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- ◆ Grade 8 Information Evening

Latest from the Head Master's Desk

We have come to the end of another successful year. The theme for this year was again to "Get Involved" and a great deal of our boys did exactly that. As in previous years, a large number of our boys have excelled in a number of areas and have made us, as a school, extremely proud. The Grade 12s of 2016 in particular set the example and were simply outstanding. As seniors they took the school to new levels of excellence.

The NSC Examinations went well and I am sure we will have good results. I want to thank Mr Shore who runs this process extremely well every year. Academics at DHS continue to be strong and we will continue to make it the No. 1 priority in the School.

On the sporting front we made great strides with Rugby, and Sevens Rugby in particular did very well in 2016. We had a number of KZN representatives and I predict that next year will be one of the best in the history of the School. We are putting a lot of effort into Hockey and Cricket and I have no doubt that we will again become a power house in these sports in the near future.

The highlight for me on the cultural side has been the opening of the state of the art Chris Seabrooke Music Centre. This was my dream from early on in my tenure here at the School and I was delighted that it became a reality before I left.

Blackmore House continues to be the "backbone" of the school. We had committed staff involved and we will continue to go from strength to strength.

I also want to thank my staff, and in particular my Management Team and EXCO under the leadership of my Deputies, Mrs Vermaak, Mr Norton and Mr Hellenberg and our Business Manager, Mr Chris Green, for their support and hard work this year.

A large number of our educators went off again at the end of last week to mark the NSC (Grade 12) papers. It is a credit to the school that so many have been identified to mark and for their own personal growth, it is good that they will interact with other educators, from other schools, at this level.

We wrote quite a lot about our 150th celebrations this year but it was a fantastic year and again I want to thank Mr Norton and the organising committee for all their hard work in making it a memorable year.

The fields, pool and gardens are in good condition after the rains we had recently and I want to thank Mr Maree and the ground staff for that. Our new Victor Diatz Maths and Science Building is nearing completion and looks fabulous. The educators and boys are going to enjoy the new addition next year.

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Latest from the Head Master's Desk

A lot still needs to be done, but a lot has happened over this year for me to be confident that we are well on our way to becoming the school we all want DHS to be.

As I mentioned a few times before, a good school is a busy school and a significant number of our boys are involved in various activities over the December Holidays.

This is my final report and I want to say that I am very sad to leave DHS. The School, parents and boys, staff and

Old Boys have all crept into my heart and I will never forget what they have done for me. There were ups and downs, but this is a fantastic school and is well on its way to again become one of the best in the country. I want to wish every member of the DHS family safe travels and a blessed Christmas I want to also wish acting Head Master Mr Alan Norton all the best for 2017.

Leon Erasmus
14th Head Master

Farewell, Mr Erasmus!

On Wednesday, 23 November 2016, at the Final Assembly of the year, we began saying our farewells to our Head Master Mr Leon Erasmus as it was his last day with the boys of DHS.

The DHS Boys gathered in the Memorial Quad to pay their respects to Mr Erasmus. A number of the senior boys presented speeches of thanks to this man who they so admire.

RCL Chairman and Deputy Head Prefect of 2016, Libo Mngomezulu, recited a poem which he had especially written. In it, Libo described Mr Erasmus as, "A man that saw the diamond within the rock not the rock within the diamond. The Great Durban High School called and he answered with a whistle ... For a great captain sees the light beyond darkness and calm beyond the storm. With tradition as his compass and excellence the destination he steered the great ship".

Joshua Spooner, Deputy Head Prefect, also took to the lectern to say a few words and related the farewell to his own experience. "It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to

our Head Master Mr Leon Erasmus today. Both his days and my days at this fine School are numbered, and so I would like to take this opportunity to honour you Mr Erasmus, one last time". Josh described Mr Erasmus as having vision for the school and leading with honour. "You led the school with faith, composure and vision - honouring those who deserved honouring and disciplining those who needed discipline, but not once did you ever raise your voice at anyone, which is a true sign of your character and something that I will never forget. Your passion and love for this school rubbed off on everyone around you and you created a culture in DHS where the boys were once again proud of their great School," Josh added.

