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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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Please note that the next Prep Patter - Bulletin 26 - will go out on Friday 11 August due to Wednesday 09 August being a Public holiday.- Woman's Day!

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Welcome to the 8th month of the year - August which now leaves us 40 school days left to enjoy during this third quarter. The term is definitely in full swing with positive energy filling the corridors of Prep.

Cape Town Tour

What an amazing experience for the Headmaster, coaches, staff, parents and boys that descended in large numbers into Cape Town last week. I personally find this fact that there were 186 seats available on the plane and that 178 Prep staff and boys combined almost filled up the entire aircraft. This was followed by plus 200 Prep parents for the duration of the tour. It really felt like we were playing at home as the echo of "Go Prep" vibrated off the majestic Table Mountain during each fixture. There were seven U13 teams and three U11 teams on tour so 30 matches in total were played against Wynberg, Bishops and SACS. The standard of play noted (and commented on) by our boys was exceptional with us returning home with 21 wins, 1 draw and only 8 losses. This result is an amazing achievement by Prep as we played against highly respected rugby schools in the Western Cape and we had just returned from the mid-year break. I wish to express how appreciative I am of the professional input and support given by the staff, coaches both on and off the field of play and the "Taonga" commitment and pride displayed by the boys and their respective teams.

It was so encouraging to constantly have the backing of the parents who were there not only for their own son but for all the Prep boys - the abundant support and encouragement really

warmed the heart. Thank you to our Tour Organiser/Director Mr Dick for the thorough planning of the itinerary which also included visits to the Waterfront and boat trips in Hout Bay out to Seal Island. However the biggest acknowledgement for me came from the host parents SACS, who looked after our boys for four days. These hosts expressed daily how impressed they were at the behaviour and manners of our Prep boys with many close friendships created amongst the boys and the parents from both schools. Congratulations Prep - you were true ambassadors for our wonderful school. Our Grade 7 families will definitely remember this 2017 tour with the junior age groups already looking forward to 2018. A most enjoyable and memorable experience!

Marimba & Gumboot Dance Tour

Our cultural pillar were also on tour at the Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Festival in Gauteng and I again can only “sing the praises” of the entire tour party of staff, boys and parents. I have seen and heard the compliments expressed by our own Prep tour party as well as the organisers and hosts of this event. The success of this tour was clearly evident with the broadest smile on Mrs Briscoe’s face on return to school on Monday. It was clearly evident that DPHS had performed, displayed and behaved at the highest levels, with an audience throughout the programme, calling “Encore”. It is so encouraging to note the dedicated efforts of all Prep partners and I do look forward to driving this cultural event through our school, so that even more families can benefit from this participation both here in Durban and on such tours around the country. Thank you to all the staff, boys and the families in support for your positive input and genuine interest noted in preparation beforehand and during this event, Bravo Prep!

Inter-school Competition

“We are the Champions” Our Technology Department under the leadership of Mrs Parry and ably supported by our Maintenance Director Mr Edouard-Betsy combined with our determined boys, took up the challenge to design and build a Modern Urban Garden using plastic recycling. Nine teams of boys took up the challenge with our boys creating vertical gardens, gardens on wheels, drip-feed (gravity systems), pull along gardens, a garden in a hat, gardens with a pump to circulate the irrigation system through a solar panel, as well as a garden with a moisture sensor that indicated to the irrigation pipes to turn on when the soil became too dry. Now this is what I call “Prep initiative” and this creative, out of the box thinking and designing was proudly displayed at the East Coast Radio House and Garden Show. Our school was judged as the winning school on display and so earned R5000 for our school for these brilliant displays. This project clearly emphasizes the quality and valuable learning experiences provided by this department here at school. Congratulations Mrs Parry, staff and our creative thinkers/designers on your outstanding achievements and honour that you have achieved for our school. A Proudly Prep experience!

Tennis Tour

Our Senior Tennis team under the guidance and drive of Mrs Smith will be leaving for Bethlehem next week to participate in a National Festival of well-respected schools from around the country. This tour is a respected event on our calendar, where each year DPHS travels to participate and achieve with excellence amongst the overall rankings. I again acknowledge the combined efforts and commitment by Mrs Smith, Staff, team members and their respective families in preparing for this tour and the determination already noted to succeed whilst in Bethlehem. I will be leaving after school on Tuesday to join our Tennis team for the matches on Wednesday (Public Holiday) and Thursday and will return for school on Friday. The team will be actively involved in fixtures through until Saturday and will be present for the closing ceremony and prize-giving. I am extremely confident that we will be celebrating the efforts and achievements of the Tennis touring party, on their return. May we enjoy this prestigious event in Bethlehem.

