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## DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

### BULLETIN 27: WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2017

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Down to the last of the days in the thirties - actually 31 academic days left to enjoy of this extremely busy and exciting term. I mentioned at the beginning of the term that we need to fasten those seatbelts - well get ready for the “turbo-charge” boost to take us through until that landing day on Friday 29 September.

#### Staff News

You may have already heard of the news that we are losing the extremely valuable services of our Marketing and Communications Director, Mrs Caroline McCarthy at the end of this term. It is sad news for DPHS but wonderful news for Mrs McCarthy as new horizons and challenges await her back in Johannesburg. Mrs McCarthy’s husband has been working and living in Gauteng for the past years whilst his wife and family have remained in Durban. I fully respect the fact that Mrs McCarthy will now relocate to set up home with her husband in Johannesburg after this lengthy period of residing and working in two different provinces. She has also secured a top administration position of leading an events department in a company where she used to work which is definitely an added bonus that attracted her to return to Johannesburg.

Mrs McCarthy has served DPHS for 5 years with such loyalty and distinction also becoming actively involved in many areas here at DPHS outside of her official administration and office programme. Mrs McCarthy will, as we have come to respect and appreciate in her, be totally committed to serving her beloved DPHS until break-up day (29 September) before taking up her new position shortly thereafter. I bring this news to your attention now, so that you too as the Prep community, can continue to enjoy the friendship, contact and working relationship that so many of you share with Mrs McCarthy in the remainder of her time here at

school. I again express at this early stage our sincerest appreciation to Mrs McCarthy for her dedicated service and 'Prep presence' that she has so definitely provided throughout all her 7 years here, as parent and staff member. We will miss you Mrs McCarthy!

**PS:** Please remain a Sharks supporter - we have no doubt that you will always be a true Prep fan!

### **Headmasters' Conference**

You will have noticed on the Year Planner that the annual Headmaster Conference takes place this week in Bloemfontein. There are Headmasters from leading boys' schools from around the country who will workshop leadership styles/initiatives and best practices experienced throughout schools. I have so much to proudly contribute on behalf of our school and the structures and leading examples that we set and create amongst all Prep partners ie. Staff, coaches, boys and parents. The theme of this 2018 Conference is:

"Finding the Giant in You" with sessions relating to "The Gentle Heart of the Giant"

"Ancient Giants and their Style"

"Re Building the Giant"

"Exploring the Giants" etc. to list just a few.

I can clearly relate to this theme as we at Prep plan and strive for our own 'giant' structure in all aspects of our Prep programme. Prep is a 'giant' leader in schools across our country and I firmly believe in 'International' standards too. Please note that the Conference runs over Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of this week so I will already be at the Conference when you receive this edition of the Prep Patter. I will be back in the office on Friday enriched from this valuable learning and sharing experience, ready to unleash further 'giants' in our school and each individual on my return. Please note that Mr Phipson will be leading the school in my absence.

### **Reception Unit News**

I am so grateful to our staff, parents and sponsors who teamed up together to host a most enjoyable "Fun Day" here on the Wally Walshaw Field this past Saturday morning. Great fun and excitement was noted throughout the matches played, at the various games stalls and the highlight of the morning was the Tug-of-War challenge for parents and boys in the respective classes. The determination and energy expressed by both young and old, male and female, was definitely heard and noted as each class fiercely challenged to be victorious. I really noticed that we had a large turnout of families who were all actively involved in working and supporting throughout the programme. It was heart-warming to spend the morning with our Reception Unit community and witness the sense of pride that all members expressed in the Reception Unit. Long may this positive spirit continue throughout your years ahead at Prep. The biggest spotlight must shine on Mrs Phipson (our RU Head) and our amazing staff in this Grade R phase. The programme was varied, ran so efficiently and definitely motivated all present to be actively involved. The support and presence of many sponsors is also greatly respected. Thank you Reception Unit - you truly show "from small beginnings better fortune follows"

### **Invited Guest**

I am sure you will have noticed that I thoroughly enjoy being present at the events that we as a school host on a regular basis as the synergy that we as a staff, coach, boys and parents create together, at such events warms my heart immensely. It is because of this that I would like to forward my apology to all those Prep partners involved in our school programme, namely Hockey vs Merchiston on Saturday, in case my absence is also noted. The reason for this is that my previous school "Northlands Primary" have honoured me with an invitation to be there as Guest of Honour at their Senior Primary Sports Day on Saturday. Unfortunately this event clashes with our Saturday programme but please note I will be with each team in spirit, as well as ensuring that I receive regular Prep updates on our achievements. This invitation will afford me that opportunity to show and pay my respects to all partners at Northlands Primary where I also served for 13 years, before returning home to Prep at the

start of this year. Let us get those Prep engines revved up now in preparation for our Merchiston challenge on Saturday.

