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newsletter

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Message from the Rector -Alan Thompson

Dear Parents, Pupils, and Friends

This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.
(Winston Churchill)

As we reflect on the term that ends today I think that, as an institution, we can be proud of a most successful term. I am really grateful to my colleagues on the staff, the parents, and especially the boys and girls of St Dunstan's for making my first term here such a positive experience. I have enjoyed my first term as a Dunstonian, which was just as it should be - challenging, productive, and fun - thank you.

The Finance Committee has commenced the budgeting process for 2011. Great care has been taken to balance the developmental needs of the school, the need to be able to attract and retain top quality teachers, and the very real sacrifices that parents make in order to be able to provide their children with the best possible educational opportunities. It is expected that the fee increase for 2011 will be in the range of 8 - 9%.

We will be welcoming Mr Patrick Gumunyu to the College as our Director of Sport in the new term. Mr Gumunyu joins us from Stanford Lake College where he served as Senior Housemaster, Sports Director, and member of the Executive Committee. Prior to that he served at St Andrew's

College, Grahamstown. We share an exciting vision for sport at St Dunstan's and I have no doubt that our sporting future is bright.

I enjoy feedback and correspondence from students and parents on any school issue, good, bad, or ugly. My e-mail address is thompson@dunstan.co.za and I respond to e-mail on the day received. In cases of genuine emergency, I can be contacted on 082 572 2381.

I wish you a restful break, safe travels, and God's continued blessings.

Alan Thompson
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Reports

Reports are to be collected on Tuesday 24 August from 09h00 - 12h00.

Football

SISA Cup matches played on Friday 30 July:

2nd Team vs St Francis A lost 3 - 6
1st Team vs St Francis B won 3 - 0

SISA Semi Finals played on Friday 13 August:

1st Team vs Woodlands lost 1 - 3
2nd Team vs Shangri-La lost 0 - 1

Website

website (www.stdunstans.co.za)

Prayer Chain

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

Triathlon

BSG Energade Triathlon Series

You can enter individually, you can enter as a team, if you are 14 years of age or under you can enter the Kids Series - just make sure you are part of the fun.

Date: 10 October 2010
Where: Roodeplaat Dam
How to enter: Online (entries will open during August) or enter on the day at Roodeplaat Dam.

Music & Dinner Evening

All pupils interested, please give your names, instrument and contact details to Cayleigh Rogers or Marco Meintjes before end of term. All grades are welcome. Matrics are encouraged to participate. You can either do a solo, duet or play an instrument.

Auditions will be held by Mr Petersen and Mrs Lubbe during the first week of next term.

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.

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| 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

Science Expo

The following pupils were selected to represent St Dunstan's College at the Regional final of Eskom's Expo for Young Scientists which took place on Saturday 14 August 2010. The results are as follows:

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| Natasha Maritz & Victoria Verrall | GOLD |
| Cailin Beadon & Christopher Shorter | SILVER |
| Cailin Cunningham | GOLD |
| William Matthewson | SILVER |
| Kayla Janse van Rensburg & Tanna de Bod | BRONZE |
| Brandon Botha & Jamie Schreiber | BRONZE |
| Jordan Jackson | SILVER |
| Richard Emslie | SILVER |
| Ricardo Delgado | SILVER |
| James McKenzie | SILVER |
| Nicolette Huggett | GOLD |

Nicolette Huggett (Grade 9C) has been selected as one of the top five science projects on the SABC 3 Knock-Knock programme, and has been nominated for the Knock-Knock Bright Spark Award 2010. *Well done to her on this fine achievement and to all the other pupils who represented St Dunstan's College at the regional finals.*

Cycling

If you are interested in joining the cycling group please collect forms from Mrs Campbell or Mrs Burger as soon as possible. Completed forms must be returned before anyone will be permitted to ride.

We will commence riding in the second week of the holidays. The purpose is to ensure that once school starts again some form of routine has been formed.

30km ride (\pm 26km/h): Tuesday, 31 August and Thursday, 2 September at 05:30.

Beginners (\pm 10km): Wednesday, 1 September and Friday, 3 September at 09:00.

Conservancy

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On the 16th Aug St Dunstan's Conservancy was awarded **silver** in the **Meerkat Award 2010** section at the Gauteng Conservancy & Stewardship Association. The Meerkat Award is for the Best General practice in a Gauteng Conservancy. Our conservancy has only been going for 3 years and has picked up speed in this last year. There were more than 15 entries so this was no 'walk in the park'. This was the comment given by the judges *"This conservancy needs to be highly commended for their hard work in including environmental awareness, in many different ways, into the schools day to day running. It will have a major impact on both the students and parents. Well done."*

If you would like to know more about the GCSA their website is www.conservancies.org/

From feedback received the **Bullfrog Pan** clean-up was enjoyed by all. The weather was beautiful and played along this year. Anne Mearns, a recipient of the UN Environmental Global 500 Role of Honour for her work on wetlands, gave an interesting, informative and inspiring talk. A one tonne bakkie load of litter was collected which was again separated at our recycle centre at the College. After spending time collecting someone else's litter the children were treated to bottled water and a chocolate, unfortunately some evidence of this gift was found on the ground on the return journey to the school. Children please take the experience and talk into your day to day living and let's look after our 'SPACE SHIP'.

***We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."** – Unknown*

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