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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

There are now ‘O’ days left to celebrate during Term 1. Congratulations DPHS - we have reached the end of a most rewarding first term with many positive results and achievements noted and enjoyed, throughout all three phases and various codes that operated during this term. May I bring to your attention that there are now 51 academic school days to focus on during the second quarter which opens on Tuesday 10 April and closes for the 2018 mid-year break on Friday 22 June.

Staff News

I hereby remind you that we will have two gentlemen, namely Mr Shaun Carroll and Mr Chad Fisher, both experienced educators joining our staff from the start of the second term. We look forward to the positive contribution throughout that each person will bring during the PE lessons, ball-skills, Sports Department activities and into the extra-mural coaching structures each term. Welcome to DPHS!

Academic News

You will now be in the possession of your son’s report. Please take the necessary time to read through each section of the report giving special attention to your child’s overall contribution and achievements noted both in and out of the classroom. I have personally signed each report and I have taken careful note of the positive and/or constructive advice that each staff member has given, especially in the ‘General Comment’. Please sit with your son and share the information sent complimenting where necessary and guiding where improvement is still needed.

This report must be a document that all relevant family members need to share so that each Prep boy can return to the second term focussed on a clear path that leads him to further academic success. My personal input is that motivating your child to improve through 'money incentives' or materialistic 'gifts' is not the necessary or recommended input - a family treat is always far more encouraging e.g. a movie, that special dinner, an ice-cream, a family outing etc. that is if any 'reward' is needed at all! A loving hug and a proud smile and word from Mom/Dad should also be enough 'fuel' to fire the engines for the busy second academic term. Please remember that continuous assessment will take place from the very start with the mid-year formal testing programme also in place for Grade 6 and Grade 7 through the standardised testing format.

Thank you to all the staff members for their commitment to the academic programme on a daily basis and for their genuine effort that goes into the recording, capturing and preparing of these reports each term. Well done Prep!

I proudly acknowledge the Top 10 achievers in the SP classes as was celebrated at the Academic Assembly yesterday. These boys also enjoyed a Headmasters' Tea thereafter.

Extra-Mural Activities

The first term has definitely produced a wide range of achievements noted in the sport and cultural activities that boys, young and older, had the opportunity to enjoy. We have shared many such positives throughout the term via the Prep Patter, the D6 and our social media pages, so I will not repeat these now. However, I do wish to acknowledge the combined efforts of our staff, coaches, parents and boys who have united to support the needs of DPHS in all activities of this first term - a most successful contribution.

May we now look forward to the same synergy as we approach the codes/activities of the second term as there are many exciting events that lie ahead for all Prep partners to celebrate and become passionately involved in.

I do call on all families to ensure that their son/s is actively involved in the various extra mural activities that are planned for this coming quarter. Thank you Prep!

Appearance

I first express my appreciation to the many families, especially the boys, who made the necessary effort to proudly present themselves displaying the high standards of appearance that DPHS is respected for in the community. These valued and noted responsibilities are non-negotiable standards and I again urge all Prep families to continue to respect the school and my personal requests in these matters. The appearance of our boys is essential throughout each academic day and then followed through into the extra-mural activities where clean kit is part of this extended 'appearance' day. These standards must then be continued when boys leave these premises to make their way home on their own or under the supervision of parents. Prep boys must be neatly attired in the streets, suburbs, shopping malls etc. if families need to stop in these areas on the way home.

Hence I will briefly outline these standards.

- **Tracksuit tops may not be worn as part of the academic dress i.e. with the full school uniform during the school day. Boys are to wear a blazer for second term (compulsory) and may wear a DPHS school jersey for the school day.**

Dress standards have been discussed with the boys at assembly, again, this final week. Your support is greatly appreciated - Thank you.

Hair

The 'mop' of hair on top of the head has no place at DPHS irrespective of what the 'hairstylist' may decide. Please ensure that your son in all grades returns to school on the very **first** day back, of the second term, with a standard DPHS haircut, i.e. short back, sides with **NO** mop on top of head, fancy fringes, 'step-cuts' or dyed hair from the holidays will not be warmly received so please refrain from these styles during this short holiday period.

