College Chatter

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DURBAN GIRLS' COLLEGE

From the Helm

In the first term of 2024, sports at DGC kicked off with a flurry of excitement and dedication High School Inter-House Gala. Preseason training for our core sports – hockey, netball, swimming, and water polo – set the tone for an action-packed season. The High School Inter-House Gala in January saw Churchill House clinch the top spot, amidst an atmosphere filled with camaraderie and school spirit.

Our indoor hockey teams, including the U14s, U16s, and 1st team, showcased their prowess in their respective age group tournaments, displaying outstanding performances with the 1st Team taking first place. Meanwhile, the 1st team water polo, comprised of a young but determined squad, demonstrated their tenacity by taking 10th place at the Kingswood Tournament and securing Gold at the National Aquatics Festival with an impressive record of 7 wins and 1 draw.

Our swimming team also made waves, improving upon last year's performance by claiming 3rd place at the National Aquatics Festival among ten competing schools. With weekly friendly galas leading up to the highly anticipated A league D & D gala on March 5th, our swimmers are poised for success.

Our High School Action Netball teams have displayed an exceptional level of skill and determination this season, boasting an impressive record of only three losses out of 21 games played among the eight teams.

As the first term draws to a close, attention shifts to the upcoming sporting tours in the March holidays. With three hockey tours and four netball tours on the horizon, anticipation and excitement are running high as our athletes prepare to showcase their skills on a broader stage.

Bell Meek – Director of Sport and
Alex Robinson – High School Sports Co-ordinator

College Moment

Capturing the rapport between teacher and pupils at our High School Open Evening

Junior Primary

Well done to the following girls who were selected as the Junior Primary House Captains:
Bottom row L to R: **Rutherford:** Athalia Mudly, Indiah Reid **Churchill:** Mila Govender, Aasiya Mulla **Hunter:** Elle Friis, Sienna Dranias
Top row L to R: **Cottam:** Léya van Jaarsveld, Hope Kearns **Palmer:** Mariam Yacoob, Kelsey Venter **Greenacre:** Scarlet Syme, Ayana Sarkhot

The Grade 1 girls wore the Green Thinking Hat which represents Creativity. They built magical birds' nests out of brown paper bags. The girls worked on their fine-motor skills by tearing paper to decorate their nests. Colourful glitter was added at the end of the process to add their own creative flair.

High School – Open Evening

High School

French
Second Additional Language

Afrikaans
First Additional Language

Sport at DGC
GA
GD
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Christian Fellowship

From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
– Psalm 34:8-10

Lots of things challenge us during our busy days and weeks, and sometimes we feel strained and overwhelmed. It's good to register these feelings and with wisdom seek to maintain a healthy balance in life and work. But sometimes circumstances are beyond our control. On those days, the Lord is still our refuge. Let us be deliberate in our noticing of the ways in which we see and taste his goodness today!

Results

WATER POLO

- **1st team:**
  Won 13-4 against St Peters
  Won 11-2 against Rustenburg
  Won 13-2 against Pretoria High School
  Won 7-3 against St Dominics
  Lost 1-6 to Reddam Constansia
  Won 6-2 against Collegiate
  Won 6-3 against St Mary's Waverly
  Lost 8-11 to Herschel Girls
  Lost 6-7 to St Annes
  Lost 7-9 against Kingwood College
- **U15A:**
  Drew 4-4 against St Mary's DSG
  Lost 5-6 against St Peters
  Won 9-3 against Hudson Park
  Won 21-0 against Crawford College Lonehill
  Won 5-4 against Herschel Girls School
  Won 6-2 against Kingsmead College
  Won 12-6 against Reddam Bedfordview
  Lost 6-9 against Clarendon

ACTION NETBALL

- **U13A:** Lost 4-34 to Chelsea Prep
- **U11B:** Lost 2-12 to Chelsea Prep
- **U10A:** Won 15-5 against Fatima
- **U10B:** Lost 2-3 to Curro Salt Rock

INDOOR HOCKEY

- **1st team:**
  Won 10-0 against Hillcrest High
  Won 5-0 against Fatima
- **2nd team:** Won 5-0 against Northlands Girls High School
- **U16A:**
  Drew 0-0 to Fatima
  Won 3-0 against Ashton
- **U16B:** Lost 1-4 to Curro Hillcrest
- **U16C:** Won 4-1 against New Forest
- **U14A:** Won 5-2 against Ashton
- **U14B:** Drew 2-2 to Hillcrest High

TENNIS

- **1st team:**
  Lost 12-24 to St Mary's Kloof
- **2nd team:**
  Lost 12-24 to St Mary's Kloof
  Won 11-7 against Westville Girls High School

