



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

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newsletter

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## Message from the Rector -Alan Thompson

Dear Parents, pupils, and friends

I was extremely proud of the College boys and girls at the rugby fixtures of last week (Saturday 17th, vs Reddam House). There were a number of things that struck me, not least of which was the excellent turn-out of parents, supporters and the very positive cheerleading from the College stands. I thank those pupils and parents who gave their support. We intend to build on this success in the future in all sports.

I was also very impressed with the levels of preparation and commitment of the rugby boys themselves, as I have been with the netball girls on the occasions when I have watched them play. Commitment, passion, good preparation, and an enjoyment of the game has been evident wherever I have looked. This is why sport is such an integral part of schooling - it teaches so many good life lessons - teamwork, healthy competition, community, healthy lifestyle, and so much more.

It is said that "winning may not be everything, but losing has little to recommend it" (Dianne Feinstein). Herein lies a challenge to create a sporting culture that inculcates a will to win (which is, after all the basis of any sport) yet avoids the trap of a 'win-at-all-cost' culture. This balance is not easy to achieve or maintain, yet it is of critical importance if the sporting component of our school is to add value in the ways that I have described. We are well on the way in our search for a new Director of Sport for the College, part of whose purpose is the development of a healthy sporting culture. I look forward to spending many afternoons on the sides of sports-fields watching our teams flourishing in positive, competitive sport that, win or lose, leaves them with lifetime memories and friendships.

God Bless

Alan Thompson

## History Tour

Last Tuesday a very tired group of staff and pupils arrived back from a very successful tour of England, France and Belgium. We managed to avoid a British airways strike, a Sea France ferry strike and an erupting volcano! The focus of the tour was on the battlefields of World War One and World War Two and our pupils gained a new appreciation of the scale of these conflicts and the human cost that resulted from them. In addition, our pupils enjoyed activities such as a service at Canterbury Cathedral, a West End show, a Premier League football match and a medieval banquet. They also had an opportunity to go shopping and stocked up on many goodies, notably Belgian chocolate, to bring home. Throughout the tour we received very positive comments from airline staff and members of the public on the appearance, behaviour and manners of our group. These pupils are to be commended on the impression that they made of our school and our country.

It would be remiss of us not to thank Angela and Jana from Four Seasons Travel for organizing a tour itinerary that went off without a hitch. Also, our grateful thanks to our parents who allowed their children to attend. Particular acknowledgement is owed to Ms Wightman, Mr Conradie and Mrs Dickson who generously sponsored clothing for the tour.

Tour Leaders

## Combined PA

The combined Pa meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday 28 April in the Staff Room at the Prep School at 18:30

## Winter Uniform

Parents and pupils are advised that winter uniform must be worn from the 3 May.

## Rowing

There will be rowing training on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 15:00 until 17:00 starting on Thursday 29 April until the end of the term.

## Special points of Interest

- 26 April – School holiday-Bishop's Day
- 27 April – Public Holiday-Freedom Day
- 8 May – Cornwall Hill Festival  
All sports – 1<sup>st</sup> Teams
- 15 May – Stanford Lake Festival
- 16 May – Hockey – Boys U15  
Boden Tournament  
– Hockey Boys U19  
Aitken Tournament
- 21 May – St Dunstan's Day

## Netball dates for 2010

- 25- 28 April 1<sup>st</sup> Team Tournament  
at St Andrew's
- 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  
Roedean
- 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

## Squash Fixtures – Boys

- 30 April vs Edenglen High (A)
- 7 May vs Hans Moore (H)
- 14 May vs Hugenote Hoër (A)
- 21 May vs Reddam House (H)

## Website

Please be advised that our website is currently under construction.

## Prayer Chain

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

## Hockey – Boys

### Fixtures:

U15 & 1<sup>st</sup> team will be playing against St Benedict's on Thursday 29 April and NOT Wednesday as originally planned.