Third Term Extra-murals

Take a careful look around school and across our city and you will see our DPHS colours in action whether it be at early morning cross country training, hockey practices & matches, house play rehearsals, tennis practices, cultural club activities etc. You will also note that the rugby poles are down and that the athletics track and 'field-event' markings are laid down on both fields in preparation for our standard points programme and Inter-house athletic events. Please ensure that your son is committed to the PE lessons where these athletic standards are being recorded for each learner so that the respective house points and team-lists can be prepared for our most enjoyable Inter-house sports days that lie ahead.

The Reception Unit, Junior Primary and Senior Primary boys will display their talents and Inter-house pride at these sports days and I call on all families to prepare in advance to encourage your children to enthusiastically participate in this build-up on a daily basis. Please get your own house colours ready to cheer on your house here at school!

I have also noticed the Houses are thoroughly preparing and rehearsing for their roles as cast members to represent their houses this term in our annual House Plays. Here we go Prep - Let's go!

DATES TO DIARISE

Saturday 12 August	Reception Unit Family Fun Day on the Walshaw Field
Friday 18 August	Prep Carnival. A fun event not to be missed by any family. Please see your letter sent home already.
Tuesday 22 August	JP/SP field events
Wednesday 23 August	Athletics/U9 800m/tug of war SP 1200m and tug of war
Thursday 24 August	House Dress Day (RU/JP/SP) Flag Raising Ceremony Assembly JP/SP Athletics Meetings Friends and Founders Evening Function
Tuesday 29 August	Inter Schools Athletics Meeting hosted by DPHS (tbc)
*Please remember our Grade 4 Countries and Cultures Day that will be hosted on Thursday 31 August.	

Appearance

Thank you Prep for making the necessary effort to return to school neatly presented for school on a daily basis. Most boys have respected our haircut standards which is most pleasing to see and have continued to ensure that school shoes are polished, garters are worn and uniform is spotless. Well done - but do remember that this standard must be maintained by each learner throughout the term.

MR PREP:

Congratulations!

The following boys have been recognised this week.

Junior Primary - Zwelindayi Msomi - Grade 1 Langley

Senior Primary - Jedd Poovan - Grade 6 Armstrong

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

Don't	Do
Forget their PE kit	Remember their PE Kit in order to score Standard Points during these lessons
Forget to thank their parents, staff and team members for their tours	Appreciate the efforts of all Prep partners for arranging and conducting the tours
Sit idle this term	Become actively involved in the many sporting, cultural and school club activities available
Drop their appearance standard on any	Display their Prep colours Proudly

day	
Display any unkind behaviour to any other person!!!	Respect and display kindness to all Prep partners!!!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR THE THIRD TERM

Hockey v/s Clifton x 2, Highbury, Merchiston x 2, Glenwood Prep, Northlands/Penzance, Virginia, SA Prep Festival and Maritzburg College Festival
Hockey House Matches
Inter-house JP and SP Athletics Meetings
Inter-house Cross Country
Inter-house Field Events - Athletics
Inter-schools Athletics meeting hosted at DPHS
Senior Tennis Tour to Bethlehem
Festival in the Hills - DPHS Choir Presentation
House Play Rehearsals
School/House Play Presentations
Reception Unit Family Fun Day
Friends' and Founders' Flag-raising Assembly and Evening Function
JP Sports Photographs
Prep Pal Meetings
Open Assemblies - Grade 5 Huber, Grade 4 Fletcher, Grade 2 Grandparents and Top 10 Academics
DPHS Association Newsletter updates
"Honour Your Helpers" End of Term Luncheon
Budget SGM for Parents
DPHS Golf Day - Royal Durban
Bandana Day
Under 11 Quadrangular Cricket Festival - Term end at DPHS
Public Holidays - Wednesday 9 August (Women's Day)
Monday 25 September (Heritage Day)
Final Day - Friday 29 September

Headmasters Quote of the Week

"Neither genius, fame, nor love show the greatness of the soul.
Only kindness can do that!"

Yours in Prep

MR B WILSON
Headmaster



CONGRATULATIONS

Jed Reilly and Thomas Smith were awarded U8 Coaches Award trophies at Crusaders Junior Rugby.

Max Mills was awarded U8 player of the year at Crusaders Junior Rugby.

Thomas Cruickshank was awarded U9 trophy for player of the year and a medal for participation at Crusaders Rugby.

