



## *Prep Patter* our news bulletin

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### DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back Prep to 50 exciting school days that lie ahead for this busy second term. There are many exciting events planned for this quarter across all codes in our school so I again look forward to the positive support from the entire DPHS community. I draw to your attention that school officially closes for the mid-year break on Friday 22 June. As discussed in the report newsletter, it gives me great pleasure to officially ‘welcome’ both Mr Shaun Carroll and Mr Chad Fisher into our staff team today. We as DPHS look forward to the professional and valuable service that these staff members will add.

I have placed down below a couple of general reminders to help with the ‘mind-shift’ preparation that school is back in full swing as from yesterday.

<b>HAVE YOU ..... ?</b>
Labelled your son’s clothing/extra mural items of clothing?
Checked that your son’s blazer is cleaned with all the buttons and badge sewn on neatly - labelled blazer?
Monitored that the school bags have been emptied out of any paper/general waste from the first term, as a “clean school/sports bag leads to a positive attitude for the term?”
Ensured that your son has had a DPHS haircut?
Made your son polish his school shoes on a daily basis?
Asked when last he polished his own rugby boots or is the ‘mud’ still on from last term’s Merchiston fixture?

Set down academic and personal goals for your son to aim for after sharing the comments/marks of last term's report with him?
Laid down the family structures for "back to school" routine e.g. bed-time, time management as a family, early morning schedules etc?
Checked on your son's Prep clothing items e.g. does he need another pair of rugby shorts, new school socks as some socks on our senior boys do become 'anklets' as they grow so rapidly?
Sat down with the year planner that was recently sent and transferred the relevant events into your personal diary to assist with your planning in support eg class/school assemblies, fixtures, concerts etc.
Remembered that there is a ban on cellphones before school and when you collect your son i.e. cellphones replaced at this time with hugs and quality family greetings?
Explained to your son that 'anti-social' behaviour amongst the boys will not be tolerated?
Instructed your son to wait inside the school premises with our security gentlemen when it is time for collection after school or sport?
Supported our firm request to keep DPHS a 'litter-free' school? - we cannot litter at Prep or anywhere
Encouraged your son to be respectful, well-mannered and to display a positive attitude to teachers, class/team mates and to you as family members.
Reminded your son to show true sportsmanship to opposition players and to be appreciative of all referees/umpires/coaches decisions?
Reminded your son of those special yet so valuable words - "Thank you" and "Please" not only here at school but throughout each day at home or when communicating.
Made sure that your son's PE kit is ready for every lesson of every week. Please ensure that the "PE kit is not replaced with an excuse note"
Checked with your son that he has the necessary stationery items for the term as some do get lost, broken and need replacing?
Prepared yourself to be well informed about your son's productive and happy day at Prep, during the second term - our positive partnership of staff, pupil and parent will ensure this happens!

There are generally '20' school days in an academic month so I have presented '20' general reminders above to get the school focus back into immediate operation.

As is stated "A reminder (apple) a day will keep any 'conflict' away!"

Enjoy Term 2 at our beloved school - Go Prep!

### TEAM

You will note that I have asked the coaches this year to please have a positive **Team** memory of each fixture played for us to celebrate with the Team as a whole eg. great ball-handling skills; solid set structures; the serving of many aces on the tennis court etc. This may seem general to some but it is so important now for the boys to appreciate the team cohesion and development in leading towards the overall success - win or lose! Please look forward to the appreciation memory from each coach which is basically emphasised at the "team-talk" after each game. I plan to record such motivation under "team-talk" in the weekly newsletter so families can join in and emphasize the quality team - effort at home which also includes the dedicated efforts of each coach not only from the match side-lines but all the weekly practices. Here we go Prep teams - "Team-Talk" is waiting for your memory of each week!

