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From the Helm

Celebrating Triumphs and Looking Ahead

What a busy fortnight it has been at DGC! As we gather our thoughts and reflections for this issue of the College Chatter, we can't help but be overwhelmed with pride and gratitude for the remarkable achievements and moments we've shared together.

Firstly, let's celebrate the outstanding success of our High School swimmers at the D&D Gala at Kings Park on 5 March. To clinch 2nd place, by 10 points, against stiff competition is no small feat. Congratulations to our swimmers for their exceptional performances, their dedicated coaches, and our spirited supporters. Our DGC War Cry was aired live on **East Coast Radio's Breakfast Show** on the morning of the gala. What a moment of pure elation to hear the joy and pride in the voices of our Spirit Crew.

Our Junior Primary Open Day was a joyous occasion, filled with laughter, excitement, and a glimpse into the bright future ahead. Welcoming 63 prospective little girls and their parents into our school was a true pleasure. We hope they felt the warmth and passion that radiates from our school.

And let's not forget our incredible achievement in the Spar KZN Schoolgirls' Hockey Challenge. Our Hockey 1st Team won the Durban Central. This is 13 years in a row since the inception of the tournament in 2011. This is testament to the hard work, perseverance, and teamwork exhibited by our hockey players and their coaches. We look forward to the finals to be held in July.

Lastly, we're delighted to announce that we've received a record number of Grade 8 applications for the upcoming year. It's heartening to see so many families eager to become a part of our DGC family.

As we approach break-up day for the Easter holidays, we extend our warmest wishes to all our families. May this Easter be filled with the joy of resurrection, the blessings of love and peace, and the promise of new beginnings.

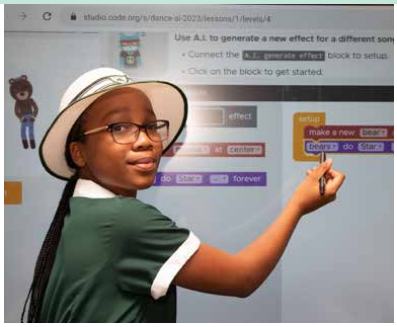
In closing, let's carry forward the spirit of unity, excellence, and inclusivity that defines us as a school. Together, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

Kelley Litkie
Marketing Manager

College Moment

High School Girls supporting our swimmers at the D&D Gala.

Junior Primary



We opened our doors to many curious visitors at the Junior Primary Open Day. So many excited little people explored our world. We lay the foundation for learning, teaching essential thinking skills and strategies. The innovation hub was popular and the robots and 3D glasses were a win!

Senior Primary

Grade 4 Discovery Day fun - planting bean seeds

Grade 4 girls visualising their thinking using exciting new Apps

Senior Primary – A-League Gala

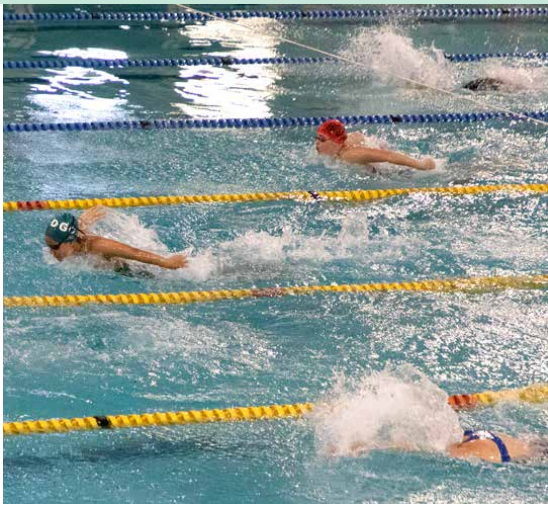
Our Senior Primary had the privilege of hosting the A-League Gala.

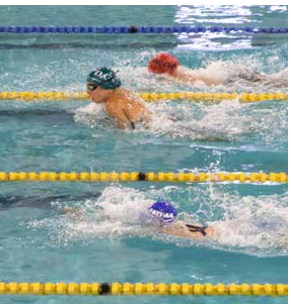
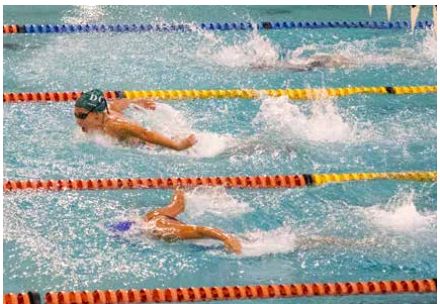
High School

Our High School Choir recently toured Cape Town and performed with top international conductors.

