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NEWS ABOUT DUNSTONIANS - PAST AND PRESENT



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A MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW MOOLMAN

During my first St Dunstan's Assembly, I drew a parallel between the start of a running race and the surge of energy at the beginning of a school term, noting how that initial momentum often dictates the final outcome. Yet, while a strong start is vital, to quote Aristotle:

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Returning to St Dunstan's nearly six months ago, over a decade since my departure in 2013, I find myself reflecting on our progress. Has our collective effort truly cultivated a lasting, self-sustaining culture of excellence? Our mission statement, **forging character through a holistic, co-educational, and personalised learning experience**, provides a clear lens for this reflection.

To say the development of the College, in all spheres, has been striking would be an understatement.

The introduction of the 3-IN-1 Festival in the Preparatory School, the rejuvenation of the College Easter Festival and the various sports tours to prestigious schools around the country are highlights on the sporting calendar. The manner in which these festivals have grown each year continues to put St Dunstan's on the map.

The improvement on the cultural front has been nothing short of exponential. At the recent retirement farewell of a longstanding staff member, I thought of the humble beginnings of the music programme at St Dunstan's in contrast with the broad offering provided now. We have group and individual music and drama lessons taking place daily, weekly timetabled slots for children to gain exposure to various performing arts, termly music evenings, and annual performances.

St Dunstan's has long been held in high regard by the educational community. It has been pleasing to see so many familiar faces providing the much-needed stability on which academic excellence is founded. The focus for all strong academic programmes is blending tried-and-tested best practice with current research. The Preparatory School reading programme provides a good example of this. Reading is a foundational skill which unlocks all future learning. Introducing the "Time2Read" programme, which is based on current educational neuroscience and the science of reading, will undoubtedly improve reading at the very inception of acquiring this key skill. The focus remains the same, but the manner in which the goal is achieved is improved upon by modern scientific findings.

I have repeatedly been asked how I am settling in and how I am finding being back at St Dunstan's. Due to the fact that the Christian ethos remains strong and service is a priority, it has, in many respects, felt like coming home. The core of the school remains the same, as stated in Matthew 22:37-40:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

St Dunstan's is, and always has been, a community school. The privilege of meeting Dunstonians who are now enrolling their own children, some of them third generation Dunstonians, at the Preparatory and Pre-school, entrusting the education of their most precious possessions to the school based on their own positive experiences, is unbelievable to be a part of. This is the true strength of St Dunstan's. Whether you left St Dunstan's five or fifty years ago, you are the living proof of this culture of excellence.

Teaching in the College in the late 2000s and early 2010s, I vividly recall the outdoor assemblies, our noses running in winter and foreheads sweating through summer. This year, the multi-purpose hall and STEM Centre will open in the College. The development of the school over the past decade has been remarkable; it is a testament to the foresight of leadership under Mrs Barry and the Council, Mr Taylor (the current Rector), the support of the SDC community, and, most importantly, the prayerful consideration with which the development of the school has been approached.

Aristotle was right, excellence is a habit, and St Dunstan's is a living testament to this. It is a privilege to serve at a school that is rooted in its beautiful history yet bold enough to be progressive. To our 'Old' Dunstonians: whether you are returning to drop off your children or simply reminiscing from afar, know that the 'start' you received here continues to fuel a culture of excellence that is stronger than ever.

Matthew Moolnan - Head of the Preparatory



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The official opening of The Memorial Hall will be on Friday, 26th June, whilst the STEM Centre will open towards the end of October.

The photographs below were taken on Friday, 8th May.



Come and see for yourself...

Book a tour today!

DUNSTONIANS ON THE TEACHING STAFF

PRE-SCHOOL: Melissa Herrmann (né Peck) (2001) - Grade 0000, Kira Quabeck (2009) - Grade 00, Alison Barnard (né McLachlan) (2019) - Grade 000

PREPARATORY: Kayley Cameron (né Allen) (2012) - Grade 3

COLLEGE: Kirsten Raath (né Potgieter) (2002) - Deputy Head, Danielle Blake (né Terblanche) (2005), Catherine Sands (né Reeves) (2006), Sarah Boyd (né Barclay) (2009), Claire Roux (né Wolmarans) (2010), Terri Coulter (né Greenslade) (2010), Sarah Ritchie (né Bouch) (2015), James Whitelaw (2017)

INTERNS

PRE-SCHOOL: Cayley Mills (2023), Kemantha Naicker (2023)

PREPARATORY: Carla Lichtblau (2021), Tayla Jenkinson (2023), Jared Chaplin (2024)

COLLEGE: Bianca Devereux (2023), Lara de Beer (2024)

EASTER SPORTS FESTIVAL KIT REVEAL ASSEMBLY

Good morning Mr Taylor, Mrs Hardy (*the ESF Chairperson*), players, coaches and parents

Today is about more than just a kit reveal. It's about pride. It's about identity. And, it's about the privilege of representing our school at the Easter Festival.

