

# Durban Preparatory High School



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## DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

### BULLETIN 24: WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

#### Welcome

We had a "lift off" on Monday 24 July to launch the start of the third academic term which will span over a period of 10 weeks i.e.) - from today a total of 46 school days ahead to really enjoy. I remind you that break-up day for this third quarter is on Friday 29 September - please ensure that your son is at school until this final day of the term. The first two terms have been great - let us now make term three even greater.

#### Staff News

I again remind you that Miss Paige Challis-Chandler has joined us as a class educator in the Grade 6 section. We now look forward to her valuable contribution both in the classroom and in the extra-mural activities. The Prep colours of blue and gold really do suit you "Miss C", so please rest assured that we as the 'Prep family' are extremely pleased to have acquired your services into the team.

The Staff are re-charged and yet again raring to tackle the new term with true Prep spirit and energy. All hands are on deck so the 'HMS Prep' is ready to sail forward, towards the exciting challenges of the third quarter. Thank you in advance to our loyal crew!

There is great excitement and cheer in the staffroom on the announcement of Miss Twaddle's (Grade 1) engagement to Tyrone that took place during the holidays. The Prep community sends abundant love and congratulations to Kirstin and Tyrone.

Please note that both Mr & Mrs Phipson will also enjoy this week as they will be in Cape Town as Prep parents supporting the rugby tour through until Sunday.

As I will be on rugby tour as well, I inform you that all structures are in place during our absence. However, I do ask you to refer to your class teacher, Grade leaders and if need be, the following staff members in the respective phases.

**Pre-Primary - Mrs K Bruorton**

**Junior Primary - Miss C Gilroy**

**Senior Primary - Mr A Naidu**

There will be 10 teams on tour which means that staff/student coaches will be with the teams. Replacement staff and programmes are in place so please note that the academic and extra-mural programmes will continue as per normal.

### Reports

I do hope that you as a family spent quality time enjoying the mid-year reports. Please continue to monitor your child's academic progress on a daily basis and thus maintain the constructive guidelines and recommendations expressed by the respective staff members. It is important that all partners focus on classroom, homework and self-study responsibilities so that results in each subject can be improved upon. Has your child achieved a Top 10 class position and enjoyed the Headmasters Tea at term end?

May Term 3 be the term for such celebrations especially if your son is challenging for a "hat trick" of term end treats and achievements. Let us reach for those new academic goals now laid down!

### Marimba/Gumboot Tour

This week also sees the launch of this cultural tour to Johannesburg where our Prep Marimba and Gumboot Dance boys will be performing at the International Marimba and Steel Pan Festival. The boys will be accompanied by Mrs Briscoe, Mrs Perks and Mrs Vosloo. Mrs Matthyssen, our Reception Unit locum will also be present as mother on tour. The tour party have really been hard at training in preparation for this prestigious event and judging from previous years the DPHS performance will be well supported and respected. It really is so encouraging to note that our school is actively involved in both these cultural and sporting tours around the country. Best wishes to our Marimba/Gumboot tour members - May you again receive a well-deserved 'encore' and standing ovation each day.

### Following Term Events

I have listed various activities to look forward to during this term which will call on the support of all partners in each phase throughout our school.

<b>Rugby Tour - 10 Prep teams to Cape Town</b>
<b>Marimba/Gumboot Tour to Johannesburg</b>
<b>Hockey v/s Clifton x 2, Highbury, Merchiston x 2, Glenwood Prep, Northlands/Penzance, Virginia, SA Prep Festival and Maritzburg College Festival</b>
<b>Hockey House Matches</b>
<b>Inter-house JP and SP Athletics Meetings</b>
<b>Inter-house Cross Country</b>
<b>Inter-house Field Events - Athletics</b>
<b>Inter-schools Athletics meeting hosted at DPHS</b>
<b>Senior Tennis Tour to Bethlehem</b>
<b>Festival in the Hills - DPHS Choir Presentation</b>
<b>House Play Rehearsals</b>
<b>School/House Play Presentations</b>
<b>Reception Unit Family Fun Day</b>
<b>Friends' and Founders' Flag-raising Assembly and Evening Function</b>
<b>JP Sports Photographs</b>
<b>Prep Pal Meetings</b>
<b>Open Assemblies - Grade 5 Huber, Grade 4 Fletcher, Grade 2 Grandparents</b>

and Top 10 Academics
DPHS Association Newsletter updates
“Honour Your Helpers” End of Term Luncheon
Budget SGM for Parents
DPHS Golf Day - Royal Durban
Sunflower Fund Bandana Day
Under 11 Quadrangular Cricket Festival - Term end at DPHS
Public Holidays - Wednesday 9 August (Womens Day)
Monday 25 September (Heritage Day)
Final Day - Friday 29 September

**REMEMBER: PREP BOYS**

<b>Don't</b>	<b>Do</b>
Take three days to start the term	Fire on all cylinders to start the term on the first day back
Sit back and watch the term pass	Get actively involved
<b>Maintain</b> their academic standards this term	<b>Raise</b> their academic standards each term
Come late for school and rush their start	Arrive early for school and settle down for the day
Disrespect our school uniform and hair standards	Respect our dress/appearance non-negotiable standards
Forget our manners	Proudly display “Prep Manners” of the highest level

**Headmaster’s Quote for the Week**

“Ask yourself if what you are doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow”

Yours in Prep

**MR B WILSON**  
Headmaster

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A beautiful start to the Rugby Tour to Cape Town - Fixtures versus Wynberg

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Karan Varyani** has been selected to represent the South African Tennis A team from 19 August to 31 August 2017 in New Orleans USA and will watch the US open.

**Hamza Mahomed** performed very well and was selected for the provisional SA U13 squad to participate in the World Games Tournament in Dubai next year.

