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# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear High School Parents, Students and Staff

**From the desk of James Forson Chairman of the Board of Governors**

My Dear Dainfern College Friends

My term as Chairman of the Board is coming to an end this year, and so, sadly, I must take my leave. I take this opportunity to write one last note to you all. Thank you for being a wonderful, varied, challenging, demanding and respectful community. What a privilege it has been to be part of such a special organisation.

I leave at the right time. The College is moving forward on a number of fronts, not least of which is the construction of the new classroom block. It is time for new ideas and new skills.

Our College is blessed with leadership at every level. I have seen from the other side the effort and care that Mrs Gower-Jackson, Mr Webb and Mr West, with their respective management teams, put into running our College and providing the best possible opportunities to each pupil at our College. Parents and pupils – you are darn lucky to be associated with a school like this!

I am delighted to hand over the seat to Seamus Casserly. They say that good succession means handing over to someone more capable than the incumbent. Seamus is no exception. His firm but supportive hand will soon be felt with beneficial effect. You are in good hands.

There are very special, capable and remarkable people at Dainfern College. I have learned so much from you. I have enjoyed every moment we have worked together. I will miss you all. Merle and I extend best wishes for an astounding future.

**James Forson**  
**Chairman (Out-going)**  
**Board of Governors**

❖ **A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU!**

Mr James Forson retires from the Board of Governors at the end of the year. Mr Forson has served as chair of the Board of Governors for the past six years and has been a mentor and supportive guide to the Principals since their appointment. He took over the reins of the College at a critical time in its history, when the College needed to transition from its founding framework to become a modern, dynamic, traditional and established school in its own right. His eloquent wisdom, deep integrity and warm engagement has shaped each of us as Heads, and has certainly shaped the role of the Board of Governors within the College and has indelibly shaped us as a College these past years.

It is a privilege to record our deepest thanks and appreciation to Mr Forson for his resolute and discerning leadership, his astute guidance and his dedicated commitment to our College over the past seven years. Mr Forson has led, protected and grown the College in all that he has done as the premier guiding light of this College. Mr Forson will continue to serve and add his considerable knowledge and insight on the College Foundation Trust. We thank him and his wife, Merle, for all they have added to our College and wish them Godspeed in their future adventures!

### ❖ **MINOR SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP**

We received eight applications for consideration for the above scholarship that was advertised in recent newsletters. The scholarship sports committee ranked all the applications according to:

1. Proven excellence in College sports.
2. Ability to be a sports ambassador for the College.

We congratulate **Tom Carruthers** on the Sports Scholarship award. Tom's recent sports record speaks for itself:

- Full colours swimming and athletics; team colours for cross-country.
- 2011 Athlete of the Year .
- Winner 100m, 200m & 400m at 2011 InterHigh (new record for 400m).
- Senior Victor Ludorum and best senior track performance at 2011 InterHigh.
- Broke the College 100m, 200m and 400m and long-jump records this year.
- Victor Ludorum at 2011 InterHouse.

### ❖ **E-CASH**

The College Executive Committee would like to reduce the amount of cash on our campus in 2012. For this reason, we have taken a decision to introduce a cashless Tuckshop initiative, called e-cash. It will require that every pupil wanting to make use of our Tuckshop will have the opportunity to purchase an e-cash debit identity card that can be swiped for every purchase made.

Parents provide funds for the pupils' card use by simply making an EFT payment directly to the Tuckshop. Not only will this alleviate the risk of carrying money around at school, it will most certainly speed up the time taken to order food at break. It will also allow parents to monitor what food is being purchased and how much is being spent on a daily basis. The e-cash card can also only be utilised at the Tuckshop, ensuring that money is not spent on 'unauthorised items'.

When the card is swiped a picture of the student will appear on the Tuckshop's computer screen, ensuring that no other student is able to use the card. Lost cards will simply be cancelled and replaced. The identity card will cost R10,00 per pupil and there will be a monthly admin fee of R6,00 if the card has been used during that month. A dormant card and holiday months will not be charged. Cash will still be accepted for parents not wanting to take advantage of this opportunity as well as for visitors to our school, in the afternoons.

We sincerely hope that parents see the advantages of this system in working towards an effective yet "Safe and Nurturing Environment" at our school. More details will be communicated early in the New Year.

