

Blackmore Bulletin

Blackmore House, Durban High School

Producing well-rounded young men of sound character who will form the backbone of our school and eventually of our nation.

From the Senior Housemaster

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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS...

"The only consistent thing in life is change."

That's how the popular saying goes. This has certainly proven true in DHS and Blackmore House over the past two to three years. New people have come in, new systems have been implemented and the campus is busy transforming.

By now most of you have heard that our Head Master, Mr Erasmus, will be leaving School at the end of the year to take up the Principalship at Fairmont High in Cape Town. Whilst the leaving of a Head Master, is always impactful on a school, I would like to assure you, that all initiatives and strategies to improve the school and Boarding Establishment that were started under his leadership will be continued and developed through to completion. The School Governing Body is also actively engaging around the process of identifying and appointing Mr Erasmus's successor.

As we reflect on what the future holds, it is appropriate that I speak about the progress we have made with applications for boarding from Grade 7s for 2017. We have will accept 24 new Grade 8s next year into boarding and I have sifted through applications from approximately 65 boys. So far, we have interviewed 32 and accepted 20. I am extremely pleased with the quality of applications received and have enjoyed interacting with the families of these young men. All interviews will be done by mid-August and all acceptance letters will have been distributed by the end of August.

The future will always hold some degree of uncertainty, as it can never be possible for us to accurately predict what will happen. However, we have 150 years of educating boys, which will stand us in good stead to weather any of the challenges that the future may bring.

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Mothers Day 2016

There is no greater accolade than MOTHER. *“The greatest unconditional and infinite love we will experience in our existence.”*

Blackmore’s first Mother’s Day Dinner was held to honour our mothers who have made the sacrifice of time spent with their sons, times of checking up on schoolwork, missing out on times of supporting sport events, times of sickness and even times of major injury. Placing their sons in our care to nurture and mould into young men we are all so proud of.

In honour of our mothers and all they do, an awesome evening was had by all. Seeing a transformed Blackmore Dining Hall, a three course meal and great entertainment by our boys was truly a memorable occasion for our moms.

A big shout out goes to our singer, Sbahle Ndlovu, our dancer, James Dufana, our very own Blackmore Mambazo singers, and our sound technician, Libo

Mngomezulu. And all the little helpers for setting up, carrying and fetching decorations and cleaning up afterwards.

Thanks to Peppers & Pans for the food. Our dedicated kitchen staff deserve special mention as they not only feed our boys, but go the extra mile in every meal for each of our boys - they understand ... a well fed boy is a happy boy.

Mrs R Hellenberg
House Mother



Cheering our Comrades in Marathon ...

On Sunday 29 May, the Blackmore House boys and the DHS band set up under Tollgate Bridge to support the Comrades runners as they ran past for their last few kilometres of the greatest human race.

Standing right under the DHS banner on the Bridge, the boys could not be missed as they urged the runners on with their lively music and cheers ... their support was thoroughly appreciated by all, some more than others.

Congratulations to staff members Barry Coskey and Hayley Bentham who both completed the marathon and to the DHS Old Boys Club runners who got extra loud cheers from the boys.

Thank you to staff members Mr Moodley, Mr Gcilitshana, Mr Levin, Mr Adam and Mr. Hellenberg for

accompanying the boys and thank you to the boys for their wonderful support.



Steven Jamarie, Lindani Maphisa, Nqobani Dlamini and Nhlakanipho Nene standing at Toll Gate Bridge.

“ ... they urged the runners on with their lively music and cheers.”

Hockey

Hlumelo Mekuto (Gr. 12) was recently selected to represent the KZN Coastal U18A side at the IPT held in Bloemfontein.

Hlumelo was then selected for the SA Schools U18B hockey team and played in a Tri-Nations series between Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Simba Sibanda and Joshua Winnaar (both Gr. 8) were selected for the KZN Coastal U14B team.

Tiagan Terreblanche (Gr. 10) was selected for the KZN Coastal U16C team.

Well done gentlemen!



Hlumelo Mekuto (pictured on the left)

Rugby

Craven Week

Sanele Nohamba, Tonderai Ndudzo, Phendulani Buthelezi, Cham Zondeki and Onke Jiba (All Grade 11) were selected for the KZN U18A team to play at Craven Week held at Kearsney. They played 3 games and won 1, beating Eastern Province 36-22, losing to Western Province 5-60 and Pumas 23-26.

Sanele Nohamba was then selected for the U18 SA A schools team which will play versus Italy, England and Wales in Cape Town in August.

Academy Week

Ryan Dafel, Gert Coetzee and Sibusiso Mkhaliphi (All Gr. 12) were selected to play for the KZN Academy Side at the Academy week also held at Kearsney.



Sibusiso Mkhaliphi, Ryan Dafel and Gert Coetzee

Grant Khomo

Asande Mnguni, Mthokozisi Gumede, Celimpilo Gumede and Lwandile Menze were selected for the KZN U16 team to play at the Grant Khomo Week held in Paarl. Mr. Scott Mathie and Mr. Conal Levin were appointed on the management team as Backline coach and Team manager respectfully.



Cham Zondeki, Sanele Nohamba, Phendulani Buthelezi, Tonderai Ndudzo and Onke Jiba



Mr Levin, Asande Mnguni, Asanda Kunene, Lwandile Menze, Mthokozisi Gumede, Celimpilo Gumede and Mr Mathie

Upcoming Events

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30 July:

Matric Dance

6-9 August:

BE Out Weekend

14 August:

Cobham/Work Experience

24 August:

BE Host Family Function

28 August:

Blackmore Grade 8 & 9 Social

07 September:

Trials start

16 September:

BE Dance (Grade 10 & 11)

From the Balcony

Boys are funny creatures.

Every year the same chat is had between Masters and matrics. The matrics are adamant that they will not miss the BE. This includes the food, the punishment, the bed or the bell. Now I must agree with them on some levels. The bell is a necessary part of BE life but it still takes its toll in the early morning.

But what the boys soon realize once they leave their dormitories of Blackmore House for their University hostels, digs or even home, is that they do miss Blackmore House. The relationships that they have built, not just with their friends, but with the Maters, kitchen staff, laundry staff and cleaning staff is something that they do truly miss.

This has got nothing to do with the fact that they get their freedom from the dreaded bell or that there is no more line up. This is more to the fact that they have put a piece of their own personality into Blackmore House and Blackmore House has put a sense of pride in them.

And no matter where life takes them. Nothing compares to Blackmore House living. And that is what the boy will miss the most.