



Danville DIGEST

23 May 2014

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

There are very few days left before your daughter begins exams. She will really need to focus all her energy now on her studies in order to do well. By this time, she should be well into a study timetable and should be working over and above the minimum hours for homework. We wish all concerned everything of the best during this period.

In the meanwhile, this Digest will reflect that the days we have had so far this term have been packed with activities, despite all the public holidays. In fact, many people of the Danville Family – staff and girls alike - worked through the holidays whether it be planning events, setting exam papers (or, hopefully, preparing for exams and doing homework!) or participating in sports tournaments or excursions!

Our Mothers and Daughters day was a wonderful, warm, bonding event showing great camaraderie - thanks are due to the Parents' Support Group for co-ordinating the event and to the girls and mothers who supported it.

Thanks also to staff and parents who have given our girls the exciting opportunities of participating in the Shakespeare Festival at The Sneddon Theatre, the Grade 11 Social, as well as the chance to shine at sport.

Kind regards,
Cally Maddams

DATES TO DIARISE

29 May	Gr 10 - 12 mid-year exams begin
02 June	Gr 8 & 9 mid-year exams begin
13 June	End of mid-year exams
16 June	Public Holiday
25/26 June	Gr 11 Work Experience
27 June	School closes



Highlights



Mothers and Daughters

On Saturday 17th May the Parents' Support Group held their sixth annual Mothers and Daughters Day. The event was a "Chic High Tea in Pink". Despite concerns about the weather it was a beautiful Autumn day and the quad was alive with happy chatter.

The guests were treated to a scrumptious high tea in the MPC. They heard a very moving talk by Janice Bennecke from Pink Drive who spoke about beating the challenge of cancer. They were treated to some beautiful singing by our talented young ladies, Jarene Moses and Asha Irvine. Star of the show was Alice Leah from Mums' Mail who gave an inspirational talk.

Alice and Janice had agreed to judge the best decorated table and everyone was a winner, as Alice generously sponsored prizes for the top three tables. Then it was time to spend quality time together and do some retail therapy at the stalls.

We are very grateful to the Parents' Support Group for organising another wonderful Mothers and Daughters day. If you did not make it this year, be sure to come next year!



Alice Leah & Janice Bennecke



The Danville family...





Grade 11 Social

The Grade 11 Social was held on the 9th of May 2014. The reason for the dance is for the Grade 11's to bond and prepare themselves for their matric year. The theme was "The Secret Garden". The committee, Mrs Fourie and Mrs Maree did a spectacular job. The hall was transformed into a lovely garden with plants, draping, fairy lights and arches. The mothers' committee catered and the food was delicious.



Schools Shakespeare Festival

On Thursday 8th May, an enthusiastic cast of Danville actors and singers appeared in their "Schools' Shakespeare Festival" production at the Sneddon Theatre : Fie! Fie! What a Wayward Thing is Love!. The girls loved the excitement and challenge of performing on a professional stage, playing to an enthusiastic and responsive audience. Mastering Shakespearian language was a challenging exercise for the cast. All those centuries ago the dialogue was crafted and each word is beautiful and requires precise delivery to make the meaning and the emotional connection clear. The Danville girls mastered this craft so well and whether they were re-inventing the sonnets, playing tricks on other characters or expressing immortal words of love, they communicated Shakespeare's text to the audience very effectively.



Visual Arts News

The Grade 10 Visual Arts girls have been working on a "shoe" theme. They were asked to design a pair of slippers that reflected their personality and their likes or dislikes. They worked in mixed media combined with drawing and painting. A washing line was set up in the art room and the "slippers" were displayed.



ART IN THE QUAD

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

10AM - 2PM

DANVILLE PARK GIRLS'

HIGH SCHOOL

21 MIDDLEBROOK AVE

Come and join us to view & purchase art created
by artists from the 'Danville Family'.

Eds, coffee, tea and creative pieces for sale.

Artworks on show by professional artists

as well as art students.