College Chatter

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From the Helm

The highly anticipated official opening of the High School's Anele Tembe Library took place on Tuesday 30 January 2024. This milestone event goes beyond the establishment of a mere physical space; it symbolises the creation of a hub of knowledge, a testament to a legacy guided by love, and a commitment to honouring the resilient spirit of Anele Tembe, a beloved alumna of Durban Girls' College from the Class of 2017.

The event was attended by family and friends of Moses Tembe and HRH Princess Ntandoyesizwe, Andrea Kleinloog and family, members of the Durban Girls' College Trust and Board, Staff Members, Alumni, and members of the DGC community. Anele's teacher, Stella Ngcobo, and many of her classmates since Grade 3 were also present.

"Emotions filled the days leading up to this event, yet as we stand here sharing tonight, we are filled with enormous warmth and love that you have individually, collectively, and unconditionally bestowed upon us" Mr Moses Tembe.

"Mr. Tembe, may the legacy of your daughter and her beauty and her love for life live on for the many generations of young women who will have the privilege of walking through the doors of the Anele Tembe Library." Mrs Karen Jones, Board Chair, marked the occasion as a significant date in the school's transformation journey.

"Our hearts are filled with joy and sorrow. Joy because we are celebrating the enduring legacy of a young individual who touched lives during her time in our school. Sorrow because Anele's life was cut short and left an indelible void in the hearts of those who loved her," Mrs Heidi Rea, Executive Head.

The library was crafted by visionary designer and alumna, Andrea Kleinloog, from the Class of 2000. Andrea is an award-winning interior designer and founder of Hesse Kleinloog, and co-owner of Anatomy Design. The Anele Tembe Library is a blend of tradition and modernity. The library stands as a testament to the rich tapestry of our heritage and makes a bold design statement which captures the hearts of the young.

Kelley Litkie
Marketing Manager

College Moment

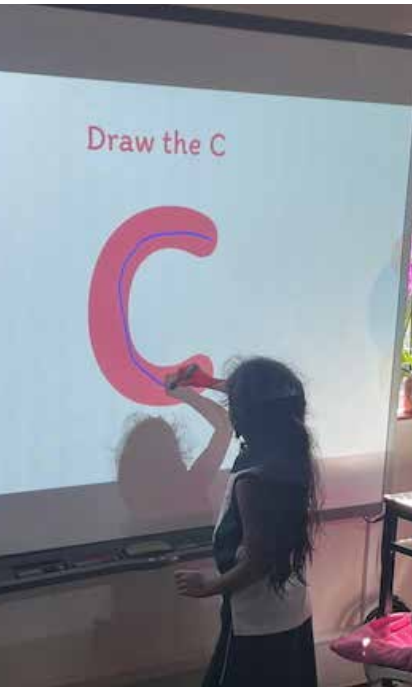
The Anele Tembe Library was officially opened by the Chair of the DGC Board, Mrs Karen Jones, and Anele's father, Mr Moses Tembe.

Junior Primary

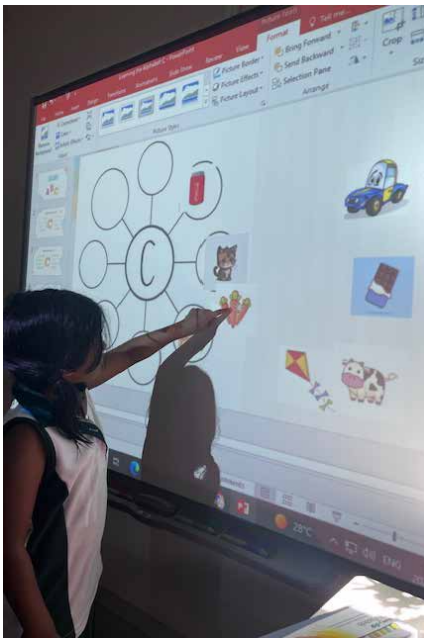
The Grade 00 girls are loving the new sensory pathway and boards. They spend their free play time exploring the fairy gardens.

