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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

This is a significant year for Glenwood High School as it reaches its 100 year mark of providing excellent education to generations of Glenwood boys. Many of these boys have gone onto achieve great heights in all spheres of endeavour. The overwhelming majority have gone onto being fathers, husbands and providers for their families. We salute these generations of good men.

The activity within our school during this quarter has once again shown that the school gets busier with each passing year and that this year, our Centenary, is going to be no different. I urge you to become involved with as many aspects of this year as possible.

The year started early and was off to an excellent start and this can only happen with careful planning and preparation. Thanks must go to those members of Staff whom gave up of their time during the vacation to ensure that the school was ready to start on the first day.

The new boys to Glenwood settled in very well and their induction course at The NMR was an excellent event. Mr Jordan and his team can feel proud of their efforts. Our thanks go again to The NMR; their support of this important event on our calendar is appreciated.

Cricket is the major code in the first quarter here at Glenwood and we once again had a record number of teams playing the game. Mr Munro and his team do wonders in finding fixtures and venues for all of the teams to play. The 1st XI had a successful first quarter and this inspired other teams to follow in their footsteps. There are a number of teams who finished the term unbeaten.

Well done to all concerned.

Our A and B Swimming Teams managed to retain their positions in the D&D A League Gala with the B Team improving by one position. Our Swimming, is however, not where it should be and so some very interesting changes are planned for the 2011 season.

Glenwood's Golf Teams have enjoyed success this Quarter and the 1st Team is in second position on the log, challenging the top team. The 3rd Team is in 1st place in its division. Well done boys and Coaches.

Our 1st Squash Team is going to find 2010 a challenging year and will certainly not have an easy run into the KZN Top Schools this year. Hard work lies ahead and I look forward to watching their progress.

It is, however, in Hockey that special mention must be made. Mr Carolan and his Team of helpers ran a highly successful Centenary Hockey Festival this past weekend and some of the top hockey-playing schools in the country were represented. The Glenwood 1st XI went through the festival unbeaten and certainly showed their class in the games against Grey College and Pretoria Boys High.

In all, a highly successful start to the School's Centenary Year. Well done to all concerned and the bar has been set at new heights for the rest of the year.

TM KERSHAW
HEADMASTER

CRICKET

Glenwood had another successful and busy cricket term. The 1st XI started on 4 January at the annual College Cricket week. The rest of the teams had their first games in the second week of the season as rain influenced a few games. Good results were achieved against most schools, especially against DHS and Westville.

The annual U13 Cricket Festival took place Friday, 19 February and Saturday, 20 February 2010. Twelve teams from in and around Durban played three games each. The participating schools were: Glenwood Prep, Umhlali Prep, Amanzimtoti Primary, Athlone Park Primary, Penzance Primary, Manor Gardens Primary, Izotsha Primary, Benjamin Pine Primary, Hutten Park Primary, Drakensview Primary and Northlands Primary and Brighton Beach Senior Primary. The Festival does not have a "winner" but prizes were awarded to the Most Promising Batsman, C. Frackers from Hutten Park Primary and the Most Promising Bowler, O. Cele from Glenwood Prep.

Cricket is still our most popular summer sport with 32 cricket teams competing against College during our final fixture. Glenwood recently upgraded all cricket nets with tiger turf to give our boys every chance to improve their cricket.

Congratulations to Cody Chetty, Captain of the 2008 1st XI who represented South Africa at the U19 World Cup held in New Zealand in February 2010.

The 1st XI played 21 games this term and lost only two games.

The cricket academy will continue during the off season with sessions being held on Mon, Wed and Fridays during first lesson.

We look forward to the 3rd term where new and some old challenges will be waiting for all our teams and coaches.

Mr A Slabbert
MIC: Cricket





SCIENCE CLUB



The Science club was very active this term. The first practical the boys had, was to familiarise themselves with all the equipment we have in the Science Centre. Next on the list the boys had to do a practical out on the field where they had to measure the speed of sound. This was a Gr 11 practical, but everyone enjoyed it and it was good experience for all, Gr 8 to Gr 11 boys.

