numerous compliments for their team songs and obvious camaraderie throughout the festival.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey side showed tremendous courage and great sportsmanship when falling agonisingly short and losing by the narrowest of margins to St Benedict's and St John's. Their determination and character also won them many friends at the festival.

Congratulations to Lethu Zulu, Charles Moodley, their support staff and the DHS Basketball Programme for, yet again, putting on a highly successful festival and maintaining our status as one of the finest basketball institutions in the country. The quality of basketball played by our neighbours from Zimbabwe was very impressive and we congratulate St George's on their first festival win.

## School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

We are truly blessed that all our Boys and Staff Members return safely to School for the start of the second term. Indeed, Deo Fretus!

Many of our Boys travelled long distances to represent School on the rugby and hockey fields. Some of our Boys participated, more locally, in rugby and basketball festivals. A sincere thank you is extended to the following Staff Members who accompanied our Boys, thus ensuring their safety and enjoyment of the vacation sporting ventures: Messrs M. Adam and Levin accompanied our Boys to the U14 Parktown Rugby Festival; Messrs Sibiya and Mabena looked after our U15 rugby Boys at the Port Natal Festival; Messrs Wilkinson and Donaldson travelled with our U16 rugby team to the 'Skonk' Nicholson Tournament held at Maritzburg College; Mr Brown was responsible for our 2<sup>nd</sup> XV at the Port Natal Festival; Messrs Gericke, B. Adam and Green went with our 1<sup>st</sup> XV to the Grey P E Festival; Mrs Snelling and Mr Crasso accompanied our hockey team to Festival at Parktown; and, Messrs Zulu, Moodley, September and Maungwa who were integral in the Basketball Tournament organised by School but held at Westville Boys' High School. Our sincere thanks to Mr Spanos who was yet again faithful in his support, providing excellent expertise assistance and advice at the Basketball Tournament. Thank you to Messes Cele, Pillay, Moodley and Maungwa who were our dedicated drivers.

Our thanks are also extended to our Parents who accompanied our Boys. Your continued interest and passion for School is greatly appreciated and needed.

The second term will, most certainly, be a demanding one - academically and extra-murally. Our Boys are in possession of the Term 2 Planner and Assessment Programme. Together with the active interest of their Parents, our Boys are strongly advised and encouraged to take the time to plan their days in this busy term. Our Boys must be assisted, where necessary, to ensure that they are fully aware of the demands and requirements for the second term. There are many willing Educators who will assist those Boys who need help in organising their time. Cognisance must be taken of the various assessment tasks that will need to be completed by the set deadlines; tests that will require solid preparation to ensure success; activities outside the classroom that will demand commitment and resilience to achieve goals and provide performances for appreciative audiences and spectators. The second term is of particular importance to our Grade 12 Boys, who must avail themselves of every opportunity afforded them to progress and learn.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their sons' educators this term. However, Parents are invited and encouraged to contact the School to discuss areas of concern regarding their sons, especially their academic progress. It is our fervent hope that Parents and their sons have discussed their Term 1 report results and identified excellence where relevant, as well as areas where improvement and intervention are required. The marks meeting held with Grade Heads and Heads of Department at the close of Term 1 revealed various areas of concern. One such area is the unacceptable high number of learners who are under-achieving in Life

Orientation. In fact, too many learners are failing the subject. There is simply no excuse not to excel in Life Orientation, which includes a wide range of topics as well as a practical component. It would seem as if there are learners who do not hand in work and, thus, forfeit valuable marks. There are learners in the senior phase who failed Term 1 because they had too few subjects at 30%. Many of these learners would have passed if they achieved 30% and above for Life Orientation. Another point discussed was that too many Boys are not participating in the practical component of Life Orientation. Boys are not bringing the required kit to such sessions and Educators are having to contend with many letters from Parents stating that their sons are too unwell to participate. Life Orientation is assessed internally for the National Senior Certificate Examination in Grade 12 and, as such, there is no final examination that is written as part of the National Senior Certificate Examination. It is in the very best interests of all learners to ensure that they achieve an excellent mark for this subject and the starting point to this end is by completing and handing in assignments and assessment tasks.

