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## From the Headmaster's Desk

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THE QUALITY OF THE START.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to all as we begin the third term.

*“And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” - Hebrews 12: 1-2*

Not unlike a running race, the success of the school term may be determined by the quality of the start. The Preparatory School has enjoyed an excellent start filled with all the business that is to be expected from a school of this high calibre.

The first week was punctuated by a day of competition at the Inter-House Athletics day. Congratulations to **Bishops** for winning the day in such a convincing manner. Thanks to all involved on the day; from the staff for their organisation, the children for their enthusiasm and to the parents for their support.

Congratulations are in order to **Ms Nomfundo Brukwe** on being awarded her Masters Degree from the University of Pretoria. **Mrs Peta-Anne Patel** also gave birth to her son last week, we congratulate her and her husband.

Reflecting on my first days at the Preparatory School I have been impressed by the level of professionalism, organisation and care displayed by the teachers and staff. The dress and general manners of the learners has also been a pleasant surprise.

At a recent assembly the topic of discussion was *how best to run the race of life for this term and into the future in a way which is pleasing to God?* Three ways in which we can do this are to stick to our values - honesty, loyalty and kindness; work on reactions by being mindful of how we respond to challenges, disappointments and fair criticism, ensuring we don't lash out unnecessarily; and finally, setting clear goals to work towards, and map out, the necessary steps needed to achieve these goals successfully.

Having left the starting blocks for this term well, let us run the race ahead with endurance. I am looking forward with great anticipation to the term ahead; the various events, cultural and sporting, the end of year awards and St Dunstan's traditions which we will be blessed to share.

I leave you with a prayer shared with the Preparatory School in the first week;

Dear Lord

Today, this week, this month, this year, we have a race ahead of us.

Help us to run the race of our lives with honesty, trustworthiness and courage.

Help us to be mindful about our own race, and to pay attention to what helps us run the race of our life well.

Help us to say no to the things that hinder us or take us away from our calling and direction in life.

Help us to draw on resources we have around us, and within us, when the race of life feels tough.

We trust that you will be there with us as we run the race of this year.

Please help us to support those around us as they also move in their own race of life.

Amen.

*Mr Matthew Moolman*

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# Installation of Mr Moolman

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## Hot Off the Press

### Chris Tucker

Congratulations to Chris Tucker on his appointment as Deputy Head Pastoral Care and Co-curricular at the Preparatory School.

Chris Tucker holds an Honours degree in Education and is nearing the completion of his Masters degree specialising in the development of non-cognitive skills such as resilience, empathy, collaboration, and ethical decision-making and the impact these have on academic performance.



### Nomfundo Brukwe

Congratulations to Nomfundo Brukwe, one of our Grade 4 teachers, on receiving a Master of Education degree (with distinction) from the University of Pretoria.

Her dissertation was entitled:  
Using the RAV-D programme as an intervention for learners with dyslexia in inclusive classes.







**EDEN MUIR**  
GRADE 2



**CELESTE MALEC**  
HEADMASTER'S SECRETARY



**CLAIRE SCHUTTE**  
GRADE 6



**KAREN COOLEY**  
GRADE 4

## JP Staff Photoshoot



## PMRafrica Diamond Arrow Award

St Dunstan's College received the PMRafrica Diamond Arrow Award for the 12th consecutive year!

Based on the City of Ekurhuleni survey conducted during June and July 2025, St Dunstan's is highest rated and received the Diamond Arrow Award in the 'BUSINESS SECTOR: PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF EKURHULENI' category.



# Inter-House Athletics

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## Track Events





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## Swimming

EGA Winter Gala

**Lily Herrmann**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Backstroke

**Cayden Nyabadza**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke

- 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke

- 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle

**Riley Haupt**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Butterfly

- 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Freestyle

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke

**Aiva-Grace Wittstock**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle

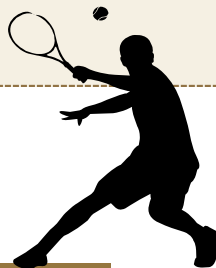
**Kelsey Sloan**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Breaststroke

## Tennis

UIIA Boys vs Bedfordview Primary School: won 20 - 8

UIIB Boys vs Eden Primary School: lost 16 - 4



## Golfing Stars

### August Achievements

**Ethan Lewis** and **Nathan Mc Donald** represented South Africa at the Champion of Champions played at Lough Erne, Ireland.

