

## A MESSAGE FROM DR STEVE WHITELOW

“ DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LISTENING TO?  
ARE YOU AWARE OF HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPEND  
'PLUGGED IN'? DO YOU APPROVE OF THE LANGUAGE  
AND MESSAGES THAT THEY ARE ABSORBING? ”



Last week we learned that the school was to be featured on a local radio station. As part of the insert we were asked to send them five songs that represent who we are. Mr Taylor tasked some of our students to propose songs that are popular among teenagers at the moment. Sadly, none of them were deemed appropriate.

Generational differences in what is deemed musically acceptable is nothing new. In the 1950s parents were horrified by the actions of "Elvis the pelvis." In the 1960s the clean-cut suited image of boy bands like 'The Beatles', totally acceptable to parents, was challenged by the more aggressive lyrics and appearance of "The Rolling Stones."

In the late 1970s Punk Rock and Heavy Metal emerged from the insipid disco era and was followed in turn by the Gothic Rock and New Romantics of the 1980s. All of these genres challenged pre-conceived societal norms. But there was always a choice; there was always an option of enjoying music that was independent of any social strata and created simply for its pleasantness to listen to.

Watching MTV today is to be presented by a continuous stream of music videos containing explicit lyrics performed by semi-naked clones. I think the raunchiest girl group of my teenage years was Bananarama. To watch one of their videos today looks like footage from a Girl Guides' day trip. Today, it would seem that music that doesn't challenge societal norms or contain explicit lyrics is unlikely to climb the charts.

These overtly sexualised 'stars' are what our young people are being presented with as role models. The importance of this music is pervasive among many of our students as shown by how often we have to reprimand them for wearing AirPods and headphones even between the change of classes. Ease of access has certainly changed dramatically from the days when portable cassette playing 'walkmans' and CD players first came on the scene.

Music can be a form of escapism. I vividly remember playing my Walkman in 1990 when I was in the army. I had two cassettes, a "Queen" compilation and a Greatest Hits of "The Carpenters" album. I played them every night to regain a sense of sanity after days which were often nonsensical. I certainly did not feel the same need travelling between Maths and French classes. I often see students getting out of their parents' cars in the morning already 'plugged in' and I do wonder if sometimes this is more than just harmless entertainment. When does it become a default opt-out of social interaction?

Do you know what your child is listening to? Are you aware of how much time they spend 'plugged in'? Do you approve of the language and messages that they are absorbing? How many of you, like me, have a large collection of music CDs that you will probably never play again but you cannot bring yourself to throw away? I think this is partly because we remember how much money we spent on them, but maybe even more so because we remember how that music formed an important part of different stages of our lives. In a sense, it helped to shape the kind of person that we became.

Our young people certainly grow up in a difficult time with multiple devices competing for their attention. I hope that within this space they still find time to shut down the devices and experience that the most fulfilling interactions that they can have are in face to face contact with those around them.

*Dr Steve Whitelaw*



**LUKE SUBRAMANY**  
HEAD BOY 2026



**SIBAHLE DHLAMINI**  
HEAD GIRL 2026



**EMILIO PAULO**  
DEPUTY HEAD BOY 2026



**DYAANA BEHARIE**  
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL 2026



## BASKETBALL - BOYS

### St Peter's Festival

#### Group Stages:

vs CBC Mount Edmund: won 36 - 7  
vs Southdowns College: lost 31 - 15  
vs Curro Heldenryk: lost 28 - 14  
vs Marist Brothers Linmeyer: won 25 - 19  
vs Reddam House Helderfontein: won 21 - 14  
SDC finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pool C and proceeded to the Shield Cup.

#### Semi Finals:

vs Crawford International Sandton: lost 33 - 21

## BASKETBALL - GIRLS

### St Peter's Festival

vs St Anne's Diocesan College: lost 19 - 13  
vs Trinity House College: won 31 - 15  
vs CBC Mount Edmund: won 21 - 14  
vs SAHETI: won 16 - 10  
vs St Peter's College: lost 17 - 4

