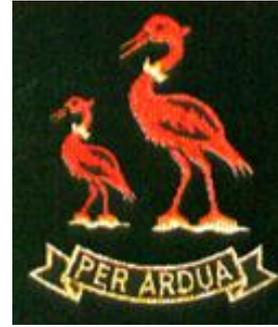


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TransDale Extra



HERE is the second issue of TransDale Extra, the magazine for Old Dalians, Dale parents and other Friends of Dale, which has been re-launched in electronic form.

The Voice of Dale in the North aims to keep Old Dalians informed of interesting events in Gauteng, at the school and elsewhere. It is being circulated in periodic bulletins by the Johannesburg Old Dalian Union.

This bulletin includes a report on Dale's 100 per cent pass rate in the 2004 matric exams, in which six Dalians achieved A aggregates - as well as:

- Extracts from a message by the new Headmaster of Dale College, Mike Eddy, to Gauteng Old Dalians at their 2004 year-end lunch.
- Plans for Old Dalians from six matric eras and two unbeaten rugby sides to return for the annual Reunion in King William's Town.
- Advance notice of the annual Johannesburg Old Dalian golf tournament at Leeuwkop Club on Friday, May 27.
- Details of matches to be played by Dale at the St Andrew's rugby festival and the Potchefstroom hockey festival, both over Easter.

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Chairman's Chirp

Responses received after the launch edition of TransDale Extra have been both interesting and appreciated. Constructive thoughts on how to make this bulletin more enjoyable and functional are welcomed.

These forthcoming Joburg events are confirmed:

- Sunday, February 27, the Old Dalian Touch Rugby team, sponsored by this branch, will take part in the Old Johannian Association's annual Touch Rugby competition. Played on the main St John's College cricket oval, the matches will kick off at 10 am and all are invited to support our team.
- Thursday, March 3, Old Dalians, Selbornians and Queenians will meet for a drink after work at the Pirates Bowls Club in Cruden Bay Road, Emmarentia. This monthly get-together is now scheduled for the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month. The victorious (to be) Touch Rugby team will perform the War Cry at 10 pm.
- May 27 ODU Golf Day - see details below.

Per Ardua - Dave Sephton-Poultney.

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100 per cent matric pass rate for Dale again - and six boys achieve A aggregates

DALE COLLEGE matrics have done it again! For the fifth time in six years they have scored a 100 per cent pass rate. And 70 per cent of the 83 Dalians who wrote the 2004 exam gained matriculation endorsement (university entrance) passes.

This was achieved in a province (Eastern Cape) which recorded the lowest overall pass rate (53 per cent) in South Africa.

Six boys, all from King William's Town, received A aggregates. There were 12 Bs, 15 Cs, 36 Ds and 14 E aggregates. Distinctions (subject A symbols) totalled 53.

* What is the secret of Dale's continued matric success? "Experienced, dedicated educated educators; matric learners applying themselves to the task of giving their best in the examinations, " says Headmaster Mike Eddy.

The A aggregates were achieved by:

* Dale's 2004 Dux Scholar, JEFF JOHN, who was top in the King district and among the top ten in the Eastern Cape. Jeff is the son of John and Lovely Thanditilankal, both doctors.

Dr John is stationed at the Administration Head Office (the Directorate of Specialised Service at Bhisho.) His wife (professional name Dr Joseph) is a GP in rural clinics.

* RICKY STONE, Dale's 2004 headboy, son of Roy and Heather Stone, and his cousin, NICHOLAS STONE, son of Lynton and Wendy Stone. The Stone brothers, who are Old Queenians, own an engineering business in King called ENOTS (STONE spelt backwards).

* OZEUM OKECHA, son of George and Beatrice Okecha, originally from Nigeria. George is professor of mathematics at the University of Fort Hare. Beatrice teaches at Dale College.

* SASHEN MURUGAN, son of Chan and Priscilla Murugan. Chan lectures in psychology at Fort Hare and Priscilla is an educational specialist at the All Saints Educational Development Centre in King William's Town.

* LAWRENCE LI, son of Leon and Joyce Li, who own a textile factory in King.

Headmaster Eddy describes Jeff John as a "highly capable young man . . . dedicated to his academic work, having taken eight subjects for matric. He received seven A symbols. Jeff says his younger brother Jess, now in matric, will get better marks than he did."

"We shall see!" comments Mike.

Joburg Old Dalian golf tournament

The annual Johannesburg ODU golf tournament will be held at Leeuwkop Golf Club on Friday, May 27.

As usual, the competition will be a better ball stableford with fourballs teeing off from 11.30 am until about 1 pm. A light supper will be served at the prize-giving.

Further details will be given in later TransDale Extra bulletins. Interested golfers are asked to phone Joe Sutton at (011) 622-9818 or e-mail him at sutton27@worldonline.co.za

Old boys from other schools, lady golfers and juniors are welcome.

* The date of the annual old boys' golf tournament between Dale, Selborne and Queen's will be announced later by the organisers, the Old Selbornian Association. Old Dalians will be defending the title they have held for nine successive years.

Dale for St Andrew's rugby festival

THE Dale First XV, which usually takes part in Johannesburg Easter rugby festivals, will be playing this Easter at the St Andrew's 150th anniversary tournament in Grahamstown.

Dale will play Hilton College at 4 pm on Thursday, March 24; Rondebosch Boys' High at 11.40 am on Saturday, March 26; and SACS at 11.40 am on Monday, March 28. The SACS will be the 1 500th first team rugby game played by Dale College.

* Springbok rugby coach Jake White (a Dale Junior old boy) and former Bok coach Nick Mallett will speak at the festival.

*** Dale's first match of the rugby season will be against Bishops at the Graeme College Festival at 4 pm on Saturday, March 19.**

Dale hockey team for Potch

THE Dale first hockey team will be playing in Potchefstroom Boys' High School's Founders' Festival from March 27 to 29. Dale will play Potch at 9 am and Paul Roos at 2.30 pm on Sunday, March 27; Fourways High at 10:10 am and Krugersdorp High at 3:30 pm on Monday, March 28; and Fish Hoek High at 8 am on Tuesday, March 29.