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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

“Mid-thirties” is now upon us which means that there are now only 36 academic school days left to enjoy before the mid-year break, with the term ending on Friday 30 June. I again emphasize the abundance of activities in the academic, cultural and extra mural programmes that are still to be enjoyed in this extremely busy second quarter. Fasten those seatbelts as the DPHS rocket is set to soar even higher!

HIGH SCHOOLS

I share with the Prep community that certain High Schools have started to announce their acceptance of Grade 7 learners into their schools, as well as learners who may have qualified for scholarships and bursaries. I thus congratulate our own Grade 7 boys and their families on their acceptance into the high school of their choice and I hope that many ‘dreams’ to attend the preferred high school has materialized for these Prep families. I now draw some points listed below to the attention of our senior learners at this very important period in their final year.

Points to share

Please confirm with the high school you have chosen to attend as soon as possible so that they are not waiting to hear from our DPHS family.

Let the other high schools also know that you will not be attending their school so that they can offer the position to another family.

Celebrate your exciting news of acceptance - you deserve it.

Be considerate of your peers here at school who may not have been as fortunate as you and who may still be anxiously waiting for an acceptance into a High School of their choice.

Families should not hesitate to enquire from any high school as to whether your child has been accepted yet or not - do not leave this matter!

Please ensure that your child has by now definitely applied for a position at a high school - remember that this is the urgent responsibility of the family and not DPHS.

If the high school has given a set date to release their accepted candidates, which is still to come, then do not be over anxious - a friendly phone call to check is recommended.

A personal 'thank-you' call or message sent to the high school Headmaster/Management is always respected and appreciated by the school who has accepted your child, as well as the school/s that you have declined.

Please make your decision and live with it- yes, you as parents do make the final call but do include the most important partner - your son in your decision, so that this is a 'happy family' choice.

Let you, as a family, now shift your focus back on to this final year at DPHS with immediate effect, so that our boys can enjoy and concentrate all their attention into celebrating their final, senior year here without any further anxiousness or uncertainty over their high school journey.

"All Prep boys" are a true credit to any high school and I personally have no hesitation to proudly proclaim that to the high schools and their staff - many of who I know exceptionally well.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Mrs Mary Goosen who was recently a senior lecturer in foundation phase education at Embury College for teachers in training. This appointment has materialized due to the recent movement of Mrs Sandy Fennell (class teacher in Reception Unit) to the Mpumalanga area and Mrs Justine Theunissen who is about to give birth to her first child. We are delighted to have Mrs Goosen, an experienced educator, now on our staff in our DPHS family.

MOTHERS' DAY

I have personally asked your son to invite you and to strongly encourage you to attend the Mothers' Day Assembly programme this Friday at school. I now call on our Mothers/Grandmothers to make every effort to respond positively to this invitation and to be present on Friday. Please let us make this Mothers' Day the biggest attendance of 'ladies' in the history of our school! Please ensure that you have acknowledged your attendance to the respective class teachers confirming your presence.

Friday 12 May - Mother's Day

JP Assembly - 07h30

Tea (Functions Room) - 08h00

SP Assembly - 08h30

We love our 'Moms' at DPHS and would love to see the hall packed to capacity so that we as a school can honour our special ladies in our lives!

The boys have been clearly told by me (and the staff) at Assembly to spoil 'Mom' on this Mothers' Day with an abundance of hugs and kisses and those 'mom treats' e.g. breakfast in bed, etc. Moms, are to have the day off! May each of our 'Mothers' be blessed with a day of

love and happiness knowing how warmly respected and appreciated you are here at Prep. Have a 'super-duper, Proudly Prep Mothers' Day!

REMINDER

Please attend our Parents Week of interviews starting on Monday next week. I have shared with you previously how important it is that every family uses this opportunity to visit the class teacher/specialists etc. during this period so that the academic feedback can receive the top priority that it fully deserves, at this stage of the year.

Have you returned your reply slip and received your confirmation regarding the time of your appointment? - please be punctual! Enjoy.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the rugby teams on our school achievements against Glenwood Prep this past weekend with Prep winning 16 out of the 17 matches played from the U9 age group through to U13.

To the respective 'Taonga' memory achievers in each team - see attached list in this Prep Patter.

To the large number of mini rugby players and parents who attended our Prep Mini Rugby programme on Friday night - the same again for this Friday please!

To our D Team tennis players on their results in our first round of league fixtures played this past Monday, with a victory over St Henrys.