### ❖ **HOLIDAY WISHES**

Finally, thank you to all those who celebrated the delightful **Carols by Candlelight** on Thursday evening with us. It was a time to celebrate the Christmas story through carols, readings and special performances and a time to celebrate being the Dainfern College family at the end of another amazing year. It was a joyous time together, enclosed in the intimacy and warmth of the JP quad. The College magazine is in its final stages of proofreading and will be available early next year.

I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas, a most enjoyable holiday and safe travels on your holiday adventures.

In closing: Our prayer for all this Christmas season is...

May your Christmas  
be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the wise men,  
and the peace of the Christ child.

**SAO WEST**  
**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL**

### ❖ **DFC<sup>2</sup> SADDLES UP FOR 94.7**

There's nothing quite like a gentle cycle to get Sunday morning off to a good start... at least that's what the members of Dainfern College Cycle (DFC<sup>2</sup>) will tell you. Every weekend for months, students, teachers and parents have been getting up before the crack of dawn to hit the road for a 60km+ training cycle around the Cradle of Humankind in preparation for The BIG One: the 94.7 Cycle Challenge, which took place last Sunday. The second biggest cycling event in South Africa, this year's ultra-road race around Johannesburg attracted over 28 000 entrants and aside from the main event, it also includes a Mountain Bike Challenge and a Children's Race. Members of the Dainfern College community participated enthusiastically in all events but most visible were the DFC<sup>2</sup> team who streaked through the streets of Johannesburg in their custom kit. (Almost, but not quite, overshadowed by their vocal support crew who set up camp at the half-way mark, beneath a prominently positioned Dainfern College gazebo, and yelled encouragement to everyone who passed by.) Of course, the loudest cheers were reserved for the DFC<sup>2</sup> cyclists who did our school proud. Congratulations to every one of them:

- **Jaryd Browne** (G11) who embraced the event's Ride for a Purpose theme and completed TWO laps of the punishing race as a fund-raising initiative for children's cancer charity, CHOC;
- **Nic Stein** (G10) who raced in the Juniors' category;
- **Morgan Mocke** (G10) who completed both the Mountain and Road Bike Challenges;
- **Sammy Stein** (G8) and her father, Rob who completed the event on a tandem;
- Teachers **Ms Bramley & Mrs Hulme**;
- **G7 Mia Bam**;
- **G8 Kallen Browne, Alessandro Galinetti, Ben Humphries, Sam Lambson, Michael Moreira, Andrew Sanderson, Mitchell Sparrow**
- **G9 Bradley van der Merwe, David Viljoen, Bevan Willoughby**
- **G10 Matthew Armstrong, Tom Carruthers, Richard Eltringham, Raquel le Roux, Daniel Moreira, Ashley Sparrow**
- Parents **Andrew Armstrong, Hayley Browne, Tony and Geraldine Harris, Mark Eltringham, Jane Fisher, John Fitzsimmons, Rob Galinetti, Garth Humphries, Roger Lambson, Sean and Barbara Mulcahy, Fernando Moreira and Dave Sparrow.**

### ❖ **FROM THE MEDIA CENTRE**

**Travelling Bookshop is here again: 28 & 29 November in the Media Centre:**

- Monday 28 November from 10h30-16h00
- Tuesday 29 November from 08h00-14h30

A huge variety of brand new books is available at great prices. Credit and Debit Card facilities will be available.

**TRICIA MOODLEY**

**MEDIA AND RESEARCH SPECIALIST**

### ❖ **USABLE STATIONERY COLLECTION FOR OUTREACH**

For the next few weeks we will be collecting usable stationery for use in our Outreach Programme. If you have any stationery items that are in good working order, there will be a box in the Media Centre and the JP Reception area. These items will be appreciated by the underprivileged children who will receive them.

**Kate Macpherson & Lombe Chipalo**

**Heads of Outreach (High School)**

### ❖ **OUTREACH**

We are collecting school shoes for the children on our feeding scheme at Reshomile and Iterele Zenzele. It would be appreciated if you would donate your children's old school shoes for this purpose. All the children are orphans and quite often don't have proper school shoes. Any school shoes and trainers would be welcome. They can be left at the Main Reception or handed to me directly. We are more than happy to collect your old shoes in January 2012.

