

# EVERYTHING MATTERS

# 2026



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# ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



It is satisfying to reflect on the many blessings and successes we have enjoyed as a school throughout this first term of 2026. While we celebrate a few notable achievements detailed below, our theme for the year, "Every Thing Matters", extends beyond these. My hope is that everyone's personal experience of Term 1 has been rewarding and marked by personal growth.

A few of the top sporting successes of 2026 so far include winning both the Inter-High Athletics and the Inter-High Swimming gala. Recently, our UI4 netball team came first at the prestigious Roedean Festival.

Notable sporting achievements this term include multiple gold medals at the SA Rowing Championships, individual swimmers who medalled at the SA National Youth Championships and four athletes taking part in the upcoming SA Schools' Athletics Championships. The number of students selected for national and provincial representation across multiple sporting codes speaks to the depth of our sporting offering and the commitment of our students.

As impressive as these achievements are, the Easter Sports Festival (ESF) stands out. From the survey results and general feedback, the atmosphere and experience of both players and spectators was close to ten out of ten.

Winning the boys' hockey at our own festival was a real highlight for me. That said, the 1st team netball results came a close second. I also believe the introduction of 7s rugby was an excellent addition to the festival and I can see this aspect growing from strength to strength.

From my perspective, the spirit and support from students at the ESF was the best to date. I congratulate the new Spirit Leaders, including those who wore the lion mascot outfit. Their energy was infectious. A huge thank you to all students involved – from the players, First Aid and Photography teams, to our student leaders, liaisons and supporters.

I would like to thank the Easter Sports Committee, under Natasha Hardy's leadership, for a job exceptionally well done. My thanks also go to Julie Symons and the sports department for the countless hours they dedicated to ensuring the festival's success.

On the cultural front this term, in the Public Speaking Guild Competition, both Grade 8 teams received an A+ symbol and one Grade 12 team also received an A+. During the course of the term, we successfully hosted one of the national debating leagues. The talent show and musical evening have highlighted the strength of our cultural programme and we are all looking forward to the major production, *Sister Act*, next term.

It has been a busy term of tours and camps. The momentum continues into the April holidays with an upcoming European tour, a hike and the Sun City golf tour.

"The Big Build" is progressing well and we look forward to opening the Memorial Hall next term. The STEM Centre is scheduled for completion in September.

From a staffing perspective, Mrs Violet El Haddad has resigned, effective from the beginning of September. Professionally, her appointment to a more senior teaching role at St Benedict's College offers a valuable growth opportunity. She will be missed and I know her students will be disappointed. I am grateful that she will still be with us next term and we will reserve the formal goodbyes for later.

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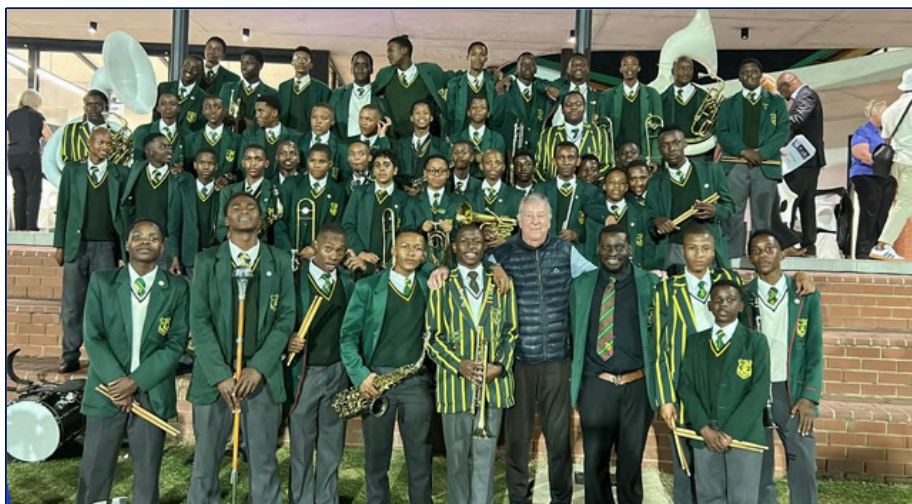
We do, however, say goodbye to Mrs Sonya Schmidt and thank her for stepping in for Mrs Pascale Le Roux during her recovery period.

I wish all a restful April holiday filled with healthy family time as we prepare ourselves for Trinity Term. Every term matters!

*Mr Warwick Taylor*



# OPENING FUNCTION OF THE ESF



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# BOYS HOCKEY

## TOP GOAL SCORER



Jethro Hardy was awarded Top Goal Scorer for the Festival for Boys Hockey



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# **GIRLS HOCKEY**



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# RUGBY 7s

## AWARDS - RUGBY 7s



Ndalo Ndzube was awarded Top Try Scorer and Jayden Aucamp Best Player for the Festival.



# NETBALL



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# THANK YOU FIRST AID CLUB!



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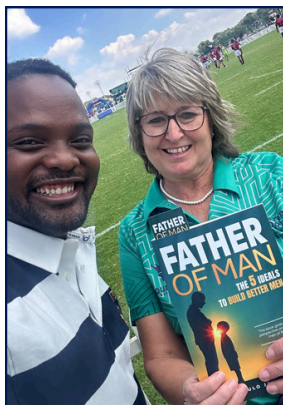
Five sets of siblings participated in the Easter Sports Festival as part of St Dunstan's College 1<sup>st</sup> Teams - Owen and Katelyn McGill, Tatum and Kaylan White, Tristan and Jade Nidd, Jethro and Garrick Hardy, and Ndalo and Azande Ndzube.