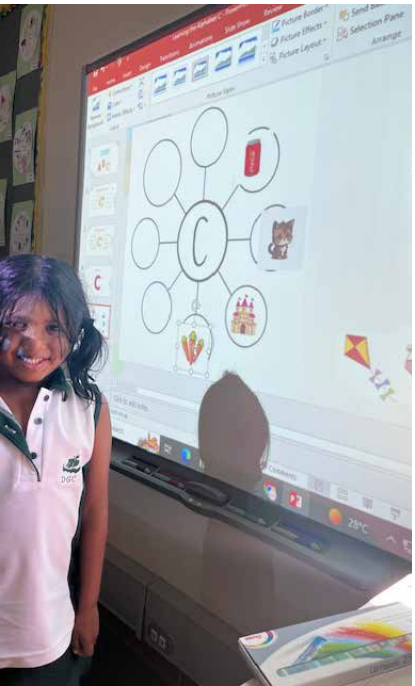
Junior Primary

The Grade Rs are having such fun exploring their new playground and classroom.



Grade R girls making use of Smartboards for the letter C using the Bubble Map.





Grade 1 Word Building.

Senior Primary

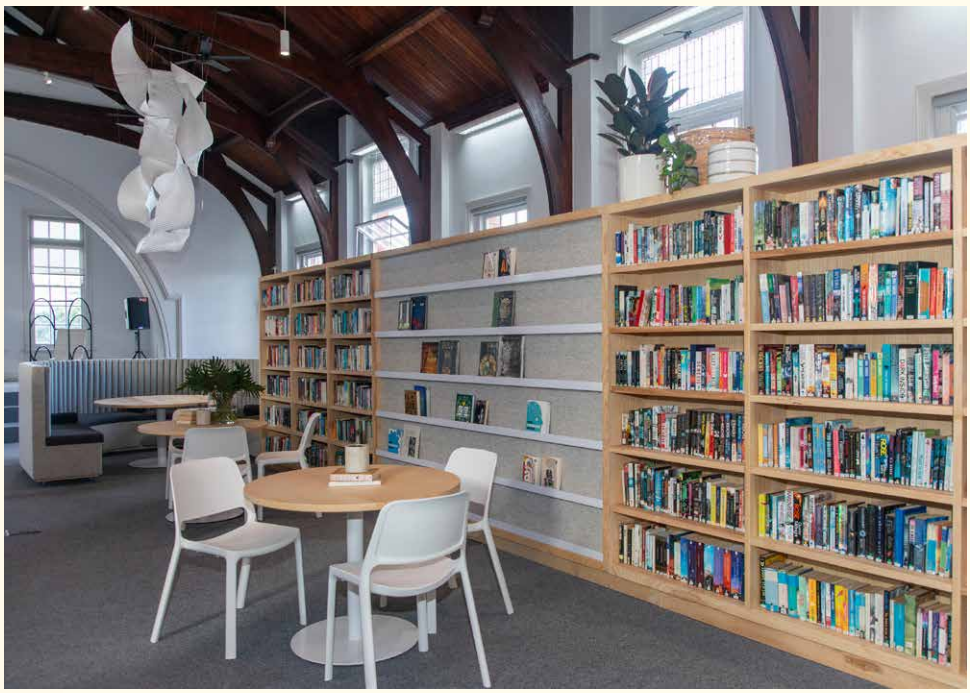
Fun in the crochet club, in a lovely cool classroom.

High School

A Legacy Led by Love

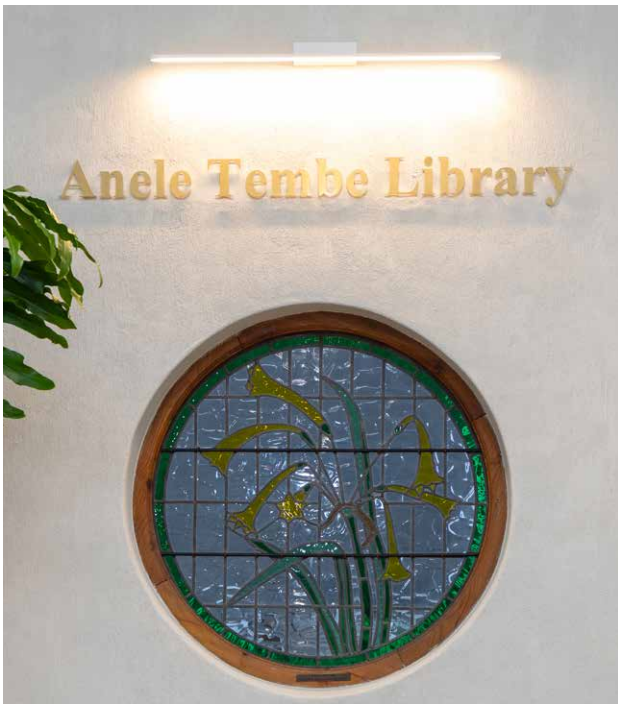
The Tembe family have generously donated towards the renewal of the library in memory of their beloved daughter.

