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Latest from the Acting Head Master

The School held School Governing Body Parent By-Elections on Tuesday 14 March at 18h00. Mr Barrie Knox-Davies and Mrs Chandhira Maniram, both of whom have sons in Grade 8, were elected as new members of the SGB. Mrs Maniram is an educator and Mr Know-Davies has IT and Marketing experience. We thank them for giving up personal time to serve our community and wish them well in their new positions. Thank you to the parents who attended, and the Principal of Northlands Girls' High School, Mr A Graaf, who performed the role of Electoral Officer.

On Thursday 16 March the Performing Arts Competition took place. The show was split into two halves. The first half saw our Musicians performing in the new Chris Seabrooke Music

Centre and then, after interval, the Drama and Poetry boys had their turn in the Seabrooke Theatre. Well done to Ms Rungan, Mr Sooriah and Mrs Nagiah for organising the show. Thanks to our boys for sharing their talents with us.

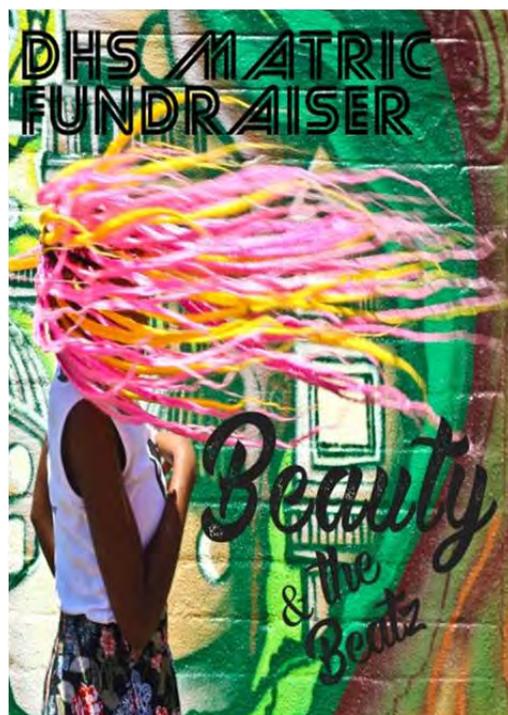
We host Hilton College this weekend, with the 1st XV playing at Kings Park at 17h00. It is a compulsory for our boys and we are all looking forward to the occasion. May I remind our boys, parents and supporters that they represent our School and that our behaviour should be above reproach at all times.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Alan Norton
Acting Head Master

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Rugby vs Hilton (h)
- ◆ 1st XV Rugby vs Hilton @ Kings Park
COMPLUSORY ATTENDANCE
- ◆ School Holiday & Public Holiday
- ◆ Trevor Bennison Rugby Day
- ◆ Matric Dance Fundraiser
- ◆ Grade 11 IsiZulu Tour to Shakaland



Matric Dance Fundraiser, Beauty & the Beatz is to be held on Friday 24 March from 18h00 to 22h30 in the DC Thompson Hall at DHS

Featuring a Fashion Show, Dance, Live Music, DJs and a Staff Fashion Show, the evening promises to be a lot of fun!

Tickets are R50 per person and will be available @ the Door!

Come along and enjoy the Fun!!

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fashion dance live
music djs staff fashion
18h00 - 22h30
R50 pp @the door
DHS Hall



Grade 9 Spirit of Adventure



The current Grade 9 boys are passionate about outdoor leadership activities and this was reflected in the 96% attendance rate at this year's course. This is a definite result of greater parental and staff support for such activities which form a crucial part of the education and development of our young leaders. 9D are to be congratulated on their 100% attendance. The grade was divided into two groups and their camp took place over two and a half days at in the Shongweni Dam and Game Reserve. The 1700 hectare reserve is approximately 40km from Durban and contains buffalo, rhino, giraffe, a variety of antelope and 200 species of birds.



After a short bus ride to Shongweni the boys were welcomed by the SOA facilitators and briefed on the "Mission" style structure of the course. They were then divided into random groups for the remainder of the excursion. This year's course had been completely redesigned as the grade 9s of 2016 really struggled in the extreme summer heat. This is not to say that the course had been made easier but points to the need to constantly review the course structure to make sure that it meets the leadership goals of the school, and allows each learner to utilise his own skill set within their own level of ability. Many of the boys did not like the fact that they were being forced to work with peers who were not necessarily in their class or circle of friends but after the purpose was explained to them they attacked the upcoming tasks enthusiastically. Once they were in their new groups the boys did an orienteering activity in which they accumulated points.



favourites these activities challenge one's fears of height and enclosed spaces. Team work and faith in your team mate's abilities lead to many of the boys overcoming their fears. Fortunately the weather was fairly cool and good times were achieved on the assault course. Although very daunted by the height of Oliver's Travels the boys all completed this challenging task. After this they returned to camp for a short briefing for their camp fire cooking. At the grade 9 Information Evening I spent some time explaining to the parents how important it is that the boys acquire cooking skills - clearly many parents took this to heart and the boys really got stuck into cooking their potjie - no mess, no burnt food, and no cut fingers! After dinner the boys were briefed on their night mission which included abseiling down the dam wall, a water challenge and kayaking. Abseiling at night with just glow sticks to guide you is quite daunting but the boys and staff embraced this activity.

