Message from the Board:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and past pupils for the positive feedback we have received on the 1st edition of the RECONNECT Newsletter. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the newsletter or if there is a better way we can get the newsletter to you, please let Adrienne know at alumni@dlshch.co.za.

Our Past Pupils Fun Day, themed “The Gin Tasting Evening” was a resounding success with all fourteen tables being sold out. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, current pupils and past pupils for taking the time out of their busy schedules to support Past Pupils Association.

Our parent and past pupil funded coffee shop, 33 Central, has gone from strength to strength. With the help of a past pupil, Richard Vester from the Class of ’94, complementary wifi will be available for those coffee lovers from the 1st of December.

As we approach the end of the year the Board of Governors and the management of the College have an exciting event, #TheShift, which will be launched on the 4th of December at 5.30pm.

I look forward to seeing you at #TheShift launch.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Patrick Munyembate

Please go to www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za - 'News' pages - for a full list of Fixtures and Events.

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If you would like to join the Committee, please contact alumni@dlshch.co.za

Free wifi for an hour when you purchase a cup of our coffee!

LET’S CHAT ABOUT OUR VENUE

33 CENTRAL is available for EXCLUSIVE HIRE! Catered or non-catered for...

- First Holy Communion & Confirmation celebrations
- Wedding Anniversaries
- Baptism Parties
- Children’s Parties
- Kitchen Teas
- Social Events, etc.

* Email Mr Harris - principal@dlshch.co.za for more information.

All parents, grandparents, learners and past pupils welcome!

33 CENTRAL is open during school term, Monday to Friday, 06:00 - 13:00* (Operating hours are flexible)
Message from the Chairperson:

Almost three months since the first edition of RECONNECT and we are well into the throes of winding down 2017!

During the last three months a lot of hard work has gone into the alumni association and we would like to thank Adrienne who is tirelessly working on maintaining the current contact details of our members in order to obtain an accurate database. We have had over 180 emails bounce back on the first edition of RECONNECT due to rejected mail addresses – so this is a very important task. We would appreciate it if you could share any details with us, either a ‘list’ of classmates, or if you haven’t already confirmed your details, please email Adrienne on alumni@dlshcch.co.za. Besides the database update we also hosted an extremely successful gin tasting evening at 33 Central as well as many informal reunions but judging by the article below, during the last quarter, the Class of 1977 had one of the best ever! We are looking forward to the possibility of helping with getting all the decennaries ready for their 2018 reunions. To the class of 2008, 1998, 1988, 1978 and 1968 please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you organise your reunions. If it sounds daunting to organise, please remember that the Come Back Give Back Dance in May is a wonderful way to organise a get together with very little effort, so contact us if you are keen.

Stepping into 2018 we will be launching the new and exciting 100 Club. The intention of this club is to regularly get past pupils together with a guest speaker who will share their experiences. We will charge a fee of R100 per evening per attendee and you will be welcome to invite guests to join in. This fee will go towards helping to fund the 100 Club evenings as well as other alumni activities, but more importantly, we want you to look forward to motivating and inspiring evenings spent with alumni that will give you the opportunity to RECONNECT and network.

When I visited the High School hall recently I was reminded that De La Salle Holy Cross College has unique history, a past that successfully combined two very effective schools into one strong school with a very firm foundation. Looking around I was given a little history tour that proved to be very special. The current school has framed our school uniforms, the De La Salle College and Holy Cross Convent blazers as well as other memorabilia relating to our history. I feel very honoured to be associated with such proactive leaders who have given the past pupils a wonderful sense of belonging.

In closing, it’s at this time of the year that we have the privilege of welcoming a new group of alumni to the past pupil community – to the Class of 2017 we wish you all the very best with your results and we look forward to you joining our select club. You now belong to an extended family that will always welcome you back.

~ Like branches on a tree we will all grow in different directions but our roots remain as one ~

Semper incedendo,
Deolinda da Silva
Class of 1987

Message from the College Principal:

Greetings to all as we read the second edition of RECONNECT!
As the end of year approaches, we reflect upon a successful year in the life of the college. Please see further down for articles about Mrs Mary Hyam’s retirement, and our new headmaster at the Junior School, Mr Neil Berndsen.

In 1986 De la Salle College and Holy Cross Convent amalgamated. This was a huge success. Now 32 years later we want to step boldly forward to ‘future proof’ our children as they step into the 21st century. Whilst keeping our strong faith, our ethos and the children central to all we do, we want to celebrate our current successes whilst making some exciting changes and innovations.

On December 4 at 17h30 we will be launching “#The Shift” on the High School rugby fields. We invite you, our highly valued alumni, to join us for a fun evening. If you can’t make this date, please watch our website for the latest developments.

