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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to the final lap of the year - the 4th term which now has 40 academic days remaining to celebrate for 2017. Before we have even settled down again after this short break, this month of October would have soared past and the 11th month of the year will be upon us. Let us be prepared and stand united as a team to embrace the challenges ahead with a positive synergy - it will soon be the final day of the year namely, Wednesday 6 December.

Staff News

I am delighted to be able to share with you, well in advance that we have secured the services of two staff members so far to join the Prep teaching team for 2018.

I remind you of my earlier message sent last term of the resignation of our long serving Art Specialist Mrs Annemarie Levine at the end of this year. Our replacement for this position is Mrs Loren Firth, who comes highly recommended in the arena of specialist art teachers. Mrs Firth also has a history with DPHS as her brother attended DPHS many years ago. She is and has been the Art Specialist at Westville Senior Primary prior to her appointment with us at DPHS - a position that she is delighted to begin with in 2018.

Throughout this year I have expressed at many meetings with management, staff and parents the need for our school to grow in the music and academic support pillars in our school. I strongly believe in the growth of our boys in the learning to play of musical instruments here at school. I dream of the day to see a Prep band and/or orchestra performing at school events with a growth in the music staff being able to support this vision. Academic support i.e.

learning enhancement on an internal programme here at Prep is also vital for the overall development of our boys as well as to provide that academic assistance for our staff for those learners who may need that personal assistance in the classroom and respective grades. Hence it is with great excitement that we have secured the professional services of Mrs Phillipa Nixon-James to serve our school from the start of 2018 covering both these areas. She will provide “Music Education” which will be of support to the present Music Department and our present academic support team here at school. Basically her input will be adding to the long term vision in both these departments. Mrs Nixon-James’ husband also attended DPHS as a scholar many years ago.

I really do hope that you as a family become just as excited as we are with the early announcement of these two staff members who have signed and secured their position at DPHS starting next year.

Welcome Mrs Firth and Mrs Nixon-James.

Waterpolo

The prestigious National Water Polo tournament held annually at SACS in Cape Town is taking place this week. It is a tournament where many well-known schools from across the country prepare for this event with our school also representing this Festival each year. Please join me in wishing coaches Mr Shaun Ferreira, Mr Gareth May and the 1st team squad great success as they depart for SACS today, Wednesday. I will be supporting the team in Cape Town which continues through until Saturday. Mr Phipson will lead the school in my absence.

Excursion

The Grade 4 section are extremely excited about their annual excursion which takes place this Thursday returning on Friday. These excursions are extremely beneficial to the overall life skills and development of the boys when they accompany their staff on these standard outings. Thank you to Grade Leader Mrs Miloszewski, the staff, parents and boys in this grade for making it happen. May you return with many fond memories and valuable Grade 4 learning experiences. Enjoy!

Choir News

Both our JP and SP Choir groups will have the opportunity to perform next week at Maris Stella in a choir festival.

Tuesday 17 October - JP choir at 18h00 and Wednesday 18 October - SP choir at 18h00.

Thank you to Mrs Briscoe, the Music Department and the boys in the respective choirs for your time spent in preparation for these evenings. I really look forward to supporting both our choirs next week. Best Wishes.

School Visit

It is most encouraging to share with you that the Paarl Boys Primary Headmaster and members of his management team will be visiting DPHS next Tuesday 17 October. I met the Headmaster of Paarl Primary at the recent Headmasters Conference last term that I attended for leading boys schools in our country. I am delighted that this well-known school has selected DPHS to visit, as they have indicated how they respect the levels of excellence, structures and programmes that DPHS is known for over the years. What an honour for our school as I and certain role players from our management team will be able to proudly share such information and planning thereof with the group from Paarl. They will also be taken around the school to see “Prep in action” in all phases, grades and classrooms and thus leave our grounds enriched from their DPHS experience. Welcome Paarl Boys Primary School!

Reminders - October

DATE	EVENT
Wed 11 - Sun 15	SACS Water Polo tournament
Friday 13	Cricket vs Clifton - 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, U11A & U11B
Saturday 14	Cricket vs Clifton - 2nd, 3rd, U10A, U10B & U10C

Thursday 12	Grade 4 depart on excursion
Friday 13	Grade 4 return from excursion
Monday 16	SP Sports Photographs
Tuesday 17	Paarl Primary Management visit to DPHS JP Choir at Maris Stella - 18h00
Wednesday 18	SP Choir at Maris Stella - 18h00
Thursday 19	Cricket vs Clifton
Friday 20	Cricket vs Clifton
Saturday 21	Cricket 1st XI vs St Benedicts
Tuesday 24	Sports representatives and Scholarship photographs
Wednesday 25	Mothers' Committee Pizza Day
Thursday 26	Reception Unit Concert - 18h00
Saturday 28	Cricket vs Highbury
Sunday 29	School Golf Champs
Monday 30	Senior Water Polo vs Highbury
Tuesday 31	Junior Progress Concert - 18h00 Music Progress Concert - 18h00