To the Mr Prep's of the week:

Junior Primary: **Ryan Walsh - Grade 2 Murphy**

Senior Primary: **Bonga Mathenjwa - Grade 5 Huber**

To the U12/U13 Prep boys who have been attending the Durban Coastal rugby trials this week and who have been selected to represent these teams at the Inter District Festival next week.

THANK YOU

I really am extremely grateful to the families who are ensuring that their sons are so neatly groomed in appearance for school now, on a daily basis. Boys throughout each grade are proudly showing me their Prep haircuts, garters, polished shoes which are now a standard routine for our learners - well done boys and families.

However it only takes **one** person to spoil this school effort as has been noted with a few who need reminding including those boys who forget the standard dress code for after school practices etc.

Let us continue to celebrate the support and positive efforts noted but I call on all families to constantly check and maintain these non-negotiable standards. Keep it 'Proudly Prep' at all times - no time to let 'any paint-dry' with regards to our levels and excellence.

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

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Don't	Do
Miss days off from school unless medically booked off	Make every effort to attend school on a daily basis
Take chances with the dress code	Wear their uniform 'Proudly' at all times
Spoil 'themselves' on Mother's Day	Spoil their "Moms' with love on Mothers' Day
Make fun of or embarrass other	Praise and acknowledge the efforts of

children	other children
Forget to express their manners at all times	Remember to greet and respect here at school, at other schools, at home and in public areas
Go to sleep without calling out 'Go Prep'	Place their Prep cap on their bed before turning their light off - Sweet dreams will follow!

HEADMASTER'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Step into 'enemy' territory with courage and defeat the giant that is holding your 'dream' captive".

"Yours in Prep"

MR B WILSON
Headmaster

CONGRATULATIONS

TOP ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Grade 7 Top Artists: **Keenan McLeod**

Grade 6 Top Artists: **Noah Schulte**

Grade 5 Top Artist: **Richard Eyres**

Grade 4 Top Artist: **Nitai Pertab**

Grade 3 Top Artist: **Shivay Soodyall**

The following boys completed the 45 km Durban aQuelle cycle race
Muhammad Cassim, Ahmad Seedat, Arman Pema

Jake Goder came 1st in the U13 division of the Salt Rock Beach "Feel The Stoke" Junior Body Boarding competition

Benjamin Ribbink participated in the SA Longboard Championship U14 League and came 2nd.

The following boys have been chosen to represent the Durban Central Hockey teams.

U13A: Joshua Wilmans, Matthew Bergset, Luke Wilson

U13B: Matthew Wilson, Joshua Heath, Matthew Gore

U12: Stefan Swart, Ben Aylward, Wade Veitch, Ziyaad Moolla, Dylan Bush, Colm Reardon

Declan-Stone Wensley-Hill was awarded a gold medal for BMX racing during the weekend.



Grade 7 Jali enjoyed a morning on the water at Sail Africa. All three Grade 7 classes will attend the course at Sail Africa this week (weather dependent) as part of the Grade 7 "Bloke's Day"

CALENDAR

Wednesday 10 May	Durban North Rugby Trials Grade 7 - Sail Africa Excursion Staff Meeting Reception Unit Parent's Art Activity Evening	09h30 18h00
Thursday 11 May	Grade 7 - Sail Africa Excursion	
Friday 12 May	Westville - Glenwood Prep - Northlands (Away) Grade 6 Open Assembly for Junior Primary Mothers' Day Mothers' Day Tea in the Functions Room Grade 6 Open Assembly for Senior Primary Mothers' Day Grade 5 & 6 - "Beyond the River" Excursion Mini Rugby	07h30 08h00 08h30 09h30 18h00
Saturday 13 May	Sharks vs Kings (A)	17h00
Sunday 14 May		
Monday 15 May	Speech and Drama Festival starts Staff Meeting Parents Week - Interviews League Tennis Matches	09h30 13h00 14h00
Tuesday 16 May	Parents Week - Interviews Junior Tennis Championship	13h00 14h00
Wednesday 17 May	Senior Primary Social Media Talk - Emma Sadleir Parents Week - Interviews Parents Social Media Talk - Emma Sadleir	08h30 13h00 18h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

We look forward to seeing you all at the *Reception Unit's Parents' Activity Evening tonight from 18h00 to 20h00*. Please join us in your son's classroom, where a variety of materials will be available. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and create something special for your son using the materials provided. Grateful thanks to the Red Group parents who have been asked to provide a plate of eats for this event. ***Please note that this event is for adults only.***

The Reception Unit's first *House Dress Day* for 2017 took place last Friday. The boys all arrived proudly wearing their house kit and loyalty for their DPHS houses was already most evident. Our Grade 7 House Captains joined us for brief house meetings and were great role models for the Grade R boys.

