

DSG

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**THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS**



Dear Parents and Friends of DSG

The girls are back and the energy they bring has made DSG alive and vibrant once more. It feels good to be into our final term and preparing for the traditions that are part of celebrating individual academic achievements over the year and bidding farewell to our Matrics. My plea to them is to work hard, have fun, treasure every 'last moment' as it happens and, above all, to safeguard the relationships that they have built up over the years by ensuring that their behaviour does not hurt or bring damage to other people or to DSG. They are a good bunch and I know that they are hoping to end well.

EN AVANT

In bidding farewell to our 2018 Matric girls, I am comforted to know that they never leave DSG entirely. Not only will they hopefully take a part of their school with them, but they will also become fully-fledged members of the DSG All Saints Guild which is very active and flourishing under Mrs Jan Ross as president. She and the Foundation Office have run very successful branch functions this year with some still on the calendar in Graaff-Reneit, Bedford, Mpumalanga, Cape Town and Johannesburg. Wherever our girls go in the world they are likely to find DSG Old Girls and Old Andreans; they are part of a large community of people with shared experiences and values.

Albert Einstein is attributed with having said, "Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned at school". I suspect that there is some truth to this quote and it is this notion that I am addressing when I state that our girls will take a part of DSG with them. They have attended DSG for some of the most formative years in their development. They have been exposed to a smorgasbord of opportunities, activities and events designed to grow them intellectually, spiritually, culturally and physically and, in partnership with their families and communities, this has contributed to developing them into the young women they are today.

We need to remind ourselves of this bigger picture often as outside pressures threaten aspects of the offering here and tempt us to pick and choose only parts of it.

Warm regards

Shelley Frayne

Headmistress

History Lives On

During the holidays, we had a visit from Felicity Coltman who had travelled from the United States, on a mission to piece together some of her family history.

Felicity is a niece of a rather famous old girl, Hope Brereton, who tragically died at the age of 17 in the Blaauwkrantz Bridge Railway Disaster on 22 April 1911. There is a beautiful memorial to Hope in the DSG Chapel. The foundation stone on the north-west corner of the DSG Library (Victoria Hall) was blessed by Rev A W Brereton (Hope's father and Felicity's great uncle) who was Assistant Chaplain at College from 1902-1904. The prize for Dux at DSG is also given in Hope's memory.



Academic

Edinburgh University Visit

Mr Nick Rowland, Regional Manager (Africa) from the Student Recruitment Office of Edinburgh University, addressed a group of DSG and St Andrew's College students on Sunday evening.

We are very fortunate that he chose to come and visit us and we thank him for sharing so much good information about the university with our students.

Walter Eksteen
St Andrew's College



Trip to Borneo

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8th to 23rd August 2019

Pupil Information Sessions – Wed 12 Sept 17h00 in Josie Wood 1 (JW1) or 19 Sept 17h00 (JW1)
Parent and Pupil Information Session - Tues 9 Oct at 14h00 (JW1) at DSG school. <https://weareworldchallenge.com/international/dsg/>

**World
Challenge**

Please make a note of the upcoming information sessions for pupils and parents. Please get your online applications in to World Challenge by Wednesday 17th October 2018, by following this link: <https://weareworldchallenge.com/international/dsg/>

Rev Sue Paton

REVIVE Water Saving App

As her year work task for Design, Caydn Barker designed an app to track one's personal daily water-related activities with the purpose of monitoring and reducing usage.

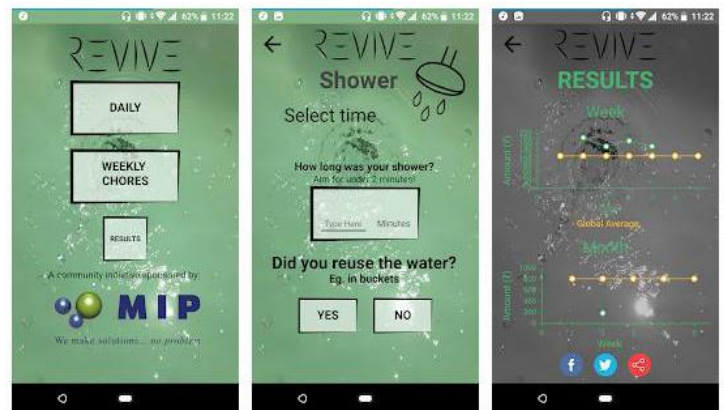
An IT company in Gauteng, MIP Holdings, was so impressed by the fact that a school girl could come up with such a



consumer friendly, effective and practical aid in the ongoing battle to reduce personal water usage that they have decided to develop this app as part of their social responsibility investment.