Group 2: As we all know from the grade 8 year our boys really enjoy braaing and I ensured that this now formed part of their night out of camp. The afternoon was spent creating shelters out of poles and bivvy sheets in the forest area adjacent to the dam - here the boys saw zebra, monkeys, impala, and numerous bird species, including two impressive fish eagles. The boys started braai fires and prepared a hearty evening meal. For many this was their first experience of a night under the stars and very soon there were questions about wild animals and the like being whispered around the communal fire. As the evening progress the boys played touch and soccer and were exhausted by the time it was lights out.

Day One

Group 1: Assault Course, Oliver's Travels & Snake Pit - always firm

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Grade 9 Spirit of Adventure

Day Two

Group 1 and Group 2: Day two confronted our boys with the new activities which included a cliff abseil and new rock climb. The cliff abseil is very different to the dam wall as there is massive exposure as you go over the edge - one feels as if one is abseiling down into the entire gorge. All boys completed this task and this is evidence of the team comraderie and support that was developing. After lunch the boys built rafts and made their way to Waterworld. Here they were faced with a four metre cliff jump into the dam and Cliff Hanger - here they had to traverse a seven metre section of the cliff which disappears into the dam. Safety was reinforced with the boys over and I was impressed with how they took the dangerous aspect of these activities very seriously.

In the evening group 1 bivvied and group 2 showed off their potjie skills.

Day Three

Group 1: An early start saw this group pack up camp and enjoy a healthy breakfast.

Group 2: After breakfast this group rotated through the Assault Course, Oliver's Travels & Snake Pit.

Once all the groups were back at base camp points were collated to determine the winning teams and a review of what leadership skills had been learned was completed.

All in all, the amended programme was a great success and I would like to thank the staff of DHS and SOA who assisted in the smooth running of the course. I would also like to thank the parents who had faith in what we offer at DHS and entrusted their sons to us for the duration of the course.

Ian Lewis

Head: Outdoor Leadership Activities



DHS Athletes Mark Gaines and Asande Kunene won gold medals at the KZN Secondary Schools Athletics Champs



DHS Sport Climbers - Benjamin Hulett, Chris James, Ian Lewis (MiC of Sport Climbing at DHS and KZN Climbing Executive Member), Ashvir Debba and Dharshan Pillai

Extra-Mural Results

RUGBY vs NORTHWOOD

Durban High School started their rugby season in emphatic fashion defeating their visitors Northwood by 82 unanswered points on Van Heerden's on Saturday. This score line is one of the biggest in the School history and has laid a foundation on which to base the entire season.

Northwood applied pressure early on, but the DHS defence was resolute with dealing with all Northwood had to offer. After weathering the early onslaught, DHS were able to move through phases with fluidity and scored two early tries through centre Asanda Kunene and scrumhalf Sanele Nohamba. The "School" forwards worked hard to get go forward which allowed the backs to flourish. A strong set piece on the day also starved Northwood for ball and made the battle one-sided. With DHS capitalising on turnovers and utilising a devastating counter attack game, the Horseflies were able to rain down tries for the duration of the match.

The hard work at the beginning allowed DHS to get into free flow in the second half where the interplay and slick handling brought the best out of the team. Centre Lwandile Menze shone in his first appearance in the team. There were also standout performances from Chris Coleman and Kamvelihle Fatyela who put in a lot of the dirty work. Winger Tonderai Ndudzo also ended with two excellent finisher tries and stood out on the day.

The Van Heerden's faithful will be excited about the season to come and will be overjoyed by such a massive statement in their first game.

Tries scored by:

Sanele Nohamba, Tonderai Ndudzo (2), Asanda Kunene (2), Phendulani Buthelezi (2), Lwazi

Moletshe, Sandile Nduzi, Lwandile Menze, Luthando Buthelezi and Luthando Jojo.

S Mathie

1st XV Rugby Coach/M-i-C : Rugby

	<i>DHS</i>	<i>Northwood</i>
1 st XV	82	0
2 nd XV	17	7
3 rd XV	48	7
4 th XV	19	17
U16A	17	15
U16B	7	5
U15A	0	29
U15B	34	5
U14A	8	31
U14B	0	35
U14C	0	48
U14D	0	39

HOCKEY vs NORTHWOOD

The DHS 1st XI Hockey came up against a very good Northwood team that saw them go down 0-8.