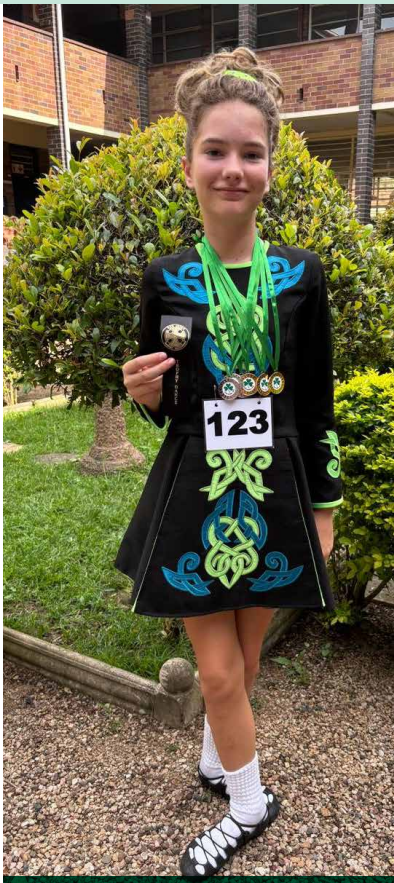
Results

Zoe Rosenberg

GYMNASTICS

- Well done to Katy Bowyer (Grade 4) Katy was awarded a trophy for the longest-standing handstand in a handstand competition, held at the Durban North Gymnastics Club's Prize-Giving.
- Well done to Zoe Rosenberg (Grade 1). She was awarded a medal and certificate for Promising Performer and a certificate and trophy for Top of the Class for her exam and Mini Acrobat of the Year, at the Emotion Dance Studio 2023 Prize-Giving.

Sophie Rosenberg and Ellie Rosenberg



Isabella du Toit

DANCE

- Well done to Sophie Rosenberg (Grade 6) and Ellie Rosenberg (Grade 4). They participated in the Emotion Dance Studio 2023 Prize-Giving and achieved a medal and certificate for hard work and determination.
- Well done to Isabella du Toit (Grade 7). Isabella participated in the Pinetown Irish dancing competition. She received 3 gold medals and was placed 2nd overall in her Intermediate Pre-Championship Section.

Katy Bowyer

Well done to the following girls who represented DGC at the Kids' Lit Quiz.
Bottom row L to R: Sena Bhana, Ruhi Misser, Kashmira Naidoo, Romana Gangat
Top row L to R: Hanna Mohamedy, Mariam Hassam, Sayuri Mahabeer, Sonali Naidoo

Calendar

Monday 4 March - Sunday 17 March 2024

Monday 4	**Day 6** PS: 06h00-07h00: Swimming training: DGC PS: 07h35-08h05: Chapel: Centenary Hall HS: 08h00-08h30: Submission of Service Hours PS: 09h30-13h30: U12 & U13 Durban Central Hockey Trials: DGC HS: 14h30-15h45: Grade 12 Life Sciences Test HS: 15h00-17h00: U14 Durban Central Hockey Trials: DGC HS: 15h00-16h30: Poetry Club: "Slam Poetry Afternoon": Miller Grove Building PS: 15h30-16h00: U12B Action Netball vs Maris Stella : Durban Arena PS: 16h30-17h00: U13A Action Netball vs Ashton International WS: 17h00-18h30: PA AGM: Lecture Theatre PS: 17h00-17h30: U12B Action Netball vs Westville SP: Durban Arena
Tuesday 5	**Day 7** HS: English Olympiad WS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly & HS Choir Performance: Centenary Hall PS: 13h00-16h00: D&D C League Gala: Grades 4-7: Kings Park Stadium HS: 18h00-20h00: D&D Gala: Kings Park Stadium
Wednesday 6	**Day 8** HS: 08h00-13h00: Grade 10 Business Studies excursion to Antique Cafe PS: 13h00-14h00: Grades 4-7 DGC & Clifton Lunch Hour Concert: Clifton HS: 15h00-17h00: U16 Durban Central Hockey Trials: DGC HS: 17h30-20h00: Toastmasters: Grade 11: Miller Grove Building HS: 18h00-20h30: Grade 12 French Dinner: Hilton College
Thursday 7	**Day 9** WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House HS: 05h00:HS Choir Tour, The Mzanzi Conductors Convention depart for Cape Town PS: 14h00-16h30: Cluster Meeting: Grades 6&7: St Henry's Marist College JP: 14h00-15h00: Grade 3 Gala: Ashton International PS: 18h00-20h00: D&D A League: Grades 4-7: Kings Park Stadium
Friday 8	**Day 10** HS Term 1 Service Awards submission deadline HS: HS Choir Tour, The Mzanzi Conductors Convention: Cape Town PS: 07h30-12h30: Grade 7 Interactive day with Clifton: DGC HS: 07h35-08h35: Open Circles Grade 8: Mrs Taylor's classroom HS: 08h00-12h00: Entrance & Scholarship Test Day: Centenary Hall JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly HS: 08h35-10h05: Open Circles Grade 11: Mrs Taylor's classroom SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly HS: 10h30-12h00: Open Circles Grade 12: Mrs Taylor's classroom HS: 12h00-13h00: Open Circles Grade 9: Mrs Taylor's Classroom HS: 14h30-15h00: U14B Action Netball: Action Cricket HS: 14h30-15h00: U16A Action Netball: Action Netball HS: 15h00-15h30: Action Netball vs Crawford La Lucia B: Action Cricket HS: 15h30-16h00: 2nd Team Action Netball vs Reddam Umhlanga: Action Cricket HS: 15h30-16h00: U16B Action Netball vs Crawford La Lucia B: Action Cricket HS: 17h00-17h30: 1st Team Action Netball vs Curro Salt Rock

