College Chatter

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From the Helm

HEALTH & WELLNESS DAY 2023

Every year the Parents' Association hosts a Health & Wellness Day for the girls across all phases. The aim of the day is to provide the girls with a much deserved fun-filled day to end another incredible year of schooling.

A host of activities are provided for the girls aimed at fitness, wellness and mostly fun.

Our Junior Primary girls are most excited for the inflatable water slides and slippery side whilst the Senior Primary girls enjoy the foam pit inflatable.

The girls absolutely love their free play in the pool, facilitated by Mandy Loots, with their floaties and pool noodles.

Apart from the inflatables and pool time fun our Junior Primary girls had a "Fitness Fun" activity which included dance and exercise with Melissa the ballet instructor. The Senior Primary girls had a "Focus on Health" talk by a psychologist.

To end a full day of activity the girls are treated to an ice cream.

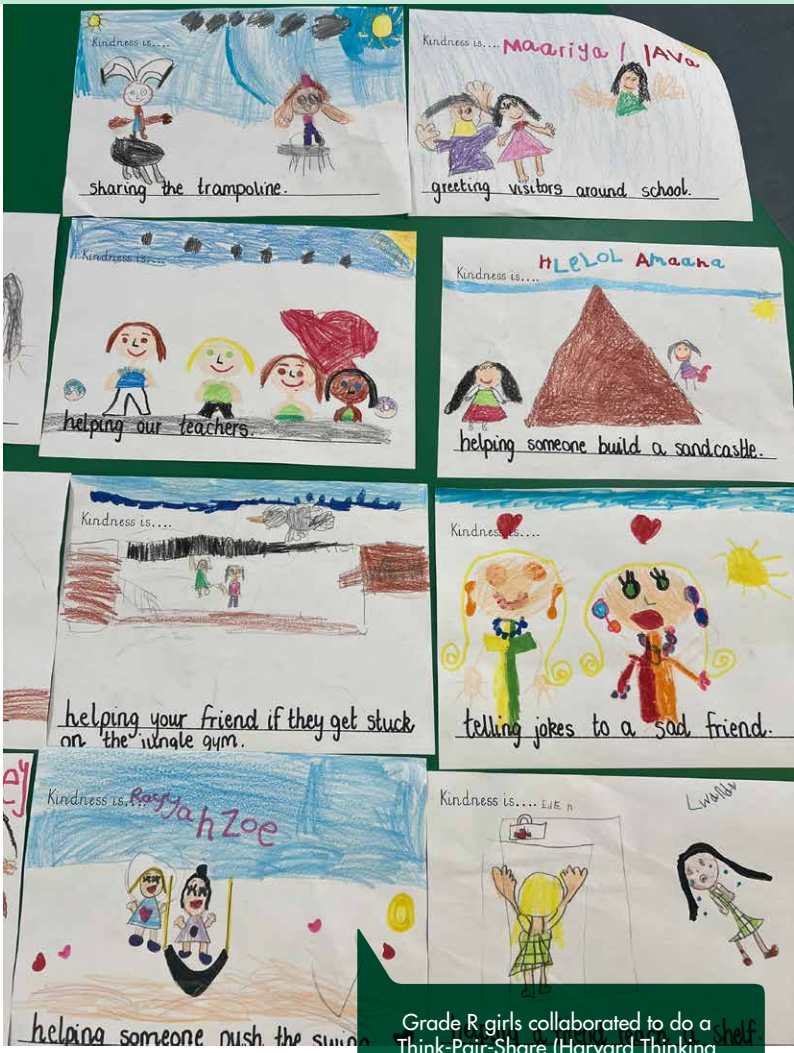
We look forward to hosting and treating our girls at the next Health and Wellness Day.

Fathima Pandor – Parents' Association

College Moment

Fun in the sun to end off a great year.

Junior Primary



Grade R girls collaborated to do a Think-Pair-Share (Harvard Thinking Routine). They brainstormed different ways in which we can show kindness to each other. We were so impressed with their wonderful ideas and posters!

Junior Primary

Senior Primary

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Grade 6s enjoying their Secret Santa.

The best way to start a new week in the Senior Primary is the Run/ Walk club on a Monday morning.

From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

"Nisi Dominus Frustra"
The ringing voices say,
"God speed the Galleon
Safely on her way"

As we head to the end of the term, we think back to January and the first College Chatter of the year. We examined the lyrics of our beloved Galleon and how this anthem serves us by reminding us of who God is, and how much we depend on him. We look back now at what we prayed for in January: ***This year, as we go about our days here at school and in many other places, we pray that God will guide us. We pray that he will see us safely on our way to the end of another academic year. And we pray that whatever the Galleon sails through in 2023, we will tuck these words into our hearts to remind us that our King is sovereign and that He is good.***

We thank God that he graciously answered our prayers for another fruitful year at College. And we repeat what we asked for then - that we will hold on to his goodness and sovereignty and rest in both of those truths.

