

# College Chatter

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## From the Helm

### Learning outside the classroom

College is a great proponent of learning outside the classroom. According to The Multi-literacy Project of Canada; a study exploring pedagogies or teaching practices that prepare children for the challenges of our globalized, networked, culturally diverse world: 'Tours provide the opportunity to connect abstract classroom learning to real-world experiences. The importance of tours cannot be underestimated. If students are able to make real-world connections to classroom learning, the learning takes on significance, and directs the students' attention and engagement. If the students are engaged, meaningful learning can start to take place.

Of course, there are classroom activities that make real-world connections such as guest speakers, photography, multi-media technology, etc. But, excursions are exceptionally important for two basic reasons. Firstly, the shared experience for girls to reflect together on a common experience and enhance learning beyond the personal connections each girl will make individually.

Secondly, the quality of experience is stored and processed in different areas of the brain which allows for greater overall integration of

understanding in different ways. Attention is drawn to the sounds, smells and textures of the real world which allows for more powerful connections and retains in memory more significantly than the spoken word'.

Judy Willis, a neurologist-turned-teacher in her article 'What you should know about the brain' proposes that during tours, 'learning through action produces not only better and deeper connections in the brain but can be more efficient'. Contextual learning is all important and will make more of an impact on the pupil.

Perhaps the most important aspect is shared experience with peers. Girls who don't go on excursion will often experience social isolation within the year-group. We encourage every girl to go on their grade excursion. Every effort is made on the part of the school to address all risks when planning. The long-term social, academic and psychological benefits of joining in cannot be overemphasised. Taking learning out of four walls - how exciting!

*Lynne van Dellen*  
Head of Senior Primary



*Learning outside the classroom: The Grade 1 girls celebrate after their hockey tournament last Friday. Well done!*



# Junior Primary

The Grade R girls had lots of fun at their Creative Day this week. Their activities included painting, lego construction, Bee Bots and baking 'cake pops'.



Our Masterchef Challenge was great fun! Girls researched recipes and presented a three course meal plan to the judges.



We used Tree Maps to plan our meals and Pic Collage on iPads to create a visual representation of the dishes.



# High School

Our Grade 10 girls and Exchange girls went on excursion to Greystone last week. A visit to the nearby Fountain of Life School was the most humbling experience. The girls spent a morning entertaining the pre-schoolers and a donation of food packs and balls were gleefully received by the children.



Angela Hadebe, Holly Monks, Kimara Naidoo & Mazwi Mandimutsira helping children decorate their plates.



Amy Michau helping the children to blow bubbles.



Anna Jamieson, Olivia Saulez, Arin Pincus, Elizabeth Corbett, Nikita Di Giulio, Angela Corbett and Emma Knowler doing outdoor activities with the children.



Julia Lewis & Aisha Akoob-Khamissa trying to get out of a bind while Simran Singh helps and Chelsea Utermark & Liberty Turrell look on.



Nicole Hume and Gaby Gervasoni entertaining children with bubbles.

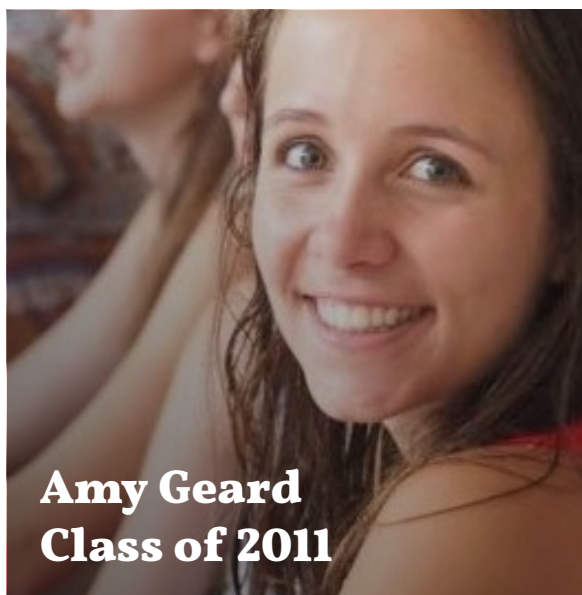


Nika Govender and Kenya Corte Portella trying to untwist.

# Senior Primary

Grade 4, 5 & 6 Girls, all away on excursions: 14 – 17 August and all had a wonderful time.





