

FROM THE HEAD

Habit of Mind *Striving for accuracy*

Dear Parents and Friends of our school,

I write this newsletter on the back of attending the 2018 Conference for the Independent Schools Association and Southern African Heads of Independent Schools Association. Not only has this experience afforded me the opportunity to connect with other heads of schools, it has also shed light on relevant and trending educational themes. Amongst other topics, Sustainability, Diversity, Social Cohesion, Cognitive Development, Delivering Change and Artificial Intelligence were covered.

The headmaster of Elton College, Mr Simon Henderson, spoke of the importance of delivering a liberal education. One which values and develops connections between people and focuses on building character. In order to flourish in a diverse, complex and ever changing society, school leavers need to skilfully connect with others, be confident communicators and feel emotionally secure in who they are and what they offer. No longer will IQ secure them a job but rather their EQ and how flexible and adaptable they are in the current 4th Industrial Revolution. That said, as parents and educators we can ready our girls by providing them with plenty of opportunities to gather facts, question the world around them, debate, argue and persuade all while being tolerant and empathetic of the perspectives of others.

I would like to thank Ms Clarke and Ms Gooden for taking the reins during my brief absence from school; it is such a blessing to work with such supportive colleagues. My sincere thanks must also go to Ms Rosslee and Ms Theron for coordinating a success interhouse maths competition, which by all accounts was stimulating and enjoyable. Congratulations to Amber for winning the event and Ruby and Jade for taking 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Furthermore, our musicians performed confidently in this year's junior school music competition. The adjudicators were impressed by the standard of music and the audience were thoroughly entertained. Congratulations in particular to the music department for preparing our girls for the occasion as well as to those who won the various categories.

And so we set our sights on being well prepared for assessment weeks and our production at the end of the term.

If you are willing to assist us in bringing the production to stage please volunteer via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/55BLZRB>

Warm Regards,
Ms Barbara Hibbert
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Isaiah 30 : 21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

A GPS navigator makes travelling to new places easy, safe, convenient and accurate. One wonders how we ever managed life without such a device. When one veers off route, a gentle but firm voice instructs you on how to get back to the route. She warns you of the upcoming traffic jams, accidents and eating places, to mention but a few.

This is very similar to the way God guides us. God has a way of directing us on this journey called life. As we travel, God guides us through the Bible, the people and things around us. Even when we go astray, God gently redirects us back onto the right path.

We should be attentive to God's voice as we embark on the journey of life. Amen.

God Bless you, Rev Rachel



WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER

Trinity Music Exams

Gr 4 & 5 English IBTs 07:30

Clubs 14:00

Marimba Practice - Changed to Friday at 15:00 due to Matric Exams

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

Trinity Music Exams

Gr 4 & 5 Maths IBTs 07:30

Combined Junior Choir Event 19:00- 20:00 (PREP) - compulsory for boarders and optional for day girls

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

Marimba Practice 15:00

Combined Junior Ensemble Event 19:00-20:00 (PREP) - compulsory for boarders and optional for day girls

Junior School Newsletter

FROM THE SPORTSDESK

Dear Parents

Summer sport has started and it is so uncanny how the wind chooses to arrive exactly when tennis matches are scheduled for; making it very challenging for girls to get that serve in. The DSG tennis championships are underway and it is pleasing to see the healthy competitive spirit in which the games are being played. A number of our older girls will be playing social tennis against and with Prep boys on Friday this week.

The Albany tennis trials will take place this weekend and further details will be sent to parents once venues and times have been finalised. Good luck to those girls who will be participating.

Wendy-Mae Turner swam in the third A league gala over half term. She achieved 2nd place in 50m backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Backstroke. She also received 3rd place in 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle.

Congratulations to Abigail Holderness who won a silver medal at the recent Interprovincial Biathlon; finishing 1st in the run and 2nd in the swim. At the same event, Jessica Smailes finished in 3rd place in the run.

