

FROM THE HEAD

Habit of Mind

Managing Impulsivity

Dear Parents and Friends of our school,

It is always wonderful to share stories where the use of technology has enriched learning, developed leadership skills and encouraged our youth to invest in eco-friendly initiatives.

A handful of our Grade 7 girls (Jodi Hobson, Morigan Irwin and Rebecca Phillips) recently launched their own website. Known as Eco Bloggers, they display a genuine concern for the state of the environment and are using this platform to share information and raise much needed awareness of pressing local, national and international environmental issues.

'Our target was to publish the website before the end of term and the girls of DSG Junior have assisted us in the building of it. We decided that we would make the site fun and easily-accessible, so we steered away from too much writing and added lots of cool videos and pictures instead.' (Jodi)

'I contribute to the Eco Bloggers' website by researching and forming sub-groups, where I find out more about our local situation and also help the Grade 4s and 5s on smaller projects.' (Morrigan)

'I take charge of the design and layout of the website, which means that I compress all the information and work it into an easy-to-read layout.' (Rebecca)

The website is accessible only to DSG Junior girls; providing a safe space to develop their IT skills and express themselves creatively. Thank you to Ms Herring for guiding the girls through the process and for role modelling lots of 'out the box' thinking.

The last Pupil Voice meeting for term 1 was held and I would like to thank each class representative for contributing meaningfully to the process. As the holiday approaches, girls are busy reviewing their term 1 academic targets, preparing for the winter sport season and reflecting on a productive and enjoyable first term.

In closing, I would like to thank Ms Caroline Field for covering as a receptionist for the past six months. Her capable and friendly manner was much appreciated and we wish her all the best in her new role in the St Andrew's College Foundation team. In the same breath, we are delighted to have Ms Pienaar back at work.

Parents, please ensure that you have gained access to the My DSG Parent Portal through which you will receive your daughter's end of term report next week.

Warm Regards,

Ms Barbara Hibbert
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Galatians 5: 22-23

"You will know them by their fruit: Love joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

In God's family, we recognise our sisters and brothers by the many God-like characteristics they have.

Just like apples, which appear different on the outside but have inherent similar characteristics and still belong to the same family of apples so we at DSG are a family. No matter our background, appearance or nationality, we also belong to God's family.

It is my prayer that each one of lives fruitfully as a member on God's Family Tree.

Amen
Rev Rachel



Junior School Newsletter

FROM THE SPORTSDESK

Dear Parents,

Our U13C and D hockey teams defended bravely during their matches against our brother school, scaring the boys on more than one occasion with near goals. The C team lost 2-0 while the D team narrowly lost by one goal. The girls enjoyed opportunity to play friendlies and had a lot of support from family and friends on the side-line.

The All Girls' Netball and Hockey teams trained on Saturday morning while the rest of the school had the opportunity to develop their netball and hockey skills at Pitch & Play sessions.

Our squash league team played their first away game of the Makana League against Kingswood Junior, winning comprehensively by 15 games to 0.

Jessica Smailes competed at the SA Biathlon Champs in PE over the weekend, where once again she proved to be a wonderful ambassador for DSG. The crowd cheered as she stopped to help two fellow competitors who had fallen. She continued the run and still managed to run a personal best time. In the swimming event, she took nearly 6 seconds off her personal best time. Congratulations Jess!

There is much excitement among the girls who will be attending the annual All Girls' Festival later this week in Bloemfontein. We wish our girls, their coaches and team managers a successful trip filled with fun socialising, good sportsmanship and skilful play.

Mrs Patti Tooley
JUNIOR SPORTS DIRECTOR



Jessica Smailes



Squash League team
Absent: Abigail Holderness

SPORT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

09:00 Depart for All Girls' Festival – Eunice, Bloemfontein and return Sunday

MONDAY 8 APRIL AND TUESDAY 9 APRIL

No Sport

TERM 2 FIXTURES

11 MAY – Hockey & Netball Derby vs Clarendon Park (A)

18 MAY – Hockey & Netball Derby vs Erica and VP (A – Erica)

24 MAY – Tennis and Squash Derby vs Clarendon (A)

25 MAY – Hockey & Tennis Derby vs Clarendon (A)

1 JUNE – Netball vs Port Alfred (A)

8 JUNE – Hockey & Netball Derby vs Balmoral (A)

14 JUNE – Netball vs Kingswood – K Day (A)

15 JUNE – Hockey vs Kingswood – K Day (A)

15–19 JUNE U11 – U13 Squash IPT (George)

HALF TERM

1–5 JULY – U13 Hockey IPT (PMB)

13 JULY – Hockey & Netball Derby vs Woodridge (A)

26 JULY – Tennis and Squash Derby vs Collegiate (H)

27 JULY – Hockey & Netball Derby vs Collegiate (H)

3 AUGUST – DSG Junior Hockey Festival (H)



Preparing for the hockey and netball season



DSG JUNIOR SPORT SCOREBOARD

HOCKEY

TIME/DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	TYPE
Fri 29 Mar 19	U13C	St Andrew's Prep Boys U13D	Lost 0-2	Friendly
Fri 29 Mar 19	U13D	St Andrew's Prep Boys U13E	Lost 0-1	Friendly

