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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Zulu Cultural Evening
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- ◆ Football vs Glenwood
- ◆ Grade 12 Drama Prac Finals
- ◆ Test Period
- ◆ Grade 12 Phycis Prac Exam
- ◆ Blackmore Grade 10 & 11 Spring Social
- ◆ Football : 5-a-Side Tournament

Welcome to DHS, Mr Goodwin!



*Mr Gavin Goodwin
Deputy Head Master at Durban High School*

Durban High School is very pleased to welcome to the staff body this term, our new Deputy Head Master, Mr Gavin Goodwin.

Mr Goodwin comes to us from Durban Preparatory High School, where he has proudly taught for 16 years. His involvement at DPHS has been broad, including curricular and extra-curricular activities, pastoral care, capital development projects and tours.

He has a great deal of sporting interest. He has experience as a player and administrator, at school, club and provincial level, in a number of sporting codes.

His passion these days is in the value that sporting and cultural activities brings into the lives of the boys of South Africa, and

Durban High School in particular.

Mr Goodwin's portfolio at DHS includes being Head of Sport & Cultural Activities and Head of Discipline.

He is a meticulous planner who thrives on challenges. He is a big proponent of teamwork within an organisation and believes that the leader in everybody needs to be nurtured and encouraged. He subscribes fully to the school vision: Producing Gentlemen of Character.

He attended Queensburgh Boys' High School and trained at the Edgewood College of Education. He has previously taught at Hillcrest Primary School and worked in the corporate world as a safety consultant.

Mr Goodwin is married to Sally-Anne and has two sons, Cameron and Josh.

His out of school interests include the Berg, bush and sea. He is an avid fisherman who loves the outdoors, and spends as much of his free time there as possible.

We warmly welcome Mr Goodwin and wish him all the very best. We look forward to his input and hope he has a long and successful stay at Durban High School.

Grade 10 Leadership Trip to Khotso!

On Sunday, 13 August 147 Grade 10s with a group of Grade 11 leaders gathered in the main car park to begin, for what was for them, their first experience in the outdoors in the Southern Berg. Our destination was Khotso Horse Trails situated 12 km outside Underberg. This 1300 hectare working horse and sheep farm is nestled at the foot of this majestic mountain range and is only minutes away from the famous Sani Pass. Khotso is home to Steve Black and his stable of horses. For more than 16 years now Khotso has been responsible for taking travelers and adventurers into the heart of Lesotho's magnificence, and is a regular base for the World Challenge group. Spirits were very high and from the start I could see that those boys who had committed to the excursion were going to make the most of it.

On the whole most of the boys had put the necessary thought and planning into their kit - with lightweight, well-packed backpacks. On the other side of the coin it was easy to see those who had NOT heeded the briefings and kit guidelines, or allowed their parents to pack. A prime example of this was one lad who was carrying ten litres of bottled water, a portable braai stand, and charcoal and fire lighters (in addition to his camping equipment, food, and clothing). Nothing I could say would change this young man's mind and it was all dutifully packed into the bus.

After a smooth and uneventful trip to Underberg the buses arrived at the start of the Drak Gardens road where the boys unpacked their kit and began the 7km hike along the scenic Mzimkhulu River. This was the point where many realized that they (or mum and dad) had over packed but I am glad to report that none dumped kit along the way as has happened over the years the Grade 10 excursion has been in existence.

On arrival at Khotso the boys were introduced to Steve Black who would facilitate the hike challenge aspect of the programme. After further briefing and "camp rules" the boys set up their tents and prepared meals. The variety of tents was amazing and soon the "Over Landers Camp Site" resembled a mini Splashy Fen set up. A high degree of planning was evident here, although two groups had tents so large the staff questioned how they were going to hike with them on the mountain segment.

As the sun set the boys were able to start the braais and enjoyed a great meal. In some cases packs were lightened by a few kilos as vast quantities of meat were put on the braais. After dinner the boys were briefed on the procedure for Monday morning and then they settled around the huge fire that definitely helped to keep them warm in both body and spirit. Although colder weather had been forecast, the night temperatures did not dip below zero and the frost was non-existent compared to the 2016 trip.