Results

INDOOR HOCKEY

- **U13A:**
  Lost 1-3 against Ashton College
- **U12A:**
  Won 2-0 against St Mary's Kloof
  Drew 0-0 against Winston Park
- **U11A:**
  Won 2-0 against Winston Park
  Drew 1-1 against St Mary's Kloof
  Won 2-0 against Westville Senior Primary School
- **U10A:**
  Won 4-0 against Winston Park
  Won 1-0 against St Mary's Kloof
  Won 2-0 against Westville Senior Primary School

DGC U13 Water Polo Tournament

DGC RANKED NO. 2 IN TOP GIRLS' SPORTS SCHOOLS

SA School Sports has released its final Top Girls' Sports Schools rankings for 2023. For the second year running, Durban Girls' College has placed second in South Africa with 47.89 points behind St Stithians with 48.11 points. The rankings are based on first-team results for three key sports codes: Netball, Hockey, and Water Polo.

WATER POLO

- **U13A:**
  Won 9-2 against Elite Academy
  Won 3-2 against St Dominic's Catholic School
  Won 6-1 against Umhlali Preparatory School
  Won 9-0 against Thomas More College
  Won 9-1 against Kingsmead College
  Won 5-1 against Water Warriors Academy
  Lost 0-3 against Chelsea Preparatory School in Final

Results

Tara Pakendorf

Alexis Wallach

Avha Harbhajan

Maryam Essa

HOCKEY

DATO MIRNAWAN CUP 2023

The first fixture for the U17 SA Outdoor team was an unfortunate opening match however they displayed true grit and determination against Japan despite the score being 1-4. Huge congratulations to Emily Macquet, who was named Player of the Match. Her performance was absolutely outstanding.

Congratulations to Tara Pakendorf for earning the Player of the Match of the 3rd and 4th place playoffs. You have made DGC very proud.

KARATE

Well done to Alexis Wallach (Grade 3). She achieved an orange belt stripe for karate.

ACROBATIC DANCE

Well done to Avha Harbhajan (Grade 3). She participated in the Acrobatic Dance Grade 4 examination and achieved a highly commended result.

GYMNASTICS

Well done to Maryam Essa (Grade 2). She participated in the Sisonke Gymnastics examination and achieved a gold medal and certificate for advanced gymnastics and a gold medal for jump start testing.

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

We are thrilled to announce the following Music examination results:

Diyana Pillay (Grade 5) passed the Grade 2 Trinity College Singing Examination with Distinction.

Amahle Zulu (Grade 11) passed Grade 6 Trinity College Music Theater with Merit. Well done, girls!

SPEECH & DRAMA

Well done to Liyana Ismail (Grade 3). Liyana participated in the Creative Performance Examination in Speech and Drama and passed with honours. She was awarded a gold certificate.

ATHLETICS

Well done to Emma Devitt (Grade 2). She participated in and completed the Tin Man Triathlon in the Junior Division.

Diyana Pillay

Amahle Zulu

Liyana Ismail

Emma Devitt

Calendar

Monday 04 December - Thursday 07 December 2023

Monday 4	**Day 1** ***PS: Grade 4-7 School finishes at 12h30*** ***HS: Grade 8-11 School finishes at 13h00*** JP: Aftercare continues as per normal PS: No Primary School Co-curricular for today and rest of the week HS/PS: 07h40-08h10: Carol Service Rehearsal: Centenary Hall JP: 10h30-11h30: Awards Ceremony: Centenary Hall HS: 11h30-13h00: Open Circles JP: 12h00-13h00: Grade 3 Farewell Lunch: Miller Grove JP: 12h00-12h30: Grade 3 Rites of Passage: Aquatic Centre
Tuesday 5	**Day 2** ***BREAK-UP DAY FOR JP - NO AFTERCARE*** ***PS: Grade 4-7 School finishes at 12h30*** ***HS: Grade 8-11 School finishes at 13h00*** HS: 07h40-08h40: Grade 9 Open Circles: PS Hall SP & HS: 07h40-08h10: Carol Service Rehearsal HS: 08h40-10h10: Grade 10 Open Circles SP: 10h30-12h00: Awards Ceremony Practice: Centenary Hall HS: 10h30-12h00: Grade 8 Open Circles WS: Carol Service: 18h00-19h00
Wednesday 6	**Day 3** ***BREAK-UP DAY*** SP: 08h30-10h30: SP Awards Ceremony: Centenary Hall SP: School closure after the Awards Ceremony: Gr 4 - 6 SP: 10h30-12h00: Grade 7 Bell Ringing & Farewell Brunch: Miller Grove SP: School closure for Gr 7: After the brunch HS:11h30-12h00: Final Assembly: Centenary Hall
Thursday 7	**Day 4** HS markers depart until 14 December

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

- Maya Angelou

Happy Holidays to Our College Community!