



## Prep Patter

our weekly news bulletin

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## DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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#### FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

##### *Exciting News - Headmaster Announcement!*

DPHS is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Barry Wilson as the 12th Headmaster of Durban Preparatory High School. We look forward to having Mr Wilson on-board from Monday 16 January 2017 and know he has the best wishes of the entire Prep Community.

##### **Welcome Back**

We trust that the Prep Staff, Boys and the Prep Community have been able to enjoy a relaxing holiday in the company of family and friends and are now ready to meet the exciting challenges of the year ahead.

The 2017 Durban Preparatory High School year got off to its usual busy and bustling start earlier today as we welcomed back many happy and energetic boys. New and Old Boys were soon hard at work as they set about preparing themselves for the start of the 2017 Academic year.

DPHS is proud to be known as a welcoming and friendly school, so it is an especially warm welcome to all our new boys and their respective families. The DPHS Staff and the Prep Community are looking forward to meeting, and including, each new Prep family in all that DPHS has to offer.

Parents are afforded many opportunities to make contact with the school at every level. Invitations will soon reach parents, inviting you to attend the first of these many occasions. Teaching staff are already preparing for, and looking forward to meeting parents at, the Grade Information Evenings to be held during the course of next week.

Finally, we wish the entire Prep Family all the very best for the year ahead. Thank you, for your continued support of all that takes place at DPHS.

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Grade 7 pupil, Matt Wilson greets new Grade 1 pupil Mnotho Ngema on the first day of the 2017 Academic Year.

## STAFF NEWS

This year we welcome new arrivals on the staff team:

**Casey Bartlett - Reception Unit Blue Class Teacher**

**Tayla Deare and Chloe Pillay- Reception Unit Teacher Assistants**

**Mthokozisi Jali - Grade 7 Teacher**

**Mr Thabo “Shak” Tshabalala - DPHS Teacher Learnership Programme**

We are confident that they will come to enjoy a most rewarding time as members of the DPHS staff team.

The first full Prep Patter will be emailed next week with details of forthcoming events, achievements and congratulations as well as snippets of news. Please encourage friends and family to subscribe to the Prep Patter. This can be done by sending an email to [cmmcarthy@dphs.co.za](mailto:cmmcarthy@dphs.co.za) with the request to be added to the mailing list. We are in the process of updating our current emailing list system. Until such time as it is up and running, we will be placing the Prep Patter on the D6 Communicator as well as on the DPHS website. The Prep Patter is particularly useful in terms of informing parents regarding the most current details of the Prep calendar

## CALENDAR

Wednesday 11 January	School opens for boys Reception Unit Staggered Intake School Assembly U10 and U11 Cricket Trials	10h00 14h00
Thursday 12 January	Reception Unit Staggered Intake Grade 7 Leaders Meeting Swimming Trials - All Senior Primary Staff U9 Cricket Trials	07h30 14h00 14h00
Friday 13 January	Reception Unit Staggered Intake Emergency Evacuation Drill U10 and U11 Cricket Trials	09h45 13h00
Saturday 14 January	1st XI and 2nd XI Cricket Match	
Sunday 15 January		
Monday 16 January	Special whole school Assembly to Welcome New Headmaster - Mr Barry Wilson Grade 5 Parent’s Evening Grade 7 Parent’s Evening	18h00 18h30
Tuesday 17 January	Junior Primary Parent’s Evening	17h30
Wednesday 18 January	Reception Unit Parents Evening Grade 4 Parent’s Evening Grade 6 Parent’s Evening	17h30 18h00 18h30

## RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Welcome to the DPHS Reception Unit. We hope that you had a wonderful break with family and friends. The boys will be settling into their groups over the next couple of days and the staggered intake will definitely assist in making this an easier transaction. Thank you for your co-operation.

