College Chatter

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From the Helm

As we look back on all that we have achieved, experienced and learnt in Term 3 of 2022, we do so with much gratitude for all the opportunities that we have embraced with open arms, creating special memories with one another and growing as a community as well as individuals.

This term saw the return of many exciting events which were not able to take place for the last two years due to the pandemic's restrictions. These events gave our students many opportunities to shine in the various aspects of school life within which their strengths and passions lie.

The return of House Plays showcased our students' impressive writing, directing and casting of their plays for an audience they left in absolute awe. Our Junior Primary Production, Enchanted Adventures, was a resounding success and our youngest performers, with courage and confidence, certainly did transport the audience to a magical world!

Our students have also shone in their sporting endeavours. Our hockey, netball and water polo teams have excelled in their respective tournaments and we are happy to witness our squash, tennis and badminton teams grow from strength to strength.

For this year's reunion, the Alumni Association graciously welcomed back nostalgic Old Girls who were delighted to return to our school and reminisce over their time spent at College – a one of a kind school that shaped the significant women they are today.

Another High School event that took place towards the end of this term was the HeForShe Day where the Clifton boys joined us at College for an informative afternoon with a forum discussion, general knowledge quiz and soccer match.

We are proud of all our pupils and dedicated staff who have given of their best (and more) in all spheres of school life and who always embody our values of integrity, courage, agility, respect and empathy.

During these September school holidays, we hope that our College Community dedicates time to family, friends and rejuvenation in preparation for an exciting final term of 2022!

Chérise Nepaul
Marketing Assistant

College Moment

Racing towards the end of Term 3 at the Inter-House Athletics Day!

Junior Primary – Sports Day

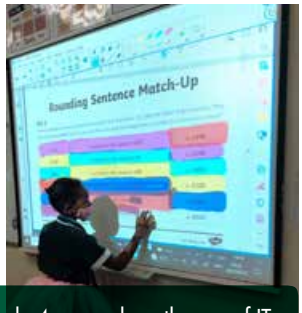
Senior Primary

Well done to the following girls who were invited to the Beyond Maths Annual Awards Ceremony:
Sarah Soosiwala (Silver Certificate in the Grade 4 & 5 Category), Dahlia Kajee (Bronze Certificate in the Grade 6 & 7 Category), Lydia Pearson (Gold Certificate in the Grade 6 & 7 Category), Milla Ramkissoon (Bronze Certificate in the Grade 6 & 7 Category), Nonjabulo Khumalo (Bronze Certificate in the Grade 6 & 7 Category), Gabriela Rimmon (Bronze Certificate in the Grade 6 & 7 Category) and Sophia Garach (Silver Certificate in the Grade 6 & 7 Category).

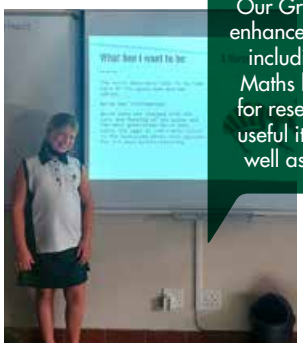
These pupils were placed in the Top 104 of the 510 pupils who participated in Round 2 of this competition.

Our Grade 5s enjoyed creating fruit bowls from paper mache during their Art lesson.

Grade 7s at the start of the track event during the Athletics Day held at Kings Park Athletics Stadium.



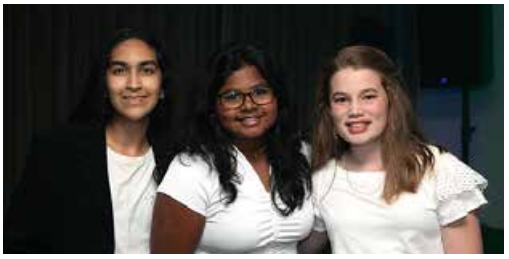
Our Grade 4s prove how the use of IT enhances learning over various subjects including: Natural Science projects, Maths lessons on Smartboards, iPads for researching ideas on how to make useful items with recycled materials as well as presentations on PowerPoint.



Senior Primary – isiZulu Celebration Evening

Simunye – 'We are one'
On Friday evening, our Senior Primary held the isiZulu Celebration Evening in the Centenary Hall. This fantastic event showcased isiZulu through song and dance – a festive evening filled with appreciation and celebration of isiZulu culture. A special thanks to all who were part of making this evening the vibrant success that it was, especially Ms Zwane, Ms Ngaleka and Miss Couch.

Senior Primary – Grade 7 Celebration



The Grade 7 Celebration Evening was such fun!

Senior Primary – Parents vs Daughters Hockey Games

We loved having our parents on campus at the Parents vs Daughters Hockey games.

