



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

*Preparing hearts and minds for service*

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Acting Headmaster - Alan Lachenicht

Dear Parents, pupils and friends

On Monday this week a group of school leaders from Plymouth, England visited the school. They had the opportunity to visit the Pre-school, the Prep-school and the College before sitting in on a session of the teacher development course run by the Educational Support Centre. They were hugely impressed by the grounds, classes and facilities that we have. Above all else, they commented on the appearance, friendliness and manners of our pupils. These impressions are given more importance because these leaders came to us from **good** English schools.

It made me very aware of what we, as a school community, are achieving at St Dunstan's. Perhaps we tend to get caught up in the day to day trivialities of running a school and to miss out on the very positive consequences that the very focus on these apparent trivialities has. The outstanding impression that our pupils presented to these highly experienced professionals stems from the fact that we insist on high standards of personal behaviour from our pupils. I would like to thank all our teachers and parents who support us in this insistence.

Congratulations to the swimmers who participated in the A and B inter-high galas this week. The spirit shown by the pupils was fantastic and the swimmers certainly performed admirably with the enthusiastic support. Thanks to staff who were involved, especially Mrs Jamison, who has worked tirelessly to promote swimming at the College.

Well done to the rowers who attended the Buffalo Regatta last weekend. By all accounts the rowers performed with distinction.

Good luck to the water-polo players who will be participating in the Reef Cup this weekend.

Have a good week.

## Badminton

Coaching at John Barrable Hall on Monday 15:00 – 16:00 and Thursday 14:30 – 15:30. New players are needed to form a league team/s to play in the high school league. Speak to the badminton captain should you have any queries.

## Squash

St Dunstan's lost to St Mary's A 12 – 5 on Friday 12 February. Player of the match was Kerryn Lachenicht.  
St Dunstan's beat St Mary's B 12 – 6 on Friday 5 February. Player of the match was Nikki Lachenicht.

## Swimming

Congratulations to all the SDC swimmers for their outstanding performance this week. You have certainly made the school proud!  
Congratulations to Jess-Keir Neely for being selected for the Gauteng swimming team. She will be competing in Bloemfontein later in the season.

## Netball

Fitness training and skills development at 06:00 on the school netball courts. This is open to all netball girls, not just the first team players. Normal training will start on Tuesday 23 February 14:30 – 16:00

## Tennis

Boys:  
1<sup>st</sup> team beat Glenvista 53 - 46

Girls:  
1<sup>st</sup> team beat St Dominic's 47 - 34  
2<sup>nd</sup> team lost to St Dominic's 43 - 38

## Special points of Interest

**26 February – 1 March** - Half-term.  
School resumes on Tuesday 2 March.  
**2 March – 5 March**  
- Grade 12 Geography Tour  
**2 March** – English Olympiad  
**4 March** – External Recruitment  
Grade 8 – 2011  
**6 March** – Confirmation Camp  
**9 March** – Grade 8 Parents' Evening  
**10 March** – Grade 9 Parents' Evening  
**11 March** – Internal Recruitment  
Grade 8 – 2011  
**16 March** – Grade 10 Parents' Evening  
**17 March** – Grade 11 Parents' Evening  
**23 March** – Grade 12 Parents' Evening  
**26 March** – End of Term

## Provincial Hockey Trials

### Boys & Girls

U/14 Saturday 27 Feb  
07:30 – 14:00  
U/15 Saturday 27 Feb  
07:30 – 14:00  
U/16 Wednesday 10 Feb  
15:30 – 20:00  
U/18 Monday 18 Feb  
15:30 – 20:00

Venue: Germiston Soccer Club  
Cost: R20-00 per player

## Afrikaans

Afrikaans lessons will be offered by appointment. Please discuss with the relevant teacher to find a mutually suitable time.

## TRIATHLON

Congratulations to Denzyl Pratt and Stuart Emslie who have been selected to represent Central Gauteng Triathlon at the 2010 South African Triathlon Championships on the 21 March at Germiston Lake. Well done and good luck boys!

### Future dates:

Sunday 7 March @ St Dunstan's College (up to age 15 only)

## BIATHLE

### Results:

Well done to Ashton Opperman who participated in the Biathle held at Dalview Laerskool on 29 January. He came 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age group.

If any bi-athletes are interested in competing in the Provincial Championships in May, please contact Mrs Cornes on [yvonnec@dunstan.co.za](mailto:yvonnec@dunstan.co.za).

### INTER HIGH A LEAGUE GALA 2010

	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BOYS</u>		<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>Girls</u>		<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>Combined</u>
1	St Dunstan's College	228	1	St Dom (A)	267	1	Benoni High A	461
2	Springs Boys' High	222	2	Benoni High A	245	2	St Dunstan's College	452
3	Benoni High (A)	202	3	St Dunstan's College	204	3	CBC/St Dom (A)	434
4	CBC (A)	157	4	Ashton Int.	191	4	Ashton Int.	323
5	Ashton Int	120	5	Benoni High B	107	5	Springs Boys' High	238
6	CBC (B)	99	6	St Dom (B)	106	6	CBC/St Dom (B)	205
7	Benoni High (B)	91	7			7	Benoni High B	198

### INTER HIGH "B" LEAGUE GALA

	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BOYS</u>		<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>		<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>Combined</u>
1	Hoërskool Secunda	250	1	St Dunstan's College	208	1	Hoërskool Secunda	424
2	St Dunstan's College	190	2	Veritas College	201	2	St Dunstan's College	398
3	Springs Boys	172	3	Springs Girls	182	3	Springs Girls	354
4	Die Anker	169	4	Hoërskool Secunda	174	4	Die Anker	334
5	Hans Moore	160	5	Die Anker	165	5	Veritas College	287
6	Veritas College	86	6	Hans Moore	96	6	Hans Moore	256
7	School of Achievement	64	7	School of Achievement	31	7	School of Achievement	95

## My School

Between the months of March and May 2010 My School is running an exciting campaign "Play It Forward". Three primary schools countrywide will win R100 000 and will then nominate a disadvantaged school to receive a further R50 000. This is within our reach as we are already the top school on the East Rand. You can visit [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za) for further info.

We manage to raise approximately R7600 a month through My School with only a third of the school's cardholders actually swiping their cards. We could triple this amount if we all used our cards.

Those who don't have cards please contact Debbie Thompson on 083 324 1434. Keep swiping!

## Prayer Chain

Anyone interested in joining the prayer chain, please contact Colleen Becker on 083 278 8784

## Website

Please be advised that our website is currently under construction.