**Nathan** and **Joshua Mc Donald** played in the SAKG Junior African Open.

**Ethan Lewis** participated in the Ekurhuleni UI3 Provincial Golf Tournament vs the North West and Mpumalanga Golf Unions and The Ekurhuleni Golf Union won the tournament!



### September Achievements



**Nathan** and **Joshua Mc Donald** played at the SA Kids Golf event held at the Houghton golf course on Sunday, 7 September. They both placed 5th in their respective age-groups.

## Swimming News



### Winter Championships

**Daniel Bulhakov** and **Ava Constantinides** participated in the EGA Senior Winter Champs with results as follows:

**Daniel:** 1st in 200m Individual Medley, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke, 200m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly. 2nd in 100m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke. 3rd in 400m Freestyle.

**Ava:** 1st in 100m Breaststroke and 200m Breaststroke. 2nd in 50m Breaststroke. 3rd in 200m Individual Medley.

Well done, Daniel and Ava!



## Equestrian

### Gauteng Team Selections



**VIVIENNE  
KAPP**

**Pony:**  
Mousse  
Level 2 Dressage  
Level 3 Prix Caprilli

**RYLA  
TERRY**

**Pony:**  
Llandilo Rose of  
Sharon  
Level 2 Dressage  
Level 3 Working  
Hunter

**MIKAELA  
FERREIRA**

**Pony:**  
Sunny Park  
Stables Aiden  
Level 3  
Showjumping

**KENZI  
VAN WYK**

**Pony:**  
Dallas  
Level 2 Dressage  
Level 4  
Showjumping

**GEORGIA  
MAY**

**Pony:**  
Deja Vu  
Level 2 Dressage  
Level 4 Showjumping

**ALEXIS VAN DER  
WESTHUIZEN**

**Pony:**  
Champion Everest  
Level 1 Western  
Mounted Games





## Cross Country News

### D17 Cross Country Trials



## Greater Benoni Cross Country Trials



## Cross Country Champions Shine

The recent cross-country events were filled with excitement, determination and outstanding performances as our learners represented our school at Greater Benoni and District 17. Each runner showed incredible grit and sportmanship, proving that hard work and dedication truly pay off.

Despite the challenging course and strong competition, our children pushed through every stride with courage. Their achievements not only highlight their individual talent but also showcase the strength of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. A special congratulations goes out to the following learners for their remarkable performances:

### Greater Benoni:

Emilia Hall  
Mmirimma E.K. Anele  
Finley Blake  
Matthew Robertson  
Jordan Whittington  
Vulthari Mabuza  
Khutjo Raseala  
Hunter Tucker  
Rachel Williams  
Iyla-Skye Brameld  
Skylar Beharie  
Amy Whittington  
Christian Coats  
Stephen Olowoyo  
Tayla Tucker  
Ava Constantinides

### D17:

Emilia Hall  
Mmirimma E.K. Anele  
Jordan Whittington  
Vulthari Mabuza  
Khutjo Raseala  
Hunter Tucker  
Rachel Williams  
Iyla-Skye Brameld  
Skylar Beharie  
Amy Whittington  
Christian Coats  
Tayla Tucker



Well done, athletes! 🌟 Your commitment and determination are an inspiration to all.

# Recent Achievements

## Dancing

Cheetah Challenge Championships

**Tayla Tucker** participated with results as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> U14 Prem Freestyle World 2026 Qualifier
- 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13 Prem Champ Slowdance
- 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13 Prem Champ Freestyle

Unique Dance Extravaganza

**Tayla Tucker** and **Rachel Williams**

Tayla:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 12/13 Prem Champ Slowdance
- 1<sup>st</sup> place 12/13 Prem Champ Freestyle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 12/15 Champ Freestyle Couples.