“Here we go Prep - let’s go”

### **Further Reminders - August**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Thursday 17	JP Sports Photos
Friday 18	Cross Country at Umhlali Prep Carnival (16h00 - 20h00) Please make every effort as a family to support this fun event!!
Saturday 19	Hockey - Grade 1 and 2 Mini-Hockey at Riverside DPHS v/s Merchiston - U10/U11 - Maritzburg College U13 - Riverside
Monday 21	Start of Friends’ & Founders” Week
Tuesday 22	JP Field Events (12h15 - 13h45) SP Field Events (14h00 - 16h00)
Wednesday 23	Under 9 800m and JP Tug of War (10h00 - 11h00) SP 1200m and Tug of War (12h30 - 13h40)
Thursday 24	Flag Raising Ceremony (08h00 - 08h30) JP Athletics Inter-House (09h45 - 12h00) SP Athletics Inter-House (14h00 - 17h00) (Compulsory attendance for Boys) Friends’ & Founders’ Cocktail Function (18h30 - 20h30)
Friday 25	Cross Country at Reddam Umhlanga Junior Hockey v/s Glenwood Prep
Saturday 26	Senior Hockey v/s Glenwood Prep
Tuesday 29	DPHS host Athletics, Quadrangular with Merchiston, Highbury, Clifton
Thursday 31	Grade 4 Countries and Cultures Day Hockey - 1st Team at SA Prep National Festival hosted at Highbury.
<b>(SEPTEMBER TO FOLLOW SHORTLY)</b>	

### **Tennis Tour**

I proudly acknowledge our Tennis Squad on their excellent efforts and achievements noted at last week’s tour to Bethlehem. I had the opportunity to be there for Wednesday and Thursday morning to see our talented teams in both the A and B Squads, represent our school with such pride. Our boys were outstanding ambassadors both on and off the courts with their sportsmanship and general behaviour acknowledged by those in attendance. Once again our families were there in large numbers to support our tennis teams which really helped our players throughout their four days of play. Special mention must again go to our Tennis Director (and ‘Mom’ to the boys) Mrs Smith and Mr TC Khoza for their commitment, care and motivation given on a daily basis to all Prep partners.

### **Results of Tennis Tour:**

B Squad - ended in 7th position (22 Teams)

A Squad - came 3rd overall (received the Bronze Award) (20 Teams)

Well done Prep!

### **Rugby 7’s**

We can be extremely proud of our involvement and achievements of our U12 boys who participated last weekend in this tournament at DHS. There were 16 teams present from various schools around our city and province and both our teams excelled throughout the two days to achieve these excellent results. Prep had entered two evenly matched teams with both our teams playing against other schools “A’ Teams.

One DPHS Invitation Team came 4th overall with the other DPHS Team winning the tournament and receiving the Champions Trophy. It is most encouraging to note that our DPHS name is engraved on the Trophy since the tournament started ie. 2015, 2016, 2017 Champions. Our heartiest congratulations is extended to our coaches Mr Zola Mazwi, Mr Louis Halzelhurst and Mr Spa Dube for their motivation and expertise given prior and during this event which definitely guided both teams to produce this high standard of '7's' Rugby. It was again so encouraging to see the large supporters of parents and Prep boys who came to support the teams. Congratulations Prep!

**REMEMBER: PREP BOYS**

<u>Don't</u>	<u>Do</u>
Forget their staff members who have so loyally served our school	Respect the commitment of all staff/coaches who serve our school in all sections
Fear any 'giant' obstacle or challenge	Confidently defeat any such 'giant' with a 'giant' commitment to succeed
Look for any excuses during the Inter-school fixtures	Stand solid as an individual or team irrespective of any challenges
Weaken when on tour or at tournaments	Actually display true Prep spirit and 'brother-hood' when away from school and home
Abuse or take for granted the privileges afforded to all of us at our beloved DPHS	Understand that "Prep' is not just a school - it is a way of Life!

