



ST DUNSTAN'S PREPARATORY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“ *Learning to focus on what is within one's control, rather than worrying about what is not, is significant.* ”

The Preparatory School house system provides a unique platform for children to enjoy a 'home away from home'. House spirit, collaboration across grades, a sense of belonging and tradition are but a few of the benefits that the children at St Dunstan's enjoy as a result of the house system. In addition, it is a crucial platform that ensures that each child matters.

Mr Tucker and the Heads of House are constantly striving to improve on this already excellent aspect of the school. It was pleasing to see the house system showcased at the recent Open Day. A number of Grade 7 pupils assisted at the house table, and it was heartwarming to hear them describe their experiences in their houses with a great sense of pride.

The traditional Headmaster's Tea has seen a revision in format, with a cross-section of children from each house being invited to spend time together during the house assembly slot. Once again, the sense of pride in their houses and in the Preparatory School as a whole was clearly evident. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about their Preparatory School experiences. The Grade 7 pupils even provided some relevant 'Surviving Senior Prep' advice to their younger house counterparts. The older grades' willingness to take on a mentoring role is especially valuable.

House and Inter-School competitions provide children with the opportunity to compete and test themselves. The life lessons learned are invaluable, regardless of the result. In a world that encourages both adults and children to define themselves by achievement, the lessons learned through competition, particularly at a Preparatory School level, are of far greater importance.

Learning to focus on what is within one's control, rather than worrying about what is not, is significant. This allows children to enjoy the process of learning new skills. So, what is controllable? Our children's intention, preparation, daily decisions and reaction to outcomes. When focus is placed on these, children are able to develop a deep sense of satisfaction that comes from diligent preparation, the subsequent improvement in skills and use of their God-given talents.

God bless,

Matthew Malbran

INTER-HOUSE: SWIMMING GALA



INTER-HOUSE: TROPHY WINNERS!

Stroke & Event Trophies

Dave Schneider Trophy (Boys Open Backstroke): *Zach Roux*

Stainton Trophy (Girls Open Backstroke): *Brooke Vos*

Van der Spuy Trophy (Boys Open Butterfly): *Bandile Luhabe*

Van der Spuy Trophy (Girls Open Butterfly): *Brooke Vos*

Barry Fergusson Trophy (Boys Open Freestyle): *Zach Roux*

Pauline Cook Trophy (Girls Open Freestyle): *Brooke Vos*

Bruce Bassett Trophy (Boys Open Breaststroke): *Bandile Luhabe*

Van Druten Trophy (Girls Open Breaststroke): *Brooke Vos*

Boys Open Individual Medley: *Bandile Luhabe*

Girls Open Individual Medley: *Brooke Vos*

Age-Group & Achievement Trophies

Bea Davis Trophy - Grade 1 Girls: *Capri Piper*

Bea Davis Trophy - Grade 1 Boys: *Travis Cloete*

Zanoli Trophy - Grade 2 Girls: *Zoe Rossom*

Zanoli Trophy - Grade 2 Boys: *Rogan Bellingham*

Venter Trophy - Grade 3 Girls: *Mila Katzin*

St Dunstan's Trophy - Grade 3 Boys: *Kiano Goncalves*

Scott Trophy - U10 Boys: *Chehan Burger*

Leichti Trophy - U10 Girls: *Avia-Grace Wittstock*

Jackie McNamara Trophy for Junior Girls Achievement (U9 & U10): *Aiva-Grace Wittstock*

Andre van der Merwe Trophy for Junior Boys Achievement (U9 & U10): *Chehan Burger*

Taylor Trophy - U11 Girls: *Lily Herrmann*

Taylor Trophy - U11 Boys: *Preston Harris*

Levin Trophy - U12 Girls: *Kelsey Sloan*

Levin Trophy - U12 Boys: *Carter Barnard*

Senior Awards

Carstensen Trophy: Intermediate Boys Achievement (U11 & U12): *Preston Harris*

Thorogood Trophy: Intermediate Girls Achievement (U11 & U12): *Lily Herrmann*

Blair & Jess Neely Trophy: Senior Victrix Ludorum: *Brooke Vos*

Brandon Isemonger Trophy: Senior Victor Ludorum: *Bandile Luhabe*

House Awards

JP van der Merwe Trophy - Overall Winners: *Bishops (973 points)*

The Spirit Trophy: *Wardens*



SWIMMING: EGA LAST CHANCE GALA



RAIGEN WITTSTOCK
2nd 50m Backstroke



AIVA-GRACE WITTSTOCK
3rd 50m Breaststroke
2nd 200m Individual Medley
1st 50m Freestyle
1st 100m Freestyle



KELSEY SLOAN
2nd 50m Breaststroke
3rd 100m Breaststroke
2nd 50m Freestyle
1st 200m Breaststroke