The next morning the boys woke to very mild temperatures and soon many were splashing around in the stream adjacent to the camp. Breakfast was varied and some were very glad that they had braai leftovers - enough to give them enough energy for the day. At 8am they were divided into groups to begin the rotation through the various activities:

- Farm work
- Horse riding
- The Waterfall hike
- Overnight in the mountains
- Air rifle shooting
- Four way tug-of-war

The farm work included mixing feed, gathering fire wood, clearing the paddocks, and learning about sheep and horse care. The interaction between the

boys and the farm staff was excellent and a great amount of work was done during the week. Typical of any farm, Khotso has a number of working dogs. Smegal, the Anatolian Shepherd dog, who is responsible for protecting the flock from the jackals, was a firm favourite with the boys as was Borus and Karoo. Unfortunately Boris, who kept the boys entertained at the dam last year with his voracious appetite for swimming and stick fetching, had his fore leg amputated earlier in the year. Despite this loss he still wanted to play with the boys and was a regular wet and happy face around the campsite.

The two hour horse trail involved either the ascent or descent route around the foothills of the farm and was completed by every boy in the group. Many of the boys were very wary of the horses as some are quite large, but these fears were overcome and an enjoyable ride was had by all.

The waterfall hike was a lot shorter and over flatter terrain. On this hike the Khotso team highlighted various environment aspects around the farm as well as showed the boys the impact of soil erosion in the area. The highlight of this was the polar bear Challenge - a six metre jump into an icy plunge pool. Many boys jumped up to eight times but then the icy water soon took its toll. What was good to see was how the boys bonded and encouraged those less keen on the leap of faith.

Air rifle shooting, under the watchful gaze and instruction of Mr Girodo and Mr Wehrmeyer, was extremely popular and there are a number of crack shots in the grade. This bodes well for the introduction of target shooting as a potential school sport.

The overnight in the mountains was preceded by a scenic 8km
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All the fun at Khotso!

Grade 10 Leadership Trip cont'd

hike through the foothills. Many of the boys were very apprehensive about this as it meant they were away from the warmth of the fire and going into an area that is regularly frequented by jackal. Needless to say, on the return of the first group many stories were told about the eerie cries of the jackal in the dead of the night. This segment of the trip was supervised by our staff and coordinated by Steve Black who has many years of hiking and outdoor experience.

The Four Way Tug-of-war proved quite challenging to most of the groups as they were unable to unlock the required strategy to win the challenge in the shortest possible time. Before being briefed on the activity, four boys were randomly appointed as captains. Then a traditional school yard pick was begun with the simple brief: pick strength, brains, and loyalty. Once this was done the task was revealed. The first group took one hour to arrive at a winner which shows the value of this strategic leadership activity.

Here are a number of comments from boys on the excursion:

"Khotso Horse Trails was an experience I will never forget. The first two days were fun and we did farm work, hiking and horse riding. When my group went hiking out into the mountains I really learned a lot: never bring a big tent with you as no one will help you carry it when the terrain gets tougher. Packing warm and light was another lesson I learned, as well as being more careful about the team members I choose. In conclusion, I really enjoyed myself in the 'Berg."

"Khotso 2017 was a really great experience for me and I enjoyed my time in Underberg. Some of the activities we did were hiking, horse riding, farm work, target shooting and overnighting in the mountains (although I got really

cold it was worth it). My group enjoyed a clay fight at the dam. All the staff at Khotso were very friendly and welcoming. Over the week I had a lot of fun and enjoyed the late night camp fires and war cries. Khotso is an amazing place with breath taking views and good vibes."

"Cooking my own food was a real challenge but together with my team we managed as we had paid attention to the briefings at school. This experience was something very foreign to me but I really enjoyed the camping and hiking. The night out was a little scary as the jackals did not stop calling all night. The camp fires at night made a huge difference as they brought us together as a group. I am glad that I took part and am definitely going to return as a Grade 11 leader in 2018."

I would like to thank all the parents, boys and staff who supported this initiative, namely Mrs Nagiah (who assisted with the task of keeping our staff well fed), Ms van der Walt, Messrs Girodo, Liddell, Genade, Wehrmeyer and Thumbadoo. Each staff member contributed to the success of the trip and imparted their own personal attributes in helping with the boys. The interaction between the staff and boys was excellent - this may be attributed to the fact that they camped with the boys and took part in all of the activities with them. Thank you to Peppers & Pans for yet again supplying a sumptuous meal for my staff on night one, to The Lion Match Company for sponsoring matches and firelighters, and also to Roselux Coaches for providing safe, affordable and efficient transport. A huge thank you also goes to Steve and Lulu of Khotso and their support staff who made sure that this was a meaningful, safe and enjoyable experience for our boys.