The speeches culminated in the awarding of gifts, with Head Prefect of 2016, Mvumeleni Mathenjwa presenting a Memory Box to Mr Erasmus filled with individually hand-written messages from the Boys to Mr Erasmus for him to take back home to Cape Town. Samkelo Ntetha, the newly appointed RCL Chairman for 2017, thank Mr

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Mvumeleni presents to Mr Erasmus the Memory Box (above) Joshua and Libo bid farewell to Mr Erasmus (middle) Mr Erasmus addresses the Boys of DHS for the last time (left)



The portrait of Mr Erasmus was unveiled at the Farewell function held by the Governing Body



Libo Mngomezulu, Liam Whitfield and Mvumeleni Mathenjwa attend the farewell function

Farewell, Mr Erasmus! cont'd

Erasmus for his guidance and handed him a gift of a photo canvas featuring memories of Mr Erasmus' time at School.

During his 3½ years at Durban High School, Mr Erasmus strived to ensure that most of his vision for the School was carried out. Not only was he the driving force behind the 150th celebrations of the school, but the new Music Centre that was opened at the School last month, made possible by the support of Chris Seabrooke, was part of Mr Erasmus' dream for the School. Mr Erasmus also provided direction on the Victor Daitz Maths and Science Centre which is currently being built.

Erasmus will now take up a post near his home town, as the Headmaster of Fairmont High School, but said that he will follow DHS' progress with keen interest next year. "I have no doubt that School will continue to play a significant role in education in KZN and the country as a whole," he added.

The Assembly was a moving ceremony which ended with the boys of Durban High School linking arms with Mr Erasmus and performing the School Song in his honour.

GB Farewell:

On Saturday 26 November a farewell tea was held to pay homage to Mr Erasmus. The function was attended by

Congratulations, Mr Norton!

Congratulations to Mr Norton who has been appointed as the Acting Head of Durban High School with effect from January 2017.

Mr Norton will act while the process of appointing a Principal of the School is undertaken and the appointed person can take up the post.

The post has been advertised by the Department, with the closing

members of the Governing Body, Moms' Committee, DHS Management, Head Prefects and Heads of various neighbouring schools, all of whom gathered to say thank you and good-bye to Mr Erasmus.

Mr Winston Owen, Chairman of the GB, Mr Justin Paul, former Chairman of the GB, Mr Mike Fennell, CEO of the DHS Foundation and Liam Whitfield, Head Prefect of 2015 all addressed Mr Erasmus and thanked him for his contribution and paid tribute to him for all he had managed to achieve at Durban High School over the past 3½ year.

Mr Erasmus replied, thanking them for their kind words and thanking all those who supported and assisted him during his tenure. He said he learnt a great deal from his experiences at Durban High School and would dearly miss the School.

Mr Erasmus and his wife were presented with gifts from the School and the Foundation as tokens of appreciation.

A portrait of Mr Erasmus, which had just been completed, was unveiled. This portrait will join the other portraits of the past 13 Head Masters in the Head Masters' Walkway alongside the Media Centre. A framed smaller copy of the portrait was also presented to Mr Erasmus as a further gift.

date for applications being 25 November 2016. The Governing Body will receive the applications from the DoE in January and the GB appointed Interview Committee will begin the process of shortlisting, interviewing and selecting the new Principal.

We wish Mr Norton all the very best and look forward to supporting him in the New Year!

Staff Farewell:

A final farewell function was held for the Staff of Durban High School to bid farewell to Mr Erasmus. Mr Norton, who is to take up the reins as Acting Head Master at DHS in the New Year, thanked Mr Erasmus on behalf of the Staff and presented him with a gift voucher from the Staff.

