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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

BULLETIN 31: WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Down to the dozen now which actually means that there are exactly 12 school days left to the end of the school term. Let me list some of the activities still to enjoy on our Year Planner in these remaining days: Science Expo, House Play Rehearsal, Cross Country Runs, DPHS Golf Day, final Hockey matches v/s Clifton, Sunflower Fund Tope Day, Reception Unit Tuckshop Treats Days, Hockey House Matches, House Play Dress Rehearsal, House Play Presentation, Grandparents Assembly, Top 10 Academics Assembly, Top 10 Headmasters Tea, Honour our Helpers Function, Parents Budget Meeting, Reports etc. This sure proves that we are in for a speedy yet fun finale to the end of term so please stay committed right through until the final day.

Victor Daitz Science Expo

Amazing, mind blowing, heart-warming, exciting, fun... My list could continue as I find the adjectives to compliment the DPHS Victor Daitz Science Expo of 2017! This to me is what learning is all about as our boys in Grades 6 and 7 have so clearly shown in their efforts. It is so encouraging to see the group work and individual input that has taken place with thorough research and recording clearly evident, so that each team could gain from the educational experience through the planning of this Expo. All our boys could confidently express their feedback whilst explaining to the many visitors who visited each table. This Expo is a major extension of their Science lessons held here at school under the direction of Mr Alistair Naidu, during his lesson time with the boys. This is the educational “language” that young boys understand and relate to, hence the positive energy and enthusiasm that has been so evident in the display arena. I know that our boys in Grade 5 and lower are eagerly looking forward to the year when they too will be able to present their experiments to the Prep Community. Thank you to the families for your support in assisting your child to prepare for this highlight

on the school calendar. It was so encouraging to note how packed the Hall has been with many parents coming in to enjoy the displays. Congratulations to Mr Naidu on his co-ordinating of this educational experience and to the staff, who have been directly involved or supportive in making this Expo a proudly Prep event. Eureka!

“Open Time” Evening

The positive response from you as parents needs to be applauded for attending the “Open Time” evening in such large numbers. Thank you Parents for taking the time to visit your son’s classroom and specialist areas in support of our school’s request for you to be present. The Staff really do appreciate the effort that has been made so that it can be a worthwhile and beneficial experience for all partners. However, I must highlight how special it is for our boys to know that their parents have spent quality time inter-acting with their staff members and thereafter browsing through his books and desk. You should see your son’s delight in the morning when he opens his desk to find the note that you have left for him to read at the start of his day. I value the combined efforts of Mr Phipson and Ms Gilroy for their steering and co-ordinating of the event for our school, as well as the dedicated support of our staff to host the event into the evening. Well done Prep Team!

Please share your experience and provide the necessary feedback to your son, if you have not already done so, as this will again re-enforce our combined efforts in ensuring that your son reaches and proves his true academic potential on a daily basis. Another Proudly Prep activity!

DPHS Educational Trust Golf Day

Our annual DPHS Educational Trust Golf Day is all set to launch with a packed field of golfers lined up to tee-off this coming Friday at Royal Durban. Special mention must again be made of our Golf Convenors, Mrs Mia Venter and Mrs Liz Elliott for their attention to detail in planning for this day. We as a school can be extremely grateful and proud of their months of planning for this day which I am sure is going to be a highlight of the year for those playing and hosting.

I remind you of the Golf Raffle Sheet that has been sent home. Please make every effort to sell your ten tickets and return the sheet and the R200 to school urgently. This Golf Raffle will take place at Assembly on Friday 22 September and you could be winning one of these four amazing prizes. I have wiped the mud of my clubs and now look forward to a ‘long day’ of following that little ball through the various challenges that lie in wait - see you there!

End of Term

The hockey season is about to close for the year with the final matches against Clifton being played on Saturday with our internal House matches following next week. There have been exciting matches played in each age group which have resulted in many victories for Prep. I thus pause to compliment our Director of Sport, Staff and all our coaches who have dedicated themselves to the season and this combined with the loyal support of our parents and boys, has created many positive memories for all partners to celebrate. A ‘Taonga’ moment. Congratulations!