Tayla Deare and Chloe Pillay, our Green and Red Group teacher assistants, will be writing their exams during the course of the next couple of weeks. We wish them well during this time and know that their hard work will be justly rewarded. Sue Matthyssen, who worked with us earlier this year, will be assisting in the groups during this time.

We are having great fun exploring the *Senses* during our School Readiness Programme. Thank you for helping us by sending in the *pleasant or unpleasant smells* and the specific *tastes*, as requested via the notebooks. It is always very amusing watching the reactions of the boys.

This Friday we will be having a *Teddy Bears' Picnic* during the school morning. Each Grade R boy is encouraged to bring along a favourite toy for our fun picnic snack in the school garden!

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

The House Dress Day last Friday included the first Prep Pal meeting of the term. The families met to enjoy time together and participated in activities linked to the "Taonga/Prep Treasure" theme. These meetings are always time well spent as the Pals get to know each other better and have fun together.

The U9 teams are congratulated on their very successful start to the second term Rugby fixtures which took place last Friday afternoon. That evening the Grade One and Two Mini-Rugby boys enjoyed the special atmosphere which comes with playing under the floodlights and they are looking forward to another Friday evening session this week.

Mothers are reminded of their invitation to attend the Mothers' Day assembly which will be presented by the Grade Six section this Friday morning. All our mums are wished a very Happy Mothers' Day for Sunday and we trust that your sons will make you feel as special, loved and appreciated as you are.

All parents are reminded that next week is Parents' Week and the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you during your designated 15 minute appointment to discuss your son's progress and wellbeing.

MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week's recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" 😊				
CLASS		NAME	REASON	
GRADE 1	Langley	Nathan Schneider	For always giving of his best and for his delightful nature	
		Lwando Maquthu	For his excellent behaviour and his huge effort in all that he does	
	Everitt	Muhammad Rameez Asmal	For trying very hard to improve the presentation of his work	
		Joshua Pelser	For his enthusiasm during group reading lessons	
	Greensill	Junior Kyobe	For being so kind and helpful	
		Thomas Maujean	For his improved efforts	
	Twaddle	Levi Poezyn	For his improved efforts	
		Ben Gordon	For trying hard to improve his focus and work presentation	
	GRADE 2	May	Kyle Howden	For being a kind and helpful classmate
			Jed Reilly	For his improved focus
Bush		Ayanda Phungula	For his very good listening skills	
		John-Alan Harding	For giving of his best and being a kind friend	
Murphy		Joshua van Dongen	For his detailed news and creative story writing	
		Michael Jansen	For his sense of fun and improved efforts	
Oosthuis		Dev Gokal	For always being so willing to help	
		Zane van der Nest	For trying hard to stay focused and complete his tasks	
GRADE 3		Veerasamy	Amaar Essack	For his beautiful manners and positive attitude towards all tasks
			Thomas Aylward	For his sense of fun and great improvement in his work presentation
	Marklew	Danyaal Motala	For the great improvement in his work this term	
		Samuel Heath	For his happy, cheerful personality	
	Martin	Euan van Jaarsveld	For his enthusiasm for Prep life	
		Sebastian Laudenberg	For his happy nature and excellent work presentation	
	Vawda	Harshal Daya	For trying hard to improve his work presentation	
		Benjamin Mullins	For his good efforts in Mathematics	

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

1st Grade 3 Veerasamy (10m 00cm)

2nd Grade 2 Oosthuis (9m 20cm)

SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

RUGBY RESULTS

DPHS RUGBY RESULTS			
DAY/DATE	TEAM	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Friday 05-May	11C	Glenwood Prep	W 47-0
	10A	Glenwood Prep	W 37-7
	10B	Glenwood Prep	W 22-0
	10C	Glenwood Prep	W 41-5
	9A	Glenwood Prep	W 25-15
	9B	Glenwood Prep	W 75-5
	9C	Glenwood Prep	W 65-5
	9D	Glenwood Prep	W 65-0
	Saturday 06-May	1st	Glenwood Prep
2nd		Glenwood Prep	W 14-8
3rd		Glenwood Prep	W 17-12
4th		Glenwood Prep	W 48-7
5th		Glenwood Prep	W 54-0
6th		Glenwood Prep	W 45-10
7th		Glenwood Prep	W 19-17
11A		Glenwood Prep	W 24-17
11B		Glenwood Prep	W 24-7