#### Semi Finals:

vs Crawford Sandton: won 17 - 16

#### Final Shield:

vs Dominican Convent: won 24 - 14

### vs St Mary's DSG

1st Team: lost 38 - 20

U16: won 20 - 12

U14: won 18 - 12

## FOOTBALL

### vs Beaulieu College:

U14: drew 0 - 0

U15: lost 2 - 0

U16: lost 3 - 1

1<sup>st</sup> Team: won 1 - 0

### Girls vs De La Salle: lost 6 - 0

### U14 Boys vs St Peter's College: lost 2 - 1

### U16 Boys vs Centennial: won 6 - 1

### St Peter's Festival - Boys 1<sup>st</sup> Team:

vs Mitchell House: won 2 - 0

vs Pinnacle Rynfield: won 2 - 0

vs Uplands College: lost 4 - 0

vs Waterford College: lost 5 - 0

## TENNIS

Boys B Team vs Parktown Boys: won 39 - 33

Boys A Team vs St John's College: lost 5 - 4

Girls Team vs Marist Brothers: lost 60 - 21

## ATHLETICS

St Dunstan's College hosted seven schools for an Athletics League

Event on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September and obtained:

1<sup>st</sup> Place in 32 events

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 29 events

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 9 events.

## CRICKET

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team T20 vs Jeppe High School for Boys' 3rd team

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl

Jeppe: 148 for 6 in 20 overs

James Giles: 2 wickets for 22 runs in 4 overs

SDC: 152 for 3 in 18 overs

James Giles: 51 runs off 36 balls

SDC won by 7 wickets

### U15 T20 vs Jeppe U14 B

Jeppe won the toss and elected to bat

Jeppe: 81 all out in 13 overs

Rodrigo Ascensão: 4 wickets for 21 runs in 4 overs

SDC: 72 all out in 10 overs

Gerhard Nel: 28 runs off 23 balls

SDC lost by 10 runs

### 1st Team 50 Over vs Jeppe High School for Boys' 3rd team

SDC won the toss and elected to bat

SDC: 196 all out after 33 overs

James Giles: 52 runs off 64 balls

Jeppe: 149 all out

Tristan Nidd: 4 wickets for 37 runs in 10 overs

SDC won by 47 runs

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team T10 vs Maranatha Christian School

SDC won the toss and elected to bat

SDC: 148 for 3 in 10 overs

Liam van der Westhuizen: 56 runs off 25 balls

Maranatha: 80 for 6 in 10 overs

Joshua Cook: 2 wickets for 9 runs in 2 overs

SDC won by 68 runs

## SQUASH

The Girls Squash Team participated in the TUKS Tournament with results as follows:

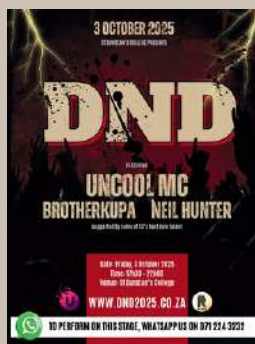
vs St Mary's DSG: lost

vs Kingswood College from Grahamstown: lost

vs Menlopark: won

vs Roedebeek School A: lost

**HAVE  
YOU  
BOUGHT  
YOUR  
TICKETS  
YET?**





# **ATHLETICS** **LEAGUE EVENT AT ST DUNSTON'S**

**TWENTY  
TWENTY  
THRIVE 25**



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# **ATHLETICS** **AT DAINFERN COLLEGE**

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**Buddy Zackey, Taylah Cobbett and Chelsea van Dyk** participated in the Curro Podium North Regionals at the Pilditch Athletics Stadium. Buddy and Taylah were interviewed by SuperSport Schools and did St Dunstan's College proud!

## BASKETBALL AT ST PETER'S FESTIVAL



## BADMINTON EGBA SELECTION



**CHELSEY ORR**

U17A



**ROBYN BROTHERS**

U17B

**Chelsey Orr and Robyn Brothers** have been selected to represent EGBA (Eastern Gauteng Badminton Association) at the U17 SA Open and Interprovincial Championship taking place in Bloemfontein in October.