The boys had two weeks to work on an engineering project and they had the option to invent a speedboat or a submarine. This was great fun as the boys had a little competition to see whose boat would withstand the test. The winners were Chris Brunsdon and Justin Rutledge of Gr 9B with their submarine.

The highlight of this term was the excursion to Engen Refinery on the 18th of March 2010. On arrival the boys were taken to the auditorium for a presentation on how the refinery works and what Engen actually does. This was an important trip as there is a whole module in the Gr 9, 10, 11 and 12 syllabuses about chemical systems. This module, in other words, deal specifically with fractional distillation, the cracking process and mining etc. Everybody learned a lot and found the tour very interesting. At the end the boys received water bottles and pens from Engen. The trip was an exceptional opportunity for our boys.

Ms L Taylor
MIC: Science Club

SOCCER WORLD CUP 2010 SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

The Swiss ambassador, Mr Rudolph Baerfuss, visited Glenwood last week to establish ties with Glenwood, as our school was drawn to represent the Swiss side for the Mini World Cup.

Mr Baerfuss presented us with a brochure which contained information about our twin country. We had done a little research before he arrived and were able to put up a display in the library to show the boys that there is more to Switzerland than good chocolate! Switzerland is synonymous with quality and precision and some of the finest equipment is manufactured in this small, land-locked country which is bordered by Italy, Germany and France. Bicycle parts, orthopaedic equipment, pharmaceuticals, computer parts and watches are just some of the exports the world has come to trust when the stamp 'Swiss made' is embossed on the product.

Glenwood is proud to be associated with Switzerland and we look forward to representing them at the tournament when our school team takes part in the Mini World Cup later this month wearing the official Swiss kit sponsored by Puma. We will, of course, be supporting Switzerland when they take on Spain at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in June.

BAND



The 3rd of March marked the 100 Day Countdown to the FIFA World Cup at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban, where the Glenwood Band was invited to perform as part of a community-based programme involving the talents of numerous neighbouring schools.

With only 3 day's preparation available (including marching drills in the pouring rain), the 17-piece squad put together a sterling performance which involved a proud march onto the field's centre and a spirited performance amounting to 10 minutes of fame for the popular music group.

The boys remarked on the soft grass and the extraordinary heat generated by the stadium lights, but will certainly remember the night as one of the Glenwood Band's finest concerts.

Mr J Stengel
MIC: Band

DEBATING

At the end of 2009 the debating society was adamant that 2010 would be a better year, and the goal was set that we would not lose a fixture in our centenary year. I am pleased to report that as of time of writing, we have achieved and in fact exceeded that goal, because the Junior and Senior teams have scooped best speaker bonus points for each of the four rounds so far. After nine fixtures we have faced Clifton, Maris Stella (twice, the league fixture plus an exhibition clash at the very beginning of the term), Durban Girls', and Grosvenor Boys'.

Our good season makes Glenwood a host school in the final rounds as well as a participant, and makes all 8 Junior and Senior speakers eligible for KZN colours.

We also wish Senior Captain Keagan Pretorius well for his National Team bid, when he attends National trials at end of term, this qualification based on his 2009 performance.

Our new Grade 8 speakers have been motivated by, and done their best to emulate, the successes of their elders. The only blemish in our 2010 record thus far has been one Grade Eight loss; they defeated Thomas More College and Clifton, at Clifton, but lost to Hillcrest High. We wish them well for their next three encounters in April.

Mr G Muller
MIC: Debating

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Best Speaker Competition

Junior and senior speakers were dismayed to learn that the KZN Speech and Drama society would be putting the Best Speaker competition on hold this year. However, in consequence, we have decided to host a similarly styled event as



part of Glenwood's Cultural Activities weekend as part of our Centenary celebrations in August.

Meanwhile, other schools have stepped into the breach as well, ironically meaning that our speakers are set to get more exposure this year than when KZN Speech and Drama were the hosts.

Thus far Kiyashin Naidoo, Thusani Phewa and Triven Pather have delivered excellent speeches in the senior category, at Crawford College.

