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DPHS NEWS AND RESULTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

The middle of May is upon us and before we know it the month of June will be here to enjoy. This means that there are now 27 - yes, 27 school days left with probably close to double the amount of DPHS events to enjoy before the term ends.

Mother's Day

Thank you 'Supermoms' of DPHS for:

Attending the Assemblies on Friday in abundance.

The continued and valued support that we as a school community receive from you on a daily basis.

The role that our lady staff members play as 'Supermoms' too by going way beyond the call of duty with our boys and school.

I do sincerely hope that you were spoilt rotten by your family, especially your DPHS son, during Mother's Day on Sunday. Once again, I congratulate and thank the teachers namely, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Johnston as well as the boys in both those classes for a most enjoyable and meaningful Mother's Day Assembly for 2018.

Haircuts

I am sure that you will have heard from the boys that I have steered the attention to hair, via the class educators these past few days and then personally monitored that each boy on the list has paid the necessary attention to his haircut/style. It is most encouraging to note the positive response that most boys have shown by returning shortly thereafter to display their

neat hair appearance. Thank you. I do state that it is unfair on those boys who make this response and meet deadlines to note that a few boys still have excuses or have still to be monitored in this follow-up, which is unnecessary. Hence there are consequences in place for those over-deadline, and as explained those boys, immediate attention to this matter is essential so that our non-negotiable standards in appearance can be maintained.

Selections/Achievements

I have recently again been able to pay the respects by honouring boys at Assembly or in newsletters etc. about their selection for District/Provincial and National involvement. This acknowledgement, on behalf of our school, covers the cultural and extra-mural codes across many sports mainly in our school programme and through club or individual involvement. We as Prep are delighted when we can proudly celebrate the achievements of our boys and staff especially during this busy period of trials and tournaments. Please read through this Prep Patter on a weekly basis to note the success and involvement of our boys at the highest levels - we can stand united in our call of Proudly Prep as our boys constantly excel not only for school but in all the respective representations. We will shortly be respecting our end of Term 2 academic achievers at the Academic Assembly on Thursday 21 June. Congratulations Prep!

Hooked on Books

The boys will be treated to a valuable learning experience here at school on Thursday when the JP and SP classes are entertained in the hall by this professional company of actors. They will show our boys the importance and enjoyment gained from choosing a reading book and then taking a 'journey of imagination' when one becomes engrossed in the characters and story-telling of the novel. This presentation is driven by Mrs Muthusamy and our Media Staff who constantly welcome and encourage our boys into our own Media Centre. Enjoy the show and keep on reading Prep!

Best Wishes

I personally wish every Prep Partner of management, staff, coaches, boys and parents on the U10 Rugby tour to Trinityhouse in Johannesburg, a tour filled with many positive memories and rewards. It is so encouraging to note that every U10 rugby boy has been given the opportunity to be part of this experience - so every boy who plays in this age group can deservedly benefit from the tour. This does take an immense amount of planning as I appreciate the efforts of both schools from their Directors of Sport, coaches, boys and parents. I unfortunately will not be on this tour as I will be chairing the Sharks Primary School Provincial Tournament/Trials in Pietermaritzburg for the U12/U13 age group during this time. Mr Phipson, Deputy Principal, will represent our school in this position. Enjoy the tour - keep the flag flying high on an off the field Prep!

To any staff member/coach and boy, attending further trials in the very near future e.g. The U12/U13 Provincial Rugby Trials/the KZN Coastal Hockey Trials - may your selection continue further from District through to provincial as we continue to celebrate our Proudly Prep achievements.

Reminder

The school has been extremely busy with all Prep partners hands on deck following a packed year planner of events with much success. However, I do draw everyone's attention back to the academic responsibilities that each child, in all three phases of our school needs to focus on during this second quarter. Continuous assessment is on-going for all grades but Grades 6 and 7 will also be including a standardized testing period which you as a family have already been informed. The pace of the term will pick up even more with many major events lined up for our school so please encourage your son to follow his structured time management programme so closely. Those who plan and manage their time well will cope!