SQUASH

Mon 01 Apr 19	U13A	League vs KC Junior	Won 15-0	League
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Interhouse Dance



Junior School Newsletter

GRADE 4 PUPPIES & CHICKS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pooja Ranchhod

Olivia Carmichael

3 April

4 April



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

18:00 Joint Easter Service

17:45 Register with class teacher at Lilla Strong Hall
Formal Summer Green Uniform to be worn

MONDAY 8- 9 APRIL

No Sport no Prep

GRADE 7 SCIENCE



Disecting eggs



GRADE 6 SCIENCE



Exploring plant ecosystems



THE GRANGE DUTIES 046 - 603 4337

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Ms Nosi Lukhele 079 297 3095

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Ms Carol Claasen 074 568 7346

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Ms Shana Ellappa 083 938 0941

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Ms Thabile Themba 074 475 9691

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

Ms Carol Claasen 074 568 7346

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

Ms Carol Claasen 074 568 7346

THE GRANGE CAMP OUT

on Table Farm



MY SOCIAL LIFE WOKSHOP



Grade 4 to 7 girls enjoyed two modules of My Social Life Digital Education



SUPPORTING SOLE SISTERS



3 staff, 3 days and 3 marathons ...
On the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May, Mrs Micklewright, Mrs Paul and Mrs Herring will be running 3 marathons, back-to-back. They start at Blanco in Tarkastad, and run on road and trail down the Baviaans Valley to Bedford. Together with 11 other women, including two of our moms (Jane Holderness, Megan Hobson), they have been putting in hundreds of hours and kilometres to prepare for this journey. This is the third Sole Sisters adventure undertaken to raise funds for local charities. The money raised this year will go towards improving the living conditions of the residents of the McKaiser Old Age Home.

DSG Junior invites you to a
Charity Fundraising

Mother's Day Lunch

Please join us in raising funds for
LIV Lukhanyiso Village
With Guest Speaker

NICKIE TURNER



on FRIDAY 10th MAY
from 12.30–2.30pm
at THE HIGHLANDER

Beauty Talk & Tips
Live Auction & Spot Prizes
Cash Bar Available

Tickets R200
RSVP by 1st May to
DSGMothersDay@gmail.com

MY DSG PARENT PORTAL

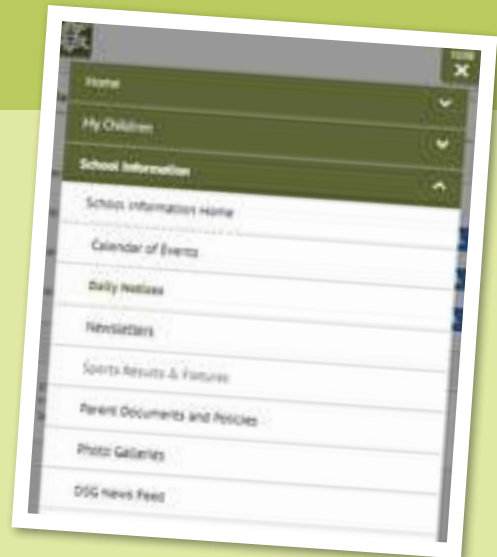
School reports will be available on the MyDSG Parent Portal which you can access via:
<https://my.dsgschool.com>



Parents will have received an email with an onboarding guide. If you missed that email, you could start by simply requesting a password at:
<https://my.dsgschool.com/request-password> using your registered email address with the school.

MyDSG is accessible from a smartphone or tablet, and the guide below describes how to add an icon shortcut on your Home Screen, for both Android or Apple smartphone or tablet users:
<https://support.myschoolportal.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/360011493113-How-to-add-the-My-School-Portal-Webapp-to-your-mobile-device>

Once logged in, you will find regular updates under the School Information menu. This is where you can find the notices, copies of the weekly newsletter, and photo galleries.



Please note that DSG no longer uses the D6 communicator or SIMS Parent. Guidance for uninstalling D6 can be found at
<https://d6.co.za/education/services/support/d6-communicator-support/>
and SIMS Parent can be removed from your device simply with a tap-and-hold on the app icon and then deleting and uninstalling.



DONATIONS NEEDED

The recent flood devastation in Mozambique and Zimbabwe has highlighted the need for us to be grateful for what we have, and open our hearts to the many in need.

We have an opportunity to donate clothing to the children of Beira via a church group departing Grahamstown before the Easter weekend.

Please deliver children's clothing in good condition to Mrs Gooden's classroom before the end of term.

ST ANDREW'S PREP & DSG JUNIOR



THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY



PRESENT

*Combined
Easter Service*

Sunday 7 April | 18:00 | Lilla Strong Hall