

Junior School Newsletter

7 February 2017

FROM THE HEAD

Assembly Theme: The Power of words

Value of the Week: Praising peers

Dear Parents and girls,

The past week at our Junior School has been action-packed and eventful across a number of spheres.

- The Grade 5s, 6s and 7s participated in First Aid workshops where they learnt valuable lifesaving skills.
- Our talented swimmers took to the water at the annual Graeme relay gala, swimming with outstanding technique and confidence.
- On Saturday at the Uitenhage gala, Catherine Williamson and Callie Still made it up onto the podium
- We are also extremely proud of all the girls who participated in the Albany Tennis Champs, especially of Abigail Holderness and Holly Clowes who were crowned U10 and U12 champions respectively.
- The Grade 7s also enjoyed a social with their Kingswood counterparts and our Grange boarders were treated to a delicious braai on the weekend.

Thank you to all the staff who were involved with co-ordinating these events and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Sheena Price for preparing our girls so well for their competitive events.

On Wednesday evening we held our Parents' Committee AGM followed by a picnic. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to socialise with each other as well as to mingle with the teaching staff. Thank you to those who attended. To the outgoing committee, I would like to thank you on behalf of the girls for your efforts to make the 2016 FUNraising events so memorable and rewarding. To the new committee – Fiona Williamson, Lee Repinz, Katherine Winshaw, Sizwe Mvunelwa, Pradeep Ranchhod, Nickie Turner, Sue Sievwright, Alexis Bowker and Gina Meldrum – I would like to thank you in advance for your support and commitment to the FUNraising projects this year. I look forward to working alongside you.

Last week ended on a beautiful note. During lines on Friday morning, as we reflected the value of kindness, from the Value Box emerged evidence of small random acts of kindness. Notes read... 'I saw an older girl help a younger girl to choose a library book', 'A Grade 4 pupil shared her colouring pencils with her classmate' and 'Someone in our class missed a lot of work because they were ill and a friend was helping her to catch up'. Just wonderful to read! Furthermore, each class has created their Rights and Responsibilities Charter for 2017. These will shortly be displayed with pride in each classroom.

In assembly this week we looked at The Power of Words. The girls were asked to consider whether recent conversations have built their friends up or broken them down. Inspiration was taken from Rachel Platten's hit song 'My Fight Song' in which she sings about a small boat on the ocean sending big waves into motion, how a single word can make a heart open and that I may only have one match but I can make an explosion.

We might feel tiny in a big setting but our positive 'put up' comments or actions will have a lasting, constructive effect on others. Taking the time to select meaningful words should leave our peers feeling special, appreciated and included.

Words by Guilherme Costa (an extract)

Words have the power to change the world.

Words have the power to unite and divide us.

They are sang, written, screamed and felt.

They overcome silence with a meaningful sound.

They make you think, act and dream.

They tell stories whatever happens. And promise dreams that will.

Words are your voice. Your power to change.

They are ideas and aspirations. And a single word DOES matter.

Kind regards,
Barbara Hibbert
JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY 8 - 10 FEBRUARY

Grade 6 Assegai trails Outdoor trip
08:00

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Grade 4 City tour with Basil Mills
08:00- 12:00

Friday 10 February

Closing date for Gr 8 Scholarship Exams - English and Maths
Please contact Dean Bridger with regards to this

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

The Grange Valentines Picnic
15:00

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Grade 7 Valentines Social
10:00



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FROM THE SPORTSDESK

SWIMMING

Our girls did us proud at the Graeme Relay Gala, where they frequently came in ahead of the boys in their race to the finish line. Thank you to Mrs Hibbert and Ms Barnardt for helping with the time keeping. The results for the girls were as follows:

1st: DSG - 92 points

2nd: KC - 54 points

3rd: VP- 46 points

Four of our swimmers – Catherine Williamson, Jodi Hobson, Cara Meldrum and Cally Still – took part in the Uitenhage Club Gala this week-end. Thank you to Sheena Price for accompanying them and sending in this report:

All the swimmers swam good times and it was very obvious that Cally Still was very excited to be taking part in her first competitive club gala, especially when she won a bronze in the 100m backstroke in a very competitive level 2 time. Catherine Williamson won a gold in the 100 breaststroke and silver medals in both the 50m breaststroke and 100m backstroke. Catherine Williamson and Cara Meldrum achieved second place in the 200m freestyle relay.

Best of luck to the swimmers who are taking part in the Kingswood Short Course Gala today at Kingswood.

TENNIS

Out tennis players really put DSG on the map over the weekend! In the Albany Championships which were played over two consecutive weekends, a DSG girl was the champion in every age group from U10 to U18. In most cases the, the runner-up was also a DSG player.

U10: Abigail Holderness won against her close friend, Miké Holder.

U12: Holly Clowes beat Wendy-Mae Turner in a close tie breaker.

U14: Two Grade 8s played in the final and Lucy Pringle, who is a year younger, finished in third place.

The U11s played a friendly fixture against Kingswood yesterday, winning 36 games to 26 in the singles and 21 to 12 in the doubles. Congratulations to them.