May I wish all past pupils and their families a blessed Christmas and may God be with you all in the coming year.

St John Baptist de la Salle – Pray for us.
Mother Bernarda – Pray for us.

Debbie Harris - College Principal

To sign up for our Alumni newsletter and to be kept up to date on Events, Happenings & News, please email: alumni@dlshcch.co.za or go to www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za
Farewell to Mrs Mary Hyam

Mrs Mary Hyam will be retiring as Headmistress of the Junior School at the end of 2017.

She has served at DLSHCC for the past 22 years in many capacities, firstly, as a Grade 2 teacher, learner support specialist, Deputy Principal and Headmistress from June 2014.

A lady of great wisdom and integrity Mrs Hyam has been responsible for many innovations in the academic and pastoral care of the children entrusted to her care.

New Headmaster for DLSHCC Junior School

Mr Neil Berndsen will be taking up the position as Headmaster of De la Salle Holy Cross College Junior School from January 2018. Mrs Mary Hyam will be retiring at the end of the year, and has been at the Junior School since January 1996.

Neil completed his Psychology and teaching degrees at the University of Johannesburg and Unisa. He has had experience teaching in the United Kingdom across a broad spectrum of schools including main stream junior and high schools, boarding schools and special needs schools in the greater London area. He taught academic subjects including English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Life Orientation and Physical Education.

Whilst at Unity College in Johannesburg (2004-2006), Neil was responsible for the pastoral care of the boys and implemented individual academic progression plans for each learner.

He joined Heronbridge College in 2007, and the following year he was promoted to the management team of the school and was responsible for all academic and co-curricular operations, staff management and policy and decision implementation in the school. Whilst at Heronbridge College he was a member of the Johannesburg Far North Cricket Executive Committee.

Neil and his family moved to the Natal Midlands in 2009 in order for him to teach at Cowan House Preparatory School. In 2015 he assumed the position of Deputy Headmaster and was responsible for the academic programme, discipline, pastoral care and implementing the school’s strategic plans. At present he is the acting headmaster of Cowan House Preparatory School which is a feeder school for Michaelhouse and Hilton College.

A Message from the Headmaster

As a past pupil and past staff member of De La Salle Holy Cross College, what a privilege it is for my family and I to return to a school and a community that has been such a special part of our lives for so long. Although I have thoroughly enjoyed the schools and the people I have been associated with in the KZN Midlands for the last ten years, it is an honour to be returning as Headmaster of the Junior School.

Having taught in special needs and mainstream schools in various parts of South Africa and in the United Kingdom, I am looking forward to returning to the school where my teaching career began. Combining my education experience and knowledge of Catholicism, my vision for this special school would be to provide leadership for innovative teaching in a holistic Catholic environment that inspires learning, facilitates opportunity, celebrates individuality, embraces faith and helps children and staff realise their potential under the guidance of the gospel. My involvement in education has fortunately allowed me to pursue my interest in all forms of learning, people, sport, and outdoor life. I look forward to these acquiring a Gauteng slant and flavour.

Children growing up in a 21st century world have ever-increasing pressures where external materialistic values are often at conflict with inner moral values. I am looking forward to the challenge of protecting childhood through current and relevant teaching practices within the framework of De La Salle Holy Cross College’s established traditions and ethos. Along with my wife Catherine, son David (9) and two daughters Taylor (11) and Lisa (14), we regard this opportunity as a call to service, and this is a community that I feel privileged to serve.

Welcome, Neil. We are looking forward to having you and your family with us. - Debbie Harris, College Principal

A teacher with great insight and passion, we thank Mrs Hyam for her years of being “first to be of service”.

We are delighted that she will continue to be involved in the learner support and Religious Education programmes at the College.

St John Baptist de la Salle – Pray for us
Mother Bernarda – Pray for us
2018 High School Councillors

On 12 October, the 2018 Leaders and Councillors were announced at a Special Assembly at De La Salle Holy Cross College High School.

The current College leaders of 2017 ceremoniously lit candles and handed over their badges to the new leaders, wishing them all the best - which is a long-standing College tradition.

“I am sincerely humbled by this appointment. I am really looking forward to the exciting year ahead working with the Head Boy, Nicholas Leeming, and to “Being first that you may be of service.” said Tasneem Sallie - 2018 Head Girl.

“We have a very dynamic and diverse group of leaders this year.” said Mr Atholl Murray, High School Headmaster. “We have great faith and are very proud of our new Councillors and 2018 Matric class.”