When you put this kit on for the first time, you are not just wearing fabric stitched together in our colours. You are wearing the legacy of every player who has walked onto the field or court before you. You are wearing the early morning, the extra fitness session, the tough losses, the incredible wins and the friendships that will last long after the final whistle blows.

This year, there is something especially meaningful about this kit. The checked design takes us back. It echoes the original St Dunstan's kit from years gone by - a reminder of where we started, who we are and the traditions that have shaped this school. By bringing back this classic look, we are honouring the players who built the foundation before you. Those who wore these colours with pride, who played on fields far less polished, who gave everything for this badge. Today, you are not just stepping in to something new, you are stepping into history.

To our girls and boys in hockey, rugby, and netball - this Easter Festival is your stage.

In hockey, it's about discipline, structure and trust. Every pass, every press, every tackle only works when you move as one. Play with courage, play with intelligence and, most importantly, play for each other.

In rugby, it's about heart. It's about getting up one more time when you get knocked down. It's about physicality, yes - but, also about character. When you pull this jersey over your shoulders, you carry strength, resilience and brotherhood with you.

In netball, it's about precision, communication and belief; it's about knowing that every movement counts and every decision matters. Trust your preparation. Trust your teammates. Trust yourself.

This kit represents unity. It does not matter whether you are a part of the first team or a development squad, whether you are a senior or junior - when we step into the Easter Festival, we go as one school, one family. The badge on your chest connects you. The name on your back identifies you. But, it is your attitude and effort that will define you. *Remember this: talent will get you noticed, but character will make you respected.*

Over the Festival, you will face strong opposition. You will feel nerves, you will feel pressure. That is a privilege, it means you are competing at a level that matters. **Embrace it! Play hard! Play fair! Play proud!**

Let people say of us: **They competed with courage... They respect the game... They honoured their school!**

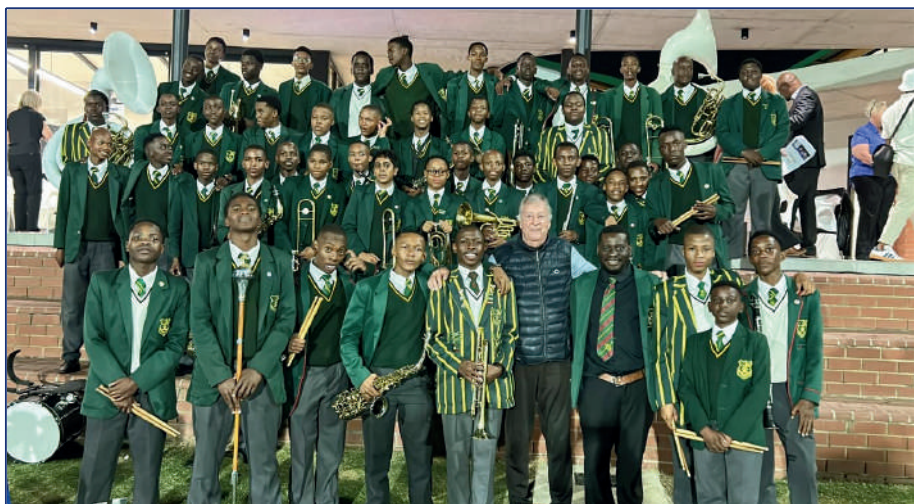
When you walk out in this new - yet proudly traditional - kit for the first time... Stand tall! Look around at your teammates! Take it in! You are wearing the past, representing the present and inspiring the future. **This is your moment. Make it count!**

Good luck to all our hockey, rugby and netball players. We are incredibly proud of you already. Let us make this Easter Festival unforgettable.