The following girls have chosen to take part in the Thiarts Academy team tennis tournament over half-term. We wish them all the best and are confident that they will fly the DSG flag high as usual.

10 and under: Buhle Bam, Miké Holder and Abigail Holderness

12 and under: Emily Huxtable, Jessica Smailes, Kirsten White and Jamie Marx

14 and under: Carrey Wiblin

WATER POLO

The last match of the Oakhill Chukka Festival in Knysna will be played on the Saturday, making our estimated time of arrival on Sunday at 13:00. We wish the girls a successful, fun-filled tour.

Patti Tooley
Sports Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

14:00 Short Course Gala @Kingswood

THURSDAY 9-12 FEBRUARY

12:00 Depart for Oakhill Water Polo Chukka Festival till 12 February

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

13:45 Tennis vs Prep mixed doubles @ DSG and Prep

18:00 A League Gala @ Newton Park PE

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY

08:00 A League Gala @ Newton Park PE

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY

14:00 Albany Swimming Trials Gala @ DSG

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY

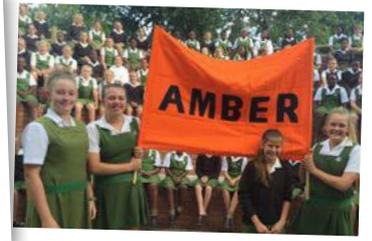
14:00 Tennis vs PJ @ DSG

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

13:45 Tennis vs Port Alfred @ DSG

SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY

08:00 B Group gala @ Newton Park PE



Congratulations to this term's house leaders:

Jade: House Captains - Derrin Bush and Cally Still

Cheerleaders - Migcobo Malusi and Lucy Pringle

Amber: House Captains - Ruby Graven-Dugmore and Cody Laubscher

Cheerleader - Victoria Basson and Erin Powers

Ruby: House Captains - Catherine Williamson and Cate Stretton

Cheerleader - Thatego Pie and Bianca Coventry



Albany tennis DSG finalists



Albany tennis final in action



Calli and Catherine on the podium at the Uitehage Gala

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GRADE 7 KINGSWOOD SOCIAL

The Grade 7s enjoyed a most successful social at Kingswood on Friday, 3 February. Excited response from the girls as they climbed onto the bus after the event, confirmed how much they had enjoyed the evening. Thanks must go to the group of interact girls from Kingswood who organised the fun event.

Mrs E Timm and Mrs T Ferreira



GRADE 6 ART



Grade 6 girls are learning all about tone and shading and drawing techniques in Art this term. Here they tackle their 1st charcoal shading attempts in their new Art Journals! Wonderful work girls!

THE GRANGE DUTIES 046 - 603 4337

MONDAY 30 JANUARY

Ms Danica Kukard 082 304 7181

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

Ms Renè Barnardt 079 854 8799

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Ms Zanele Mavuso 074 335 0978

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Mrs Alet Pretorius 084 602 1346

WEEKEND

Ms Zanele Mavuso 074 335 0978

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY

VALENTINES CELEBRATION

Girls are encouraged to come to school wearing pink, red or white.

Bring R5 or more as a donation for a local charity.

Please note:
No Sport and No Prep on this day

GRADE 6 STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP



The Grade 6s attended a Study Skills workshop this morning given by the international company called Elevate.

The girls learned many new and efficient ways in which to read for purpose, scan for information and find evidence in text. All great skills to set them up for a great year ahead!

HELP NEEDED!

Our teachers are in desperate need of volunteers to help with book covering. Please contact Mrs Pienaar if you are able to assist.

We are also in need of seamstresses who can help make cushion covers

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WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM

Follow us @thediocesanschoolforgirls



GRADE 5S FUN DACTA LEGO



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jamie Marx

08 February

Esihle Mangaliso

10 February



CLUBS



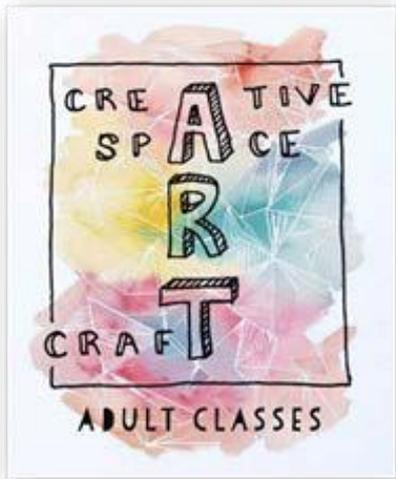
Cultural Games Club



SPCA Club



Rag Doll Making Club



Interested in adult Arts and Craft classes?

Sasha Scholtz will be running a series of courses in 2017 including mosaics, fabric painting, ceramics, basic canvass painting and print-making.

Places still available for the mosaic course on Tuesday mornings from 10:45 to 12:45.

Please contact:

Sasha on 083 3578232 for more information.



KEEP CALM
AND
PICK UP A
HOCKEY STICK

@ PUPS HOCKEY ACADEMY
BLOCK 6

SATURDAYS 08H00 - 9H00 ON WEBSTER ASTROTURF FOR GRADES 1-7

4TH, 11TH & 18TH FEBRUARY
4TH & 11TH MARCH

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