The boys started off extremely well, putting Northwood under early pressure and surprising them into making some early mistakes in the midfield; however, some poor execution of our own basic skills prevented us from capitalising on these mistakes.

We were caught on a counter attack about 10 minutes in and conceded a penalty corner; once again an individual error on our part allowed them to take the lead and from that moment on we were chasing the game. We had to change tactics to try and stop the wave after wave of attack.

Unfortunately, when you come up against a team who could quite possibly be the number one school boy team in the province any mistakes which you make are costly and it proved to be so in this game. Good play by Northwood and errors caused by the pressure they put on us resulted in our boys conceding three more goals by half time.

The second half followed much the same pattern as the first, with our boys starting the half well and conceding again due to a lack of concentration. Unfortunately, once again we conceded four goals in the second half.

There were moments when we really played above ourselves, and if we could better capitalise when we are on top (and play at that level for longer periods) and improve on our pressure management and concentration when we are not, there is potential to have a very productive season.

R Beaumont
M-i-C : Hockey

	<i>DHS</i>	<i>Northwood</i>
1 st XI	0	8
2 nd XI	0	10
U16A	0	11
U16B	0	12
U14A	0	8

SPORT CLIMBING FINALS

On Sunday the DHS Climbers participated in the final round of the KZN Boulder Series at Southern Rock - a climbing gym based in New Germany. The following results were achieved:

A League Results

U19 Ashvir Debba - Gold
U17 Chris James - Silver
U15 Benjamin Hulett - Bronze

B League Results

U15 Dharshan Pillai- Bronze



Durban High School cordially invites you

to support our 1st XV Rugby Team
at Growthpoint Kings Park Stadium
on Saturday 18 March 2017
Curtain Raiser
Durban High School vs Hilton College
@ 17h00

Sharks vs Kings @ 19h30

150

DHS 1st XV Rugby to play Hilton College @ Kings Park on 18 March!



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Congratulations to our Athletes!

Durban High School is extremely proud of its athletes who competed in the KZN Secondary Schools Athletics Championships held at Kings Park Athletic Stadium in Durban.

Three learners - Lindani Maphisa who represented Under 16, Asande Kunene and Mark Gaine, who represented Under 18 - excelled in their various events.

U18

Asande Kunene won both of his events, taking gold for 100m and 200m.

Mark Gaine won gold for both Long Jump and Triple Jump and took silver for the 100m.

U16

Lindani Maphisa came in second place for the 100m Hurdles, winning a silver medal.



The Weeks Ahead

Friday 17 March

Grade 12 to Math/MLit (KZN DoE paper) from 09h00-11h00 in AJ Human Room

Poetry : Schools Open Mic @ Seabrooke's Theatre

Saturday 18 March

1st Rugby vs Hilton @ Kings Park -
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL

Rugby : 2nd XV and all other teams vs Hilton at DHS : 09h30 to 15h30

BE Out Weekend

Monday 20 March

School Holiday

Tuesday 21 March

Public Holiday

Wednesday 22 March

Trevor Bennison Rugby Day @ DHS : DHS to play @ 17h00

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL

Thursday 23 March

Test Grade 12 GRDS PAT Exam
Hockey : 1st XI vs Queensmead XI @ Queensmead

Junior Debating @ Durban North College

Friday 24 March

Grade 11 : GRDS PAT Exam
Matric Fundraiser : Beauty and the Beatz Fashion Show

Tuesday 28 March

Grade 11 isiZulu Tour to Shakaland : 28 to 30 March

Wednesday 29 March

1st XV Rugby vs Voortrekker (h)

