



## *Prep Patter* our news bulletin

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## DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

### BULLETIN 02: WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2018

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Let the countdown for the year begin ie. Let me inform you that there are only 45 academic school days left to celebrate during the remainder of the term until school closes on Wednesday 28 March. These are again going to be extremely busy yet fun-filled days for all Prep Partners to enjoy.

### STAFF NEWS

It gives me great pleasure again to formally welcome the following staff members into our staff team.

### WELCOME TO:

Miss Paige Knight	-	Reception Unit
Miss A J Logan	-	Grade 3
Mr Barry Thatcher	-	Grade 5
Miss Rebecca Hammond	-	Grade 6
Mrs Phillipa Nixon James	-	Music and Academic Support
Mr Gareth May	-	Teacher Intern
Mrs Loren Firth	-	Art

### Parents Information Evening

Our sincerest appreciation as a staff is extended to our parent community for your loyal support in attending the respective Grade evenings from Grade R through to our senior Grade 7 Section. There are many families who had to attend more than one evening due to the split in the grades for their sons and this effort did not go unnoticed. Thank you! Please take the valuable

information presented to you and share this with your son so that each person is fully aware of the expectations, guidelines and structures that are to be implemented as soon as possible to afford our son the solid platform from which he can launch his 2018 year of goals and ambitions.

### Cellphones

I again refer to my message that I shared at each of the evenings with regards to the “ban” on parents/families using the cell phone when bringing your child to school or when fetching him during the school day. Thank you to so many parents who actually came to me to endorse my sentiments that this should be quality family time to wish the child well for the day or to meet and greet the son with your open arms after his busy day at school. Let us continue to share the message amongst the Prep community and together aim to implement this urgent request. Your support and understanding is so greatly appreciated.

### Grade 7 News

Our senior boys are being prepared for the role of ‘Leader’ in the school which incorporates each senior heading up his own ‘family’ of junior Prep boys in our school - a responsibility that is known as the ‘Prep Pal’ system. The senior staff and their boys are committed to serving their school with distinction by setting the expected high standards through their example in leading. The school has thus afforded these Grade 7 learners the privilege to wear a ‘Senior Tie’ so that each one can be recognized and appreciated around the school. This handing over of the tie to each senior will take place at this coming Monday’s Assembly ie. 29 January at 07h30. I hereby cordially invite parents to make the necessary effort to be present to celebrate the occasion.

### Extra Murals

The SP programme is in full swing with both the sports and school club activities extremely well attended. The JP Mini Cricket format will soon be launched and I again call on many ‘dads/moms’ to respond positively to the letter sent home by the JP Staff, calling on our parents to put their name down to be part of the coaching structures for these enthusiastic Grade 1 and 2 learners interested in the code of cricket. We expect our boys to be present for these Saturday early morning programmes. It is always so encouraging to see every area on the fields covered with our mini cricketers in action. May 2018 be even more rewarding!

The code of swimming also needs our full support as our boys prepare for the routine of early morning/afternoon squad trainings in preparation for our Championship Gala, Inter-School Galas and the D & D Galas at Kings Park Pool. Best wishes to all our staff members, coaches, swimmers and their families for the season ahead. May each of the squads lift the D & D Trophy this year with the excitement of our school aiming to receive the A League Trophy for the 20th consecutive year - an amazing achievement to really celebrate.

The cricket teams will now be participating in a full round of school fixtures with 21 DPHS teams in action this week from the U10 age group through to U13 teams. The U9 section will also be adding their teams to this amazing large turn-out in the very near future. This means that our teams will be playing against two schools to provide fixtures namely Glenwood Prep and Clifton. I again remind the boys that the Headmaster’s Top 10 Batting and Bowling List will be introduced after this full round.

Thank you to the many families who have already signed up to join in the Music lessons that are on offer here at school. It is wonderful to see the growth in this department with a wider variety of instruments being introduced. This all is a positive step forward towards the launch of our DPHS school orchestra - a dream that is starting to become a reality!