Anele Tembe
Class of 2017
11 October 1998 - 11 April 2021



We celebrated the official opening of the Anele Tembe Library on Tuesday 30 January 2024. This transformative event marks more than just the inauguration of this physical space; it signifies the unveiling of a beacon of knowledge, a legacy led with love, and a dedication to a cherished alumna, Anele Tembe, Class of 2017.

High School



From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. – Hebrews 4:12

Libraries are treasure troves. Recently I spent a few quiet minutes walking around our brand new high school library - named for our dear Anele Tembe - and was reminded that these spaces we fill with books and comfortable corners for reading or thinking or creating are so special. I think this is because words are special to us. And writing words down preserves them for future readers. With words we communicate feeling and purpose, history and heritage. With words we express comfort and love. And it is in word form that we are able to get to know our Maker and Saviour. But God's words, which tell us about Jesus, the Word of God, are not like other words. They are alive and active and work to bring life to our souls. As precious as other books are, and as much as we honour the libraries of the world for holding the space we need to enjoy the written word of millenia, we are not to relegate God's words to a shelf. Instead we are to read them often, and as we do so, His Spirit illuminates them and brings us life and understanding which lasts beyond time.

Results

ACTION NETBALL

- **1st Team:**
  Won: 27 - 9 against Northlands Girls High
- **2nd Team:**
  Won: 26 - 18 against Ashton College
- **U16A:**
  Won: 32 - 1 against Reddam House Umhlanga
- **U15A:**
  Won: 36 - 1 against Reddam House Umhlanga
- **U14A:**
  Lost: 22 - 23 against Ashton College
- **U13A:**
  Draw: 7 - 7 against Virginia Preparatory School
- **U13B:**
  Lost: 3 - 35 against Umhlali Preparatory School Girls-U13A
- **U12A:**
  Lost: 8 - 9 against Chelsea Preparatory School
- **U12B:**
  Won: 24 - 1 against Reddam House Umhlanga Girls-U12A
- **U11A:** L
  Lost: 5 - 17 against Chelsea Preparatory School
- **U10A:**
  Won: 6 - 4 against Northlands Primary School

TENNIS

- **1st Team:**
  Won: 28 - 8 against Crawford College La Lucia

WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

- **1st Team:**
  Won: 8 - 7against St Dominic's Catholic School for Girls
  Won: 22 - 4against Alexander Road High School
  Lost: 4 - 5against Reddam House Bedfordview
  Won: 9 - 8against Clarendon High School
  Lost: 6 - 12against St Mary's School, Waverley
  Won: 11 - 6against Rhenish Girls' High School

INDOOR HOCKEY

- **1st Team:**
  Won: 7-0 against Reddam House Umhlanga
  Won: 2-0 against Danville Park Girls' High School
  Won: 5-0 against Crawford College La Lucia
  Won: 4-0 against Durban Girls' High School
  Won: 13-1 against Danville Park Girls' High School
- **2nd Team:**
  Draw: 1-1 against Kloof High School
  Won: 1-0 against Our Lady of Fatima Dominican Convent School
- **U16A:**
  Lost: 0-1 against St Mary's School, Kloof
  Won: 3-0 against Curro Hillcrest
  Won: 5-0 against Reddam House Umhlanga
  Lost: 0-1 against Danville Park Girls' High School
  Won: 2-1 against Danville Park Girls' High School
- **U16B:**
  Won: 3-1 against Hillcrest High School Girls-U16A
  Lost: 0-1 against Thomas More College Girls-U16A
- **U16C:**
  Won: 3-1 against Durban North College
  Won: 3-1 against Thomas More College Girls-U16D
  Won: 9-0 against Thomas More College Girls-U16E
- **U14A:**
  Won: 3-0 against Ashton International College Ballito
  Won: 5-2 against Our Lady of Fatima Dominican Convent School
  Won: 9-0 against St Mary's School, Kloof
  Won: 4-1 against Maris Stella
  Lost: 0-1 against St Mary's School, Kloof
  Won: 14-0 against Curro Hillcrest
  Won: 6-1 against Danville Park Girls' High School
- **U14B:**
  Lost: 2-3 against Durban Girls' High School Girls-U14A

