



▲ **ISCHOOL** DCS educators Ms Kokolo (left) and Ms Kholopane (far right) master digital content creation as part of the iSchool Africa programme.

ACADEMIC NEWS

Apple, MINI, select DCS to join iSchool Africa

While many South African educators and learners enjoyed their last days of the school holiday, nine teachers from DCS headed to iSchool at Apple's headquarters in Sandton for intensive training in digital content creation. The seminar kicked off an exciting new era of teaching and learning at DCS, as the school formally joined iSchool Africa.

iSchool Africa aims to bring the best available education technology and practices to schools in South Africa. DCS was selected to join one of 20 schools nationally that will use Apple technology to create newsworthy video content for broadcast on TV, online and mobile channels, as well as create digital content for the classroom. This is only possible through the support of MINI, which provides the funds for a free mobile lab with Apple Macbook computers and video cameras.

On the first day of class, iSchool instructor Gera Phielix gave the educators their homework: to create a video to be used in their classroom, complete with soundtrack, in three days. A few teachers looked at her in disbelief, but were given no option to opt out. Within little time they were deeply immersed in new software tools that turned out to be intuitive and fun to use. Two days later, every member of the class had completed their homework, and were thinking of ways to put their new knowledge and skills to use in the classroom. Stay tuned for the results!



▲ **CELEBRATING ST THOMAS** 26 JANUARY, 2012

*“Better to illuminate
than merely to shine,
to deliver to others
contemplated truths
than merely to contemplate.*

—THOMAS AQUINAS, DOMINICAN SAINT



R400
PER TERM, PER FAMILY

DEVELOPMENT LEVY

We have received some queries about the new school development levy. This was explained in some detail in the letter that went out with the 2012 fee schedule, an excerpt of which is quoted below:

"We have been blessed with a functional campus and many excellent facilities provided by past generations. Maintaining

our current campus buildings for use by both your own children and future generations places a great responsibility on us. In an effort to ensure maintenance needs can be properly addressed and to expedite necessary building projects, the Board has introduced a development levy, common to most independent and top state schools. Pegged for 2012 at R400 per family per term, this will allow us to focus much-needed attention on our ageing campus."



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
14:00-14:30
EVERY SCHOOL DAY



TEXTBOOKS

Order and collect books at DCS until 31 January. Query? Call:

011 825-8256
AFROBOOKS
011 708-6334
STEP AHEAD



ST. PETER'S FESTIVAL
GAMES ■ WON ■ LOST

U12

4 | 2

U13

3 | 2

"Well done. Lets all try to work on our rebounds!" —Mpho Moabi. 7B

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 28 January
ALL DAY Basketball Festivals (U11@Home; U12&13@St John's)
08:30 Catholic Schools' Council AGM @ St Teresa's

Tuesday 31 January
ALL DAY Foundation Phase Pancake sale
11:00 Open Day Walkabout
13:00 SA Extraordinary Schools Coalition meeting begins @ DCS.

Wednesday 1 February
09:00 Grade 11 and 12 Trialling Papers
14:00 Basketball, U13 DCS vs Sacred Heart @ DCS

Thursday 2 February
07:40 School Mass (Readings: Hostel Prefects)
09:00 SAHISA Meeting @ St David's

Friday 3 February
Grade 8 Pool Party
Marimba Workshop



▲ SHISA NYAMA ▲ HIGH SCHOOL INFO SESSION (top right) ▲ ATHLETIC MORNING (bottom right)



Parents Partner in Education

Last Saturday morning classrooms were abuzz with the excitement of the new school year and parents were eager to meet their children's mentor educators. The meetings were well attended and very successful as guidelines were laid down for the coming year. Parents were very keen to provide support for their children, as well as to be Parent Representatives, communication being the most important root of understanding. We all look forward to a wonderful year.

2011 SCHOOL MAGAZINE READY
END TERM 1. SORRY FOR DELAY.

LYNDHURST, BRAMLEY, KEW AREAS
PARENTS CONTACT HENRI: 084 405 2290

NEED TRANSPORT FROM FLORIDA
FOR G6 CHILD. OWEN 073 569 9919

THANKS FOR PRAYERS
OF HEALING. MS. MARX

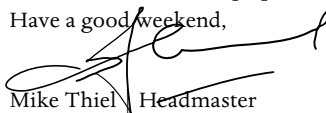


FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Talk to us. We're listening.

Thank you for the excellent attendance at last Saturday's Parent Info Meetings and the family braai that followed. These were important opportunities to hear from the teachers what can be expected in your child's 2012 academic year and I would encourage you all to remember the core request to communicate, ask questions, use the school web site, use the School Communicator, read the calendar and read the school newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening at DCS.

Have a good weekend,



Mike Thiel Headmaster