



▲ STOIC A grade 9 learner interviews for the Stowe Scholar programme.

ACADEMIC NEWS

The stoic in us all

A critical skill for our 21st century world is resilience – the ability to get up again when life has knocked us down. Can resilience be learned? Is resilience something we either possess or do not possess in our DNA?

Philosophers and thinkers called Stoics have wrestled with similar questions for over 2000 years. The Stoics believed that resilience could be learned—and lived—but it required applying disciplined principles to every thought and every action.

Over the past week, over 90 Grade 9 students were interviewed by Stowe School staff members Mr Pete Last, and Ms Philippa Gleave for a chance to become "Stoics" in a more modern context: students at the Stowe School in the UK. The Stowe Scholars programme began through the generosity of former Stoic Sir Richard Branson and other donors. To date, 50 DCS learners have had the opportunity to attend Stowe School for one academic year. They return with new insight into the world, education, and the home they left behind.

The top ten candidates have written Stowe entrance exams, and the 2012 Scholars will be announced in April. Mr Last and Ms Gleave commented that the selection process was incredibly difficult, and encouraged learners who were not chosen to consider the stoic perspective: accept your fate and embrace the present opportunities with all your heart.



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FOR STOWE SCHOOL STAFF

“Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.”

—MARCUS AURELIUS | STOIC, ROMAN EMPEROR



HIGH SCHOOL

live from DCS

The iSchool Africa project began officially this week with the selection of press teams (right), and the handover of equipment from iSchool's sponsor MINI. With Mr. Nkomo and Ms. Kholopane's guidance (left), the teams will begin providing news coverage of events at DCS and beyond.

SENIOR PRESS TEAM

- Asanda Zazayonkwe Director
- Thabiso Nodangala Editor
- Nombuso Madela Presenter
- Vusi Hlophe Organiser
- Lydia Madumo Organiser
- Bongiwe Ngele Camera
- Tshepo Seroto Camera

JUNIOR PRESS TEAM

- Dimpho Rakoma Director
- Musa Buthelezi Editor
- Boipelo Montoedi Presenter
- Karabo Magomola Organiser
- Fanelesibonge Sibiyi Organiser
- Danzel Tshuma Camera

	Sacred Heart Festival	U13	1	2	vs Highlands North	U14	8	4	U16	23	9	U19	35	25

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 18 February**
- 08:00 U11 Basketball @ Bishop Bavin
 - 08:00 U13 Basketball @ St. Benedict's
 - HS Volleyball @ Heronbridge
 - Saheti Sevens Rugby
 - 08:00 Primary School Arts and Culture Workshop @ St. Benedict's
 - 09:00 Scholarship Morning
- Monday 20 February**
- 14:30 SP Social Sciences Cluster Meeting
 - SP Afrikaans Meeting
- Tuesday 21 February**
- 17:30 G4 Museum Africa Outing
 - Matric Learner & Parent Mtg (compulsory)
- Wednesday 22 February**
- 07:40 School Mass—Ash Wednesday
 - 09:00 Bring a Parent to School (G000-7)
 - 11:00 Open Day Walkabout
 - 11:30 CSO Johannesburg Principal's Mtg
- Thursday 23 February**
- 12:00 Pre Primary Civvies Day
 - Mid-Term Break Begins (hostel closed)



1 VALENTINE'S STYLE



2 G4-7 VALENTINE'S PICNIC



3 4 FOUNDATION PHASE SHOWS US THE LOVE

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

love is in the air

FOUNDATION PHASE We were greeted on Valentine's day with brightly coloured clothing and bright faces beaming with excitement. Soon every child's face was painted. Hearts, flowers and cars were the theme. After break it was time for the lucky draw. Ms. Matjila drew a name from the 70 tickets. Lesego Nxumalo (G000) won!

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MID-TERM BREAK BEGINS 23 FEB
SCHOOL REOPENS 07:30 TUESDAY 27 FEB.

GET PASSPORTS, ID BOOKS @ DCS 1 MAR

DROPPING AND COLLECTING YOUR CHILD? PLEASE USE BOOM STREET GATE. OTHER GATE IS STAFF ENTRANCE.



3RD DEGREE iSchool Africa report interviews Mr. Thiel

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Getting up again

Self-knowledge, self-discipline, and a relentless search for truth lie at the heart of a Dominican education. One of the most challenging truths we have to face in life is the reality of our shadow selves. During the next week, when mid-term reports are issued, all will have to confront the results of their labour. Some will be pleased, but others will need to make decisions about improving after mid-term. It is in this process of honestly confronting our challenges and disappointments that we come one step closer to knowing our true selves. We must remember: it is not our failures that we are remembered for, but how we got up again and learned from our mistakes.

Have a great weekend,

Mike Thiel Headmaster