



Danville DIGEST

6 February 2015

From the Principal's Desk...



Thank you to all the new parents who attended our New Parents' Evening. It was wonderful that so many of you could attend which bodes well for our working together during your daughter's time with us at Danville.

To all parents, old (not in age!) and new, have a look at our circular on the D6 Communicator "How to be more Involved with the Danville Family." It's never too late to join! In addition to the expertise and support you can provide, you will enjoy great camaraderie and feel a special sense of belonging.

This year is election year for the School Governing Body. The new regulations for this body have not been promulgated yet but we have been given the period of time within which the elections must take place. So save the following date: Tuesday 10 March in the evening. The adjourned date will be communicated to you closer to the time.

At Danville, we have always enjoyed wonderful support from parents on the Governing Body and various committees. That is one of the reasons that Danville flourishes and our girls fly! The following website may be of interest to you as it shows just how important it is for parents to work with the school:

<http://mg.co.za/article/2015-01-23-south-africa-learn-to-love-your-teachers/>

For those parents who would like to explore ideas on how to set boundaries for your daughter's use of digital devices and social networking the internet, you may be interested in the following website:

<http://www.ahaparenting.com/ages-stages/tweens/Cell-Phone-Rules-Safe-Responsible-Kids>

Read through the school's Terms and Conditions for the use of the school network together with your daughter and ensure that she understands her boundaries.

May 2015 be a happy and fulfilling year for all.

Kind regards,
Cally Maddams

DATES TO DIARISE

12 February	Gr 12 Red Carpet Evening
18 February	Class & Individual Photos
19 February	High Tea for Hospice
26 February	Junior Prizegiving
27 February	Grade 9 Bonding

Highlights

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

We are delighted with our Class of 2014 who excelled with an outstanding set of National Senior Certificate results. Danville was ranked as one of the top 10 schools in South Africa for a consistent 100% pass rate and high University entrance pass rate! Danville is also very proud of Varuna Maharaj who achieved the position of Top Girl learner for Mathematics and Physical Sciences. She achieved 98% for Mathematics and 99% for Physical Sciences.

No. who wrote	148	
Pass Rate	100%	
University Entrance (Bachelors')	147	(99.32%)
Entrance for Diploma	1	(0.68%)
A aggregates	43	(29%)
B aggregates	64	(43%)
C aggregates	32	(22%)
C and above aggregates	139	(94%)
No of Subject Distinctions	417	
	(2.82 per pupil)	
No of Pupils with 7 A's	18	
No of Pupils with 6 A's	9	
No of Pupils with 5 A's	9	



Mrs C Maddams, Varuna Maharaj & Mrs J Aitken



Divina Govender, Yuvna Balgobind & Hannah Elsner



Well done Class of 2014!

Kindness makes the spirit soar!

Welcome to our new staff!



(Left to right) Mrs C Visser, Mrs N Mellow,
Ms J Hunter & Mrs L Honeywell
(Sitting) Ms I van Heerden & Ms T Brown
(Inset) Ms L Pretorius

Danville wins National Business Award



Sinqobile Sihlobo, Lushinka Gopichand
& Priyanka Govender of the Danville
Environmental Society

Danville Park Girls' High School has won joint first prize in the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Business Award competition, a national joint initiative by WESSA (Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) and the Saville Foundation. Danville's 'Green Team' achieved their winning entry with their innovative OMG (Originally Made Green) business initiative which rallied the whole school round them, helping to collect waste which they recycled into decorative and useful items that were sold at various events. "OMG" required many hours of hard work after meticulous preparation of the business plan, which had to meet stringent requirements.

In congratulating Danville, a representative of WESSA said, "We received a large number of high quality entries so judging was tough; however OMG stood out amongst the entries as being one of the most innovative, sustainable and one that also managed to involve so many at your school and community". With this award, the OMG business team has earned Danville R10 500 to spend on green initiatives. Danville's consistent "green" achievements were further acknowledged when the school was awarded the Eco-Schools Diamond Decade award, a remarkable achievement.



Some of the beautiful recycled articles.

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The Grade 8's join the Danville Family

On Tuesday the 20th January the quad was filled with many nervous yet excited Grade 8's in their buttercup yellow dresses all awaiting their first day of High School. The caring teachers, Pastoral Care Prefects and mentors took them under their wings and explained everything they needed to know as they embarked on their new journey to be welcomed by the Danville family that Wednesday.



Thursday was a day of excitement and tradition as the Grade 8's had their special bell ringing ceremony symbolising their entrance into the Danville Family.



Friday was a celebration of the girls surviving their entrance into the school. Coming dressed according to a class theme, they enjoyed many games and class war cries at their starlight picnic. Huge congratulations go to Grade 8 VS for winning the 'war cry' competition. The prefects ended the evening with an orienteering activity which the girls enjoyed immensely.

After the first week of school the girls felt a bit more at home when they entered the school gates. They did their final part of orientation on Monday and Tuesday when they learnt about all the extra mural activities and registered for various activities.