The REVIVE water saving app was released to the App Store about two weeks ago. It is free and we encourage all of you to download it as soon as possible, as the Eastern Cape is still in a water crisis and it is imperative for each one of us to save as much water as possible.

Congratulations Caydn - you are changing our world!



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Imfolozi Wilderness Trail

As some of us were winding down on the last day of term, thirteen girls and two staff members, Ms Redfern and Ms Eksteen, were hastily preparing to begin a 5-day hike through Imfolozi Game Reserve. Here is a brief account of their time in the wilds.

It was an incredible opportunity to get back in touch with the beautiful bush. Sleeping out under the stars, listening to the sounds of lions and hyena in the distance, finding hyena, hippo, crocodile and buffalo tracks close by camp in the morning, and spotting rhino and cheetah possibly too close for comfort, all made the experience real and took us all back to basics. Learning how to keep the fire going during night watch was definitely a new skill learnt! Living was simple and so were the rules. Our guides simply asked: "Is it good for you? Is it good for the group? Is it good for the environment?"

The girls certainly lived up to their school motto: "En Avant" - they kept moving forward and can even borrow College's motto: "Nec Aspera Terrent", as no difficulty could dismay these girls!



Back - Mandla, Mrs Eksteen, Isabel de Beer, Erin Southey, Hannah Loggie, Sipiwe Front - Josie Hickey, Lucy Schlebusch, Julia Basson

Term Two Results - A Aggregates

Congratulations to the following girls for achieving A aggregates in Term Two:

GRADE 8

Debby Armitage, Megan Barrow, Katherine Brown, Jamie Campbell, Emily De Kock, Emma De Sarigny, Hannah Jones, Megan Joubert, Zanel Lombard, Anako Maleki, Migcobo Malusi, Mila Masito, Camagu Mgwedli, Tami Morris, Zenande Nduvane, Emily Orphanides, Erin Powers, Anda Ratsibe, Frances Rowe, Georgina Schaefer, Megan Searle, Sage Thomassen-Holmes, Amy Thompson.

GRADE 9

Tayla Barrett, Francesca Behr, Jemma Boonzaier, Megan Carr, Riley Cawse, Chelsea Cordner, Savannah Coventry, Jessica Coxwell, Olivia Davidson, Sarah de la Harpe, Nikki Du Toit, Indiphile Duda, Kristen Foster, Amy Fowlds, Amy Hamilton, Enya Kemp, Paiton Levin, Rebecca Millard, Vuyo Motsilili, Ncebakazi Mtshemla, Jessica Ovendale, Wama Polo, Olivia Price, Kei Repapis, Rachel Stevenson, Ané Strydom, Lauren Viljoen, Nicola Voges, Angela Volschenk, Caris Walsh, Tarryn Whitfield.

GRADE 10

Charlotte Abraham, Kelby Barker, Acacia Bell, Tlanyi Bomela, Olivia De Kock, Mikayla Eksteen, Sienna Evans, Kate Long, Philisa Masito, Leah Micklewright, Catherine More, Oyama Mzayidume, Duki Sonuga, Ivana Stevens, Kayla Van Staden, Emma Weeber.

GRADE 11

Laaiba Anjum, Lauren Carmichael, Sage Cawse, Isabel De Beer, Diana Dixie, Laura Fowlds, Saffron Gifford, Josie Hickey, Lauren Kirby, Hannah Loggie, Lilliana Lublinkhof, Lisakhanya Maqula, Emily Morgan, Jules Murray, Nina Owen-Jones, Lauren Poole, Genevieve Powell, Kate Procter, Lucy Schlebusch, Anna Sprague, Sarah Stevenson.

GRADE 12

Kate Allanson, Caydn Barker, Kathryn Basson, Emma Brockwell, Alanna Brown, Caroline Cotton, Eleonora Da Molo, Sasha Domnick, Jennifer Du Toit, Robyn Emslie, Cate Gerber, Julia Kirkpatrick, Regina Manyara, Kate McMaster, Julia Parton, Gigi Pfaff, Nicola Ralston, Avia Repapis, Kendal Rose, Kelly-Anne Shaw, Caroline Shuter, Emma Sutherland, Teagan Thompson, Kesia Van Der Merwe, Milly Wang, Caitlin Wells, Olivia Wright.