Collecting your son

It has been noticed that boys are being asked to wait for their parents outside of the school grounds where there is **no** security/supervision. Please do not ask your son to do so straight after school or after his extra mural activities. This is clearly noted along Claribel Road i.e. the back fence of the school where the staff cars exit the staff parking. I have informed the boys that there will be consequences now for any boy taking a chance. Parents do need to turn down towards the Tuckshop gate. It is here where our boys are monitored by our Security Staff whilst they wait for their parents to drive down or walk down to fetch them.

This is for 'safety' reasons so that no boy is left unattended especially when his lift is running later than expected. We as DPHS cannot afford to take any chances regarding the safety of our boys around our school and I personally call on all families to respect this firm request. Thank you again to the many families/boys who follow these necessary guidelines each day.

Rugby Results vs Merchiston

What a great start to the rugby season with 17 fixtures played between the two schools last Friday, in Pietermaritzburg. Even though the rain and weather conditions did not make it too comfortable, on and off the field, I do wish to acknowledge the efforts of Merchiston who went out of their way to ensure all the boys could enjoy their fixtures, instead of cancelling earlier in the day. I also proudly, not arrogantly, acknowledge the outstanding results of our school against our respected friends in Merchiston, as reflected below:

Fixtures played = 17

DPHS won = 15

DHPS lost = 1

DPHS drew = 1

May this early successful start to the season lay down the solid foundation to build on for the season. Well done coaches, staff, rugby players and parents of Prep!

I would like to highlight that this day was a day of fond memories for our staff member Richard Neave (Director of our DPHS Association) who this year celebrates his 50th year in serving education and the boys of DPHS (37 years) and Merchiston (13 years) - the only two schools he served. How special it was to see the 1st team boys and coaches of both schools gather for a combined photograph around Mr Neave on the field after the game. I know how much this fixture and this photograph meant to Mr Neave - a memory he will cherish forever!

May the 1st and 2nd XV continue with their excellent start to the rugby season at the Primary School Tournament hosted by Glenwood High School this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this final week. Best wishes to coaches, boys and their parents!

Happy Holidays

I wish each staff member, parent and boys of Prep a 'Happy Holiday' and a well - deserved break and rest during this holiday. May your holidays be blessed with safe travels and an abundance of quality family time filled with love and laughter. May those families celebrating Easter be blessed with joyous celebration at this respected period ahead.

Thank you Prep for a great start to 2018 - Congratulations!

REMEMBER PREP BOYS

| <u>DON'T</u> | <u>DO</u> |
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| Make excuses about their reports and comments. | Build on the information shared in this report during the second term. |
| Become idle in the next term. | Become actively involved in the school programme/activities next term. |

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| Challenge the 'Appearance' standards set for DPHS. | Respect all appearance responsibilities especially the expected haircut/styles |
| Sit on pavements around school without supervision. | Wait for their parents at the respective collection points. |
| Become arrogant in their individual/team achievements. | Proudly celebrate their team efforts success by building on the positives from each fixtures and working harder on these areas needing improvement. |
| Become bored in these holidays. | Keep themselves busy during each day of the holidays. |

HEADMASTER'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

The only person you should try to be better **than**,
is the person you were yesterday.

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 READERS IN EACH GRADE FOR THE FIRST TERM

Grade 7 Top Reader: Armaan Manilall, Matthew Stewart

Grade 6 Top Reader: Emmanuel Mqingwana

Grade 5 Top Reader: Zachary Ungerer

Grade 4 Top Reader: Ameer Asmal

Christopher Horak was chosen as Rugby Captain for 2018.

Art Mpungose was awarded 3 Gold and 1 Silver medal at Seagulls Summer Splash Swimming Gala and has qualified to swim for South African Championships, Level 2 which will be held in Sasolburg from 4-6 April.

Zane Van Der Nest will be competing in his first SA Champs U9 division in PE from the 2nd-4th April.

The following 3 boys obtained their ranking at the World Lyrical Dance Federation (WLDF)

Lyrical Solo U12: Luca Robinson (8th)

Lyrical Solo U14: Jake Savage (23rd), Jude Bunyan (36th)

David van Rooyen was chosen to represent the Province for the KZN Nipper Team to participate at the Inter Provincial in May 2018

Jordan Hope won first place in the children's category for the Bloom colour Run 5km that took place at Sugar Rush on 24 March 2018.

Stewart Koekemoer has been selected to play for the KZN Seals under the Yankees Baseball U10 Team from Saturday 31 March to Tuesday 3 April at Hoy Park in Durban.

