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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Down into single figures now with only 9 days left to enjoy during this first term. Please be reminded that next week Wednesday is a Public Holiday - Human Rights Day with schools closing the following Wednesday 28 March.

STAFF NEWS

It is with great excitement that we as a staff share the news with the Prep community of the very recent birth of Sienna Kate, daughter to our Grade 2 teacher Mrs Liz Murphy and her husband Mitchell. We all look forward to the day when Mrs Murphy brings Sienna Kate to visit us at school. Congratulations! Thank you to Mrs Britney Schamotta who is taking this Grade 2 class whilst Mrs Murphy is on leave.

Best wishes are extended to Mr Faez Jaffar who has had to go in to hospital for a long overdue back operation. Mr Jaffar has bravely battled on through this term but under doctor's orders now needed to undergo the necessary surgery. Mr Jaffar will be away for 6 - 8 weeks. Thank you to Mr Colin Madgin, well known for his teaching services at Prep, who will take Mr Jaffar's specialist lessons in the SP phase.

EXCURSIONS

Thank you to the staff, boys and parents for your combined efforts in making the 2018 excursions such a memorable experience. I highlight the “going beyond the call of duty” by the staff members in Grade 5/6/7 who have been on excursion, around the province, since Monday and returned today with the boys. There are many positive stories that the boys will be wanting to share with their family members so I encourage each family to create that

family time to hear about the activities and feedback on the experiences enjoyed by the boys. Well done to each grade - Thank you!

CHOIR

Thank you to Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Perks for preparing the boys who were available after excursions to represent our school at the opening of the Spar Conference held today in Durban. Our choir was personally invited to open the Conference that hosted about 400 delegates with the singing of two songs Sanbonani and Adiemus.

It was a very proud moment for our school to be the only school invited to be part of the opening ceremony for this well-known brand. There are many of our DPHS parents who are involved at various levels in this company and I saw just how proud they were too of our school - this Headmaster was beaming with pride as I enjoyed the musical presentations of our choir at this Conference. Thank you staff, choir members and parents who made this possible for our boys to participate.

SGB ELECTIONS

This serves as yet another reminder that our school will be holding the final round of Governing Body elections here in the Maurice Wilkinson Hall at 18h30 tomorrow night Thursday 15 March. I again call on all families (Grade 1 - Grade 7) to please make the necessary effort to be present to vote in these elections. Please ensure that you bring your SA identity book or passport when registering to vote here on your arrival at school. It will be greatly appreciated if parents do arrive by 18h20 at the latest so that the elections can start promptly at 18h30.

The newly elected Governing Body will be announced in the hall after the voting procedure tomorrow night - please note that parents are expected to be present for the duration of the process.

WATER POLO

The 1st team Water Polo squad returned on Sunday as the champions of the Grey PE National Water Polo Festival consisting of 14 schools. The boys excelled in their fixtures by remaining unbeaten against Grey PE (B); Western Province Prep, Glenwood PE, Rondebosch, Selborne, SACS (twice), Bishops and finally to beat Redham Cape Town in the finals. It really was a heart-warming experience to be present and observe the Prep spirit and team skills noted in each fixture which ensured that our boys fully deserved the trophy that was brought home. The spotlight must also shine brightly over the Coach Mr Gareth May who has prepared the boys so professionally throughout this first term as well as to all the Prep staff involved in the DPHS Water Polo programme.

Thank you to Mr Steve La Marque (DHS) for his coaching input given to our team this term. The team played 9 fixtures in total, winning all 9, scoring 60 goals for and only having 21 goals scored against us. Congratulations Mr May on an outstanding effort and achievement in directing these boys to receive this honour. May we continue to applaud our 'Champions', the boys, on their determined efforts and positive play throughout each game. What impressed me more was to also hear such compliments from the Grey PE hosting parents about the exemplary behaviour and impressive manners that our boys showed each day. Proudly Prep Ambassadors - so proud of you boys! Thank you to the many Prep parents who were able to be on tour and to all the parents for your general support in the preparations and build up for this tour. A great Prep effort!