**MEGAN MACPHERSON**

**PA OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVE**

### ❖ **PA NEWS**

**Dainfern College Gumtree (adverts at the end of the Newsletter)**

Weekly and termly rates are available. For more information please contact Joanne at [Joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za](mailto:Joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za).

**Christmas Picnic Hamper**

See our details further in this newsletter.

### **My School Card**

Please remember to support by swiping at the many different shops this month.

Wishing you and your family a fabulous festive season!

**JOANNE LUND**

**CHAIR OF THE PA**

### **❖ REQUEST FOR COMPUTERS/LAPTOPS**

During 2011 I started an outreach computer training facility at the Gracepoint church in Glenferness, training a total of 29 people most of whom have had no prior access to computers at all. The eight computers were all donations so we have a range of applications spanning more than a decade which makes teaching a little more challenging!

Should anyone be lucky enough to update their computers/laptops over this end-of-year period and you have older technology that you are no longer using, we will gladly take it off your hands! From 9 January I will be able to arrange for collection if needed.

I would also like to help a similar project in Refilwe near Lanseria that currently only have two very old computers shared between a group of ten!

Hayley Browne

082-551-9675 or [browneh@mweb.co.za](mailto:browneh@mweb.co.za)

### **DATES TO DIARISE:**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Mon 28 Nov	09h30 – 12h30	Gr 10 PR Training	Function Room
Tues 29 Nov	09h15 – 13h45	Gr 10 Mentorship Training	Function Room
Thurs 1 Dec	19h00 – 20h45	High School Prize-giving	Auditorium
	20h45	Reports issued by Tutors	Tutor Classes
	21h00	School closes for Pupils	

**SCHOOL STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2012**

### **❖ SPORTS NEWS**

#### **DAINFERN COLLEGE NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

We are proud to once again be hosting the Dainfern College National Golf Championships next year! This will take place on March 11-13 2012. We have secured a 30-minute television slot which will be aired several times on SuperSport. Invitations for sponsorship are officially open. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity is asked to please contact Mrs Deidré Proxenos at [dproxenos@dainferncollege.co.za](mailto:dproxenos@dainferncollege.co.za)

### **SPORTING FIXTURES - 2012**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Fri 13 Jan	14h00	Cricket Festival 15, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> vs. Cornwall	15 - Cornwall 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Redhill 1 <sup>st</sup> - St Peter's
Fri 13 Jan	14h30	U14 cricket trials	DFC
Sat 14 Jan	09h00	Cricket Festival 15, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> vs. St Peter's	15 - Cornwall 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Redhill 1 <sup>st</sup> - St Peter's
Sun 15 Jan	09h00	Cricket Festival 15, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> vs. Redhill	15 - Cornwall 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Redhill 1 <sup>st</sup> - St Peter's
Mon 16 Jan	15h30	Swimming trials	DFC
Tue 17 Jan	15h00	Girls' tennis fixture	TBC
Thu 19 Jan	15h00	Swimming galas	A - Crawford LH B - American school
Fri 20 Jan	15h00	Boys' tennis fixture	TBC

# DAINFERN GUMTREE

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS IN THE AREA OR HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL?

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[Joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za](mailto:Joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za)

## Theatre Camp!

Is an exciting skills development and Performing Arts experience that engages kids in a creative process, by mustering them into their unique aptitudes and challenging participant to create, produce and perform a stage production with little guidance from Kids Cafe Arts practitioners.

Theatre Camp *engages* students in a *creative process* which connects an art form with a subject and challenge learners to *construct and demonstrate understanding* of the subject through performing arts or creative drama. Professional Arts practitioners take kids through modules of *drama, theatre craft, music, and dance and stage production*. Kids are taught improvisation techniques, voice projection, characterisation, movement and dialogue development, all of which culminates in a production to be enjoyed by parents on the final evening!