Mr Erasmus was also presented with a bell as a keepsake to take with him to Cape Town. The Bell used to hang at Bradshaw's and Mr Norton has kept it in his office for the past few years. A bell has special significance for Mr Erasmus for a number of reasons: he was welcomed to the School on his first day at a special Assembly at which he rang the bell in the hall, as do all the Grade 8s when they enter DHS; the Matric Boys ring the bell as a signal of the end of their watch at their Final Assembly; and Mr Erasmus would ring the bell in the staffroom every morning at 7.30 for staff briefing to begin. The Bell has been engraved with the words, "As he is, so is his School." We hope that Mr Erasmus will hang it in his office or the Staffroom at his new school to serve as a reminder of his time with us and that DHS will continue to hold a place in his heart.

Farewell, Mr Erasmus ... and thank you ... we will miss you!



Mr Norton has been appointed Acting Head of DHS!

We also look forward to an exciting 2017 ... it promises to be a good one as we kick off moving back into the newly renovated Victor Daitz Maths & Science Centre. The official opening is being held on 22 February 2017.

Sport, Cultural and Academic Awards for 2016

Congratulations to the following DHS boys who received awards for Sport, Cultural Activities and Academics during the course of 2016:

SPORT AWARDS

Athletics

Honours
Re-Award: Mfundo Mzobe
Honours: Brian Cele
Mfundo Mzobe

Colours
Re-Award: Mark Gaines
Asanda Kunene

Colours: Mfundo Mkhize
Mark Gaines
Asande Kunene

Half Colours: Nkanyiso Buthelezi
Mhlengi Magubane
Sibonelo Mbambo
Phendulani

Buthelezi

Badminton:

Honours
Re-Awards: Mikhaeel Mirza
Tonderai Ndudzo
Colours: Jaydon Beru
Nischay Jairaj

Basketball:

Honours: Liam Reid
Thabiso Mbatha

Cross Country:

Colours: Lihle Poswa
Desire Iradakunda
Kwanda Luthuli
Sibonelo Mbambo
Half Colours: Seitlheko Ntsebe

First Aid:

Colours: Chayil Gunpath
Faraad Sallie
Yasheen Ismail
Lungelo Mkhize
Rowan Pakkiri
Clayton Knox

Football:

Honours: Riyaad Rajah
Colours: Mvumeleni
Mathenjwa
Clinton Sithole
Dylan Young
Blake Elliott
Lwazi Moletshe

Half Colours Mzamomuhle Tembe
Mayur Rampersad
Deon Dladla
Libo Mngomezulu
Ridhaa Parthiephal
Joyce Ngoie-Lukonga
Sqiniseko Majozi

Golf:

Re-Award
Honours: Sebastian Terblanche
Colours: Fanele Hlophe
Half Colours: Muhammed Elias
Pronaam Ramlugaan

Hockey:

Honours: Hlumelo Mekuto
Colours: Tasvir Bissoon
Mfundo Mzobe
Half Colours: Bryson Boekhoud
Liam Green
Tinashe Nenhunzi
Tiagan Terreblanche
Luke Nelson
Mayur Rampersad

Half Colours

Re-Award: Ethan Hullett
Phiwokuhle Thusi
Nonsenhle Zulu
Moholi Dlamini

Rugby:

Honours: Sanele Nohamba
Phendulani Buthelezi
Tonderai Ndudzo
Onke Jiba
Cham Zondeki
Ryan Dafel
Colours: Matthew Hamilton
Sibusiso Mkhaphi
Gert Coetzee
Half Colours: Sandile Nduzi
Kamvelihle Fatyela
Luthando Buthelezi
Tiaan de Jager
Mandisi Mthiyane
Mvumeleni Mathenjwa

Rugby Sevens:

Colours: Sanele Nohamba
Phedulani Buthelezi
Onke Jiba
Cham Zondeki
Caimpilo Gumede

Softball:

Colours
Re-Award: Liam Green
Colours: Martin Mnguni

Sport Climbing:

Colours: Ashvir Debba
Half Colours: Christopher James

Swimming:

Honours: Michael Paul
Colours
Re-Award: Jaques Smal
Colours: Tonderai Nduduzo
Half Colours: Darshiel Naicker

Tennis:

Half Colours: Yushail Naidoo
Nishlan Pillay
Keenan Pillay
Siyabonga Hlope
Zahir Mohamed
Ndili Stamper
Lindo Buwa

Water Polo:

Honours: Dean Smith
Half Colours: Branden Smyth
Christopher Coleman
Dashille Naicker
Michael Kyprou
Mohammed Khan
Andreas Kyprou

CULTURAL AWARDS

Chess:

Colours: Cayden Pather
Sridhar Chandraduth

Debating:

Honours
Re Award: Maxim Birch
Honours: Casey Milledge
Alessio Conti

Drama:

Honours: Joshua Arnold
Thabiso Thabalala
Colours: Akbar Misigaro
Nkanyiso Yeni
Maxim Birch

Sport, Cultural and Academics Awards for 2016

Music:
 Colours:
 Re-Award: Nkanyiso Gasa
 Colours: Mpumelelo
 Langazana
 Luyanda Buthelezi
 Sisemseni Sibisi
 Half Colours: Mvelo Novoh
 Cohen Naidoo
 Nhlakanipho Gumede

ACADEMICS AWARDS

Grade 12 Academic Awards for the Trial Examinations 2016:
 Honours
 Re-Award: Joshua Spooner
 Colours
 Re-Award: Hassen Moorad
 Steven Waites
 Colours: Amaan Rananand
 Half Colours
 Re-Award: Muhammad Vorajee
 Odwa Phakathi
 Langalihle Mthembu
 Akaash Reedoy
 Andrew Elliott
 Mohammed Moolla
 Yusuf Rasad
 Hamza Essop
 Mohammed Randeree
 Half Colours: Dillon Moodley
 Ross Owen

Grade 12 Academic Awards for the June Examinations 2016:
 Honours
 Re-Award: Joshua Spooner
 Honours: Hassen Moorad
 Colours
 Re-Award: Steven Waites
 Colours: Odwa Phakhati
 Yusuf Ramnand
 Yusuf Rasad
 Muhammad Vorajee
 Andrew Elliott
 Half Colours
 Re-Award: Hamza Essop
 Langelihle Mthembu
 Akaash Reedoy
 Sahil Ramsaran
 Jordan Reddy
 Muhammad

Randeree
 Mohammed Moolla,

Grade 11 Academic Awards for the November Examinations 2016:
 Honours
 Re-Award: Joshua Spooner
 Honours: Hassen Moorad
 Colours
 Re-Award: Steven Waites
 Colours: Muhammed
 Randeree
 Half Colours
 Re-Award: Hamza Essop
 Mvumeleni Mathenjwa

Half Colours: Amaan Ramnand
 Odwa Phakhati
 Yusuf Rasad

Grade 10 Academic Awards for the November Examinations 2015:
 Colours: Ashvir Debba
 Avuyile Madiba
 Muhammed Moosa
 Half Colours: Tebogo Mkhize
 Kribashan Naidoo
 Matthew Henley
 Owen Johnson
 Rikhil Harilal
 Adhir Singh



Water Polo, Hockey and Cricket Award Dinners

At the end of this last term of the year, Awards Dinners were held for Water Polo, Cricket and Hockey. All three dinners were enjoyed by all. Below are lists of the award winners at the dinners.