Julie Symons - Director of Sport

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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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MATTERS**



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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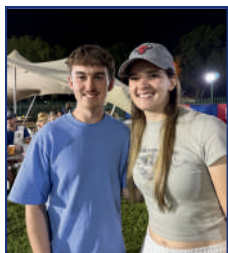
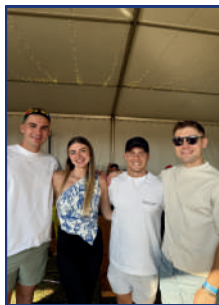


OUT AND ABOUT AT THE ESF

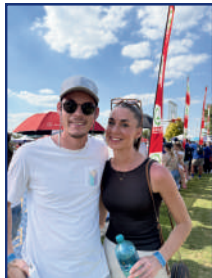
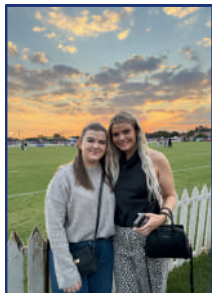


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2026



**RUGBY
HOCKEY
NETBALL**

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CONGRATULATIONS

Apologies in advance for the quality of the photographs. These would be so much better if people sent us high resolution originals rather than having to rely on Facebook and LinkedIn for these. Please consider sending us originals, as everyone likes to hear good news from classmates.

A special thank you to Fr Joe for sourcing information and photographs for this publication, even though he is in Guernsey.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following parents on the safe arrival of their precious bundles of joy:

NOVEMBER

Bianca and Devon Rossouw (2011)

A daughter, Gianna Zoë

JANUARY

Maxine (née Carstens) (2008) and JG van der Merwe

A second child - a son, Luke

FEBRUARY

Alecia (née Dyason) (2013) and Shaun Stander

A second child - a son, Ben

Kayleigh (née Greenslade) (2012) and Nicholas Burnham (2012)

A son, Benjamin Luke

Kate (née Rindel) (2014) and Matthew Hand

A second child - a daughter, Haylee Kate

Amy (née Bouch) (2011) and Gregory Baldwin (2008)

A second child - a son, Luke Thomas

MARCH

Kerry and Ryan Sheehan (2010)

A son, Colton Alexander

Sarah (née Baldwin) (2009) and Keon Kardolas

A son, Luke John

Courtney (née Bray) (2009) and Florian Halwax

A son, Brayden Walter

Nichole and Garrick Jardine (2011)

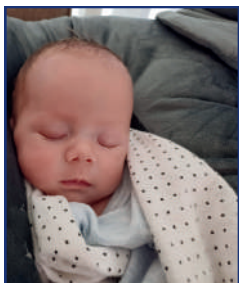
A daughter, Ava Rose

MAY

Bronwyn-Lee Brews (2013) and Keegan Heinrich

A son, Malakai Alexander





We're Engaged

DECEMBER

Samantha Whelan and Shaun Chennells (2017)
Torri van Deventer (2013) and her fiancé, Owen

JANUARY

Nicola Thomaides (2020) and Jarrod McFarlane (2020)
Andrea Seddon (2014) and Keegan Murphy

FEBRUARY

Lee-Anne Van Der Nest (2006) and Kriel Lisinka

MARCH

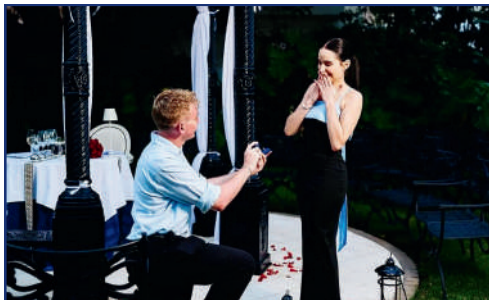
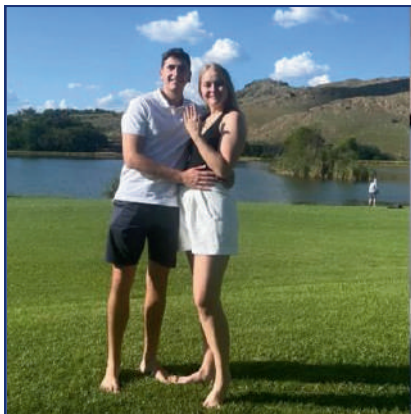
Daniel Greenslade (2005) and Craig Baker
Faye Liebenberg (2008) and Hugh McAloon
Gemma Hamman and Rhys Patrick (2014)
Jordan Stephenson (2016) and Tristin Haig
Shené White (2011) and Oli Jones