Aaron Drimmie took part in the KZN Modern Pentathlon trials last Saturday, competing in fencing, swimming, running and laser shooting. He was awarded the gold medal in the U13 category, and has qualified to compete in the National Champs in Paarl later this year.

CALENDAR

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| 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 |
| Thursday 29 March | Glenwood High Rugby Festival School Holiday | |
| School Holidays to Monday 09 April | | |
| Tuesday 10 April | School Opens Staff Meeting Open Rugby Practice | 09h30 14h00 |
| Wednesday 11 April | 2nd XV vs Shrewsbury (UK) Governing Body Meeting | 16h00 17h00 |

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Thank you for the wonderful response to our *Letterland Picnic* last Friday. The boys arrived with all sorts of interesting items in their snack boxes and were excited to link these to the letters that they have already explored.

Our Reception Unit *group and individual photos* were sent home with the boys yesterday (Tuesday). If you do require extra copies, please order directly through Kwa-Zulu Natal Photos. We also had a fun photo taken of each group and these are displayed outside each classroom. If you would like to order a copy of the fun photo, please send R25 to school in an envelope with your son's name and group written on it. Orders will be finalised early next term.

Our *puzzle library* will be starting up during the first week of May. If you have any outstanding reply slips, please return them to school as soon as possible.

We hope that you have enjoyed your first term at the Reception Unit as much as we have enjoyed getting to know your boys. Thank you for the wonderful support, especially to those who respond promptly to all newsletters, notices and requests made via the notebook or d6 Communicator. This certainly assists in the effective running of our school.

Please note that our *Grade R Dates to Remember* and *Forecast for Parents for Term 2*, as well as the *DPHS School Calendar*, have all been sent home. Term 2 commences on **Tuesday 10 April**.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday. If you are on the roads, please travel safely.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

The second Prep Pal meeting of the year took place on Thursday morning, coinciding with the Chris Cubitt Sports and Hobbies Day. Fortunately, the inclement weather did nothing to dampen the boys' spirits as they arrived at school dressed in the kit of a sport or hobby of their choice. The outdoor activities planned for the Prep Pal meeting, however, had to be adjusted but the boys were still able to enjoy meeting with their Pal families to discuss and compare their interests.

The four U9 teams which travelled to Pietermaritzburg on Friday afternoon had a triumphant afternoon as they displayed heart, skill and sportsmanship in their fixtures against Merchiston.

On Monday morning the boys were treated to a wonderful puppet show entitled "Saving our Planet" which was presented by Heather Tomlinson of Puppet World. Through the use of her beautiful puppets the boys were taught about the effects of global warming and how to care for their environment. The show was interactive which kept the boys' attention throughout.

This show proved to be a most valuable affirmation of the boys who have shown such commitment to our weekly recycling programme. A total of 332.1m was collected this term! Special congratulations go to the Recycling Champions for this first term.

The first term is always an especially exciting and challenging one as it involves the boys adjusting to a new grade and class and making a positive start to the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the JP teachers for their dedication during this busy and successful term, to thank the parents for their support of their sons and the school, to commend the boys for their enthusiasm and achievements and to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 2 Everitt (3m 50cm)

2nd Grade 3 Veerasamy (3m 40cm)

Junior Primary Recycling Challenge - Recyclers of the Term Winners:

1st Grade 3 Vawda (11 Smiley Earths)

2nd Grade 1 May (7 Smiley Earths)

SENIOR PRIMARY NEWS

Beanland Cup Results for the First Term

Results were announced at assembly on Wednesday morning

Top 5 positions in each class at the end of the first term were as follows:

