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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

The number of days left for the academic term is now indicated on one hand as we count down the remaining time left to enjoy a rewarding first quarter of 2018. There is still a jam-packed DPHS Year planner of events needing our full attention before we move into the holiday period.

SGB Elections

Thank you DPHS for the large attendance of parents for the elections that took place last Thursday evening. It has also been encouraging to note the bigger list of parents who had been nominated and who wished to serve our school in this capacity. My personal appreciation is extended to those parents who were nominated.

Congratulations to those members who were duly elected at the meeting and who I had the pleasure of meeting after the election process so that the official board portfolios could be put in place. I hereby enclose those names of the SGB who will serve the school now that these elections have been conducted:

Mr Brett Davidson - Chairman
Mr Max Oliva - Vice Chairman
Mr Warren Mills - Treasurer
Mr Bruce Hughes
Mrs Cara Reilly
Mrs Lindiwe Rakharabe - Co-opted
Mr Barry Wilson - Headmaster
Mr Steven Aucamp - Educator
Miss Carolyn Gilroy - Educator

Mr Gilbert Edouard-Betsy - Non-educator
Mrs Denise Tsouris - Secretary Co-opted

Thank you again to Mr Des Friedrichs of Morningside Primary who conducted the elections as the Appointed Electoral Officer, Mr Grant Phipson and Mrs Denise Tsouris as the Assistant Electoral Officers and the other DPHS staff who also served as Assistants or who served in support of the 2018 elections. I and we as a school look forward to working closely with our newly elected SGB members, as we together serve in the very best interests of our beloved DPHS school.

Public Holiday

Please be reminded that tomorrow i.e. Wednesday 21 March is a public holiday as we celebrate "Human Rights Day". May this day be spent amongst family and loved ones spending quality family time together ready to return on Thursday for the busy end of term programme. Enjoy!

Chris Cubitt Day

This very important event will take place this coming Thursday 22 March at 07h30 in our Memorial Quad. As has been previously relayed to you, this day is held in honour and memory of those boys, like Chris Cubitt, who have passed whilst the boy was a pupil at DPHS. It is at this assembly, held in the quad, where we as the DPHS community can pay our respects to those Prep families in loving memory of their beloved son. Please note that parents, old boys and friends of the school are most welcome to attend this assembly which will be over by ± 08h00. You are again reminded that the boys may come to school in their sports/hobby kit to pay their personal respects to the tradition of this day held each year. Thank you to the staff, boys and parents for your support in this day with a special mention given to Mr Alistair Naidu for the overall co-ordinating of the Chris Cubitt Day.

Fridays Programme

We have a very busy day (this Friday 23 March) with the 07h30 Assembly, followed by the SP Inter-house Gala with a full programme of Rugby fixtures, from U9/U10/U11/U13 age groups against Merchiston in Pietermaritzburg. Please note that we will be enjoying a house dress day for the SP Gala on Friday.

Boys are thus reminded to bring their rugby kit and tracksuit/blazer to school for the fixtures that follow later in the day. I call on all parents to please be present in your respective house colours to support the Senior Primary Inter-House Gala which will again be another exciting and spirited event. Thank you to Miss Challis-Chandler for her overall co-ordinating of the gala arrangements.

Please be reminded that our boys will be needing transport amongst our parents to get to and from Pietermaritzburg on Friday.

Junior Primary Meetings

Thank you to the JP staff for hosting these parent meetings throughout this week and to the many JP families who have already or are to still attend their meeting later this week. These meetings are essential for the teacher/parent relationship where each boy will receive the necessary praise or constructive advice during each respective interview.

Programme Ahead

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 22 March	Chris Cubitt Day/ Prep Pal Meetings
Friday 23 March	House Dress Day SP Inter-house Gala U9 to U13 rugby vs Merchiston (away)
Saturday 24 March	Free weekend

Monday 26 March	JP puppet presentation
Tuesday 27 March	07h30: Top 10 Academics Assembly 08h15: Headmaster's Academic Tea 11h50: Honour our Helpers Function 12h40: Grade 1 boys/staff visit the Reception Unit Start of the Glenwood High Rugby Festival for 1st and 2nd XV teams from DPHS 13h30 DPHS 2nd XV vs Paulpietersburg 1st XV 15h10 DPHS 1st XV vs Rustenburg 1st XV
Wednesday 28 March	Break up day 07h30 - final assembly 10h30 - Reception Unit closes 10h45 - Junior Primary 11h00 - Senior Primary (No homework centre or after care on this day)

Rugby Festival still continues for DPHS at the Glenwood High School on this Wednesday and the next day Thursday 29 March.

School opens for the second term on Tuesday 10 April.

U9 Rugby

Congratulations to the many families and to all the coaches, staff and boys involved in the 6 teams that participated in the Cowan House Rugby Festival in Hilton last Saturday. I was an exceptionally proud Headmaster to see the large DPHS supporters group who positively cheered on the outstanding efforts of all teams throughout the festival. The boys/teams are to be complimented on their excellent team efforts and many victories, as well as their team-spirit and general sporting and excellent behaviour on and off the field of play. A wonderful start to the rugby season. Well done Prep!