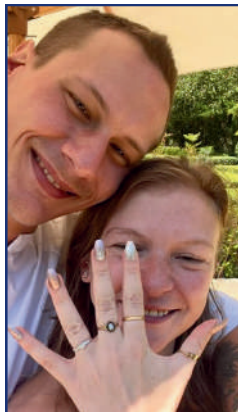
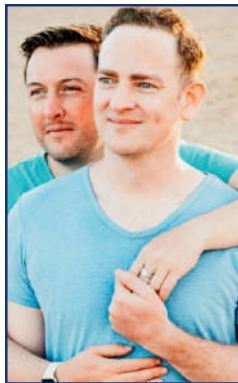
APRIL

Kaylee Nixon (2019) and Jordan Agrela
Zerilda De Kock and Matthew Chown (2015)

MAY

Kelly Lazarus (2011) and Brad Naude
Andrea Turck (2016) and Cam Robertson (2015)







Just 
Married

OCTOBER

Brittney (née Chapman) (2009) and Sean Nurse

NOVEMBER

Gillian and Robert Scott (2016)

DECEMBER

Victoria and Duncan Longsdale (2014)

Simoné (née Bester) (2012) and Romario Viljoen

JANUARY

Jamie (née van Wyk) (2018) and Robert Golob

FEBRUARY

Megan (née Seddon) (2012) and Storm James

Nataschia (née Holland) (2008) and Ben Bellingier

Alessia (née Westmorland) (2016) and Liam Stanley (2014)

MARCH

Meggan (née Williams) (2012) and Luke Downing

Alison (née McLachlan) (2019) and Bradley Barnard

APRIL

Kiara and Bradley Smith (2013)

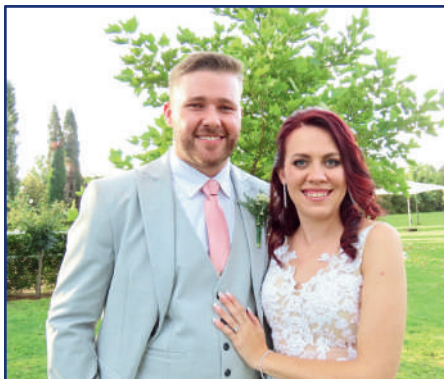
Bianca (née Wrighton) (2015) and Nicholas Zipp (2015)

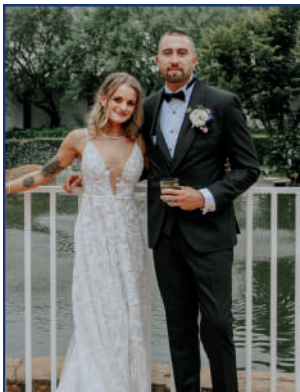
Gemma (née Calitz) (2018) and Devon Schroeter (2017)

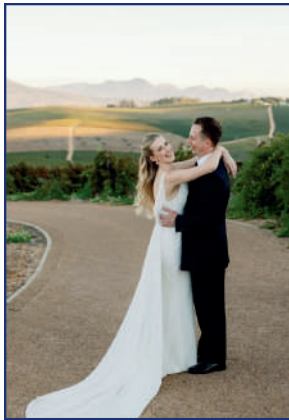
Kiana and Ricardo Delgado (2014)

MAY

Chaniëlle and Tristan Cawood (2017)







“ You don't marry someone you can live with, you marry the person you cannot live without. ”
- THE FILM: PS I LOVE YOU

IN LOVING MEMORY...

**GREGORY MYRON WALKER
(CLASS OF 2019)**

7th November 2001 - 19th February 2026



**VAUGHN PINKER
(CLASS OF 2008)**

24th March 1990 - 27th April 2026



“ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ”

- ISAIAH 41:10

In loving memory of our dear students who have passed from this life into eternity. We hold them in our hearts, and we take comfort in God's promise: 'The Lord is close to the brokenhearted' (Psalm 34:18). Though they are no longer with us in body, their lives touched ours and they will never be forgotten.

GRADUANDS

From the University of Pretoria...