| GRADE 4 | | | | | |
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| | Miloszewski | | Fletcher | | Johnston |
| 1 | Mohammed Hansa (H) | 1 | Jake McDonald (S) | 1 | Mohamed Qaeed Shaik (S) |
| 2 | Amaar Essack (S) | 2 | Lance Kitto (E) | 2 | Teshaan Moodley (B) |
| 3 | Elliot Springate (S) | 3 | Thomas Pakendorf (S) | 3 | James Aitken (B) |
| 4 | Shivay Soodyall (H) | 4 | Jan Bothma (H) | 4 | Yaseen Aboobaker (H) |
| 5 | Max Cameron (B) | 5 | Matthew Mottram (H) | 5 | James Sinclair (B) |
| GRADE 5 | | | | | |
| | Laatz | | Thatcher | | Huber |
| 1 | Ryan Spooner (H) | 1 | Riley Mallett (S) | 1 | Matthew Butcher (B) |
| 2 | Muhammad Kadwa (B) | 2 | James Wilson (H) | 2 | Alexander Blyth (H) |
| 3 | Shivay Munien (B) | 3 | Sanga Mkhize (H) | 3 | Huzaifah Ally (S) |
| 4 | Tristan Smith (E) | 4 | Fynn Arenhold (E) | 4 | Aaron Naidoo (S) |
| 5 | Wasim Mulla (E) | 5 | Yousuf Fakey (E) | 5 | Yaseen Deedat (S) |
| GRADE 6 | | | | | |
| | Armstrong | | Hammond | | Challis-Chandler |
| 1 | Jake Savage (E) | 1 | Akhil Sitharam (E) | 1 | Kristian Bunyan (H) |
| 2 | Jadyn Naidoo (H) | 2 | Yuveer Arjoon (S) | 2 | Karl Schaefer (H) |
| 3 | Jarred Kitto (E) | 3 | Shahzaad Perumal (B) | 3 | Jack Hughes (S) |
| 4 | Shayden Naidu (E) | 4 | Hamza Joosab (B) | 4 | Kai Surtees (H) |
| 5 | Luca Robinson (S) | 5 | Luyanga Mkhize (H) | 5 | Jake Jansen (H) |
| GRADE 7 | | | | | |
| | Davis | | Jali | | Bedford |
| 1 | David van Rooyen (H) | 1 | James Kitto (E) | 1 | Jude Sjouerman (S) |
| 2 | Stefan Swart (B) | 2 | Luke Rowe (B) | 2 | Mahomed Jeewa (B) |
| 3 | Jedd Poovan (B) | 3 | Keelan Henry (S) | 3 | Matthew Van Dongen (S) |

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| 4 | Abhay Nunan (E) | 4 | Angus Arro (E) | 4 | Colm Reardon (S) |
| 5 | Zachariah Howell (S) | 5 | Ahmed Limalia (H) | 5 | Nicholas Hamilton (H) |