Rachel:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place U8/9 Champ Section Freestyle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place U8/9 Slowdance Champ Section.

SADTA Gauteng Freestyle Championships

**Tayla Tucker, Rachel Williams** and **Adiana Bhana** competed with results as follows:

Tayla:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13 Prem Champ Slowdance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 12/13 Prem Champ Freestyle
- 1<sup>st</sup> U14 Prem Champ 2026 World Qualifier
- 3<sup>rd</sup> U16 Champ Freestyle Couples.

Rachel:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 8/9 Champ Slowdance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Freestyle U11 Couples
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World Qualifier 2026
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 8/9 Champ Freestyle.

Adiana:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 8/9 Freestyle Rising Star Section
- 1<sup>st</sup> 8/9 Slowdance Rising Star Section.

## Gymnastics

SA Aerialnastix SA Champs Trials:

**Tayla Tucker** participated with results as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Level 5 Tumbling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level 4 Trampoline
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level 4 Bench

Tayla has qualified for SA Champs in all 3 disciplines

Women's Artistic Gymnastics Gauteng Province Championships:

**Pelo Mojaopelo** competed in the category of High-Performance

Class 1 Age 8 with results as follows:

- Vault - Bronze
- Bar - Silver
- Beam - Bronze
- Floor - Bronze
- Overall - Gold

Pelo received Provincial Colours and qualifies to represent Gauteng in the upcoming National Championship.

Women's Artistic Gymnastics Ekurhuleni District Championships:

**Pelo Mojaopelo** competed in the category of High-Performance

Class 1 Age 8 with results as follows:

- Vault - Gold
- Bar - Gold
- Beam - Silver
- Floor - Gold
- Overall - Gold

Pelo received District Colours and qualified to represent Ekurhuleni in the Provincial Championship

Gauteng Trampoline and Tumbling Championships

**Jayden** and **Rachel Williams** participated with results as follows:

Jayden:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Double Mini Trampoline Level 5.
- Gauteng Champion winning the Trampoline Level 4 for boys 11/12 years.

Rachel:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Double Mini Trampoline Level 5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Euro Trampoline Level 4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Tumbling Level 4.

They have both been selected for the Gauteng Tumbling and Trampoline Team, receiving their Gauteng Colours. They will be representing Gauteng in the National Gymnastics Champs to be held in Port Elizabeth in October.



Women's Artistic Gymnastics Competition:

**Pelo Mojaopelo** competed in the category of High-Performance

Class 1 Age 8 with results as follows:

- Vault - Gold
- Bar - Gold
- Beam - Gold
- Floor - Gold
- Overall - Gold

Gauteng Acrobatics Gymnastics Championships:

**Rachel Williams** and **Reegan Bellington** competed and were the Gauteng Championship winners in Level 5 Duos. They have both been selected to represent the Gauteng Gymnastics Association and have been awarded their Gauteng Gymnastics Colours



# Recent Achievements

## Karting

**Brodi Dowling**, in Grade 5, is the Mini Max Champion for 2025! He will now proudly represent South Africa at the Rotax World Grand Finals in Bahrain at the end of November.

**Conor Clifford** participated in the T4 Mini Tillotson Go-Kart race at Formula K and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## Motocross

**Connor Tuniz** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior class at the Lowveld Enduro Championship.

## Music

**Laylah van Straaten** was the runner-up in the 11 - 12 category of the Victoria Bennet Music Competition



# Benoni Eisteddfod

## Drama Eisteddfod



## Drama Eisteddfod – Invitation to Award Ceremony

The following pupils have been invited to the Awards Ceremony for the Benoni Eisteddfod in the Drama Section...



**KYLAN BRAMELD**



**KIAN STAPELBERG**



**AMY WHITTINGTON**



**GREYSON OVIEDO**

## Music Eisteddfod



**Music can change the world because it can change people.**



## Music Eisteddfod

The Assembly Band won the trophy for the Best Orchestra.



