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Grey College Football Tournament

It started off as "Mission Impossible". My first assignment as the newly appointed coach of the First Football team entailed selecting and preparing a team for the prestigious Grey College Football Tournament. This had to be done in two weeks - the last two weeks of school when examinations were being written.

In a frenzied week of activity, a team was put together and a few training dates were set. The final list of 18 players was confirmed on 22 June, the day we closed for the

- 2 mid-year vacation.
- We left DHS on the morning of Tuesday, 26 June, satisfied with
- the preparation we had made and
 with the full intention of enjoying
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 the tournament and using it as a
- team bonding exercise for the coming season in term three.
- We arrived at our designated base
 at ±10 o'clock and settled in for
 the night.
- 6 We were up early the next morning as we had an 8.30am fixture against St David's of Gauteng. The boys were not used to a -2°C morning and found the going tough. We made our way to Windmill Park in high spirits with the boys singing at the top of their voices in an attempt to keep

warm.

In an entertaining match, we drew 2-2 with a very formidable St David's side. Dylan O'Brien, the DHS striker was on form, scoring both goals for us.

The afternoon match was against Victoria Park from Port Elizabeth. In a lack-lustre match, we went down 2-1 to a side we could have easily beaten. It was obvious that the cold weather, coupled with

the altitude factor was having an effect on our lads. They simply ran out of steam and struggled to play at their best.

The first day ended with the lads being very dejected. A draw and a loss was certainly not what we had hoped for. After a lengthy team meeting, we made a pact to be at our very best the next day. We needed two out of two wins to progress to the next round.

The next morning heralded a new feeling in the camp. The boys were positive and were raring to go. First up was The Glen, who we defeated 2-1. The next match was against Tsoseletso, who had beaten Victoria Park 5-1 the previous day. The boys made a nervous start but by half-time had got into the swing of things and were leading 3-0. The second half started and Tsoseletso scored two quick goals to make it 3-2. Spurred into action, the DHS strikers stepped up their game and Sphe Khanyile scored what was definitely the goal of the tournament from the half-way line. We conceded another sloppy goal and with the score being tied at 4-4 with five minutes to go, Dylan O'Brien scored the winner to see us through to the quarter finals. The mood in the camp that evening was remarkably different from the previous night. The lads were ecstatic and were eager to play the quarter finals, especially since our opponents were the "old enemy" KES.

The match against KES was billed as the match of the morning. They had beaten DHS in two previous tournaments and the lads were hungry for revenge. In what was a tough, gruelling match, DHS emerged victorious by a 3-1 margin. We were in the semi-

School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

Welcome to a busy Term Three to our Educators, Parents and their Sons. A glance at the Term Three Planner and the Assessment Programme which were sent home with our Learners, reveals quite clearly that there is much to accomplish this term - inside the classroom as well as in the many ventures outside the classroom. Success in all these spheres will require a concerted effort and management meticulous time from our collaborators in our partnership of Parent-Learner-Educator. Parents are again requested to pay particular attention to the dates on the Term Planner, and to take note of the closing date. Once more the School had to contend with numerous letters of request for early departure at the end of Term Two. These cannot and will not be entertained. In addition, Term Three is a very important term for Grade 12 learners and, thus, letters requesting time off from school for matters such as learner's licences and the like will not be sanctioned. These learners require every minute of contact time in the classroom.

Mrs Nagiah once more put together, with great aplomb, an outstanding Matric Dance. Learners Grade 12 arrived beautifully turned out at the Mabhida Stadium Moses Saturday 23 June 2012 to enjoy any evening of splendour. theme Top Gear went down well with the Boys. Mrs Nagiah continues to astound with her eye for detail and her immense creativity. Who would have imagined that a tyre could become a beautiful centre piece!

Thank you to our Educators who have been true to their profession and calling and, thus, spent time during the holidays carefully marking scripts. There is much activity at School regarding

preparing schedules and reports, which will be sent home towards the end of next week. Parents and their sons are requested to discuss the details reflected on these reports, with a view to improving on the academic front where necessary and maintaining standards which are of calibre.

Thank you to our Football Coaches and Players who made an early start to the Football season. This was accomplished by our U16, U15 and U14 teams travelling to Eshowe to participate in their Football Festival. Excellent results from this Festival appear elsewhere in this publication. Our First Football Team travelled to Bloemfontein to participate in the annual tournament held there. Our Boys did us very proud by securing fourth place out of twenty schools. The games came down to penalty shootouts for the quarter and semi finals. Messrs Bodasing, Moodley, Maharaj, DS Naidoo and Pillay ensured the safety of our Boys on the trip as well as during their stay in School is indeed Bloemfontein. privileged to enjoy the support from such dedicated Colleagues. These excellent results bode well for the Football season this term.

