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Upcoming Events

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- ◆ School Holidays
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- ◆ Breakfast for Parents
- ◆ Cricket / Basketball vs Kearsney
- ◆ Senior Speech Day
- ◆ Matric Final Assembly

Athletics 2012

I still remember my first day at DHS. I had just left university and arrived at my new job. In my interview Mr Wagner had told me that he missed the days when School competed against its traditional rivals on the athletics track. I arrived for our staff briefing and was promptly handed two very full lever arch files by a man I had never seen before in my life (I would later learn that this was Mr Rooyackers our Head of Sport). His words to me were "Congratulations you are our new M-i-C of Athletics!" At that stage, I didn't even know what M-i-C stood for, let alone what one is supposed to do as an 'M-i-C'.

2 In my fifth year at DHS I can reflect
2 on what has been quite a successful
2 five years for the Athletics Team. In
2008 we attended two events: the
3 Kingsway meeting; and the Menlo
4 Park Trials in the third term. Trying
4 to select a team without any proof
of performance was quite an
undertaking and led to some
3 amusing situations. Watching our
5 U15A team prop attempt the 100m
5 was a sight I won't soon forget.
6 Obviously things needed to change
6 and the re-instatement of the inter-
house championship was the first
item on the agenda so, in 2009
through much plotting, we managed
to announce that we would have
the Inter-House Athletics on the
field during school. Having dug out
an old diagram of the track, we
went ahead with marking the field
and despite some hiccups we
managed to get the track marked
out in the nick of time. The Inter-
House Championship now runs
annually and is an opportunity for
our best athletes to showcase their
talents in front of their peers. This
year we managed to uncover the old
trophies and they were awarded to
the deserving recipients during
assembly.

Second on the agenda has been re-introducing DHS to the competitive arena in Schools' Athletics. Luckily,

our involvement comes at a time when other schools are trying to revive their athletics as well which has enabled us to become even more involved with athletics in the third term. The fact that we now have nine scheduled events in the third term shows just how far athletics has come in the last five years.

The third item was the Sydney Atkinson Championship. This is a competition where all our traditional rivals gather to compete for the Sydney Atkinson Trophy and for the winner to be crowned as the top athletics school in the group.

Starting a sport from scratch is always a massive undertaking and it has been a great deal of "fun" trying to locate old equipment and other necessities, a job that would have been made harder were it not for the continued support of the Sports Office and Mr M Adam.

Our athletes have not failed to step up to the mark over the years with eight Natal representatives and numerous school records being broken. Taking a look at the calibre of our athletes, it is easy to see why we have been so successful over the years. Our top athletes have always been on the fringes of the elite in the province and were often ranked in the top 10 in the country. Amongst such athletes are A Mwangi (4th), C Donkin (7th), M Hayes (8th), L Mateyisi (4th) and N Mtshengu (1st).

In the last four years, DHS has been unbeaten in every team-scoring event that we have participated in. The Northwood Quadrangular has been held in 2009, 2011 and 2012 and has been won by DHS on all three occasions. We have won the Treverton "invitational" three times in the past three years and the Sydney Atkinson Championship both times since its re-inception in 2011.

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Norman Lucas (Lucia) - An Educator in the True Sense of the Word

The school is saddened to announce the death of Mr Norman Lucas, who passed away peacefully in Howick on 27 September 2012. Norman had the distinction of teaching at DHS for 41 years.

He began his career in 1947 at Durban High School and soon established himself in the school as a master willing to accept from his pupils only the very best of standards in both academics and conduct.

Who of those at DHS in the 70's

and 80's will forget Mr Lucas's after-school "batting sessions", held twice a week and attended by all young men who had forgotten the merits of some honest hard work. A tough and demanding system that earned, in the end, the gratitude of many a young man who might otherwise never have passed science.

The DHS family extends condolences to the family and friends.

'DEO FRETUS'



Norman Lucas on the occasion of his 90th birthday in 2011

School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

Term Three now belongs to the past. Thank you to all Educators who have enabled School and its Learners reach this point in time.

