



**ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE**  
*Preparing hearts and minds for service*

# COLLEGE newsletter

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## Message from the Rector -Alan Thompson

Dear Parents, pupils and friends

Happy St Dunstan's Day!

Our trip to Stanford Lake College was, in spite of our rather later-than-expected arrival and some on-field injuries, a resounding success. The sport was competitive and played in good spirit, we were very generously hosted, and the overall atmosphere was excellent. Thank you to the parents who joined us. I really do encourage parents to support their children at sports matches - I know that they appreciate it and the team as a whole is encouraged. Please keep your support positive, though, and avoid the temptation to criticise the referee or coaching staff.

Accountability: Newton said it in the context of physics: "For every action there is an equal reaction", and what he was really speaking about is the basic notion that "A[man] reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:7) - it's the law of action and consequence. It is the many, small, day-to-day things that we do properly that make a great school. Excellence is the journey, not a destination. The converse holds true too - if we fail to pay attention to detail, if we fail to be united, or if we fail to hold ourselves accountable when presented with the consequences of our behaviour, how quickly mediocrity comes calling.

The law of action and consequence applies everywhere, and like it or not, we (and our school) are judged by our individual actions. It is important, therefore, that we reflect our ethos in the things that we do and the way that we act. We cannot aspire to excellence while our actions reflect mediocrity. For all of these reasons we have been focusing on manners, appearance, and basic discipline this term, and on the whole the response has been excellent.

It is important to remember that we are accountable for our actions wherever we are, and that it is not possible to lead a double life with one set of standards that apply at school and another that applies outside of school. Success - individual or collective - does not come about by chance or luck. Success is built up by good actions over a long period of time.

In this way we are all "labelled" all the time, sometimes we forget that it is our own pattern of choices, over a long period of time, that creates that label. It's the law of action and consequence.

Sport: We are re-introducing Athletics and introducing Boys' Football to our sports offering at the College. While Athletics is an excellent sport in its own right, it also allows sportsmen and women from other disciplines an outstanding opportunity to build fitness and acquire new skills. I encourage everyone to get involved.

God Bless

Alan Thompson

## Mr & Miss St Dunstan's

The Mr & Miss St Dunstan's contest will take place on the 4 June 2010.

Venue: The Lady Fatima Church Hall  
55 Great North Road  
Brentwood Park  
(Entrance in Van Wyk Rd)

Time: 18:30 for 19:00

Price: R120-00 for table seating (with dinner)

R80-00 for Golden Circle tickets (without dinner)

## Inter-house Speech Competition

The annual Inter-House Speech Competition will be held on the next two Monday afternoons, in Mrs van den Bergh's classroom at 14:30. The Juniors (Grades 8 and 9) will speak on 24 May and the Seniors (Grades 10 - 12) on 31 May.

## Website

Please be advised that our website ([www.stdunstans.co.za](http://www.stdunstans.co.za)) is live but still currently under construction.

## Prayer Chain

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

## Matric Farewell Fundraiser

South African car flags are on sale for R25-00. The Gauteng Street Atlas is also on sale for R180-00. Please support this Matric Farewell Fundraiser.

## 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.

## Fundraiser Golf Day

A fundraiser golf day will be held on 2 June 2010 to raise funds for the golf team tour. This golf day will be held at Benoni Lake Club. The cost is R1200-00 for a 4-ball or you can sponsor a hole for R700-00. Please contact Mrs Lynda Smit on (011) 967-1490 or 082 553 0151 if you are interested in supporting the team.

## Rowing

There will be no rowing training on Thursday 27 May. All rowers and parents are reminded that there will be a meeting at the College at 18:00 on the 27 May.

## Netball dates for 2010

- 26 May** vs Redhill (Home)  
**2 June** Rained-out matches  
**7 June** Play-offs at St Stithian's  
**8 June** Promotion/relegation matches

### Results:

#### vs Dainfern 19 May 2010

U/14A	Lost	13 - 15
U/14B	Lost	4 - 13
U/15A	Lost	9 - 22
U/15B	Won	12 - 4
U/16A	Lost	8 - 24
U/16 B	Won	13 - 3
U/17A	Won	10 - 4
U17B	Won	9 - 7

## From the Accounts Department

The **Second term's** fees were due by the **13 April 2010** and the **Third term's** fees are to be invoiced soon. We still have outstanding fees on file, which not acceptable. If your account **is not paid up**, kindly bring it up to date with immediate effect. We are receiving payments with incorrect **ref numbers**. **N.B.** please use the five digit number that appears on the top right hand corner of your statement. Where cheques are concerned please write the pupils details and specify fees, sports camp etc, behind the cheque.