Community Service

Party with Penguins

Despite the rain and chilly weather on Sunday morning, Alyssa Ross, Nicky Ralston and a committed group of DSG girls set off to Port Elizabeth with 21 children from Child Welfare and their housemothers.

The outing was to the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds known as SANCCOB, which had been organised by Alyssa and Nicky in advance. As we arrived, the rain poured down but the newly renovated centre provided a cosy place to watch the penguins being fed through the windows.

The children were then given a lecture in Xhosa on penguins and a chance to wander the tactile, child-friendly museum. The sun came out and all the children ran out to gather around the penguin pool where some gregarious, attention-loving penguins showed off for them as they ate their snacks. After the penguin pool, they made their way down to the beach to feed the seagulls with the remaining fish. The outing finished with a generously sponsored MacDonalDs happy meal which Alyssa and her mum organised. In summary, it was a lovely day out in which everybody learnt more about penguins and sea birds.

Thanks must go to the following people for their support: the parents of Alyssa and Nicky, Ms Gambiza, our drivers and Rev Sue.



DSG Old Girl Wins Major Art Award

DSG Old Girl, Jessica Kapp, a final-year fine art student at Stellenbosch University, was the overall winner of the 2018 Sasol New Signatures Art Competition.

Our congratulations to Jessica on this very significant award.



SHAPING TIME: Sasol New Signatures Competition winner Jessica Kapp, with her selected work collection

President's Awards

Congratulations to the following girls on achieving the next level of their President's Awards:

Bronze

Natasha De Beer
Demi Hele
Tess Holden
Indiphile Ndamase

Silver

Alyssa Ross



Alyssa Ross

Culture

Drama Tour 2018

During the August holidays, twenty tourists (aka DSG girls), accompanied by Ms Baker and Mr Deintje, undertook a cultural adventure to London, Edinburgh and Greece.

Theatre tours, an acting workshop and a fantastic production of Othello at the Globe Theatre, filled the days in London. The largest arts' festival in the world takes place in Edinburgh every August. We spent four days navigating the busy streets and were amazed and inspired by the array of theatre on offer. After attending at least three shows a day, we were ready to leave rainy Scotland for beautiful, sunny Greece.

Visiting ancient theatres and swimming in the clear blue waters of the Aegean Sea filled the last four days of the tour. The drama tour provided an educational perspective on ancient, as well as contemporary, theatre and a wonderful time was enjoyed by the tourists and their teachers.

Thank you everyone who contributed to the success of the tour.

Susan Baker

John Jones Fish River Journey Preparation Camp

This past weekend saw the Grade 10 girls and boys brave pretty extreme conditions as they hiked out to Table Farm for a 24 hour pre-Journey experience. The cold and wet conditions did not manage to dampen spirits and most of what was intended to happen, was achieved. The girls and boys must be commended for their positive attitude and a sincere vote of thanks is due to the Group Leaders who accompanied them, most of whom did nearly 60 kms of hiking to escort the two groups there and back. This all augurs well for an exciting and successful edition of the John Jones Fish River Journey scheduled to start on 15 November.

Just a reminder to those parents that have not yet sent in the necessary Indemnity Form to please do this as soon as possible. Forms can be emailed to y.teyise@sacschool.com or faxed to 046 6032381 for her attention.

Pete Andrew

St Andrew's College



Culture

Matric Music Recital 2018

The final IEB Matric Music practical examinations took place on the first Monday of term. Despite the pressure of such an early kick start to the exam season, the students acquitted themselves very well and **all** of them walked away with an A-symbol! On Wednesday evening the five Matric Subject Music pupils performed their final examination programmes to great acclaim by an enthusiastic audience in the D.R. Wynne Music School auditorium. Normally this concert would take place before the exam to help them prepare, but this year it was instead a celebration of their success.

Regina Manyara (Voice) began the concert in a dramatic manner with an impassioned rendition of *Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind* by Roger Quilter. She followed this up with a hit from the West End Musical 'Wicked', entitled *Defying Gravity*. Her delivery was riveting in its intensity. **Kieron Baart** (Piano)



took to the stage next and began with a well-modulated rendition of a Handel *Allemande*. This was followed by a languid piece of movie music from 'Lord of the Rings' which had the audience sighing in contentment at the warmth of the *Fellowship of the Ring*. His final piece was his own composition, *A Thousand Words*, which clearly demonstrated Kieron's propensity for creativity. The third performer was **Sean Howard** (Electric Guitar) who arrived on stage with a charming disregard for formal concert etiquette! This

charismatic young musician began by setting up an elegant groove in *Signe* by Eric Clapton. His delivery of Antonio Carlos Jobim's *Wave* was remarkable in its effortless virtuosity. By the time he ended, he had the audience eating out of his hand. When **Carla Coltman** (Piano) arrived on stage she immediately stamped her authority on the recital.