Top 10 Academics Term 1

| GRADE 4 | | | | | |
|---------|------------------|----|---------------------|----|----------------------|
| | Miloszewski | | Fletcher | | Johnston |
| 1 | Mohammed Hansa | 1 | Jake McDonald | 1 | Mohamed Qaeed Shaik |
| 2 | Amaar Essack | 2 | Lance Kitto | 2 | Teshaan Moodley |
| 3 | Elliot Springate | 3 | Thomas Pakendorf | 3 | James Aitken |
| 4 | Shivay Soodyall | 4 | Jan Bothma | 4 | Yaseen Aboobaker |
| 5 | Max Cameron | 5 | Matthew Mottram | 5 | James Sinclair |
| 6 | Michael Howden | 6 | Harshal Daya | 6 | Taylor Seiler |
| 7 | Shiraz Perumal | 7 | James Joughin | 7 | John Watkins |
| 8 | Art Mpungose | 8 | Connor Doig | 8 | Oliver Ludwig |
| 9 | Ayush Sewpaul | 9 | Liam Wilson | 9 | Connor Staude |
| 10 | Gabriel Dinkele | 10 | Muhammad Essack | 10 | Richard Port |
| GRADE 5 | | | | | |
| | Laatz | | Thatcher | | Huber |
| 1 | Ryan Spooner | 1 | Riley Mallett | 1 | Matthew Butcher |
| 2 | Muhammad Kadwa | 2 | James Wilson | 2 | Alexander Blyth |
| 3 | Shivay Munien | 3 | Sanga Mkhize | 3 | Huzaifah Ally |
| 4 | Tristan Smith | 4 | Fynn Arenhold | 4 | Aaron Naidoo |
| 5 | Wasim Mulla | 5 | Yousuf Fakey | 5 | Yaseen Deedat |
| 6 | Zachary Ungerer | 6 | Zack Maduray | 6 | Mbuso Zondi |
| 7 | Aaron Drimmie | 7 | Sahil Ramdeyal | 7 | Luke Macduff |
| 8 | Nitai Pertab | 8 | Cohen Naidoo | 8 | Jaiden Prakaschandra |
| 9 | Lucas Peria | 9 | Menzokuhle Dlamini | 9 | Callum Mcdonald |
| 10 | Jonathan Wilmans | 10 | Tristan Uys | 10 | Direshan Anamalay |
| GRADE 6 | | | | | |
| | Armstrong | | Hammond | | Challis-Chandler |
| 1 | Jake Savage | 1 | Akhil Sitharam | 1 | Kristian Bunyan |
| 2 | Jadyn Naidoo | 2 | Yuveer Arjoon | 2 | Karl Schaefer |
| 3 | Jarred Kitto | 3 | Shahzaad Perumal | 3 | Jack Hughes |
| 4 | Shayden Naidu | 4 | Hamza Joosab | 4 | Kai Surtees |
| 5 | Luca Robinson | 5 | Luyanga Mkhize | 5 | Jake Jansen |
| 6 | Dawood Akoob | 6 | Joshua Southwood | 6 | Dylan Neill |
| 7 | Joshua Evans | 7 | Daniel Butler | 7 | Muhammad Butler |
| 8 | Richard Eyres | 8 | Liam Rupnarain | 8 | Blake Kruger |
| 9 | Daniel Sweeney | 9 | Kian Gomez-Cuadrado | 9 | Jonathan Le Roux |
| 10 | Luke Davidson | 10 | Shikar Rampiari | 10 | Ayanda Jackson |
| GRADE 7 | | | | | |
| | Davis | | Jali | | Bedford |
| 1 | David van Rooyen | 1 | James Kitto | 1 | Jude Sjouerman |
| 2 | Stefan Swart | 2 | Luke Rowe | 2 | Mahomed Jeewa |
| 3 | Jedd Poovan | 3 | Keelan Henry | 3 | Matthew van Dongen |
| 4 | Abhay Nunan | 4 | Angus Arro | 4 | Colm Reardon |
| 5 | Zachariah Howell | 5 | Ahmed Limalia | 5 | Nicholas Hamilton |
| 6 | Rhys Jackson | 6 | Johar Jadwat | 6 | Nikhil Prakaschandra |
| 7 | Matthew Stewart | 7 | Storm Gilchrist | 7 | Connor Hunter |
| 8 | Hamza Mahomed | 8 | Muhammad Ally | 8 | Jamie King |

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| 9 | Armaan Manilall | 9 | Luke Freitag | 9 | Jack Piper |
| 10 | Kyle Setzkorn | 10 | Umar Vanker | 10 | Chad Croshaw |

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby

| DPHS RUGBY RESULTS WEEK 10 OF TERM 1 | | | |
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| DATE/DAY | TEAM | OPPONENTS | RESULT |
| 22-Mar-18 Thurs | 1st | Stirling 13A | W 29-10 |
| 23-Mar-18 Friday | 1st | Merchiston | W 45-10 |
| | 2nd | Merchiston | W 28-0 |
| | 3rd | Merchiston | W 17-7 |
| | 4th | Merchiston | W 35-0 |
| | 5th | Merchiston | W 7-0 |
| | 6th | Merchiston | L 5-10 |
| | 7th | Merchiston | W 15-5 |
| | 11A | Merchiston | W 24-0 |
| | 11B | Merchiston | D 15-15 |
| | 11C | Merchiston | W 12-0 |
| | 10A | Merchiston | W 78-0 |
| | 10B | Merchiston | W 82-0 |
| | 10C | Merchiston | W 40-0 |
| | 9A | Merchiston | W 40-5 |
| | 9B | Merchiston | W 30-10 |
| | 9C | Merchiston | W 20-5 |
| | 9D | Merchiston | W 100-0 |
| FIXTURES FOR WEEK - GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL | | | |
| DATE/DAY | TEAM | OPPONENTS | TIME |
| 28-Mar-18 Wed | 1st | TBC | 08h00 to 16h00 |
| | 2nd | TBC | 08h00 to 16h00 |
| 29-Mar-18 Thur | 1st | TBC | 08h00 to 11h00 |
| | 2nd | TBC | 08h00 to 11h00 |

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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HAPPY HOLIDAY AND EASTER WISHES

Good wishes from the DPHSA to the Boys, Staff and Headmaster for a well-deserved, restful holiday and may all the members of our school community celebrating Easter be blessed with the with joy, peace and love.

GENERAL

2018 TERM DATES

(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