Kind Regards
Ms Patti Tooley
JUNIOR SPORTS DIRECTOR



Jenna Foster listening to sound advice from Ms Price



Summer sport training



SPORT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

13:45 Tennis vs Prep: U13A(DSG) U13B (Prep)

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

08:30 Albany Tennis Trials – pool games (venues to be confirmed)

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER

09:30 Albany Tennis Trials – finals (venues to be confirmed)

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER

13:45 Tennis vs Kingswood: U11A (DSG) U11B (KC)

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

13:45 Tennis vs Kingswood: U13A (DSG) U13B (KC)

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

13:45 Tennis vs Prep: U11A (Prep) U11B (DSG)

14:00 KC U13 Water Polo Festival (KC)

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

08:00 KC U13 Water Polo Festival (KC)

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

09:30 EP Water Polo trials (Pearson High School)

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MUSIC COMPETITION

The 2018 junior music competition took place in the D Wynne auditorium on Friday 19 October. There were 31 entries over the 4 categories, Junior and Senior Piano and Junior and Senior Instrumental and Voice. The adjudicator, Mr Donovan Wynne (MMus) a music teacher at VPS was most impressed at the standard of performance of the girls. Congratulations to Zimi Jekwe and Liso Mdolombo who share the Junior Piano Trophy; Abigail Holderness for winning the Junior Instrumental Trophy; Morgan Herring and Corneli Rocher winners of the Senior Piano Trophy and the Senior Instrumental Trophy respectively. Hearty congratulations to all the other participants; you are all winners. Thank you to the parents and friends who were a great audience.



Back: Morgan Herring, Zimi Jekwe, Corneli Rocher
Front: Liso Mdolombo and Abigail Holderness

INTERHOUSE MATHS

On Friday morning, the excitement in the build up to the annual Inter-house Math Competition was palpable.

The Times Tables challenge was closely contested in the first round. The relay brought with it new challenges as team runners raced to collect questions and teams strategically chose from a selection of easy or more tricky problems to earn as many points as possible. A small group of our top mathematicians competed in the final round, striking musical instruments to signal their readiness to answer. Overall, it was a most enjoyable morning spent together, eagerly solving Math challenges and laughing at Ms Clarke's corny jokes. Well done to Amber for taking the win!



GRADE 4 CLAY WORK



RHINO RECORD



DSG Junior girls had the opportunity to contribute towards the Rhino Record project, driven by Brandon Challis. He endeavours to break the Guinness World Record for the biggest painting in the world while raising awareness of rhino conservation.



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CHRISTMAS BOOK GIFTS

At the joint Carol Service with Prep on 2 December, we aim to gift a number of pre-loved books to the newly opened Whistlestop School in Makhanda. Girls and boys are encourage to find one book at home (suitable for Grade R to 5 readers) and place it under the Christmas tree during the service. A simple ribbon or bow on the book would suffice instead of wrapping them. Thank you in advance for your support in assisting us to build a much needed library for young learners in our special community.



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TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER
Mrs Alet Pretorius 084 602 1346

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER
Ms Nosipho Lukhele 079 297 3095

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER
Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016

FRIDAY & THE WEEKEND
Ms Renè Barnardt 079 854 8799 & Mrs Alet Pretorius 084 602 1346

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER
Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016



COUNTRY FAIR: 27 OCTOBER 2018: 09:00 - 13:00

It's that time of the year again!

Please diarise the date - 27 October 2018 for the Christ Church Country Fair



There will be lots of goodies to buy-books, curry&rice, cakes, wors and bacon & egg rolls, fresh veggies, meat and more! And when you need a rest, grab a cuppa and put your feet up in the tea garden. Lots of entertainment for the kids on swings and climbing things.

We cater for everyone so roll up and see what catches your fancy – there's lots!



ST ANDREW'S PREP & DSG JUNIOR

PRESENT

Combined Choirs & Ensembles

COMBINED CHOIRS
Thursday 25th October
COMBINED ENSEMBLES
Friday 26th October

19:00 | Memory Hall
FREE ENTRY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ceridwen Irwin	22 October
Kirsten White	25 October
Liso Mdolomba	26 October
Maddy Were	30 October