**Amy Geard**  
**Class of 2011**

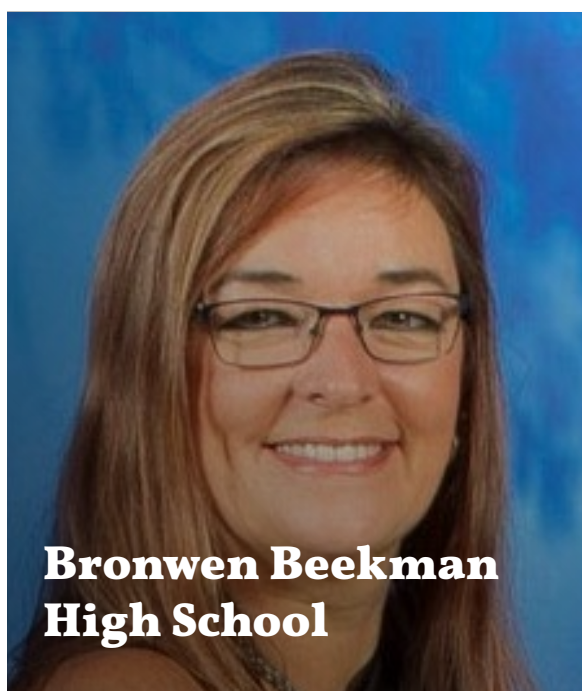
## Alumna

Amy matriculated from Durban Girls' College in 2011. In Grade 12, she won The Clarkson Memorial Prize for Life Sciences. After matriculating, Amy went to the University of Cape Town where she graduated with Distinction earning a BSc, Genetics and Biochemistry, followed by a BSc Medical Science Honours, Human/Medical Genetics, and a MSc, Human/Medical Genetics. In 2017, she did a second MSc in Prenatal Genetics and Fetal Medicine at University College London, funded by a Commonwealth scholarship. Amy had the privilege of meeting Queen Elizabeth. Amy came top of her class and was offered a research post at UCL to complete a PhD in Gene Therapy, which she is busy with currently. Amy is passionate about Hockey and has been involved in the Golden Key Society and the Ikamva Youth Mentorship Programme.

*Amy Geard*  
*Class of 2011*



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**Bronwen Beekman**  
**High School**

## Meet our Staff

Bronwen Beekman joined Durban Girls' College in 2017 and is the Accounting (Gr10 – 12) and the EMS Teacher (Gr9). She loves the environment and believes that the girls have a fantastic opportunity to develop themselves into awesome women who can make a difference. Bronwen enjoys the level of confidence that is seen in many of the girls and the interaction she has with all of her pupils, as well as Grade 10s from the pastoral side.

Bronwen obtained her teaching qualification through the University of Natal (now UKZN) and was offered a lecturing post with the Accounting Department at Technikon Natal (now DUT) where she lectured and oversaw Accounting 1, 2 and Accounting 4 programmes. From there, she moved into the corporate world in the leisure industry for a number of years, where she held positions in management, finance and human resources.

In 2008, Bronwen resigned and was appointed at an IEB school in Shelly Beach where she taught Accounting and EMS, was the Head of Department of the GET phase for two years and the FET phase for five years.

Bronwen has two sons, Kade (20) and Zane (14). Her motto to live by is: I am only one, but I am one and I do believe that I can make a difference with a smile, kindness, a generous heart and much love.

“ The only fence **against the world**  
is a thorough **knowledge of it.** ”

*John Locke*



# Results

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Music:

The following high school pupils performed in the SASMT senior students concert on Saturday, held at the varsity:

- Sarah Andrew Grade 8 - Piano
- Niwedita Bhatta Grade 9 - Piano
- Ara Naidoo Grade 11- Piano

### Cross-Country:

Kira Ribbink placed 5th in the U15 age group, Alice Edward placed 3rd in the Open age group and Amber Schlebusch placed 1st in the U17 age group at the Umlazi Cross Country Trials. Well done girls!

### Water Polo:

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| DGC vs St Mary's | DGC vs St Henry's |
| 1st won 13-1     | U14 won 10-1      |
| U16 won 17-1     | U16 won 16-0      |
| U14 won 11-0     |                   |

### Netball:

- Action Netball results:  
 Vs Ashton, DGC won 24-18  
 Vs DGHS, DGC won 18-15

### Soccer:

- DGC vs Pinetown Girls' High School  
 U15 lost 1-0  
 1st lost 2-1

### Swimming:

- The Hill Cup swimming league results for Round 2 were as follows:  
 Place 1 - Barbarians 178.5 points  
 Place 2 - Our Lady of Fatima 143 points  
 Place 3 - DGC 132 points  
 Place 4 - DGHS 115 points  
 Place 5 - St Mary's 73.5 points

Round 4 - 7th September has been CANCELLED.  
 The Grand Final will take place on the 21st September.

### Tennis:

- DGC U16A vs CLL - DGC lost 2 matches to 1  
 DGC U16B vs OLF A - DGC lost 3 matches to 0  
 DGC 1st vs St Mary's - DGC lost 2 matches to 1  
 DGC 2nd vs DGHS - DGC won 3 matches to 0

Well done to the Hulett twins in Grade 8 who achieved some wonderful tennis results last week:  
 Sophia came 6th and Aimee 10th in the Nelspruit Tennis Grand Prix.  
 Sophia came 3rd and Aimee 4th in the Potchefstroom Tennis Tournament.

### Karate:

Sarah Andrew in Grade 8 participated in the SKISA Karate Team Challenge Tournament last weekend. She won a gold medal for her kata and a silver medal for her kumite. Sarah also received a trophy for being the most promising player in her category. Congratulations Sarah, on your fantastic achievements!