The KZN Department of Education had all Grade 9 Learners writing the Annual National Assessments in a language [ENGHL for DHS] and Mathematics. These exams were written last week. As a result, our Educators of these classes were put under the extra pressure of an increased workload. Our thanks to these Educators for completing the marking; thank you to Subject Heads for ensuring that moderation was done; and for the collation of the various documents which are due at the KZN DoE. These marks will not be used for promotion purposes at the end of Grade 9.

Our Grade 12 VSLA Learners completed their Paper 2 Practical Final Exam this week. We are in receipt of mark lists for Practicals, Orals and School Based Assessment for our Grade 12 Learners. It is only now that one realises just how short the Grade 12 year is for any learner. We trust that our Grade 12 Learners will use the time in this short holiday wisely -

preparing, but also resting for the NSCE next term.

We enjoyed a thoroughly delightful Hockey Awards Function this week, with Mr Wade Paton as the Guest Speaker. It was wonderful to observe the rapport between Mrs Snelling and the Players. There was a good feel to the evening which was appreciated by all, especially the proud Parents.

The short holiday will be a busy one for many of our Sportsmen. The First Water Polo Team travels to SACS in Cape Town; the First XI participate in the Annual Michaelmas Week at College; the U14A Cricket Team travels to East London for the Charl van Rooyen Festival; our U16A Team will play two matches at home; and, the First XI will play Palmerston North Boys' High from New Zealand at home. Dates for these fixtures appear elsewhere in this publication. May our Learners travel safely and enjoy good play.

Thank you to our Staff - not only Educators but non-Educators - who make the demanding work easier. We appreciate the many hours of extra effort that goes into ensuring a successful term at

School. May all enjoy some time to rest and reflect.

May we all return safely on Monday, 8 October 2012.

M Vermaak
Acting Principal

Deo Fretus

All DHS parents are invited to a breakfast to be held on Wednesday 10 October from 7am in the AJ Human Room.

Come along and meet some fellow parents, staff and mom's committee members and enjoy a scrumptious spread.

Please RSVP to Karen Krause 031-277 1500 or
karen.krause@durbanhighschool.co.za

From Small Beginnings

Philip Purefoy Sandford, the second Headmaster at DHS, attempted to introduce Soccer, Tennis and Cricket on the small piece of ground at the School when it was situated in town at the Bayside.

There was very little interest but the boys played impromptu games of soccer on the sandbank at the Bay when the tide was out.

When the School moved to St Thomas Road, on the south side of the red brick school building the ground was semi-cleared of bush and was fairly level. This was where boys' sport was introduced and cricket games were played here from 1900.

Top Field, as it was known, is now called Sandford Field - Sandford never set eyes on the new School up on the Berea as he left South Africa eight years before the new School's existence, never to return to Durban. How amazing it is, that since his early efforts to introduce cricket to School, DHS

up until today, has produced more international cricket players than any other school in the world, the tally being 31.

Vic Robbins was selected to play for South Africa in 1927 against England. While still a schoolboy at DHS involved in a junior game on Top Field, he hit the ball firmly into a thorn tree in the field of play near the boundary. He and his partner proceeded to run - the fielding side protested as the batsmen crossed six times with no intention of stopping. The fielders declared the ball lost. However, the batsmen (still on the run) and their team mates pointed out the ball was not lost as it could clearly be seen firmly imbedded in the thorn tree. It was, therefore, not lost. Vic and his partner, it is alleged, collapsed exhausted after completing 44 runs off one ball. This feat has not been beaten. Sandford is a small field and the scoring shots bring in singles, fours and sixes - twos are like hens teeth. The U14 teams soon learned to call decisively at the crease. This ground was the 'cradle' for our

young players - and in 1997 yet another fine team 'did their time' at this venue.

Alan Norton was the 1997 U14A coach and he and his team saw out a most rewarding season. The DPHS motto adapted from the Town of Durban's Coat of Arms, 'From small beginnings better fortune follows,' rings true (not a city at the time of the introduction of the coat of arms).