"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH" - RUGBY			
TEAM	NAME	FIXTURE	MEMORY
1st	Matthew Stewart	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Last minute call up and getting up after being tackled extremely hard.
2nd	Kean Ikin	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Massive cover tackle on the Glenwood Fullback
3rd	Michael Thornton	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Epic performance, big tackles
4th	David van Rooyen	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Great cleanouts - Hard Yards won
5th	Mbuso Kweyama	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Magnificent 4 tries
6th	Kyle Setzkorn	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Setting up the tries and getting stuck in to the rucks
7th	Guy Joughin	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	50m run to score a try
U11A	Blake Kruger	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Started at centre due to injuries and moved back to 8th man and brought spark
U11B	Noah Jackson	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Good game awareness and ball carrying skills
U11C	Brogan Esterhuizen	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Quick ball, quick service. Outstanding scrum half play
U11D	No Fixture Played		
U10A	Tristan Smith	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Try before half time "The Snipe" 40m

U10B	Joshua Hansmann	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Powerful carries and maintaining good body position. Always getting go forward ball
U10C	Tendekayi Moto	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Storming run down the touch to score a try
U9A	Thomas Aylward	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Hard decisive running at all times
U9B	Muhammad Essack	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Ferocious defence
U9C	Luke Baird	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	6 tries
U9D	Benjamin Mullins	DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Ben showed the courage and determination of a lion

FIXTURES

DAY/DATE	TEAM	OPPONENTS	TIME	VENUE
Friday 12-May	1st	Westville	19h20	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	2nd	Westville	18h30	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	3rd	Westville	16h50	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	4th	Westville	15h10	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	11A	Westville	17h40	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	11B	Westville	14h20	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	10A	Westville	16h00	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	10C	Westville 10B	13h30	Westville (Wandsbeck)
	9A	Westville 9A	14h20	Westville (Sefton)
	9C	Westville 9B	13h30	Westville (Sefton)
	9E	Westville 9C	14h20	Westville (Sefton)
	9G	Westville 9D	13h30	Westville (Sefton)
	Gr 1 & 2 Mini Rugby		18h00 to 19h00	
DPHS VS GLENWOOD PREP				
	5th	Glenwood Prep 5th	15h40	Glenwood 1
	6th	Glenwood Prep 6th	14h50	Glenwood 1
	7th	Glenwood Prep 6th	14h00	Glenwood 1
	11C	Glenwood Prep 11C	14h50	Glenwood 2
	10D	Glenwood Prep 10C	14h00	Glenwood 2
Sat 13-May	9B	Northlands 9A	09h10	Northlands 2
	9D	Northlands 9B	08h35	Northlands 2
	9F	Northlands 9C	08h00	Northlands 2

TENNIS

DPHS vs St Henry's - 8 May 2017

Team	Won	Lost
DPHS D vs St Henry's A	33 - 30	

"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH" - TENNIS			
DPHS D	Luca Robinson	DPHS vs St Henry's	Determination to return every ball, no matter what

DPHS EDUCATIONAL TRUST PHOTONOTE GOLF DAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

The DPHS Educational Trust will be holding their Annual Golf Day, at Royal Durban Golf Club on Friday 15 September 2017. Should you or your company be able to participate by sponsoring a tee or green; entering a four ball or donating prizes please contact Mia Venter (Golf Day Convenor) at donmia@mweb.co.za or Liz Elliott (DPHS Educational Trust) at trust@dphs.co.za or 031-3122154.

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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UNDER 10 RUGBY TOUR PARENTS - please join the DPHSA!

I am happy to learn that many DPHS parents/grandparents will be making the trip to Trinityhouse School, Rand Park Ridge next week to support our very talented and hard working Under 10 rugby teams and their coaches. This is a first time tour and rugby adventure of epic proportions for our brave U10's so your presence and support will be greatly enjoyed and appreciated by them.

There is no denying how inspired we are by the pride and joy we feel, watching DPHS boys sporting their school colours on the sports field. My experience is that watching Prep boys play sport is always an uplifting experience.

In return let's give our PREP boys the extra lift they deserve by joining the DPHSA now and becoming an official lifetime DPHS supporter.

Picture yourself on the side of the field proudly sporting a DPHS supporters cap and if the chilly Gauteng weather is a problem for you then a DPHS Supporter's Body Warmer from the School Shop is a must for you too.

Show our Headmaster, Prep boys and their coaches how passionate you are about PREP!

The DPHS brand and emblem is imprinted on the minds of supporters and admirers all over South Africa as a school of remarkable significance and value. The members of the DPHSA are flag bearers for our great brand, school and amazing boys.

Contact me at rneave@dphs.co.za or visit the School Shop to join the DPHSA.

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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