There has been a fair amount of media coverage regarding education. One of the topics is that of late-coming. There are times when reasons for arriving late at school are due to legitimate reasons beyond anybody's control. However, there are reasons given which are just not acceptable - such as waking up late! Parents are to please ensure that their sons arrive at school on time so that the maximum benefit can be achieved in the school day.





*U14 Rugby players watched enthralled as they learn from their heroes from the 1<sup>st</sup> XV at the U14 Rugby Camp last term*



*Cade Phillips (left), Grade 8, at work, sealing this class's envelope with wax and a stamp, watched by Riyaad Rajah and Ethan Hulett*



*"The finished products" proudly displayed by Duveaine Naicker, Mandisi Mthiyane, Riyaad Rajah and Cheraav Kusial.*

## School Matters cont'd

Mr de la Rouviere, our Estate Manager, is hard at work at School. He commenced his tenure on Monday, 2 April 2012, when he was introduced to our valued Ground Staff Members who gave him a warm reception. The Administrative Staff were very pleased to see that the second floor area has already been repainted - and this is only one of the clearly visible tasks that have been completed in this short space of time.

We look forward to welcoming Sister Bond, as our Matron, to Blackmore House at the start of May 2012. Sister Bond will also be assisting us, where necessary, with sickbay during school hours.

There is much to be accomplished during Term 2. May each and every one of us be granted the strength to embrace the opportunities and challenges that each day will bring.

M Vermaak  
Acting Principal

*Enriched is the man who treats others with kindness beyond what they deserve.*

*Enriched is the man who applauds the success of others.*

*Enriched is the man who would rather lose at a sporting event than cheat in order to win.*

*Enriched is a man who pauses regularly to acknowledge his joy at being a man.*

## Dracula the Vampire Strikes Back!

Congratulations to the following boys who successfully auditioned for the school production of *Dracula the Vampire Strikes Back!* which will be staged in Seabrooke's Theatre in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term:

Narrators:

Sihle Maphumulo  
Kyle Trytsman

Dr Renfield:

Casey Milledge

Coco van Helsing:

Haydn Henning

Jonathan Harker:

Justin James

Count Dracula:

Slaine Spaan

Sheerluck Jones:

Keegan Latham

PC World:

Byron Latham

Prof van Helsing:

Kyle Smith

Newspaper boy:

Ethan Hulett

Villagers/Bats/Stage Crew:

Matthew Everitt  
Joel Kidgell  
Duveaine Naicker  
Dylan Bothma  
Joshua Arnold

Director's Assistant:

Trent Webster

Backstage Manager:

Tevin Sewsunker



## Grade 8 Time Capsules

All Grade 8s, in their English classes, were asked to write letters to themselves; letters in which they were to write about their hopes and dreams and what they wanted to achieve by the time the letters would be opened in their Grade 12 year in 2016; the year School celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. These letters were then placed

in an envelope; one envelope for each register class.

Yesterday these envelopes were sealed in the old fashioned way, with sealing wax and a sealing stamp under the watchful eye of Head of Grade 8, Mr P Collyer, and subsequently removed for safe-keeping until June 2016.