Please see article in the Northcliff & Melville Times: https://northcliffmelvilletimes.co.za/261653/being-first-that-you-may-be-of-service/

Long Service Awards

The following staff members received long service awards at a lovely ceremony this term. They were thanked for their dedication and loyalty to the College by both Adv. Paul McNally, the chairman of the Board of Governors and Ms Harris, the College Principal.

Mr Simon Baloyi and Mr Francis Mabunda for 30 years of service
Mrs Elfie De Necker for 25 years of service
Mrs Mary Hyam, Mrs Angie Cassingena, Mrs Colleen Manuell and Mrs Antoinette Seward for 20 years of service
Mrs Mary De Andrade and Mrs Bev Elgie for 15 years of service

Spartans on the Move!

Look out for our new DLSHCC branded vehicle on the roads - taking our Spartans places!

Councillors and Leaders 2018:
Back row (l to r): Calvin dos Santos, Alexander Hamilton, Joseph Abbott, Nicholas Leeming (Head Boy), Nicolas Vranas, Anna Mungle, Tannur Anders, Tasneem Sallie (Head Girl), Emma Ribeiro.
Middle: Angela Goodhead, Kamogelo Nhlapo, Roberto da Silva, Jenna Gerber, Kirsty Ellard, Jacqueline Ribeiro, Jenna Little.
Front: Mufaro Nduku, Justin Solomon, Siwaphiwe Mpofu, Julia Tuson, Jenna Beckenstrater.
High School - House Plays

On Thursday, 26 October, DLSHCC High School held their Annual House Plays. The standard was, once again, incredibly high, and congratulations go to everyone involved.

Results:

**Benildus:**
- Play: ‘John Tucker Must Die’
- Directors: Emma Ribeiro, Beata Bareiro & Aimee van Greenan
- Awards: Best Supporting Actress: Ciara Hill
- Best Ensemble Cast: Supporting Cast Members
- Best Actor: Dylan Kirk (shared with Dylan Cheytanov - Francis)
- Best Art & Technical Direction

**Charles:**
- Play: ‘The 7 Worst break-ups of all time’
- Directors: Jenna Abbott, Grace Mulenga, Xenia Damaskinos, Tannur Anders, Lesedi Mashigo & Mufaro Nduku
- Awards: Most Promising Actress: Bridget O’Connor
- Best Cameo Performance: Cole Reeders
- Best Actress: Ru Shava
- Winning House & Best Play Overall

**Francis:**
- Play: ‘Lockdown’
- Directors: Jenna Gerber, Jacquelinie Ribeiro & Nicholas Leeming
- Awards: Best Supporting Actor - Luqua Hourrides
- Best Actor: Dylan Cheytanov (Shared with Dylan Kirk - Benildus)
- Best Script Adaptation

More photos on the DLSHCC website - ‘Gallery’

Cricket on Tour

Over the mid-term break in October a Junior and Senior cricket team traveled down to White River. The coaches saw the tour as the perfect opportunity for younger players to gain much needed experience.

No less than 6 players have made their debuts for the 1st team this season! With this development theme in mind, two players from the Junior school were included in the touring squad.

The format of the tour was designed with development in mind. The school cricket season in Mpumulanga runs from mid August to September, so technically Uplands’ season was over. For both schools the fixtures provided the coaches with an opportunity to experiment and build for the future.

On Friday and Sunday the teams played practice matches against Uplands on the beautiful Uplands Oval. Saturday saw both the 1st and Junior teams play official fixtures. The Junior Team played against Lowveld Country Club at Penryn College while the 1st team had the wonderful opportunity of playing against the Uplands 1st XI at Skukuza Cricket Club in the Kruger Park.

Unfortunately both of these fixtures were lost. However, there were some very good individual performances.

Special mention must be made of Liam Power who took 6 wickets for the Junior team against Lowveld Country Club.

For more sports news:
http://mailchi.mp/bad0faec6911/sports-news-letter-161841
Holy Cross Convent - Class of 1977 - Reunion

On Saturday, 28 October, the Holy Cross Convent Class of ’77 held their 40th reunion. A wonderful evening was had by all the ‘girls’ and their partners, full of hilarious memories, singing the HCC school song, looking at old photos and remembering their school days at the Convent. Thanks to Barbara Visconti Entressangle for the photos - more are available on the DLSHCC website under the ‘Past Pupils’ block.

SAVE THE DATE! The ‘Come Back, Give Back’ Dance will be held on 5th May, 2018.
The Class of ‘98 will have their 20th reunion at the dance.
The De La Salle Old Boys Association in East London held their Annual General Meeting on Friday the 29th of September 2017 at the Buffalo Sports Club in East London. The Meeting was well attended by +80 members and business was conducted according to the agenda.

The existing executive committee was once again reinstated for the financial year 2018. The committee will be headed up once again by the President elect Andy Allam.

