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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to an exciting second term of the year that now has 47 academic school days left to enjoy. A term that is packed with ‘Proudly Prep’ challenges and responsibilities which calls for a ‘hands on deck’ commitment from the entire Prep Community - let us embrace this quarter of the year with the spirit of ‘TAONGA’.

Appreciation

It really warmed my heart to note that 98% of the school had returned as requested with a spotless uniform and the correct DPHS haircut i.e. short back, sides and top of head with no ‘mop’ of hair. If your son is still in the 2% minority then please address this urgent request immediately by ensuring that your son responds positively to these set Prep standards of appearance. The ‘barber-shop’ here in Gordon Road cuts hair to the exact Prep requirements and is most affordable - I know this because I ‘proudly’ have my hair cut there. I will personally be visiting each class again this week ahead, as I did on the first day back, to monitor the response to haircuts/styles. Please respect that there will be consequences implemented for children still not meeting the requirements expected of them - I do not wish to get into any further debate with any hairdresser and/or family member regarding this non-negotiable issue. Once again I acknowledge the vast improvements and genuine efforts made by our Prep families to respect this appearance request. Well done!

Reminder: Polished shoes, garters for socks, buttons on blazers, school cap are items that by now should be part of our daily dress routine. Keep it going Prep!

Congratulations

I would like to share with you some achievements listed below that we, as Durban Prep, can recognize and compliment.

- You will have noted in the media of the very recent appointment of the Headmaster at DHS namely Mr Tony Pinheiro who has been a long serving leader in education. Mr Pinheiro served as the Deputy and Acting Principal at Glenwood High School and officially moved into his position at DHS at the start of this second term. DHS has been so closely linked throughout the history of our 107 years existence to Prep, and professionally respected by many as the “big brother” school to DPHS. We look forward now to the continued friendships and support that both our schools respect between each other, in the relationship that has always been there and still lies ahead for both schools to enjoy.
- Mr Roland Lacock has at the end of last term been officially appointed as the Headmaster at Highbury Prep - a primary school that has close friendship ties with DPHS. Mr Lacock has returned to KZN after serving as the Deputy Principal at Uplands School in White River (Mpumalanga). Once again both Prep and Highbury have shared a loyal respect and friendship throughout the years and we look forward to this continuing again in the many years ahead.
- I have just heard of the appointment of the leadership team created for Durban Girls College - a school that we also respect as our ‘big sister school’ due to the working relationship that we share, as well as the many Prep boys who have their sister/s attending DGC. Best wishes to the ladies below, and the DGC Board and their staff as they continue to provide, the standards of excellence in education for girls. The ladies listed here have all been on the staff at DGC and will now continue to serve their school in these official positions. Congratulations !
 - Executive Head - Mrs Marianne Bailey
 - Executive Head - Mrs Heather Goedeke
 - Executive Finance - Mrs Jeanine Montocchio

I will personally be visiting each of the abovementioned Headmaster’s at their respective schools to express our sincerest congratulations and offer a warm “Durban Prep’ handshake of continued friendship, on our school’s behalf.

- To staff member Mrs Amber Kiddle who got married during the holidays. We are delighted to celebrate and share this announcement, with the Prep community as we bless both “Judd and Amber” with a Prep abundance of love and laughter. We are so proud of both of you “newlyweds” Congratulations!
- You might have seen the following staff members below on national television competing in various events and excelling not only with their well-respected times but also for the months of dedicated training in the build-up to their respective races namely:

“Iron Man” - Miss Helen Laatz
“Two Oceans” - Mr Shaun Ferreira and Mr Ross Bedford

May I acknowledge the efforts of any Prep parents/family members and Old Boys of our school who may also have been actively involved in either of the above or any other such events.

- To Mrs Anne Smith our Director of Tennis and our Prep boys/families who represented KZN Tennis at the Inter Provincial Tournament held in Bloemfontein during these past holidays. It now gives me the greatest pleasure to announce that three DPHS boys have been selected to represent South Africa, in the SA 'B' Tennis team in America in August. This is an amazing honour for the boys, their families and especially our school Durban Prep. May each of you be "Proudly SA" and "Proudly Prep" ambassadors for our country. Congratulations Callum Jestin, Karan Varyani and Josh Heath.