There has also been a great turnout in numbers at the Water Polo sessions held at our Cemtech College facility and from this year also at the DHS swimming pool. We are really looking forward to another successful Water Polo season.

### PREP BOYS

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Approach their first fixtures of the year in a casual manner	Become excited about representing their school in the first fixtures of the year
Relax in this second week of school with regards to their academic programme	Accelerate the pace with regards to their academic focus
Litter at all - anywhere	Keep their school and surroundings spotless

### **MR PREP - CONGRATULATIONS**

Junior Primary - Kedar Naidoo - 2JE

Senior Primary - Jared Casimiro - 6 CH

### **HEADMASTER'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

"Yesterday is not ours to recover  
but tomorrow is ours to win or lose"

**B WILSON**

Headmaster

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

A reminder to send us your news and achievements to [cmccarthy@dphs.co.za](mailto:cmccarthy@dphs.co.za) for inclusion in the Prep Patter

Luc O' Brien has been awarded Provincial colours for Track Cycling.

## **CALENDAR**

Wednesday 24 January	Grade 4 Parent's Evening Grade 6 Parent's Evening	18h00 18h30
Thursday 25 January		
Friday 26 January	Cricket vs Clifton House Assembly - House Leadership Elections Mothers' Committee AGM Staff Meeting	07h30 07h30 09h50
Saturday 27 January	Cricket vs Clifton	
Sunday 28 January		
Monday 29 January	Grade 7 Leadership Tie Presentation - Full School Assembly	07h30
Tuesday 30 January	Top Ten Championship Gala at Jubilee Pool Gordon Road	17h30
Wednesday 31 January	Cricket vs Highbury	

## **RECEPTION UNIT NEWS**

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend the Reception Unit Parents' Information Evening on Monday night. We were delighted to have such a fantastic turnout and are looking forward to the special year ahead of us.

Our first swimming lessons will be taking place this Friday. The boys will be transported in the DPHS bus to the Jubilee Pool, where they will be introduced to their three coaches. Please ensure that your son comes to school wearing his Prep costume under his shorts and that he has a plastic packet in his school bag, containing a pair of underpants, a lycra cap (any colour

in Grade R) and a towel. Please apply suntan lotion at home and ensure that all swimming kit is clearly marked.

The Garvz extra-mural programme will commence next week Monday or Wednesday, depending on which day you have registered your son for. Please note that all boys attending Garvz must be collected promptly at 13h00 from the small gate in the lane, between the lower main campus field and the Reception Unit. After-care boys will be escorted back to the Reception Unit after their GARVZ session, unless we have been notified otherwise.

Please refer to the 'Reception Unit Dates to Remember for Term1' handout sent home last week. Our headmaster, Mr Wilson and the DPHS Governing Body have extended a special invite to all Reception Unit parents to attend the 'Welcome' function next Thursday at 18h30, in the Maurice Wilkinson Hall.

## JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

At the first JP Assembly of the year on Tuesday morning the boys were introduced to our "One of a kind Skydiving Preppy Bear"! On the occasion of the JP Department's 25th birthday celebrations, he parachuted onto the John Smith field and he will be an important companion at all the JP events during the course of this 30th birthday year.

The boys enjoyed special visitors at the end of the assembly when Bruce Dragt of Garvz Sports arrived accompanied by Sharkie and Dolphie. Parents who choose to enrol their sons in the Garvz Sports programme are reminded that this activity begins next week.

The U9 cricket is well under way and time trials for the Championship Gala scheduled for next Tuesday evening will be completed by the end of this week.

