



## *Prep Patter* our news bulletin

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## DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

### BULLETIN 15: WEDNESDAY 03 MAY 2017

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you to share the latest and now definite news relating to two staff members and their service at DPHS. Mixed emotions because I can fully understand their personal/family needs regarding their decision but also with a sore heart for DPHS. These two dedicated staff members, namely Mr Steve Yelseth and Mr Gavin Goodwin officially handed in their resignation letters yesterday. Both members have been waiting for new opportunities to materialize and these have now been confirmed. It has been extremely difficult for these men to make this decision as both these staff members have been extremely loyal and committed to our school.

I have informed the Chairman of the Board and the staff that I do feel that our parent community need to be informed immediately as well before hearing from the general public. Please rest assured that our school will be extremely thorough in our search to find the most suitable replacements to fill these positions so that the boys and the school programme are not disrupted in any way.

Mr Yelseth (Grade 6 teacher) and his family will be travelling overseas to Abu Dhabi to take up residence and a teaching position there, after serving our school for a period of 4 years. I can confirm that Mr Yelseth will be here until the end of this second term so that he can be ready to start the new academic year overseas in August.

Mr Goodwin in our Sports/PE Department has been at Prep for a total of 15 years and has been afforded the opportunity to take up a Deputy Principal role at DHS (Durban High School). He will now be in a position of Senior Management in the Sports Department which, at this stage of his career, is a welcoming and fresh challenge for him to focus on and enjoy. He too will move on once all his responsibilities and roles at DPHS have been completed this term, before moving on to the High School.

You will thus note that neither of the gentlemen is leaving DPHS for another primary school, nor are they leaving because of any unhappiness experienced here at Prep which both members have clearly expressed in various meetings held with them. I definitely know that it will be with a very sore heart when they ring the bell on their final day. We at DPHS will formally acknowledge these men again nearer their departure time so that each one can be respected for their valued and outstanding contribution and involvement here at school.

In conclusion I repeat the message that DPHS has already started to be pro-active in securing the most suitable candidates and that we as management, will be determined to maintain and build on the high levels of excellence in both these positions.

I do hope that this letter clearly emphasizes the genuine reasons that both men have based their decisions on so that you too as parents, can respect and appreciate their personal choice made, at this stage of the careers.

### **MOM AND CHILD EVENING**

What an amazing event that was supported by over 600 Prep partners of mothers and boys! I was so impressed by the efforts made by these family members throughout the school; to not only attend but to dress up in support of the 'Cowboy' and line-dancing theme. It really warmed my heart to witness our young men proudly escort 'mom' to this school function and to spend quality time enjoying the delicious meals, having photographs taken together, riding the 'wild bull' machine and most importantly joining in with the professional line-dancing sessions. This really expressed the 'Prep family' feeling which I constantly refer to!

Once again we must acknowledge and loudly applaud the Director Mrs Carlyne van Jaarsveld and her Mothers Committee for their attention to detail, enthusiasm and determination to create such a positive and fun-filled evening for all to enjoy. Thank you as well to the staff who worked behind the scenes in support of the event and to those members who attended the evening. A Proudly Prep achievement and experience for all to cherish and enjoy! Congratulations.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

I call on all family members to support these issues listed below with regards to being punctual namely:

- Getting your child to school on time with some children arriving extremely late for Assembly or the first important lesson of the day.
- Making sure that you are waiting for your child after school and/or extra mural activity.
- Not leaving your child to wait after Aftercare, Homework Centre and/or for learners especially in the senior grades to get to lessons on time not only at the start of the lesson but constantly throughout each day.

### **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

I remind you again of the interviews taking place in the school starting Monday 15 May. You will have received your booking form for you to return your reply slip indicating your preferred time. Please do this as a matter of urgency so that the staff can confirm your time slot with you as soon as possible. I call on all families to please visit the staff during this week irrespective of how well or poorly you may feel your child is doing the academic programme. The child who has excelled also needs to feel that quality time has been spent between teacher and parents where praise and compliments regarding this child's performance can be expressed. Please share with your child any information received at this interview so that all this relevant input can be immediately expressed in this feedback. I have called on the staff to request that they do see each family member during this week.

### **TAONGA MEMORY**

I hope you enjoyed the 'Memories' created by our players recorded in last week's Prep Patter. Please make the necessary effort to share the 'Memory' of the team that your child plays in, with your child so that he can also enjoy the honour that has been bestowed upon a team-mate

or maybe him-self. We look forward to the “Taonga memories” this coming weekend against Glenwood Prep.