Hashim Amla, Imraan Khan and Nicholas Compton featured in the U14A 1997 team photograph. Hashim and Imraan were later to play in Alan Norton's DHS 1st team and also in his Pirates Kismet Club side. Nicholas Compton, our latest DHS old boy international, has been selected to play for England which tours India later his year.

So here in this photograph we have three international stars who started their cricket careers here at DHS on Sandford Field.

JJ Oddy
Archivist



Alan Norton's U14A Cricket team from 1997, with three international stars who started their cricket careers here at DHS on Sandford Field:

Hashim "Puppy" Amla (second from right), Imraan Khan (3rd row 2nd from left) and Nicholas Compton (front left)

Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET vs COLLEGE

1 st XI	DHS	183	(Booley 48, Moodley 40)
			Rain stopped play
2 nd XI	College	236/4	
	DHS	2/0	
			Rain stopped play
3 rd XI	DHS	38	
	College	39/0	
			DHS lost by 10 wickets
U16A	College	213/5	
			Rain stopped play
U16B	College	139	(Roets 3/32, Premchund 3/40)
	DHS	60	
			DHS lost by 79 runs
U16C	DHS	94	
	College	97/2	
			DHS lost by 8 wickets
U15A	College	198	(de Meillon 4/19, Ross 3/40)
	DHS	9	
			Rain stopped play
U15B	College	218	
			Rain stopped play
U15C	DHS	10/0	
			Rain stopped play
U15D	DHS	80/8	
	College	86/2	
			DHS Lost by 8 wickets
U14A	College	101	(Govender 4/21)
			Rain stopped play
U14B	DHS	87	
	College	88/1	
			DHS lost by 9 wickets

U14C	DHS	5	
			Rain stopped play
U14D	College	272/2	
	DHS	148/9	
			DHS lost by 124 runs
U14E	College	144	
			Rain stopped play

WATER POLO vs WESTVILLE

1 st	DHS	10	Westville	12
2 nd	DHS	1	Westville	11
U15A	DHS	12	Westville	3
U14A	DHS	15	Westville	2
U14B	DHS	15	Westville	0

WATER POLO : CLIFTON TOURNAMENT

DHS	1	Clifton	12
DHS	1	Wynberg	11
DHS	3	Jeppe	7
DHS	2	Affies	8
DHS	4	St Peters	5
DHS	5	St David's	3

BASKETBALL vs COLLEGE

1 st	DHS	10	College	6
				(rain stopped play)
2 nd	DHS	35	College	28
U16A	DHS	35	College	27
U16B	DHS	37	College	16
U15A	DHS	46	College	37
U15B	DHS	11	College	18
U14A	DHS	42	College	26
U14B	DHS	31	College	15
U14C	DHS	31	College	23
				(U15C)

Congratulations!

- ◆ The following boys have been selected to represent KZN in the SA Schools Water Polo Tournament in December:

U19B	Keegan Murugan
U15A	Jeandre Petersen
	Matthew Trichardt
U14A	Matthew Hamilton
	Duveaine Naicker
	Michael Paul
	Joshua Spooner
	Steven Waites

Non-Travelling Reserves:

U15B	Aston Lawson
U14A	Genisis Ngubane

FOOTBALL : 1st TEAM : ST PETERS FESTIVAL

DHS	1	St Stithians	1
DHS	2	Benoni	2
DHS	2	SA Interational	0
DHS	3	Grey College	0
DHS	1 (8)	ISSA Mafikeng	1
	(9)		

INTER-HOUSE BADMINTON

	Points	Place	
1 st	Swales	45	6
2 nd	Blackmore	24	5
3 rd	Payn	24	4
4 th	Langley	18	3
5 th	Campbell	15	2
6 th	Grice	0	0

GOLF vs KEARSNEY

DHS A	0	Kearsney A	4
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Winners of the Dale McDermott Golf Day: Dave Kerr, Rob Clift, Paddy Doyle and Dylan Jenkins



Dale McDermott Golf Day Results

This year's Dale McDermott Golf Day was a little more adventurous. The whole week had seen buckets of rain and on Friday, it didn't hold back either. There were many players who ventured out, had fun and have many stories to

tell while others gave it a miss but hung around and enjoyed catching up.

