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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Down to 10 days left until Break-up Day on Friday 31 March. Please note the reminder below stating the closure times for the different phases.

Phase	-	Time
Reception Unit	-	10h30
Junior Primary	-	10h45
Senior Primary	-	11h00

Please note again that there is no Homework Centre or Aftercare taking place on Break-up Day so please plan accordingly. It will also be a fairly longer holiday now than schools have been used to before, with the start of the second academic term on Tuesday 18 April.

Academic News

You will be receiving the report regarding your son's academic progress on Break-up Day. This important document has taken time to prepare with thorough input being given by his class educator and specialist staff. I strongly encourage you as parents, to please create the necessary quiet time, to sit down with your son to discuss the contents of the report. Please do not rush through the process as it is important for your child to appreciate the constructive feedback given and not just simply look at the marks/scores achieved. I share with you some personal tips about Reports namely:

- Sometimes it is better to work from the end of the report back to the front cover so that the emphasis can be noted through the constructive advice/compliments given by management and the class teacher first.
- Honesty is always the best policy - encourage your son to share why he excelled in a certain subject or scored poorly in another. The staff member has valid reasons to score your child as such and he will definitely know where he can improve etc.

- Don't just listen to 'excuses' that may be presented - there may be a valid reason as to why your son has faltered but you as parents will be able to acknowledge that with him.
- Sit down as a family and structure a 'Time Management' programme for the second term with the Prep Year Planner available so that you and your child can plan when it is time to 'work' and time to 'play'.
- Where 'praise' is needed - do so in abundance with love and compliments. Your son does not need materialistic rewards to motivate him to focus on his academic responsibilities. A treat to celebrate is far more balanced when one needs to recognize the efforts of your child.
- Please give attention to the number of days your child has been absent and/or late for school. Give credit to your son for maintaining a positive record in those aspects or rectify with immediate effect if these days are rather high and work to reduce this total by the end of the second term.
- Focus on your son's personal achievements - be careful not to create a 'comparing' of results to his older/younger brother and sister or even other children in his class or grade.
- Set new goals together for the various subjects and overall final result that must be aimed for by the end of the next term, but please keep those goals realistic to your child's ability to achieve i.e. not way out of his reach.
- Remain calm and in control of all emotions/frustrations and disappointments regarding the academic feedback whether it be directed at your son's class teacher, specialist teacher, coach and even the school in general - even 'little ears' can understand your expressive comments.
- If you as a parent need to hug or 'dance' with excitement due to your son's efforts and achievements then express this excitement in abundance - celebrations are so warmly felt by all partners, especially the staff who want the best for your child.
- Keep each report in a place where all family members know that this report/s can be found and re-visited at any stage during the term ahead to re-cap or remind your son of what information was presented and discussed at the end of the first term - children tend to 'forget' their first terms results quite quickly at times!!

These are just some friendly guidelines given by me to assist families at this time of receiving reports - by no means am I interfering in your approach, as a family, to Reports - hope this input is food for thought and does help you.

Aquatics

- We have really enjoyed an outstanding season of swimming and Water polo regarding the involvement effort and achievements of the boys at galas and inter-school fixtures/festivals. I have just returned from the Water polo 1st Team tour to Port Elizabeth, which was hosted by Grey PE, for 12 schools across our country. Our boys did Prep proud with their determination and commitment to succeed by producing excellent victories as recorded below by beating

Hudson Park: 8 - 0

Clifton (Dbn): 2 - 1

Wynberg: 4 - 1

Redham: 3- 1

Bishops: 5 - 1

Grey PE 'B': 7 - 0

and with narrow losses to SACS 1 -3, Selborne, Rondebosch. My biggest reward was to hear many of our host parents from Grey PE compliment our boys on their excellent manners, behaviour and friendliness in the host homes - Well done boys!

I personally acknowledge the passionate input given by our coaches, Mr Shaun Ferreira and Mr Gareth May, as well as to the large following of Prep parents/families in support throughout the Festival. Thank you too, to Mrs Janine Huber for her involvement in Water polo here at school, as well as her valuable contribution prior to this tour. We all returned home with our 'Proudly Prep' caps raised high - Congratulations Mr Ferreira and the Water polo touring team!

- We now look forward to an exciting Inter-house Senior Primary Gala at the DPHS Jubilee Pool starting at 12h00 tomorrow (Thursday 16 March). I call on as many parents possible to please be present for this spirited challenge amongst our boys - please attend in colours supporting your son's House for this 'Olympics' competition. See you there!
- The SP gala will be followed by our DPHS JP Gala that we are hosting for invited schools. Our JP squad/s have excelled at the previous galas this year and we now look forward to setting the bar high again at this gala at home. Thank you to all swimming coaches, the PE Department, Staff and boys competing with special mention being made of our Directors of JP Swimming Mrs Jacqui Everitt, for her overall co-ordinating of this gala and JP Swimming season.
- "Here we go Prep - let's go."

MR Prep

Each class is really making a determined effort to maintain the high standards of appearance expected of our Prep boys. Each week the competition gets tougher with the following boys below achieving the honour of MR Prep - Congratulations!