**MR Prep**

Congratulations go to:

**JP - Ethan Venter - Gr 3 Martin/Horning**

**SP - Luke Rowe - Grade 6 Challis-Chandler**

**HEADMASTERS QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:**

“It might take a year, it might take a day,  
but what's meant to be will always find its way”

Yours in Prep

**B WILSON**  
**Headmaster**

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**DPHS**  
invites you to the 2017  
**carnival**  
**Friday 18 August**  
16h00 - 20h00

**New Rides!**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**  
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ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD & DRINKS  
FAMILY FUN

**TICKET SALES**  
14 - 17 August (7:00 - 7:30am)  
R150 : Gr R - Gr 7 (all rides)  
R50 : U5's only (age appropriate rides)

## CONGRATULATIONS

TOP ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Grade 3: John Watkins

Grade 4: Jason Campese

Grade 5: Matthew Fayers

Grade 6: Michael Thornton

Grade 7: Luke Rothman

Jake and Michael Jansen were awarded a trophy each for participating in a Road Racing Competition for KZN Road Racing Club at Dezzi Raceway. They both came 2nd. Jake set the

track record in the CBR 150 class, and Michael competed in the NSF 100 class. They also competed at the BMX KZN points and both were placed 2nd.

Jack Woollatt came first out of 140 boys at the Ballies and Boys fishing competition.

James Mallett was awarded a trophy for being chosen as the U9 Rugby Player of the Year 2017 from Crusaders Junior Rugby Club.

Ryan Walsh was chosen to represent South Africa through the Abacus Maths Association of South Africa (AMSASA) and will be attending the GAJSMA International Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Championship in Thailand on the 1st of October 2017.

## CALENDAR

Wednesday 16 August	Heads2Gether Conference - Bloemfontein Gordon Road - Relay Practices on Smith Field	08h00
Thursday 17 August	Heads2Gether Conference - Bloemfontein Gordon Road - Relay Practices on Smith Field Junior Primary Sports Photos (tbc)	08h00
Friday 18 August	Staff Meeting Cross Country at Umhlali Prep Prep Carnival	09h50 16h00
Saturday 19 August	Hockey vs Merchiston	
Sunday 20 August		
Monday 21 August	Athletics House Teams Announced House Assembly - Team Selection Staff Meeting	07h30 09h30
Tuesday 22 August	Friends and Founders Assembly Rehearsal Junior Primary Athletics Rehearsal Junior Primary Field Events Senior Primary Field Events House Play Rehearsal	07h30 08h30 12h15 14h00 14h00
Wednesday 23 August	Athletics U9 - 800m and Tug-of-War Athletics Finals - Senior Primary 1200 and Tug-of-War	10h00 12h30

## RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

### Reception Unit Fun Day

Thank you for the outstanding support that we received at our Family Fun Day. We were blessed with great weather and it was wonderful to see you all enjoying a special time with your boys. Our fun soccer games were a great way to kick off the morning and huge thanks are extended to our Dads who volunteered as managers and referees. Special thanks also to our Moms who headed up the various stalls and to those parents who helped to run and later dismantle these stands. Due to several generous donations, we had a lovely variety of tombola and lucky draw prizes. Grateful thanks are extended to the families who sponsored these items. In fear of leaving anyone out, we would like to thank each and every family who contributed in one way or another. Thanks for supporting our school and helping to make our Family Fun Day a memorable one!

### DPHS Carnival

The DPHS Carnival is this Friday from 16h00 till 20h00 and is a wonderful evening for the whole family. Coloured wristbands are available till Thursday from the Reception Unit office, at a cost of R150 per band (Grade R - 7) and R50 for the under 5s. These bands enable the children to participate in a variety of unlimited, inflatable rides for up to 4 hours.

## Junior Primary Sports Day

The Junior Primary Sports Day is taking place next Thursday 24 August, starting at 09h45 on the lower field at Main Campus. All the Reception Unit boys will be participating in their class relay races between 10h00 and 10h30. They will walk onto the field with their Grade R banner at approximately 09h35 should you wish to come and watch. We will be returning to the Reception Unit by 11h00 if you would like to collect your son early from his classroom. Our school programme will continue as per normal for the remainder of the morning and after-care will be open.

## **JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS**

The U9 boys deserve special congratulations for the very successful start to their Hockey season with competitive games and commendable results during their fixtures against Highbury and Clifton.

The teachers benefitted greatly from a Number Sense Maths workshop on Tuesday. Aarnout Brombacher, visiting from Cape Town, spent the morning demonstrating practical Maths development activities in each grade and the staff then attended a workshop during the afternoon which provided invaluable insights into the programme and allowed for questions and discussion. Maths teaching remains a high priority and we continue to explore ways to develop our programme for the boys' optimum benefit.