To our 1st and 2nd Rugby teams that participated in the rugby festival held at Glenwood High at the start of the holidays. I was immensely proud to see our 'Taonga' team spirit combined with our excellent team structures so positively expressed throughout each game. Special mention must be made of 1st team coaches Michael Dick and Mr Mthokazisi Jali and 2nd team coaches Mr Ross Bedford and Mr TC Khoza as well as all the boys who represented our school!

It really warmed my heart again to see so many Prep boys dressed in their Prep supporters outfit and Prep families on the side lines in support of our school.

2nd Team - Played 5 - won 3 / (against schools 1st teams)
1st Team - Played 5 - won 5

Best wishes go to:

- Mr Dick, Mr Jali and our 1st rugby squad who will be participating in the Glenwood Prep Rugby Festival this week, as well as in the Merchiston "125th year" Festival next week, starting on Thursday. We look forward to our Prep supporters, in large numbers at both festivals.
- Mrs Smith, Mr TC Khoza and the U11 Tennis squad who will be involved in the Inter Schools Tennis Tournament held in Bethlehem from Tuesday. Thank you to the Prep supporters who will also be there to cheer on the teams.
- Our Mini Rugby staff, coaches, players and parents who will enjoy the start to the 2017 programme here at Prep on Saturday morning. We are looking forward to the overwhelming attendance in numbers to start off the new season.
- The Reception Unit section for another great start to a new term, especially as our 'little men' can also look forward to their Garv's Sport sessions starting on Tuesday during their school day. Reception Unit parents can start looking forward to their fun "Parent Art Activity Evening" to now be held on Wednesday 11 May at 18h00.
- Mrs Carlyne van Jaarsveld and our Mothers Committee in their hosting of the Mother and Son Evening here at school on Tuesday 2 May at 17h00. This 'Cowboy' theme evening promises to be a real "Wild West" evening so get those 'line-dancing' boots on Moms' and Son's - Eeha!
- The coaches and boys preparing for the first round of rugby matches from U10 through to the U13 age group this Saturday against Pelham in Pietermaritzburg. Toanga!
- The Marimba Band and Gumboot Dance members and staff who have started practising in preparation for their presentations in the term and for their tour to Johannesburg in July.

- The amazing staff, boys and parents throughout the entire school for yet another ‘Proudly Prep’ term. Let us build on the success and positivity of the great start to our year.

“Here we go Prep - let’s go”

- The Sharks for their home fixture against the Rebels this Saturday evening at 19h30. Go Sharks!

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

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Don't	Do
Take the first week of term to get going at school.	Fire on all cylinders from day one to the new term
Make the same mistakes each term	Build and learn from their previous mistakes
Start the term with positive ‘fuel’ and run-dry after week one	Keep their ‘Super Prep’ fuel tank day constantly filled until that final week of term
Only want to score ‘tries’ in the match	Want to also ‘create’ opportunities for team-mates to score tries in the match
Ever moan on and off the field of play about the opposition team-mates, referee, coaches	Compliment and thank the opposition team mates, referee, coaches
Miss tackles	Make tackles
Serve their tennis ball into the net.	Serve their tennis ball in an ‘Ace’.
Express insults to singers, actors, musicians, artists, dancers whilst they perform on stage	Should ‘Encore’ loudly to singers, actors, musicians, artists, dancers whilst they perform on stage
Forget their Headmaster in his office during the day!	Visit their Headmaster in his office at any time of the day!

HEADMASTER’S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“To the man who only has a hammer, everything he encounters begins to look like a nail”

Go Prep!

B WILSON
Headmaster



The DPHS 1st XV vs Merchiston in their first Rugby fixture of the season

CONGRATULATIONS

TOP ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Grade 7 Top Artists: Mbuso Kweyama and James Bentley

Grade 6 Top Artists: Charlie Good and Jack Piper

Grade 5 Top Artist: Noah Jackson and Pradisthra Doorsamy

Grade 4 Top Artist: Jordy Downham and Menzokuhle Dlamini

Grade 3 Top Artist: Tom Foster and Isaiah Gounden

Thor Knützen-Smith participated in the SA Nipper Championships in Port Elizabeth last month and received a Gold medal in the body-board relay and a Bronze medal in the individual body-board event. Jaxon Ribbink also participated and came second in the individual body-boarding event.