Lwandle Sosibo was presented with a sash for Kung Fu level 2.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 02 August	Principal's Meeting at Fynnlands Primary Hockey vs Clifton (Junior and Senior)	12h00 14h30
Thursday 03 August	Staff Meeting House Play Rehearsal Inter House Cross Country (tbc)	09h30 14h00 14h00
Friday 04 August	Cross Country at Crawford La Lucia Senior Primary House Sprint Trials	10h00
Saturday 05 August	Cross Country Durban Central Trials at UKZN Super Rugby Final	
Sunday 06 August		
Monday 07 August		
Tuesday 08 August	Senior Tennis Tour to Bethlehem Staff Meeting House Play Rehearsal	09h30 14h00
Wednesday 09 August	Senior Tennis Tour to Bethlehem Public Holiday - Woman's Day	

	House Play Rehearsal	14h00
Friday 11 August	Senior Tennis Tour to Bethlehem Cross Country at Crawford North Coast Open Assembly Hockey vs Highbury (Jnr) (H)	07h30 14h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

The excitement is growing amongst the boys for our Reception Unit Family Fun Day next Saturday (12 August) from 09h00 till 11h00 and we are looking forward to seeing you all there! It is always a great morning, with a combination of mini soccer games and participation at the varied games stalls. The morning will finish off with a few fun events for our boys to enjoy with their parents. Please remember to purchase your Fun Day Wristbands (R50 per child) by sending the money in a clearly marked envelope in your son's notebook. Wristbands for siblings can also be purchased. Extra bands will also be on sale on the day from the DPHS gazebo. We are still needing volunteers to assist with the soccer games and games stalls so please return your reply slips as soon as possible or chat to us with any queries. We are looking forward to a fun, family event!

Please also note: *The Spur Mobile Van and Café Pronto will be providing food and refreshments on the day, operating on a cash only basis.*

Thank you for the contributions for our recycling room. It is now overflowing with items so please do not send in anymore until further notice.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

Mr Wilson visited the JP Assembly this week, pointing out the fact that we are now more than half way through the year and spurring the boys on to give of their best in order to finish the year on a high note. He had a special word of encouragement for the Grade 3 boys who now have a few more months left at the head of the JP Section. We certainly look forward to working together for the remainder of the year to ensure that the boys continue to enjoy a very productive learning experience.

While Athletics is the focus of the PE programme for the next month, swimming will begin in the heated pool at the beginning of September. It is crucial that all boys are water safe. Parents whose sons are not yet reasonably competent and confident in the water are urged to enrol them in swimming lessons. The pre-season sessions which we have arranged for a group of Grade One boys support this aim.

Practices for the field and track events of our annual Sports Day have commenced. The U9 boys are reminded that there is no Hockey practice this Friday and their first inter-school hockey fixtures are scheduled for the end of next week.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" ☺			
CLASS		NAME	REASON
GRADE 1	Langley	Mohamed Zidane Hassim	For his eagerness to attempt new challenges
		Elijah van Jaarsveld	For his much improved writing and good work speed
	Everitt	Michael Spooner	For his impressive work skills
		Mnotho Ngema	For his cheerful disposition and always giving of his best
	Greensill	Garth Finnemore	For his positive attitude and cheerful disposition

		Quade Symmons	For trying hard to focus on his tasks
	Twaddle	Carter Seiler	For his efforts to improve his work presentation
		Kyle Bayliss-Lane	For settling well into DPHS
GRADE 2	May	Priyan Pillay	For his very good maths work
		Thomas Frickel	For giving of his best each day
	Bush	John-Alan Harding	For his creative sentences and beautiful pictures
		Ryan van Zyl	For his expressive and fluent reading
	Murphy	Jake Jones	For his positive attitude and diligent approach to all tasks
		Sam Neill	For his beautiful work and happy nature
	Oosthuis	Tyler Ashton	For an extremely positive start to term 3
		James Hughes	For a positive start to the term
GRADE 3	Veerasamy	Hayden Kotze	For his enthusiasm and a wonderful start to the term
		Keegan Doyle	For his enthusiasm and positive attitude toward all subjects
	Marklew	Liyema Tafeni	For his neat work
		Yasir Moosa	For trying hard to present neat work and careful writing
	Horning	Yahya Moolla	For giving of his best each day
		Jake McDonald	For his beautifully presented work
	Vawda	Aqhama Lushaba	For settling well into his new school
		Shreyan Naidoo	For his lovely efforts in mathematics

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 1 Langley (9m 50cm)

2nd Grade 2 Oosthuis (5m 50cm)

SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY - CAPE TOWN TOUR RESULTS

<i>DPHS</i>	<i>WYNBERG</i>	<i>RESULT</i>	<i>NAME OF PLAYER</i>	<i>"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH"</i>
1st	U13A	W 73 - 17	Jonathan Horak	For an outstanding play all over
2nd	U13B	W 29 - 26	Matthew Stewart	For his match winning try
3rd	U12A	W 47 - 7	Aidan Jack	For outstanding ball carries
4th	U13C	W 28 - 5	Harvey Millard	For outstanding kicking and defence
5th	WPPS U13B	L 19 - 29	Andile Gwamanda	For an outstanding game overall
6th	U12B	L 21 - 28	Mlondi Mbonambi	For strong ball carrying
7th	U12C	W 39 - 17	Max Stainforth	For handling the backline
11A	U11A	W 35 - 5	Jake Jansen	For aggressive tackling and rucking