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Keagan Pretorius, Ahmed Seedat and Vishendra Naidoo took part in this competition and advanced to the semi-finals, where we were disappointed to lose against the old (and friendly) rival team of the Maris Stella girls.

Mr G Muller
MIC: Public Speaking

GAMES AND SMILE OUTREACH PROGRAMME REPORT

The Games and Smile Outreach Programme started with a bang this term. The programme has expanded to include approximately 200 primary school learners from two schools. Mswilili Primary and Cato Crest Primary now join us every Monday and Tuesday afternoons respectively. The programme now includes four different subjects – Natural Science, Mathematics, English and Life Orientation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and teachers, whom have donated so generously to this worthy programme: Hillery Cropper Foundation, Victor Daitz Foundation, Toshiba, Mrs Taylor (Natural Science), Ms M. Jones (English) and the Grade 11 mentors.



Outreach Programme Co-ordinator
Mrs M Potgieter

FORUM DISCUSSIONS

This term has seen our senior grades take part in these very valuable panel-type inter-school discussions. We entered three teams of four in the Grade 12 contest held at Gelofte Hoër Skool, four teams in the Gr 11 contest hosted here at Glenwood, and two teams in the Gr 10 competition held at St Henry's, Marist Bros.

All our teams presented lively, intelligent, fluent arguments and a considerable insight into topical issues. They certainly were a credit to Glenwood, the audience enjoyed them, and all our pupils benefited from the interaction with pupils from other schools.

It was one of our Grade 10 teams, however, who walked off with the accolades of 'Best Team' and 'Best Chairman'. Ryan Prithraj, Nicolan Moonsamy, Rishay Naidoo and Fabian Pillay were given 10 minutes to prepare the topic, 'Personal change: a frightening experience or a challenge?' The boys projected their voices very well while engaging in a lively discussion that flowed naturally and spontaneously; the adjudicators particularly enjoyed the chairman, Ryan Prithraj, whom they judged to be the best Chairman of the evening for the confident, jovial and witty way in which he led and controlled the conversation.

Mrs W Rottcher
MIC: Forum Discuss

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

Twenty boys wrote the English Olympiad examination this year; we should receive notification of their results early next term.

SHAKESPEARE QUIZ

We entered two teams (one Gr 12 and one Grade 11) in the preliminary round of this contest, and we should receive notification of the results some time before Shakespeare's birthday on 23 April!

Mrs WM Rottcher
MIC: Shakespeare Quiz

HOCKEY

Glenwood High School hosted a highly successful Centenary Hockey Festival 19 – 21 March 2010 and some of the top hockey-playing schools in the Country were represented. St Albans, Pretoria Boys High and St Johns from Gauteng were present and Grey College from Bloemfontein also made the trip to Durban. Westville, Glenwood, Kearsney, Michaelhouse and College represented KZN and did so with distinction. DHS joined the festival on Sunday and played in the final match of the day against Glenwood. DHS played with vigour and held the unbeaten Glenwood to a 1-1 draw. Maritzburg College, as usual, was outstanding and special mention, again, must be made of the legendary Coach of College, Mr Mike Bechet, whom always produces teams of exceptional commitment and talent. Michaelhouse from Balgowan also put in some strong performances and will be one of the top teams in KZN this year. In all, an excellent tournament held in KZN and hopefully this will become an annual draw-card for schoolboy hockey in KZN.



Mr B Carolan
MIC: Hockey

TENNIS

2010 has been a very successful year so far for our 1st Team. We have been patiently waiting for the time when we could take on our main rivals, Kearsney College, and win. This we achieved this term with our first victory in nine years. Our 1st Team has finally come of age and can take on all in KZN with confidence.

The team's prowess was further demonstrated at the recent KZN Schools' Trials held in Pietermaritzburg. Ronnie Myburgh, Jeandré Hoogenboezem and Christopher Walker were selected for the KZN Schools' U19 A Team and Daniel Sibbald was selected for the KZN School's U19 B Team.