An intelligent and composed *Prelude in D minor* by Bach was followed by Carla demonstrating her awe-inspiring level of virtuosity with the *Toccata* by Takacs. The final *Etude* by



Chopin was both generous and intimate and instead of technical pyrotechnics, we got soulful and achingly beautiful melodic lines. The final performer for the evening was **Daniel Erasmus** (Cello). From the very first phrase of *Kol Nidre* by Max Bruch, he had the audience relaxed and enjoying the emotionally charged music because Daniel was in total control. This seductively beautiful first piece was followed by a crisp and driving *Allegro* first movement from Haydn's Cello Concert in C Major. Daniel's performance left everybody present with the clear impression that he is a musical force to be reckoned with!

Another remarkable feature of the concert was the size of the audience. It was abundantly clear that these five young musicians enjoy great respect from their peers as well as the wider school community. All in all, the concert was a great success and the students proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that they have been diligent in their preparation and richly deserve their excellent exam results. They deserve our congratulations as do their teachers. We wish them well for the rest of their examinations.

Mike Skipper

Director of Culture

John Axe Art Week Programme

	12:25	13:30	17:00	19:00
Fri 14/9				Odyssey – Dance (Guy Butler)
Sat 15/9				Odyssey – Dance (Guy Butler)
Sun 16/9			17:30 Cornish Society presents: Three Teachers Read (Cawse Library)	
Mon 17/9				DSG Inter House Music (LSH)
Tues 18/9		Bar-oke Jack Torres - Baritone recital (DRW)		
Wed 19/9		Blow Blow thou Winter Wind Wind Orchestra (DRW)	All Strings Attached (DRW)	Open Mic (DRW)
Thurs 20/9	Voces Angelicus Chamber Choir (Drill Hall)	There's something funky going on here... Jazz & Contemporary Band (DRW)		G12 Drama (DH)
Fri 21/9		Shift! (CH)		SAC Inter House Music (CH)
Sat 22/9			Kilted Mile and Ceilidh (Highlander)	Rhodes University Orchestra (Guy Butler)
Sun 23/9		Highland Gathering and Games	Highland Gathering and Games	

Sport

Dear Parents

The start of the 3rd Term is always a bit hectic for the sports department and this year has proven no different. Water polo training starts in early September, as there is pressure for teams to be selected, and to be fit and trained up for tournaments, which arrive thick and fast at the end of the month. At the same time, we have the traditional athletics season underway, which we desperately try to protect from erosion, as do all other schools. There is also more squeezed into the academic timetable and cultural programme, with many afternoon field trips and the school dance production underway; all of which puts additional pressure on the girls and their time. Then there was the rain last week and over the weekend, which was most welcome, however it did throw a spanner in the works with regards to the athletics trials. Thankfully we have now managed to complete all the trials, and from here we can select our school athletics team for the Anne Bandey Shield, which is a triangular with Kingswood and VG, being held at Kingswood on 19 September.

The interhouse 1500m was also run on Tuesday this week. Congratulations to Kendall Rose (Espin) - U19, Emily McLean (Crewe) – U16, Emma Podesta – U15 (Merriman) and Jaime Campbell (Knowling) – U14 who won their races. The School Cross Country, which is a 4km route, is being held on Thursday, and the interhouse Pentathlon takes place on Friday afternoon.

As mentioned, there has also been some water polo underway. The DSG 1st team have a busy weekend ahead in the DSG Aquatic Centre, where we are hosting Clarendon



Sienna Evans and Omega Warrior

and Stirling from East London, Pearson and Collegiate from Port Elizabeth, as well as local competitor, Kingswood. This round of pre-season friendly matches will prepare us for next weekend's season-opening tournament at Reddam in Cape Town.

The regular sports programme gets underway next week and the girls have had the option to sign up to a number of sports, including athletics (track/field), basketball, road running, trail running, Pilates/step, social fitness, squash, swimming, tennis and water polo.