Thursday 30 March

Senior Debating @ Northlands Girls' High : 15h00

Friday 31 March

School Breaks Up for Easter Holidays @ 10h40

Monday 17 April

Boarders after 15h00

Tuesday 18 April

School Opens for the 2nd Term

Holiday Activities

31 March-3 April
U15A Northwood Rugby Festival

1-2 April
Bouldering Nationals in Gauteng

3-8 April
U14A & U16A Glenwood Rugby Festival

13-17 April
DHS Basketball Festival at DUT

13-17 April
1st XI Hockey Tour to KES

13-17 April
1st XV Rugby St Stithian's Festival

This Weekend's Fixtures

RUGBY vs HILTON (h) : Saturday 18 March

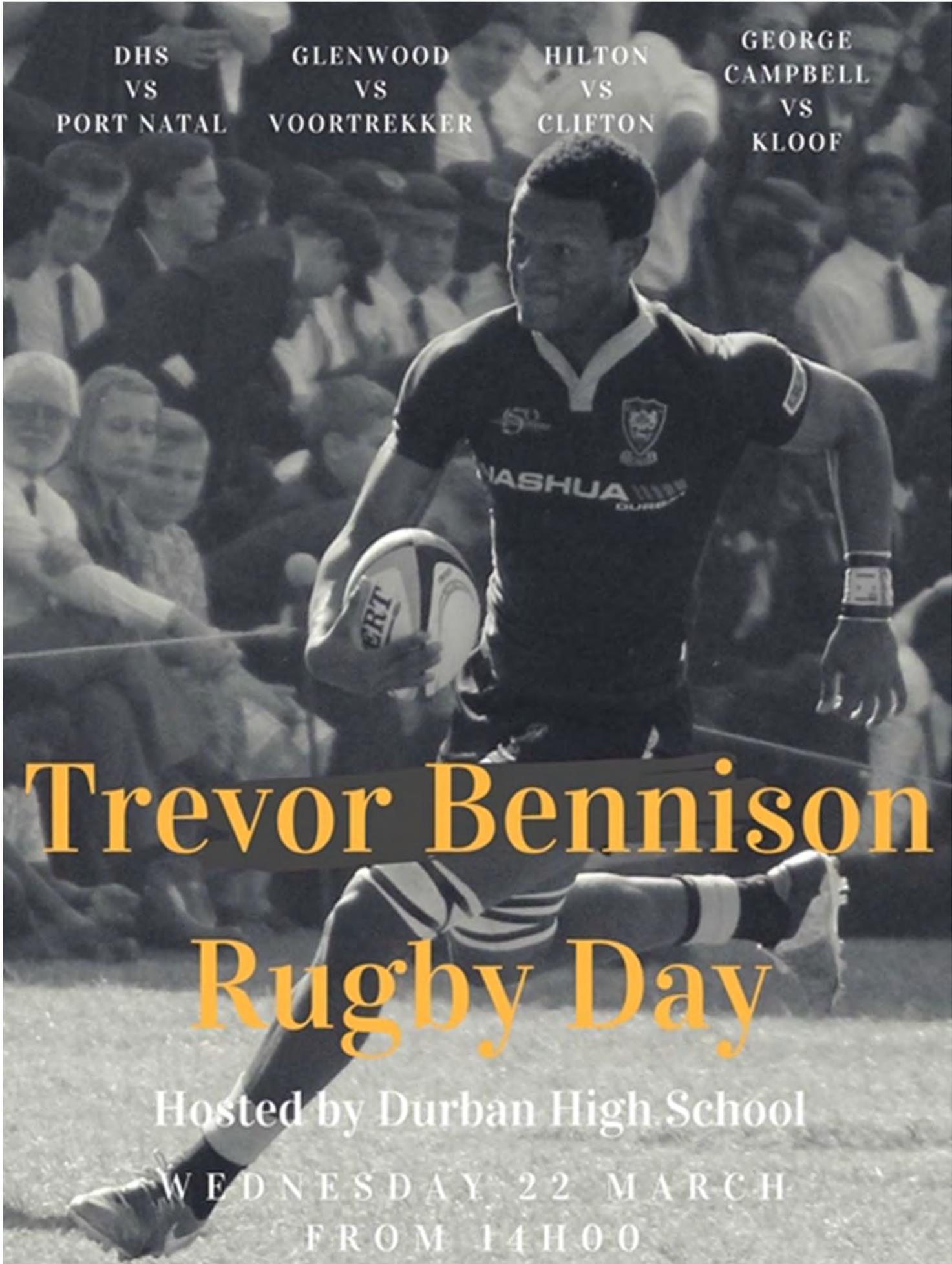
Team	Time	Venue	Coach	Referee
1 st XV	17h00	Van Heerden	Mathie/Uys	Union
2 nd XV	14h30	Van Heerden	Matthysen	Union
3 rd XV	12h00	Van Heerden	Smyth	Keagan
4 th XV	10h45	Van Heerden	Liddell	Gcilitshana
5 th XV	09h30	Van Heerden	Stengel	Everitt
U16A	13h15	Van Heerden	Adam	Union
U16B	11h50	Nourse	Everitt	Bryan
U16C	10h35	Nourse	Salie	Divan
U15A	13h05	Nourse	Gcilitshana	Union
U15B	09h30	Nourse	Govender	Bryan
U15C	14h10	Nourse	Bryan	Kudzie
U14A	10h35	Sandford	Genade	Union
U14B	09h30	Sandford	Lawson	Mathie
U14C	12h45	Sandford	Scott	Everitt
U14D	11h40	Sandford	Cele	Genade

DHS
VS
PORT NATAL

GLENWOOD
VS
VOORTREKKER

HILTON
VS
CLIFTON

GEORGE
CAMPBELL
VS
KLOOF



Trevor Bennison Rugby Day

Hosted by Durban High School

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH
FROM 14H00
DHS TO PLAY @ 17H00