

# Danville Dialogues

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*Dear Danville 'old girl',*

The year of 2014 has been another busy but successful time for Danville. We have excelled in Academics, Sport and many cultural activities. Danville was once again placed among the Top 25 Public Schools by the leading magazine, Fairlady and 9 of our Sport girls received SA colours and 52 their KZN colours.

It is not only our present girls who excel – we have heard and read of the success stories of many of our past pupils and are extremely proud of them. So, please continue to keep us in the loop of your own achievements and that of your alma mater!

Danville also continues to break new ground and this past year saw us introducing tablets into our school as part of our ongoing Digital Evolution. We are also building an Astro hockey turf next year! Danville is growing from strength to strength, but we are always grateful for the major role you as an 'Old Girl' have played to make this school such a special place.

## *Old Girls' Tea*

We held our Reunion Tea for the Classes of 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004 in August and were amazed at the turnout, many travelling from abroad to see their dear friends again. It was a fun-filled morning as the 'old' girls' shared their memories and caught up with friendships in a way that Facebook just can't do! A tour around the classrooms took all the girls back to their years at Danville and the present pupils, who served as tour guides, listened wide-eyed to the colourful stories and adventures the old Danville girls had to share.

Next year the Old Girls' Tea will take play on Saturday, 15 August 2015, for classes 1975, 1985, 1995, and 2005. Please save this date!



## More Old Girls' news

**Teagan van Wyk** (Matric 2013) is one of only four national recipients to have been awarded a prestigious award from the National Research Foundation. This Brilliants Programme recognises students who obtained top marks in Grade 12 for Maths and Physical Science. Teagan is currently a first-year student in Medicine at the University of Cape Town and credits her solid academic foundation at Danville as well as a focussed work ethic for enabling her success.

**Kelly Sloley** (Matric of 2005) is a Sports Masters student at UKZN who has been awarded the Distinguished Student Award for her work on a community project. Her comment on receiving the award was her hope that, "it will inspire more students to get involved in their community and use their knowledge for a better future".

**Michaela Stead** (Matric 2012) is one of only five students who received a scholarship from UKZN's College of Health. Michaela, who studies Occupational Therapy, says "...you must do what you love and follow your heart!"



**Well done to Teagan, Michaela & Kelly**



**Parisha Juta** (Matric 2012) achieved the pinnacle of the prestigious President's Award, thereby becoming only the second Danville girl to be awarded gold level. The President's Award for Youth Empowerment, endorsed by the Duke of Edinburgh and as a National Youth Service Project, serves to inspire thousands of young people around the globe to make a difference in the lives of others as well as their own.. Parisha was Deputy Head Girl in 2012 and is currently a second-year medical student at the University of Pretoria.

**Please diarise this date: Saturday, 15 August 2015  
DANVILLE'S REUNION TEA 2015  
FOR YEARS ... 1975, 1985, 1995 & 2005!**

## Staff leaving Danville

Danville is fortunate to have many excellent staff members and in saying goodbye it is not always possible to single out anyone, but we feel it would be appropriate to say a big 'Thank You' to especially two people, Aileen Reid and Brenda Ballack.



**Aileen Reid:** Aileen has been quoted as being an 'institution' at Danville and many 'Old Girls' and their daughters have been inspired and taught by this very special educator. This legend joined the Danville staff in 1978 as Maths teacher and her logical, thorough mind impacted on many aspects of the Danville life and culture over the decades. She'll be sorely missed as she enjoys her retirement.

**Brenda Ballack:** Brenda, herself a Danville 'Old Girl' has been the contact point for many 'Old Girls' as she worked as Danville's PRO for almost five years. Brenda carried out the demanding and formidable duties beyond the call of duty to ensure that the Danville flag continues to fly high. We wish her everything of the best as she takes time out for her family.



## 2014 White Blazer Recipients

### Yuvna Balgoband & Divina Govender

Yuvna received Academic Extension Honours being the only finalist from South Africa in the 2013 International Schools Essay Competition and Divina for being selected for the U16 girls section of the South African squad for the African Youth Chess Championship.

## House Plays 2014

The hall was abuzz with excitement and the stage was set for a great evening as the curtains opened for the annual Houseplays. This year's theme of Dr Seuss added much colour and laughter to the Danville stage. Congratulations to Smith who won "Best Play!"



Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and all the best for 2015!

Regards

**Carine Greveling  
PRO**

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