Grade 7

I pay our respects to our staff and boys in this grade who as a team will be enjoying their final term together, especially as our senior leaders at DPHS. Many of these boys have travelled the Prep journey since Grade R - an 8 year period where they have loyally flown the Prep flag throughout this time. They are respected in this final year by being allowed to wear their Grade 7 leadership tie since January; by sitting upstairs in the gallery in the hall during assembly; by leading their 'Prep Pal' group as the respected big brother to the junior boys; attending their Grade 7 Farewell Dinner later this term; and the traditional Grade 7 Farewell Walk/Ringing of Bell on their last day. These are just a few of the respected Grade 7 privileges. I and the Grade 7 staff have met with these boys during the third term and again this week where they were asked to share their ideas and give input as a senior to assist us at DPHS in our present and future planning of the school day and structures. I, personally, am impressed with many of the answers that the boys returned in the questionnaire I gave them and do believe that we as a school can benefit from some suggestions.

I have shared with the Grade 7 boys and staff that from the start of this term these seniors will be allowed to meet as a grade in the school quad before the start of the school day, instead of lining up on the pathway between the fields with the rest of the Senior Primary, waiting for the bell to ring. The Grade 7 boys have indicated that they are delighted with this opportunity in respect of their senior privilege in the school - there will hopefully be more ideas to be implemented which will continue in the years to follow.

I highlight this grade now and call on all Prep partners including their own families, to support and honour these Seniors in their final lap as one day, in the near future, our Juniors will also be respected in the same manner.

Make the most of your final term Grade 7 and create further fond memories of DPHS to take with you onto High School. Thank you to our Grade 7 staff, Mr Bedford - Grade Leader, Mr Davis and Mr Jali for your input, guidance and care that you give to our Grade 7 boys in preparing them to be our 'shining light' seniors and young men ready for any High School challenges.

REMEMBER: PREP BOYS

<u>Don't</u>	<u>Do</u>
Take a few days to start their final term	Go for it from day one of this final term
Forget their kit for Sports Photographs day	Prepare their kit they need for their various photographs
Need to be reminded that every day is 'Mr Prep' neat appearance day.	Present themselves neatly for a 'Mr Prep' appearance on a daily basis

Miss any extra-mural practice/fixture	Commit to attending all practices/fixtures and activities
'Weaken' in their efforts in the final term	Get 'stronger' in their efforts in the final term

Congratulations Mr Prep

Junior Primary Mr Prep Tayne Naude - Gr 3 Marklew
 Senior Primary Mr Prep Luke Rowe - Gr 6 Challis-Chandler

HEADMASTERS QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“When the roots are deep there is no reason to fear the wind”

Yours in Prep

B WILSON
 Headmaster



Good luck to our 1st Water Polo Team who headed off to Cape Town early this morning to take part in the SACS National Water Polo Tournament. The team is accompanied by Mr Shaun Ferreira and Mr Gareth May.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Ryan Walsh participated in the Abagility Maths competition in Thailand and came 5th in the World.

Blake Kruger competed in the KZN Seagulls Winter Sports Gala and was awarded a gold medal for 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke.

Juan Nel competed in the Seagulls Short Course Championships and was awarded 2 silver medals for 50m freestyle and 25m butterfly.

The following boys participated in the South African BMX Championships 2017 in Kempton Park in Johannesburg on Sunday 8 October 2017. They raced 3 motos and a final where they received their SA number Boards.

Michael Jansen (SA 2, 1 gold and 2 silver medals), Luc O Brien (SA 3), Jake Jansen (SA 5), Declan-Stone Wensley-Hill.

Jarrold Frost competed in the KZN Athletics meeting this past weekend and was placed 5th in U9 Boys 600m final and 5th in U9 Boys 60m final.

Aaron Drimmie took part in the eThekweni Eisteddfod at St Mary's School on Wednesday, and was awarded a Gold Certificate for his piece in the '20th Century' category, and a Gold Certificate for his piece in the '20th/21st Century' category. He also competed in the KZN Fencing Championships on Saturday and was awarded a bronze medal in the U13 epee event.

Hamza Mahomed had an exciting cricket tour to Knysna. The Knysna Cricket Academy (KSA) played three 40 over games against Durbanville A; Eversdal and Kenridge (all schools are from Cape Town). He bowled against Durbanville - 6 overs for 18 runs with 1 maiden and against Eversdal - 4 overs for 9 runs (also took 2 catches). He had his best game against Kenridge. Bowled 5 overs with 2 wickets for 14 runs with 1 maiden and top scored for his team with 24 runs.

Connor Doig won the U12 singles title at the KZN Trafalgar Property Management Junior Open Tournament at the beginning of the holidays. He also won the U12 singles (and doubles) KZN Umgungungdlovu Tennis Tournament in mid September, and was the first boy in 10 years to win the u12 title as an under 10.

Jordan Hope was awarded the U9 trophy for the Most Improved Player of the Year at Stella Football Club.

Mihir Bhikha participated in a Junior Tennis Tournament held at Westridge Park during the school holidays.

Muhammed Ridaa Sultan, Toyota Warrior Rookie participated in a 5km obstacle course.