The winning four ball consisted of Dave Kerr, Rob Clift, Paddy Doyle and Dylan Jenkins.



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Athletics 2012 cont'd

This last one was probably the most rewarding as it involves victory against our traditional rivals. There is nothing quite like the inherent competitive nature of the inter-school event to motivate our boys to achieve their best. Not to mention the emphatic manner in which they won.

Athletics 2012:

Our Season started early with the Inter-House Championship first week back at school in the third term. The six houses compete for the Chris Robert trophy and it is always a special day for the top athletes in the school. Blackmore carried the day convincingly with Payne a distant second.

Blackmore	825	Payne	556
Swales	547	Grice	518
Langley	455	Campbell	423

Records were broken by:

K Seetal	U14	100m
A Mwangi	U15	Long Jump
N Zulu	U16	800m
J Donkin	U16	Javelin
M Hayes	Open	Shot Put
C Donkin	Open	Discus

The following are the results for this term which started with a number of individual events with no team scoring:

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 28 September
School Closes for 3rd Term

Monday 8 October
School Opens for 4th Term

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Wednesday 10 October
Moms' Com Breakfast for Parents

Saturday 13 October
Cricket / Basketball vs Kearsney

Thursday 18 October
Senior Speech Day : 09h30
Blackmore House Dinner

Friday 19 October
Final Matric Assembly : 08h00 : DC
Thompson Hall : Tea in
Seabrooke's Foyer at 08h30

Holiday Activities:

1st XI Cricket : Michaelmas
Festival in PMB : 28 September
to 4 October

U14 Cricket : Charl van Rooyen
Festival (Selbourne) :
28 September to 5 October

1st Team Water Polo : SACS
Water Polo Tournament :
28 September to 1 October

U16A Cricket vs Northcliff (h) :
2 October

U16A Cricket vs Rand Park (h)
3 October

1st XI Cricket vs Palmerston North
Boy's High, New Zealand (h) :
7 October



The final points were as follows:

1 st	DHS	393
2 nd	Glenwood	290
3 rd	Northwood	266
4 th	Westville	217

Sydney Atkinson Championship:

At this meeting School won 12 first places; 12 second places and six third places. The team really put in some amazing performances on the day the best of which had to be N Mtshengu's High jump of 2.00m placing him first by 12cm.

1 st	DHS	777
2 nd	Glenwood	627
3 rd	Maritzburg College	547
4 th	Hilton College	414
5 th	Michaelhouse	408
6 th	St Charles College	225
7 th	Westville Boys High	215
8 th	Clifton	120

The season this year has really been a busy but rewarding one, cementing our place at the top of the KZN schools athletics fraternity, a place that is well-deserved by the athletes who have put in a tremendous amount of effort this year.

G Brown
M-i-C : Athletics

St Charles Invitational:
13 first places; 6 second places and
2 third places.

Hilton Invitational:
13 first places; 7 second places and
4 third places.

Michaelhouse Invitational:
8 first places; 9 second places and
10 third places. This last meeting
was very encouraging as this was
our last meeting before we started
our team scoring events.

Northwood Quadrangular:
This was always going to be a tough
ask as we had many of our athletes
away at Cobham and on work
experience but the dedication
shown by boys who walked down
the mountain or travelled through
the night to get back to compete in
this event made the result that
much sweeter, especially when we
had athletes competing in four or
even five events in the space of two
hours. Our results speak for
themselves: 9 first places; 13
second places; 11 third places.
Anthony Mwangi who won three
first places, two second places and
a third place in the U15 boys relay
and with a new meeting record of
1,75m in the boys U15 High Jump
was awarded athlete of the meeting
for his efforts on the night.

SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

MICHAELMAS CRICKET WEEK Pietermaritzburg, Sat 29 Oct – Tue 2 Oct

KZN Maritzburg College
Clifton School
DHS
Glenwood
Hilton
KZN Development
Northwood
St Charles

E Cape St Andrews
Hudson Park

Gauteng St Stithians
King Edward
Affies
St Davids
St Albans
Pta Boys High

Free State Grey College

International Westlake Boys High (NZ)



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