REMEMBER PREP BOYS

| <u>DON'T</u> | <u>DO</u> |
|--|--|
| Stop spoiling Mom after Mother's Day | Believe everyday must be Mother's Day |
| Have to be nagged about haircuts | Show initiative in monitoring their appearance |
| Waste the opportunity to read a book | Ensure daily that they have a book ready to read |
| Misbehave on tour | Fly the Prep flag high on tour |
| Leave the academic studies until the last minute | Plan and manage their academic responsibilities |

MR PREP - CONGRATULATIONS

Junior Primary - Luke Fayers - Gr 3 Veerasamy

Senior Primary - Mohammed Hansa - Grade 4 Miloszewski

HEADMASTER'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Plant your garden and decorate your soul,
instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.”

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 **SENIOR ART CLUB MEMBERS**

Grade 5: Zia Motala

Grade 6: Mandla Shezi, Kristian Bunyan

Grade 7: Jack Piper, Jehiel Timothy, James Burns, Armaan Manilall

Hamza Mahomed had a successful trials in Johannesburg this past weekend and has made the final 16 for SA Indoor Cricket Squad.

Jake Savage will be playing the role of Tom if Warwick in Kickstart's production of Camelot at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre from 18 May to 3 June.

Jake and Michael Jansen participated in the KZN Gravity Mountain Bike Enduro and Downhill series at cascades in Pietermaritzburg on 27 - 29 April 2018. Jake came 2 nd in both events and Michael came 1st in the Downhill event and 2nd in Enduro event.

The following boys have been selected to represent the Umlazi District Hockey Teams for 2018. They will be competing at the KZN Coastal Trials at 3 Schools AstroTurf and the trials will be on Tuesday 22 May from 11h00am to 18h00pm

Ziyaad Molla, Jedd Poovan, Keelan Henry, Wade Veitch, Colm Reardon, Jarred Kitto, Ben Aylward, Daniel Sweeney

Declan Dreyer made the Durban Central KZNIPSSA Soccer Team

Siyabonga Jaca and Simphiwe Ngwenya both won the Tennis Doubles Championship at Westridge Stadium.

The following boys were selected for the Sharks Primary School District Rugby Team.

U12: Anele Cele, Dylan Neill, Joshua Snyman, Luke Davidson (capt), Cameron Veenstra, Jarred Kitto, Siyabonga Nyathi, Daniel Sweeney

U13: Matthew Stewart, Jack Hampson, David Pohl, James Francke, Christopher Horak (capt)

U13B: Christian Everitt, Sima Hlabisa, Nikhil Prakaschandra, Chad Croshaw (vice Capt), Ben Ribbink, Colm Reardon, Connor Hunter, Storm Gilchrist, Tumiso Nkosi, Luca Coetzer

Troy Thompson came 1st in the Under 10 Age Group in the Durban Promenade Park run on Saturday 12th May, his time 28:30.

CALENDAR

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|---------------------|--|----------------|
| Wednesday 16 May | Rugby vs Highbury (U9, U11 Opens) | 14h00 |
| Thursday 17 May | KZN Rugby Trials (Woodburn) U10 Rugby Tour to Gauteng Junior Primary Hooked on Books Senior Primary Hooked on Books | 08h00 10h00 |
| Friday 18 May | KZN Rugby Trials (Woodburn) U10 Rugby Tour to Gauteng Staff Meeting Mini Rugby | 09h50 18h00 |
| Saturday 19 May | KZN Rugby Trials (Woodburn) U10 Rugby Tour to Gauteng Rugby vs Highbury (U9, U11, Open) Sharks vs Chiefs | 08h00 17h00 |
| Sunday 20 May | | |
| Monday 21 May | League Tennis Matches | 14h00 |
| Tuesday 22 May | U12/U13 KZN Boys Hockey Trials | 11h00 |
| Wednesday 23 May | Music Progress Concert (MW Hall) | 18h00 |

RECEPTION UNIT NEWS

We hope that all of our Moms enjoyed a special **Mothers' Day** on Sunday and that your sons remembered to give you the card and gift that they made especially for you. If you were able to attend the Mothers' Day assembly, I am sure you will agree that it was a lovely tribute to all Prep Moms. Thanks to the folk who joined us for **hot chocolate and marshmallows** at drop-off on Friday morning. It was a great way to end off the week!