The 1st Team will travel to Johannesburg in early May to once again compete in the Wayne Ferreira Challenge, an event which attracts the top Tennis schools in the country. We have improved our finishing place in this tournament as the years have gone by and this year we aim to make it to the finals.

Mr R Crichton
MIC: Tennis



CHESS



Our players have had a very successful term of chess. Two main tournaments were played, namely Grey College and the Glenwood Open. Over fifty top schools in the country were present at Grey College and the competition was tough. Even though our team has been weakened from last year's loss of good matric players, we fared very well and our A team came fourth overall. The Glenwood Open was an individual tournament played by juniors, seniors and adults all competing for the best player. There were six players tie for first place including P. Nukanna and H. Oliver from Glenwood. Our team has already made goals to win the inter-schools and the D&D next term. Thanks to Mr. Rottcher and our chess captain, J. Kupis, this term's events have run smoothly.

Mr J Bentham
MIC: Chess

RUGBY

RUGBY FIXTURES - TERM TWO		
26 – 28 MAR	U13 Rugby Festival	H
17 APRIL	Maritzburg College	H
24 APRIL	LONG WEEKEND Wilde Klaver Top Schools Tournament – Pretoria 1 st XV	A
1 MAY	Kearsney	H
8 MAY	Westville	A/H
15 MAY	Michaelhouse	A
22 MAY	GC/RB/EMP	H
29 MAY	DHS – Old Boys' day	H/A
5 JUNE	Maritzburg College	A

KZN INTER-SCHOOLS REGATTA 2010

Over the long weekend of 20/21/22 March 2010 the annual KZN Inter-Schools Regatta was hosted by Island Sailing Club in the Durban Bayhead. Racing took place in the deepwater basin outside the ship repair yards. Glenwood entered 5 sailors into the regatta all sailing in the Laser standard class. These are the Laser dinghies with the biggest sails. They were Carl Zimmerman, Keegan Olsen, Dylan Stopforth, Michael Dickinson and Eli Tintinger-Brophy. There were 14 entries in the class consisting of the Standard, radial and 4.7 rigs. Results for this class were to be calculated on handicap.

The light wind on Saturday was in our favour as other entrants with Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 sails were underpowered and by the end of the first three races on the first day Glenwood held a slender lead. On the second day, the wind was considerably stronger. Only Carl Zimmerman was able to master the conditions. He broke his kicking strap during the first race of the day and swapped mast sections with Dylan Stopforth during the lunch break after the second race. The other the Glenwood boys struggled to hold their boats from capsizing and we dropped out of the running. The third day saw much of the same as the previous day and better results from Carl Zimmerman and Eli Tintinger-Brophy saw us climb back up to third place overall, only one point behind second.

In the individual placings, Carl Zimmerman was placed 4th and Eli Brophy-Tintinger 10th.

Mrs R Pet
MIC: Sailing



MATRIC DANCE 2010

Wow, what an amazing evening... The boys looked so smart and the girls looked beautiful and had taken so much effort into looking like the princesses that they did.

Once again the school foyer and hall were transformed into a majestic venue. Our 2010 theme was "A moment in time", in celebration of our centenary year. Our hall was draped in black, white and pastel shades of fabric and organza. The centre pieces were silverware with bouquets of flowers and each table was adorned with huge silver candelabra. The setting was regal and classical. The placemats were a combination of old and new pictures of Glenwood High School. Huge clocks representing the current time were also used in the décor.

It was with great excitement that many family and friends arrived beforehand to have a look at the hall which was open for perusal. From the hall they joined many members of our community and lined the streets to watch the grand entrance.

The Choir serenading the matrics and their partners on arrival was a new introduction to the evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The boys arrived in an array of vehicles. Those arriving outside the gates in Limousines, definitely took longer to disembark...

After the official photographs, they entered the hall and were seated. After the formal speeches a first class dinner and dessert buffet was available.

Despite the heat, the dance floor was full and all present had a good time.

Special thanks must go to all of those people who assisted me in contributing to the memory banks of our 2010 Matrics.

Mrs J Jones
MIC: Matric Dance