**Bryce Woolf** participated in the South African Ice Hockey IPT held in Cape Town. He represented as Assistant Captain in KZN U12 and was awarded a trophy for most valuable player in his first match and was placed 1st in the country in his age group.

**Nicholas Hamilton** and **Karl Schaefer** played doubles in the Growth point tennis series during the holidays at Westridge. They came first in the gold section for the under 12 age group.

The following boys were awarded trophies at the Collegians Mini Rugby prize giving:

**Jack Woolatt (Connor Bell Award 2017)**

**Elijah Van Jaarsveld (U7 Players Player)**

**James Pohl (U10 Players Player)**

## CALENDAR

Wednesday 26 July	Cape Town Rugby Tour Mothers Committee Meeting	07h30
Thursday 27 July	Cape Town Rugby Tour U9 Field Events Practice - Bullimore and Haysom	13h45
Friday 28 July	Cape Town Rugby Tour Marimba/Gumboot Tour to Johannesburg Super Rugby Semi-Finals	
Saturday 29 July	Cape Town Rugby Tour Marimba/Gumboot Tour to Johannesburg Super Rugby Semi-Finals	
Sunday 30 July	Cape Town Rugby Tour Marimba/Gumboot Tour to Johannesburg	
Monday		



31 July		
Tuesday 01 August	House Play Rehearsal	14h00
Wednesday 02 August	Principal's Meeting at Fynnlands Primary Hockey vs Clifton (Junior and Senior)	12h00 14h30

## RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Welcome back. We hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful mid-year break with your families. An extra special welcome is extended to Robbie-Paul Jones who will be joining our Blue Group this term. We wish him and his family a happy and enriching association with our school.

An exciting, busy time lies ahead of us with many interesting activities planned for the Grade R boys. The most important date to diarise is our **Reception Unit Family Fun Day on Saturday 12th August, from 9am till 11am**. This is a morning for the whole family that is not to be missed. More information regarding our Fun Day will be sent home later this week. A FUN DAY meeting will also be held on **Tuesday 1st August at 07h45** for any Grade R Parents who would like to assist with the running of this event on the day.

## JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

I trust that all our JP boys and families had an enjoyable holiday and are feeling ready for another exciting Prep term. We were thrilled to receive the news during the holidays of the engagement of Grade One teacher Kirstin Twaddle to Tyrone Pullen and we wish them every happiness as they plan and prepare for the next exciting phase in their lives. A special word of welcome is extended to student teacher Melissa Lourenco who will be doing her Teaching Practice in Grade One as well as to new boys Kyle Bayliss-Lane (Grade One) and Aqhama Lushaba (Grade Three). We trust that they are already feeling part of the Prep family.

Although we have only been back at school for a few days, we have certainly had a very positive start to this third term. It was so pleasing to observe the excitement amongst the boys on the first day of school and the dedicated manner in which they have settled back into the school programme. This term is a particularly busy one from a sports perspective as it caters for both Athletics and Hockey. The Athletics kit comprises of the same house shirt and white shorts that are worn on House Dress Days. Most practices, apart from those for the U9 field events, will take place during school time in preparation for the Annual JP Inter-House Athletics event scheduled for Thursday 24 August. The first practice will take place this Friday morning.

The U9 Hockey at the Riverside Astro Turf begins this week and the Mini-Hockey for the Grade 1 and 2 boys begins on Saturday 12 August.

### Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

#### Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 3 Veerasamy (10m 50cm)

2nd Grade 2 Oosthuis and Grade 3 Vawda (5m 30cm)

## SPORTS NEWS

### DPHS HOCKEY FIXTURES

DATE: WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST (1ST TEAM ON MONDAY 31 JULY)

OPPOSITION: CLIFTON

	TIME	Open Teams (Full field)	VENUE	UMPIRE
	17h20	1st (Mon 31 July)	Clifton Riverside Turf 2	Both
		20 min halves		

SPUR	17h50	2nd	DPHS Riverside Turf 1	Both
	17h00	3rd	DPHS Riverside Turf 1	Both
	16h10	4th	DPHS Riverside Turf 1	Both
	15h20	5th	DPHS Riverside Turf 1	Both
	14h35	6th	DPHS Riverside Turf 1	Both

SPUR	TIME	U/11 Teams ½ Field	VENUE	UMPIRE
			15 min halves	
	16h25	11A	Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Half 2)	Both
	15h45	11B	Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Half 2)	Both
	15h05	11C	Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Half 2)	Both
	14h25	11D	Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Half 2)	Both

SPUR	TIME	U/10 Teams 1/4 fields		VENUE	UMPIRE	
			15 min halves			
	15h45	10A	10D	Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Quarter 3 & 4)	DPHS	CLIFTON
	15h05	10B	10E	Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Quarter 3 & 4)	CLIFTON	DPHS
	14h25	10C		Clifton Riverside Turf 2 (Quarter 3)	DPHS	

U/9 Teams ¼ field
u9 Fixtures are postponed (Date TBC)

## 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](mailto:trust@dphs.co.za) or 031-3122154.

## DPHS ASSOCIATION

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### CAPE TOWN RUGBY TOUR

DPHSA proudly acknowledges and supports the DPHS Cape Town Rugby Tour Party of U11, U12 and U13 Boys (150 plus), Staff, Coaches, Parents (200 plus), Director of Sport, Michael Dick and Headmaster, Barry Wilson who depart for Cape Town today to play rugby against Wynberg Junior (today), Bishops Junior on Thursday afternoon and SACS on Saturday morning.

Bon Voyage from the DPHSA to this inspired group of DPHS Sportsman and ambassadors.

## 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 3 AND 4 DATES as supplied by Naptosa

TERM 3: 24 July - 29 September

TERM 4: 09 October - 06 December

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