A list of important Dates to Remember for 2017 will be sent out. Details of each event will be sent out closer to the time. The first event of the year is the Reception Unit Parent’s Evening (Wednesday 18 January from 17h30 to 18h15) - a brief and informal meeting with your group teacher and teacher assistant, to explain our programme and outline our aims and expectations for the year. It will also give you a chance to ask any general questions that you

may have and also give you an opportunity to meet parents of boys in your son's class. Please gather in the classroom by 17h25. This evening is for adults only and it is imperative that at least one parent attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Please remember to refer to the Reception Unit booklet that you received at our Orientation Day, which contains all the information that you will need. If you have any queries however, do not hesitate to chat to your son's class teacher, our School Secretary, Sharm Malherbe or Les Phipson.

## **JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS**

### **Welcome!**

It was a great pleasure this morning to welcome all the Junior Primary boys as they returned to school for the start of a new 'adventure' in their new class. Their eagerness and enthusiasm made for a wonderfully positive start to the school year and we are all looking forward to an exciting and educationally stimulating 2017. Sincere thanks are extended to our parents for ensuring that the boys were properly equipped and well prepared for the first day.

### **Extra-Curricular:**

The busy Prep programme has begun and while the initial priority is for the boys to settle into their new classrooms, the Extra-Curricular activities will commence shortly, with the U9 Cricket trials which are scheduled for tomorrow afternoon being the first of these.

### **Parents' Welcome and Information Evening:**

This is a very important function at the start of the new school year and it is scheduled for **Tuesday 17 January at 17h30**. The meeting will begin with a presentation entitled "Top Parenting Tips" by Kerry Salvesen, who is a well-respected Counselling Psychologist and dynamic speaker. This will be followed by meetings with the class teachers. These enable the teacher and parents to meet each other in the classroom environment and to establish positive communication between school and home. The teacher will discuss the work to be covered during the year as well as matters relating to homework, sport and general school policy. There will be a short period of time allocated at the end of the talk for questions. Michael Dick, Director of Sport, will brief the parents of Grade 3/U9 boys and Annette Briscoe, Director of Performing Arts, will be available to discuss the private Instrumental Music programme on offer with interested parents. Weather permitting; parking will be available on the school field. The Grade Two meetings should be finished by approximately 19h00 and the Grade One and Three sessions by 19h30. This promises to be a very informative evening and time well spent. The teachers are looking forward to meeting the parents on Tuesday evening.

## **DPHS ASSOCIATION**

**Director: Richard Neave - [rneave@dphs.co.za](mailto:rneave@dphs.co.za)**

### **WELCOME TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED HEADMASTER OF DPHS**

Congratulations to Barry Wilson, DPHS Old Boy '72 and DPHS Association member, on the announcement of his appointment as the Headmaster of DPHS.

Barry has made an outstanding contribution to Primary School Education and Sport in KZN. As a teacher, as a leader and as a servant he has unselfishly and passionately dedicated his time and expertise to excellence and the betterment of the Schools and organizations he has proudly served. Aside from his responsibilities as a Headmaster he is the elected President of Sharks Primary School rugby and serves on the executive of the SA Schools Primary School Rugby Board, where he represents KZN.

Barry is warmly welcomed and assured of the boundless support of the DPHS Association family.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOYS**

I treated myself this morning to the warm, friendly and inspiring first DPHS school assembly of the 2017 school year. The smartness and call to duty readiness or willingness of the DPHS boys would put the Grenadier Guards of Buckingham Palace to shame. The Deputy Headmaster, Grant Phipson, read the names of all the New Boys and they were invited to stand for a big and warm welcoming round of applause from the School.

Your Association welcomes back all the DPHS boys for the start of the new school year and wishes them and their families every success and happiness in 2017. A very special welcome and good wish is extended to all the New Boys. May their career at DPHS also be blessed with fun, hard work, friends and good progress and may all the members of their family find a welcoming and embracing home in the DPHS family.

It is my privilege as Director of the DPHS Association to welcome you on behalf of our members to DPHS, the PREP School of Durban.

## **GENERAL**

### **2017 TERM DATES**

**(Dates for learners are as listed below. Staff returned to school on 09 January 2017 and finish the year on 08 December 2017)**

### **2017 TERM DATES as supplied by Naptosa**

TERM 1: 11 January - 31 March

TERM 2: 18 April - 30 June

TERM 3: 24 July - 29 September

TERM 4: 09 October - 06 December

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