Remember Prep Boys

<u>DON'T</u>	<u>DO</u>
Not know the names of the SGB members	Respect and appreciate the service provided of all SGB members
Become bored during the holidays	Keep themselves actively busy throughout the holidays
Forget their clothing/kit for the busy day of activities on Friday	Pack their bags accordingly for the busy day this Friday
Allow their parents to forget to share the information from the JP meetings	Listen carefully to the feedback given by both staff and parents from these meetings
Get left to wait for parents on break-up day	Remember what time school closes for each phase on break-up day

MR PREP - CONGRATULATIONS

Junior Primary - James Swart Grade 3 Marklew

Senior Primary - Luke Mills Grade 6 Armstrong

HEADMASTER'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If you don't like the road you are walking on, then start paving another one immediately"

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: Eli Clarence, Muhammad Joosab

Grade 4: James Sinclair, Connor Staude

Grade 5: Tendekayi Moto, Siyabonga Jaca

Grade 6: Dawood Akoob, Luke Davidson

Grade 7: Charlie Good, Declan Dreyer

The following boys attended the Pro Series Indoor Hockey Trials and have been selected to represent PSi Durban in the U11 and U12 Psi national Tournament being held in Durban this year from 27 - 30 April 2018.

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

The following boys have been selected to attend the final KZN U11 trials at which two KZN U11 invitation teams will be selected which are scheduled for 24 - 26 August at Glenwood Preparatory School.

Omar Ismaeel, Zaid Motala, Tristan Uys, Mitchel Garreau, Cohen Naidoo, Thomas Taylor Jaxon Ribbink has been chosen by the Ethekekwini Surfriders Association Executive Committee to participate in the Ethekekwini district 2018 Grom Surfing Team to compete at the 2018 Sea Harvest Grom Games in March 2018.

The following boys participated in the South Coast Tennis Tournament and the results were as follows:

1st: Siyabonga Jaca (Champion Cup)

2nd: Simphiwe Ngwenya (Medal)

3rd: Karl Schaefer (Medal)

The following 3 boys participated in the World Lyrical Dance Championship at Curro Hillcrest High, hosted by the World Lyrical Dance Federation (WLDF), on Saturday 17 March 2018 and obtained the following results:

Lyrical Solo U12: Luca Robinson (2nd)

Lyrical Solo U14: Jake Savage (3rd), Jude Bunyan (4th)

Lyrical Trio U14: Jake Savage, Jude Bunyan and a Grade 6 pupil from DGC (all 3 came 1st)

All 3 boys have now qualified for the upcoming European Championships in 2018 and World Championships in 2019, should they wish to participate. They are now awaiting their WLDF World Ranking and grading results and positions.

Reece and Adrian Truter travelled to Benoni on 10 March 2018 for the SA Lifesaving Open Water Champs and obtained the following results:

Reece U12: Swim (7th), Mali (6th), Run swim run (7th), Iron nipper (5th), Taplin relay (1st)

Adrian U10: Swim (2nd), Mali (1st), Run swim run (2nd)

The following boys will be participating in the SA Nipper Champs in Port Elizabeth from 1- 5 April, during the Easter Holidays.

Tayne Naude, Reece Truter, Ben Ribbink, James Kitto, Josh Snyman, Adrian Truter, Thor Knutsen-Smith, Andrew Boucher, Elliott Springate, Jaxon Ribbink

CALENDAR

Tuesday 20 March	Junior Primary Parent/Teacher Meeting 1st XV Rugby Camp Beanland Cup/Top 10 Results to DP Chris Cubitt Memorial Assembly - Rehearsal Rugby Practice U12 & U13	07h30 14h00
Wednesday 21 March	Public Holiday - Human Rights Day	
Thursday 22 March	Junior Primary Parent/Teacher Meeting Choir and Marimba Band Culture at Kearsney Senior Primary Reports to Headmaster Chris Cubitt Memorial Assembly /Prep Pal meetings Rugby Practice U12/U13 1st XV vs Stirling	07h30 14h00 16h00
Friday 23 March	Junior Primary Parent/Teacher Meeting House Dress Day Senior Primary Inter-house Gala Rugby vs Merchiston (A) Sharks vs Rebels (A)	07h00 10h30 13h00 20h00
Saturday 24 March		
Sunday 25 March		
Monday 26 March	Staff Meeting Junior Primary Puppet World Presentation	09h30 10h50
Tuesday 27 March	Glenwood High Rugby Festival Top 10 Academics Assembly Top 10 Academics - Headmaster's Tea Honour Your Helpers Function Grade 1 visit to Reception Unit Staff Function	07h30 08h00 11h50 12h40 17h30
Wednesday 28 March	Glenwood High Rugby Festival Final Assembly Reception Unit Closes Junior Primary Closes School Closes (No Homework Centre or P/Place)	07h30 10h30 10h45 11h00

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Our End of Term Newsletter as well as letters regarding the Puzzle library and Chris Cubitt Day have been sent home today in the notebooks.

