



# Danville DIGEST

11 September 2014



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support at our annual Danville Fun Day. There was a wonderful atmosphere of camaraderie, symbolic of the warm community spirit we enjoy at Danville. It is on occasions like this that we become aware of how fortunate we are at Danville to have parents who give so generously of their time as well as in sponsorship. We are also aware of how you encourage your daughters to participate and contribute to the success of the day.

I would also like to thank Mrs Hardman who was at the helm of Team Danville, for all her hard work in producing a well-organised event.

For me, what is more important than the actual funds raised, is the sense of belonging for all that such an event creates. But having said that, I am also looking forward to the finalisation of the funds raised and we will inform you of the outcome as soon as we know.

The funds will contribute towards our Digital Evolution project, the next phase of which includes the establishment of a Collaborative Learning Centre.

And while we are on the topic of IT, we are in the process of assessing the integration of tablets into the teaching process and will inform you of the outcome when we have the results. Thank you, again, for your support and goodwill.

Kind regards,

**Cally Maddams**

## DATES TO DIARISE

16 Sept	House Plays
16 Sept	Gr 8 ANA Exam – Eng Home Lang
17 Sept	Gr 9 ANA Exam – Eng Home Lang
18 Sept	Gr 8 ANA Exam – Mathematics
19 Sept	Gr 9 ANA Exam – Mathematics
23 Sept	Gr 9 Parents' Evening (Course Choices)
03 Oct	School Closes

# Highlights



## DANVILLE SUPERCHEFS!

Savannah Ashworth and Bailey Kemper are Danville's superchefs!

These talented cooks entered their original recipes into the International Hotel School's "Ultimate School Cook-Off 2014" competition. They were delighted to be among the 10 finalists chosen to compete in a Master Chef style cook-off on Saturday 6 September. As part of her 2 course meal, Bailey prepared a beetroot crumble and Savannah a Brie stuffed poached chicken with herbed butter. Savannah emerged the overall winner and is delighted with her prize of a year long scholarship to study at the International Hotel School. The finalists from Johannesburg, Cape Town and Savannah will compete in the national final in early October where the first prize is a trip to London, visiting Michelin Star rated restaurants – a foodies' dream!



Savannah has been cooking since she was 12 years old and loves creating new recipes and trying new ideas and methods. Perhaps we'll see her on Master Chef one day!

## Amagugu visit to Kwa-Jessop Primary School

Danville Amagugu Heritage Committee and Grade 11 girls accompanied by Mrs Zikhali visited Kwa-Jessop Primary School in Ndwedwe. The purpose was to hand over the Aprons and educational toys that Amagugu fundraised for the grade R's. The grade R's faces illuminated with joy as we handed them their toys and aprons. The girls were very good with the children and they enjoyed every minute playing with them. We were also entertained by the schools traditional dancing and gospel group. We would like to thank Mrs Rosemary Adams for donating the aprons.



# F U N D A Y

On September 6th we held our annual Family Fun Day. This year we had a new challenge and participants formed a relay team and raced against the clock to complete a series of inflatable obstacles including an intriguing maze. We are very grateful to all our community sponsors who generously donated prizes for all the winners. One of the new attractions was a dunk tank and the braver teachers participated. The ever popular Magic rocket and Zorb Balls drew large crowds. The classes got involved in a variety of creative activities and there was intense competition. The money raised is for our Digital Evolution. Netelligent sponsored two tablet computers and also challenged the very competitive sports department to a Celebrity Challenge. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the day!



## Environmental Sustainability Project



Rohini Naidu, Lameez Ahmed, Katelyn Naidoo

Rohini Naidu, Katelyn Naidoo and Lameez Ahmed were one of six teams that made it THROUGH to the KZN provincial finals of this year's South Africa Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) Sasol Environmental Sustainability Project. We congratulate the team for being selected as the best KZN delegation for 2014. This is the second year in a row that Danville has won the competition and we are extremely proud of the team.

They will be jetting off to Johannesburg at the end of the year to join the other winning provincial delegations. Learners will have drafted their possible recommendations and solutions in the form of the 2014 SAIIA Young Leaders Declaration. This will be presented to UN and government officials in Pretoria and will ensure that the voice of South African youth is heard.

## Hip2BSquare iThink Challenge

A number of girls attended the annual Hip2BSquare iThink Challenge. The teams participated in some fun maths and science activities, including learning about the history of crystal molecular discoveries and creating crystal gardens. All three of our teams went through to the semi-finals. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and the challenging experience.

## KZN Surfing



Christy Gilmour has been selected for the KZN U15 Girls Central Surfing team, she will be participating in the SA Championships taking place in Jeffreys Bay from the 7th – 12th

October. Congratulations Christy and Good Luck!

## Danville cares beyond Durban's borders

We have shown our concern for conservation beyond the borders of Durban by adopting 6 penguins from SANCCOB (SA Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds), a Cape Town-based organisation that saves and rehabilitates penguins and seabirds. The penguins were adopted after an enthusiastically supported fundraising campaign initiated by the school's Environmental Society. One of the Grade 8 classes was the first to adopt their penguin and named it Mumble.



Chloë Ogle, Robyn Ward, Philippa Martin, Carmen Biassoni & Hrithik Ramesh