The Term Three Planner also includes details of productions and shows which will be staged in Seabrooke's. This venue will indeed be a very active one with much creativity and talent being show-cased, both from our Boys and outsiders. We look forward to continued support from the DHS Community and Friends regarding these endeavours.

Interhouse Athletics was held at School on Wednesday, 18 July 2012. The Sports Department is to be commended on the excellent preparation of the field for this event. The track, in particular, was carefully marked out - and this in spite of the fact that DHS will be hosting Kearsney for

Football on the same field in two days time. Our Boys, who were in who attendance and participate, are be to congratulated on the enthusiasm with which they embraced the day. This day can only continue to improve under the guidance and leadership of Mr Brown, who is very enthusiastic and passionate about athletics. Mr Brown has indicated that there was a 74% participation for events in 2011 and this escalated to 80% for this No test period was scheduled for Wednesday. The absence by a large number of our noted learners was disappointment. The following statistics on attendance presented for perusal and interpretation.

Total No of learners		Presen 17/7	t at Sch 18/7	ool on: 19/7
Gr 8 :	210	204	189	119
Gr 9 :	222	218	205	211
Gr 10:	238	224	193	216
Gr 11:	212	201	148	201
Gr 12:	160	158	99	<u> 159</u>
Totals:	1042	1005	834	986

M Vermaak Acting Principal

In a rapidly changing world, be willing to venture down new paths to pursue new opportunities and learn new skills.

Be bold in vision and careful in planning.

Dare to try something new, but be meticulous enough in your proposal to give your ideas a good chance of succeeding.

(18 March 2010, Finweek: *The path of leadership - a road less travelled*)

Some of the Class of 2012 and their partners enjoying their Matric Dance at the Moses Mabhida Stadium

Grey College Football Tournament cont'd

final. The lads were over the moon. Against all odds, we were down to the last four and we were still in it.

Our semi-final opponents were St Francis of Gauteng. scored first and a lapse of concentration at the back cost us a goal, and the match ended in a 1-1 draw. We then went into the dreaded penalty shoot-Wayne Jean-Louis, our goalkeeper gave us the edge saved the first penalties. We were 3-1 up and two goals away from the final. Unfortunately, nervousness coupled with fear gripped our lads and they missed the next two penalties. St Francis tied the score and went on to win in the sudden-death kick-off. The lads were devastated. We had let it slip when it mattered the most.

In the 3rd/4th place play-off against Glenwood, we went into penalties once again - and once more the lads were goal-shy.

Matric Dance in Top Gear

The DHS learners and their partners were in TOP GEAR on the evening of 23 June 2012. The Moses Mabidha stadium came alive when the learners and their partners rocked up in their snazzy outfits for an evening of fun and excitement.

The boys' pulled out all the stops and spared no expense in ensuring they arrived at the dance in style - from Bentleys to the School's AMC!

The décor was outstanding especially given that the centre piece was an old car tyre and the match box cars stuck on it resembled a mini race track. The fairy lights, parcan lighting and the racing drivers (aptly dressed mannequins) all added to the ambiance of the evening.

The scrumptious buffet comprised a variety of different

Glenwood won 5-4 and we were placed 4th out of 20 teams.

I want to express, on behalf of everyone at DHS, our heartfelt congratulations to the lads who performed way above themselves in finishing fourth. The cherry on the top was having two lads selected for the SA dream team, viz. Shaylin Moodley, our captain central defender, and Dylan O'Brien, our striker. Dylan also the Striker of Tournament Award.

Special thanks also go to Mr D S Naidoo and Mr R Maharaj for accompanying the team to Grey College, and to Mr Pillay for having driven us there and back safely.

With such a successful tournament behind us, bring on the soccer season in term three.

S J Bodasing 1st XI Football Coach

foods and salads. The tender lamb and melt in your mouth steak as well as the succulent fish certainly tempted even the not so hungry. The delectable desserts and the chocolate mousse were to die for.

DJ Gareth had the crowd glued to the dance floor with his pulsating choice of music. Dimitri Mamontov was chosen as the most memorable character for the evening as I am sure no one will be able to mimic his dance moves!

A huge thank you to all those who helped make this a memorable occasion especially Mr R Kinsey who, despite the tragedy in his family, still managed to organise the display vehicle and the tyre displays.