On Thursday morning, **Hooked on Books**, a Johannesburg based Theatre Company, will be presenting a show promoting interest and enthusiasm in books. Our boys will be joining the Junior Primary pupils for this presentation which promises to be most entertaining.

Our **Sponsored Winter Walk** will take place on Friday 8th June, during the school morning. A letter regarding this event has been sent home, together with a sponsorship form for each boy. Please can these forms be sent in by 31 May.

Please note: Our **Umgeni Bird Park** outing, originally scheduled for 15 June, has now been moved to Thursday 21 June.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

Friday was a very special day as we hosted our Prep mothers at a dedicated assembly. The Grade Four boys' beautiful singing and delightful presentation were a lovely tribute. Before being treated to tea and refreshments, all JP mothers were invited to visit their sons in the classroom where they were given a gift which had been made with much love! The Grade Ones had made hanging flower "baskets" made from recycled materials, the Grade Two boys had threaded bead bracelets and the Grade Threes presented their mums with a wooden key ring and chocolate. We trust that all our mums felt very much appreciated, both on Friday as well as on Mothers' Day on Sunday.

The class and individual photographs were taken yesterday. These pictures of our boys smartly dressed and smiling always provide an invaluable record which can be referred to for years to come.

The Mini-Rugby last weekend was especially exciting as it was the first session this term which was scheduled for a Friday evening. Playing under the floodlights added to the atmosphere and the boys have another evening session to look forward to this Friday.

Several members of staff were fortunate enough to attend a Thinking Schools South Africa workshop presented by international speaker James Anderson. The crucial issues of intelligence and effort were discussed with very valuable insights being gained.

MERIT AWARDS 🏆

Congratulations to this week's recipients

| WEEKLY MERIT AWARD "WELL DONE" 😊 | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| CLASS | | NAME | REASON |
| GRADE 1 | Langley | Kwandisa Zulu | For his enthusiasm during word games |
| | | Yusuf Desai | For always giving of his best |
| | Greensill | Nikhil Madaree | For giving of his best in all that he does |
| | | Liam Stewart | For trying hard during Reading |
| | May | Finlay Brittz | For being a responsible member of the class |
| | | Yusuf Moola | For his very good work skills |
| | Twaddle | Nathan Slein | For his very good mental maths work |
| | | Kian Spencer | For his diligent approach to all tasks |
| GRADE 2 | Everitt | Reyan Nunan | For his original ideas and expressive creative writing |
| | | Lachlan Dow | For his fabulous show and tell |
| | Bush | Kwanda Mhlomi | For trying hard to improve his classroom behaviour |
| | | Nate Trickett | For his improved reading fluency |
| | Martin | Matthew Cothill | For trying hard to complete work and his positive attitude in the classroom |
| | | Mohamed Zidane Hassim | For his artistic eye |
| | Murphy | Uzair Cajee | For his beautifully presented poem and lovely manners |
| | | Luqmaan Mahomed | For is expressive creative writing and beautiful pictures |

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| GRADE 3 | Veerasamy | Kiean Singh | For his cheerful nature and pleasing effort in all subjects |
| | | Muhammad Raja | For his sense of fun well presented show and tell for his adjudication |
| | Logan | Mehluko Sibisi | For improving his expression when reading |
| | | Mthunzi Mqadi | For saying his poem with lovely expression |
| | Marklew | Nicholas Eyres | For his lovely manners |
| | | John-Alan Harding | For trying hard during the group maths sessions |
| | Vawda | Juan Nel | For his good manners and helping his classmates |
| | | Ashneil Babajee | For his very good Maths work |

Junior Primary Paper Recycling Challenge

Recyclers of the Week

1st Grade 3 Vawda (5m 00cm)

2nd Grade 1 May and Grade 1 Twaddle (4m 10cm)