Tasmin Schwar (2018) has completed her Master of Consumer Science specialising in Clothing Management (with distinction)

Bhaven Nayager (2020) has completed a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering

GRADUATIONS



Catherine Watt (2008)
Post Graduate Diploma in
Rehabilitation
(University of Otago)



Kieran Power (2011)
Doctorate in Mathematics
(University of Kent)



Ashley (née Horne) Tribe (2011)
Honours in Marketing
(IMM Graduate School)



Bradley Hattingh (2015)
Masters Degree in Neuroscience
and Neuropsychological
Rehabilitation
(University of Bologna)



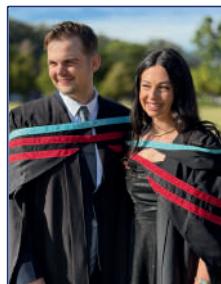
Kaylee Harris (2018)
MSc Psychology (Mental Health
and Wellbeing)
(University of Wolverhampton)



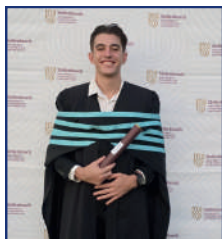
Melissa Wrighton (2018)
Bachelor of Audiology
(University of the Witwatersrand)



Ingrid Tredoux (2019)
BSc Honours in Physiology
(Stellenbosch University)



**Nathan Smith and Alexia
Cawood (2019)**
Bachelor of Laws
(Stellenbosch University)



Merwe Engelbrecht (2019)
Post Graduate Diploma - Financial Planning
(Stellenbosch University)



Alexia Cawood (2019)

Some of Alexia's achievements whilst completing her Bachelor of Laws:

- Women Empowerment ExCo - United Nations Association of South Africa (UNASA)
- Member of the Senate
- Legal Representative of the Student Court of Stellenbosch
- Chairperson of the Juridical Society of the Stellenbosch University Law Faculty
- Member of the Academics Affair Council



Jae Eun Park (2020)

Honours Degree in Neuroscience and
Physiology
(University of Cape Town)



Tumi Pilane (2020)

Bachelor of Journalism
(Rhodes University)



Jordan Barclay (2021)

Bachelor of Science Honours in Genetics
(University of Pretoria)



Tanika Rother (2021)

Bachelor of Science
(Louisiana Christian University)



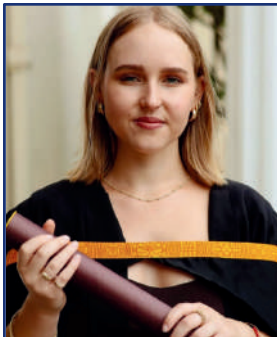
Zoë-Lee Scott (2021)

Bachelor of Arts Honours
(Stellenbosch University)



James Thompson (2021)

Bachelor of Science with a distinction in
Philosophy
(Rhodes University)



Hope Watt (2021)

Bachelor of Arts in Visual Studies and
Psychology
(Stellenbosch University)



Adrienne Webb (2021)

Bachelor of Arts
(North West University)

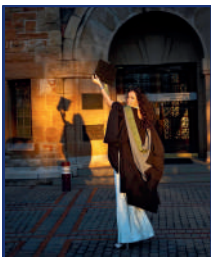


Rinaldo Bowles (2022)

Bachelor of Film Arts
(Open Window)



Tadan Davidow (2022)
Bachelor of Accounting
(Varsity College)



Nicole Marais (2022)
BSc in Actuarial and Financial
Mathematics
(University of Pretoria)



Stacey McCulloch (2022)
Bachelor of Accounting
(Stellenbosch University)



Giuliana Millard (2022)
Bachelor of Arts – Psychology
(Stellenbosch University)

Congratulations to all those Dunstonians who have recently completed their degree. Please remember to send us your graduation photographs for the next publication!

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

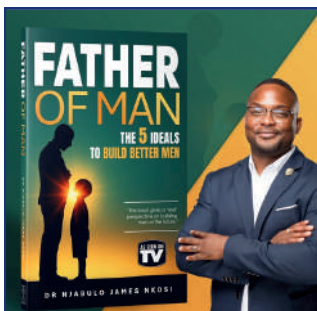


Dr Nicole (nee Huggett) Morrow (2013)
Winner of the North Coast
Business Women of the Year 2026



Nontu (nee Mabena) Dube (2006)
'Cooking up a Storm' with Leanne Manas on SABC's Morning Live

Dr Njabulo Nkosi (2009)
Author of
"Father of Man"



leisure

New book calls for building better men

Agribank owner Njabulo Nkosi's 'Father of Man' addresses how fatherhood issues affect the family and society.



GOLF NEWS



Casandra (neé Hall) Alexander (2017)

Casandra is the Sunshine Ladies Tour number one for the second season in succession!

