



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

Our Bring-a-Thing appeal last Friday was an overwhelming success. The cold winter's morning was eclipsed by the warmth and goodwill generated along Millburn St as the pavements overflowed with donations. I was delighted to see the response from the entire St Dunstan's community – thank you.

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed”
Proverbs 11:25

Of course, the appeal was part of a broader initiative, being part of international Mandela Day. How fortunate we are to be part of this legacy, and challenging as the times are in which we live, how great the opportunity to contribute, to affect change, to serve.

Our boys' football teams played their first matches this week, with some excellent results in all age groups. I am very pleased with the response that we have had to the introduction of boys' football, and look forward to watching the sport grow at St Dunstan's. Our vision for sport is an exciting one, eschewing mediocrity and developing a healthy, competitive, participative, and enjoyable sports curriculum to match the excellence of our academic offering.

This week saw the launch of the Concerned Communities Coalition at St Dunstan's, making us one of the 220 associate schools running this programme around the country, and one of many more than that running the programme internationally. The aims of the programme are to develop a mature and co-operative approach to teenage binge drinking and drug use. I thank parents for taking the time to attend the evening presentation. Our *raison d'être* - that our children may flourish – depends on us sharing a positive vision and recognising the fact that “that which is common in society is not necessarily normal”.

God Bless

Alan Thompson

From Mrs Michele McKenzie

To The St Dunstan's Community

Words cannot sufficiently express our sincere and deep appreciation for the WONDERFUL response from the entire St Dunstan's community for the bakkie loads of goods which were very generously donated to Hospice today. We are so grateful that, through you, and of course Mr Nelson Mandela, we will have access to a big sum of money for patient care through the sale of the goods.

We are also grateful to Di Goller for arranging transport and staff to assist with the transporting of the goods to Hospice.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. We were quite overwhelmed with the generosity and support of everyone at St Dunstan's.

Kind regards
Michele McKenzie and the Management Committee of Hospice East Rand

Burger Brothers

Burger Brothers has now moved from Elston Ave to 74 Cranbourne Ave, between Universal Church and the African Bank. Now trading under new management as:

CUM-LAUDE
Suppliers of quality school uniform

Tel : (011) 421-8771

Website

Please be advised that our website (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 Fund Raising Committee

The matric fundraising committee would like to thank all the parents who were involved in making the Barnyard Fundraiser such a success. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Marimba Festival

The Marimba festival will be taking place on the 7, 8 and 9 August 2010 at St Dominic's in Boksburg. The St Dunstan's College Band will be participating. Please come and support our College band. For more information, go to the school website.

Triathlon Clinic

The season is about to begin, so let's get into the swing of swimming, cycling and running. The Triathlon Clinic will be 26 August - 29 August. The clinic will be divided into 4 days.

Day 1	Swim Focus	12:30 - 16:30
Day 2	Cycle Focus	09:15 - 13:00
Day 3	Run Focus	09:15 - 13:00
Day 4	Mock Race Day	09:15 - 11:30

The clinic will be run by Mrs Cornes and a guest triathlete, Cameron Billson, at the College pool and athletic fields. the clinic is open to all athletes in Grade 8 - 12, wanting to try out triathlon or who want to improve their triathlon skills. Athletes must be able to swim 50m on their own and have their own bicycle and helmet. All interested athletes to please send Mrs Cornes an email: yvonnec@dunstan.co.zaT

Tuckshop News

This is a call-up to all the ex tuckshop moms from the Pre-school. WE NEED YOU! We are going to run the tuckshop for the College. This is all very exciting as we need to get our camaraderie going again. If there are any moms who have not worked in the tuckshop before and would like to join us, you are welcome. Please contact Louise Frandsen 083 229 6834 A.S.A.P. as we need to start in the new term.

Football

Results

U14/15	vs Ashbury U16	won 6 - 1
U16	vs Veritas College U19	won 4 - 0
U19	vs Ashbury U19	won 2 - 0

Conservancy

Waste can be bad for the environment, our health and the economy. For example, many common household products such as drain cleaner, pesticides, glues, paint, paint thinners, air fresheners and nail polish contain toxic chemicals. People often pour leftover household chemicals and medicines down the drain. This results in contamination of the domestic waste water, which can pollute the land and waters and even enter the food chain. It is estimated that more than 5 million people die each year from diseases related to inadequate waste disposal systems. Apparently 3.75 litres of used motor oil can contaminate 3 750 00 litres of water.

- Use product (where ever possible) that are environmentally appropriate.
- Manage chemicals responsibly and dispose of hazardous wastes in a way that meets (at least) the required regulations.
- Buy the volume you currently require to avoid products reaching their expiry date and requiring disposal.
- Consider sharing a product with a friend if you know you don't need the whole container or donate your leftovers to a charity or community centre. For example, paint expires so rather than leave a half empty tin to go off, donate it to a local school or crèche.
- Use the internet to investigate possible markets for / or where to dispose your waste, which is not able to be taken to the College recycle centre.

For 200 years we've been conquering Nature. Now we're beating it to death. ~Tom McMillan, quoted in Francesca Lyman, *The Greenhouse Trap*, 1990