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2026



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ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



Winning the Inter-High Athletics is something worth celebrating and speaks to the significant growth and development in our general sporting programme in terms of participation and strength. We have top athletes, passionate coaches, excellent facilities and the right balance to establish athletics as one of our prominent sports. I thank Mrs Pretorius and her team for coordinating the season and look forward to continued growth in athletics. The performances of our athletes now truly deserve the support of student spectators, which we will arrange for the athletics season in the third term of 2026.

In the most recent assembly I focused on respect, one of our seven core school values. The others are service, humility, integrity, truth, courage and love. Respect for the school is partly evident in the way our students greet others, dress and adhere to school rules and the Code of Conduct. In African tradition we say that it takes a village to raise a child. My appeal to all parents is to support us in building a strong school culture so that we can all be proud of St Dunstan's standards. Please have conversations with your children about what is appropriate in terms of good manners within our community and how their contribution matters. It would be wonderful if all students greeted others with a smile, dressed impeccably according to school rules and were committed to a litter-free environment. It is true that every smile matters and every greeting matters.

In this assembly I also emphasised that within society there are certain norms where we show due respect for a person's title, position or age, irrespective of our personal knowledge of them. This is not wrong. The Bible, for example, instructs us to respect our parents. In addition, we are called to respect difference around race, culture and belief, among many other differences. This is founded on the truth that we are all made in the likeness of God. Respect for others should therefore not be based solely on their position in life, but on the simple truth that they are God's creation. I ask that you please reinforce this message with your children.

Finally, I emphasised that respect is also something we earn through our actions, moving beyond the basic respect afforded to us by virtue of our humanity. It begins with self-respect. Showing gratitude, being sincere, keeping one's word, being slow to judge and quick to forgive, demonstrating humility, expressing opinions with sensitivity, avoiding self-destructive behaviours such as excessive drinking and treating others as we would like to be treated are all rooted in self-respect. From a healthy self-image it becomes easier to celebrate the success of others and to avoid gossip or undermining behaviour. Please encourage your children to grow in confidence and self-respect by treating others with dignity and kindness, even when it is undeserved. This reflects the grace shown to us by God, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Warwick Taylor

“ RESPECT IS NOT ABOUT RANK OR RECOGNITION, BUT ABOUT RECOGNISING THE INHERENT WORTH OF EVERY PERSON. ”
- UNKNOWN

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NETBALL: U16 TRAINING



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RUGBY: TRAINING



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BASKETBALL: TRAINING



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CRICKET: 1ST TEAM VS KING DAVID LINKSFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADS OF SPORT

THE HEAD OF GIRLS' SPORT

Sport has been a major part of my life, shaping not only the athlete I am today but also the person I have become. Being the Girls' Head of Sport has given me the privilege to reflect on the immense impact sport has had on my development, values and friendships.

I have been involved in sport for the past thirteen years, and throughout this journey it has remained a place of learning, challenge and belonging. Sport has taught me strength, discipline, teamwork and leadership – lessons that extend far beyond the field or court. Netball, in particular, has played a significant role in my life. I have been playing netball for the past thirteen years, and it has been a constant source of encouragement and happiness. Through netball, I have formed some of my closest friendships – friendships built through early mornings, tough losses, hard-fought wins and unwavering support. One coach who made an unforgettable impact on me was my Grade 10 coach, Coach Leo, also known as Beast. His belief in hard work, discipline and mental toughness helped shape me not only as a better player, but also as a stronger leader and teammate.

In addition to netball, I have had the opportunity to explore a wide range of sports such as swimming, gymnastics, badminton and dancing. These experiences introduced me to diverse skills, environments, and challenges, reminding me that growth can be achieved by stepping beyond familiar grounds.

Athletics and cross-country were also important parts of my sporting journey, especially during primary school. These sports taught me discipline, endurance, and the importance of never giving up – even when the finish line seemed far away. One coach who truly stood out during this time was Coach Roxanne Da Silva. She never gave up on me, even when I had not yet believed in myself. Through her support and confidence, I was able to recognise my potential and understand the importance of self-belief.

