



Danville DIGEST

26 June 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Founders Day is a highlight on our school calendar and this year we were pleased to invite back to Danville, former Head Girl, Jessica Shaw. It was Jessica who motivated the introduction of a new tradition at Danville, the ringing of the bell for the Grade 8s as they begin at Danville and the Grade 12s as they leave us. The wisdom shared with the school in assembly "I stand on the shoulders of those who came before me" rang true. Jessica exemplifies what we strive to achieve : equipping girls, not only to excel at Danville, but to move with confidence into the worlds of university and work and make their mark as they live happy, fulfilled lives. Jessica is currently finishing her community service at Bethesda Hospital and will stay on there to serve a community sorely in need of enthusiastic, young health professionals.

Founders Day ends with the whole school relaxing and expending the energy from their celebratory cake and coke in inter-class games for the rest of the day - a wonderful end to a busy term.

Thank you to the staff at Danville who have worked so enthusiastically both in the classroom as well as in so many extra mural activities. Thank you to the girls who have made the most of the opportunities offered to them. Remember Jessica's message: "Don't take Danville for granted and get involved."

As you take time out these holidays, reflect on what you would like to achieve next term.

I would like to wish the Danville family everything of the best for the holidays. May you enjoy the change of pace.

Kind regards,
Cally Maddams

DATES TO DIARISE

20 July	School Re-opens
23 July	67 Minutes for Mandela
28 July	Gr 11 Parents' Evening
29/30/31 July	Gr 9 Excursion to Suela Gr 10 Excursion to Hella Hella



Happy
Holidays!!

Highlights

ART IN THE QUAD

On Saturday the 20th June we held our second *Art in the Quad*. In a very relaxed atmosphere the guests were treated to some wonderful singing and could view all the work on display. Several professional artists also displayed work. There was also a welcome opportunity to do some retail therapy, enjoy coffee and grab something to eat. Thanks to everyone who made it all possible. The event was well supported by the teachers and many old girls including several from the Class of 2014. The event ended with the second screening of the *Movie* shown at danville@thefringe.



SPORT

Volleyball:

On Saturday the 6 June the U16 and U19 Volleyball teams made it through to the Top Four Tournament at Westville Boys' High School.

The U16 Team received bronze medals for coming 3rd in the league and the U19 Team received medals and a trophy for winning the league. Congratulations to Reyanka Kisten, Aqueelah Harris, Amanda Dlamini and Fezeka Kunene for making the U19 Ethekeweni teams.



Canoeing:



Sabina Lawrie competed at The SA Canoeing championships in Pietermaritzburg and did extremely well in the singles event coming first. Well done, Sabina!

Duathlon:

Congratulations to Daniella Arrigo and Teagan Gore on being selected for the KZN Duathlon team to compete at the SA Champs in Bloemfontein in July. Good luck!



Horeseriding:

Alison Inggs competed over the long weekend at Shongweni in the Nissan Winter Classic where she won the KZN Open Junior Championships on her horse River Dancer.

She also did really well in the other classes coming 5th in the 1.30m class out of 111 on River Dancer and 5th in the 1.20m Championship on Medicine Man out of 72 competitors.

CULTURE

Debating:

Sameera Esat, Emma Joseph, Ulrika Singh and Priyal Jeena will be representing Durban in the debating league. They will be debating from the 26th to the 28th of June at Wykeham Collegiate. The debating staff and teams wish them all the best for the challenge ahead and a successful debating weekend.

FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK

Parenting Styles

In 1983, Maccoby and Martin expanded on psychologist Diana Baumrind's work into 'parenting styles' and the effects these styles have on children. The Four Parenting Styles identified were:

- **Authoritarian Parenting**

These parents are in charge; they create all the rules and there is no room for negotiation or discussion.

- **Authoritative Parenting**

These parents are nurturing and supportive but there are clear rules regarding their children's behaviour and consequences for misbehaviour. They are, however, flexible and willing to discuss or negotiate.

- **Permissive Parenting**

Permissive parents prefer their children to make their own decisions. They seldom discipline their children and see themselves as their child's friend, rather than their parent.

- **Uninvolved Parenting**

These parents make few demands on their children and there is little communication or involvement between parents and children.

Research by Baumrind and others has shown that authoritative parenting provides a clear advantage over the other styles. Control that is seen by a child to be fair and reasonable, by warm, nurturing parents, is far more likely to be complied with and internalized. Children who are expected to take responsibility for their own behaviour, according to their age and developmental level, tend to have higher self-efficacy, self-esteem and emotional maturity. They also tend to be better at making decisions and evaluating safety risks. Children raised by authoritative parents tend to be happier, more successful, and more comfortable expressing their opinions. So, if you sometimes feel uncomfortable saying, 'No' to your child, or setting boundaries, this research may affirm that you are on the right track.

**Take care,
Lynda Pretorius**

CROW VISIT 2015

On the 15th of June the Environmental Monitors and the Charity Committee visited CROW (Centre of Rehabilitation of Wildlife) famous for being the first NGO in South Africa to tend to rehabilitating injured wildlife. As Danville had collected donations for CROW it was only fit to visit the centre and truly understand the nature of the situation. It was shocking to learn the harsh ways in which animals are left to die after being hit by cars and the cruel ways in which wildlife such as mongooses were kept chained as pets.

On the other hand it was heart-warming to see their remarkable recovery nearly complete. Some animals cannot be released back in the wild, such as a three legged baboon for obvious reasons but the experience was completely humbling and it reminded us that there is more to the environment than just how you treat nature but how you treat nature's animals as well.