Ian Lewis
Head: Leadership Activities

Sport Results

SEVENS RUGBY TOURNAMENT @ GLENWOOD

1st Team Match Report

The DHS 1st Sevens Rugby team travelled across the bridge to participate in the Glenwood Sevens Tournament and were facing arguably the biggest challenge yet. Eyeing their 3rd successive silverware this season, they would need to pull out all the stops as they were carrying a slightly depleted squad. However, such is the depth of their Sevens programme, that the younger lads are really stepping up to the plate and making a valued difference to the growing success of the DHS Sevens team.

The team started the tournament with a fixture on Friday against "out of towners", Bergvlam, who resisted bravely early on only to falter in the 2nd half and succumb to a 26-12 defeat at the hands of the well-oiled "Horseflies". Saturday morning brought to a completion the group fixtures as DHS rotated their squad well, earning consecutive 46-0 victories against Northwood "B" and Kuswag High School.

It was great to see the array of versatility amongst the DHS forwards, boasting players of extreme physicality and others with extreme athleticism. This allowed the team to play either a power game or a running game at specific times. But the overriding philosophy of this team has been to move the ball effectively into space and give those speedsters that DHS has in abundance the chance to manipulate open areas to their advantage.

This was evident in their Quarter Final clash with the up and coming Northwood team who were outplayed early on as DHS raced into the lead. Was it not for a lapse in concentration at the end, it could have seen a more

convincing score-line. However, DHS managed to pull through a 29-24 win. I

t seemed DHS had drawn a very tough side of the draw having to play challengers Westville in the semi-final. It was to be a close affair but the character of the team shone through yet again, as the team salvage a last second victory, outscoring their opponents 3 tries to 2 in a game that ended 15-14 in favour of the blue and gold.

The Final saw DHS take on their closest rivals Glenwood. The final was a pulsating affair, but the DHS team appeared more accustomed to the rigours of Sevens rugby as their conditioning became evident towards the end of the match. They were able to expose holes in the Glenwood defence and some outstanding performances from veterans Cham Zondeki and Luthando Jojo brought DHS their 3rd title of the season.

It was also felt that another win at Glenwood, this time in the Sevens format, was a great way to end their visits in 2017 to their rival school. The final score was 17-12 to DHS.

It was to be another superb day for DHS rugby and we can be proud of all the boys that participated.

Scott Mathie
1st Team Sevens Rugby Coach
Head of Rugby

| | DHS | Opposition | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------|----|
| U18 A | 26 | Bergvlam | 12 |
| U18 A | 46 | Kuswag | 0 |
| U18 A | 46 | Northwood B | 0 |
| <i>Cup Q Final</i> | | | |
| U18 A | 29 | Northwood | 24 |
| <i>Cup Semi Final</i> | | | |
| U18 A | 15 | Westville | 14 |
| <i>Cup Final</i> | | | |
| U18 A | 17 | Glenwood | 12 |
| U18 B | 12 | Kingsway | 7 |
| U18 B | 0 | Northwood | 33 |

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|--------------------------|----|-------------|----|
| U18 B | 0 | Westville | 17 |
| U18 B | 10 | Northwood | 12 |
| <i>Shield Semi Final</i> | | | |
| U18 B | 33 | Kingways | 5 |
| <i>Shield Final</i> | | | |
| U18 B | 21 | Ixopo | 7 |
| U15A | 21 | Northwood 2 | 14 |
| U15A | 19 | Kloof | 19 |
| U15A | 66 | Transkei | 0 |
| U15A | 10 | Westville | 19 |
| <i>Cup Semi Final</i> | | | |
| U15A | 0 | Northwood 1 | 33 |

FOOTBALL vs CRAWFORD LL

| | DHS | Crawford LL |
|--------------------|-----|-------------|
| 1 st XI | 4 | 0 |
| 2 nd XI | 0 | 1 |
| 3 rd XI | 4 | 0 |
| U16A | 4 | 1 |
| U16B | 4 | 1 |
| U15A | 7 | 2 |
| U15B | 7 | 1 |
| U15C | 4 | 0 |
| U14A | 0 | 2 |
| U14B | 3 | 0 |
| U14C | 5 | 0 |

DHS Sailing Club

In spite of cold water and an icy wind, the DHS sailors turned out for a fun-filled dinghy sailing Saturday afternoon on the Bay.

They were joined by two new recruits who learnt very quickly how to deal with a capsized boat - thank goodness the water is only waist deep in the training area! The new guys quickly got the hang of it and soon we had the RS Tera fleet racing each other around the bay under the supervision of Mrs Weyer, the junior sailing coach at Royal Natal Yacht Club.