ACADEMIC NEWS

The staff in all phases are finalising the overall assessments and marks for the boys in the main school grades. This means that our educators are now moving into that final and busy phase of preparing reports for this term end. Please encourage your child to complete all set tasks and homework responsibilities so that each boy can aim for those higher levels expected of him. The boys are also reminded to challenge for a top 10/top 5 Beanland Cup positions, a merit certificate of an overall and 80%+ aggregate and a most improved academic recognition which will be announced at the Academic Assembly held on Tuesday 27 March at 07h30. These

academic achievements are for the Senior Primary School (grades 4 - 7 classes) - any such worthy recipients will be invited to the termly Headmasters tea following the Academic Assembly. Make your parents, teacher, school and most important yourself proud as a DPHS learner who has given of his utmost across the academic programme!

CHRIS CUBITT MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY

I remind all DPHS partners of this annual and special assembly that will be held next Thursday 22 March at 07h30 in memory of those Prep boys who have sadly passed whilst being at DPHS. The boys are allowed to wear their sports/hobbies outfits that they have selected e.g. Sharks kit, fishing outfit, cycling or any other of their favourite sports/hobbies kit. Although this day is a fun day for the boys, I do emphasise to all partners that this day is held in memory of and to celebrate the lives of those beloved Prep boys. It would be greatly appreciated if each set of parents can also express this sentiment to their child when their son is deciding on what outfit he is choosing to wear, in honour of this memorial event.

JP AND G R MEETINGS

I call on every family in these junior phases to be present for a meeting with your respective class teacher in Grades R/ and 1/2/3 during next week. It is so important for you to be able to hear of your son's academic progress and general attitude noted during term one. Please ensure that any praise, compliments and/or constructive advice given in order to improve is relayed with your son when you return home so that he can continue to build on his excellent achievements or learn from the information and guidance shared by his educator. Please be there!

RUGBY SEASON

There is a rugby fever that has descended upon our school with the boys showing great enthusiasm in their early season training. There are various trials, practices and inter house matches already set down for this week with our U9 boys representing our school in the Cowan House Festival up at Hilton this coming Saturday. I send out an early battle-call to all the rugby boys to be prepared for our first inter school rugby fixture next Friday 23 March against Merchiston in Pietermaritzburg. Thank you to all our coaches' and boys for the commitment and rugby passion already noted. May there again be many positive experiences enjoyed this 2018 season!

REMEMBER PREP BOYS

<u>DON'T</u>	<u>DO</u>
Forget to give their academic programme their best attention throughout the term.	Focus on all academic tasks until the last day of term.
Ignore the efforts of the 1st team Water Polo squad who won the Grey PE Tournament.	Proudly join in the celebrations of our Water Polo 1st team honour of champions at Grey PE.
Misunderstand the importance of the Chris Cubitt Day.	Value and respect the meaning of the Chris Cubitt Day
Miss out on the rugby fever here at school.	Ensure that they are part of this exciting rugby season that has already started.
Let their parents forget their G R/JP parent meetings next week.	Remind their parents to attend the G.R/JP parent meetings next week.

MR PREP - CONGRATULATIONS

Junior Primary - Kian Spencer - Gr 1 Twaddle
Senior Primary - Max Oliva - Gr 4 Miloszewski

HEADMASTER'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"You can't fall if you don't climb.
But there is no joy in living your whole life on the ground"

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: Mpilo Mabuza, Henry Harker

Grade 4: Tyron Smit, John Watkins

Grade 5: Aaron Drimmie, Lwandle Chili

Grade 6: Uzayr Mohamed Sayeed, Shikar Rampiari

Grade 7: Jehiel Timothy

Mitchel Garreau competed in the KZN Nipper Lifesaving Champs and won the overall total u11 age group

Sashin Naidu-Rule completed his 10th parkrun and received a certificate from North Beach Parkrun race director Charli Wiggil for joining the Junior 10 Club (10 runs for under 10-year-olds)

Yahya Zakaria Moolla participated in a coding competition held at Hartley Road Primary School and his team was placed first in the mini competition on Saturday 3 March.

The following boys recently participated in the Psi U11 and U12 Indoor Hockey Trials, held at Reddam House and all were successful in being selected for the respective "A" Teams, for the forthcoming Psi U11 and U12 Indoor Hockey National Tournament, to be held in Durban, from 27 April to 30 April 2018.