## Extra-Mural Results

### RUGBY : TOURNAMENTS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XV to Grey High, PE:

DHS	3	Queens College	22
DHS	3	HTS Daniel Pienaar	23
DHS	24	Nico Malan	27

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> XV to Port Natal, Durban:

DHS	26	Port Natal	7
DHS	0	Transvalia	61
DHS	26	Durban Developmnt	0

#### U16 to 'Skonk' Nicholson Festival in Pietermaritzburg:

DHS	12	Die Brandwag	7
DHS	30	Queens College	10
DHS	5	Menlo Park	21

#### U15 to Port Natal High, Durban:

DHS	7	Wilgerivier	3
DHS	15	Rob Ferreira	19
DHS	0	Northwood	29

#### U14 to Parktown, Johannesburg:

DHS	32	St John's	0
DHS	28	St Stithians	0
DHS	51	St Davids	0
DHS	48	St Andrews	0
DHS	28	Parktown	0

### HOCKEY : KES EASTER FESTIVAL

DHS	0	St David's	2
DHS	2	Affies	1
DHS	0	St Benedicts	1
DHS	1	St John's	2
DHS	1	St Albans	0

### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT at DHS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Team results:

DHS	20	Navalsag	0
DHS	103	Port Shepstone	12
DHS	88	Flames	27
DHS	95	Glenwood	60
DHS	63	Prince Edward	67
Prince Edward are number one in Zimbabwe			

#### U15 & 16 results:

DHS Cubs	36	Watershed	79
DHS Cubs	20	KES Eagles	0
DHS Cubs	8	Pretoria Boys'	92
DHS Cubs	.....	Clifton	.....
DHS Cubs	47	Kearsney	48

### ATHLETICS : SA CHAMPS, GERMISTON

N Zulu:	400m
7 <sup>th</sup> in his heat - 53,49s	
C Donkin:	Discus
10 <sup>th</sup> in the final - 42,15m	
N Mtshengu:	High Jump
5 <sup>th</sup> in the final - 1,9m	
L Mateyisi:	Triple Jump
4 <sup>th</sup> in the final - 14,35m	

N Mtshengu selected to represent the KZN Senior Team in Port Elizabeth on 13-14 April 2012.

## Congratulations!

- ◆ N Mtshengu was selected to represent the KZN Senior Athletics Team in Port Elizabeth on 13-14 April 2012.
- ◆ The following boys have been selected to participate in the SA Stillwater Lifesaving Champs which take place in Durban (Kingspark) from 25-27 April 2012:  
U16 Cameron Coleman  
Keegan Murgan  
U14 Kyle Coleman
- ◆ Reagan Tait (U14) has been selected for the KZN Open Water Swimming Team to swim at the SA Senior Nationals, a 3km Open Water Swim which will take place at Albert Falls Dam on 13 April.
- ◆ DHS has six representatives in the KZN Youth Choir, the largest number from any single boys' school. They will be performing at Kearsney College on 20 April.



## Fernando Pessoa - the only DHS Old Boy on a Bank Note

Fernando Pessoa, world renowned poet and writer, is believed to be the only DHS Old Boy whose image has appeared on a first world bank note, according to another well known Old Boy, Howard Buttery.

Mr Buttery sent the above 300 Escudos and an interesting letter to our Archivist, Mr Oddy. Some excerpts from the letter follow:

"..., his father was a senior Portuguese Government official based for about 10 years in Lourenco Marques, now Maputo.

They decided to send Pessoa to DHS as a boarder and I guess this must have been after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. My grandfather used to grow sugar cane where the Windosr Park golf course is situated today as well as upstream of the Connaught Bridge."

"My grandfather ... travelled by ship to Maputo to recruit labour and was given a letter of introduction to Pessoa's father ..."

"Later, Pessoa's father advised my grandfather that he intended sending Fernando to DHS and my

grandfather assisted in the facilitation of Pessoa being admitted to the school. During the short holidays Fernando was unable to travel back to Mozambique and spent a number of those holidays with my grandparents ..."

"Both Fernando Pessoa in English and his father in Portuguese wrote to my grandparents ... to thank them ..."

"When these documents and photograph of Pessoa were handed to me after my father's death I gave them to the famous Pessoa Museum in Lisbon ..."





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## 2012 Old Boys Reunions

The DHS Reunion date for 2012 is set for Friday, 8 June.