WATER POLO AWARDS

MVP	Matthew Hamilton
Coach of the Year	Dan Ungerer
Team of the Year	U14
Hole Man of the Year	Matt Hamilton
Hole Guard of the Year	Chris Coleman
Most Assists/Best Vision	Matt Hamilton
Most Promising 1 st Year	Intando Mpuqua
Most Dedicated Player	Michael Paul
Most Selfless	Joshua Spooner
Captains Trophy	Matt Hamilton
Number of Caps	Michael Paul, Matt Hamilton (Over 200)
Sportsmanship Award	Steven Waites
Highest Ranking Player	Matt Hamilton
Most Consistent	Dean Smith

CRICKET AWARDS

1st XI Cricket:

Shaun Broughton Super Striker for scoring the most runs - Tenashe Nenhunzi with 503 Runs in 2016
 Bowler of Year - Tenashe Nenhunzi
 Sam Abrahams Team Man of the Year award - Darren Pearce
 Most Improved player - Safwaan Barradeen
 Chris Catto Award for Greatest Contribution to Cricket - Sheroze Khan

Age Groups:

Best Batsmen:

U16: Sumiran Ramlakkan
 U15: Sinolin Pather
 U14: Sachin Soni

Best Bowlers:

U16: Sumiran Ramlakkan
 U15: Brayden Sambhu
 U14: Joshua Stride

Water Polo, Hockey and Cricket Award Dinners cont'd

Captains:

U16: Sumanth Ramlakkan
 U15: Tawanda Zimhindo
 U14: Sholin Naicker

HOCKEY AWARDS

U18 Outdoor

Most Improved	Tinashe Nenhunzi
Best Def	Tasvir Bissoon
Best Mid	Ethan Hullet
Best Fwd	Hlumelo Mekuto
MVP	Hlumelo Mekuto

U16-Outdoor

Most Improved	Sanolin Pather
Best Defense	Danken Ellis
Best Mid Fielder	Rogan Green
Best Fwd	Enrique Schnetler
MVP	Sanolin Pather

U14-Outdoor

Most Improved
 Best Defense
 Best Mid Fielder
 Best Fwd
 MVP

Sisanda Sithole
 Joshua Winnaar
 Benjamin Hullet
 Sachin Soni
 Benjamin Hullet

U16 Indoor

Best Def
 Best Fwd
 MVP

Bryson Boekhoud
 Tiagan Terreblanche
 Tiagan Terreblanche

U14 Indoor

Best Def
 Best Fwd
 MVP

Benjamin Hullet
 Sachin Soni
 Joshua Winnaar



Leadership Camp

Our 2017 Prefects (24) and the majority of the RCL attended a Leadership Camp in Pennington, at Pennington Beach Resort for two nights. The boys were accompanied by Mr Mathie (Head of Prefects), Mrs Steytler (Head of the RCL), Mr Liddell (Mentorship) and Miss Smith, who will be assisting Mr Mathie next year.

On Wednesday 23 November, after the final examinations for the year, we hopped on the bus and headed for Pennington. Upon arrival, we were greeted by very enthusiastic Camp Facilitators, who informed the boys about the rules and showed them to their comfortable sleeping quarters.

The afternoon activities began with a bang! Split into three groups across the grades, the boys engaged in an Amazing Race. At the end of the race the groups had to have composed a war cry, a skit and make a mascot out of anything they could find. The one group was very creative, using pliable branches wound to look like a Horsefly! These mascots had to accompany the groups on all their activities for the duration of their stay.

That evening, after supper, Mr Mathie ran a leadership session

where he asked them to measure themselves as leaders according to various laws. This was very successful, and introspective, and created a direction for the other upcoming sessions and activities. In the evening the boys engaged in fun night activities run by the facilitators.

A jam-packed day followed. Straight after breakfast, Mr Mathie led another leadership session where the newly appointed leaders identified 'Brotherhood' as a vision for 2017. The vision of 'Brotherhood' was unpacked to devise a strategy to work towards our goal. The most interesting outcome of this camp was that the younger learners were embraced and felt comfortable enough to also voice their opinions to the rest of the leadership body.

The morning consisted of various physical activities: an obstacle course which tested their balance and co-ordination, archery, and an impressive climbing wall. The boys cheered each other on, especially during the harder, more challenging activities. A pivotal moment was when Sandile Nduzi, apprehensive to attempt the climbing wall, managed to up and over it! Mrs Steytler, who had promised Nduzi she would attempt

it if he did, had no choice but to follow suit! I am sure that the support from the boys below made it much easier to conquer their fears!