Appearance

I will again emphasize the need for our boys to respect the dress standards of our school. I need to first acknowledge the efforts of all families in monitoring their child’s appearance as many boys do make the necessary effort to be ‘Proudly Prep’ in appearance. However, there are still boys that need to be reminded about having a haircut and keeping their hair neat and tidy with a few boys unfortunately having to be followed up on. It really warms my heart when a boy comes to show me how he has taken responsibility of his appearance and has had a haircut, polished his shoes and presented himself like a Prep boy should i.e. as ‘models of excellence’ in effort, involvement at school and in personal appearance. Please make sure that your son is one of those “models of excellence” as noted in our MR Prep programme.

House Plays

Our staff and boys have been so actively involved in other activities during this term but now it is time for the full spotlight to fall on the House Plays which are basically two weeks away from the live on stage performances. I am amazed as to how rehearsals have fitted in around the busy school programme with rehearsals even taking place on the weekends. Full credit must go to our staff co-ordinators, the respective staff in each House and the multi-talented cast - the young men of Prep, for their dedication given to these rehearsals held so far. Let us all be there in full support to cheer on the House Play Directors and Cast with the loudest of - Encore!

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

<u>Don't</u>	<u>Do</u>
'Sit' back at any stage during the end of a term	'Stand' up tall and finish off the term strongly
Waste the tickets on their Golf Raffle Sheet	Sell all their tickets on their Golf Raffle Sheet
Wait for Cricket/Swimming to start in the 4th Term	Start practising for Cricket/Swimming during the holidays
Have to be reminded about their appearance	Take pride in their daily appearance
Feel shy on stage during the House Plays	Confidently express themselves on stage during House Plays

Forthcoming Attractions for September

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 13	Natural Science Expo viewing Hockey vs Clifton - U9/U10/U11
Friday 15	DPHS Golf Day Sunflower "Bandana" Day Junior Hockey v/s Clifton Cross Country at Ashton
Saturday 16	Senior Hockey v/s Clifton - U13
Monday 18	Junior and Senior Hockey House Matches 14h00 - 18h00
Wednesday 19	House Play dress rehearsal 08h00 - 09h30
Friday 22	Grandparents Assembly presented by Grade 2 Golf Raffle draw Cross Country run hosted by Clifton
Monday 25	Public Holiday (Sunday - Heritage Day)
Tuesday 26	School/House Plays
Wednesday 27	School/House Plays
Thursday 28	Top 10 Academics Assembly Top 10 Academics - Headmaster's Tea Honour Our Helpers Function Budget Presentation to Parents 18h30
Friday 29	Final Assembly Reception Unit Closure - 10h30 Junior Primary - 10h45 Senior Primary - 11h00

Congratulations Mr Prep

Junior Primary Mr Prep Shaiyur Somlal - Grade 3 Marklew
Senior Primary Mr Prep Noah Jackson - Grade 5 Laatz

HEADMASTERS QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Those who abandon their dreams will discourage yours"

Yours in Prep

B WILSON
Headmaster

CONGRATULATIONS

A reminder to send us your news and achievements to cmccarthy@dphs.co.za for inclusion in the Prep Patter

TOP ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Grade 3: Khwezi Ndabeni, Ethan Aitken
Grade 4: Luke Wimbush, Matthew Butcher
Grade 5: Shayden Naidu, Richard Eyres
Grade 6: Matthew King, Jack Hampson
Grade 7: Shaun Matthysen

Matthew Wellbeloved was chosen as Cross Country Captain for 2017.

Luca Coetzer and **Connor Hunter** took part in a series of Club football trials starting in July against approximately 70 boys from various other clubs in the Durban area and were both selected to the SAFA Durban Central Football Association U13 Team.