### **TEAM TALK**

#### **VERSES MERCHISTON**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>MEMORY</b>
1st	W 45-10	Played very well - a good start to the season

2nd	W 28-0	Strong direct rugby
3rd	W 17-7	Forward dominance
4th	W 35-0	Well worked team try to win
5th	W 7-0	Continuity handling great
6th	L 5-10	Never gave up
7th	W 15-5	Great team work and fight to win
U11A	W 24-0	Well worked tries
U11B	D 15-15	Great 50m intercept try. Fynn Arenhold
U11C	W 12-0	Great defensive effort
U10A	W 78-0	Outstanding rucking display
U10B	W 82-0	Well worked tries
U10C	W 40-0	Great handling in wet conditions
U9A	W 40-5	Team work
U9B	W 30-10	Great handling in wet conditions
U9C	W 20-5	Good all round team effort
U9D	W 100-0	Outstanding team performance

### **REMEMBER PREP BOYS**

<b><u>DON'T</u></b>	<b><u>DO</u></b>
Make a slow start to the new academic term.	Give their full attention to all academic responsibilities.
Play rugby in <b>dirty</b> boots.	Polish their boots before each game.
Litter!	Keep their school clean!
Disrespect their staff, coaches, fellow pupils and family members of DPHS.	Respect their family, staff, coaches, fellow pupils of DPHS.
Come <b>late</b> for school.	Are <b>punctual</b> for school every day.

### **MR PREP - CONGRATULATIONS**

Junior Primary - Juan Nel - Grade 3 Vawda

Senior Primary - Zwa Mpanza - Grade 5 Huber

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

"Try not to become a person of success.  
Rather become a person of value"

**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

**Lydia Bush** DPHS staff member participated in the KZN Athletics Championships and won the 100m and 200m races.

**David van Rooyen** was awarded a silver medal in the Iron Nipper and a Silver in the Mali from the National Nipper Champs in PE over the holidays.

**Ismaeel Omar** received the best batsman award at the Hashim Amla Cricket Academies, High Performance batting camp held over the Easter holidays.

**Elliot Springate** competed in the **South African Lifesaving Championships** which was held in Port Elizabeth, from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th April 2018 and received the following awards:

In the Beach events: A silver medal for the Surf Swim and a Bronze medal for the Run Swim Run.

In the Stillwater competition, that was held after the beach events, at Newton Park pool, he won 4 gold and 1 silver medal and was named the South African U9 competitor of the championship for Stillwater.

His Club, **Durban Surf**, won the overall Championship

**Adrian Truter** obtained the following results at SA Nipper Champs in PE last weekend.

**U11 Boys Sea Events:**

1st: Taplin relay

2nd: Board relay and run swim run

3rd: body board and surf swim

4th: Mali

**U11 Boys Pool Events:**

2nd 100m obstacle swim

3rd 200m obstacle relay

**Andrew Boucher** participated in the SA Lifesaving Champs in PE during the April school holidays and was awarded a silver medal in the beach taplin relay and the stillwater rescue relay and bronze medal in the stillwater mixed lifesaver relay.

**Jordan Venter** was awarded a bronze medal for body board at SA Championship in PE during the holidays.

**Jake Jansen** participated in KZN BMX points competition and was awarded a gold medal.

## CALENDAR

Thursday 12 April	Glenwood Prep Rugby Festival (tbc) Grade 4 - 7 "The No Sense Nonsense Poetry Show" - Presented by Neil Coppin	10h00
Friday 13 April	Glenwood Prep Rugby Festival (tbc) Mothers Committee Meeting House Rugby (U9, U10, U11) Northlands Rugby Festival 2 nd XV	07h30 13h00 14h00
Saturday 14 April	Glenwood Prep Rugby Festival (tbc) Mini Rugby Sharks vs Bulls	08h00 17h00
Sunday 15 April		
Monday 16 April	Staff Meeting Senior League	09h30 14h00
Tuesday 17 April	Hearing Screening	
Wednesday 18 April	Hearing Screening	

## RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

Welcome back to a busy Term 2. Your sons have returned to school with much enthusiasm and it is wonderful to see the buzz of activity around every corner!

Next Tuesday the boys will start their first **Garvz ball skills** sessions during the school morning. They will work in smaller groups with their allocated coaches, following the drills and practicing the skills set up for them.