The Grade R boys are encouraged to come to School this Thursday ***dressed in their favourite sport or hobby kit*** eg. Fishing, cycling, running, soccer, baseball, judo, karate etc. ***They may also choose to wear a T-shirt supporting their favourite team, club or sporting character.*** The usual school shoes must be worn and no extra accessories will be permitted eg. Cricket bats, helmets, soccer/rugby boots etc. Please note that this is not a day for House dress kit.

Please note that there will be no swimming this Friday due to a gala being held at the Gordon Road pool.

School breaks up at 10h30 on Wednesday 28 March.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

The Grade One boys enjoyed a highlight of their year last Friday with the much anticipated Letterland Day. There was a high level of excitement as classrooms were filled with kings, robbers, firemen and many other characters in celebration of having completed the learning of the alphabet. The boys and their teachers, namely Annie Apple (Ms Langley), Golden Girl (Mrs Greensill), Oscar Orange (Mrs May) and Zigzag Zebra (Ms Twaddle) presented a wonderful Letterland Parade as they left the hall after the assembly, giving the rest of the school the opportunity to admire the superb costumes! The morning was filled with related activities and discussions and the boys can now look forward to the next stage of learning more complex sounds work.

A special word of thanks is extended to all the parents of the U9 rugby players who were not put off by the cold, rainy weather on Saturday morning and ensured that their sons arrived safely at Cowan House for the Under 9 Midlands Rugby Festival! The 6 Prep teams had a most worthwhile and enjoyable morning which provided opportunities for them to compete against each other as well as teams from the 6 other schools present at the festival.

There is further excitement ahead this week. On Thursday the boys will arrive dressed in the kit of a sport of hobby of their choice as we celebrate the annual Chris Cubitt Sports and Hobbies Day, on Friday the whole school will enjoy a House Dress Day and later that afternoon 4 U9 rugby teams will travel to Pietermaritzburg to play against old friends Merchiston.

Thank you to all parents for prioritizing their appointment with their son's class teacher during the course of this Parents' Week. The class teachers see these meetings as an essential opportunity to discuss the boys' wellbeing and progress and a crucial element in assisting the boys to enjoy their school programme and achieve their potential. I trust that the parents are finding this interview time to be of great value.

MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week's recipients

WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" 😊			
CLASS		NAME	REASON
GRADE 1	Langley	Zayyan Aboobaker	For his much improved writing and good number work
		Khulu Ngema	For his lovely progress in each subject
	Greensill	Eddy Harker	For his diligent approach to all tasks
		Taylor Ludlow	For his good work skills
	May	Luke Mallett	For his enthusiasm for each day
		Thomas Ludwig	For his good efforts in the classroom
	Twaddle	Seth van der Merwe	For his improved efforts in the classroom
		Hamza Omar	For trying hard to complete tasks on time
GRADE 2	Everitt	Shivay Gunpath	For his valuable contributions during class discussions
		Zwelindayi Msomi	For his very good behaviour and always trying hard
	Bush	Langa Dladla	For his well presented written work

		Aiden Martin	For trying hard to improve his handwriting
	Martin	Declan Nayager	For his exceptionally neat work
		Darshay Naidoo	For his enthusiasm for reading
	Murphy	Levi Poezyn	For his lovely manners and always trying his best
		Liam Pereira	For his diligent approach to all his work
GRADE 3	Veerasamy	For their good behaviour, enthusiasm and participation in the Treasure Beach programme	
	Logan		
	Marklew		
	Vawda		

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade Grade Schamotta (4m 40cm)

2nd Grade 2 Martin (4m 20cm)

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby Results U9's

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST
1	4	4	-
2	4	4	-
3	4	3	1
4	4	3	1
5	3	1	2
6	3	0	3

Fixtures

23-Mar Friday	Rugby vs Merchiston in PMB for all teams (14h00 to 19h00)
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DPHS ASSOCIATION

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RUGBY

On Friday afternoon this week a bus load of DPHS boys accompanied by dozens of teachers and a convoy of cars and parents will travel up the hill for the first rugby matches of the new season against the finest of good friends and old rivals Merchiston Prep in Pietermaritzburg.

For me this will bring back nostalgic memories of my first year of teaching in 1969, only 50 years ago, as a boarder master and Gr 6 teacher at Merchiston. Ante Kempe was the then Headmaster of Merchiston and he was passionate about rugby! After an inter schools match he would offer his coaches direct advice 'Neave' he would say - 'you need to spend more time working on your front row'! So began my happy teaching career and association with Merchiston. I taught at Merchiston for thirteen years before transferring to DPHS.

Graham Linscott, The Idler columnist for The Mercury Newspaper, is a Merchiston Old Boy. He often writes about rugby and sport with great humour for the enjoyment of his many

followers. A DPHS Old Boy '50's leaving group has suggested that perhaps Graham might be persuaded to visit DPHS when we play the return fixture against Merchiston and we can share stories of the sport rivalry and friendship between these two great primary school institutions.

Best wishes from the DPHSA to all the boys playing rugby at DPHS this season and their dedicated coaches.

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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