The Annual dinner was also held on Friday the 29th of September at the same venue, which was attended by more than 110 members of the Association. The Annual dinner marked the occasion of the 40-year reunion of the last matric class of the college before its closing in 1977. The Association was privileged once again to have Bro Cornelius travel from Johannesburg to attend the Annual dinner.

The guest speaker for the dinner this year was an absolute honor to have in attendance - one of the last Brothers who was at the College to the end with the class of 1977 - then known as Br. Aiden. Brother Aiden has subsequently left the order many years ago and is now known as Charles Kelly (85 Years of age) who traveled all the way from Cork in Ireland with his wife Hellen to be at the Annual dinner to address the members. This was remarkable to make this effort to be available, and in particular for the benefit of the class of 1977.

On the Saturday evening, 30th of September, the ‘family and friends’ Braai was held at the Hamilton’s Sports Club and was very well attended by various members and their spouses/girlfriends.

Sunday morning 1st of October 2107, a shotgun start at 7:30am and a bit of inclement weather when the rain appeared, did not deter +23 coveys from teeing off at the East London Golf Club. This Charity Golf Day is held annually after the dinner and weekend festivities.

The Old Boys Association once again donated the funds raised to a local charity for the Mentally Challenged Adult facility in East London.

On behalf of the De La Salle Old Boys Association we extend a Merry Christmas to all our members and friends throughout the country as well as abroad and wish you all prosperous New Year.

Best regards

Andy Allam (President DLS oba)
Events:

Thank you to all the parents, past pupils and school community who attended the Past Pupils Association ‘Gin-tasting’ family event on 29 September. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by everyone, sitting on the pavilion patio, sipping G&Ts, watching the sun go down and the soccer and rugby being played on the field. Please see more photos on the website - www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za.

The 100 Club is an initiative to give parents and grandparents access to the alumni events and enjoy the alumni discounts. The 100 Club was launched at our Gin-tasting Event on 29 September. Please email us for more information and to hear about the benefits.

Provincial Achievements

Junior School:

Amy-Lee Besson (Grade 3) received her Gauteng colours for Ballet and Contemporary dance in February this year as well as being selected as a member of Team SA to represent South Africa in New York even though she was unable to attend. In July she received Central Colours for Rhythmic Gymnastics. Emily Johnson (Grade 4) was selected to represent Gauteng in contemporary Dance in the Jozi Youth Dance Company for 2017 and 2018. She also received highest distinction, top 15% worldwide from London for her RAD Ballet. Nina Gibb (Grade 4) represented Gauteng at the National Gymnastics competition and placed 2nd overall in South Africa in her age group. She received a Gold medal for Vault. Keyaan Hobbs (Grade 4) received Provincial colours for Eastern Gauteng Under 10 soccer this year. Tristan Cordier (Grade 4) received Provincial colours for Gauteng and Gauteng colours for Athletics (Long jump). Caelin Mayers (Grade 6) competed in the U12 Level 7 Woman’s Artistic Gymnastics Competition during 2017 and placed 1st or 2nd in the Regional, Provincial and National Competitions. She has been selected by the South African Gymnastic Federation (SAGF) to represent South Africa at the Region 5 Competition to be held in Walvis Bay, Namibia, from the 5th - 10th December 2017. Finlay Leask (Grade 7) received colours for canoeing (marathon discipline) in 2017. Thomas Johnson (Grade 7) has been selected for U13 Gauteng provincial cricket.

High school:


Past pupils:

Sebastian De Chaves - extended his contract with London Irish rugby Club, playing in the Aviva Premiership.
ALUMNI NEWS

Blast from the Past:

De La Salle College - Staff 1969

Holy Cross Convent - Class of 1974

Congratulations!

Raquel Ribeiro (on the right) and a friend at this year’s Loerie Awards.

#FMAAdFocus2017:
Top student nominee: Raquel Ribeiro

Well done to Raquel Ribeiro - Class of 2013!

Raquel Ribeiro, a communication design student at the University of Johannesburg, was recently announced as one of three finalists in the student category of the 2017 AdFocus Awards.

Read the full article here: http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/12/170343.html

R.I.P.

Malume Phillip Makakse

Malume Phillip Makakse worked for the Convent and for the College for over 40 years. He will always be remembered for his willingness to assist anyone at anytime, locking up and opening up long before or after anyone else was about - and his wonderful smile. He was such an integral part of College life and a shining example of servant leadership. He will be missed by past pupils, parents, staff and pupils alike.

Malume Phillip Makakse was laid to rest in Limpopo on Saturday 14 October. Members of the DLSHCC Management attended his funeral.

To see what is happening at the College, please join the Facebook groups:
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