The reunion is for all Old Boys from ALL years to enjoy, and this year we anticipate a celebratory mass of Old Boys who will be enjoying the weekend with the DHS Reunion AND the SA - ENGLAND RUGBY TEST all in one go.

This year the Reunion will be buzzing with Rugby Fever, so contact Lizelle to book your table or seat on 084 353 6715 or [lizelleb@mweb.co.za](mailto:lizelleb@mweb.co.za)

## Moms Who Pray

The Moms Who Pray meet once a week to pray and they would like to invite DHS Moms to join them. They meet as follows:

Every Friday morning  
from 07h45 to 08h15  
in the Media Centre

For further information please contact:  
Beth Spooner on 072-351 0284

## The Weeks Ahead

### Thursday 12 April

Grade 10 Briefing on Cobham for Parents

### Friday 13 April

Film/Photography Club to Vega

### Saturday 14 April

Rugby / Hockey vs Westville (a)

### Tuesday 17 April

Academic Scholarship Exam :  
14h00 - 16h00

### Wednesday 18 April

Grade 12 Parents Evening : 17h30

### Thursday 19 April

Inter-School Prefect Social  
The Single Dad at Seabrooke's

### Friday 20 April

Chess vs Stanger (h)  
Film/Photography Club to Vega  
The Single Dad at Seabrooke's

### Saturday 21 April

Rugby and Hockey vs College (h) -  
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

### Tuesday 24 April

Grade 9 Parents Evening : 17h30

### Wednesday 25 April

Eastern Evening at DHS

### Thursday 26 April

RCL Civvies Day

### Saturday 28 April

Rugby and Hockey vs KES (h)

## This Weekend's Fixtures

### RUGBY vs WESTVILLE (a) : Saturday 14 April 2012

TEAM	TIME	VENUE	COACH
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	15h30	Bowdens 1	D Gericke/B Adam
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	14h10	Bowdens 1	Z Thomas
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	12h00	Bowdens 1	J Trytsman
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	10h00	Bowdens 1	C Rein
5 <sup>th</sup> XV	09h00	Bowdens 1	W von Hagen/CJ Wilkinson
U16A	13h00	Bowdens 1	CW Wilkinson/K Donaldson
U16B	12h00	Bowdens 2	JP Wessels/Z Thomas
U16C	10h00	Bowdens 2	S Perks/K Webster
U15A	12h35	Commons 1	G Brown/T Sibiya
U15B	11h40	Commons 1	R September
U15C	10h45	Commons 1	O Gilitshana/B Williams
U15D	09h50	Commons 1	B Mabena
U14A	13h30	Commons 2	M Adam/C Levin
U14B	12h35	Commons 2	L Mattheson/F Zwane
U14C	11h40	Commons 2	T Piper/C van Rensburg
U14D	09h50	Commons 2	B Williams/A Cornew
U14E	08h55	Commons 2	A Burt

### Transport:


07:30 2 Busses from Main Gate  
10:30 1 Bus & AMC from Main Gate

Masters: A Cornew & W von Hagen  
Masters: C Levin & T Sibiya

### HOCKEY vs WESTVILLE (a) : Saturday 14 April 2012

TEAM	TIME	FIELD	COACH	UMPIRE
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	10:15	Westville Astro (WGHS)	W Snelling	Westville
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	13:30	Westville Astro (WGHS)	T Kelly-Stack	R Williams
U16A	09:00	Westville Astro (WGHS)	R Williams	Z Beatt
U16B	09:30	Westville Grass (WBHS)	D McHardy	S Harrison
U14A	08:00	Westville Astro (WGHS)	Z Beatt	T Kelly-Stack
U14B	08:30	Westville Grass (WBHS)	S Harrison	D McHardy

Bus leaves DHS at 7:00am sharp from top field.  
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#### Jes Foord Foundation Community Information Talk

RAPE, a sensitive subject.

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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](mailto: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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