# BASKETBALL VS CURRO HELDERWYK

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# BASKETBALL

## GIRLS VS ST MARY'S DSG

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# CRICKET 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM VS JEPPE - T10

TWENTY  
20  
THRIVE  
25



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# **CRICKET** **1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM VS JEPPE - 50 OVERS**

**TWENTY  
THIRTY  
20  
25**



## **U15 VS JEPPE - 50 OVERS**



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# CRICKET 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM VS MARANATHA - T10

TWENTY  
20  
THRIVE 25



# SQUASH TUKS TOURNAMENT



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# ROWING ST BENEDICT'S REGATTA

**TWENTY  
THRIVE 2025**



Results from the St Benedict's College U14 and U15 Regatta as follows:  
 JW15 B Singles: Gold - **Naomi van Straaten**, Silver - **Sabrina Kerkhove**  
 JW15 B Doubles: Gold - **Naomi van Straaten** and **Sabrina Kerkhove**  
 JM15 B Singles: Gold - **Blake Lynch**  
 JM15 B Doubles: Gold - **Cayden Devereux** and **Blake Lynch**



## SWIMMING EGA SUMMER 1 GALA



**BRETT  
DE WALDON-HOLMES**  
 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Breaststroke  
 1<sup>st</sup> 200m  
 Individual Medley



**JAEGER  
DRUCE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m  
 Breaststroke



**DANIEL  
MIDDLEWICK**  
 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Breaststroke



**KHOLOFELLO  
SEABI**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m  
 Breaststroke



**TRENT  
WILLIAMS**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m  
 Individual Medley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle



**VICTORIA  
JACKSON**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Individual  
 Medley  
 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle



**JESSICA  
WOOD**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Butterfly  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m Freestyle



**GABRIELLA  
GONÇALVES**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m  
 Breaststroke



**AMBER  
TERCLAVERS**  
 1<sup>st</sup> 200m  
 Breaststroke



**VICTORIA  
BULHAKOVA**  
 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Breaststroke  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m  
 Individual Medley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Butterfly



# MATRICES CELEBRITY DRESS-UP DAY

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THRIVE 2025



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# MATRICES CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

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THRIVE 2025



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# MATRICS AT THE MARKET DAY PERFECT CHAPERONES

**TWENTY 20**  
**THRIVE 25**



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# MATRICES AT THE MARKET DAY

## PERFECT CHAPERONES

TWENTY 20  
THRIVE 25



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# GRADE 9 MARKET DAY

TWENTY **20**  
THRIVE **25**



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# GRADE 9 MARKET DAY

TWENTY  
TWENTY  
THRIVE 25



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ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

# PRESENTS ENCORE!

A COMBINED MUSIC EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

DATE: Sunday, 12th October

TIME: 16:00

VENUE: The St Dunstan's Cathedral, 103 Waburn Avenue

Join us for a cup of tea during the interval

FREE ENTRANCE

**TWENTY 20**  
**THRIVE 25**



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE  
EST 1918

# ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

GRADE 0000 - GRADE 12

# OPEN DAY

08H00 - 12H00

## SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER

**TWENTY 20**  
**THRIVE 25**

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

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



# ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

## ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE JUNIOR ROWING REGATTA

St Dunstan's College Rowing Club is excited to announce that it will host a Junior Rowing Regatta at Koozapoort Dam in Pretoria on October 25, 2023. This prestigious event will bring together over 16 top girls' and boys' schools from Gauteng, with an anticipated attendance of around 400 U14 & U15 rowers, along with their enthusiastic supporters.

We invite businesses to advertise in the regatta programme or to donate funds, products, services or prizes. This professionally designed, full-colour digital programme will be shared directly with supporters. It will feature editorials, racing rules and course regulations. The deadline for all artwork and payment is 25th September 2023. Donations will be accepted until 15th October 2023.

Funds raised from the programme will go towards the event's running costs, covering essential elements like **medical and water safety, fuel, officials and other hosting expenses**. Any additional funds will go towards the purchase of a **new motor and coaching boat** to enhance our resources and safety for our rowers.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this event a success.

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DESCRIPTION TO BE INCLUDED ON INVOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DUE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORSHIP COST: \_\_\_\_\_

— Full A5 page colour advert R5 000 ☐

— Half A5 page colour advert R3 000 ☐

— Quarter A5 page colour advert R2 000 ☐

TOTAL DUE

### Form Submission

Please complete the form above and email it to [clodge@stdunstons.co.za](mailto:clodge@stdunstons.co.za) by **20 September 2023**. An invoice with payment details will be sent to you for immediate processing.

### Artwork for Programme

High-resolution artwork for inclusion in the programme is also required. Please ensure it meets the specified requirements and submit it no later than **25 September 2023**.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO INSURE WE THAT ALL FUNDING

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