JP MR Prep - Shiraz Perumal - Grade 3 Vawda
 SP MR Prep - Tiago Robinson - Grade 4 Fletcher

Keep up the standards boys!

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

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Don't	Do
Only get 'fit' at school practices	Put in their extra fitness training
Blame the referee during a fixture	Shake the hand firmly of any Official to say Thank You
Enjoy having their parents shout negatively from the sidelines	Appreciate the presence and positive support from their parents
Disrespect the opposition if they lose a match	Respect the opposition when they win a match
Blame the teachers for their low marks	Appreciate the efforts of the staff

Remember: Headmaster's Quote for this week.

**"While we are free to choose our actions,
 we are not free to choose the consequences of our actions"!**

Thank you - Yours in Prep!

B Wilson
 Headmaster

CONGRATULATIONS

David van Rooyen also competed in the recent KZN Nipper Championships and received a bronze medal for U12 Body Board and a bronze medal for the Under 11/12 Mixed Board Relay.

Jake Savage competed in the "World Lyrical Dance Federation" competition on Sat 11 March. Dancers came from all over SA to the Durban event and were graded at an international level and the top 6 dancers in each age group placed, allowing them to go through to perform at the next international level should they wish to. Entrees had to choose their own music and perform a dance that told the story of the piece. Jake came 5th in his dance in the under 12

solo section. He was also awarded a special performance prize for the Best Story Telling through dance for the entire competition.

Joshua Evans participated in the KZN Badminton U15C and was awarded a certificate.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 15 March	Reception Unit Parent Teacher Meetings Specialists Symbols to Senior Primary Staff Grade 3 Excursion DHS Cocktail Function at DPHS	13h00 08h00 18h00
Thursday 16 March	House Dress Day - Grade 1-7 Senior Primary Inter-house Gala Junior Primary Invitation Gala	07h30 12h00 14h30
Friday 17 March	1st XV Rugby Training Camp - Margate Junior Primary Reports to Head of Department Letterland Day - Grade 1 Senior Primary Marks to Academic Head Open Assembly - Grade 5 Ferreira - Ironman	 07h30
Saturday 18 March	1st XV Rugby Training Camp - Margate Sharks vs Kings at Kings Park	 07h30
Sunday 19 March		
Monday 20 March	School Holiday	
Tuesday 21 March	Human Rights Day 1st XV and 2nd XV Rugby Practice	 14h00
Wednesday 22 March	Grade 5-7 Excursion KZN Primary Schools Rugby Meeting 2	 10h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Last week Mr Mfeka, our gardener, had a lovely surprise when the boys gathered together to celebrate his birthday. He was made to feel very special and appreciated!

Our Reception Unit parent/teacher meetings are going well and the feedback received has been very positive. Grateful thanks to all parents for setting the time aside to meet with your son's teacher.

The Grade R boys have been allocated into their DPHS Houses and will be receiving their house kit (shirt and cap) tomorrow (Thursday). Please check that you are happy with the shirt size allocated to your son before labelling both items clearly. (Any exchanges can be made at the School Uniform Shop.) Our first House Dress Day will be on Friday 5 May. All Grade R boys will be required to wear their house kit to school on that day, with their usual denim shorts and sandals. As mentioned earlier this year, the cost of this house kit will be debited to your second term school fee account.

Please remember our open swimming lessons at the Jubilee Pool next Friday morning. Our DPHS coaches have invited you to observe your son's during their swimming lesson.

We hope that you are looking forward to the long weekend. (Monday is a school holiday and Tuesday is Human Rights Day.)

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

On Thursday afternoon a sudden downpour sadly resulted in the Invitation Gala at DGC being cancelled. Fortunately these boys have the Prep JP Friendly Invitation Gala to look forward to this Thursday afternoon. Best wishes are extended to the JP staff and the A and B U7, U8 and U9 swimming teams. This is always a very enjoyable and worthwhile event.

The boys are highly commended on the enthusiasm and responsible manner in which they have taken on the Prep Planet Protector programme, with many showing pleasing initiative with their contributions to the Recycling challenge as well as litter collection.

It was a great pleasure yesterday morning to welcome visitors to our DPHS Open Day and to take them on a tour of the school. There was a large group of parents interested in enrolling their sons in the JP Phase and they were able to enjoy viewing the wide variety of areas of learning as well as experience the good manners of our Prep boys.

On Tuesday afternoon a number of the JP teachers attended an informal meeting at Durban Girls' College at which ideas for the teaching of Mathematics were shared amongst colleagues from the area. It proved to be a most valuable session.

This morning our Grade 3 boys and 5 energetic teachers had an exciting trip to Treasure Beach. An hour educational talk and a 2 hour investigation in rock pools driven by the resourceful guides allowed our boys to increase their knowledge and understanding of the creatures and life in the rock pools. It was an enjoyable and memorable excursion for our Grade 3 boys.