**Date: 5 – 8 December 2011**

**: 12 - 15 December 2011**

**TIME: 9am – 3pm (daily)**

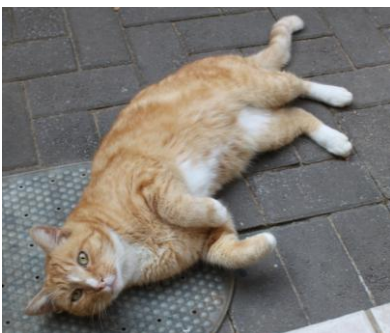
**(10% discount for two or more kids)**

*A HEALTHY lunch is part of the package and kids are looked after by trained & experienced arts practitioners.*

For further information please contact us on the details below

The Dance Café, Cnr Naivasha & Leeuwkop Rd, Sunninghill, 011 234 0448,

[terri@dancecafe.co.za](mailto:terri@dancecafe.co.za), [www.dancecafe.co.za](http://www.dancecafe.co.za)



## FREE... to good home

We moved to Dainfern in Jan 2010 and this gorgeous cat decided to adopt us in the April!

We are now moving back to the UK in January and unfortunately can't take him back with us, so we are **trying to find him a new home.**

He is 11/12 years old and is very friendly and affectionate – he loves nothing more than a good tummy rub! He is microchipped with lifetime membership and is fully vaccinated.

If you are interested please contact

Adair on 071 861 9601

## TWO GORGEOUS CATS LOOKING FOR A LOVING HOME



### ROCKY

A beautiful black, 10 year old neutered Male. A real house cat, fully house trained, loves laps and chicken ☺ Fully vaccinated



### AERIAL

A "character" 7 year old tortoiseshell spayed Female. Fully house trained, loves welcoming guests, keeping company ☺ Fully vaccinated

We will be relocating overseas early January 2012, and sadly cannot take our beloved cats with us.

*Please Contact: Jacqui 082 405 1183*

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083 787-2299

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*Anna-Marie* 073 105 2408

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## HOLIDAY COURSES SUMMER 2011

### Who are Brazilian Soccer Schools?

Brazilian Soccer Schools is the brainchild of former primary school teacher Simon Clifford, who journeyed to Brazil some 14 years ago to uncover the secrets behind that country's unrivalled footballing prowess.

Brazilian Soccer Schools (BSS) exist to give players aged 5-16 years the best start in football, with all year round training.

Quite simply our aim is to change the way that football is both coached and played. We desire that the game becomes more skilful, entertaining and enjoyable to both play and watch. To do this we have to change the way the game is coached to children.

BSS exist in over 30 countries worldwide and our results are unequalled. Our programme is considered the best and most complete of any sport code world wide.

### What is Futebol de Salão?

Futebol de Salão was played by all the great Brazilian players from Pele to Ronaldo, Juninho, Kaka and many more world cup winners. It is a condensed version of the eleven-a-side game played with a smaller (size 2) and weighted (10% rebound) ball that has virtually no bounce.

The game develops many facets missing from the South African game - dribbling, passing, touch and close control.

"The game compels players to think quick and play quick so when you come to play normal football it is so much easier." Juninho Paulista, World Cup Winner

### Why Holiday Courses?

To improve as a footballer, a player needs to spend time working with the ball, practicing and developing their skills. The school holidays are the perfect opportunity for BSS members to spend a week intensely focusing on their development but also for new players to experience our unique coaching methods in a fun and inclusive environment.



### Course Dates 2011

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| Junxion: Mon 26th - Thurs 29th Sept.       | 9:00 - 12:00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Junxion: Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th Oct.          | 9:00 - 12:00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Junxion/Rustio: Mon 5th - Thurs 8th Dec.   | 9:00 - 12:00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Junxion/Rustio: Mon 12th - Thurs 15th Dec. | 9:00 - 12:00 <input type="checkbox"/> |

#### Locations:

Junxion Centre: Cnr. William Nicol & Osprey Drive, Dainfern  
 Rustio Timber Centre: Witkoppen Road, Opposite Kingfisher Drive, Fourways

Players will receive a Brazilian Soccer Schools T-shirt and light refreshments. Please can players bring football boots, shin pads, sunblock and a packed lunch if required.

The course is priced at R550.00 for all four days. Brazilian Soccer Schools members will receive a 10% discount.

Please call 083 269 7009 or 084 402 2022 or email [n.aresti@braziliansoccerschools.com](mailto:n.aresti@braziliansoccerschools.com) to book your place.



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