The turnout at the JP Parents' Evening last night was confirmation of the wonderful support which the boys and the school enjoy. Positive communication between home and school is essential if the boys are to enjoy a constructive year. The evening started with a talk by Kerry Salvesen entitled "Time to be Exponential". A combination of Kerry's professional insights into the type of world our boys will inhabit as adults, extremely useful guidelines in preparing them for this and dynamic presentation ensured a thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile experience for the audience. The parents then went to their sons' classrooms where the class teachers addressed them, giving them important information and insights into the expectations of that particular grade. Thereafter the parents of U9 boys attended an address by Michael Dick, Director of Sport, and interested parents were able to discuss the private Instrumental Music programme on offer with Annette Briscoe, Director of Performing Arts. All parents are reminded that their son's well-being and progress are of paramount importance and they are encouraged to make an appointment with the class teacher if they have any concerns during the year.

### Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

#### Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 3 Vawda (2m 50cm)

2nd Grade 1 May (2m 40cm)

## SPORTS NEWS

### CRICKET RESULTS AS SUPPLIED BY THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

DPHS vs Glenwood Prep	DPHS 144 for 7	Michael Thornton 44 Hamza Mahomed 36 n.o
	Glenwood Prep 124 for 7	Shahzaad Perumal 2/18 Ziyaad Moolla 2/16
<b>DPHS won by 20 runs</b>		

<b>DPHS vs Glenwood Prep</b>	Glenwood Prep 140 for 6	Daniel Sweeney 1/11 Huzaifah Badat 1/11 David Pohl 1/18
	DPHS 142 for 6	Chad Croshaw 21 Christopher Horak 20 Nikhil Prakaschandra 20
<b>DPHS won by 4 wickets</b>		

<b>DPHS vs Glenwood Prep</b>	DPHS 212 for 3	Bryce Woolf 81 Jack Hughes 39 Nicholas Hamilton 22 n.o Yusuf Dhai 22 retired
	Glenwood Prep 91 all out	Luca Robinson 2/11 Oliver Da Costa 1/8
<b>DPHS won by 121 runs</b>		

<b>WEEK 2</b>				
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday 24-Jan-18	11A	Glenwood Prep	Glenwood Prep	14h20
	11B	Clifton	Riverside Main	14h20
	11C	Clifton	Riverside (Football field)	14h20
	11D	Glenwood Prep 11C	Collegians	14h20
	10A	Glenwood Prep	DPHS (Smith)	14h20
	10B	Clifton	Clifton (Whitehead)	14h20
	10C	Clifton	Durban North College 2 (Top)	14h20
	Practice will continue for the teams not playing matches			
Thursday 25-Jan-18	4th	Clifton	Clifton (Whitehead)	14h20
	7th	Clifton	Riverside (Football field)	14h20
	8th	Glenwood Prep	Glenwood Prep	14h20
Friday 26-Jan-18	3rd	Clifton	Clifton (Whitehead)	14h00
	5th	Clifton	Riverside (Football field)	14h00
	6th	Clifton	DPHS (Smith)	14h00
	11E	Glenwood Prep 11D	Glenwood Prep	14h00
	10A	Clifton	DPHS (Walshaw)	14h00
	10D	Clifton	Riverside Astro	14h00
	10E 10F	Internal	Collegians	14h00
Saturday 27-Jan-18	1st	Clifton	Clifton (Whitehead)	08h30
	2nd	Clifton	DPHS (Smith)	08h30
	4th	Glenwood Prep	Glenwood Prep	08h30
	11A	Clifton	DPHS (Walshaw)	08h30

## **DPHS ASSOCIATION**

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### **Special Visitor**

It is always an affirming and inspirational privilege to meet up at DPHS with a passionate DPHS supporter and true friend of the school, especially so, when this person lives far away in Australia, taught at DPHS ('86 to '00) and is a DPHS Association member. Lyn Kleynhans seldom, if ever, forgets to visit DPHS when she is back in Durban. Lyn and her husband Carlie and daughters Megan (also a teacher) and Jenna are living in Karratha, Western Australia where she is teaching and is Head of the English Department at St Lukes College, a Co-Ed High School. She expressed her good wishes to all her DPHS friends and associates. Thank you Lyn from the DPHSA for your kindness, friendship and special support and encouragement you bring each time you visit DPHS.

## **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

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