College Chatter

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From the Helm

It is my privilege to write this editorial for our College Chatter newsletter this week. The fact that I do so in August, Women's Month, is also of significance. My focus therefore is on developing Women of Significance. While we are proud of our girls, and rightly so, we need to continue forward creating opportunities for girls and teachers to become leaders in many spheres.

Our recent girltalk@dgc summit proves just how determined our girls are to make a difference. The speakers who were from many diverse spheres commented on not only the maturity of our girls, but their confidence and courage. A psychologist who attended the conference said in her correspondence with Mrs Meehan that the summit belonged to the girls!

We are also very proud of our Board Chair, Viv McMenamin, who was recently appointed as the CEO of Mondi South Africa. Her appointment is a powerful example of a woman who has broken the glass ceiling in what is a male-dominated environment.

A recent article in the Mercury was headed "Trust women to lead". In it Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's Chief Operating Officer, spoke of the importance of affording girls leadership opportunities as early as possible.

"We start telling little girls not to lead at a really young age and we start to tell boys to lead at a very young age. That is a mistake."

We take our responsibility to create Women of Significance seriously at Durban Girls' College. We consider ourselves privileged to be able to make meaningful contributions and enable growth wherever and whenever we can.

Marianne Bailey
Executive Head

High School House Plays

College Champions

Young Eun Kim

Young, Grade 7, came first in KZN in the Maths Horizon Competition for 2017.

Stephanie Atherton & Dina Simpson

These Grade 9 pupils performed at the Society of Music Teachers Senior Concert on Saturday the 12th August 2017.

Rachel Wedderburn-Maxwell

Rachel, Grade 10, was awarded the overall National Piano title for the best pianist at the11th Grahamstown National Music Competition.

Junior Primary

Appointment of HODs

It gives us great pleasure to announce the appointments of the two new Junior Primary HODs that will assist Mrs Conradie in the running of the department.

Mrs Chantal Langley will take up the portfolio of Student Affairs with immediate effect and will play a key role within our pastoral structure. Mrs Kate Collins will oversee our curriculum development, taking up the portfolio of Academics from January 2018.

Congratulations to both these wonderful ladies!

Senior Primary

Eden Eco Quiz

This was held at Eden College on Sunday the 6th of August. One pupil from each SP Grade took part. Gr4: Charlotte Phipps, Gr 5: Mikha Maharaj, Gr 6: Zahraa Ahmed, Gr 7: Ella Macpherson.

DGC came second by half a point. Eden Preparatory School scored 76,5 and DGC 76 points. Well done to our teachers, Ange White who trained them and Bev Campbell who accompanied them on the day, and to our girls, we are proud of you!

High School

High School House Plays

The High School House Plays took place last week. Well done to every girl who participated!

Matric Leadership for 2018

We are proud to extend our congratulations to the Women of Significance who have been chosen as our DGC Leaders for 2018. We wish you the best of luck in your leadership of our student body next year.

Head Girl
Nomcebo Sibiya

Deputy Head: Admin
Isabelle Pattenden

Deputy Head: Conduct
Cenelle Gounden

Head of SRC
Raffaella van der Westhuyzen

Vice Head SRC
Kirsten Dorkin

PA Event

The JP and SP Family Movie Night

This exciting evening took place on the night of the 11th of August, and proved to be a memorable night for all who attended!

From our Chaplain

Proverbs 31 contains a description of a praiseworthy woman. Whilst her characteristics are worth imitating, this is a picture of Wisdom, often portrayed poetically as a woman in Proverbs.

Wisdom is busy, thoughtful, kind and generous. She knows that respecting God is where wisdom begins, and rests in his provision and care. She's praised and called beautiful for that - a worthwhile reminder during Women's month!

Charm can be deceiving, and beauty fades away, but a woman who honours the Lord deserves to be praised. Proverbs 31:30.