Please make every effort to support our rugby teams this Friday afternoon and Saturday morning as listed below:

**Friday Programme**

U9 A/B/C/D

**Teams**

U10 A/B/C

U11 C

**Saturday Programme**

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th

U11 A/B

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Must be extended to our U11 Tennis Teams that participated in the Bethlehem Inter-schools Tournament over the long weekend with the A Team finishing 6th out of 16 teams and our B Team 11th out of 20 teams, from around the country. We received many compliments about our standard of play and outstanding behaviour on and off the courts. Thank you Mrs Smith and Mr Khoza for your positive influence on tour.

The spot light can shine brightly on our 1XV team and their enthusiastic coaches Mr Dick and Mr Jali on their outstanding efforts and contribution noted as a squad, at the recent Merchiston 125 Years Festival. The side was victorious against Queens College with narrow losses against Dale College and Grey PE. I also had the honour, with the support of Mr Neave, DPHS Association Chairman, Mr Dick, Mr Jali and Mr Goodwin, to address the Merchiston squad and staff on behalf of our school and formally hand over a gift from the entire DPHS community to the school. Our gift was a framed presentation of a DPHS and Merchiston jersey with a plaque relating to the friendships between the two schools.

**REMEMBER: PREP BOYS**

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<b>Don't</b>	<b>Do</b>
Not invite mom to come to school	The cowboy “line” dance proudly with mom
Not know the meaning of “Taonga”	Celebrate the “Taonga Memory” with their deserved team mate
Let their parents not attend Parent Interviews	Ensure that their parents are on time for their interviews
Let the “paint dry” with any issue at school e.g. attention to studies, homework, manners etc.	Keep on placing a “fresh coat” of paint on a daily basis to raise their standards

**Congratulations to:**

Mr Prep Senior Primary : Zack Maduray - Grade 4 Johnston

Mr Prep Junior Primary : Amaar Essack - Grade 3 Veerasamy

**Headmaster’s quote for this week**

**“Many people have ideas on how others should change; few people have ideas on how they should change”**

Thank you - ‘Yours in Prep’

**B Wilson**

**Headmaster**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### TOP ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Grade 7 Top Artists: Javashkaar Naidoo, Javhar Naidoo

Grade 6 Top Artists: Zachariah Howell

Grade 5 Top Artist: Luke Davidson

Grade 4 Top Artist: Siviwe Bubu, Direshan Anamalay

Grade 3 Top Artist: Amaar Essack

James Burns fished in the Durban Ski Boat Club fishing competition this weekend. He came 23rd overall and 3rd in the junior section with a Cousta of 13.08kg.

Reece and Adrian Truter both competed in the SA National Stillwater Champs held in Durban from 27th April to 30th April 2017. 3 days at Kingspark pool and 1 day in the sea.

They obtained the following results:

**Reece: Pool: U11 Combined Medley relay - 3rd**

**Open Water U11: Mixed Beach relay - 1st, Mixed Mali relay - 1st, Mixed Taplin relay - 3rd**

**Adrian: Pool U9: Medley Rescue Relay - 1st, Combined Medley Relay - 1st, Manikin Relay - 2nd, Obstacle relay - 2nd**

**Open Water U9: Mixed Beach relay - 1st, Mixed Run swim run relay - 1st**

**Individual: U9 Boys Surf Swim - 2nd**

## CALENDAR

Wednesday 03 May	Durban Central Hockey Trials Circuit Manager's Meeting - Durban East Primary	12h00
Thursday 04 May		
Friday 05 May	House Dress Day Open Assembly Prep Pal Meeting Mini Rugby	07h30 08h00 18h00
Saturday 06 May	Glenwood (A) Shark vs Western Force (H)	15h00
Sunday 07 May		
Monday 08 May	Durban North Rugby Trials League Tennis Matches	14h00
Tuesday 09 May	Durban North Rugby Trials Grade 7 - Sail Africa Excursion (tbc) Junior Tennis House Matches	14h00
Wednesday 10 May	Durban North Rugby Trials Grade 7 - Sail Africa Excursion (tbc) Staff Meeting	09h30

## RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

We hope that you all had a wonderful long weekend and are ready to embrace the busy term ahead.

This week we welcomed Mrs Mary Goosen onto the DPHS Grade R team as our new Green Group teacher. Mary has been popping into school since the end of last term to meet the boys and she has been made to feel most welcome. We know that her appointment will add great value to our programme, both in and out of the classroom.

A friendly reminder that Puzzle library starts tomorrow (Thursday). Boys that have joined puzzle library will choose a puzzle to take home every Thursday morning, to be returned the

following Wednesday. Grateful thanks to all the parents who have offered to assist with this facility.

This Friday (5th May) the Reception Unit boys will participate in their first House Dress Day. Please remember to send your son to school wearing his house kit (shirt and cap) with his usual denim shorts and school shoes. We will create an opportunity during the morning to meet in the respective houses and build up a little house spirit!

## JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

I trust that everyone was able to have a restful long weekend with special time spent with family and friends. While the holidays during April have been most welcome and enjoyed we are looking forward to a more settled, albeit very busy, month of May.

On Tuesday morning the boys were treated to a wonderful puppet show about Space by Heather Tomlinson of Puppet World. They were enthralled as they learnt facts about the planets, the moon landing and how Earth is the perfect planet for us. She once again demonstrated how incredibly creative and talented she is with her amazing puppets and backdrops. The show was interactive and there was an opportunity for the boys to dance and be involved in dressing up.

The U9 Rugby players are wished well for their first fixtures of the term this Friday afternoon when they play against Glenwood Prep and the Mini-Rugby participants have an especially exciting session to look forward to this weekend when they play under the floodlights on Friday evening,

## SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

RUGBY

RESULTS

DPHS VS MERCHISTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 125TH FESTIVAL RESULTS			
DAY/DATE	TEAM	OPPONENTS	RESULTS
Thursday 27-Apr	1st	Queens Junior	W 31 - 26
Friday 28-Apr	1st	Dale Junior	L 26 - 28
Saturday 29-Apr	1st	Grey Junior (PE)	L 29 - 45

"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH"			
TEAM	NAME	FIXTURE	MEMORY
1st	Matthew Bergset Joshua Howse  Kyle Wilken	Merchiston Festival vs Queens Merchiston Festival vs Dale College Merchiston Festival vs Grey PE	Courageous Tackling Big Physical Presence  Most Tackles of the Match
2nd	No Fixture Played		
3rd	No Fixture Played		
4th	No Fixture Played		
5th	No Fixture Played		
6th	No Fixture Played		
7th	No Fixture Played		
8th	No Fixture Played		
9th	No Fixture Played		

U11A	No Fixture Played
U11B	No Fixture Played
U11C	No Fixture Played
U11D	No Fixture Played
U10A	No Fixture Played
U10B	No Fixture Played
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

## FIXTURES

DPHS RUGBY FIXTURES					
DAY/DATE	TEAM	OPPONENTS	TIME	VENUE	
Friday 05-May	11C	Glenwood Prep	15h20	Glenwood (Two)	
	10A	Glenwood Prep	15h40	Glenwood (Main)	
	10B	Glenwood Prep	14h50	Glenwood (Main)	
	10C	Glenwood Prep	14h00	Glenwood (Main)	
	9A	Glenwood Prep	14h40	Glenwood (Two)	
	9B	Glenwood Prep	14h00	Glenwood (Two)	
	9C	Glenwood Prep	14h40	Glenwood (Two)	
	9D	Glenwood Prep	14h00	Glenwood (Two)	
	Gr 1 & 2 mini rugby			18h00 to 19h00	DPHS
	Saturday 06-May	1st	Glenwood Prep	11h30	Glenwood (Main)
2nd		Glenwood Prep	09h40	Glenwood (Main)	
3rd		Glenwood Prep	08h50	Glenwood (Main)	
4th		Glenwood Prep	08h00	Glenwood (Main)	
5th		Glenwood Prep	10h30	Glenwood (Two)	
6th		Glenwood Prep	09h40	Glenwood (Two)	
7th		Glenwood Prep	08h50	Glenwood (Two)	
11A		Glenwood Prep	10h30	Glenwood (Main)	
11B		Glenwood Prep	08h00	Glenwood (Two)	

## TENNIS

### Results of Junior Tennis Tour to Bethlehem - 26 - 29 April

A Team - Round Robin		
A Team	Won	Lost
Jordania A, Bethlehem	48 - 16	
Eikestad A, Stellenbosch		22 - 48 (came 2nd overall)
Newton A, Kimberley	37 - 26	
<b>Play off:</b>		
Tygerpoort A	36 - 28	
Curro, Hazeldene A		29 - 39
Truida Kestell A	43 - 19	

The A Team came 6th out of 16 teams

B Team - Round Robin		
B Team	Won	Lost
Harrismith A	48 - 4	
Jacobsdal A	39 - 22	
Pietersburg - East B		23 - 38
Oranje Noord A		33 - 37
<b>Play off:</b>		
Frankfurt A		38 - 39
Oranje Noord B	48 - 13	

The B Team came 11th out of 20 teams.

(Pietersburg - East A Team came 1st. Many schools entered A teams in B section)

Without parent support we could not do this tour. Thank you.

## DPHS ASSOCIATION

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### EXTREME DPHS SUPPORTERS SPORTS APPAREL

If you planning to be on the side of the field in Gauteng supporting DPHS U10 rugby later this month, and intend following the U11 and U13 Rugby tour to Cape Town or supporting DPHS Hockey in August and September then this is one item of DPHS clothing you must have. The DPHSA Body Warmer looks cool and will keep you warm. Available from the School Shop soon!

## 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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