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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,

Welcome back to school, and a special welcome to the new families and children starting their journey at St Dunstan's. My prayer for us all is that 2026 will prove to be a time of success.

As we begin the school year, there is inevitably a mix of emotions. The excitement on the first day of returning to school to see friends, old and new, anticipation of the year to come, and as a result, some nerves.

“ *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.* ”
Isaiah 26:3-4

While we may be tempted to frantically rush into the year and all that it has to offer, this verse highlights that it is best to take time to talk to God each day, to rather trust Him than just do things ourselves.

By the time of me writing this, the school will already be a buzz of activity as academic lessons are now in full swing, and the sport and cultural programme is underway. Today, the annual battle for Inter-House swimming honours took place. It has been a day of camaraderie and house competition. Both the Junior and Senior Preparatory Parents' Information Evenings also took place this week. Should you still require any information from these evenings, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teachers.

Over the holidays, both the teachers and support staff were busy, with a number of the Preparatory School teachers attending an informative AI course, invaluable in equipping them in this day and age. The impact of AI on the education sector, and indeed in all spheres, is fascinating. The support staff were also busy with various building projects around the school. The finishing touches are being put on the front office, newly revamped Computer Centre and the Preparatory Library, along with several other much-needed cosmetic changes around the campus.

Next week, the school hosts the SISA Athletics Meet. We look forward to welcoming a number of our local independent school counterparts, with the meeting taking place on the College athletics track. In addition, Open Day takes place on Saturday, 31 January. The campuses will again be a hive of activity as we showcase the excellence which the school has on offer.

As we settle back into the hustle and bustle again, we can reflect on the verse: *trusting God and keeping our minds fixed on Him is the antidote to frantic, stressful living.* Doing that allows us to live each day with purpose, not being distracted by what is to come in the future. It means each day and moment will matter.

God bless

Matthew Malbran

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STAFF NEW APPOINTMENTS



KYLE LACY
HOD - ENGLISH



TRACY DE BRUIN
GRADE 3



BRETT WHITELAW
GRADE 6



STEFAN JACOBS
GRADE 7



CATHERINE FICKLING
GRADE 1



COURAGE SITHOLE
MUSIC



TAYLA JENKINSON
INTERN



WELCOME - GRADE ONE 2026



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INTEGRATED DAY: NETBALL



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CRICKET ACTION



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ATHLETICS



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GRADE 2 NETBALL



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COMPUTER ROOM UPGRADE UNLOCKED!



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THANK YOU

Thank you to TMLT Holdings for the generous donation of school shoes for 50 children at Project Feed the Children. Pictured are representatives from the company handing over the shoes as well as Dumasani (from Project Feed the Children) receiving the shoes from Mrs Peta-Anne Patel (Head of Social Responsibility).



GRADE ONE TWIN TASTIC X4!

EVERY

SMILE, DAY, DREAM, HOPE,
HELLO, WISH, CHILD, TEACHER,
STUDENT, PARENT, PERSON,
BOOK, TEST, LESSON, MARK,
CLASS, WORK, GAME,
FOR EVERYONE



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DATES TO DIARISE

Monday, 26 January	Grade 2 and 3 Extramurals commence
Tuesday, 27 January	Athletics - SISA Schools Track Meeting
Thursday, 29 January	Athletics - Private School Field Events Meeting
Saturday, 31 January	Open Day
Monday, 2 February	Individual Photos
	Grade 1 Extramurals commence
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

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 1st January to 23rd January 2026.

Miss Brukwe, Mr Chaplin, Mr Taylor, Mrs Patel, Mrs Cameron, Mr Harris, Miss Prokopi, Mrs Dean, Mr Van Heerden.

Brodi Dowling, Zion Moodley, Mogau Mphahlele, Peyton Pretorius, Ruben Ward, Rafaele Bottari, Hlumelo, Amy Van Zyl, Hannah Tuniz, Thateho Matsipe, Travis Cloete, Jayden Pretorius, Hunter Schoeman, Jordan Whittington, Kgotso Dhlamini, Léila Le Roux, Arianna Pignanelli, Imani Sithole, Bhekisizwe Mlangeni, Sibongumusa Zondi, Preston Harris, Zacary Edworthy, Nizibone Reiners, Kai Roux, Lwandle Mkhwanazi, Onalenna Mohaswa, Unathi Mgwebi, Siyamthanda Fakude, Liyanda Ngele, Simi Makwakwa, Anja Pistorius, Chehon Burger, Stoic Makata, Bothale Rammego and Thuthukani Mkhize.

HOT OFF THE PRESS...

More photographs and results of the Inter-House gala will appear in the next issue.

