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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Into the second week of the term - a term that has got off to a “happy” start with Prep functioning in all departments/phases at the highest level. I record now that we are left with 43 school days left to enjoy for this second term. It is quite amazing to think that we will be entering into the month of May when we return to school next week, after the long weekend. Let us continue to build even higher onto this solid foundation noted at the start of this quarter.

Academic News

I call on all families, especially the boys, to again reflect on their academic Term 1 Reports and the academic content expressed therein, as well as to look forward to Parent Week Interviews that are set down in the Year Planner, for the week starting Monday 15 through to Friday 19 May. All parents are to please make every effort to see your respective educators/staff so that you are well informed of any further praise and/or constructive input that needs to be shared. No boy should be left under the impression that “my parents do not need to come in” or “my parents could not find the time to attend.” I believe that DPHS parents will be here in full support and I personally look forward to seeing you here with the staff.

I remind the Prep community of the Standardized Testing Week set for Grades 6 & 7 to be held from Monday 12 - Thursday 15 June. Please implement the necessary time-management, well in advance, so that each boy is well prepared for these half-year assessments.

There will now be a new academic initiative launched twice a year that will be implemented at the respective academic assemblies held at the end of Terms 2 & 4. I have shared with the staff that we will introduce a DPHS Academic Merit Certificate for any boy in the Senior

Primary Phase who received a final overall aggregate of 80% or higher i.e. a combined aggregate take from Terms 1 & 2 reflecting on the first six months of the year followed by the same format for Terms 3 and 4, for the last six months of the year. This initiative is implemented to again highlight and recognize the boys' academic achievements in a personal manner, as a 'reward' for his focus noted in the classroom, homework and study programmes. We now look forward to our launching of this recognition at the Academic Assembly held at 07h30 on Thursday 29 June at the end of this term.

Dress after Sport: NB FOR GRADES 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

Please respect and support this dress-code for after sport/extra mural practices.

For going straight home:

Boys are to place their blazer/DPHS Tracksuit Top over their practice kit and to place their School Cap on their head.

Parents/Boys stopping in public areas - e.g. Shopping/doctor's rooms, etc.

Boys are to change back into full school uniform after their practice.

Please understand that we cannot have our boys at any stage walking into shops/shopping mall still in their e.g.) rugby kit and rugby boots. Our boys need to be at all times smartly presented in the full DPHS uniform when in these public areas.

NB! No boy should be seen barefoot whilst in any DPHS uniform/kit even at the shop at the petrol station etc.

I call on all families to respect these school standards of DPHS and to not allow your child to 'take a chance' at any stage - there is always someone looking and commenting on the appearance of our children. I emphasise that all staff members are aware of these standards now and all staff are expected to monitor the above after practice, when any child is leaving the school grounds and when they see our children in the public areas. Consequences will have to be implemented for any boy challenging our well-respected DPHS standards of dress and appearance. Please relay this message onto your son again when reading this Prep Patter.

Reminders

Thursday 27 April	Public Holiday/Freedom Day
Friday 28 April	School Holiday
Monday 1 May	Public Holiday/Workers Day
Tuesday 2 May	Back to School JP Puppet Show Junior House Tennis Mothers and Sons' Evening Function
Wednesday 3 May	Durban Central Hockey Trials (selected boys) Social Media Presentation to Boys Social Media Presentation to Parents - 18h00
Friday 5 May	House Dress Day Prep Pal Meeting 18h00 Mini Rugby (Grades 1 & 2)
Saturday 6 May	Rugby v/s Glenwood Prep (Away)
Monday 8 May	School League Tennis Fixtures Durban Coastal Rugby Trials (selected boys only U13)
Tuesday 9 May	Durban Coastal Rugby Trials (selected boys on U12) Junior House Tennis
Friday 12	Mothers' Day Assembly Rugby v/s Westville (A) Mini Rugby (Grades 1 & 2)
Saturday 13	Rugby v/s Westville (A)

“TAONGA” Memory of the Match

You will notice that a special mention of a player has been introduced this rugby season under the banner of “Taonga Memory” in the Sports Section. I have asked each coach to record his ‘memory’ that the coach feels was an important aspect of the game. Please note that this is not ‘Man of the Match’ but an opportunity for the coach to share, on behalf of the team, this favourable memory that was enjoyed from that fixture. The boys know the new Prep call of “Taonga” (treasure) which we are using in our motivation with emphasis during the rugby season hence our:

“Taonga” (treasured) Memory of the Match

Enjoy these recognitions that the boys have received from their respective coaches.