The Grade 10 Consumer students have been studying Textiles. They designed and created a toy which they branded "A Ting". They were tasked by their teacher, Mrs Corrine King, to use three different textiles and three different textures in the design. Well done, we love your 'Tings'. We see some promising future careers in design and retail.

High School – D&D Gala



From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15

The term is hastening to its end. To say that it has been busy is an understatement of note. The work that has been done and the progress that has been made are real encouragements. But the emotional investment has been high and that's what is most tiring. New staff have had to find their feet, new pupils have had to do the same. For those starting school and for those at the start of the end of their schooling, there are individual and corporate challenges. And everyone in-between finds themselves faced with the daily tasks that sometimes feel overwhelming. Yet the seasons change. The work is nearly done. There is time now for rest and restoration. I love that Easter usually falls after the first term and in the holidays that follow it. The whirlwind settles and as we rest physically and mentally, we are able to focus on the spiritual rest that Jesus provides. If we are tempted to think of Easter purely as a long weekend of chocolate and family lunches, we need to re-calibrate. May you find opportunities during the (somewhat) slower days that await us, to consider the moment in history that changed everything and which gives us more than enough reason to rejoice in the certain hope we have been offered.

Meet Our Staff

Angie Nienaber

Grade 8 and 9 History Teacher, and High School Librarian

I matriculated from Durban Girls' College in 2004, never dreaming that 20 years later I would return to the school as a teacher!

I completed a B.Soc Sci (Psychology) at UKZN in 2007, with a view to qualifying as an Educational Psychologist. At the beginning of 2008, I was offered a locum tenens position at Durban Girls' High School and I soon realised that teaching was the way I wanted to help young people to fulfil their potential. I changed my post-graduate studies to a PGCE through Unisa and I have never looked back.

I stayed at DGHS for 6 years, during which time I had my two children, Sam and Lily, who are now 13 and 11 years old. In 2014, I moved to Chelsea Preparatory, where I became an English specialist teacher. I moved to Crawford La Lucia, in 2016, where I spent 4 rewarding years, serving as Head of English for the Preparatory phase and Head of Grade 7. And then Covid-19 swept through the world, disrupting all the best-laid plans of mice and men!

After lockdown, my son struggled to return to school and I had to resign in order to be at home with him. I joined Teneo Online School, teaching Grade 10 and 11 English for the next three years. While online teaching served a valuable purpose for my family, it is a far cry from the relational rewards of 'real life' teaching and when I was offered the chance to return to a 'brick and mortar' school at the end of last year, I was delighted. The fact that it was at my alma mater just added to the excitement, and when I learned that I would be the first librarian to work in the wonderfully renovated Anele Tembe Library... Well, I am still pinching myself to be sure I am not dreaming!

I teach Grade 8 and 9 History as well as running the high school library, and I am enjoying the balance this offers. DGC is a hive of activity, and I love the buzz, as well as being able to interact with students and staff 'in person'!

And so my educational journey at DGC has come full circle. I feel privileged to be able to play a part in steering the Galleon 'towards tomorrow's years'.

Results

DEBATING

Senior Round 2

The Team consisted of:
Nilashri Naidoo
Taylah Pillay
Shannon Botha *(was awarded best speaker)*
The Senior Team won their debate against Clifton

Junior Round 2

Team 1

Milla Ramkissoon *(was awarded best speaker)*
Owam Sidlakadla
Sophia Kidson

Team 2

Twina Chawla *(was awarded best speaker)*
Lebone Leluba
Darsha Munasur
Both the Junior Teams won their debates

OUTDOOR HOCKEY

- **1st Team:**
  won 2-1 against Thomas More
  won 5-0 against Fatima
  won 1-0 against Maris Stella
- **U16A:**
  won 3-0 against Ashton
- **U16B:**
  lost 5-2 to Maris Stella A
  won 7-0 against St Henry's
  won 1-0 against Westville
  won 6-0 against Crawford La Lucia
- **U14A:**
  won: 7-0 against Maris Stella