## Chess

### District Championship

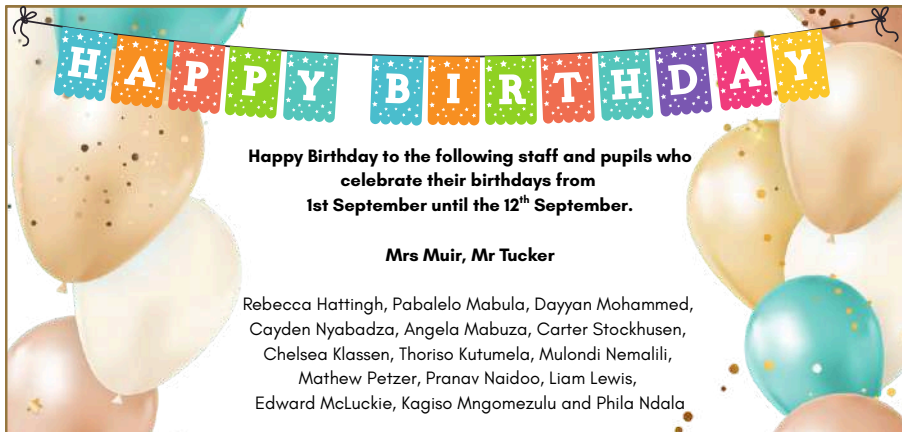


## Drama

### Shakespeare Schools Festival







**Happy Birthday to the following staff and pupils who  
celebrate their birthdays from  
1st September until the 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Mrs Muir, Mr Tucker**

Rebecca Hattingh, Pabalelo Mabula, Dayyan Mohammed,  
Cayden Nyabadza, Angela Mabuza, Carter Stockhusen,  
Chelsea Klassen, Thoriso Kutumela, Mulondi Nematili,  
Mathew Petzer, Pranav Naidoo, Liam Lewis,  
Edward McLuckie, Kagiso Mngomezulu and Phila Ndala

## Dates to Diarise

**Tuesday, 16 September**

**Thursday, 18 September**

**Friday, 19 September**

**Saturday, 20 September**

**Tuesday, 23 September**

**Wednesday, 24 September**

**Thursday, 25 September**

**Saturday, 27 September**

Grade 1 Speech Afternoon @ Curro Serengeti

Grade 3 Speech Afternoon @ Curro Serengeti

Bishops Civvies Day - Spring into Summer

08:00 Athletics @ De La Salle

Donkey Derby Beetge Quad

HERITAGE DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Dress Up Day

Open Day



**VENUE:** Beetge Quad  
**R200/ ticket**  
**DATE:** 23 September  
**TIME:** From 18:00  
Food is included.  
Cooldrinks will be  
available for sale.  
You are welcome to  
bring your own  
"refreshments".

**Heritage  
DONKEY DERBY  
23 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE  
EST. 1918**

**ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE  
GRADE 0000 - GRADE 12**

**OPEN DAY**

**08H00 - 12H00**

**SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER**

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**Grow, Flourish and Thrive.**  
(Pp 92-12, Ppiv 11:280)

# Bottle Top Collection

The St Dunstan's family has a long-standing tradition of collecting and recycling bottle tops to support the 'Tops and Tags for Wheelchairs' initiative. We are now proud to partner with the greater community through Clean Projects, showing that together we can make a real difference.

Where to Drop Your Tops:

- New Bottle Top Heart: Located at the Pre-School entrance.
- Collection Boxes: Available at the Preparatory School entrance.
- Senior Preparatory Pupils: Continue dropping off your tops with your Heads of Houses - every contribution still counts toward valuable House Points! (All collected tops will later be moved into our heart.)
- College Pupils: Please make use of the above collection points to add your support.

Every top counts - let's fill our heart with purpose and give the gift of mobility.



## A Note from Admissions

There is a waiting list in many grades throughout the school for 2026.

NB: Please make sure that applications, *especially for siblings*, are submitted ASAP to avoid disappointment.

## Tuck Shop



Please remember that St Dunstan's College has implemented a cashless system since the beginning of the year. If you would like your child to make purchases from the Tuck Shop please provide them with either a Karri card or a bank card.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