We are fortunate to be joined by Lauritz, an international sailing coach on an exchange program from Denmark. Lauritz will get involved in training the boys, especially when they sail the Pacers on alternate Friday afternoons.

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DHS Sailing Club

This Friday will see the second Pacer afternoon taking place with the boys keen to get out on the racing boats.

Please see Mr Girodo or Ms Steytler to book your spot!



MySchool

Woolworths and MySchool
Teacher's Day Competition

It is World Teacher's Day on 5 October. MySchool and Woolworths are holding a competition to honour teachers and to give teachers, schools and learners the opportunity to win a share of prizes to the value of R400 000. Please see the details on page 7.

And please nominate one of our wonderful teachers ...

Weeks Ahead

Friday 25 August

Sevens Rugby @ Pionier : U18/U15
Softball : U19 & U16
Athletics : Northwood : 14h30
Sailing @ Royal Natal Yacht Club
Zulu Cultural Evening : DC
Thompson Hall : 18h00 : 24-25
August

Saturday 26 August

Sevens Rugby @ Pionier : U18/U15
Sevens Rugby @ College : U18B
Football vs Glenwood (a)
Water Polo vs Thomas Moore @
Westville Boys' @ 10h30

Monday 28 August

Grade 12 ENGL Paper 3 : Normal
lessons thereafter : Lesson Order
1-5-4-2-3-6
Indoor Hockey : U14A
Golf vs Glenwood @ Royal Durban

Tuesday 29 August

Grade 12 INFT Paper 1 (Prac) :
3hrs
Water Polo vs Glenwood @ Clifton
Inter-School Debating : Round 3 vs
St Henry's @ Clifton

Wednesday 30 August

Grade 12 Drama Final Prac Exams
Test Period : Grade 8-11 Afrik/Zulu
DHS Open Evening @ DPHS

Thursday 31 August

Grade 12 Physc Prac (2 hr) normal
day for other Grade 12s
Music Lunch Hour Concert : 12h50
in Chris Seabrooke Music Centre
Indoor Hockey : U18A

Friday 1 September

Staff Development : AJ Human
Room : 13h45-16h45
Poetry : Schools Open Mic : 15h00-
16h30 in Seabrooke's Theatre
Softball : U16/U19
Blackmore House Spring Social :
Grade 10 & 11 : 17h30 - 21h00

Saturday 2 September

Voortrekker/Northwood Sevens
Rugby Tournament : U18
Football vs St Charles

Sunday 3 September

Football : Energade 5-a-Side
Tournament @ DHS

This Weekend's Fixtures

SOFTBALL : Friday 25 August

| Team | Time | Opposition | Venue | Coach |
|------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| U16 | 16:40-17:55 | Highway | Diamond C | Moodley |
| U16 | 18:05-19:20 | Glenwood B | Diamond C | Moodley |
| U19 | 18:05-19:20 | Northwood | Diamond B | Moodley |

RUGBY SEVENS @ PIONIER : Friday 25 August

| Team | Time | Opposition | Venue | Coach |
|------|-------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| U18A | 16:50 | Wilgerevier | Pionier A | Mathie |
| U18A | 19:30 | Noordheuwel | Pionier A | Mathie |
| U15 | 16:40 | Pionier | Pionier B | Everitt |

RUGBY SEVENS @ MARITZBURG COLLEGE : Saturday 26 August

| Team | Time | Opposition | Coach |
|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| U18 B | 08:36 | Hilton A | Matthysen |
| U18 B | 12:12 | Voortrekker | Matthysen |
| U18 B | 14:36 | Pinetown | Matthysen |

RUGBY SEVENS @ PIONIER : Saturday 26 August

| TEAM | Time | Opposition | Venue | Coach |
|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| U18 A | 09:20 | HS Middelburg | Pionier A | Mathie |
| U15 | 09:40 | HS Middelburg | Pionier B | Everitt |
| U15 | 11:40 | Westville 2 | Pionier B | Everitt |
| U15 | 13:00 | Ladysmith | Pionier B | Everitt |



Durban High School Zulu Cultural Evening 24 & 25 August 2017



Durban High School is proud to present the annual Zulu Cultural Evening, featuring our own DHS Singers and Dancers and Guest Artists: Maris Stella, DGC on Thursday and Danville Girls' High, Northlands Girls' High on Friday Music and Dance will be the Highlights of both Evenings!!

17h30 for 18h00 in the DC Thompson Hall

Tickets :

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