



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER



Events in the past few weeks have, for various reasons, placed a focus on iconic individuals who have influenced the world in a certain way. With **Nelson Mandela Day**, and the passing of musician **Johnny Clegg**, South Africans paid tribute to these men who contributed to the unification process of our country. Through cultural-bridging musical poetry and

exceptional political diplomacy, there has been a stirring of emotions as tributes poured in for these South African icons from very different backgrounds. It has been an opportunity for our children to learn more about the people behind those famous names, and the power and influence of one's personal reputation and legacy.

**Nelson Mandela Day**, held annually on 18 July, seems to be increasing in significance with each year. This is not only because of the global outreach initiatives that take place, but also due to the growing sense of understanding, connection and pride the children of this generation have with the iconic South African of a past generation, whose legacy and reputation continues to influence their lives. I was deeply touched by the plans the children shared with me for their act of service in recognition of the work of the father of our democracy. The sense of reaching out to help others was clearly present and sincere. We were fortunate to have on display replicas of famous Nelson Mandela memorabilia and artifacts, including copies of his Nobel Peace prize and letters he wrote while incarcerated. His writings show the empathy, passion and forgiveness that changed the face of our country for ever. These skills, which have in recent times become more commonly known as "soft" skills, are increasingly in demand by international companies, universities and organisations, often prioritised over the rote learnt skills and content absorbed through a text book or website.

The **Flexible Learning Programme day** this term was held on Wednesday 24 July. It was a Science based - Albert Einstein themed day. With this historic and scientific icon in mind, the school was transformed into a space of research, investigation, experimentation, invention, learning, creativity and fun, skills that are becoming more evident in our classrooms.

The **Soapbox Derby** held on Saturday 13 July provided an opportunity for us to once again spend time together as a community. The time and financial generosity that our families kindly contributed is always appreciated, yet it was the spirit of the day which showed that the effort invested into this annual event is well worth it. An atmosphere of togetherness is a powerful tool, and important for our children to be exposed to.

**Grandparents Day** is recognised on the Liturgical Calendar on 26 July each year. I would like to thank all our grandparents, many who are icons in the eyes of their grandchildren, for the supportive role they play in our school, and in the lives of our children.

As adults we need to have the eyes to see that every single child in our school has the potential to be an icon to someone else. As a school, we will continue to emphasise the "soft" skills, values and humility that contribute a constructive and beneficial influence. Like many positive iconic figures, hopefully, the reputations of children from De La Salle Holy Cross College will be carefully moulded and developed on characteristics that bring out the best in those around them, that respect the differences in others, and contribute to the unification of our country, working against anything that may be divisive.

We have icons in our midst, let's make sure that we take the time to see them.

*Live Jesus in our hearts forever.*

Neil Berndsen - Headmaster  
Junior School



## CREATIVE



### Einstein Day

Grade 1J - Collaborating.



Grade 2 - Experimenting with colour.



Gr 2



Gr 4



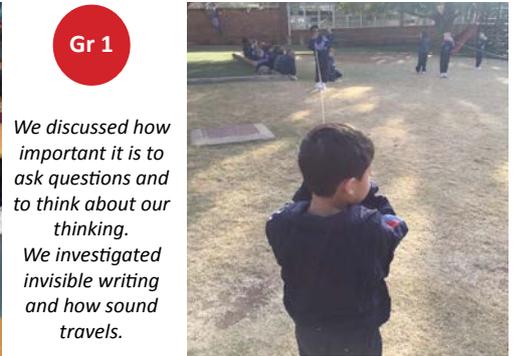
Gr 4



Grade 3 at Sci-Bono.



Gr 3



Gr 1  
We discussed how important it is to ask questions and to think about our thinking. We investigated invisible writing and how sound travels.



The Grade 5s celebrated Einstein Day with this question and quote:

With our current energy crisis – how are we going to maintain our lifestyles?

Einstein said: "In the middle of difficulty, lies opportunity". We made solar ovens, pin wheels and water wheels.



Gr 5



Grade 6 - Little Einstein's figuring out how we're going to land on Mars.



Mini Einsteins creating space suits for life on Mars.

Gr 6



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The Soap Box Derby 2019 was a wonderful community event enjoyed by all.



Jane Tuson's **Grade R recorder group** entertained us at the Grade R assembly.

### IsiZulu Assembly

Our Intermediate Phase learners presented isiZulu poems at Assembly on Monday!  
What a lovely way to diversify our morning!



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Grade 3s cleaning up the school for Mandela Day.

Grade 1J sorted old stationery and made pencil bags to donate to a pre-school in Soweto.



Grade 4 visit to Soweto.

Teachers reading to different classes for "Once Upon a Time Day".



## NEWS

### Gymnastics - Nina Gibb

I had the privilege to go to an island in Europe called Malta for a gymnastics competition in July.

We were there for seven days and there were 14 girls representing SA. I was doing level 7. We had podium training almost every day but we also went sightseeing, swimming and many more fun activities. We visited Mgarr Parish church which was built in 1912 and dedicated to Mary. We also drove past the Rotunda in Mosta, which is the 3rd largest church dome in the world.

Even though it was difficult because of the heat that reached 40 degrees Celsius, we had fun interacting with the other teams before the competition. Team building was definitely my favourite part.

We competed against France, USA, UK, Belgium, Germany, Malta and Italy. Our team of four came 2nd and I came 3rd on vault.

We had a banquet the night after our competition to meet the competitors from other countries, and made friends with the people who couldn't speak English by using sign language. The next day we weren't sad about coming home, we were proud. - *Nina Gibb, Grade 6*



## NEWS

### Outreach to Phokeng

Mary Hyam and teacher Rose Ribeiro (Squirrels) accompanied a group of volunteers to the Tsholofelo community. Through the generosity of parents, seven boxes of stationary and books were collected, and the group visited six schools in an area of extreme poverty that has no resources. Tsholofelo means hope and we must believe we can make a difference.



## Holiday Club

Exciting activities and outings, vacancies still available. Programme details under Junior School, August Holiday Club on the school App. Enquiries to Mrs B Berndsen - 083 70 3809.

### 2019 Junior School yearbook

There are still some pages available for family sponsorship at R300 each. Advertise your business to our school community. Please email: [marketing@dlschcch.co.za](mailto:marketing@dlschcch.co.za) for more information.



### Praying together

You are welcome to join us to pray for our pupils, parents, teachers and school community, every Friday morning from 7:15-7:40, at the Brothers High School Chapel.

To join the DLSHCC WhatsApp Prayer Group, contact Julie Rodgers - [jroddgers@dlschcch.co.za](mailto:jroddgers@dlschcch.co.za)

*"Miracles happen when you replace tears with prayer and fear with faith".*



**DLSHCC supporter gear** is now available at the College Spartan Supplies shop. Show your support for the College at all school events by wearing something from our new range of supporter gear.



Please note that our **Spartan Supplies Shop** will now be open every morning from 07h15 – 08h15.

**Parents are reminded that they can update their contact details on the Parent Portal.**



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