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

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Don't	Do
Wear Prep Rugby kit in the public areas	Wear full school uniform in public areas
Forget their Tracksuit top	Wear their Tracksuit top and Cap over their kit, after practice, if going straight home
Need to ‘panic’ for their standardized test period this term	Prepare themselves well in advance for these standardized tests
Feel shy to bring ‘Mom’ to the Moms/Sons Evening	Feel ‘proud’ to bring Mom to the Mom/Sons Evening
Get bored over a long weekend	Are actively enjoying their long weekend
Come late to school	Come to school well before the bell rings to start the day
Forget their Cap at home/school	Proudly raise their Cap
Be rude to their parents	Respect and love their parents

Congratulations to:

Mr Prep Senior Primary : Luke Maritz - Grade 5 Laatz

Mr Prep Junior Primary : Jed Reilly - Grade 2 May

Headmaster’s Quote for this week

“People will:Forget what you said

:Forget what you did

but will never forget :“HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL”

Thank you - ‘Yours in Prep’

B Wilson

Headmaster

CONGRATULATIONS

Zasha Zastron came 1st in flags, 2nd in long run, 3rd in sprints in his age group at the SA Nipper Champs, he was also awarded Victor Ludorum.

Dominic Hislop, Karl Schaefer, Jared Pearson and Blake Kruger all competed in the Tinman Mini Triathlon and received medals.



Congratulations to Joshua Heath, Karan Varyani and Calum Jestin who Have been selected to the South African “B” Tennis Team!

CALENDAR

Wednesday 26 April	Vision Screening U11 Bethlehem Tennis Tournament Senior Tennis House Matches	14h00
Thursday 27 April	Public Holiday (Freedom Day) U11 Bethlehem Tennis Tournament Merchiston 125th Rugby Festival 1st XV	
Friday 28 April	School Holiday U11 Bethlehem Tennis Tournament Merchiston 125th Rugby Festival 1st XV	
Saturday 29 April	U11 Bethlehem Tennis Tournament Merchiston 125th Rugby Festival 1st XV Sharks vs Jaguares (A)	
Sunday 30 April		
Monday 01 May	Public Holiday (Workers Day)	
Tuesday 02 May	Vision Screening Staff Meeting Junior Primary Puppet Show (Space) Junior Tennis House Matches Mother Committee - Junior Primary Mums and Sons Evening	09h30 10h50 14h00 17h00
Wednesday 03 May	Durban Central Hockey Trials Senior Primary - Social Media Talk - Emma Sadleir Circuit Manager’s Meeting - Durban East Primary Senior Primary - Social Media Talk - Emma Sadleir	08h30 12h00 18h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

The boys are loving our Dinosaurs and Reptiles theme table and their fascination with this topic, especially snakes, is most evident! Last week we had a two year old pet Ball Python at school for the morning and most of the boys were brave enough to touch its tail under supervision.

On Tuesday the boys enjoyed their first Garvz session during the school morning. There was much excitement as they broke away into smaller groups with their allocated coaches, to follow the drills and practise the skills set up for them.

Please remember that our Puzzle Library starts next Thursday.

This week we bid a sad farewell to two very special members of staff....

Mrs Justine Theunissen will be leaving after almost 8½ years of loyal and dedicated service to the DPHS Reception Unit. She and her husband, Chris, are starting a new chapter in their lives as they eagerly anticipate the arrival of 'Baby Theuni'. Justine's passion for teaching, attention to detail and genuine concern for her pupils is most noteworthy. Her commitment to the DPHS Reception Unit has been exemplary and greatly appreciated. We know that Justine will embrace motherhood with the same dedication and passion as seen in the classroom. Hopefully 'Baby Theuni' will be visiting us soon!