JP and SP Family Movie Night

Meet Our Staff

When I was appointed as Head of Boarding and Head of Catering it could only be called a home-coming.

I attended DGC from the age of three (still maintaining friendships to this day with some of the boys and girls whom I met at the nursery) until matriculation in 1971. My mother, Catherine Rowan, was a teacher at College and my daughter, Anne, was a pupil.

I was fortunate enough to work at Umngazi River Bungalows for 15 years, so when offered the job at College House, it was for me a perfect match.

I am small in stature but big in heart and I live by the three basic tenets which I learnt whilst a College girl - Common sense, Courtesy and Consideration for others, and I impart these to the girls in my care.

The Week Ahead

Monday 21	**Day 6** 17h30-19h30 HS: Choir Rehearsal; Music Hall
Tuesday 22	**Day 7** 09h10-10h10: Staff Workshop: Dr Lieb presenting Education and Technology: Lecture Theatre 07h30: 'DGC Mums Who Pray': College House 15h00 HS: Tennis League 1st Team vs St Mary's: DGC 15h00 HS: Tennis League 2nd Team vs St Mary's : DGC 15h30 HS: Hockey League U13A vs Chelsea: DGC
Wednesday 23	**Day 8** 11h00 JP: Grandparents' Morning for Gr 1 & 2: Lecture Theatre 17h30 JP: Cultural Evening for Gr 1 & 2: Lecture Theatre
Thursday 24	**Day 9** 11h00 JP: Gr 3 Grandparents' Morning: Lecture Theatre 14h15-16h00 SP: Gr 6 Maths Relay: St Henry's School 15h00 HS: Soccer Fixture vs Danville: Virginia Football Club 17h30 JP: Gr 3 Cultural Evening: Lecture Theatre
Friday 25	**Day 10** ***Early Closing for School today:*** ***JP: from 09h45*** ***JP: Extra- Curricular Programme to continue for today (teachers will be present)*** Synchro: 10h00-10h30: Gr 1 & 2 10h30-11h00: Gr 3 Madson Hockey: 10h30-11h30: Gr R, 1, 2, 3 Karate: 11h45-13h00 (All grades) 16h00 JP: Gr 1 & 2 Hockey Tournament: Penzance School ***SP Closing Time: 10h10*** ***HS Closing Time: 10h30*** 11h00-14h00 Staff Training: Thinking Schools SA: Lecture Theatre 13h00 HS: IsiZulu Afternoon: Kearsney College 16h30 HS: Action Netball League 1st Team vs Crawford La Lucia: Durban North Action Arena 14h30 SP: Cross Country League: Reddam
Saturday 26	07h45 HS: Water Polo Fixture vs Westville: DGC 08h00 SP: Hockey Fixture vs Chelsea: DGC

Results

High School

Music

Niwedita Bhatta (piano solo), Dina Simpson and Stephanie Atherton (violin duet) performed in the SASMT (South African Society of Music Teachers) Prestigious Senior Students Concert at Howard College Theatre. Niwedita was the youngest pupil invited to perform.
The girls played with confidence and poise and were a great credit to DGC. Congratulations!

Senior Primary

Hockey

On Tuesday afternoon the U13 teams played against Glenwood Prep and all our teams produced a wonderful display of hockey.
U13A drew 1 - 1; U13B won 2 - 0; U13C won 2 - 0.

Cross Country

On Friday the 11th of August we participated in the league hosted by Crawford North Coast. Congratulations to the following girls who placed in the top 20. U13 - Amy Sang 13th; Danni Wiseman 14th; Katia Economou 15th. U12 - Kira Altshuler 7th; Maxine Port 8th; Zoe Grindrod 12th; Jessica Adams 13th; Amy Chapple 18th; Chelsea Murray 19th. U11 - Kitty Ribbink 2nd.

Congratulations to Kitty Ribbink who came 2nd at the Umlazi District trials and will represent Umlazi at the KZN Cross Country Champs.