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Saturday 9	HS: Choir Tour, The Mzanzi Conductors Convention: Cape Town PS: 09h00-12h00: Open Morning for Grades 00-R: DGC WS: 10h00-12h00: Music Progress Concert
Sunday 10	HS: 20h00: Choir Tour, return from tour
Monday 11	**Day 1** PS: Grades 00-4 Parent Interviews HS: 07h35-08h35: Open Circles Grade 9: Miller Grove Building PS; 07h35-08h05: Grades 1-3 Singing Practice:PS Hall PS: 07h35-08h05: Hymn Practice: Centenary Hall HS: 08h00-09h00: Parents Muffin Morning:"Sex, Selfies & Social Media": Lecture Theatre HS: 08h35-10h05: Open Circles Grade 11: Miller Grove Building HS: 10h30-12h00: Open Circles Grade 12: Miller Grove Building HS: 13h00-14h00: Open Circles Grade 10: Miller Grove Building HS: 15h00-17h00: Durban Central Hockey Trials: DGC PS: 15h00-15h30: U11B Action Netball vs Northlands Primary: Durban Arena PS: 15h30-16h00: U11A Action Netball vs Ashton International: Durban Arena PS: 16h00-16h30: U12A Action Netball vs Virginia Prep: Durban Arena PS: 16h30-17h00: U11B Action Netball vs Virginia Prep: Durban Arena PS: 17h00-17h30: U11A Action Netball vs Glenwood Prep: Durban Arena PS: 17h00-17h30: U12B Action Netball vs Crawford La Lucia: Durban Arena
Tuesday 12	**Day 2** JP: Grade RN Love Language Books Returned HS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly: Centenary Hall PS: Grades 00-4 Parent Interviews HS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly: Centenary Hall PS: 07h35-08h05: Grade 3 Music Module HS: 15h00-17h30: 2nd Team Tennis vs Kuswag: Kuswag PS: 15h00-15h30: U10A Action Netball Match vs Ashton International: Durban Arena PS: 16h00-16h30: U10B Action Netball vs Glenwood Prep: Durban Arena PS: 16h00-16h30: U10B Action Netball vs Glenwood Prep: Durban Arena
Wednesday 13	**Day 3** PS: Grades 00-4 Parent Interviews PS: 07h30-08h30: Grade R Love Languages Book Discussion::PS Hall HS: 13h00-14h30: Open Circles Grade 10: Miller Grove Building PS: 14h30-16h00: Grades 1-3: Inter- Schools Gala: DGC HS: 14h30-15h30: isiZulu Olympiad HS: 17h30-20h00: Toastmasters: Grade 11: Miller Grove Building
Thursday 14	**Day 4** PS: Grades 00-4 Parent Interviews HS: Grade 12 away on excursion WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House PS: 07h35-08h05: Grade 2 Music Module: Blue Steps PS: 14h00-14h30: U12 & U13 Durban Central Trials HS: 14h45-15h45: Maths Olympiad #1 PS: 17h00-18h30: Grade 3 Night Picnic: DGC