Luc O'Brien, Luca Robinson, Matthew Terblanche, Mitchel Garreau

CALENDAR

Wednesday 14 March	Reception Unit Parent/Teacher Meetings Grade 5-7 Excursion Grade 3 Treasure Beach Excursion Specialist Symbols to Senior Primary Staff	
Thursday 15 March	Reception Unit Parent/Teacher Meetings Staff Meeting Grade 7 Leadership Workshop (M/W Hall) Rugby Trials U12/U13 SGB Elections - Parents (alternate date)	09h30 10h00 14h00 18h00
Friday 16 March	Junior Primary Reports to Head of Department Letterland Day - Grade 1 Senior Primary Marks to Academic Head Rugby Practice U9	12h45
Saturday 17 March	Midlands Rugby Festival - U9 & U10 Interhouse Rugby - U11 & U13	08h00
Sunday 18 March		
Monday 19 March	Junior Primary Parent/Teacher Meeting Staff Meeting Rugby Practice - U10 & U11	09h30 14h00
Tuesday 20 March	Junior Primary Parent/Teacher Meeting 1st XV Rugby Camp	

	Beanland Cup/Top 10 Results to DP Christ Cubitt Memorial Assembly - Rehearsal Rugby Practice U12 & U13	07h30 14h00
Wednesday 21 March	Public Holdiay - Human Rights Day	

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

We had lovely weather for our *open swimming lessons* at the Jubilee Pool last Friday and it was great to see the wonderful support from parents on the day. It was also *Mr Mfeka's birthday* and he was made to feel very special and appreciated as we gathered together in the garden to wish him.

This week started with a lovely treat as the Grade R boys attended *Lloyd Bristow's Incredible Dogzkool Dog Show* at main campus. Many returned to school singing their own rendition of "Who let the dogs out...".

Our pupils have all been allocated into their *DPHS Houses* and their house kit (shirt and cap) was sent home in their bags on Monday, accompanied by a note welcoming them into their School House. Please remember to check that you are happy with the shirt size allocated to your son before labelling both items clearly. You will be informed of our first House Dress Day well in advance and the boys will be required to wear their house kit to school with their usual denim shorts and sandals.

Results of the *eye screening*, conducted last week, have been sent home in the notebooks. Please chat to us if you have any queries. *Individual and group photos* went ahead as scheduled on Thursday and these should be available early next term.

The Reception Unit parent/teacher meetings are taking place over the course of this week and the feedback received has been very positive. Thank you for setting this time aside to meet with your son's teacher.

A friendly reminder that school is closed on **Wednesday 21 March** as we celebrate *Human Rights Day*.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

We were delighted to receive the exciting news on Friday of the arrival of beautiful baby daughter Sienna Kate Murphy. We extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to parents Liz and Mitch and look forward to Sienna's first visit to Prep!

Last Wednesday afternoon our A team swimmers did themselves proud at the Friendly Invitation Gala at Maris Stella. This has been a busy season which has offered our boys many opportunities to develop their skills and compete against other schools. The final Swimming Squad session will take place on Thursday afternoon and the timetabled swimming lessons will continue until the end of the term.

The U9 Rugby trials are well underway and the boys are wished well for their first fixtures when they attend the Midlands Rugby Festival at Cordwalles on Saturday morning. This is a very exciting way to kick start the season as the 6 Prep teams will have a number of opportunities to play against other schools during the course of the morning.

This morning our Grade 3 boys and 5 energetic teachers headed off to Treasure Beach as part of their first term theme "The Rocky Shores of KZN". On arrival they were divided into groups which were each headed up by a very resourceful guide. They spent a wonderful morning exploring the rock pools and increasing their knowledge and understanding of the creatures

and ecosystem they were investigating. Despite the heat and the long walk back up the steps from the beach at the end, it proved to be a most enjoyable and memorable excursion!

One JP member of staff was fortunate to join the group of Prep teachers who attended the regional conference of the International Boys' Schools Coalition at Michaelhouse last week. International and local speakers addressed issues around the topic "Nurturing Teachers Towards Growing Boys into Significant Men". It was an incredibly worthwhile time of learning and discussion with colleagues from boys' schools around the country.

All parents are reminded that the JP Parents' Week is scheduled for next week. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you during your designated 15 minute appointment to discuss your son's progress and wellbeing.

MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week's recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" 😊				
CLASS		NAME	REASON	
GRADE 1	Langley	Connor May	For his improved work speed and interest in learning	
		Oliver Jackson	For his sensible manner and enthusiasm to always please	
	Greensill	Yusuf Hoosen	For always giving of his best	
		Cade Ashton	For his diligence and kind nature	
	May	Hasan Jeewa	For his kindness and hard work	
		Ayabonga Sithole	For always giving of his best	
	Twaddle	Ethan Lund	For his improved work speed and effort	
		Jack Gammon	For is enthusiastic approach towards learning	
	GRADE 2	Everitt	Carter Seiler	For his very good number work
			Kedar Naidoo	For his beautiful work presentation
Bush		Zachary Chetty	For is enthusiastic approach to his school day	
		Oliver Hunter	For always giving of his best in all subjects	
Martin		Lwando Maquthu	For always giving of his best	
		Pranav Moodley	For always trying hard in his reading group	
Murphy		Alexander van Wyk	For his diligent approach to his school day	
		Uwais Yacoob	For always giving of his best	
GRADE 3		Veerasamy	Aryan Molayan	For his sense of fun and positive approach in his maths
			Jed Reilly	For his smile and pleasing progress in all subjects
	Logan	James Whatmore	For always giving of his best	
		Tashik Maharaj	For his improved effort and work in the classroom	
	Marklew	Alex Matthews	For trying hard and for his good behaviour	
		Boitumelo Mkhize	For his enthusiasm and happy smile	

	Vawda	Kyle Howden	For his lovely reading and good efforts in Mathematics
		Matthew Wedderburn	For his lovely efforts in Mathematics

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade Grade 3 Vawda (6m 80cm)

2nd Grade 2 Everitt (6m 20cm)

SPORTS NEWS

DPHS RUGBY FIXTURES WEEK 9 OF TERM 1				
DATE/DAY	TEAM	OPPONENTS	VENUE	TIME
16-Mar-18 Friday	u9 practice		DPHS	12h40 to 14h00
	u10 practice		DPHS	12h40 to 14h00
	All open boys	Inter-House Rugby Tournament	DPHS (Smith)	14h30 to 17h30
	All u11 boys	Inter-House Rugby Tournament	DPHS (Walshaw)	14h30 to 17h30
17-Mar-18 Saturday	The DPHS u9 teams will be referred to as 1 to 6 as the teams for this weekend			
	DPHS 1	Cowan House u9 Tournament	Cowan House (Hilton)	08h00 to 10h30
	DPHS 2	Cowan House u9 Tournament	Cowan House (Hilton)	08h00 to 10h30
	DPHS 3	Cowan House u9 Tournament	Cowan House (Hilton)	08h00 to 10h30
	DPHS 4	Cowan House u9 Tournament	Cowan House (Hilton)	08h00 to 10h30
	DPHS 5	Cowan House u9 Tournament	Cowan House (Hilton)	08h00 to 10h30
	DPHS 6	Cowan House u9 Tournament	Cowan House (Hilton)	08h00 to 10h30
	Please note that the U10 festival will not take place. Under 10 boys will have a practice on Friday afternoon instead			
23-Mar Friday	Rugby vs Merchiston in PMB for all teams (14h00 to 19h00)			

WATER POLO

Results: Grey Festival

Results	
POOL GAMES	
DPHS vs Grey B	W 10 - 0
DPHS vs WPPS	W 7 - 1
DPHS vs Glenwood House	W 12 - 2
DPHS vs Rondebosch	W 5 - 3
DPHS vs Selborne	W 7 - 3
DPHS vs SACS	W 4 - 3
QUARTER FINALS	
DPHS vs Bishops	W 8 - 1
SEMI FINAL	
DPHS vs SACS	W 3 - 2
FINAL	
Reddam	W 5 - 4

DPHS won the festival

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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PREPARING OUR BOYS FOR LIFE'

In the DPHSA Patter News two weeks ago I wrote, "The success story of DPHS Water Polo is inspirational and packed full of heroes - boys, teachers, coaches and parents.

How do you become a top ranked Water Polo school when you don't have a Water Polo pool at your school? Our DPHS Water Polo heroes have shown us how! They remain undaunted by the extraordinary challenges they face and paradoxically continue to compete successfully against the best in SA. Discipline, hard work, sacrifice, courage, humility and doggedly strong 'Character' define excellence and success. Qualities DPHS boys and people are blessed with!

The DPHS heroes returned victorious from three long hard days of Water Polo matches against some of the best U13 Water Polo school teams in the country. They won all of their games, six games in the pool stages and then the quarter final, semi - final and final.

A prodigious achievement!

Another important example and life lesson to the school of overcoming difficulties and reaching for the stars!

Congratulations to the boys, the DPHS Sports Department and everyone associated with Water Polo at DPHS.

GENERAL

2018 TERM DATES

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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