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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rugby and Hockey vs Hilton College
- ◆ Grade 8 Selling Week
- ◆ Old Boys' Reunion Dinner
- ◆ Founders' Day : COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
- ◆ EXAMS!
- ◆ Matric Dance

## It's a Question of Greatness

We were very privileged last week to host five young Thai singers in Seabrooke's. Besides the incredible talent, there was much more to learn from these people.

After each performance they held a "meet and greet" in Seabrooke's foyer. It was fascinating to watch the public's reactions to them each evening. Having just blown people away with their unbelievable singing, it was completely surprising to find five polite, humble, traditional, unassuming people awaiting their audiences in the foyer. They were gracious in attempting to answer questions (bear in mind the language barriers) and very willing to pose for numerous photographs with their instant fans.

It was a very special evening when our boys met them. Having just sat through a range of songs from opera classics to more contemporary hits, I was hesitant as to what they boys would make of all of this. Initially, THEY were the hesitant ones. They stared at these wonderful Thai people as though they were precious museum pieces, not even daring to go near them. However, once the Thai charm took control of the situation and our boys realised they could even pose for photographs with them, the "photo shoot" went on forever. Some of our gents even attempted conversations with them in Thai - they were completely fascinated by these people.

I was privileged to also get to know the cast members when the public part of the performance was over. Their immaculately arranged costumes were brought to the box office each evening, and suddenly I was faced with ordinary, extremely well-

mannered and grateful young people who were almost shy in their responses to the accolades. Endearing is the only word I can think of!

This must beg the question: what is greatness? A Russian performance theorist, Stanislavski, once said, "Love Art in yourself; not yourself in Art". These Thais are probably the best examples of what he meant that I can think of. Far too often, people with extraordinary talent, be it on the stage, sports field, classroom or the workplace tend to lose this perspective. One is reminded of the joke: How do you know you are talking to an Old Boy from .... who thinks he's wonderful? Answer: He tells you!

One just has to watch the Oscars and listen to acceptance speeches for it to become blatantly clear which of the recipients is in it for themselves or the craft.

One can only hope that in our processes of education, young people could deal with adults and peers who see themselves as selflessly giving of that which is for the good of the whole and not for their own self-esteem and pride.

Colin Chapman  
Head of Cultural Activities



## School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

It is always heart-warming to receive positive feedback. We are in receipt of a number of e-mails, and other correspondence, which serve as a mirror held up to School, enabling us to see ourselves through the eyes of others. The following is a sample of correspondence we have received.

*. . . Your boys were valiant to the end - you can be very proud of them.*

*I would just like to drop you a line to say well done to our 1<sup>st</sup> XV for putting up a brave fight against Glenwood on Saturday. They played with passion and discipline and it was a pleasure to watch. They fought hard until the end whilst keeping their composure throughout. Not forgetting all the DHS learners who were there in full support - they looked smart and sang war cry songs together like their team depended on it. It was a fantastic day of rugby and we are very proud to be DHS Parents.*

*It was wonderful to see the magnificent turnout of DHS Boys on Saturday - they were all so neat and tidy and a credit to our School. We extend our appreciation to the Boys for the efforts that they are putting into war cry - it was heart-warming to see the initiative they took on Saturday to use the time that they had to put together their half time display. They need to be commended for and supported in their efforts.*

*I would like to congratulate James Mellon and the Boys on a good performance on Saturday against Glenwood with the war cry. It was very heart-warming to hear the sports commentators chatting about the DHS spelt out in white and going on about 100 years of history and tradition.*

*I just want to congratulate your Boys on a passionate game this past weekend. They truly contributed to a positive spirit to the game and our Old Boys Day. My best wishes to your Boys.*

*Thank you so much to the Boys who came out to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey Boys on Friday evening - it was greatly appreciated by all. Congratulations. Mention must be made of the wonderful display of manners of all DHS Boys on Saturday and the tremendous turnout of the Boys. It was wonderful to see the stands so full. The Boys certainly showed their pride and passion for DHS with their war cries and wonderful display at half time.*

*Outside people are noticing the positive changes in our School. One said that he had come to watch the Kearsney game and that our School was looking really good and so were our Boys.*

It is most gratifying to receive such accolades which our Boys so rightfully deserve for their efforts.

Kindly note that as from Term 3 a six minute bell will ring after first registration, each lesson and each break. The purpose of this intervention is to 'encourage' our Boys to get to class on time. Movement to class is not up to standard and expectation at the moment and this will no longer be tolerated.

The June Examination is a mere week away. We trust that our Boys are using their time well so that they will be prepared to face the challenges of each and every question paper.

We wish our Boys the very best - may success be theirs.

