



Danville DIGEST

11 December 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents



Monday 7 December 2015 was a special day for Danville in that we celebrated the official opening of our new, world class synthetic hockey turf which we share with Glenashley and Virginia Preparatory schools. We were privileged to have Pietie Coetzee, the leading female goal scorer in the world, as our guest of honour. The ceremony was a wonderful, warm, and relaxed one where past parents and pupils mingled and shared memories with our current families. We are very grateful to all who have made a contribution in the past as well as to those current families who continue to provide for the best all-round education we offer at Danville. Danville now provides our current girls and many future pupils with state of the art facilities. We are very privileged to have the loyalty and support of both past and present families.

“A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.” - Nelson Mandela. I used this quotation last year and still feel its relevance today. It sums up what Danville is really about.

Thank you to those parents who continued to send their daughters to school after the examinations. The programme which we drew up in order to compensate for the teachers who were away marking matric exams worked very well. The girls were inspired by outstanding speakers such as Derryn Campbell who spoke to the girls about how much there actually is to be positive about living in South Africa, and Dr Govender who spoke about the magic of Science. There were so many inspirational and special moments, especially when we hosted a day of community service events. While we also did curriculum based work in Grades 10 and 11, they had more time than usual to explore and expand on the work required. So those who have not come to school have, unfortunately, lost valuable educational experiences. What we hope to instil in our girls is an awareness that a truly educated person does not only learn what has to be learnt for marks. High marks in themselves do not necessarily indicate that a person is educated. It is hoped that our girls through this programme have been exposed to different ways of thinking about the world around them.

Speaking of marks, however, I am very proud of how well the majority of our girls from Grades 8 to 11 have done in their end of year examinations. We now wait with bated breath for the Grade 12 results.

We wish you all the best for the festive season and hope you have a happy and peaceful holiday.

Kind regards
Cally Maddams



Highlights

Year End Programme

LEARN PROJECT

Part of Danville's End of Year Programme was to assist The Learn Project by cleaning and covering library books. The girls successfully covered boxes of books. What a wonderful achievement.



SCIENCE SHOW

The Grade 10 and 11 girls were enthralled by a Science Show presented by Dr Govender. Physics really is fun and girls were encouraged to think out of the box.

INTERACT

Wylie House is a house that provides a home for vulnerable girls up to 18 years of age. During the course of the 4th term the Danville Interact Club has been motivating the entire school to bring and collect items that could be donated to this girl's home. The items that were collected are things such as; toilet essentials, stationery and snacks. These items went into a bag that each girl in the house will be given. The response was so overwhelming that we had boxes of extra items that will be donated. Thank you for all the support it is greatly appreciated.



ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Julia Colvin from Eco-Schools gave the Grade 11's the run down on fracking. There are proposals to frack right on our doorstep – in the KZN Midlands. The environmental and health consequences are frightening. Fracking is likely to seriously affect our water quality as toxic chemicals are used in the fracking process. The conclusion reached by all was that the short term gain from fracking is not worth the long term negative consequences.

Heidi Cox gave the school an informative talk on RECYCLING. This included why it is important to recycle, what can be recycled (most of our waste can be recycled) and how we can recycle various items of waste. The importance of REDUCING waste and REUSING items was also highlighted.



HERITAGE GAME SHOW

Terence from Yo Entertainment thoroughly entertained and educated Danville pupils about South Africa's diverse heritage. We were reminded what a wonderful country we live in. There were many eager volunteers to answer various questions and participate in "Who wants to be a millionaire" and "The amazing race." Great fun was had by all.

CHARITY

Presentations by The Domino Foundation, TAFTA and Mrs Eslick (who explained the concept of 67 blankets for Mandela), left the girls feeling inspired to do more!



ECO SCHOOLS DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD

We have received our Double Bronze award for all our efforts this year and were awarded our water badge. We are an international Eco-School and we have to achieve one badge a year. Thanks again to everyone who did water explorer challenges and lessons (and set exam questions) on other environmental topics as this all helped us achieve our Double Bronze award for the year.





*Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to
the Danville Family*



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make a difference!

Dear Parents,
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13 Jan 2015 School Re-opens