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# OLD SCHOOL JERSEYS AT THE ESF



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# DUNSTONIANS AT THE ESF



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**RUGBY  
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NETBALL**

# **EASTER SPORTS FESTIVAL** **THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS...**

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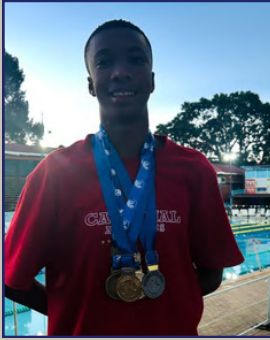


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# SWIMMING: LEVEL 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS



**FEZILE LUHABE**

Gold medals: 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay and 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay  
Silver medal: 400m Freestyle  
Bronze medal: 4 x 100m Mixed Relay



**JESSICA WOOD**

Gold medal: 400m Freestyle  
Silver medals:  
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay and 4 x 100m Mixed Relay



**DAMON HEIDE**

Bronze medal: 100m Butterfly

## INDOOR NETBALL: SA SQUAD SELECTIONS

Thabi Makau (U17), Gabriella Gonçalves (U17), Sianna van der Merwe (U15) and Teagan van Gool (U15) have been selected as part of the SA Indoor Netball Ladies' Squad to participate in the Indoor Netball World Cup 2027 in Australia.



**TEAGAN  
VAN GOOL**



**SIANNA  
VAN DER MERWE**



**THABI MAKAU AND GABRIELLA GONÇALVES**

## NETBALL: NEWS

Thabi Makau, Gabriella Gonçalves and Tintswalo Dliwayo were selected as part of the SA Invitational Netball Team to tour the UK in December.



# NETBALL: GAUTENG SQUAD SELECTIONS



**FAITH  
ANI U14**



**TEAGAN  
VAN GOOL U14**



**NOSIPHO  
MLUNGWANE U15**



**THABI  
MAKAU U16**



**DEBORAH  
OVIAHON U17**



**ABIGAIL  
VAN GOOL U17**

# TELKOM LEAGUE: EKURHULENI SQUAD



**DEBORAH  
OVIAHON  
U19 AND U21**



**ABIGAIL  
VAN GOOL  
U19 AND U21**



**ALYSSA  
DA SILVA  
U19 AND U21**



**NONTSI  
NTSHINGILA  
U19**



**GABRIELLA  
GONÇALVES  
U19**



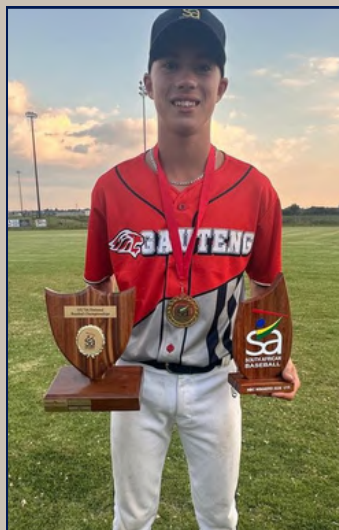
## **ATHLETICS: ASA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Chelsea van Dyk secured double gold medals at the ASA Championships, winning the 1500m U16 girls' title in a time of 04:27:25 and the 3000m U16 girls' title in a time of 09:49:30. This is an incredible achievement, well done Chelsea!



## **BASEBALL: SA U15 SQUAD**

Tatum White was a part of the U15A Team who won the National Tournament, and has been selected for the Tournament Team and chosen as part of the 25-man provisional squad to represent South Africa at the U15 Baseball World Cup in Mexico in September.



## **HOCKEY: HIGH PERFORMANCE**



**SJA  
BOUWERS U14**



**OLIVIA  
KARTSOUNIS U14**



**KAZIMLA  
NOKELE U14**

## **OLD SCHOOL JERSEY HOLIDAY CHALLENGE!**

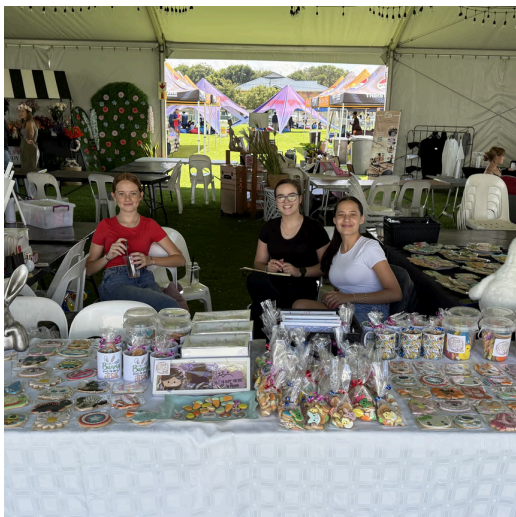
Where will you and your Old School jersey go these holidays? From the bush to the Berg, the beach to the braai, or even those of you going on Euro Tour - we challenge you to send us a picture of you and your jersey to 083 794 3463!



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# MUSIC EVENING



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