M Vermaak  
Acting Principal

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give permission to other people to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Nelson Mandela in his Inaugural Speech as President : 1994

## Seabrooke's

*The Compleat Wrks of Wilm Shkspre (ABRIDGED)*

The madcap men-in-tights are BACK ... IN DURBAN! Directed by Peter Court, The Actors Unemployed Company returns home to perform the international smash hit comedy 'The Compleat Wrks of Wilm Shkspre (ABRIDGED)' at the Seabrooke's Theatre. Racing through all 37 of the Bard's plays in just 97 minutes, their zany antics have been described as "Vivacious!" by Denis Beckett (Beckett's Trek, SABC), and "Absolutely bloody marvelous!" by Estelle Sinkins (Arts Editor, Natal Witness). If you like Shakespeare, you'll love this ... and if you hate him, you'll love it even more! So hold onto your hats, your lunch and your daughters as the boys leave you rolling in the aisles. This show is not to be missed!

The play is 97 minutes long (including a 15 minute interval). It stars Adam Doré, Marc Kay and Clinton Small.

It will run at the Seabrooke's Theatre from 12 June - 22 June. The show starts at 7.30pm. Additionally, there will be a matinee show at 2.30pm on Sunday 17 June. Tickets are R75 (R50 for students, pensioners and block bookings) and are available for booking by calling the Seabrookes on 031-277 1570, or Marc on 072-435 8725 or at the door.



*The DHS Geese join in the Rugby vs KES, playing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> XV*



*DHS pupils (from L-R) Rolf von der Meden, Cameron Coleman and Keegan Murugan participated in the South African Lifesaving championships held at Toti beach recently, bringing home bronze medals and a gold from Keegan*



*DHS staff members and parents (L-R): Ms N Kusial, Mrs H Henley, Mr R Smyth, Mr J Sibiya, Ms G Sivile and Ms S Drew with their sons (front row): Cherav Kusial, Fabian Henley, Branden Smyth, Thulani Sibiya, Siphamandla Mdletshe and Matthew Drew, show their support for Child Protection Week together with Childline KZN who will be celebrating this important cause 27 May-11 June with a White Balloon Campaign*

## The DHS Geese

One of the first experiences which I had after my transfer to DHS was watching the Lollipop man stop the traffic to allow an Egyptian Goose to lead her brood across St Thomas Road and down to the pool. Sadly I couldn't get my cell phone out in time to get a picture of this, but the incident remains in my memory, and the poet in me is still struggling to find some sort of symbolism. I was struck powerfully by the response of the crowd of people milling around the gate. At other schools I have attended there would have been at least one attempt to stamp on the goslings scuttering after their mother, or some other violent reaction, but all I saw were boys moving aside to make a path for them to get through and in once case helping the weak one down the stairs.

Since then I have watched two broods of Egyptian Goslings grow up in our pool, under the care of Dave Dunn. A while back I was attacked by the male for daring to try and swim in his

pool. Pretty daunting to face an angry Goose at water level. On another occasion the whole mob has stood on the pool covers and shouted abuse at me as I tried do some lengths of the pool. By and large, they have accepted my presence, and I have had the privilege of swimming alongside them in complete harmony. More recently, I was amazed to see some of the geese browsing on the grass of the top field while an informal game of Touch Rugby went on around them. Full-grown geese wander the quads finishing off the remains of lunches and one has even sneaked into my classroom.

It is inspiring that these amazing creatures have found acceptance here, in the centre of a city, and have come to accept those with whom they share the place.

Is there a lesson here?

Peter Skevington  
English Educator

## Ladies Night

Tuesday's DHS Ladies night was a great success. The beautiful decor, excellent food, fabulous entertainment by DHS boys and an evening spent with friends did not disappoint.

The show *Womanhood*, performed by Cape Town comedienne Mary Steward, was absolutely outstanding and had everyone absolutely shrieking with laughter.

Anyone wishing to book Mary Steward for a private or corporate function can go to her website

[www.marysteward.co.za](http://www.marysteward.co.za)  
for contact details.

Thank you to our awesome Moms' Com for a wonderful evening.

Read more about the Ladies Night next week.

## Communication

If you have still not downloaded the Communicator you are not keeping current with the happenings at School. Please download it so that you are always up to date. The link is: <http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>

The DHS Web page is also an excellent way to keep up to date. Our address is: [www.durbanhigschool.co.za](http://www.durbanhigschool.co.za)

On the DHS Web page you can sign up to receive the Herald.

## Extra-Mural Results

### RUGBY vs GLENWOOD

The weather on the day of the match was horrible. But the match itself was splendid as two neighbours, great rivals, played the game in the best possible way - with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. And the Traditions were there - the boys smart in their buttoned blazers and rejoicing in every success of their team.