Happy Grade 3 Explorers at Treasure Beach this morning

MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week's recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" 😊				
CLASS		NAME	REASON	
GRADE 1	Langley	Coby Forster	For his delightful pictures and neat writing	
		Elijah van Jaarsveld	For his good word recognition skills and eagerness to learn	
	Everitt	Pranav Moodley	For his pleasing progress in word recognition	
		Tyler Marais	For his charming personality and pleasing efforts	
	Greensill	Kieran Jestin	For trying hard in all that he does	
		Nkanyezi Mazibuko	For his great efforts and good behaviour	
	Twaddle	Ziyaad Dadoo	For his helpful nature and great efforts in the classroom	
		Joshua Naidu	For being a caring member of the class	
	GRADE 2	May	Muhammad Akoo	For his lovely expressive reading
			Sahal Amod	For his beautifully presented work
Bush		Tashik Maharaj	For being diligent with his Prep Planet Protector responsibilities	
		Sulaimaan Jadwat	For working hard to improve his work presentation	
Murphy		Saaif Gangat	For his improved work speed and positive attitude	
		Boitumelo Mkhize	For his bubbly nature and beautiful work presentation	
Oosthuis		Mehluko Sibisi	For his good reading skills	
		Troy Thompson	For his very good maths work	
GRADE 3		Veerasamy	Tyron Smit	For his kind nature and diligent approach to all tasks
			Mehal Bodri	For his smile and pleasing progress in all subjects
	Marklew	John Watkins	For neat writing	
		Yasir Moosa	For his good maths work	
	Martin	Luke Wessels	For always trying his best	
		Ahmed Amod	For his friendly and respectful nature	
	Vawda	Trent Rayson	For his lovely manners and kind nature	
		Shreyan Naidoo	For his positive approach towards his work	

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge**Recyclers of the Week**

1st Grade 2 Oosthuis (6m 20cm)

2nd Grade 3 Veerasamy (5m 60cm)

SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

WATER POLO

RESULTS: GREY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Results	
DPHS vs WPPS	L 1 - 8
DPHS vs Rondebosch	L 3 - 5
DPHS vs Selborne	L 5 - 6
DPHS vs Hudson	W 8 - 0
DPHS vs SACS	L 1 - 3
DPHS vs Grey B	W 7 - 0
DPHS vs Wynberg	W 4 - 1
DPHS vs Grey A	L 2 - 5
DPHS vs Reddam	L 1 - 4
DPHS vs Bishops	W 5 - 1
DPHS vs Clifton	W 2 - 1
PLAY-OFF: DPHS vs Reddam	W 3 - 1

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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WINTER SPORT AT DPHS

The word submission is not in the vocabulary of a DPHS sportsman.

At the final whistle, for team and school, DPHS boys will leave everything they have to give on the field of play. They do this without complaining or pretending. Rock solid, humble, relentless and fiercely resilient they fight proudly to the last for every point and goal or advantage the opposition and game allows.

The arrival of the winter season of sports stirs up great passion in DPHS boys to play rugby. Every match they play is a DPHS celebration of courage, skill, team work, effort and stamina. This behaviour and these values define a DPHS sportsman.

This is deservedly why PREP parents, Old Boys and DPHSA members show a high degree of character as supporters and great passion for DPHS.

If you haven't already done so, step up today and join the DPHS Association. The boys will be even more inspired and determined when they see you wearing your DPHSA supporters cap on the side of the field.

All the U11 and U13 DPHS Rugby players and coaches and many PREP parents, supporters and DPHSA members will be in Cape Town to support and encourage PREP boys during their tour to Wynberg Boys Junior School, Bishops Prep and SACS (South African College School) Junior from Wednesday 26 July to Saturday 29 July.

I am told that a group of past parents, also members of the DPHSA plan to make the trip to Cape Town to support the DPHS rugby teams! Exciting news!

Become part of the greatly respected heritage and legacy of sport at DPHS by joining the DPHSA at the start of the new season in preparation for this legendary end of season celebratory tour.

In accordance with the Headmaster's wishes and DPHS sports policy the DPHSA endorses quality support at School Sporting events. Supporters are required to provide an inspiring example of good sportsmanship at all times, defined by dignity and restraint in the face of all adversity with strong emphasis on positivity and encouragement.

Here is a list of Old Boys who have played Rugby at International level. (Junior SA level representation is not mentioned)

Pat Lyster 1933 Springboks, Nicholas Labuschagne 1953 England, Graham Downes 1992 USA, Andrew Aitken 1997 Springboks, Gregory Rawlinson 2006 All Blacks, Matt Hawkins 2008 USA, Denver Oosthuis 1999 Springbok Touch Rugby, Alistair Hargreaves 2010 Springboks, Bradley Barritt 2010 England, Matthew Stevens 2004 England, Jean Luc du Preez 2016 Springboks.

The DPHSA wishes all the boys and their coaches a happy and rewarding Winter season of sport at DPHS.

GENERAL

2017 TERM DATES

(Dates for learners are as listed below. Staff returned to school on 09 January 2017 and will 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

DPHS Mothers Committee Camp Out will take place on Saturday 25 March. Gates open at 15h00 and all are welcome until 21h00.

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