Extra-Mural Results

FOOTBALL: GREY COLLEGE (Bloemfontein) TOURNAMENT

1st XI Football Team:

Group Stages:

DHS 2 - 2 St David's

DHS 1 - 2 Victoria Park

DHS 5 - 4 Sotsoletso

DHS 3 - 2 The Glen

Finished 2nd in Group

Quarter-final:

DHS 3 - 1 KES

Semi-final:

DHS 1 (4) - 1 (5) St Francis

3rd / 4th Place playoff:

DHS 1 (4) - 1 (5) Glenwood

DHS finished 4th out of 20 Schools

FOOTBALL: ESHOWE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

U14A: DHS 5 - 0 Eshowe DHS 4 - 1 Gcwalulwazi DHS 0 - 0 Mehlokadeli

U15A: DHS 0 - 0 Eshowe DHS 2 - 0 Gcwalulwazi DHS 2 - 1 Isandlawana

U16A: DHS 1 - 1 Eshowe DHS 3 - 1 Gcwalulwazi DHS 2 - 1 Sunnydale DHS 1 - 0 Isandlwana



Trent is Sailing for South Africa

DHS learner, Trent Bingham, is currently representing South Africa, sailing in the ISAF Youth Sailing World Champions in Dublin.

Trent's dad, Kevin, says, "Trent has had a mixed bag of results due to the ever changing weather conditions; cold and wet weather with spiraling squalls that have messed up even the rock star sailors."

There are 58 boats in the fleet on the start line and Trent is around the middle of the fleet.

The last race is being held on Friday and then Trent flies home on the weekend. We look forward to welcoming him back to school on Monday.

Shannon Hope at Seabrooke's

Award-winning pianist and vocal artist Shannon Hope returns to her home town in July for a performance at Seabrooke's Theatre (DHS), following her acclaimed nine-show run at the National Arts Festival Grahamstown earlier this month. part of a The visit forms nationwide tour which has included performances in Gauteng, the Eastern Cape, and the Western Cape.

Lyrically-focussed, and pianobased, Hope's music falls within the vocal/singer-songwriter genres, with some elements of pop rock, and has been compared to the likes of Tori Amos, Suzanne Vega, Regina Spektor and Adele. Date: Friday 27 July - R60pp. Doors open at 19:30 for the show

at 20:00, with refreshments available prior to the show and during interval. Booking is open through the theatre box office on 031-277 1570 - seating is limited.

More information and live performance videos can be found via shannonhope.co.za.

What the Media has to say:

"Shannon Hope sings of her struggles with love and her hopes for life. The accompanying piano is brilliant and blends well with her beautiful alto-voice, which is full and well-rounded with intricate tone variation. Her songs echo through your soul with the deep and heartfelt lyrics. One

Congratulations!

- Rourke Kemp and Joshua Arnold successfully made the finals of the 2012 Gateway to Fame talent search competition in the High School category.
- The following nine boys participated in the KZN Provincial Chess Trials during the holidays:

Kaelin Deepraj, Mayur Garach, Prialen Govender, Kabir Jivan, Ntutuko Mlondo, Zulu Myelo. Nagessur, Keane Darshan Naicker Ashendran and Naidoo

◆ The following boys were selected to represent KZN in the South African Chess Trials which to be held in December:

U18 Kaelin Deepraj U16 Darshan Nagessur Keane Naicker Prialen Govender

Shaylin Moodley and Dylan O'Brien were selected for the SA Dream Team at the Grey College National Football Tournament. Dylan also won the Striker of the Tournament Award.



woman, one piano, blown away." Emily Moxham, Cue (National Arts Festival Review), June 2012

"Her voice raises goose bumps on my flesh. The drama, the crescendo of emotional turmoil and her ever-present faith is disarming. What I hear when she sings, is the emotional power of Tori Amos combined with the eccentric whimsy of Regina Spektor, all firmly bound together by Hope's impassioned soul." Angela Weickl, Live Music Guide, May 2012



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MasterChef SA

Will he win MasterChef? Deena Naidoo, father of Theshlin in Gr 9, has reached the finals in the first series of MasterChef SA, after 18 gruelling episodes.

It has not been an easy ride for Deena. He has survived six pressure (elimination) tests and produced dishes beyond his wildest imagination.

"I had to condition my mind to believe I could do it. But at the same time, making it to the top is quite scary." he said.

