



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

*Preparing hearts and minds for service*

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newsletter

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## Message from the Rector -Alan Thompson

Dear Parents, pupils and friends

Leadership and Service: I spent some time last term working with a wonderful group of people from a small rural community of Jozana in the Eastern Cape. The Jozana Foundation is made up of people from the community of Jozana who have united to uplift standards of education in the area. Members of this community, desperately poor, under resourced, and 'broken down' through decades of political turmoil (forced removals, political violence during 'the struggle', "post liberation" service delivery neglect) have come together to energise the community in a spirit of self- revival. It provides a wonderful opportunity for us, as a leading independent school, to exercise leadership in education through service to our broader community. Further, it offers a wonderful opportunity for us to learn from the people of Jozana, and to engage meaningfully with fellow Africans for the greater good of our country. I was very pleased to have been invited to Jozana, and see many possibilities for co-operation. The notions of leadership and service are inexorably linked in our institutional philosophy, and we carry that through to the leadership programme that our pupils follow. I look forward to our pupils and staff having the opportunity to visit Jozana, to share what we have and know, and to bring back to St Dunstan's a deeper understanding of a distant people who, while so different, have so much in common. The task that we face is enormous, but enormously worthwhile. We will be welcoming two visiting students from Jozana into our school next week as part of the inaugural Jozana Foundation exchange programme. I thank those families that have so kindly agreed to host them.

" Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9).

Sport: Our sports teams are winding up their winter seasons, and I have been very pleased with the commitment and passion that I have seen on the sports fields. Our 1st Netball team has enjoyed an undefeated run, our 1st Rugby team has enjoyed a tough but very successful season, and our boys' hockey teams acquitted themselves very well in the premier Aitken and Boden tournaments. Win or lose, well done to all those that have participated in sport this term. Your commitment and passion is appreciated.

On Monday 31 May our 1st XV take on King David in our final home game of the season. The St Dunstan's supporters will be out in force and we invite all parents to join us for the 4pm kick-off.

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)

## Matric Farewell Fundraiser Prediction Tickets

Please ensure that the stubs and money for the prediction tickets are handed into the office before the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

## 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

Please could the payment for the tickets sold at hostesses tables be done before we break up at the end of the term (10<sup>th</sup> June). Thanking you.

## Rugby

Monday 31 May vs King David, Linksfield:

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

All parents are invited to have eats after the game.

## Netball dates for 2010

- 2 June** Rained-out matches  
**7 June** Play-offs at St Stithian's  
**8 June** Promotion/relegation matches

### Results:

vs Redhill 26 May 2010

U/14A	Lost	13 - 25
U/14B	Lost	10 - 11
U/15A	Won	14 - 3
U/15B	Lost	3 - 14
U/16A	Lost	5 - 20
U/16 B	Lost	3 - 21
U/17A	Drew	10 - 10
U17B	Lost	2 - 13
U/18A	Won	33 - 22
U/18B	Won	17 - 11

## Inter-House Hockey

Congratulations to Wardens on winning the inter-house hockey. Rectors were placed second and Bishops third.

## Scouts

Congratulations to William Luke Matthewson. His patrol from 4<sup>th</sup> Benoni were placed in 11<sup>th</sup> position, in the Kim Shield Challenge, out of 47 in the Gauteng Province. Any pupils interested in starting scouts are urged to contact William Luke Matthewson.

## 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.

## Mini Football World Cup

The Mini Football World Cup takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Pupils will be allowed to wear football related clothes and paraphernalia .... awards for the best dressed pupils will be presented.

## Bread Donation

Grade 10, 11 & 12 pupils who forgot to bring a loaf of bread to Chapel, please bring a loaf on Monday.

## Inter-House Speech Competition

Congratulations to Michaela Jonker of Bishops who won the Junior Inter-House Public Speaking Competition. Kerry Lachenicht was the runner-up and Bianca Borrageiro, Ryan Jardine, Mamohau Seseane and Bronwyn van den Bergh were awarded merit certificates. The adjudicator was impressed with the high standard of all our speakers and we thank them for their participation.

Current house points:      Bishops (14)  
   Rectors (12)  
   Wardens (9)

We look forward to the Senior Competition next Monday afternoon.

## 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 is 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

## My School

**MY SCHOOL:** We are now in sixth place with only a week to go. We have 406 registered supporters for the competition so far. It is key that everyone swipes as many times as they can at as many different Woolies stores as they can. This weekend is the last weekend in the competition. So **SWIPE, SWIPE, SWIPE!!!!** 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 please call Debbie Thompson on 083 324 1434 for assistance. The leader board is as follows:

1. **Hillcrest Academy**
2. **King David, Jnr School Linksfield**
3. **Cowan House**
4. **Dainfern College**
5. **SACS Junior**

The winning class for week ending 24 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

The year **2010** is the **international year of Biodiversity**: Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth. Visit [http://www.unep.org/ivb/about\\_ivb.asp#biodiv](http://www.unep.org/ivb/about_ivb.asp#biodiv) for more information. UNEP is the United Nations Environment Programme.

The **5<sup>th</sup> June** is the **World Environment Day**: **MANY SPECIES ONE PLANET ONE FUTURE**. Visit <http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/> for more information.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** is **Youth Day** in South Africa. Remember we need to ensure a sustainable healthy planet for our heirs.

**17 June** is World Day to combat desertification and drought: Working with people to fight poverty in the dry-lands of the world. Visit <http://www.undp.org/drylands/> for more information.

**July 11** is World population day: World Population Day was established as a way to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. Each year UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) selects a different theme to rally around. World Population Day 2010, Everyone Counts, will underscore the importance of data for development. Visit <http://www.unfpa.org/public/wpd> for more information.

The Prep school **Enviro Club** was treated to a **snake and reptile show** on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. It was well attended by pupils and some parents. We were educated about the habits, diet and safety regarding snakes and reptiles. It was an interactive show where we were shown shed snake skin, fangs, etc. Some of the snakes shown were venomous e.g. the black mamba and a cobra. The viewers were allowed to touch and handle a python. A great time was had by all. Remember: Snakes will try to get away from you; they recognise the fact that you are not food!! It is normally you who are in their territory.

Look out for the next event which will be advertised before the time.

*Deut. 32:1-2.* Listen, Oh heavens, and I will speak, hear, Oh earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.