



Danville DIGEST

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

Exams are over, and now it is time for the girls to take stock of their academic efforts so far. Have they achieved rewarding results, or have they been disappointed? Congratulations to those who have done well. Those girls have obviously taken their work seriously and made every attempt not only to learn their work but also to understand their work and apply their knowledge accordingly. Girls who are disappointed, need to reflect on their efforts. Have they worked to the best of their ability? If so, then they need to seek understanding of where they have gone wrong and try to improve next time. If not, then the simple answer is to work harder next time.

In the meanwhile, we have come to the end of our winter sports season and we can be very proud of how well our girls have achieved across various sports. They have shown wonderful commitment, passion and good sportsmanship. Great fun was had by all. In the cultural sphere, we can also be very proud. All three debating teams have reached the quarter finals and will be continuing to debate through the third term. We also had the opportunity to celebrate the high standard of our girls' art in our Art in the Quad exhibition. What a privilege it was for them to rub shoulders with professionals who joined us on this day! Founders' Day was another highlight. It was a real pleasure to host Parisha Jutta, a Danville Old Girl, at our special assembly, and heart-warming to see how our girls embraced World Cup fever in their soccer tournament.

For those of you who are able to take a break with your daughters this holiday, enjoy every moment and may you and your family keep safe.

Kind regards,
Cally Maddams

DATES TO DIARISE

21 July	School Re-opens
30 Jul - 1 Aug	Gr 9 Excursion to Suela
30 Jul - 1 Aug	Gr 10 Excursion to Hella Hella
05 Aug	Gr 10 Parents' Evening
06 Aug	Gr 11 Parents' Evening



Highlights

Art in the Quad

On a flawless sun-drenched Durban morning, Danville's Quad resonated with the energy of artists, singers and bakers as the school held its first Art in the Quad. The event was well-supported by the Danville community and it was a pleasure to welcome professional artists, past pupil Guilia Forman, past and present parents Jocelyn van Breda, Debbie Stevenson, Sandy Holten and Judith Schafer who joined art teacher Caryn Shirley and art pupils and photographers from Danville who exhibited their works. Danville's aspiring chefs sold their delicious culinary wares at the tea garden which was enthusiastically supported by visitors and girls alike. Everyone enjoyed relaxing in the warm winter sun under the milkwood tree as they enjoyed the background music provided by Danville's choirs, soloists and violin ensemble. It was a wonderfully relaxing, inspirational four hours of art, food and music.



Amagugu Heritage

The first annual Amagugu Heritage Celebration was very successful and the learners were able to display their pride in their culture and implement what they have learnt in class. The afternoon was filled with laughter and audience enjoyment not only for the entertainment by traditional singing and dancing but the delicious traditional food tempted the taste buds as well.





Founders' Day

On Monday the 23rd of June Danville celebrated Founders Day. This was a day like none other as the Soccer World Cup created an exciting platform for the day. Each class represented a soccer team that is participating in the world cup and class spirit and enthusiasm created a fun-filled day with many exciting matches being decided on penalty shoot outs. The weather was perfect and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the coke and cake.

Chelsea dances her way to the top!



We wish Chelsea Wewege (Grade 9) all the best of luck for her great adventure in New York over these holidays. She has won a full scholarship to attend the American Academy of Ballet School of Excellence in New York and is one of only three South Africans to have received this prestigious award. The 15-year old attributes her success to her passion for dancing as well as her persistence in adhering to a rigorous training schedule of at least 18 hours per week.

Sports Stars

Horse riding

Alison Inggs strikes you as a thoroughly nice teenager: feminine, quietly spoken with a warm, sincere smile. There is no hint of the determined and courageous competitor until this spunky 14 year old rides into the show jumping arena on one of her two horses, Medicine Man and River Dancer. Despite competing in challenging classes against over 80 riders, Alison's approach appears calm, effectively masking her nervousness as she guides her horses over the jumps. She is in control every inch of the way and drives herself hard exacting definitive wins over adult competitors who rank among some of South Africa's top riders. In the recent Nissan Winter Classic at Shongweni over the long weekend, Alison was placed third in the 1,10 metres Championship and second in the A2 Speed Class over 1.2 metres proving that hard work and determination to succeed are powerful assets. While Alison's wins are impressive, more than her successes, it is her quiet modesty and warmth that make her a special young lady.



Hockey

Congratulations to the following under 18 Hockey players who have made the KZN A team. This is the first time that 3 players from Danville have all been included in the U18 A team. Well done to Nthabi Maine, Jessica Lardant and Chereé Greyvenstein.