The wind blew and was behind Glenwood who led 17-3 at the break, thanks to a splendid try and the metronomic boot of flyhalf, Warren Potgieter. On the matter of passing, it was worth noting how well the boys of both teams handled, wind notwithstanding.

The very first tackle of the match, on Nkululeko Marwana (who had an excellent match), produced the first penalty and with it the first score. The first try came soon afterwards when Glenwood went right and a magnificent, fast skip-pass went straight to Dylan Coulson who sprinted down the touch and dived for the try; 8-0 after five minutes. Three minutes later Warren Potgieter goaled a penalty again.

A chip by DHS' Kurt Webster put DHS on the attack, hammering at the Glenwood line, fuelled by two penalties and a five-metre scrum but flank, Rupert Kay, won a turnover and scrumhalf, Mtokosizi Mkhabela, hoofed the ball into the land of DHS where Warren Potgieter made it 14-0 after 16 minutes.

Glenwood were penalised for a trip and Kurt Webster goaled into the wind; 14-3 after 31 minutes.

DHS had the wind and opened the scoring when their splendid centre Le Roux van Zyl let fly with an angled drop from 45 metres out and it flew high and true; 17-6

after 44 minutes and then 17-9 when Kurt Webster goaled his second.

But really the half belonged to Glenwood. They closed us down on the left and then from a five-metre scrum, eighth man, Michael van Aardt, picked up and ploughed through three defenders for the try; 24-9.

From a scrum, Glenwood went right and Dylan Coulson cut back to score his second try. Potgieter converted and ended the scoring with yet another penalty goal. The final score 34-9 to Glenwood.

#### *Rugby Results vs Glenwood:*

1 <sup>st</sup> XV	DHS	9	Glenwood	34
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	DHS	9	Glenwood	34
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	DHS	3	Glenwood	54
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	DHS	0	Glenwood	17
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	DHS	0	Glenwood	57
U16A	DHS	12	Glenwood	15
U16B	DHS	13	Glenwood	23
U16C	DHS	12	Glenwood	20
U15A	DHS	13	Glenwood	45
U15B	DHS	0	Glenwood	52
U15C	DHS	0	Glenwood	36
U15D	DHS	0	Glenwood	46
U14A	DHS	3	Glenwood	10
U14B	DHS	0	Glenwood	17
U14C	DHS	12	Glenwood	19
U14D	DHS	0	Glenwood	54
U14E	DHS	0	Glenwood	44

### HOCKEY vs GLENWOOD

1 <sup>st</sup> XV	DHS	0	Glenwood	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	DHS	1	Glenwood	6
U16A	DHS	0	Glenwood	8
U16B	DHS	0	Glenwood	3
U14A	DHS	1	Glenwood	3
U14B	DHS	0	Glenwood	4

### BADMINTON

DHS A	3	Westville A	5
DHS B	1	Westville B	7
DHS C	7	New Forest A	1

### SQUASH RESULTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	DHS	4	Clifton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DHS	6	Crawford NC

### CROSS COUNTRY : WESTVILLE

U15	DHS A	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	DHS B	11 <sup>th</sup>
U17	DHS A	1 <sup>st</sup>
	DHS B	11 <sup>th</sup>
U19	DHS	3 <sup>rd</sup>

N Zulu was the overall winner of the U17 and U19 sections combined.

### ATHLETIC RESULTS

#### *U15:*

T Mazibuko	100m	2 <sup>nd</sup> : (1.3)
L Laynes	High Jump	6 <sup>th</sup>
K Seethal	100m	6 <sup>th</sup>
	200m	7 <sup>th</sup>
S Moodley	800m	8 <sup>th</sup>
A Mwanga	Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup> (6.07m)
	200m	2 <sup>nd</sup> (23.3)
Relay Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	47.8
(Mwanga; Seethal; Moodley; Mazibuko)		

#### *U17:*

L Mateyisi	Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup> (6.76m)
N Mtshengu	Long Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup> (5.82m)
	High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup> (1.90m)
C Govender	100m	8 <sup>th</sup>
N Zulu	800m	1 <sup>st</sup> (1:59.4)
B Mkhwanazi	Shot Put	4 <sup>th</sup> (8.29m)
Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>	(46.2) New
School Record		(Mtshengu; Govender; Mateyisi; Zulu)

The U15 age group was a team event based on point for performance. Our U15's came 1<sup>st</sup> in this competition with 4684 points, 450 more than second place.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Rugby:	Kurt Webster
Hockey:	Adrian Farrell
X-Country:	Nhlakanipho Zulu
Badminton:	Reneshan Naidoo



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## Deo Fretus Singers

The Deo Fretus Singers performed at The Colleges of Medicine of SA Admission Ceremony. Professor Anil Madaree, President of the Colleges of Medicine wrote to the School to thank them for singing at their ceremony, saying:

"The Choir was truly delightful and their songs were enjoyed by all. I do hope that the boys also enjoyed the experience."