PRESTON HARRISS
3rd 100m Breaststroke



NOLITHA LUHABE
2nd 200m Freestyle
2nd 50m Freestyle
2nd 100m Freestyle



LILY HERRMANN
3rd 50m Breaststroke
2nd 200m Individual Medley
3rd 50m Backstroke



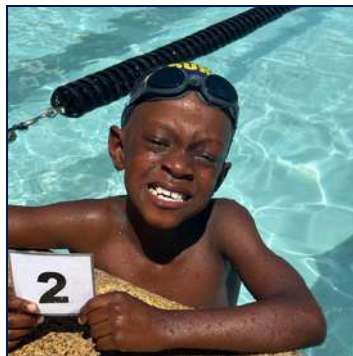
BANDILE LUHABE
1st 50m Breaststroke
3rd 200m Freestyle
2nd 100m Breaststroke
2nd 200m Breaststroke
1st 100m Freestyle

“ In swimming every breath and every stroke matters. ”

'A' TEAM GALA AT FOUNDERS HILL



'B' TEAM GALA AT COLIN MANN



SISA ATHLETICS: TRACK EVENTS



**EVERY
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SISA ATHLETICS: FIELD EVENTS



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ANNOUNCEMENT: SPORTS CAPTAINS



BATSILE NGOBENI
ATHLETICS



DYLAN SABBIONI
CRICKET



DHANAV SINGH
CHESS



ALEXA BUSSEY
ROWING



MILANIA JACOBS
SOFTBALL



LACEY HODGKINSON
SWIMMING



BANDILE LUHABE
SWIMMING



TAYLA TUCKER
TENNIS



RILEY BAARD
TENNIS

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GRADE ONE: INTEGRATED SPORT



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GRADE TWO: INTEGRATED SPORT



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MOMENTS OF JOY CAPTURED



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DRAMA CLUB



GRADE SEVEN SCIENCE



HOT OFF THE PRESS...

Our Library received a recent upgrade!
Thank you to everyone involved in making this such an amazing 'reading' space.



Golfing Star

Colby Barnard came second in the US Kids Golf Tournaments and has been selected to represent US Kids U9B in their Inter-Provincial Tournament. Well done, Colby!



Social Responsibility

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

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." - Muhammad.

Submitted by Reese Nay

Kindness doesn't have to be loud to be powerful - it's the quiet choices we make every day that change someone's whole world.

Submitted by Bahumi Rakgokong

OPEN DAY



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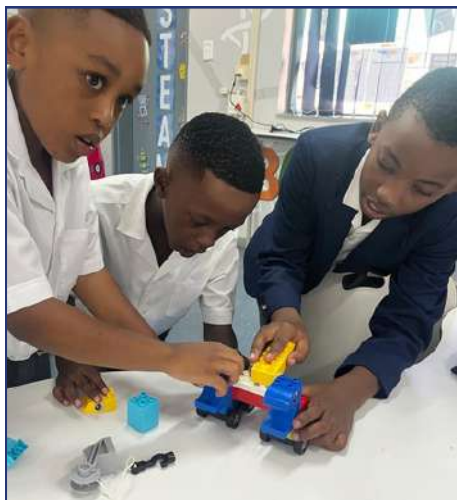
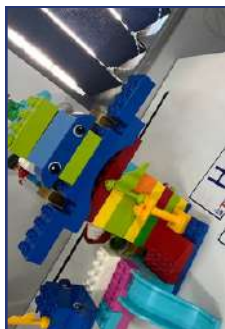
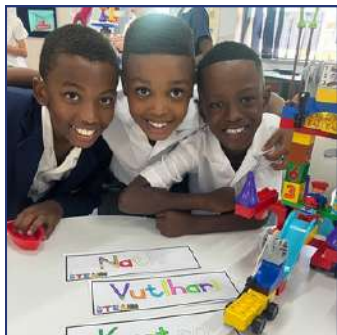
SCIENCE CLUB



ART IN ACTION!



GRADE THREE STEAM



DATES TO DIARISE

Friday, 13 February

Wardens Civics Day

Valentine's Disco

Tuesday, 17 February

Shrove Tuesday | Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday, 18 February

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, 19 February

Half-Term Break | **School Closes at 11:45**

Tuesday, 24 February

Return from Half-Term Break

Thursday, 26 February

Athletics - District Meeting

Friday, 27 February

Reading Picnic (Grade 1-4)

Monday, 2 March

Community Service Day (Grade 1-7)

Friday, 6 March

Swimathon

PLEASE NOTE:



SECOND HAND SHOP

Our second hand shop is located at **51 Baines Street**, and is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 13:00 to 14:30.



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.



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE IS CASHLESS

(Bank cards accepted)

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following staff and pupils who celebrate their birthdays from 24th January to 6th February 2026.

Mr Masheshemane.

Nqobile Mthembu, Mary Vogdanos, Brodie Fick, Benjamin Van Zyl, Bryce Bester, Nkosinathi Hlubi, Lentswe Matamela, Luminathi Maneli, Tyler Rangiah, Lily Herrmann, Rehumile Mainganya, Alexander Gogos, Christian Gogos, Becca Sammons, Benjamin Fickling, Maddison Laridon, Liam Beharie, Sky Beharie and Caleb Chicken.