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Message from Acting Headmaster - Alan Lachenicht

Dear Parents, pupils and friends

Over the mid-term break, a large number of pupils represented the College in a number of different sports.

The first cricket team travelled to Mafikeng to participate in a tournament organised by The International School of South Africa.

The cricketers performed admirably, winning the tournament.

The U/14 boys water-polo team participated in the Ken Short tournament at Jeppe, and the first girls' team played in the St Peter's tournament. Both tournaments involved schools from across the country, and the teams represented the College with distinction.

The rowers spent the weekend at Roodeplaat participating in the SA champs. The results, which show an increasing number of rowers participating in finals, bode well for the future.

A big thanks to all pupils, staff, coaches and parents who were involved over the weekend.

Parents' evenings take place over the next few weeks. The dates for the meetings are:

- Grade 8 – Tuesday 9 March
16:00-19:00
- Grade 9 – Thursday 11 March
16:00-19:00
- Grade 10 – Tuesday 16 March
16:00-19:00
- Grade 11 – Thursday 18 March
16:00-19:00
- Grade 12 – Tuesday 23 March
16:00-19:00

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.

Tennis

Boys:
A team lost to St John's 50 – 49
B team lost to Glenvista 51 - 48

Girls:
A & B teams lost to St Stithians

Afrikaans

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

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 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!

Special points of Interest

- 6 March** Confirmation Camp
- 9 March** Grade 8 Parents' Evening
- 11 March** Grade 9 Parents' Evening
- 11 March** Internal Recruitment
Grade 8 – 2011
- 16 March** Grade 10 Parents' Evening
- 18 March** Grade 11 Parents' Evening
- 23 March** Grade 12 Parents' Evening
- 26 March** End of Term

Netball dates for 2010

- 12 March** U18 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
- 19 March** U16 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
- 14 April** vs Leeuwenhof (Home)
- 21 April** vs Reddam (Away)
- 23 April** U17 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
- 28 April** vs St Theresa's (Home)
- 30 April** U15 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
- 5 May** vs Jeppe (Away)
- 7 May** U14 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
- 12 May** vs Holy Rosary (Home)
- 15 May** B Team tournament at Roedeaan
- 19 May** vs Dainfern (Away)
- 26 May** vs Redhill (Home)
- 2 June** Rained-out matches
- 7 June** Play-offs at St Stithian's
- 8 June** Promotion/relegation matches

Art Exhibition

An Art Exhibition is to be held at 23 Pamela Avenue, Morehill Terrace on the 6 March at 11:00.

Top Benoni artists will be exhibiting. Any interested artists to contact Diane on 072 174 5185

Entrance is R20-00 per person. This is a Benoni SPCA fundraiser.

Cricket

1st XI TEAM

vs Randburg Hoërskool

Randburg Hoëlskool 150 for 7 (G. Coulter 3 for 33)

St Dunstan's 106 for 8 (K.Bruggeman 45)
St Dunstan's lost by 44 runs

vs Hoërskool Jeugland

St Dunstan's 58 all out
Hoërskool Jeugland 60 for 1
St Dunstan's lost by 9 wickets

vs Hoërskool Linden

St Dunstan's 120 all out
Hoërskool Linden 31 for 6
Match drawn

vs Kwa Thema

St Dunstan's 105 for 6
Kwa Thema 106 for 5
St Dunstan's lost by 5 wickets

vs Benoni High

Benoni High 106 for 9 (P. Parsath 4 for 14)
St Dunstan's 100 for 6 (S. Allman 34)
St Dunstan's lost by 6 runs

2ND XI TEAM

vs Benoni High

Benoni High 92 all out (A. Bisset 3 for 21)
St Dunstan's 93 for 4
St Dunstan's won by 6 wickets

vs Hans Moore

Hans Moore 229 all out (S. Webster 3 for 15)
St Dunstan's 65 all out
St Dunstan's lost by 164 runs

U15 TEAM

vs Benoni High

Benoni High 105 for 7
St Dunstan's 128 for 4 (E. Margetts 48;
R. Emslie 80))
St Dunstan's won by 23 runs

U14 TEAM

vs Benoni High

Benoni High 93 all out
St Dunstan's 94 for 3 (C. Shorter 41)
St Dunstan's won by 7 wickets

Golf

22/01/2010 – Played against Woodlands College

St Dunstan's won the match, games results as follows:

Game 1 Walk over – Woodlands only had 4 players
Game 2 St Dunstan's won 4 & 3
Game 3 St Dunstan's won 3 & 2

29/01/2010 – Player against King David

St Dunstan's won the match 2.5 – 0.5, game results as follows:

Game 1 St Dunstan's won 3 & 2
Game 2 St Dunstan's won 2 up
Game 3 All square

11/02/2010

St Dunstan's won the match 3 – 0, game results as follows:

Game 1 St Dunstan's won 4 & 3
Game 2 St Dunstan's won 4 & 3
Game 3 St Dunstan's won 4 & 2

19/02/2010 – Played against Beaulieu College

St Dunstan's won the match 3 – 0, games results as follows:

Game 1 St Dunstan's won 2 & 1
Game 2 St Dunstan's won 1 up
Game 3 St Dunstan's won 2 & 1

22/02/2010 – Player against St John's A

St Dunstan's won the match 2 – 1, game results as follows:

Game 1 St John's won 1 up
Game 2 St Dunstan's won 2 up
Game 3 St Dunstan's won 1 up

The team has played exceptionally well! We congratulate them on winning the Eastern Gauteng league, they won all 5 of their matches. The boys that took part in our league matches are:

Colte Smit (Captain)
Shane Goldsmith
Stephen Varty
Craig Griessel
Jordan Prytz
Travis Winn

Well done boys!

Cricket

At the end of February (Friday 26 February to Sunday 28 February) the 1st XI travelled to Mafikeng to participate in the 9th annual International U/19 Cricket Festival hosted by the International School of SA in Mafikeng. Schools from South African and Botswana participated. After 3 days of exciting and at times exhausting cricket, St Dunstan's emerged as eventual winners of the festival.

Conservancy

The conservancy committee is embarking on a recycling / fundraising mission. Please spread the word around that we are collecting those little flat plastic "clips" from the bread bags. I would also like to collect quite a few ice cream tubs to distribute around the school to make it easier to collect these "clips". Whatever is dropped off at the offices I will come and collect.

JOANNE SMITH

Conservancy News

What are invasive alien plants?

Invasive alien plants are plants that have been brought to South Africa from other countries for their beauty, economic value or ecological purpose. Some are brought in unintentionally and here, without their natural enemies, are able to reproduce and spread prolifically. The plants or seeds enter the country in a number of different ways: for example on people's shoes, tents, by mail order on ships, planes. Even animals that cross the borders can bring seeds in. The invader plants and seeds spread rapidly and take up the growing space of our own indigenous plants.

Invasive alien plants threaten the indigenous vegetation as they use up valuable and limited water resources. Most of them drink more water than indigenous plants and are depleting the valuable underground water resources. Many invasive plants are also responsible for causing exceptionally hot fires and affect the makeup of soil structure.

What can I do?

- Learn how to identify and control (remove) Invasive Alien Plants.
- Join or form a hacking team to remove invaders from your area.
- Remove invasive plants while they are still small.
- Plant indigenous (local) plants in your garden.
- Buy only indigenous plants from your nursery.
- Replace invasive alien plants with an indigenous plant.
- Tell people about the dangers of invasive alien plants.

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.