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## From the Headmaster's Desk

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**WE AT ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE EXPECT OUR YOUNG CHARGES  
TO DISPLAY FINE SPORTSMANSHIP.**

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Dear Parents, Girls and Boys,

We are now well and truly into our extra-curricular timetable. We will shortly be changing over to our winter programmes. Please note that we have a policy of maximum participation. Each pupil that attends practice sessions will be given the opportunity to represent St Dunstan's Preparatory in a match/matches. Please support your children as they 'give it their all' on the pitch, field, court, swimming pool or wherever they may be.

We at St Dunstan's College expect our young charges to display fine sportsmanship, be it on or off the field. This is non-negotiable and needs to be instilled from an early age. Pupils need to learn to be humble in victory (remember the other team has just lost, and are probably not "feeling too good"), and accept defeat gracefully. It is up to us as parents, teachers and coaches to help instill these value systems in our children. In doing so, our children will grow up equipped with some of the tools necessary to help them in our competitive world. More about winning and losing, as well as competitive and non-competitive sport in later newsletters.

A big congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lay and Mr and Mrs Aitken on the exciting news of their pregnancies. We wish both mums all the best during the next few months.

And finally, on the lighter side of life, I have included a list of traits of girls and boys taken from Dr James Dobson's book, 'Bringing up Boys'.

Don't you love the spontaneity and creativity of children? Here boys and girls came up with a list of characteristics pertaining to themselves and members of the opposite sex.

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## GIRLS ARE MORE BETTER THAN BOYS

Girls chew with their mouths closed.  
Girls are more kinder to animals.  
Girls walk more politely.  
Girls can do their hair better.  
Girls don't pick their nose.  
Girls don't eat as much.  
Girls like to get more tan.  
Girls look better than boys.  
Girls have more manners.  
Girls put on deodorant more often.

## WHY BOYS ARE MORE BETTER THAN GIRLS

Boys can sit in front of a scary movie and not close their eyes once.  
Boys were created first.  
Boys learn to make funny noises with their armpits faster.  
Boys don't do all those wiggly movements when they walk.  
Boys don't waste their life at the mall.  
Boys don't braid another's hair.  
Boys can hang on to their stomachs on fast rides.  
Boys don't worry about "diet-this" and "diet-that".  
Boys don't cry and feel sorry when they kill a fly.  
Boys are proud of their odour.

- Mr Craig McIlrath -

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# Sports Results

## *Friday, 7 February*

Swimming A team Gala at King David Linksfield  
St Dunstan's College placed 2nd out of 4 schools

## *Wednesday, 12 February*

Swimming A team Gala at Ridgewood  
St Dunstan's College placed 2nd out of 10 schools

## *U11 Cricket vs King David*

St Dunstan's: 138/6 (Harvey May 38 runs)  
King David: 71/10  
St Dunstan's won by 67 runs  
Man of the Match: Mathew Petzer (3 wickets)

## *Thursday, 13 February*

Tennis U13 girls vs Auckland Park Preparatory (away)  
St Dunstan's College won with a final score of 11 - 5.  
Game called off due to rain

## *Friday, 14 February*

Swimming A team Gala Pinnacle College Founders Hill  
St Dunstan's College placed 1st

## *Saturday, 15 February*

U11 Cricket vs Reddam  
St Dunstan's: 151/6  
Reddam: 60/3  
Match abandoned due to rain  
Man of the match: Koane Mooketse (37 runs)

## *Saturday, 22 February*

St Albans Regatta  
U14 and U15 Regatta at Roodeplaat Dam  
JM14B double - Kaelab placed 9th out of 16  
JM14A double - Blake Fick & Luka Medurić placed 1st out of 8  
JM14A sculling - Luka Medurić came 10th and Blake Fick 20th out of 30

## *Friday, 28 February*

SA Schools Rowing Champs at Roodeplaat Dam  
Blake Fick & Luka Medurić stormed into Silver medal positions in their Doubles  
Sculling - Luka Medurić 9/56 and Blake Fick 17/56  
Doubles - Blake Fick & Luka Medurić 2/30, Kaelab Staley and Blake Lynch 20/30  
Quad - Blake Fick, Luka, Kaelab, Blake Lynch cox Brodie (11/39)  
(Photo on page 10)

## *Monday, 3 March*

D17 Athletics  
Isabella Gonçaves achieved a 1st in both high jump and long jump and Nina Roos achieved a 2nd in high jump. Isabella and Nina have both qualified for Gauteng Champs .

Well done, girls!