CALENDAR

Friday 21 April	Glenwood Rugby Festival 1st XV Vision Screening	
Saturday 22 April	Glenwood Rugby Festival 1st XV Pelham A Mini Rugby Sharks vs Rebels	08h00 19h30
Sunday 23 April		
Monday 24 April	Vision Screening Staff Meeting Senior Tennis House matches	09h30 14h00
Tuesday 25 April	Vision Screening U11 Bethlehem Tennis Tournament	
Wednesday 26 April	Vision Screening U11 Bethlehem Tennis Tournament Senior Tennis House Matches	14h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

We have had a busy start to Term 2 with the boys returning to school with much enthusiasm and it is wonderful to see the buzz of activity around every corner! A special welcome to our new Red Group pupil, Ongani Moyo, and his parents, Ayanda and Maxwell. We trust that you will enjoy your time here in Grade R.

On Tuesday the boys will start their first Garvz sessions during the school morning. They will work in smaller groups with their allocated coaches, to follow the drills and practice the skills set up for them.

Please remember to join our *Puzzle Library* which will start on Thursday 4th May. Grateful thanks to Zahra Osman and Thuladu Mngadi for co-ordinating our Puzzle Library this year and to all the parents who have offered to assist them. Your hard work and dedication will make it possible for the boys to benefit from this fun, educational activity.

Unfortunately, due to several DPHS events being held in the same week, we have decided to change the date of our Parents' Activity Evening from Thursday 4th May to Thursday 11th May. A letter will be sent home regarding this.

The D6 has been updated with all correspondence from the Reception Unit so please ensure that you check it frequently. Please note that **only letters requiring a reply slip** will be sent home in your son's notebook. Do not hesitate to contact us on ru@dphs.co.za if you need any other information.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and that all the boys and staff have returned refreshed to face another busy and exciting term. The boys look so smart arriving and leaving school each day in their blazers.

There is much excitement amongst the boys as the Rugby season gets into full swing! The Grade One and Two boys are looking forward to their first Mini-Rugby session which is scheduled for this Saturday morning. We are so appreciative of the wonderful response from all those dads who have volunteered to assist as Mini-Rugby coaches. On completion of this week's session the U9 boys will then participate in an internal clinic as they prepare for their second term fixtures.

SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Glenwood High U13 National Rugby Festival

DPHS 1st XV		DPHS 2nd XV	
Richards Bay	Won 64 - 0	Drakensberg	Won 35 - 0
Rustenburg	Won 26 - 19	Amazimtoti	Won 35 - 0
Dalview	Won 29 - 0	Saamtrek	Lost 43 - 0
Paul Pietersburg	Won 45 - 0	South Coast	Won 10 - 7
Saamtrek	Won 20 - 12	Concordia	Lost 5 - 7

DPHS ASSOCIATION

Director: Richard Neave - rneave@dphs.co.za

TRIBUTE TO DPHS IRON 'MEN'

The DPHSA wishes to acknowledge Helen Laatz's (Gr 5 DPHS teacher) extraordinary sporting accomplishment. Helen completed the South African Iron Man - a 3,8 km swim, a 180 km cycle and a 42 km run in under 12 hours in Port Elizabeth during the Easter school holiday, a feat requiring great courage, discipline, skill and top end levels of fitness, stamina and physical endurance ability. What an inspiring example her accomplishment is to the Boys and the School.

Helen is the second member of the DPHS Staff to have completed the Iron Man in recent years. Our other DPHS Iron Man is Shaun Ferreira, also a Gr 5 teacher. No doubt the 'Force' is with Gr 5 DPHS!

There must be many DPHS parents and DPHSA Members who have completed the Iron Man too. It is not surprising that DPHS boys welcome a challenge. Congratulations!

Helen Laatz has agreed to coach me to complete the Iron Man but that's a story for another day!

Join the DPHS Association and show your steely support for the PREP boys and the School!

GENERAL

2017 TERM DATES as supplied by Naptosa

TERM 2: 18 April - 30 June

TERM 3: 24 July - 29 September

TERM 4: 09 October - 06 December

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