TENNIS

- **2nd Team:**
  won 17 games to 15 against Fatima

ACTION NETBALL

- **1st Team:**
  lost 18-23 to Fatima
  won 20-7 against Maris Stella
- **2nd Team:**
  lost 20-25 to Reddam Umhlanga 1st team
  won 20-19 against Inanda
- **U16A:** won 16-15 against Fatima
- **U16B:**
  lost 13-20 to Inanda
  lost 21-22 to Crawford La Lucia
- **U15A:**
  won 33-7 against Maris Stella
  won 39-4 against Crawford
- **U15B:**
  won 32-2 against Reddam Umhlanga
  won 20-6 against Curro Salt Rock Salt
- **U14A:**
  won 10-12 against Maris Stella
  won 41-6 against Curro Salt Rock
- **U14B:**
  won 16-7 against Fatima
  won 14-12 against Reddam Umhlanga
- **U13A:**
  lost 8-22 to Ashton
- **U12A:**
  lost 3-14 to Westville
  lost 3-17 to Virginia Prep
- **U12B:**
  won 10-8 against Crawford La Lucia
  drew 5-5 with Maris Stella
- **U11A:** lost 5-9 to Ashton
- **U11B:** lost 2-13 to Northlands

SWIMMING - D&D GALAS

HS: 2nd

SP A Team: 6th

SP B Team: 4th

Calendar

Monday 18 March – Sunday 24 March 2024

Monday 18	**Day 6** PS: 07h35-08h05: Chapel: Centenary Hall PS: 14h00-17h30: Grades 5 & 6 Parent Interviews: Miller Grove Building HS: 15h30-17h30: 1st Team HP Testing: DGC PS: 15h30-16h00: U13B Action Netball vs Reddam Umhlanga: Durban Arena PS: 16h00-16h30: U12A Action Netball vs Northlands Primary: Durban Arena PS: 16h00-16h30: U12B Action Netball vs Chelsea Prep: Durban Arena PS: 17h30-18h00: U12A Action Netball vs Fatima: Durban Arena WS: Long Serving Staff Cocktail Function for Claire Wilkinson: Peace Garden
Tuesday 19	**Day 7** HS: 07h35-09h05: Open Circles Grade 10: Miller Grove Building WS: 07h35-09h05: Assembly (rehearsal for Easter Service): Centenary Hall WS: 13h00-14h00: Easter Service Rehearsal: Centenary Hall PS: 15h00-15h30: U10A Action Netball Match vs Virginia Prep: Durban Arena PS: 15h00-15h30: U10B Action Netball vs Reddam Umhlanga: Durban Arena PS: 15h30-16h00: U11B Action Netball vs Virginia Prep: Durban Arena HS: 17h30-21h30: Movie Night with Clifton: DGC Field
Wednesday 20	**Day 8** ***WS: Break Up Day*** WS: 11h00-11h45: Easter Service (Grade 3-12) Centenary Hall *Break-Up Day Times:* 11h15: Grades 00-& R 11h30: Grade 1 11h45: Grade 2 12h00: Grades 3-7 12h00: Grades 8-12 HS: 11h30: U14 Hockey & Netball Teams depart for Roedean
Thursday 21	**Day 9** **Human Rights Day** HS: U16 Hockey Tournament: Bloemhof Girls' High: Stellenbosch HS: U16 Netball Tournament: St Mary's Diocesan: Kloof HS: 2nd Team Netball Tournament: Epworth: Pietermaritzburg
Friday 22	**Day 10** HS: U16 Hockey Tournament: Bloemhof Girls' High: Stellenbosch HS: U16 Netball Tournament: St Mary's Diocesan: Kloof HS: 2nd Team Netball Tournament: Epworth: Pietermaritzburg HS: U14 Roedean Hockey & Netball Tournament: Roedean Senior School: Parktown
Saturday 23	HS: U16 Hockey Tournament: Bloemhof Girls' High: Stellenbosch HS: U16 Netball Tournament: St Mary's Diocesan: Kloof HS: 2nd Team Netball Tournament: Epworth: Pietermaritzburg HS: U14 Roedean Hockey & Netball Tournament: Roedean Senior School: Parktown
Sunday 24	HS: U16 Hockey Tournament: Bloemhof Girls' High: Stellenbosch HS: 2nd Team Netball Tournament: Epworth: Pietermaritzburg

"Agility is about handling the curveballs life pitches at us. It's being able to respond quickly when you're caught off guard."

- Darcy Luoma