"The most difficult part was being away from my family," he said. "I didn't enter this competition without expecting a challenge, but I didn't realise that this would be the hardest part for me. I was there for eight weeks and we filmed almost every day."

But it was the contestants that got him through. "They were remarkable, and that made things a lot easier," Deena said.

The Final episode is to be screened on Tuesday 24 July at 19h30 and we wish Deena all the best and we look forward to watching him win!

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 20 July U14 Football Friday: 13h15

Saturday 21 July

Late Nite Live at Seabrooke's : 18 to 22 July

Football vs Kearsney (h) & (a)

Monday 23 July

U14 Indoor Hockey vs Ashton at 20h00

Golf vs Kearsney/Clifton

Tuesday 24 July

U16 Indoor Hockey: DHS 1 vs WBHS 2 at 17h20

Thursday 26 July

Debating vs Westville

U18 Indoor Hockey: DHS 1 vs Glenwood 1 at 18h20

Friday 27 July

Prefect Forms in U14 Football Friday : 13h15 Shannon Hope at Seabrooke's

Saturday 28 July

Football vs Pinetown (a) Toastmasters

Monday 30 July

RCL Nominations Open

U14 Indoor Hockey vs Northwood

2 at 18h40

Golf vs Kearsney/Crawford

Tuesday 31 July

Musical High Notes at DHS

U16 Indoor Hockey : DHS 1 vs

Clifton 1 at 20h20

Thursday 2 August

Grade 8 Parent Teacher Evening :

17h30 in AJ Human Room

U18 Indoor Hockey : DHS 1 vs

Kingsway at 17h30

Friday 3 August

U14 Football Friday: 13h15

Saturday 4 August

Football vs Northwood (h) & (a) Class of 1962 Reunion in Founders

Sunday 5 August

Inter-Schools Climbing Comp #1 at

Kloot

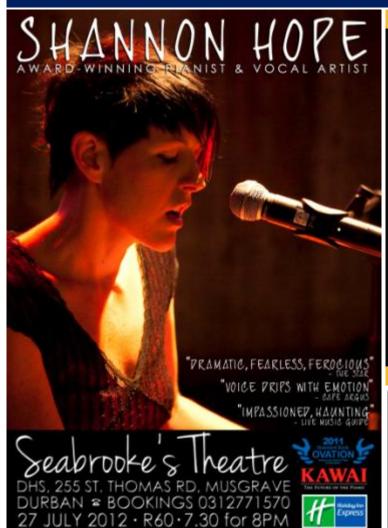
This Weekend's Fixtures

FOOTBALL vs KEARSNEY COLLEGE (h) & (a) : Saturday 21 July

Team	Time	Venue	Coaches	Referees
1 st XI	13h00	Van Heerden (h)	Bodasing	Maree
2 nd XI	12h00	Van Heerden (h)	Moodley	Buckley
3 rd XI	11h00	Nourse (h)	Maharaj	Moodley
4 th XI	10h00	Stott (a)	McDowall	Kearsney
U16A	11h00	Van Heerden (h)	Henri	Sibiya
U16B	13h00	Nourse (h)	Gcilitshana	Ngubane
U16C	11h00	Mattersons (a)	Mkhwanazi	Kearsney
U16D	10h00	Mattersons (a)	Swartz	Kearsney
U15A	12h00	Nourse (h)	Crasso	Norton
U15B	10h00	Nourse (h)	Perks	Gcilitshana
U15C	11h00	Silcocks (a)	Zondo	Kearsney
U15D	11h00	Roberts (a)	Mkhwanazi	Kearsney
U15E	10h00	Roberts (a)	September	Kearsney
U14A	10h00	Van Heerden (h) Van Heerden (h) Nourse (h) Silcock (a) Hopkins (a) Hopkins (a)	Norton	Tifflin
U14B	09h00		Tifflin	Henri
U14C	09h00		Ngubane	Crasso
U14D	10h00		Mabena	Kearsney
U14E	11h00		Pragjee	Kearsney
U14F	10h00		Chinnapper	Kearsney
U14G	09h00		Soma	Kearsney

Buses to KEARSNEY leave from DHS at 07h30 and RETURN AT 13h00.

ALL PLAYERS TO REMAIN AT DHS TO SUPPORT THE 1st TEAM.



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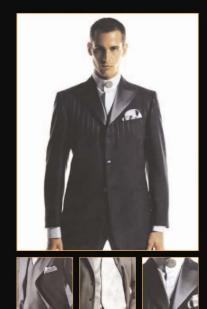
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