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Leah Parry (Grade 12) on her recent athletics results. Leah competed in the KZN Athletics League and was awarded Gold for her 5km walk race.

Results

Romana Gangat

Xintong Chen

Sarah Smith

MUSIC

- **Romana Gangat** (Grade 7) passed Trinity Grade 3 Violin with Distinction.
- **Xintong Chen** (Grade 10) passed Trinity Grade 4 Singing with Distinction.

DANCE

- Well done to **Sarah Smith** (Grade 7). She participated in a modern dance Grade 4 exam and passed with distinction. She was awarded certificates by the Association of International Dance Teachers. Sarah received an Elite certificate for her participation in the Break-Thru Dance Company.
- Well done to **Indiah Reid** (Grade 3). She participated in an Acrobatic Dance competition and achieved a medal, 2 certificates and 2 trophies for 1st place in her category.

SWIMMING

- Well done to **Cristina van der Walt** (Grade 7). Cristina competed in the Aquazone Swimming Competition and received 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals. She also beat all her Personal Best Times.
- Well done to **Oyama Baqwa** (Grade 6). She has qualified for level 3 – National Championships in the following categories 400, 200 & 100m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley and 100m Butterfly. She is in the Top 20 of the January 2024 rankings for SA swimming long course for the girls' U11 & under category. The championships will be held in Bloemfontein from 21 – 25 March. We wish Oyama all the very best.

Indiah Reid

Cristina van der Walt

Oyama Baqwa

Calendar

Monday 05 February - Sunday 18 February 2024

Monday 5	**Day 6** HS: 06h00-07h00: Swimming training: Kings Park PS: 06h00-07h00: Swimming training: Kings Park PS: 07h35-08h05: Chapel: Centenary Hall HS: 08h00: Grade 8 departs for Excursion: Tala Game Reserve
Tuesday 6	**Day 7** HS: Grade away on an Excursion: Tala Game Reserve WS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly: Centenary Hall HS: 14h30-16h30: 1st Team Tennis vs Ashton: Ashton College Ballito HS: 14h30-16h30: 2nd Team Tennis vs Danville: Danville Park Girls' High School
Wednesday 7	**Day 8** PS: 07h30-08h30: Grade 00 - 3 Muffing Morning (IT): PS Hall HS: 12h30: Grade 8 return from Tala Game Reserve HS & SP: 16h00-18h00: Championship Gala: DGC
Thursday 8	**Day 9** WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House HS: 17h00-17h30: uHambo Tea: Gear Shopping: Centenary Hall HS: 17h30-18h30: uHambo Information Talk: Lecture Theatre HS: 18h00-19h00: uHambo Tea: Gear Shopping: Centenary Hall
Friday 9	**Day 10** JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly: PS Hall SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly: PS Hall HS: 10h30-16h00: National Aquatics Gala: Kings Park Stadium
Saturday 10	HS: 09h00 - 12h00: Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 11	
Monday 12	**Day 1** PS: Shoe Collection PS: 06h00-07h00: Swimming training: Kings Park PS: 07h35-08h05: Hymn Practice: Lecture Theatre PS: 07h35-08h05: Grade 1-3 Singing Practice: PS Hall PS: 13h00-16h30: Grade 4-7 Kids Lit Quiz Competition: Westville Senior Primary School PS: 17h00-18h00: Grade 00 & R Valentine's Picnic: JP Play area
Tuesday 13	**Day 2** Shrove Tuesday PS: shoe collection HS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly HS: 14h30-16h30: 1st Team Tennis vs Curro: DGC HS: 14h30- 16h30: 2nd Team Tennis: DGC