According to a post on the Sunshine Ladies Tour social media, Casandra's runner-up finish in the MCB Ladies Classic in Mauritius was enough to secure her a second Investec Order of Merit title and the R200 000 bonus that comes with this achievement. She is now the second professional in Sunshine Ladies Tour history to win back-to-back Investec Order of Merit crowns after Lee-Anne Pace, who won the overall title three seasons in a row in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Another Dunstonian, Caitlyn Macnab, who left school early to pursue her golfing career, was confirmed as The R&A Rookie of the Year after a season in which she had three top-five finishes on the Sunshine Ladies Tour.

Caitlyn earns herself exemptions into both the 2027 Joburg Ladies Open and 2027 Investec South African Women's Open if she is otherwise not exempt at the time of close of entries.

Both ladies, along with all of the 2026 Sunshine Ladies Tour champions, also earn exemptions to compete in the Waterfall City Tournament of Champions supported by Attacq and WCMC, where they will challenge with the men's Sunshine Tour professionals for a first prize of R1 million at Royal Johannesburg's famed East Course this June.

NETBALL NEWS



Jamie (neé Van Wyk) Golob (2018)

Jamie is currently playing netball in the UK for the London Mavericks team based at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield.

The photo alongside shows Jamie's excellent statistics. This standout performance saw her named as the 'Shawbrook Player of the Match' recently.

“ **The mark of great sportsmen is not how good they are at their best, but how good they are at their worst.** ”

- MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

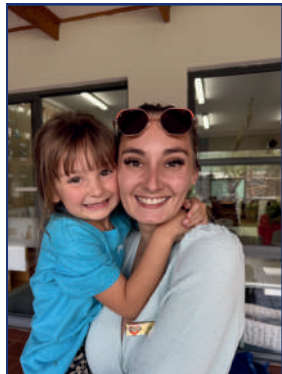
DUNSTONIANS SPOTTED AT THE PRE-SCHOOL RECENTLY



Terri (née Greenslade) (2010) and
Glenn Coulter (2012)



Matt Liechti (2009)



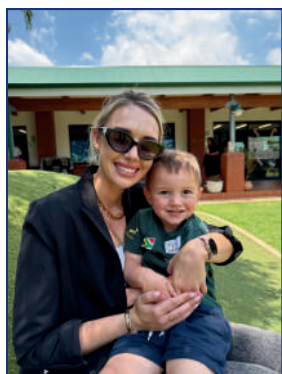
Jade (nee Geldart) Lira (2011)



Daniel Verwey (2007)



Amanda (née Reynolds) Conway (2007)



Bronwyn (née van den Bergh) (2013)
Agrela



COFFEE, CARE & CONNECT MORNING

**Registered Dietitian, Nikki
(née Lachenicht) Verwey
(2011)**

Nikki guided parents through what makes a healthy lunch, the benefits it brings and why it truly matters for your little one's growth, mood and learning.

LOOK WHO CAME TO VISIT

Good to see Fr Joe back on Campus, albeit for a quick visit!



DATES TO DIARISE



ST DUNSTAN'S DAY SERVICE

WHEN: TUESDAY, 19TH MAY

TIME: 10:00 FOR 10:30

VENUE: BEETGE QUAD

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T W E N T Y T W E N T Y S I



CLASSES OF 2006 AND 2016 REUNION EVENING

WHEN: SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

TIME: 18:00 FOR 18:30

VENUE: THE JARDINE PAVILION

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FROM THE EDITOR MANDY LACHENICHT

Remember that we really enjoy hearing about your experiences and your careers. PLEASE send me this information – the next edition of The Chronicle will be published at the beginning of SEPTEMBER.

If you happen to meet with any Dunstonians whilst on your travels, please take a picture and send it to me. Also include details about when, where, who, etc.

Please follow the school's LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok pages, as well as the Dunstonian Association Facebook. There is also a Facebook group for your Matric year.

DUNSTONIAN FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/Dunstonian/>

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/StDunstansCollege>

TIKTOK:

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INSTAGRAM:

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LINKEDIN: Currently 1 545 followers

Should you ever visit Benoni, I would love to show you all of the facility upgrades on our beautiful campus. You are welcome to join us at the annual St Dunstan's Day Service on Tuesday, 19th May!

To the Classes of 2006 and 2016 – please make every effort to attend your Reunion Evening! It is only 3 to 4 hours of your time.

There will be a CASH BAR and a light meal will be served.

Kind regards,

Mandy Lachenicht

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