Jake Goder and **Daniel Hayden** made Ethekeweni Bodyboarding Association (EBA) training squad. **Jake Goder** has made the KZN Body Boarding Team. He will be participating in SA Champs 1-7 October, held in Durban this year. It will be a roving event held between Bronze Beach in Umhlanga and Brighton Beach on the Bluff in order to showcase the excellent waves that Durban has. **Daniel Hayden** was selected as a reserve and also gets his KZN colours.

The following boys participated in the Cross Country League Run on Friday 1 September at Riverside.

U13: Joshua Maskell (4th), Jonathan Horak (9th), Kyle Wilken (13th), Matthew Coetzer (15th)

U12: Colm Reardon (7th), Jordan Venter (8th), Jude Bunyan (17th), Harvey Millard (19th), David Pohl (20th)

U11:

Luke Davidson (3rd), Luca Robinson (6th), Luke O' Brien (9th), Daniel Sweeney (12th), Jared Pearson (15th), Joshua Evans (19th)

U10: Axel Hayes (3rd), Adrian Truter (5th)

U9: Jarrod Frost (12th), Lance Kitto (15th), Connor Donaldson (16th), Ethan Aitken(18th)

Josh Aitken was awarded a trophy for most improved U11 Hockey player for 2017 at Crusaders.

Luca and Tiago Robinson, Daniel Butler, Daniel Buckley-Roe, Jake Savage and Kristian Bunyan performed at yesterday's Sunflower Fund Tope Day, as held at the Suncoast Casino. These Prep Boys showcased an energetic Hip hop/BBoy dance piece, with the Dance Direction International dance crew.

Jedd Poovan swam Action Championships on Saturday and was awarded a gold medal for 100m Breaststroke and a bronze medal for 200m Freestyle.

Sahir Maharaj was awarded a silver medal for Judo.

Pranav Moodley was awarded a certificate for completing Level 4A for Kumon.



CALENDAR

Wednesday 13 September	Natural Science Expo Viewing Staff Meeting	09h30
Thursday 14 September	Natural Science Expo - Clear Hall Reception Unit blue Group Tuckshop visit House Play Rehearsal	09h00 14h00
Friday 15 September	DPHS Educational Trust Golf Day Cross Country at Ashton College Reception Unit -Green Group Tuckshop Visit Hockey vs Clifton (Junior) House Play Rehearsal	09h30

	Sunflower Fund - Bandana Day	
Saturday 16 September	Mini Hockey Hockey vs Clifton (Senior)	07h20
Sunday 17 September		
Monday 18 September	Hockey vs Virginia (Junior)(A) Grade 5 Huber Excursion to Woolworths - La Lucia Hockey Senior House Matches	08h30 14h00
Tuesday 19 September	Specialists Symbols to Staff Grade 5 Ferreira Excursion to Woolworths - Musgrave Staff Meeting Grade 7 Leaver's Dinner Meeting - Functions Room SGM of Parents - Budgets	08h30 09h30 17h30 18h30
Wednesday 20 September	Senior Primary Marks to Academic Head House Play Dress Rehearsal - Reception Unit and Grades 1 - 3 Hockey vs Virginia - Senior (H)	08h00 14h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Thank you to all our parents who attended the Parent/Teacher meetings. We do value this time with you and the feedback received thus far has been very positive.

This week the Grade R boys will have an opportunity to view the Grade 6 and 7 Natural Science Expo which is always of a very high standard. We are also looking forward to our Tuck Shop visits which you will be sure to hear all about.

Next week we have been invited to watch the dress rehearsals for the DPHS House Play as well as the Grandparents' Assembly. This is a wonderful treat for our boys and we wish all pupils involved the very best!

In honour of our Grandparents and to celebrate the first month of Spring, each Grade R pupil will be potting their own seedling as a special gift.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

Last week saw a highlight in the Grade Three calendar. The boys went on their very first Prep overnight excursion when they travelled up to Roselands, a farm in the Richmond district, on Thursday and returned on Friday. What a wonderful experience these boys had and there is no doubt that good memories were made. The activities were designed to give them a real adventure experience, allowing them to learn about themselves and their environment in the process. There were 4 main activities - the dam activity which included canoeing, jumping and sliding from jetties of varying heights, a zip-line and swimming; the obstacle course which required team work and included finding their way through a "spider maze", climbing over obstacles as well as sliding into and swimming through muddy pools; a presentation by a member of the San community during which he demonstrated how to make rope from available plants as well as fire from rubbing sticks; and a nature walk. The boys were complimented on their enthusiastic response and positive behaviour. Well done to each of them and sincere thanks to the staff who accompanied the boys and enabled them to enjoy this superb adventure.