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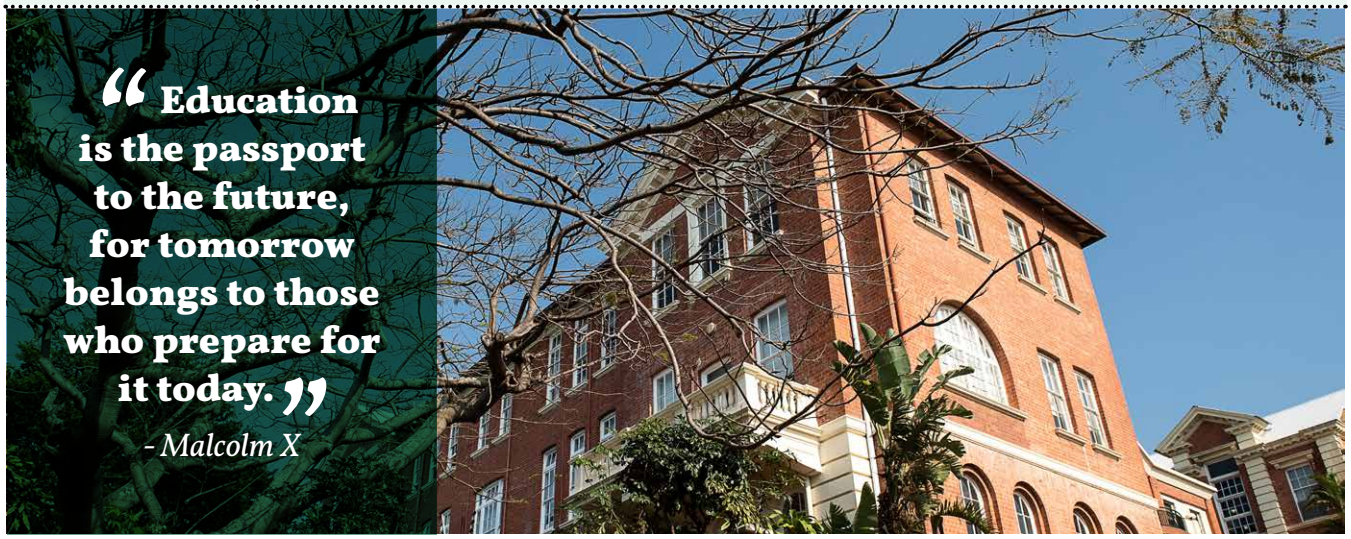
Wednesday 14	**Day 3** Ash Wednesday, start of Lent PS: Shoe Collection WS: Valentines' Civvies day PS: 09h00-10h00: Grade 4 Valentine Picnic PS: 13h00-14h30: Grades 1-3 Valentine's Day Co-ed Gala PS: 15h00-16h30: Grades 4-7 B Gala: Maris Stella HS: 15h30-17h00: Friendly Gala: St Mary's Diocesan
Thursday 15	**Day 4** PS: Shoe Collection WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House HS: 18h00-20h30: HS Choir Reddam Supper Theatre: Reddam House Umhlanga
Friday 16	**Day 5** PS: Shoe Collection JP: Grade RD to receive Love Language Books HS: 07h30-13h00: Grade 8 iPad Day JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly: PS Hall SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly: PS Hall PS: 10h30-12h30: Grade 4-7 Inter House Gala: DGC HS: 13h00-14h45: Grade 12 Life Science Summative Practical Task: Life Science Lab HS: 14h00-14h30: U16A Action Netball vs Maris Stella: Action Cricket HS: 14h30-15h00: U14B Action Netball vs Reddam Umhlanga: Action Cricket HS: 15h00-15h300: U14A Action Netball vs Fatima: Action Cricket HS: 16h00-16h30: U15A Action Netball vs Fatima: Action Cricket HS: 16h00-16h30: U15B Action Netball vs Crawford: Action Cricket HS: 16h00-16h30: U16B Action Netball vs Fatima: Action Cricket HS: 17h00-17h30: U15B Action Netball vs Ashton: Action Cricket HS: 17h30-18h00: 2nd Team Action Netball vs Durban North College: Action Cricket
Saturday 17	HS: 12h00-17h00: Choir Rehearsals
Sunday 18