Our **Puzzle Library** will start on Thursday 3rd May. Grateful thanks to Saadia Essack for co-ordinating it this year and to all the parents who have offered to assist her. Your commitment will make it possible for the boys to benefit from this fun, educational activity.

Our **Parents' Art Activity Evening** will be taking place on Thursday 19th May so please set aside this date. A letter will be sent home with details regarding this event.

The **D6** is regularly updated with all our correspondence so please check it frequently. **Only letters requiring a reply slip** will be sent home in your son's notebook. Do not hesitate to contact us on [ru@dphs.co.za](mailto:ru@dphs.co.za) if you need any other information.

A friendly reminder that if you would like to order a copy of your son's **fun class photo**, please send your R25 to school as soon as possible. Final orders will be placed next Friday.

## JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and that all the boys and staff have returned refreshed to face another busy and exciting term. The boys look so smart arriving and leaving school each day in their blazers.

We are very pleased to welcome Chad Fisher as the Junior Primary Physical Education specialist and look forward to his input and assistance in further developing the JP sports programme.

The U9 rugby players are wished well for their House matches which will take place this Friday afternoon.

The Grade One and Two boys are looking forward to their first Mini-Rugby session which is scheduled for this Saturday morning. We are so appreciative of the wonderful response from all those dads who have volunteered to assist as Mini-Rugby coaches. A new system will be implemented this year which will see each player being allocated a rugby jersey which he will keep for the term and return after the final session.

The Speech and Drama Festival takes place this term and the boys are reminded to prioritize their preparations of their selected items. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for the boys to practise clear diction, voice projection and expression and it also plays an important role in encouraging the boys to develop into confident communicators.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Rugby Results

DPHS RUGBY RESULTS - GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY FESTIVAL			
DATE/DAY	TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULTS
28-29 Mar-18 Wed/Thurs	1st	Rustenburg	W 27-12
	1st	Randhart	W17-15
	1st	Goedehoop	L 15-12
	1st	Daleview	W 62-0
	2nd	Paulpietersberg	L 28-0
	2nd	Richardsbay	W 50-0
	2nd	Empangeni	W 66-0
	2nd	Arboretum	W 34-7

## Fixtures

DPHS RUGBY FIXTURES WEEK 1 OF TERM 2				
DATE/DAY	TEAM	OPPONENTS	VENUE	TIME
12-Apr-18 Thurs	1st	Grey (Bloem)	Glenwood Prep Festival	12h00
	2nd	Grey (Bloem)	Glenwood Prep Festival	09h00
13-Apr-18 Fri	1st	TBC	Glenwood Prep Festival	08h00 - 12h00
	2nd/3rd	Northlands Festival	Northlands	14h00 to 20h00
	4th	Internal Games	DPHS (Smith)	14h00 to 15h30
	5th	Internal Games	DPHS (Smith)	
	6th	Internal Games	DPHS (Smith)	
	7th	Internal Games	DPHS (Smith)	
	u11	House Matches	DPHS (Walshaw)	14h00 to 15h30
	u10	House Matches	DPHS (Smith)	13h00 to 14h00
	u9	House Matches	DPHS (Walshaw)	13h00 to 14h00
14-Apr Sat	1st	TBC	Glenwood Prep Festival	08h00 to 15h10

## 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

## NEWS FROM DHS

Supplied by Barry Coskey

During the holidays, our 1st Rugby Team participated in the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. This was the first time in 10 years at the Annual Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, a much-welcomed change to the Easter trip up to JHB.

The “Horseflies” were drawn against the might of Border: playing Selborne, Queens and Dale College in consecutive matches. This was to be a mighty challenge for the Blue and Gold. A challenge that many thought would be a step too far.

However what appeared impossible soon became a stunning reality as DHS came away with 3 outstanding wins in a variety of conditions. This was in stark contrast to our 2017 Easter campaign and brought a renewed belief in the team as they prepare for the bulk of the 2018 season.

DHS 16 - 13 Selborne College

DHS 24 - 7 Queens College

DHS 39 - 0 Dale College

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