

# EVERYTHING MATTERS

# 2026



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# ST DUNSTAN'S PREPARATORY NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK



Dear Parents and Guardians,

### The power of music

Creative expression in the musical sphere combines several crucial skills that sit at opposite poles: the diligence of preparation versus the spontaneity of performing in the moment, and the free-thinking of the creative process versus the structured approach required to produce a piece enjoyable for listeners. Other, perhaps less focused-on, skills include the courage to perform in front of a crowd with the spotlight and audience attention directed at the performer, the strength of character to continue unfazed when making a mistake and the ability to be present and enjoy the moment.

The Preparatory School Music Department presented its termly informal music evenings this week, showcasing the abilities of our talented musical performers. I must commend each and every child involved over the two nights. The Senior Preparatory evening "kicked off" with the Senior Preparatory Orchestra, followed by the Grade 6 and 7 Rock Band performing 'End of the Beginning'. They quickly had the audience's feet tapping to the catchy beat, warming up the room for the individual performances to come. At a junior level the Friday Marimba's opened the evening performing 'Rain Dance'.

Amongst two evenings of standout performances, Grayson Oviedo's spirited rendition of Billy Joel's 'Vienna', Alexa Bussey's 'Fight Song' and 'The Juggler' performed by Laylah Van Straaten all wowed the crowd. At the Junior Preparatory evening, Nyiko Golele's saxophone performance, Tyler Rangiah's drum solo, Khumo Mogorerane on violin, and Yi Chai's 'Polonaise' by Chopin impressed all in attendance.

While listening to Charlotte Sammons' rendition of 'Count on Me', with the crowd singing in support, I glanced over the audience and observed the happy faces. It struck me how success is fostered through the collaborative support provided by parents and the school.

Events such as these demonstrate tangibly the astounding effectiveness of this partnership.

Next week will be an opportunity to enjoy the Junior Preparatory Music Evening and SDC's Got Talent. In addition, the 3-IN-1 Festival takes place next week from Thursday to Saturday. I look forward to seeing many parents in attendance at these events, providing essential support for their children.

*Matthew Moolman*

# **ALICE IN WONDERLAND CAST**



**ELIANA CANADA**  
Alice



**AMY VAN ZYL**  
Tall Alice



**KARISA MOTH**  
Small Alice



**KENDALL KHWELA**  
Matilda (Alice's Sister)



**MILA GADNEY**  
Friends 1



**THORISO RAKOMA**  
Friends 2



**NKAZIMULO MLANGENI**  
Cheshire Cats



**KAIKARA KAHIMBAARA**  
Cheshire Cats



**RAE NTSOANE**  
Cheshire Cats



**JORDAN OVIEDO**  
White Rabbit



**KYE TURCK**  
Door Knob



**BETHEL JAMBAYA**  
Dodo Bird

# **ALICE IN WONDERLAND CAST**



**JORDAN WHITTINGTON**  
Mad Hatter



**ASHTON FINCH**  
March Hare



**MASEGO MOROBI**  
Queen of Hearts



**VUTLHARI MABZA**  
King of Hearts



**NKOSINATHI HLUBI**  
Tweedle Dum



**MONALEPELO MOJAPELE**  
Tweedle D



**CHRISTEL LADBROOKE**  
Rose



**LILY RAATH**  
Lily



**ELLA MTHWA**  
Petunia



**KGOSIGADI MANASOE**  
Daisy



**TAYLOR HARRISS**  
Violet



**AKWANDE MALINGA**  
Caterpillar

# **BOOK EXCHANGE**



# **GRADE 1 AND 2 STEAM**



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# PI DAY



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# SWIMMING

The **A Team** participated in the **Top 5** Johannesburg Inter-Primary League Gala at SAHETL.



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# **INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**



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# **GRADE 6 AND 7 INFORMAL MUSIC EVENING**



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# RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Golf

Joshua McDonald, in Grade 1, played in the SA Kids event at Wanderers Golf Course yesterday and shot a 50. He finished in 3rd place.



## U9 FOOTBALL



# **BUILDING PROGRESS**



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS...**

## **PADEL FUNDRAISER**

### **GOLF DAY 2026**

SAVE THE DATE

Make sure to save the date for the much anticipated annual St Dunstan's Golf Day to be held at Seniors Country Club.

**THURSDAY, 30 JULY 2026**

Details to follow.

**#EVERYDRIVEMATTERS**



## DATES TO DIARISE...

Monday, 23 March	Grade 7 - Sexuality Education
Tuesday, 24 March	Grade 6 - Sexuality Education
Wednesday, 25 March	SDC's Got Talent
Thursday, 26 March	Grade 5 - Sexuality Education
Friday, 27 March	Junior Primary Parent's Afternoon
Saturday, 28 March	Grade 4 - Sexuality Education
Sunday, 29 March	3-IN-1 Winter Sports Festival Begins
Monday, 30 March	Junior Primary Parent's Afternoon
Tuesday, 31 March	Senior Primary Parent's Afternoon
Wednesday, 1 April	Easter Sports Festival Opening
Thursday, 2 April	School Holiday
Friday, 3 April	Easter Holiday

## VOCAL COACH



Charlotte Benjamin is a vocal coach available for private lessons at St Dunstan's College for all students from Grade 000 to Grade 12. Her coaching session types include voice coaching, preparation for "Trinity College London" exams, Eisteddfod and talent shows, with music genres including Pop and Rock, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Light Classical and Opera. For more information please contact Charlotte on **079 967 0097** or email **charlotte.kilian@gmail.com**

## 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 7th March to 20th March 2026.

Mrs Dane, Mrs van Straaten, Mrs Shorter, Mrs Biermann and Mrs Baard

Isaahn Karigoudar, Stephen Olowoyo, Zayna Limbada, Devashin Pillay, Leshariya Rammanhor, Lisandro Teixeira, Zendaya Khulu, Alexia Stephens, Adriel Takawira, Danilo Teixeira, Mila Raath, Lesedi Sehole, Ondwela Nengwenda, Matthew Robertson, Katleho Seekane and Rotondwa Tshikhudo.