Mrs Sandy Fennell's last day at school will be Tuesday 2nd May, thereafter she will be leaving to support her husband, Mike, as he pursues an exciting career opportunity in Limpopo. Sandy joined the Reception Unit staff as our Green Group teacher in 2015 and in the short time that she has been with us; she has become an invaluable member of our team. Her amazing work ethic and dedication to the boys in her class are just some of her many special qualities. We wish Sandy and Mike a wonderful adventure and look forward to hearing all about it.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

Now that swimming season is over, the Physical Education lessons have begun. The Grade 3 programme caters for 2 groups, namely those boys participating in U9 Rugby and those who follow a more general skills based programme. The programme for the Grade 1 and 2 boys is implemented by Mr Tshabalala. Lessons aim to develop crucial areas such as postural control, spatial orientation, sequencing and planning, balance, bilateral integration and fitness, amongst others. Activities are varied and fun and utilize the jungle gym, obstacle courses and a range of other appropriate apparatus.

The Mini-Rugby programme got off to a vibrant start on Saturday morning when about 160 excited Grade 1 and 2 boys enjoyed skills development activities, supported by the large number of dads who have so generously committed to coach their son's team for the season. The U9 clinic that morning was most worthwhile, followed by a very wet and muddy practice on Monday afternoon, and these boys are looking forward to their next inter-school fixtures.

Two teachers attended a workshop on teaching an additional language. Members of staff are always keen to extend their knowledge and ideas in order to enhance the boys' learning experience and they then have the opportunity to report back to their colleagues so all can benefit from new insights.

MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week's recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" 😊			
CLASS		NAME	REASON
GRADE 1	Langley	Yunus Limalia	For his neat work and good word recognition skills.
		Uwais Akoob	For his good number work and improved handwriting.
	Everitt	Kwanda Mhlomi	For his improved work presentation.
		Veer Ramouthar	For always giving of his best.
	Greensill	Darshay Naidoo	For his responsible attitude and good manners.
		Matthew Sookay	For giving of his best in all that he does.
	Twaddle	Uwais Yacoob	For trying hard to make the right choices.
		Siseko Mkhafa	For his beautiful manners and helpful nature.
GRADE 2	May	Thomas Frickel	For his improved focus and pleasing progress.
		Lulo Mazwi	For giving of his best each day.
	Bush	Muhammad-Zahid Shaik	For his improved classroom focus.
		Saisiddharth Sallan	For his diligent approach to his school work.
	Murphy	Juan Nel	For his lovely manners and beautiful work.
		Muhammad Zaeem Joosab	For his improved efforts and gentle nature.
	Oosthuis	Muhammad Zaydan Cassim	For trying hard to stay focused and improved task completion.
		Reece York	For his diligent approach to all tasks.
GRADE 3	Veerasamy	Kyhil Chetty	For giving of his best in all subjects.
		Nabeel Jhazbhay	For his improved task completion and positive attitude towards all subjects.
	Marklew	Zasha Zastron	For his neatly presented work.
		Danyaal Motala	For his kind nature.
	Martin	Nicholas Heron	For his beautifully presented work.
		Yayha Moolla	For always trying his best.
	Vawda	Connor Doig	For giving of his best in the classroom.
		Joseph Els	For his lovely efforts in Maths.