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# 'A' Team Gala at Home

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# 'B' Team Gala at Farrarmere Primary

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# 'A' Team Gala at Ashton College

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# Softball Training

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# Reading Picnic

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# Swimathon

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# Shrove Tuesday

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# Pupils Excel

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## Dancing

Tayla Tucker, Adiyana Bhana and Rachel Williams competed in the SADTA All Stars Freestyle Dance Competition, with results as follows: Tayla Tucker (1st place Premier Champ Slowdance and 1st place Premier Champ Freestyle), Adiyana Bhana (1st place Freestyle Intermediate and 2nd place Slow Dance Intermediate) and Rachel Williams (1st place Slow Dance Champ section and 2nd place Freestyle Champ section).

## Swimming

Well done to the swimmers who competed at the Let's Sprint Gala with results as follows: Cayden Nyabadza (1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke and 1st 50m Butterfly), Kade Hodgkinson (3rd 100m Backstroke), Riley Haupt (2nd 100m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Freestyle and 3rd 50m Butterfly) and Daniel Bulhakov (2nd 100m Freestyle and 3rd 200m Freestyle).



## Rowing

An incredible race for our St Dunstan's College JM14 Doubles as two Grade 7s stormed into Silver Medal position. Congrats Blake Fick and Luka Medurić!

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# Social Responsibility

Our annual Easter Egg collection will be taking place during Week 10, from the 17th to the 20th of March. We kindly ask for any donations of Easter Eggs, such as boxes of marshmallow eggs or individual strips of marshmallow eggs, to be sent to your child's class teacher.

All donations will be distributed to various charities, including HABSR at St Dunstan's Cathedral. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.



# Grade 7 IDP Portfolio Contributions

## Literacy and Social Responsibility quotes submitted by our Grade 7 pupils.

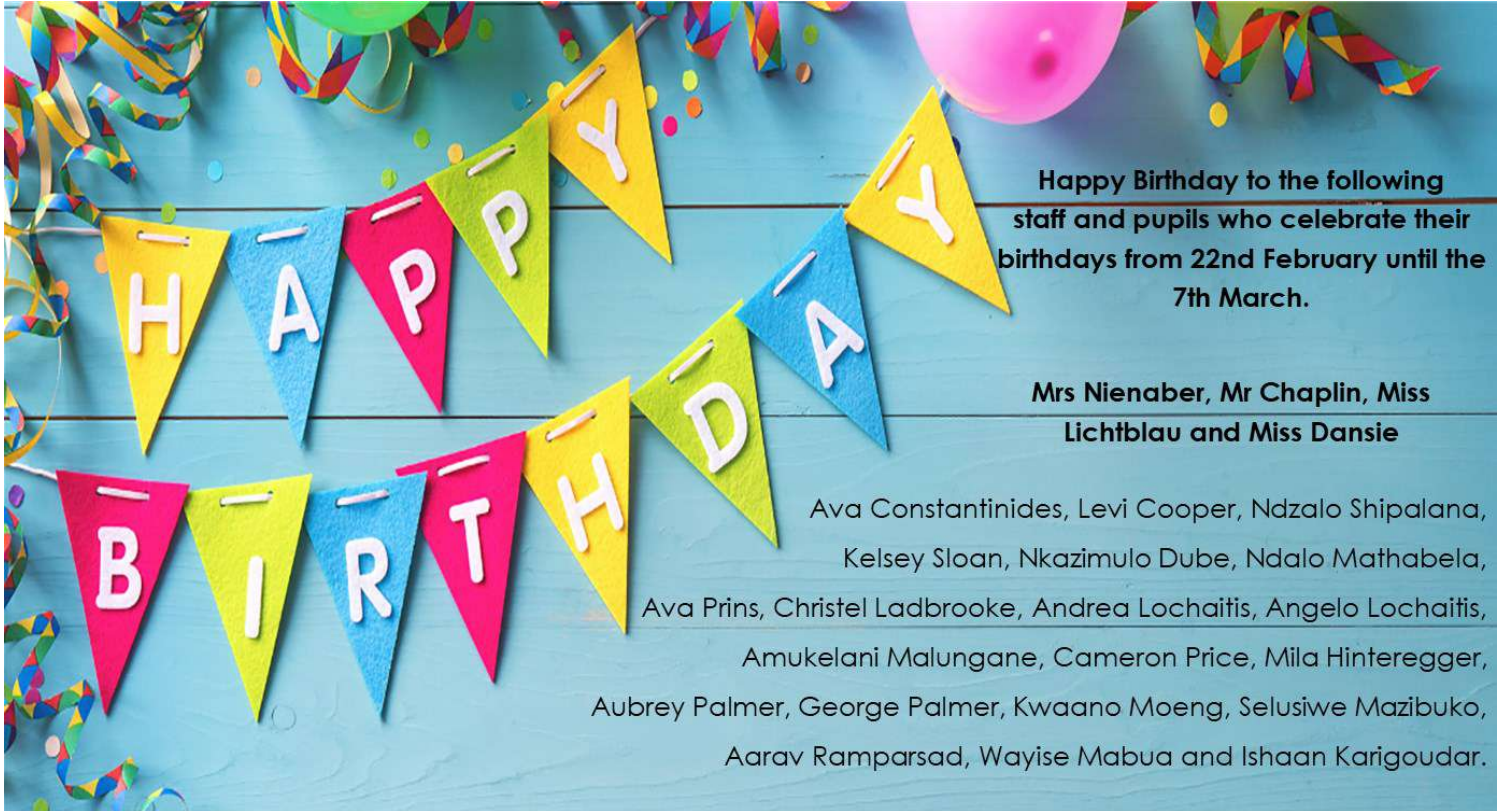
You learn best by reading a lot and writing a lot, and the most valuable lessons of all are the ones you teach yourself. - Danica Brenna