Today, I am extremely proud and excited to see sport continuing to thrive in our high school. The recent sporting events have filled me with pride, showcasing not only our athletes' abilities but also their sportsmanship, hard work and team spirit. One of the most memorable moments has been our athletics team winning first place at Inter-High – an outstanding achievement that reflects dedication, effort, and unity.

Sport is not only about competition; it is a space to bond, develop, and grow in character. I owe much of who I am today to the experiences, coaches, and teammates who have supported me along the way. As the Girls' Head of Sport, I look forward to continuing to support, celebrate, and strengthen the sporting culture within our school.

Naledi Sepengane

THE HEAD OF BOYS' SPORT

Sport has been an extremely influential part of my life for the past 13 years, during which I have played cricket, football and hockey. Sport truly became my happy place when I joined high school. When I joined the College, just after COVID, sport became my escape from a disconnected world.

Cricket was my original go-to at the College, with Coach Brett playing a very influential role in my cricket journey. He helped me improve my game and believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. Through his guidance, I was able to make the first team and play some amazing cricket.

My most influential coach throughout my high school career, and across all the sports I've played, is Coach Njabs – a man I am more than honoured to call my favourite coach. He is one of the biggest reasons I have been able to get to where I am today in hockey. Coach Njabs is an international-level hockey coach, but more than that, he is incredibly kind. No matter what I'm going through, he always offers a helping hand and gets me back on track, whether by pointing out where I'm going wrong or simply by giving me comfort and confidence. With Coach Njabs, I've managed to make the provincial U18A side at the age of 16 and was selected to tour Europe for hockey with an All Stars team.

In case you're thinking that hockey isn't the sport for you, I'm happy to say that Coach Njabs is not the only coach like this at the College. For every student who plays sport at this school, there is a coach like him – someone who will teach you, encourage you and help you reach your full potential.

My encouragement to all students reading this is to go and play sport for the school. Sport allows you to escape the pressures of life and simply be free. The sporting environment at this school helps anyone who tries it to find a new "family" and to learn valuable life lessons. These are experiences you will carry with you long after you leave school. I urge all of you to give sport a try, whether you're already an athlete or just starting out, because your own "Coach Njabs" is waiting to help you on your sporting journey.

Jethro Wroble

SPORTS: RESULTS

CRICKET

U15 T20 vs Hoërskool Marais Viljoen

SDC won the toss and elected to bat
SDC: 324 for 2 wickets in 20 overs
Tatum White: 106 off 40 balls
Gerhard Nel: 104 off 47 balls
Hoërskool Marais Viljoen: 13 all out
Roderigo Ascenção: 5 wickets for 4 runs in 4 overs
SDC won by 311 runs

2nd Team vs Edenglen High School 1st Team

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl
Edenglen High School: 152 for 8 in 20 overs
Vuyile Zwane: 2 wickets for 20 runs in 4 overs
SDC: 108 all out
Joshua Long: 24 runs off 14 balls
SDC lost by 44 runs

1st Team vs King David Linksfield

King David won the toss and elected to bowl
SDC: 196 for 3 in 20 overs
Liam van der Westhuizen: 102 off 67 balls
King David: 74 all out
Joshua Cook: 2 wickets for 4 runs in 1 over
SDC won by 122 runs

U15 vs Hoërskool Marais Viljoen

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl
Hoërskool Marais Viljoen: 152 for 7 in 20 overs
Gerhard Nel: 2 wickets for 26 runs in 4 overs
SDC: 45 all out
Roderigo Ascenção: 25 runs off 26 balls
SDC lost by 107 runs

1st Team 50 Over vs Hoërskool Marais Viljoen 2nd Team

Hoërskool Marais Viljoen won the toss and elected to bat
Hoërskool Marais Viljoen: 362 all out in 50 overs
Jayden Human: 4 wickets for 78 runs in 10 overs
SDC: 230 all out
James Giles: 63 off 65 balls
Jayden Human: 62 off 64 balls
SDC lost by 132 runs