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

Grade 2 Oosthuis 8m40cm

Grade 1 Everitt 4m40cm

SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

RUGBY

DATE	DAY	TEAM	OPPONENTS	TIME
Saturday	22-Apr	2nd	Pelham	L 8 - 5
		3rd	Pelham 12A	L 15 - 7
		4th	Pelham	W 52 - 5
		5th	Pelham	W 47 - 0
		6th	Pelham	W 20 - 15
		11A	Pelham	W 7 - 0
		11B	Pelham	W 38 - 0
		10A	Pelham	W 62 - 0
		10B	Pelham	W 67 - 0

Glenwood Prep Rugby Festival				
Thursday	20-Apr	1st	George Randall (EL)	W 47-0
Friday	21-Apr	1st	Newton	W 62-12
Saturday	22-Apr	1st	Cambridge	W 40-0
		1st	Hurleyvale	W 37-0

MERCHISTON 125 ANNIVERSARY RUGBY FESTIVAL FIXTURES

Merchiston Preparatory School 125th Festival				
Thursday	27-Apr	1st	Queens Junior	11h00
Friday	28-Apr	1st	Dale Junior	13h00
Saturday	29-Apr	1st	Grey Junior (PE)	10h00

"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH"			
TEAM	NAME	FIXTURE	MEMORY
1st	Travis Arro	Glenwood Festival	Uncompromising defence over the whole Festival - Heart of a lion"
2nd	David Pohl	Pelham	Outstanding strength and intensity in contact situations
3rd	Mahle Zwane	Pelham	50m run on the touch-line
4th	Joshua Wilmans	Pelham	Offloading in a tackle
5th	Mbuso Kweyama	Pelham	Scored 4 tries!
6th	Zachariah Howell	Pelham	Scoring a try from inside our own half
7th	No Fixture Played		
8th	No Fixture Played		
9th	No Fixture Played		
U11A	Jared Pearson	Pelham	Cross cover tackle
U11B	Dylan Neill	Pelham	Strong carrier of the ball
U11C	No Fixture Played		
U11D	No Fixture Played		
U10A	Mitchel Garneau	Pelham	Scoring a great try by chasing a kick and never giving up!
U10B	Fynn Arenhold	Pelham	Unselfish play rewarded with a try for the team
U10C	No Fixture Played		

U10D	No Fixture Played
U10E	No Fixture Played
U9A	No Fixture Played
U9B	No Fixture Played
U9C	No Fixture Played
U9D	No Fixture Played
U9E	No Fixture Played

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MERCHISTON 125TH RUGBY FESTIVAL PIETERMERITZBURG

On behalf of the DPHSA I extend a word of special congratulations and good wishes to the proud Merchiston Preparatory School (Pietermaritzburg) family on the occasion of the School's 125th Birthday celebration. May all your many celebrations in 2017 be blessed with great happiness and success!

The Merchiston National U13 Rugby Festival, celebrating their 125th, starts on Thursday this week and DPHSA members, parents, staff and boys from the DPHS 1st XV squad will be there to enjoy the festivities. Good wishes from the DPHSA to the 1st XV. Their fixtures for the Festival are: Thursday at 11h00 vs Queens, Friday 13h00 vs Dale and Saturday 10h00 vs Grey PE.

Please will DPHS Old Boys living in Pietermaritzburg consider coming to Merchiston to support DPHS and as a tribute to Merchiston on the occasion of their 125th Birthday. The DPHS Headmaster, Barry Wilson, will be attending the Festival on each of the three days. I will be attending the Festival to represent the DPHSA and we and the PREP coaches look forward to meeting up with you at Merchiston.

PREP-FOLK IN STEP ALL THE WAY!

I count myself most fortunate to have spent thirteen gloriously rewarding years teaching at Merchiston! Bravo to a truly great School!

SUPPORTERS GEAR: DPHSA NAVY BODY WARMER

A light weight navy DPHSA Body Warmer (sleeveless), very tastefully branded, will soon be available from the school shop to wear as official DPHS supporters gear. Please let Lyn or Debbie in the School Shop know if you wish to place an order for one of these Body Warmers. There is a sample in the School Shop. We are hoping to sell them for +- R200 each.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Good wishes from the DPHSA for a happy and successful tournament to our talented, skilful and hardworking school junior tennis teams (8 boys), and their tour party for the Inter Schools Tennis Tournament in Bethlehem this week. The Chairman of the DPHS Governing Body, Brett Davidson, will be there to support his son Luke and the PREP teams.

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 2: 18 April - 30 June

TERM 3: 24 July - 29 September

TERM 4: 09 October - 06 December

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