The remainder of the week promises to be a particularly busy and exciting one. The JP Sport and Choir photographs are scheduled for tomorrow so boys are reminded to bring the correct kit. On Friday afternoon the Prep Carnival will be taking place. This is always an extremely enjoyable event and all our families are encouraged to purchase tickets and spend a sociable evening with the Prep community. The Grade One and Two boys are looking forward to their second Mini-Hockey session on Saturday morning and the U9 players, many of whom have already played two sets of fixtures, are wished well for their matches against Merchiston. Next week sees the culmination of the Athletics activities and we wish every JP boy and his House well for the exciting challenges ahead.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's recipients

<b>WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" ☺</b>			
<b>CLASS</b>		<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>
<b>GRADE 1</b>	<b>Langley</b>	Yadhaav Naidoo	For his delightful, neat work and exemplary behaviour
		Nate Trickett	For his enormous effort and very pleasing results in all that he endeavours
	<b>Everitt</b>	Zaydaan Cajee	For his excellent listening skills
		Kwanda Mhlomi	For his improved writing and speed
	<b>Greensill</b>	Thomas Maujean	For greeting each day with a smile
		Aran Veersamy	For his good manners
	<b>Twaddle</b>	Veer Nunan	For his improved work presentation
		Matthew Hough	For his kind and helpful nature
<b>GRADE 2</b>	<b>May</b>	Lulo Mazwi	For his very good manners
		Amukelo Ngcobo	For his lovely reading
	<b>Bush</b>	Pavlo Ioannou	For his positive approach to all tasks
		Aryan Molayan	For his expressive reading

	<b>Murphy</b>	Izah Roux	For trying so hard to improve his reading
		Muhammad Seedat	For trying hard to check his work for errors
	<b>Oosthuis</b>	Ben Hughes	For his wonderful efforts in the classroom
		Muhammad Zaydan Cassim	For his good work in all of the subjects
<b>GRADE 3</b>	<b>Veerasamy</b>	Nabeel Jhazbhay	For his improved attitude towards all tasks and interaction with his peers
		Mohammed Mujahid Hansa	For his amazing sense of fun and outstanding progress in all subjects
	<b>Marklew</b>	Thomas Foster	For his positive approach to all tasks
		Shaiyur Somlal	For always giving of his best
	<b>Horning</b>	Ahmed Iqbal Vally	For trying hard to learn his week's spelling words
		Ayush Sewpaul	For his neatly presented work and for his interesting show and tell
	<b>Vawda</b>	Muhammad Asmal	For trying hard during maths lessons
		Walid Dawood	For his positive approach to his work

### Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

#### Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 2 Oosthuis (6m 50cm)

2nd Grade 1 Langley and Grade 1 Twaddle (4m 40cm)

## SPORTS NEWS

### DPHS HOCKEY RESULTS

	Clifton	Highbury
1st	L 1-4	
2nd	W 2-0	
3rd	D 0-0	W 3-1
4th	D 0-0	W 1-0
5th	D 0-0	W 2-0
6th	L 0-2	
U11A	L 0-2	L 0-4
U11B	L 1-2	L 1-3
U11C	L 1-4	D 2-2
U11D	W 3-0	W 6-3
U10A	W 8-3	D 4-4
U10B	W 3-1	L 0-5
U10C	W 6-0	L 0-6
U10D	W 4-2	D 1-1
U10E	W 6-0	W 4-2
U10F		W 6-0
U9A	W 4-1	W 5-3
U9B	W 12-0	W 2-0
U9C	W 4-2	W 3-1
U9D	W 6-0	L 1-4

U9E	W 8-0	L 2-3
U9F	W 10-0	L 0-2
U9G	W 7-0	
U9H	W 7-1	

## DPHS HOCKEY FIXTURES

**DATE: SATURDAY 19 AUGUST**

**OPPOSITION: MERCHISTON (SENIOR HOME)**

TIME	OPEN TEAMS (FULL FIELD)	VENUE	UMPIRE
	20 min halves		
12h15	1st	Riverside	Both
11h30	2nd	Riverside	Both
10h45	3rd	Riverside	Both
10h00	4th	Riverside	Both
09h15	5th	Riverside	Both
08h30	6th	Riverside	Both