The measure of a man's greatness is not the number of servants he has, but the number of people he serves. - Teagan van Gool

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# Happy Birthday!

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Happy Birthday to the following staff and pupils who celebrate their birthdays from 22nd February until the 7th March.

**Mrs Nienaber, Mr Chaplin, Miss Lichtblau and Miss Dansie**

Ava Constantinides, Levi Cooper, Ndzalo Shipalana, Kelsey Sloan, Nkazimulo Dube, Ndalo Mathabela, Ava Prins, Christel Ladbrooke, Andrea Lochaitis, Angelo Lochaitis, Amukelani Malungane, Cameron Price, Mila Hinteregger, Aubrey Palmer, George Palmer, Kwaano Moeng, Selusiwe Mazibuko, Aarav Ramparsad, Wayise Mabua and Ishaan Karigoudar.

## Dates To Diarise

**Tuesday, 11th March**

Swimming - B Team Inter-Primary at Selcourt Swimming Pool Springs

**Wednesday, 12th March**

Swimming - A Team Inter-Primary at Delville Swimming Pool

**Thursday, 13th March**

Junior Preparatory Informal Music Evening

**Friday, 14th March**

St Dunstan's Got Talent (Preparatory Talent Show)

**Tuesday, 18th March**

Senior Preparatory Informal Music Evening

**Thursday, 20th March**

Standardised Test

**Friday, 21st March**

Human Rights Day (Public Holiday)

**Monday, 24th March**

Sexuality Education week begins

**Thursday, 27th March**

3-IN-1 Winter Sports Festival begins

**Friday, 28th March**

General Knowledge Test

**Thursday, 3rd April**

Inter-House Cross Country

**Friday, 4th April**

Inter-House Quiz

**Tuesday, 6th May**

School Closes at 11:45 for Easter Holiday

School re-opens for the Trinity Term





**PLAYERS**  
 Hockey: 200 Players  
 Rugby: 150 Players  
 Netball: 250 Players  
**Total of 600 players**



**SCHOOLS**  
 +/- 50 teams from 12 schools  
 +/- 150 Coaching &  
 Management from schools  
 across South Africa and  
 Zimbabwe



**COMMUNITY**  
 Private, Model C & Public  
 Schools.  
 850+ Parents & Family  
 members.

# 2025

**THURSDAY, 27TH MARCH : FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH : SATURDAY, 29TH MARCH**

## **GOODIE BAG SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY**

An exciting opportunity exists for businesses to sponsor **GOODIE BAGS, WATER BOTTLES** and/or provide **product samples** as part of the goodie bags gifted to the **650** players participating in the 3-IN-1 Festival.

### **GOODIE BAG SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS:**

#### **DRAW STRING BAG SPONSORSHIP\***



In addition to branding on the **GOODIE BAGS**, this sponsor would also receive:

- Social media coverage on the school's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok accounts.
- A thank you message in the Preparatory newsletter
- A business listing on the Festival App
- Thank you announcements by the Festival DJ

#### **BRANDED WATER BOTTLE SPONSORSHIP\***

In addition to branding on the **WATER BOTTLES**, this sponsor would also receive:

- Social media coverage on the school's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok accounts.
- A thank you message in the Preparatory newsletter
- A business listing on the Festival App
- Thank you announcements by the Festival DJ



### **GOODIE BAG PRODUCT PLACEMENT**

There is an opportunity to donate or sponsor **PRODUCTS** to be placed in each Goodie Bag. In previous years players received energy bars, strapping, deodorant and other sports-related products.\*

\*Please note that all sponsorships are subject to approval by management in line with the Child Protection Act.

**Grow, Flourish and Thrive.**  
 (Ps 92:12, Prov 11:28b)

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