The following cheque has been received with no details:

**Standard Bank cheque for R8400-00 – Delmas Branch**

The following deposit was received – depositor unknown:

**St Dunstan's – R15,000-00 dated 5/5/2010**

Parents' if there are any changes in your contact details (address, telephone number, fax number, email address, etc) kindly update it with the school secretary. Thank you.

Ms A. Mohan  
(011) 749-1910

## Hockey – Boys

### Fixtures:

Inter-house hockey matches (mixed teams) will be held on Wednesday 26 May from 14:00 – 16:00.

### Results:

#### Boden Tournament (U/16)

##### First Round Matches – 14 May 2010

vs Boksburg High Won 3 – 1  
vs St John's Lost 0 – 5  
vs St Benedict's Drew 1 – 1  
Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool, but moved to bottom 8 of A-Section as a result of goal difference stats

##### Quarter Finals/Playoffs – 15 May 2010

vs Rand Park High Won 1 – 0  
vs Jeppe Boys' Lost 1 – 3

##### Playoffs – 16 May 2010

vs Fourways High Won 3 – 1

Final Results: 11<sup>th</sup> / 16 sides in Boden A-Section

#### Aitken Tournament (U/19)

##### First Round Matches – 14 May 2010

vs Veritas College Won 1 – 0  
vs Kempton Hoër Won 2 – 0  
vs Redhill Lost 0 – 2  
Top 8 of A Section by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool

##### Quarter Finals/Playoffs – 15 May 2010

vs Hyde Park Drew 2 – 2  
(lost on penalty strokes)  
vs Noordheувwel Lost 0 – 3

##### Playoffs – 16 May 2010

vs Fourways High Lost 2 – 3

Final Results: 8<sup>th</sup> / 16 sides in Aitken B-Section

## Rugby

Match next week Tuesday 25 May against King David Linksfield:

U/15	:	15:00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	:	15:00
1 <sup>st</sup>	:	16:00

## Leadership Seminar

Grade 11 pupils are reminded that the next Leadership Seminar will take place on Thursday 27 May. You are only allowed to miss a maximum of 2 sessions.

## My School

**MY SCHOOL:** We have now dropped to fifth place. We are very close to SACS who is currently in third place and Cowan House who is in fourth place. We need to move back up to third place in order to win the R100 000. We have 354 cardholders who have registered for the competition so far. There are still many cardholders that have not registered. There are only 3 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 618 supporters registered**
2. **King David, Jnr School Linksfield 433 supporters registered**
3. **SACS Junior 432 supporters registered**
4. **Cowan House 227 supporters registered**
5. **St Dunstan's College Prep School 354 supporters registered**

The winning class for week ending 9 May 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!!

## Conservancy

**Some Interesting facts about paper manufacturing / recycling:**

- The trees grown for pulp production are all from plantations - tree farms - and no natural forests are harvested. Plantation forestry in South Africa is among the best managed in the world.
- 2.5 barrels of oil is saved by recycling 1 ton of paper
- 1 ton of non-recycled printing and office paper uses 24 trees
- 1 ton of non-recycled newsprint uses 12 trees
- 1 ton of 30% recycled copier paper saves 7.2 trees
- 1 ton of 50% recycled copier paper saves 12 trees
- Paper made for newsprint, telephone directories, base sheet for low-cost coated magazine and catalogue papers etc uses trees about twice as efficiently as paper made for office and printing, letterhead, business cards, copy paper, base sheet for higher-quality coated magazine, catalogue, advertising papers etc.
- Recycling 1 ton of newspaper eliminates 3 cubic meters of landfill.
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that recycling causes 35% less water pollution and 74% less air pollution.

**"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."**  
Chinese proverb

Please remember to collect your **Bread clips** and drop them off in the office. This is a form of fund raising.