The wonderful support of the Open Time on Tuesday is most appreciated. This important annual event, during which the parents can sit and look through their son's books, visit some of the teaching spaces that he spends time in each week outside of his classroom environment

and view the Grade 6 and 7 Victor Daitz Natural Science Expo, always proves to be so worthwhile from everyone’s point of view. The teachers value this opportunity to discuss the boys’ progress with the parents and the boys are always so proud of their workbooks. There was much excitement this morning when the boys eagerly read their parents’ messages of congratulations and encouragement.



MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week’s recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD “WELL DONE’ 😊			
CLASS		NAME	REASON
GRADE 1	Langley	Blake de Bruin	For embracing extension work with higher numbers
		Kedar Naidoo	For his neat and carefully presented work
	Everitt	Zachary Chetty	For being so brave at swimming lessons
		Phoenix Butt	For trying hard to listen more carefully and improve his work
	Greensill	Darshay Naidoo	For his improved work skills
		Karl Spencer	For his lovely manners and kind nature
	Twaddle	Levi Poezyn	For his creative answers during group work activities
		Akhil Madaree	For his fluent and expressive reading
GRADE 2	May	James Whatmore	For his lovely manners
		James Swart	For his diligent approach to all tasks
	Bush	Samuel-Joel Gai-Minietti	For his fluent and expressive reading
		Saisiddharth Sallam	For his very good written comprehension skills
	Murphy	Mwezi Mqingwana	For his helpful and kind nature
		Aaryan Naidu	For his excellent manners and diligent approach to his day

	Oosthuis	Cole Courtney	For giving of his best in the classroom
		Sashin Naidu-Rule	For his wonderful work in all of the subjects
GRADE 3	Veerasamy	Grade 3 Veerasamy	For being outstanding team-members and actively participating in all activities at Roselands
	Marklew	Grade 3 Marklew	
	Horning	Grade 3 Horning	
	Vawda	Grade 3 Vawda	

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 2 Oosthuis (8m 40cm)

2nd Grade 1 Everitt (8m 00cm)

SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY RESULTS

DPHS FIXTURES VS MERCHISTON AND VS VIRGINIA

TEAM	MERCHISTON	VIRGINIA	NAME	“TAONGA MEMORY OF THE MATCH”
1st	W 3 - 2	D 0 - 0	Joshua Wilmans	For pulling his body on the line in a composed manner
			Joshua Heath	For constantly looking to make something positive happen
2nd	L 0 - 3	W 5 - 0	Jonathan Horak	For playing flat out for the badge of Prep
			Chad Croshaw and Luke Rothman	For great receiving from Luke, long ball to Chad diving far past goal
3rd	L 0 - 1	D 2 - 2	Keelan Henry	For his outstanding saves as goalkeeper throughout the game
			Christopher Horak	For great all round play and great ball speed
4th	L 0 - 1	W 1 - 0	James Kitto	For playing through the pain in his hand
			Christopher Kruger	For playing at a high intensity throughout the match
5th	L 1 - 4	L 0 - 1	Hamza Mahomed	For being the scorer of a great goal
			Kakgiso Koloko	For all round great play
6th		D 1 - 1	Sebastian van der Werff	For being stoic in defence
			Jarred Kitto	For scoring a great hat trick
U11A	W 6 - 0	W 6 - 0	Jared Pearson	For giving his all and setting up many goals
U11B	W 7 - 1			scoring a great goal

