



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

It is hard to believe that this is already the last newsletter of the term, and that this unusually short portion of term is about to be followed by an unusually long "half-term". As I reflect on all the things that I have learned, and all the people that I have met this term I can only but marvel at the energy and sense of purpose that is evident in a young school creating its history.

As we aspire to excellence let us never disregard the amazing progress that has been made in this place in such a short time. And let us never forget that excellence in a school is not constituted by mere buildings, facilities, computers, and 'things', but by the people who are the school. Our excellence lies within the people of this place - the collective talent, enthusiasm, and passion of us all. It is our duty to the history that we are creating to ensure that we are all adding our unique presence to this place. Like a letter on a page, until, page by page, a masterpiece is formed!

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.*

We live in exciting times, and as we head into a truly historic era in our country's history let us put behind us all gloom and negativity and marvel at the many incredible things that are going on around us. The miracle of the rainbow nation (warts and all) continues as we move into World Cup mania. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba has called upon all Anglicans to hold the World Cup in their prayers, and has forwarded this prayer for our inspiration:

The Archbishop's prayer reads:

God bless the 2010 World Cup:
bless those who compete, and those
who watch,
bless those who host, and those who
visit,
and help all who love 'the beautiful
game'
grow in the love you have given us to
share. Amen

We have been placing increased emphasis on the dress and appearance of our boys and girls. Please ensure that upon their return next term, pupils' hair and uniform are within school rules from **day one**. Boys in particular are requested to have their hair cut *before* the start of term. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that we uphold the standards of excellence that are expected of our College.

I wish you all a most wonderful holiday, safe travels, and God's continued blessing.

Alan Thompson

Matric Farewell Fundraiser Prediction Tickets

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

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 (10th June). Thanking you.

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.

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

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.

Netball dates for 2010

7 June Play-offs at St Stithian's

8 June Promotion/relegation matches

Inter-House Netball

Rectors beat Bishops 3 – 2
Bishops beat Wardens 3 – 2
Wardens and Rectors drew 5 – 5

Points were also awarded for the number of supporters per house.

Overall results: 1st Rectors
2nd Bishops
3rd Wardens

Well done and thank you to those girls who took part.

Hockey – Eastern Gauteng

Congratulations to Bradlee Crause who has now been selected an alternate keeper for the U/16A squad in Pietermaritzburg (in addition to being No 1 keeper for the U/16B squad in Bloemfontein).

Tennis Results

Boys

A team lost to Ashton 24 – 48
B team beat Hans Moore 39 – 33
C team beat Brandwag 22 – 34

Girls

A team beat Brandwag 35 – 21
A team beat St Dominic's 29 – 27
B team beat Willowmoore 32 – 24
B team lost to Brandwag 23 – 33
C team beat St Francis 48 - 8

Waterpolo

Congratulations to Bryn Batty and Kylie Traube who have been selected to take part in the National waterpolo trials this weekend in Durban. The chosen side will represent SA U/18 in a tri-nations competition with New Zealand and Australia.

Rugby

versus Redhill (Away) – 5 June

U/15 09:00
2nd 10:00
1st 11:00

Senior Inter-House Public Speaking Competition

The senior Inter-house Public Speaking Competition took place on Monday 31 May. The adjudicator was Mrs Frances Buchanan. Congratulations to:

Tebogo Mphalele 1st
Genevie Borrageiro 2nd
Madelaine Labuschagne Most Promising Speaker

Tayla Dye and Alexis McKenzie won merit awards.

House Points: Wardens 110
Bishops 100
Rectors 60

Debating

Congratulations to the Junior Debating Team who competed against St Dominic's on Monday and lost the debate by only 3 points!

Eisteddfod

All Eisteddfod trophies won last year must be returned to Mrs Ward y Monday 7th June.

Holiday Art Classes

Contact Kerrie Moolman on 083 228 1743

Grade 1 – 7 21st – 24th June
Matric Workshop During July

Netball

Congratulations to the U/15A, U/17A and 1st netball teams for making it through to the league play-offs to be held at St Stithians on Monday 7th June.

Conservancy

Make your own organic pesticide spray:

Mix 5L of warm water with the following chopped veg: two onions, four chillies, and four cloves of garlic. Add 50ml of liquid paraffin, which is readily available at most pharmacies. Let this stew for a couple of days and then strain into a spray bottle. Spray directly onto plants every seven to ten days or as needed. The strong smelling ingredients are what acts as a repellent.

An **intelligently designed** garden will naturally be **pest repellent**.

The rule of thumb is that whatever smells strong to you, will also smell strong to the pests. Ring of Defence - Around the edges of your garden, plant strong smelling plants. Edible plants include the onion (allium) family – grand onions, spring onions, chives, garlic, shallots, and leeks. Non-vegetable plants can be placed around the edge of your garden too. These include lavender, nasturtium, geranium, and marigold.

Another key repellent is **mulch**. It is imperative that an organic garden has a thick layer of mulch on all the beds. Exposed soil is bad. Mulch is a top cover that protects and insulates the soil. In an organic garden it can be made of anything natural as long as there are no seeds. Try woodchips, bark, small twigs, dry leaves, dry grass clippings. Mulch decreases water evaporation by up to 60%. This is a massive cost and environmental benefit. Mulch also decreases the soil loss caused by heavy rainfall or strong winds. In winter the mulch keeps some heat in. Lastly, the layer of mulch is like one enormous worm farm and a blanket of compost. The worms love the warm and dark layer beneath the mulch. They also eat and process the mulch and enrich the soil.

Remember the Environment is just like charity: it begins at HOME.