## SENIOR PRIMARY

### Tennis:

Our tennis team played the last of their singles league matches against Umhlali. Once again they competed admirably against a boys' team and have done DGC and themselves proud.

### Hockey:

On Monday 13 August & Tuesday 14 August College played against St Mary's. The matches were all closely contested and our girls played extremely well. Well done, girls!

- U10A lost 0 – 2
- U10B won 1 – 0
- U10C lost 0 -1
- U11A drew 0 – 0
- U11B beat St Mary's U11C 2 – 0
- U11B lost 0 - 1 to St Mary's U11B
- U13C won 1 - 0 (this team comprised mostly of our U11A team)
- U13B lost 0 – 1
- U13A lost 2 – 3

On Saturday 18 August College hosted Chelsea Prep at DGC.

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| U10B lost 0 - 2 | U13A lost 0 - 3 |
| U10C drew 2 - 2 | U13B lost 0 - 5 |
| U11A lost 1 - 2 | U13C drew 0 - 0 |
| U11B drew 1 - 1 |                 |

The U10A team participated in a tournament hosted by Fatima at Riverside.

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| vs Umhlali won 1 - 0   | vs Chelsea lost 0 - 3   |
| vs Atholton drew 1 - 1 | vs St Mary's lost 0 - 2 |
| vs Fatima lost 0 - 1   |                         |

### Cross Country:

Congratulations Kira Altshuler who came 7th at the Umlazi District Cross Country trials. She is first reserve to compete at the KZN Cross Country Champs. Well done, Kira.

The results from the league hosted by Crawford La Lucia on Friday 17 August were fantastic. Well done girls!

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| U13:                 | Zoe Grindrod - 12th    |
| Kira Altshuler - 3rd | Chelsea Murray - 15th  |
| Maxine Port - 4th    | Jessi Ramini - 21st    |
| Amy Chapple - 7th    | Chanel de Jager - 30th |

### Horse Riding:

Sienna Setzkorn, competed in the SANESA Q5, held at Canterbury Estate on 18 & 19 August. She achieved the following:

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| Show jumping - speed - 1st      | Dressage - 4th           |
| Show jumping - ideal time - 2nd | Prix – Caprilli – 3rd    |
| Equitation - 1st                | Performance riding - 4th |
| Working Hunter - 2nd            |                          |

Lisa Janse van Rensburg, Jordan Hancock and Sienna Setzkorn have been chosen as part of the KZN SANESA team to compete in the nationals from 3rd – 7th October at Kayalami Equestrian

# The Week Ahead

MONDAY 20 AUGUST - SUNDAY 26 AUGUST

## Monday 27

### Day 1

JP: Parent Interviews: On-Line booking forms open  
 HS: 15h00: Tennis U16A Team vs Danville: Prospect  
 HS: 15h00: Tennis U16B Team vs St Mary's: St Mary's  
 HS: 15h00: Waterpolo vs Kloof: DGC  
 SP & JP: 18h00-19h00: Heads' Cocktail Party: Virginia Art Exhibition: Virginia School

## Tuesday 28

### Day 2

SP & JP: 07h15-17h30: Virginia School Art Exhibition: Virginia School  
 SP: 14h30: Inter Schools Athletics: Northlands  
 JP: 14h30-15h30: Just JP Creativity: JP Hall  
 HS: 15h00: Tennis 1st Team vs St Mary's: Westridge  
 HS: 15h00: Tennis 2nd Team vs Kuswag: DGC

## Wednesday 29

### Day 3

SP & JP: 07h15-17h30: Virginia School Art Exhibition: Virginia School  
 WS: 08h00-15h00: Whole-School Music Competition  
 JP: 10h00-15h00: Books 2 You: JP Foyer

## Thursday 30

### Day 4

SP & JP: 07h15-17h30: Virginia School Art Exhibition: Virginia School  
 JP : 07h30-14h00: Books 2 You: JP Foyer  
 WS: 08h00-15h00: Whole-School Music Competition  
 HS: 15h00: Waterpolo vs Thomas More: Thomas More

## Friday 31

### Day 5

SP & JP: 16h30: PA Combined Family Function: TBC  
 WS: 08h00-15h00: Whole-School Music Competition  
 JP: 08h00: Gr 1 Interactive Day with Clifton School: Clifton School  
 JP: Love Languages Gr 1D books returned  
 SP & JP: 07h15- 17h3: Virginia School Art Exhibition: Virginia School  
 HS: 14h00: Soccer vs DGHS: Dokkies  
 SP: 14h30: Cross Country League: Reddam  
 HS: 17h00: Action Netball 1st Team vs Danville: Action Arena

## Saturday 01

Clifton Founders' Day  
 SP: 08h00: U13 Hockey Tournament: Riverside  
 SP & JP: 08h00-13h00: Virginia School Art Exhibition: Virginia School  
 SP: 08h00: U10 & U11 Hockey Tournament: DGC  
 HS: 08h00: Waterpolo vs Westville & DGHS: DGC

## Sunday 02

## Upcoming: 13 September



Don't miss our musical concert taking place on **Thursday, 13 September.**

Looking forward to seeing you all there!