		W 1 - 0	Luc O' Brien	For being excellent in defence
			Siyabonga Nyathi	For being outstanding on defence
U11C	W 1 - 0	W 4 - 0	Shahzaad Perumal	For his excellent shot to score a great goal
			Richard Eyres	For his never give up attitude throughout the game
U11D	L 0 - 2	W 3 - 0	Ike Githinji	For his good work rate around the park
			James Wilson	For a solid performance
U10A	W 4 - 3	W 8 - 1	Matthew Terblanche	For scoring 5 goals
			Luke Macduff	For being composed under pressure
U10B	W 5 - 1	W 2 - 1	Jonathan Wilmans	For his excellent fighting attitude
			Jason Campese	For his excellent tackles to prevent opposition from scoring
U10C	W 4 - 0	W 2 - 1	Andrew Boucher	For his excellent work in defence
			Joshua Hansmann	For scoring two cracking goals
U10D	W 4 - 1	W 7 - 0	Mbuso Zondi	For his great dive to defend a ball
			Alex Wesselink	For being outstanding on defence
U10E	W 5 - 1	W 4 - 2	Christopher Grout	For showing patience and scoring two goals
			Trent Wyatt	For blocking off any attack and good distribution of the ball
U10F	W 2 - 0	L 1 - 2	Menzokuhle Dlamini	For his excellent long passes from the back

DPHS HOCKEY FIXTURES

DATE: WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

OPPOSITION: CLIFTON

TIME	U/10 TEAMS 1/4 FIELDS				VENUE	UMPIRE
						TBC
15h30	11A		11C		Riverside 2 (Clifton)	
14h45	11B		11D		Riverside 2 (Clifton)	
16h10	10A	10C	10E		Riverside	
15h30	10B	10D	10F		Riverside	
14h50	9A	9C	9E	9G	Riverside	
14h20	9B	9D	9F	9H	Riverside	

DATE: SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2017

OPPOSITION: CLIFTON

TIME	TEAMS	VENUE
12h15	1st	Clifton
11h30	2nd	Clifton
10h45	3rd	Clifton
10h00	4th	Clifton
09h15	5th	Clifton
08h30	6th	Clifton

DPHS EDUCATIONAL TRUST GOLF DAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

Wishing our golfers fair weather and an enjoyable round of golf on Friday at Royal Durban. May your drives be long and straight and your putts true.

Thank you to all our course and prize sponsors.

DPHS Educational Trust Golf Day Raffle

REMINDER: - CLOSING DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER

DRAW DATE: 22 SEPTEMBER

All raffle sheets to be returned sold or unsold on the 18 September 2017. The lucky winners will be drawn on the 22 September in assembly.

Thank you to our sponsors for the prizes donated for the raffle.

1ST PRIZE: Package for 2 to 7's Rugby in Cape Town (includes flights, 2 nights shared accommodation in 4 star hotel & tickets to 2 days 7's rugby)
(Value R18 000) - donated by *Edusport Travel*

2ND PRIZE: Gunslinger Long Board (Value R2300) - donated by Keith Hockley

3RD PRIZE: Wet Suit (value R800) - donated by *Lizzard*

4TH PRIZE: Gotcha Watch (value R800) - donated by *Surf HQ*

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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DPHS SCIENCE EXPO

If you are fortunate enough, as I was yesterday, to have visited the Maurice Wilkinson DPHS School Hall you will find on an impressive yield of Science and Industrial research by all the Gr 6 and 7 boys at DPHS.

The ground work for these research projects is laid by the teachers in The Victor Daitz Science and Technology Centre at DPHS.

DPHS enjoys a strong and productive association with The Victor Daitz Foundation (TVDF).

The benevolence and generosity shown by TVDF towards Science and Technology, Remedial Teaching, Learning support and Media Science at DPHS is having a rewarding and lasting impact on the school and DPHS boys.

Victor Daitz was a Jewish humanitarian, entrepreneur and industrialist who spent much of his working life in Durban. He was born in 1913 and died in 1999. The Victor Daitz Foundation, a charitable Trust, was established in 1984. The Foundation has distributed a major portion of his accumulated wealth to schools and education.

DPHS is most fortunate to be one of these schools.

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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