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby Results

| DPHS RUGBY RESULTS WEEK 5 TERM 2 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| DATE/DAY | TEAM | OPPONENTS | VENUE | RESULT |
| 10-May-18 Thur | 9A | Northlands | Northlands | W 20-5 |
| | 9C | Northlands 9B | Northlands | W 40-20 |
| | 9D | Northlands 9C | Northlands | W 30-0 |
| 12-May-18 Sat | 1st | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 56-0 |
| | 2nd | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 61-0 |
| | 3rd | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 49-0 |
| | 11A | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 57-0 |
| | 11B | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 50-0 |
| | 9A | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 50-20 |
| | 9B | Westville | DPHS (Smith) | W 50-0 |
| | 5th | Westville 4th | DPHS (Walshaw) | W 54-0 |
| | 10B | Westville | DPHS (Walshaw) | W 60-0 |
| | 10A | Westville | DPHS (Walshaw) | W 62-0 |
| | 9E | Westville 9C | DPHS (Walshaw) | W 40-20 |
| | 9F | Westville 9D | DPHS (Walshaw) | W 60-15 |

Fixtures

| DPHS RUGBY FIXTURES WEEK 6 TERM 2 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| DATE/DAY | TEAM | OPPONENTS | VENUE | TIME | REF | COACH |
| 17 to 19 May Thu to Sat | U10 Rugby Tour to Trinityhouse | | | | | |
| 17-May-18 Thur | 3rd | Highbury 2nd | DPHS (Smith) | 16h00 | KZNRU | S.Dube/S.Davis |
| | 6th | Highbury 3rd | DPHS (Smith) | 15h15 | Z.Mazwi | M.Mtongana/ M.Zulu |
| | 11A | Highbury | DPHS (Smith) | 14h30 | KZNRU | Z.Mazwi |
| | 11D | Highbury 11B | DPHS (Walshaw) | 16h00 | K.Nxumalo | S.Aucamp/ R.Stiemens |
| | 9A | Highbury | DPHS (Walshaw) | 15h15 | M.Jali | R.Bedford |
| | 9B | Highbury | DPHS (Walshaw) | 14h30 | S.Dube | R.Bedford |
| | 9C | Highbury 9C | DPHS (Walshaw) | 15h15 | K.Nxumalo | T.Tedder |
| | 9E | Highbury 9D | DPHS (Walshaw) | 14h30 | T.Tedder | R.Stiemens |

DPHS ASSOCIATION

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EXCITING NEW FRONTIER FOR 2018 DPHS U10 RUGBY PLAYERS

Members of the DPHSA and all the School supporters will be present, heart and mind, as the entire group of DPHS U10 rugby players (54) depart from Durban International for Lanseria early tomorrow morning on their three day, three match tour to Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge. The DPHSA salutes these brave and adventurous young DPHS Rugby ambassadors. Our very best wishes for good rugby, fun and excitement to the boys, Headmaster and big tour party of staff and parents.

GET WELL SOON GUY ARMSTRONG

The prayers and thoughts of the DPHSA go out to one of our most passionate and inspirational foundation members and supporters, Guy Armstrong, his wife Jinny, children Mark'14 DPHSA member, Greg'16 DPHSA member, and Katie and their family for Guy's full and speedy recovery. Guy is hospitalised in Johannesburg and remains critically ill with hepatitis.

JOIN THE DPHSA

Please consider joining the DPHS and become an integral part of the inspiring DPHS story and legacy.

Contact rneave@dphs.co.za

GENERAL

2018 TERM DATES

(School will end for the year on 12 December 2018)

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

Over the weekend, the Horseflies travelled to Westville for another round of rugby fixtures. A fantastic display by the 1st XV that saw them take the honours beating their opponents 60-10. Overall, our teams continue to get better and I'm certain we'll see the results go in our favour in the coming weeks.

1st XV: DHS won 60 - 10

U16A: DHS lost 0 - 41

U15A: DHS won 10 - 7 (This was a mammoth victory for this team overturning a 40 point loss from last year)

U14A: DHS lost 10 - 13 (Backline coach and DPHS Old Boy, Lyle Matthyssen was disappointed with the result as DHS squandered many opportunities to take victory)

U14B: DHS won 14 - 10 (Proud coach and DPHS Old Boy, Matty Everitt continues to enjoy his unbeaten season. Well done Matt)

This week we play host to our oldest rivals, Maritzburg College. Please feel free to join us with the 1st XV kicking off at 14h10.

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