11B	U11B	W 8 - 5	Oliver Da Costa	For a winning kick
11C	U11C	W 25 - 5	Luke Miller	For devastating runs of the scrum
<u>DPHS</u>	<u>BISHOPS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>NAME OF PLAYER</u>	<u>"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH"</u>
1st	U13A	W 45 - 12	Ntuthuko Zulu	For great tackling and rucking
2nd	U13B	W 70 - 0	Chad Croshaw	For excellent tactical and rucking
3rd	U12A	W 34 - 7	Brandon van Tonder	For great ball carries and tackles
4th	U13C	W 43 - 7	Mbuso Kweyama	For strong carries
5th	U12B	W 44 - 5	Scott Mckay	For good tackles
6th	U12C	W 25 - 10	Daniel Butler	For good game management
7th	U13D	D 20 - 20	Bandile Mhlongo	For strong runs
11A	U11A	W 33 - 7	Jarred Kitto	For scoring 2 outstanding tries
11B	U11B	W 28 - 0	Ryan Sim	For strong ball carries
11C	U11C	W 51 - 5	Damon Goodway	For being a Hatrick hero
<u>DPHS</u>	<u>SACS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>NAME OF PLAYER</u>	<u>"TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH"</u>
1st	U13A	W 23 - 20	Daniel Hammond	For great tackles in last few wins
2nd	U13B	W 43 - 5	Joshua Maskell	For his excellent captaincy and leadership
3rd	U12A	L 7 - 42	Kakgiso Koloko	For his great character while on the backfoot
4th	U13C	W 14 - 10	Samuel Berchowitz	For outstanding scrumhalf play
5th	U13D	W 46 - 5	Sbo Mjoli	For outstanding runs and game
6th	U12B	L 21 - 26	Akhanya Madiba	For 100m run for a try
7th	U12C	L 20 - 38	Matthew Coetzer	For good tackling
11A	U11A	L 7 - 24	Luke Davidson	For leading the boys well up front
11B	U11B	L 5 - 19	Siyabonga Nyathi	For strong carries
11C	U11C	L 5 - 20	Brogan Esterhuizen	For his brave defence

DPHS HOCKEY FIXTURES

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

OPPOSITION: CLIFTON

	TIME	Open Teams (Full field)	VENUE	UMPIRE
			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

	TIME	U/11Teams ½ Field	VENUE	UMPIRE
			15 min halves	
SPUR	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 PRIZES SPONSORSHIP: TEE/GREEN FOUR BALL ENTRIES

Our annual golf day is the only fundraiser for the Educational Trust and is only 6 weeks away! We would like to call on your generosity in donating a prize or prizes for the golf day.

If you are unable to play in the golf day you can still sponsor a tee or a green for R550-00 and display your advertising banners/material.

There are a few four balls available should you have forgotten to enter but our field is filling up fast so make contact soon.

Please contact:

Mia Venter Golf Day Convenor - donmia@mweb.co.za

Liz Elliott - DPHS Educational Trust - trust@dphs.co.za or 031-3122154

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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

CAPE TOWN RUGBY TOUR

A big thank you to members of the DPHSA and Old Boys who provided a very special brand of PREP support to the DPHS rugby teams and coaches during their recent tour to Cape Town.

Your support is a testament to the value DPHS places on sport, friends, teams, families, encouragement, self-reliance and adventure time with great schools across South Africa.

Bravo PREP and well-done boys.

Your Association acknowledges with pride and gratitude the kind, attentive and generous hospitality provided by Wynberg Junior, Bishops Prep and SACS Junior

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

NEWS FROM DHS

Supplied by Barry Coskey

Last week the SA Schools Rugby Team was announced and we are very proud to report that DHS has 3 players included in that team. The players were Phendulani Buthelezi (Head Boy

and KZN Craven Week Captain), Sanele Nohamba (SA A Schools Team in 2016) and Celimpilo Gumede (SARU U16 Green Squad in 2016).

Over the past weekend, DHS entered two teams in the Crawford La Lucia 7's Tournament. The DHS 1st Team beat Kearsney 26-5 in the Cup Final and the DHS 2nd Team beat South Coast Invitational in the Shield Final.

DHS 1st Team

DHS 31 - 7 Michaelhouse

DHS 36 - 5 Kloof

DHS 24 - 5 DHS 2nd Team

DHS 22 - 19 Hilton

DHS 26 - 5 Kearsney (Cup Final)

DHS 2nd Team

DHS 10 - 17 Kloof

DHS 5 - 31 Michaelhouse

DHS 5 - 24 DHS 1st Team

DHS 31 - 7 Crawford La Lucia

DHS 24 - 10 South Coast Invitational (Shield Final)

Congratulations to all the boys on their achievements. We are extremely proud of you.

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