Luke Baird represented KZN in the SA Schools Judo competition in Johannesburg and won a gold medal and retained his title as SA Champ from last year.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 11 October	SACS Water Polo Tournament - 1st Team Mother's Committee Meeting Gumboot Team to Livingstone	07h30 13h00
Thursday 12 October	SACS Water Polo Tournament - 1st Team Cricket vs Clifton Grade 4 Excursion Suela	
Friday 13 October	SACS Water Polo Tournament - 1st Team Cricket vs Clifton Grade 4 Excursion - Suela	
Saturday 14 October	SACS Water Polo Tournament - 1st Team Cricket vs Clifton	

Sunday 15 October		
Monday 16 October	Senior Primary Sports Photographs	
Tuesday 17 October	Grade 7 Market Day Maris Stella Junior Primary Choir Evening Visit from Paarl Junior Management Team	08h00 18h00
Wednesday 18 October	School Assembly Staff Meeting Maris Stella Senior Primary Choir Evening	07h30 09h30 18h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Welcome back to a short yet busy fourth term. Thanks for sending your sons to school with their R20 for the Grade 7 Market Day, which has been postponed till next week Tuesday.

Please remember that our Friday morning swimming lessons commence this week. All boys need to arrive at school with their DPHS costume on under their shorts as well as their own swimming cap and towel.

Our concert practices are well underway and we hope that you have all put this important date, Thursday 26 October, into your diaries. Your invitations were sent home at the end of last term together with other important information and dates to remember for the remainder of this year.

We look forward to enjoying the final term of Grade R with you.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

It was wonderful to see all the boys and staff again after the much appreciated albeit short break. The fourth term is always a particularly busy and exciting one and we are looking forward to the many activities which are special to this time of year.

Time trials in preparation for the Inter-House Gala, scheduled for Thursday 2 November, are already underway. The Cricket season for the U9 boys begins this Friday afternoon. Mini-Cricket reply slips are due by the end of this week and the first session is scheduled for next Saturday morning.

Traditionally the Grade 3 boys present the JP Concert in the fourth term, providing a wonderful culmination to their years in the Junior Primary Phase. The title of the 2017 concert is "The North Pole goes Rock and Roll!". The Senior Citizens' performance is scheduled for Wednesday 8 November at 09h00 and the Grand Finale will be on Thursday 9 November at 18h30. We wish all the Grade 3 boys and all the teachers involved in this production everything of the best as they prepare for this much anticipated annual event.

The Grade 3 Choir will be participating in a Junior Primary Maris Stella Choir Evening next Tuesday. This event is a very exciting addition to the calendar and we wish these boys a most enjoyable evening.

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 1 Langley (17m 00cm)

2nd Grade 2 Oosthuis and Grade 3 Veerasamy (12m 00cm)

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Game 1

DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	Glenwood 84 for 6	
	DPHS 85 for 1	Jarred Kitto 48 n.o
DPHS won by 9 wickets		

Game 2

DPHS vs Merchiston	DPHS 30 for 0	
Match abandoned due to lightning		

Game 3

DPHS vs Clifton	DPHS 114 for 6	Jack Hughes 36
	Clifton 95 for 3	
DPHS won by 19 runs		

Fixtures

Day/Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Time
Friday 13-Oct-17	4th	Clifton	DPHS (Smith)	14h00
	5th	Clifton	Clifton Whithead Oval	14h00
	6th	Clifton	Durban North College	14h00
	7th	Clifton	Durban North College	14h00
	11A	Clifton	DPHS (Walshaw)	14h00
	11B	Clifton	Collegians	14h00
Saturday 14-Oct-17	2nd	Clifton	Clifton Whithead Oval	08h45
	3rd	Clifton	DPHS (Smith)	08h30
	10A	Clifton	DPHS (Walshaw)	08h30
	10B	Clifton	Durban North College	08h30
	10C	Clifton	Clifton Astro	08h30

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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SPECIAL GOOD WISHES TO OUR GR 7's

As our committed and talented Gr 7 boys begin their last and final school term at DPHS and proudly complete the DPHS journey, most will have been at PREP for eight years, the DPHSA extends to them, warm and embracing good wishes. As these young men reflect on their journey at PREP may they joyously celebrate a significant chapter of achievement in their life story. DPHS offers boys one of the finest character building, talent enhancing and intellectual challenges available to primary school boys anywhere in the world.

They have unflinchingly embraced the many exacting opportunities and demands of PREP life to summit to a personal best and prepare themselves thoroughly for an exciting new zenith of self-fulfilment and success as individuals and pupils at high school.

Well done DPHS Gr 7's!

May your final school term at DPHS be a fitting and lasting experience of happy and rewarding PREP Sch☺☺l days!

GENERAL

2018 TERM DATES

(Learners will return to school on 17 January 2018 and school will end for the year on 12 December 2018)

TERM 1: 17 January - 28 March

TERM 2: 10 April - 22 June

TERM 3: 17 July - 28 September

TERM 4: 09 October - 12 December

2017 TERM 3 AND 4 DATES as supplied by Naptosa

TERM 4: 09 October - 06 December

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