As always, sport continued during the holidays, with a number of different events taking place. Please find below the reports from the holidays, as well as from the past ten days since we have returned to school.

Hockey

The DSG U14A hockey team played at home in the DSG U14 Invitational Hockey Tournament over the first weekend of the holidays. With some of the strongest hockey schools in the country attending, it was a tough challenge for our girls. We had a slow start to the tournament, but bounced back strongly in the playoff matches, ending up in 10th place out of the 14 teams who attended. Our record of played 9 - won 3, drew 3 and lost 3 - was a good return, given the quality of the opposition, and the team have learnt a great deal from the experience.

The DSG 1st hockey team travelled to Bloemfontein at the start of the holidays, to take part in the Top 12 Hockey Tournament hosted by Oranje. The team showed amazing



U15 Winners - L-R Erin Powers (3rd), Elske Garbers (1st) and Savannah Ingledew (2nd)

determination and resolve, coming up against the best hockey schools in the country. The girls secured some great results against Bloemhof, Clarendon and Voortrekker Bethlehem in the pool matches. DSG ended in 8th position out of the 12 participating teams, after losing on penalties to Paarl Gim and then Clarendon in the cross-pool playoffs. This is an outstanding achievement.

Horse Riding

During the holidays, the following DSG girls were announced as having been selected to the Eastern Cape Schools team, which will compete in the SANESA Core League Nationals in early October. We congratulate Hannah Jones, Anna Bradfield, Tarryn Whitfield, Kiara Dewey and Bella Houghton on their inclusion in the team.

In the EP Championships held over this past weekend, Felicity Burton placed 2nd in the 80cm Junior Working Hunter, Kei Repapis was the Reserve East Cape Champion in the Open Pony Working Hunter, while Cate Gerber won the Thoroughbred Working Hunter and is also the Reserve East Cape Champion in the Junior Working Hunter.

Swimming

In the last weekend of the holidays, a few DSG swimmers competed in the Infinity Short Course Gala in Port Elizabeth. Toni Rafferty placed 2nd overall in the girls '17 and over' category, and Courtney Repinz finished 3rd overall in the girls 'aged 15 and 16' category. Toni Rafferty also competed in the 50m freestyle 'dash for cash' event which she won.

Then this past weekend, there was an A-league gala in Port Elizabeth. Shaelyn Walker in the girls '14 and under', finished 1st in both the 50m breast stroke and the 800m freestyle. She also picked up a 2nd place in the 100m backstroke, and two 3rd places in the 200m freestyle and 50m backstroke. Emma Podesta in the girls '15 and under' category picked up two 1st places in the 50m and 100m backstroke, and two 2nd places in the 50m and 100m butterfly races. Courtney Repinz, also in the girls '15 and under' placed 1st in the 200m freestyle, 2nd in the 100m freestyle and the 100m backstroke, and she finished 3rd in the 50m and 100m butterfly events.

Athletics

After her 2nd place finish in the EP Cross Country Championships in early August, Kendal Rose qualified for the South African Cross Country Championships, which were held in Port Elizabeth this past weekend. In a field of over 40 athletes from around the country, Kendall had another great run in very testing conditions, and narrowly missed out on a top 20 place.

Squash

Erin Powers participated in the 2018 African Junior Squash Open held in Cape Town from 10-12 August, where she competed in the U15 age group category. We congratulate Erin on her outstanding tournament, finishing in 3rd place at the event.

Tennis

The DSG 1st tennis team had a training camp alongside St Andrew's College 1st tennis team in the few days building up to the start of term. The inclement weather put paid to their planned fixture against Pearson during this time, but the match against Framesby did go ahead, with the combined DSG/SAC team accomplishing a convincing win in the match.

Warm regards

Chris Hibbert

Director of Sport



Leah Micklewright



Zanda Nkosiyane



14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

ODYSSEY

A DSG Dance Studio Production....

Prepare for a night to remember!

Dancers ranging from 6 to 18 years old will, once again, delight while telling a tale of the adventurous and eventful journey of young love. Set in Paris in an era reminiscent of days gone by, yet still capturing the modern energy of youth, the love story of Roxanne and Leo unfolds... Excitement, misunderstanding, world travels and inner landscapes populate this dance narrative and audiences are invited to come and enjoy the Grahamstown dance event of the year!

**14 & 15
September 2018**

**Guy Butler
Theatre @
Settler's
Monument**

7pm

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