



Danville DIGEST

31 March 2015

From the Principal's Desk...

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Governing Body members who, collectively, bring to the Danville team a wealth of expertise and experience. With such an enthusiastic and committed group of people the school is in very good hands for the next three years. The members are as follows:

PARENTS

Mr Martin Elsner	Chairman
Mr Craig Buck	Vice-Chairman, Legal Committee (Chairman), Discipline
Mr Alasdair Martin	Treasurer, Finance Committee (Chairman)
Mr Juan Dilks	Buildings and Grounds Committee
Mr Kabby Esat	Legal Committee, Discipline
Dr Thandeka Mdlalo	HR
Mr Brent Moyle	Buildings and Grounds Committee (Chairman)
Mr Bruce Nevin	Finance Committee
Mr Graham Wittstock	HR (Chairman), Fundraising (Chairman)

EDUCATORS

Mrs Glenda Goddard-Gill
Mrs Sandra Hardman
Mrs Lorien van Staden (Secretary)

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Louise Quevauvilliers

PRINCIPAL

Mrs Cally Maddams

LEARNERS

Rianka van Antwerpen
Snenhlanhla Mbatha
Melissa van Straaten

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Cookie Naidoo	Parents' Support Group
Ebrahim Lakhi	Finance
Jenny Aitken	Educator

We wish the Governing Body everything of the best as they carry out their new responsibilities in supporting and promoting the best interests of the school.

**Kind regards,
Cally Maddams**

DATES TO DIARISE

13 April	School Re-opens
18 April	Matric Dance
22 April	Matric Dance Fashion Show
28 April	Gr 12 Parents' Evening
5 May	Gr 8 Parents' Evening

Highlights



danville@thefringe

danville@thefringe was the culmination of months of preparation. It was so exciting to offer our girls the opportunity to see a dance show, a movie as well as 2 plays in a festival format. The Quad was transformed into a fairy lit food court, the performance venues were set up and we were ready for our enthusiastic audiences. Wednesday night was magical – perfect weather, good shows and great audiences. Then - technology, load shedding and surprise thunder storms threatened to derail the final night..

And that's when the Danville magic happened. When the lights went out, our wonderful Danville girls stepped in to work with the actors. On went their cell



phone torches which became the show lighting. Our singers in the audience picked up the harmony from the backing track and provided spontaneous musical accompaniment for the rest of the show. It was a unique example of actors and audience working in synergy to enable the show to go on. Lead actress Daisy Spencer commented, "Tonight's show was the best show we have ever done. The audience was beyond incredible!"

Thank you to the teachers

and performers for working so hard to provide great entertainment. Thank you also to our wonderful Danville community who supported us every step along the way and enabled the show to go on!



INTER HOUSE GALA

The scene was set for yet another epic Inter-House Gala as the girls from Danville Park Girls' High School took their seats in the stands, dressed in their colourful green, red, blue and purple outfits to support their various sports houses. The promise of a great day of competition soon materialised when two records were broken by Ally Chislett : 50m backstroke in a new record time of 33.82 seconds and the 50m butterfly in a new time of 31.65 seconds for U14 girls. The U14 50m butterfly record hasn't been broken since 1985, and in beautiful butterfly style, Ally slashed the old record by .62 of a second. The new U14 50m backstroke record was nearly one second faster than the previous record, set in 2013. Ally then went on to win the Junior Victrix Ludorum of the event. The senior Victrix Ludorum was won by Jenna Sneedon for the second year in a row. Many of the races were closely contested and supported by enthusiastic spectators, but Palmer emerged as the winning house of a gala characterised by impressive competitive swimming times and great spirit.



SUNNIES



& SANDALS



The learners at Danville Park Girls' High School jumped at the chance to get some relief from the heat while at the same time supporting the worthy cause of 'Project Dignity'. The girls were able to wear their sunglasses and sandals at school in return for a donation to Project Dignity, a Non-Profit Organisation which donates sanitary articles to girls in less privileged communities. The school's Interact Committee organised this charity drive as one of its many initiatives for the year and were delighted that it was a 'glaring' success!



CONSUMER STUDIES

The grade 11 Consumer Studies girls' thoroughly enjoyed making their novelty cakes

OTHELLO

On Monday the 16th of March, 133 eager matrics set off to the Playhouse Drama Theatre to watch the "Think Theatre's" production of 'Othello' which the matrics are studying in English this year. Our girls were commended on their outstanding behaviour during a performance which held them spellbound for 2 hours. It is a privilege to watch the Bard's work brought to life on stage.



MANGROVE EXCURSION

Our mangrove excursion was heaps of fun! We started things off with a short bus drive and arrived at the mangrove to find some very interesting people awaiting us. They were a part of WESSA and they were there to take us all around the mangroves on an educational tour. We learnt about the adaptations of the different biotic factors. Did you know that the roots of a White Mangrove have air sacs in their pencil roots so that when it is high tide, the tree won't die? Or did you know that Sesamid crabs eat the salty, yellow leaves of the Black Mangrove? We also got to feed them by throwing their leaves into their homes which are little holes in the sand.



Jordan Leah