



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE
Preparing hearts and minds for service

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Message from the Rector -Alan Thompson

Dear Parents, pupils, and friends

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

You will notice that Jesus' commandment to his disciples is beautifully simple. It is not reliant on sets of rules, threats of punishment, codes of conduct, or threats of disciplinary hearings. It relies simply on the fact that, as a person feels in his or her heart is reflected in their behaviour. Being a disciple, then, begins on the inside, with belief, and manifests externally as behaviour – how we treat ourselves and each-other. Discipline, discipleship in action, is therefore essentially internal in origin. We behave the way we do because of the belief structures that we have internalised.

We are blessed to be part of a school that has a well formulated belief structure, and a similarly simple yet powerful motto – “I Serve” – this implies an awareness of our place in relation to others and manifests as good old fashioned manners. If we have internalised these values of self-regulation, then all will know that here is something special about this place, it will affect everything that we say and do. It is not part of our “brand”, it is not there for marketing value, it is intrinsic to what we believe, who we are, and why we are here.

These principles should manifest themselves everywhere in our school, amongst our pupils, their parents, and their teachers. We are a disciplined community not because of codes of conduct and threats of punishment, but because we believe in something greater than ourselves and our immediate needs.

Such an inwardly disciplined community is created through partnership, and subjected to many trials. Our expectation is that levels of discipline at St Dunstan's should be excellent, and this letter aims to explain how the partnership will ensure that our expectations are met.

The school plays an important role in this partnership, having direct contact with the pupils during school time. It is the responsibility of the

school to set expectations, monitor behaviour, and take corrective action in a fair, firm manner. The school is responsible for training and supporting the pupil leadership, empowering them, and setting standards for pupil leaders.

The role of the parents is equally important in inculcating values of good manners, punctuality, presentation, and respect. Without the support of parents the partnership fails. Boys and girls who arrive at school late, in dirty uniforms, with long or untidy hair, or who treat the staff with disrespect have to have come from somewhere - usually home.

Of course, central to this discussion are our pupils themselves. This school is fortunate to have such a positive, motivated, and engaged student body. The passion of the pupils is evident in every sphere of school activity, and their embracing of the principles of St Dunstan's shines brightly in many areas. But these principles cannot be embraced selectively, and we expect that our pupils exhibit the behaviours that accompany them. We expect the highest standards in terms of manners, respect for others, respect for the environment, and respect for self.

With timeless Christian values to guide us in a partnership based on self-discipline and common sense, in an atmosphere of accountability, I have no doubt that St Dunstan's College can serve as a model in terms of discipline and behaviour.

I look forward to your continued support in the upholding of standards of excellence at St Dunstan's.

God Bless

Alan Thompson

Winter Uniform

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

Special points of Interest

- 8 May** – Cornwall Hill Festival
All sports – 1st 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** 1st 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 (Away)
- 15 May** B Team tournament at Roedeau
- 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

Rowing

In March Claire Lodge was chosen for the U16 Gauteng Provincial team squad.

On the 10th April Claire competed in the Senior Gauteng champs against the university teams, where she obtained 2 gold medals for the B quad and B sculls. Claire also broke the course record for the sculls and the quad also set a new record time.

On the 24th and 25th April Claire competed in the Senior South African Champs. Under extremely cold and wet conditions she managed to obtain Gold medals in both events.

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

ETA Awards : Science & Technology Challenge

The Department of Energy and Eskom invites innovative thinkers and young designers to submit **an energy saving idea / product or an innovative process for saving electricity.**

The design / idea has to promote the efficient use of energy and NOT the generation or supply of energy / electricity. Pupils have a chance to win a prestigious eta Award and **R 30 000** [1st prize] or **R 5000** [2nd prize].

Pupils who are interested and require more information or entry forms are to speak to Mr Goorsamy A.S.A.P
Closing date for entries 6th August 2010

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!

Duathlon

During our Triathlon and Biathle 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 5 May

St Dunstan's vs Heronbridge
(At Home)

Times:
U/15 at 15:00
2nd Team at 15:00
1st Team at 16:00

Hockey – Boys

Fixtures:
3 May – 1st Team at St Benedict's
5 May – Both sides at Springs" Boy
6 May – 1st Team at St Benedict's
6 May – U/15 – Home match

Congratulations to Ashton Opperman and James McKenzie on being selected for Eastern Gauteng U/14 squad. (This brings the total number of boys selected for provincial teams to eight).

Conservancy News

Simply put, **carbon footprint** is the measure of the amount of carbon dioxide produced by a person, organization or state in a given time.

Unfortunately, almost everything we do or purchase increases the amount of carbon dioxide produced. Driving, production of packaging, electricity and the list goes on. There are carbon footprint calculators on the internet.

Some of the things we can do to help counteract this are:

- Plant more trees
- Don't leave your cell phone charger, DVD player, TV, kettle, oven, photocopier, printer switched on at the plug when you are not using it.
- Recycle, recycle, and recycle.
- Try walking more, cycle or organising lift clubs if possible. Plan your trips so that you don't have to drive backwards and forwards.

A low carbon lifestyle should begin inside the four walls of your home, school and workplace. The choices you make in your home, school room, office, travel, the food you eat and what you buy and throw away all influence your carbon footprint and can help to ensure a stable climate for our future generations.

**Modern technology
Owes ecology
An apology
~Alan M. Eddison~**

My School

MY SCHOOL: We have now dropped to fourth place. We need to remain in second or third place in order to win the R100 000. Only 295 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 5 weeks left in the campaign 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. SACS Junior
4. St Dunstan's College Preparatory School
5. Rivonia Primary School

The winning class for week ending 25 April is Grade 2V again. Congratulations! You can keep track of our success by visiting 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

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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.