



# Danville DIGEST

28 March 2014

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who supported their daughters through this extremely busy term. Without you, your daughters could not have participated in the variety of sports and other co-curricular activities after hours and over weekends; they could not have contributed to the High-tea for Hospice and could not have spent weeks rehearsing for the Musical and putting on the show. All your getting up early in the morning, late nights, transport in all sorts of directions, buying tickets, watching sport,

attending the musical are much appreciated. All this, in addition to supervising and ensuring that academic work is done – which is, after all our core activity!

The academic results show that a great deal of work still needs to be done on the part of the girls, particularly at Grades 8 and 9 level, where the pass requirements have changed, and at Grade 12 level. The new pass requirements have been explained to you in a letter enclosed with the Grade 8 or 9 school report.

At high school level the girls need to take responsibility for their own learning and need to work hard for each and every test and assignment. Most of the girls do have a strong sense of this responsibility and their results are a rewarding reflection of this. Their

development of a strong work ethic, as well as an enjoyment of their work, is an outcome of the parents and teachers working in synergy with the girls.

This is why our girls thrive and are so successful.

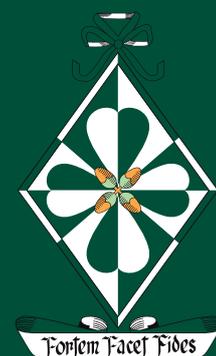
One of the many evenings spent at school involved the Governing Body by-election. We thank the parents who attended both the original meeting and the adjourned meeting and we are pleased to announce that Mr Craig Buck, Mr Juan Dilks and Mr Alasdair Martin were elected as members.

May the holidays be a peaceful, happy and restful period where all can enjoy their break and return next term with renewed energy!

Kind regards,  
**Cally Maddams**

## DATES TO DIARISE

05 April	Matric Dance
07 April	School Re-opens
09 April	Matric Dance Fashion Show
16 April	Gr 12 Parents' Evening



# Highlights

## High Tea for Hospice

On Thursday 13th March, Danville held the annual High Tea for Hospice in the Multi-Purpose Centre. This year's theme, the 1920s inspired our ticket and poster designs. We were overwhelmed by the quality of eats kindly donated by the girls from Grade 8 to 12, as well as by some staff members. The baking ability of our girls is impressive, with many cupcakes being expertly iced and decorated. The food was plated, the music created an atmosphere and the caring ticket holders streamed in at 12:20. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this drive possible.



## Debating

Congratulations to Sabeedah Moolla, Sameera Esat, and Emma Joseph who competed in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Debating Association Interleague Tournament on the 16th of March. All three girls won best speaker in their second round debates and congratulations to Sameera Esat for being placed second overall.

## DYC Speech competition.

On Tuesday 18th of March the Durban Youth Council held a speech competition at Our Lady of Fatima School. The aim of the competition was for the youth to highlight the problems that South Africa as a country faces.

Sameera Essat, Emma Joseph and Sabrina Lawrie participated in the competition. All three girls spoke well and were excellent ambassadors for Danville. Sameera Esat was selected as the runner up to the best speaker as the judges were impressed by the current content in her speech.



# School Musical

## Duets 2014

On the 18th and 19th March, Danville presented its annual musical, "Duets". The vision for the show was to create a relaxed environment for the audience who could enjoy picnic suppers while being entertained. The talented cast mesmerised the audience with duet arrangements of well-known songs. Welcomed into "Justin's Lounge" the audience was invited to sit back, relax and sing along to well-known tunes while they laughed and cried at Justin's misfortunes with love. The live band added to the ambience as they accompanied the talented cast of Danville girls and DHS and Northwood boys. Mrs du Plessis once again, delivered an unforgettable show that played to sell out performances.



# Sport

## Inter-House Gala

On 24 March we held the much anticipated Inter-House Gala in warm and windy conditions. There were many close races but in the end Palmer emerged as victors with 158 points. Individual girls did very well and Senior Victrix Ludorum Jenna Sneedon was also the top Under 17 swimmer. Bianca Marthinusen was the Junior Victrix Ludorum and top Under 15 swimmer. Aimee Grant was the top Under 14 swimmer and the top Under 16 honours were shared between Daniela di Paolo and Caitlin de Lange. Emily Gourlay our swimming captain was the top open swimmer.

The Grade 12 classes enjoyed their last races and the inter class competition caused a lot of laughs.



## Horse-riding

The KZN Jumping Association held its Annual Awards evening at the Durban Shongweni Club. Alison Inggs was presented with the floating trophy for TOP KZN Pony Rider/ Showjumper of the year for 2013!

## Athletics

Gabriella Pekelharing competed in the KZN Athletics Championships at Kings Park on 14 and 15 March. She achieved first place in KZN for Heptathlon. In addition to this, Gabriella placed 2nd in KZN in the 100m hurdles single event and 3rd in KZN for high jump. Gabriella has now been selected to represent KZN at the Sub-Youth, Youth and Junior South African Athletics Championships. Congratulations on these outstanding achievements and good luck for the upcoming events.