### Results:

vs Hoërskool Kempton  
U15 won 3 – 1  
1<sup>st</sup> won 3 – 1

Congratulations to the following boys on being selected for the Eastern Gauteng Provincial side:

U15: Matthew Cross  
U16: Bradlee Crause  
Nicolas Nagy  
Richard Emslie  
Devon Hill  
Peter Roux  
U18: Craig Griessel  
Tyrone Lloyd

## Equestrian

St Dunstan's College is currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Equestrian Schools' League. Well done! The next high school qualifier is to be held on the 16 May. Entries must be in by the 5 May. The competition is being held at the Equestrian International on Great North Rd. Supporters are welcome. Good luck to all the riders!

## Duathlon

During our Triathlon and Biathlon off season, we would like to encourage you to take part in the Family Duathlon Series. Not only will the race be in a safe and secure setting, but it will also help to keep you cycling and running fit during the cold winter months. The dates are as follows:

2 May  
23 May  
27 July  
15 August

We would like as many school entries as possible, which could help us win a SMART Interactive White board. Entries for adults count towards school entries. So come on all of you, enter and keep fit during winter!

## Rugby – Wednesday 28 April

St Dunstan's vs St Peter's (Away)

Leaving school at 13:30.

### Times:

U/15 at 15:00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team at 15:00  
1<sup>st</sup> Team at 16:00  
Be back at school at 18:00

## Conservancy News

The **Recycle Centre** has started again. Information leaflets will be sent out to all families and staff and will be displayed on notice-boards. Please adhere to the rules and also please rinse out your plastic, glass and tines (use your dirty dishwasher). Some polystyrene can be recycled (e.g., meat trays, but not cups). Information to help us with regards to what can and cannot be recycled will be given on a frequent basis.

Some plastic that can be **recycled**: cold drink and water bottles, milk bottles, cleaning product bottles, clear trays from food / toiletries, pipes, gutters, rubbish bags, frozen veg bags, cosmetic tubs, coat hangers, yogurt cups, meat and veg trays (polystyrene), lunch boxes, microwave dishes, garden furniture and many more.

Some of the **uses** for recycled plastics are: buckets, fencing, pipes, gumboots, coat hangers, bin-liners, pegs, oil funnels, car battery cases, picture frames, skirting boards, rules, seedling trays, plastic chairs, pallet sheets, hollow fibre filling for jackets.

A **class competition** is going to be run for collecting the **bread clips/tags** as of the beginning of May until early Oct and the winning class will be announced at the Amazing Race.

## Badminton

Coaching on:  
Monday from 15:00 – 16:00 and  
Thursday from 14:30 – 15:30.

Club Times:  
Tuesday from 16:00 – 17:00  
Friday from 14:00 – 17:00  
Venue: John Barrable Hall

Badminton is an Olympic Sport as well as being the fastest racket sport in the world!

## My School

**MY SCHOOL:** We have dropped to third place and have remained there for the duration of the holidays. Only 217 cardholders have registered for the competition so far. We have over 1800 cardholders, so there are still many cardholders that have not registered. There are still many weeks left in the campaign and the race between third, fourth and fifth placeholders is neck and neck. We need to move back up to second place, so **KEEP SWIPING!!!!** If you haven't registered your child's unique class code yet it is never too late. If you are unsure about the registering process or do not have a card yet please call Debbie Thompson on 083 324 1434 for assistance. The leader board is as follows:

1. Hillcrest Academy
2. King David, Junior School Linksfield
3. St Dunstan's College Preparatory School
4. SACS Junior
5. Sun Valley Primary

The winning class for week ending 11 April is Grade 2V again. Congratulations! You can keep track of our success by visiting [www.playitforward.co.za](http://www.playitforward.co.za). **KEEP SWIPING!!!!!!**

## Matric Farewell Fundraiser

Date: 18 July  
Venue: Barnyard Theatre  
East Rand Mall  
Show: Rock Circus  
Time: 14:00  
Price: R130-00

Promises to be a fun filled afternoon with music and a touch of circus. If you would like to join in the fun please contact Maryke at 083 310 8940

## Matric Farewell Fundraiser

South African car flags are on sale for R40-00. The Gauteng Street Atlas is also on sale for R180-00. Please support this Matric Farewell Fundraiser.