**DATE: FRIDAY 19 AUGUST**

**OPPOSITION: MERCHISTON (JUNIOR AWAY)**

TIME	U/11 TEAMS ½ FIELD		VENUE	UMPIRE
	20 min halves			
11h30	11A	11C	Maritzburg College	Both
10h45	11B	11D	Maritzburg College	Both

TIME	U/10 TEAMS 1/4 FIELDS				VENUE	UMPIRE
	20 min halves					TBC
10h00	10A	10D	9A	9D	Maritzburg College	
09h15	10B	10E	9B	9E	Maritzburg College	
08h30	10C	10F	9C	9f	Maritzburg College	

## TENNIS

**Results of Tennis Tour to Bethlehem - 09 - 12 August 2017**

Team	Won	Lost
DPHS A vs Pretoria East	48 - 10	
DPHS A vs Willem Postma	47 - 19	
DPHS A vs Op die Voorpos	48 - 5	
DPHS A vs Durbanville		32 - 36
DPHS A vs Grey A (playoff 1)		22 - 40
DPHS A vs Grey B (playoff 2)	32 - 6	

The A Team came 3rd out of 20 teams

Team	Won	Lost
DPHS B vs Op die Voorpos		31 - 40
DPHS B vs Jacobsdal	45 - 18	
DPHS B vs Truida Kestell	48 - 12	
DPHS B vs Unika		28 - 43
DPHS B vs Curro Hazeldene (playoff)		27 - 42

The B Team came 7th out of 22 teams. Well done!

The competition was very strong. Boys played good Tennis and their behaviour was excellent. Thank you to our parents for their awesome support.

“TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH” - TENNIS			
DPHS A	Joshua Heath	DPHS A vs Grey College A	For not giving up and beating No 2, 8 - 0.
	Calum Jestin	DPHS A vs all Matches	Being an excellent captain and leading from the front winning 6 out of 7 games
	Karan Varyani	DPHS vs Grey College B	Persevering and not giving up to win 8 - 3
DPHS B	Matthew Wilson	DPHS B vs Op die Voorpos	For coming back to win 8 - 5 from being down 1 - 4
	Samuel Berchowitz	DPHS vs all Matches	For not giving up against stronger players and playing very long matches
	Nicholas Hamilton	DPHS vs Curro Hazeldene B	Coming back from 2 - 6 down to win 8 - 6

## 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](mailto:donmia@mweb.co.za)

Liz Elliott - DPHS Educational Trust - [trust@dphs.co.za](mailto:trust@dphs.co.za) or 031-3122154

## DPHS ASSOCIATION

Director: Richard Neave - [rneave@dphs.co.za](mailto:rneave@dphs.co.za)

### INVITING NEW MEMBERS

Every new member of the DPHSA is a celebration of the quality of DPHS! The DPHSA strives to make a humble yet dynamic statement endorsing a powerful culture of the importance of family in the lives of DPHS boys today and tomorrow.

Join the DPHSA and become a valued member of this amazingly positive and caring family of DPHS people.

It is a tradition for the leaving group of Grade 7 boys to join the DPHSA and cement their Prep Old Boy ties with the School. The DPHSA is the only significant and established link they will have with DPHS after they have left the School. Please will the parents of Grade 7 boys keep this in mind as their sons approach the end of their career at DPHS.

Contact me at [rneave@dphs.co.za](mailto:rneave@dphs.co.za) .

The DPHS School Shop keeps DPHSA Caps and Navy Body Warmers so that you will be able to proudly represent your membership and support at DPHS events.

## **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**

Over the weekend, DHS played host to the U12 Sevens Tournament. It was a wonderful weekend which produced some excellent rugby.

The final provided much excitement and proved to be the match I'm sure everyone was looking forward to. DPHS scored a try in the dying minutes to seal the victory and take the title once again.

Congratulations to DPHS for your never say die determination.

Congratulations to all the winners of the various finals.

**Cup Final:** DPHS beat Hillcrest 19-17

**Plate Final:** Glenwood Prep 1 beat Glenwood Prep 2 26-24

**Bowl Final:** Paulpietersburg beat eQinisweni 20-5

**Shield Final:** Penzance beat Heuwelland 10-5

This week our Grade 10 learners have ventured to Underberg for a week of hiking and camping at Khotso Horse Trails and our Grade 11 boys have embarked on a week of work experience.

Follow us on Facebook to find photos and updates of these events and more.....

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“Durban Prep Parent Community”**