After pie, mash and gravy for lunch, we strolled a fair way across the beach to a lagoon where the boys kayaked and played touch rugby on the sand. Cham Zondeki and Pepsi Buthelezi were in their kayak for a little longer negotiating their paddle-rhythm and the wind, and they eventually arrived back to where they started! The boys walking back from the beach, sang some infectious songs that even had the Pennington facilitators singing!

That evening, after supper, we had the opportunity to engage with Richards Bay High School. Their Headmaster asked our boys to chat to theirs about our traditions at DHS. This was an interesting experience, especially for us as educators, to listen to our boys verbalize their thoughts and feelings, especially those workshopped during the first two sessions. The exchange was important and allowed for the two schools to question and learn from each other about their various ways of leading ... further bonding ensued late into the night around

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Leadership Camp

the camp fire where they sang songs and performed their schools' war cries.

The next morning, straight after breakfast, we watched the war cries and skits that the boys had prepared the day we arrived. These were very entertaining and had us all grinning from ear-to-ear!

The last session of our stay concluded the camp. In this session the RCL and Prefects separated to discuss the various roles and responsibilities that are needed to be fulfilled to ensure effective leadership in 2017.

We packed up and bid our farewells to the Camp Facilitators. They were so complimentary about our boys and they even promised to make a trip to watch a rugby game next year!

This camp has certainly built a solid foundation for our boys and was immensely enjoyed by all!

Kirsten Smith
Educator

Photos from the Leadership Camp

The First Weeks of the New Year

Wednesday 4 January

1st XI Cricket Tour to PE : 4 to 9 January

Thursday 5 6 January

1st XV Rugby Camp at Shongweni : t to 7 January

Friday 6 January

New Staff Orientation

Sunday 8 January

Grade 8 Boarders and Prefects Return to School

Monday 9 January

Grade 8 Orientation/Sport Trials Staff Return/Management Meeting

Tuesday 10 January

Grade 8 Orientation/Sport Trials Boarders Return (Grade 9-12)

Wednesday 11 January

School Opens for 2017 Grade 8 Information Evening

Friday 13 January

Grade 8 Camp Out Staff Team Building

Saturday 14 January

BE Orientation Closed Weekend

Monday 16 January

Inter-House Gala Grade 11 Information Evening : 17h30 in the DC Thompson Hall

Tuesday 17 January

Grade 11 Information Evening : 17h30 in the DC Thompson Hall

Wednesday 18 January

Grade 10 Information Evening : 17h30 in the DC Thompson Hall

Thursday 19 January

Grade 9 HPM Testing Crickets vs Krugersdorp : 1st XI, 2nd XI and U16A Grade 9 Information Evening : 17h30 in the DC Thompson Hall

Friday 20 January

Class Captains Workshop Clifton Gala

Saturday 21 January

BE Orientation Closed Weekend (Grade 8s) Cricket vs Sunfoil : All teams

Sunday 22 January

BE Family Braai

Monday 23 January

Blood Bank : 08h30 to 14h00 : DC Thompson Hall Golf vs Kearsney @ Cotswold Down

Tuesday 24 January

Grade 12 Information Evening : 17h30 in the DC Thompson Hall Inter House Athletics : Track Events

Wednesday 25 January

Grade 12 Class and Individual Photographs & Leadership Photographs Swimming : DHS & Hilton Programme 1 PLC/Welcome Wednesday

Term Dates for 2017

1 st Term:	11 January 2017	31 March 2017
2 nd Term:	18 April	30 June
3 rd Term:	24 July	29 September
4 th Term:	9 October	6 December



Water Polo & Hockey Award Winners



- CLASS IV AND III COMMERCIAL DIVE TRAINING
- SUPERVISOR TRAINING
- CHAMBER OPERATOR TRAINING
- UNDERWATER MINING & EXPLORATION
- EARN US DOLLARS WITHIN 3 MONTHS
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