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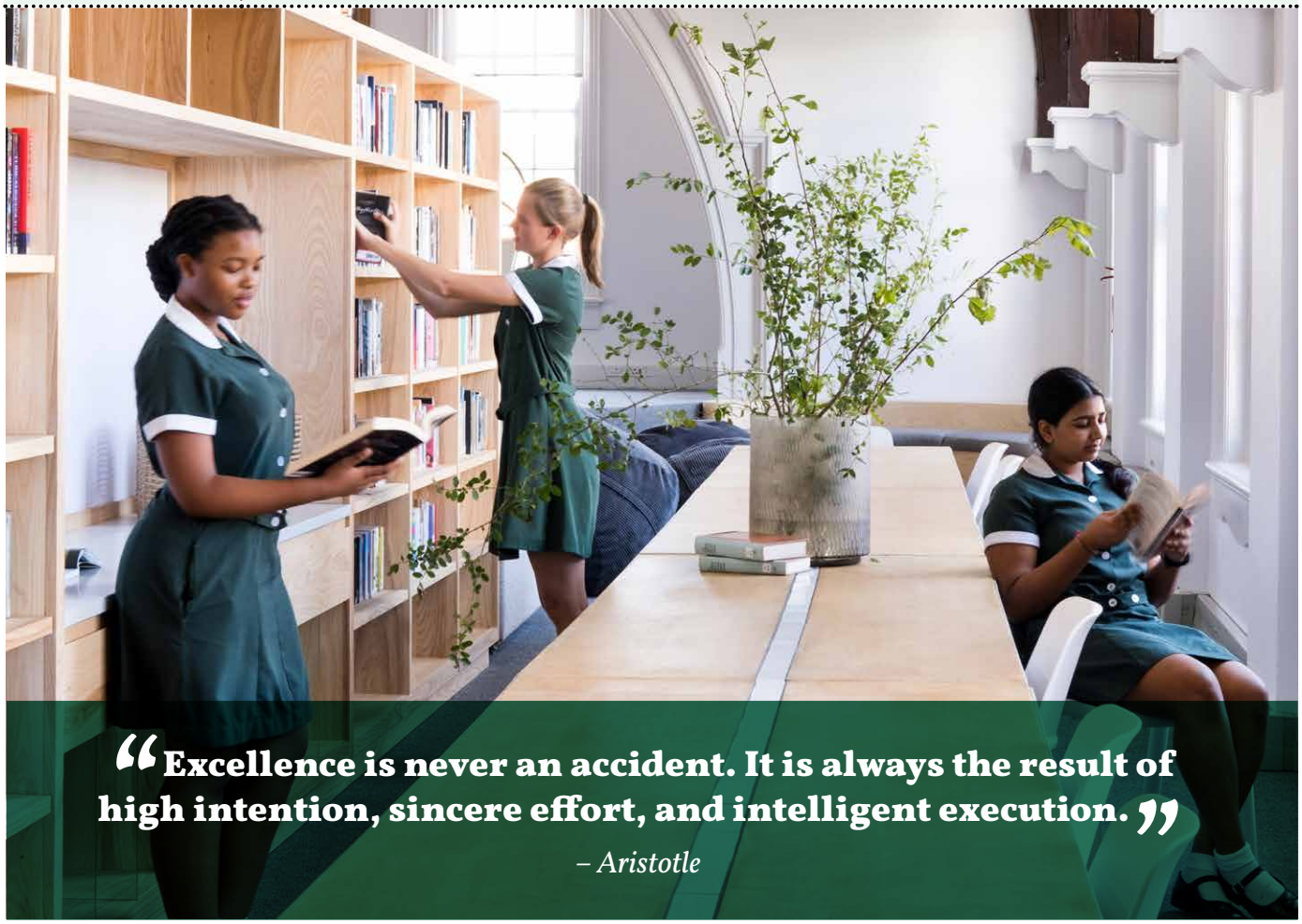
Friday 15	**Day 5** PS: Grade 00-4 Parent Interviews PS: 08h00-12h30: Grade 5 Interactive Day: DGC JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly:PS Hall JP: 08h30-10h30: Grades 1-3 DGC vs Clifton Gala: Clifton SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly:PS Hall HS: 13h00-16h00: Grade 9 St Martin's Children's Home Outreach U15A Action Netball vs Northlands B: Action Cricket HS: 15h00-17h00: 1st Team Pre-Season Hockey Tournament: DGC HS: 15h00-15h30: U14B Action Netball vs Northlands: Action Cricket HS: 15h30-16h00: U15B Action Netball vs Fatima: Action Cricket HS: 16h30-17h00: U16A Action Netball vs Northlands A: Action Cricket HS: 16h30-17h00: U16B Action Netball vs Reddam Umhlanga: Action Cricket HS: 17h30-18h00: U14A Action Netball vs Reddam: Action Cricket HS: 17h30-18h00: U16B Action Netball vs Redwood College: Action Cricket
Saturday 16	HS: 08h00-15h00: 1st Team Pre-Season Hockey Tournament: DGC HS: 09h00-16h00: IEB Subject Music Workshop WS: 16h00-18h00: JamBEATS & Picnic, DGC Field
Sunday 17	



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