U15 vs Hoërskool Marais Viljoen

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl
Hoërskool Marais Viljoen: 246 all out in 39 overs
Mitchell Roache: 4 wickets for 26 runs in 7 overs
SDC: 185 all out
SDC lost by 60 runs

2nd Team vs Hoërskool Kempton Park

Hoërskool Kempton Park won the toss and elected to bat
Hoërskool Kempton Park: 173 all out
Vuyile Zwane: 5 wickets for 41 runs in 4 overs
SDC: 95 all out
SDC lost by 78 runs



SPORTS: RESULTS CONTINUED

ATHLETICS: INTER-HIGH

- 1st St Dunstan's College
- 2nd Maranatha Christian College
- 3rd Ashton International College
- 4th Shangri-La Academy
- 5th Pinnacle College Rynfield
- 6th Woodlands International College
- 7th St Francis College
- 8th ACEDEO Crystal Park
- 9th Ridgewood College
- 10th EcoCampus College
- 11th Buckingham Academy
- 12th Ashbury College

BASKETBALL

Boys Team vs Christian Brothers College Boksburg

U14: Lost 23 - 11

U16B: Won 25 - 16

U16A: Won 25 - 16

1st Team: Lost 28 - 19

TENNIS

Boys Team vs Christian Brothers College Boksburg

A Team: Lost 5 - 4

B Team: Lost 53 - 40

Boys Team vs Parktown Boys' High School

A Team: Won 5 - 4

SQUASH

Girls Team vs St Teresa's School

U19: Won 3 - 1

Boys Team vs Springs Boys' High School - Lost

WATERPOLO

Friendly vs SAHETI

Boys Team: lost 13 - 3

Girls Team: Lost 7 - 4

SWIMMING

Ridgewood Gala

1st St Dominic's / Christian Brothers College A: 362

2nd St Dunstan's College: 311

3rd Hoërskool Hans Moore / Ashton College (tied): 270

4th Pinnacle College Rynfield: 233

5th St Dominic's / Christian Brothers College B: 196

8th Ridgewood College: 86

Gauteng Co-Educational Gala

1st St Dunstan's College: 468

2nd Edenvale High School: 408

3rd Benoni High School A: 397

4th Reddam House Bedfordview: 297

5th Edenvale High B: 246

6th Benoni High B: 201

7th Pinnacle College Founders Hill: 164

CGA LEAGUE MEETING



Taylah Cobbett: 1st U18 Womens' 100m and 2nd U18 Womens' 200m

Denè Geldenhuys: 4th U16 Girls' 100m and 6th U16 Girls' 200m

Chelsea van Dyk: 1st U16 Girls' 3000m and 1st U16 Girls' 1500m Steeplechase

Gemma Rigele: 4th U18 Girls' 400m

NATIONAL RECORD



Chelsea van Dyk set a new national U16 girls' 1500m steeplechase record at the first CGA track and field league meeting at Germiston Stadium on the 31st January. Well done, Chelsea!

ROWING – CAMP AT ROODEPLAAT DAM



MIDMAR MILE



**PHILLIPA
WILLIAMS**



**KADE
HODGKINSON**



**AVA
CONSTANTINIDES**



**TRENT
WILLIAMS**



**SADIE
KATA**



SWIMMING: DUBAI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Daniel Bulhakov participated in the Dubai Open Swimming Championships, delivering strong performances and achieving qualification-standard results in multiple events.



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FOOD DRIVE

Collection Date: Friday, 13th March
Please bring all donations to Mrs Ritchie

GR 8s-9s

Dry Soup Mix, Packets of soup, Rice, Pasta, Lentils/Salt Peas

GR 10s

(Canned Goods)
Chopped Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Meat, Beans and Legumes, Soup (Cream style or broth-based)

GR 11s

Cooking Oil, Stock powder/cube, Salt & pepper, Dried Herbs, Garlic/onion powder

GR 12s

Bread, fresh fruit, Margarine or butter spread



THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026
EBOTSE KATSE ROOM

PAYMENT VIA KARBHI APP (QR CODE PROVIDED) - PAYMENT BEFORE 17 FEBRUARY PLEASE.
@18.00 R495 PP.- LIGHT DINNER AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP: SWITELAW@STDUNSTANS.CO.ZA

Paint & Sip Night



EXCITING NEWS OFF THE PRESS...