Well done to the Deo Fretus Singers.

## Community Service

Saint Giles Association for the Handicapped is looking for 10 volunteers from DHS to work at their premises during the June holidays (4 Prince Street, Durban)

[info@saintgiles.org.za](mailto:info@saintgiles.org.za)

For further info please contact Mrs Subbiah one 031-277 1500 or [malini.subbiah@durbanhighschool.co.za](mailto:malini.subbiah@durbanhighschool.co.za)

## The Weeks Ahead

### Friday 1 June

Surfing : 15h00  
Chess vs Clifton (a)  
Vocal Vibes at Seabrooke's

### Saturday 2 June

Rugby and Hockey vs Hilton (a)  
Tennis vs Crawford  
Vocal Vibes at Seabrooke's

### Monday 4 June

Grade 8 Selling Week : 4-7 June  
Squash vs Thomas More

### Wednesday 6 June

Cross Country at Thomas More

### Thursday 7 June

Badminton A, B, C & D

### Friday 8 June

Chess vs George Campbell (h)  
Surfing : 15h00  
Old Boys Reunion Dinner

### Saturday 9 June

FOUNDERS' DAY : Rugby and Hockey vs Michaelhouse : COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

### Monday 11 June

EXAMS BEGIN FOR GRADES 8-12  
Squash 2 vs Kearsney  
Compleat Wrks of WIlmshkspr in Seabrooke's : 11-22 June

### Saturday 23 June

Matric Dance



## This Weekend's Fixtures

### RUGBY vs MICHAELHOUSE (a) : Saturday 2 June 2012

Team	Time	Venue	Coaches
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	14h00	Gilfillan	D Gericke/B Adam
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	12h45	Gilfillan	A Stewart
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	10h15	Gilfillan	J Trytsman
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	09h00	Gilfillan	C Rein
U16A	11h30	Gilfillan	CW Wilkinson/K Donaldson
U16B	10h00	Number 2	JP Wessels/Z Thomes
U16C	11h00	Number 2	S Perks/M Webster
U15A	10h00	Lombard	G Brown/T Sibiya
U15B	11h00	Lombard	R September
U15C	12h00	Number 2	O Gilitshana/B Williams
U14A	09h00	Lombard	M Adam/C Levin
U14B	12h00	Lombard	L Matthysen/F Zwane
U14C	11h00	Falcon	T Piper/C van Rensburg
U14D	09h00	Number 2	A Cornew

Transport: Busses leave at 06h30

Masters On Duty: Bus 1 C Levin, O Gcilitshana, R September  
Bus 2 T Sibiya, JP Wessels  
Bus 3 L Matthysen, B Mabena, W von Hagen

### HOCKEY vs MICHAELHOUSE (a) : Saturday 2 June 2012

Team	Time	Venue	Coach	Umpire
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	10h45	Beckingham	W Snelling	UNION
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	12h45	Beckingham	T Kelly-Stack	R Williams
U16A	11h45	Beckingham	R Williams	T Kelly-Stack
U16B	13h45	Beckingham	D McHardy	Z Beatt
U16C	09h00	St Annes	D McHardy	D McHardy
U14A	09h30	Beckingham	Z Beatt	S Harrison
U14B	08h30	Beckingham	S Harrison	D McHardy

Transport: 06h30 - U14B in the Sprinter; U16C and U14A on the AMC  
07h45 - Remaining teams in the Bruck

Return Transport: The buses will leave after 1<sup>st</sup> team Rugby game has ended. If travelling with own transport, please be at Hilton at 10h30 to support the 1<sup>st</sup> team.



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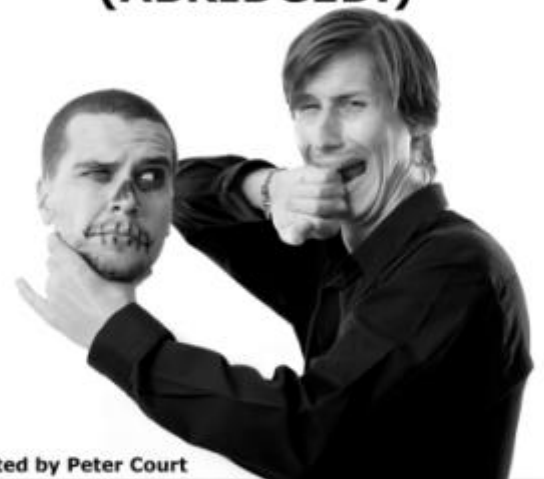
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## THE COMPLEAT WRKS OF WLLM SHKSPR (ABRIDGED!)



Directed by Peter Court

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Sun 17 June @2.30pm  
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