Senior Primary – Inter-House Athletics

High School

HEFORSHE DAY WITH CLIFTON: "After two years with no HeForShe Day, the SRC was excited to welcome the Clifton boys for a fun and informative afternoon. Our theme for this year was mental health and gender-based violence which is relevant as this month is suicide prevention month. The afternoon involved soccer, a general knowledge quiz and a forum discussion with the help of our senior debaters. Both the Clifton and DGC learners thoroughly enjoyed the programme. The Grade 8 debaters got an opportunity to showcase their debating skills. Thank you to everyone who participated and we cannot wait for next year!" – Nomcebo Ngcobo

Congratulations to our new Heads of College House! The 2023 leaders of College House are: Hannah Hargroves (Deputy Head of College House – Social Initiatives), Genevieve Garreau (Head of College House), and Hunter Hepburn (Deputy Head of College House – Administration).

Our Grade 10-12 Business and Consumer Studies students attended a webinar by Wendy Knowler (South Africa's most experienced consumer journalist). During this session, Wendy used her experience and knowledge to empower our pupils to make more informed choices as consumers. She unpacked more about the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) which consumers can refer to if they have a consumer related dispute. She also shared many hints and tips on how to avoid making costly errors and how to be more savvy about implementing the CPA.

Our boarders' fun evening making heritage outfits out of paper at College House.

High School – Inter-House Athletics

Our High School athletes in top form at the Inter-House Athletics Day this week.

High School – Movie Night

From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful and powerful deeds. Psalm 145:4

As we celebrate Heritage Day, as a nation and as a school, we have time to share some of the food that we enjoy in our different families and cultures. No doubt some of these recipes have been handed down through the generations. Other things also get handed down from one generation to another. This Psalm, written by King David, gives reasons why God deserves to be praised.

One of these reasons is because of the mighty deeds He has done over the years. And, as one generation thinks back to all they have seen Him do, they tell their children. News of who He is and what He has done is passed down. And so it goes, a heritage of God's fulfilled promises and awesome acts of salvation. We can look back through scripture and see it all laid out for us – all the generations before us who faithfully told of God's praiseworthy actions. And we can look forward, and see that many people from many different families, cultures and nations take up this offer from God to be part of his international family. They share his story and it becomes part of their heritage.

As we think of our cultural heritage and the places our families come from, it's worth considering whether we can say for ourselves, along with King David, 'I will praise you, my God and King, and always honour your name'.

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Results

HORSERIDING

Isobella Baitz (Grade 9) was awarded the trophy for Best KZN Working Hunter High School Rider 2022 at the SANESA KZN prize-giving this past weekend. Bella's achievements also contributed to DGC obtaining the Majestic Trophy for Best High School. Bella & Titch will represent DGC & KZN at the National Competition to be held on 30 September to 2 October 2022 at Kyalami (Johannesburg).

At the same awards evening, Madison Freeman (Grade 9) was awarded the trophy for Top KZN Dressage High School Rider. Madison's achievements have also contributed to DGC obtaining the Majestic Trophy for Top Performing Equestrian High School – an outstanding achievement for Madi who has only been riding for just under two years!

Victoria Scott (Grade 5) attended a SANESA Prize-Giving event on Saturday. She was awarded a certificate for team selection into the KZN Schools Equestrian Team and she received an individual trophy for being the top KZN Primary Dressage Rider for 2022.

We are so proud of our horse riders whose fantastic achievements have contributed to the winning of this prestigious trophy that is awarded to the school with the most points.

MUSIC

On Saturday, 10 September 2022, DGC hosted the annual South African Society of Music Teachers and KZN Philharmonic Orchestra auditions for the Young Performer Concert, which will be held 10 October 2022, at The Playhouse.

This concert is the highest possible platform for young musicians in KZN and the competition is fearsome. We are thrilled to announce that Yan Ni Li (Grade 11) was chosen to perform and will represent DGC at this prestigious event.

Calendar

Monday 10 October 2022 – Sunday 16 October 2022

REMINDER: Head Hunters group photos will be on Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 October 2022. Schedules will be shared on the DGC app.

Monday 10	**Day 1** Jewish Sukkot SP: 07h30: Social Media Talk: Christy Herselman: Lecture Theatre JP: 08h00: Care Circles SP: 08h00: Mentor Groups **WS: Head Hunters Group Photos: Centenary Hall & Miller Grove Functions Room**
Tuesday 11	**Day 2** **WS: Head Hunters Group Photos: Centenary Hall** 15h00-18h00: DGC Finance Committee Meeting HS: 18h00: Grade 12 Leavers' Dinner
Wednesday 12	**Day 3** PS: 07h30: Mentor Appreciation Tea: Classrooms/Field SP: 14h00: Grade 4 & 5 Cluster Meeting HS: 15h00: Water Polo Match: U14, U16, U19
Thursday 13	**Day 4** WS: 07h30: Mothers Who Care: College House HS: 11h00: Thanksgiving Service: Centenary Hall HS: 12h00: High School Closes Early HS 17h30: Founders' Day Matric Prize-Giving: Centenary Hall
Friday 14	**Day 5** Jewish Shemini Atzeret WS: 09h00: Grade 12 Final Assembly: Centenary Hall SP: 12h00: DGC Sports Coaching Camp
Saturday 15	
Sunday 16	WS: Clickify Early Bird Online Orders Close

"You will need a lot of perseverance to keep going. No matter how prepared or smart you are, the real test is the ability to keep going."

– Rapelang Rabana

Happy Holidays to Our College Community!