GREATER BENONI TEAM

Congratulations to the following athletics on being selected to represent St Dunstan's College in the Greater Benoni Athletics event:

Faith Ani
Zoë Bezuidenhout
Sia Bouwers
Dene Geldenhuys
Layla Nel
Miané Pistorius
Chelsea van Dyk
Kaylan White
Jenna Williams
Callum Jobling
Gareth Jonas
Gerhard Nel
Brayden Periasamy
Itumeleng Tsomele
Brandon Wardill
Melina Alexandrou
Robyn Brothers
Taylah Cobbett
Gabriella Goncalves
Ruvimbo Mupeti
Gemma Rigele
Amelia Smit
Krysten Wardill
Daniella Wridgway
Jayden Aucamp
Savvakis Dimenakis
Jayden Human
Ramalepe Mametsa
Nathan Markham
Keagan Merifield
Miguel Ungerer
Naledi Diraditsile
Sven Bouwers
Hayden Chaplin
Buddy Zackey

VALENTINE'S BLOOM BAR

Build your own bouquet

At St Dunstan's College
FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY
During both breaks

We offer you the opportunity to build your own Valentine's bouquet using a beautiful selection of fresh flowers! The Perfect gift for someone special!

Bouquet Options: R50 - R250
Optional add-ons: ribbons, card, chocolates & premium wrapping
**Proceeds go towards the Matric Farewell Fundraiser.*

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Details by Sydney

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Wear **RED** this Valentine's Day
Friday, 13 February



- Cost: R20
- Dress code: ONLY red, white and pink may be worn
- Payments are to be made on the Karri App
- Money collected will go towards "I Serve Day"

“ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. ”

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8



EASTER SPORTS FESTIVAL



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2026

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Opening Function: 1 April 2026 Fixtures: 2 April 2026 | 4 April 2026 | 6 April 2026

GOLD SPONSOR - R60 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branding on a selected high-traffic area - food court, recovery zone, or student chill zone
- Branding on select Festival communications
- 50% grandstand branding
- 2 on-field or courtside banners
- Branding on Festival schedules/fixtures
- 4 VIP passes.
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Pre-Festival communication to visiting schools
- Branding on selected goodie bag items
- Festival App Listing

MEDIC SPONSOR - R50 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branding on a selected high-traffic area - medical areas and recovery zone
- Branding on select Festival communications
- 50% grandstand branding
- 2 on-field or courtside banners per arena
- Branding on Festival schedules/fixtures
- 4 VIP passes.
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Pre-Festival communication to visiting schools
- Branding on selected goodie bag items
- Festival App listing

UMPIRE/REF SPONSOR- R50 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branded clothing for each umpire/referee to be worn while working at the Festival
- Branding on select Festival communications
- 50% grandstand branding
- 2 on-field or courtside banners per arena
- Branding on Festival schedules/fixtures
- 4 VIP passes.
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Pre-Festival communication to visiting schools
- Branding on selected goodie bag items
- Festival App listing

SILVER SPONSOR - R30 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branding on perimeter fencing
- 1 banner per chosen sports arena
- Inclusion in online sponsor thank-you posts
- Branding on Festival app sponsor section
- 2 VIP passes
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Festival App listing

BRONZE SPONSOR - R15 000

- Branding on one festival banner location
- Logo featured on website sponsor page
- Social media thank-you post
- Pre-festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Festival App Listing

SUPPORTER SPONSOR - R5 000-R10 000

- Logo included on group "Friends of the Festival" banner.
- Social media appreciation post
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Festival App listing

COMBINATION SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Should you want to take advantage of the exciting sponsorship opportunities at the St Dunstan's Easter Sports Festival, the Easter Sports Festival sponsorship team is available to discuss your specific branding and marketing requirements.

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