

# Junior School Newsletter



THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

16 May 2017

## FROM THE HEAD

Habit of mind: Thinking Interdependently  
Value of the Week: Being a good listener

Dear Parents and Girls,

Another busy and productive week is under the belt for us at the Junior School.

Many thanks to Ms Timm for co-ordinating and driving a successful AMESA Maths week. It was pleasing to see girls from every grade, either complete the test independently or with a partner and tackle challenging problem-solving questions with grit, perseverance and belief in their maths ability. I am happy to report that 51 of our girls have qualified for the next stage of AMESA Maths. Special mention must be made of Erin Powers and Derrin Bush; as a pair they scored an impressive 19 out of 20...congratulations girls!

Furthermore, we are extremely proud of eight Grade 7 girls who qualified for the second round of the Harmony Maths Olympiad where they competed against Grade 8 and 9 learners. Our young mathematicians have excelled and achieved results far beyond our expectations.

I am proud to announce that Erin Powers has been awarded an academic scholarship to DSG. She was also one of three pupils short-listed for the Cyril Houghton Scholarship. We commend her on this outstanding achievement!

We hosted two ISASA teaching training workshops this week, namely 'Reading Matters' and 'Unlocking the Research Process' and I was thrilled that many of our teachers took up this opportunity to develop their teaching skills and gain further insight into these two important areas of the curriculum. Many thanks to Ms Pienaar and our kitchen staff for preparing the venues and catering respectively.

Ms Herring has enjoyed an abundance of IT training this year – her visit to Bishops in Cape Town during the Easter Holiday and attending the 2017 iPad Summit being two of her most recent excursions. She has returned to us with some dynamic ideas and we look forward to working with her to integrate technology into lessons with the aim of enhancing and inspiring learning.

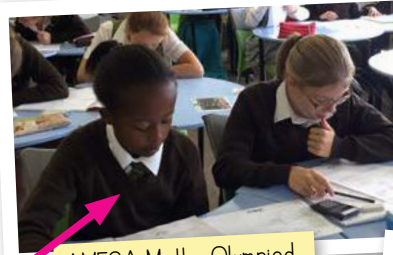
As mentioned last week, our school is currently going through a self-evaluation process with IQAA. Many parents and all our staff and learners have kindly set aside time to complete the necessary surveys. I urge those parents who have not yet done so to please support us in this regard and offer your valuable feedback. You would by now have received an email with the relevant information and links to the surveys (Submission of surveys closes at midnight tonight).

Tekkie Tax 2017 takes place on Friday 26 May. Thank you to the many girls who have ordered the colourful beaded shoe laces @R35 a pair. By doing so, you will be making a big difference in the lives of both children and animals. The various charities involved in this campaign truly appreciate your generosity and efforts to raise awareness of the plight of less fortunate children and needy animals.

Working interdependently continues to be our key Habit of Mind this week. Our fortnightly School Council meetings are the perfect place to see this skill being nurtured and consolidated. I am very proud of the way in which our class representatives approach our meetings. They appreciate this platform on which to share their views and raise issues. It is heart-warming to see the camaraderie between the girls and the respect they have for one another –taking turns in leading discussions and listening to the opinions of others.

In closing, I would like to wish all our music pupils the very best of luck for their performances at the Youth Music Festival this week. I look forward to attending the Junior Choir Festival later today. Please see the amended Music Festival Programme within this newsletter.

Kind regards,  
Barbara Hibbert  
JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD



AMESA Maths Olympiad



Girls participating in the IQQA Survey



## GOODLUCK

Grade 6's for the Enviro Quiz tomorrow.

Grade 6 and 7's taking part in the World Knowledge Olympiad.



Ms Hibbert meeting with Pupil Voice Representatives to discuss issues, initiatives and ideas for upcoming events.



Grade 7 girls who qualified for the second round of the Harmony Maths Olympiad

## THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY 16 MAY – FRIDAY 19 MAY  
Youth Music Festival

TUESDAY 23 MAY  
18:00  
Gr 7 Social with Prep (Prep)

## FROM THE SPORTSDESK

### HORSE RIDING

Ingrid Emslie, who entered the Windsong SANESA Eventing (70cm) during the holidays came first in her class. She then took part in the 70cm Junior School class at the SANESA Eventing competition at Woodridge College this past weekend when she once again came first out of large number of entrants. Congratulations!

### MAKANA WINTER SQUASH LEAGUE

This week our girls did well to hold their own against Victoria Girls' High School's 2nd team, with each school winning nine games. Wendy-May Turner and Aphwe Mvunelwa both won their matches. Next week we are up against Graeme College on our home courts.

### SQUASH EP TRIALS ROUND 2

There was little rest for the squash girls on Saturday when they took part in the second round of EP trials, held, thankfully, in Grahamstown. Some of the girls improved their ranking and all of them most certainly gained much experience. The last round of trials will take place in Port Elizabeth this Sunday (21 May 2017). Please be aware that should your daughter be chosen for an EP team, the tournaments will be taking place during our half-term: 1- 4 July in Pretoria (U11) and Pietermaritzburg (U13)

### NETBALL AND HOCKEY DERBY DAYS

It was to be regretted that our derby against Balmoral had to be cancelled last Saturday, but appreciate Balmoral taking the decision before we set out. It would have been most frustrating to have travelled all the way to Queens-town just to find the fields unplayable.

This weekend we play Erica and Victoria Primary at VP.

The teams that have been invited to play on Saturday are:

Hockey: U10 A and B, U11 A and B (11-a-side) U13 A, B, C, D and E

Netball: U10 A and B, U11 A and B, U12 A, B and C, U13 A, B and C.

Teams will be on the website by Wednesday and we will email the programme to parents shortly.

### TENNIS – SHERYL LUDEN CUP

This is a doubles tournament that will take place at Victoria Girls' School on Sunday. Abigail Holderness, Miké Holder, Holly Clowes and Wendy-Mae Turner will make up the junior part of the DSG team to contest the Sheryl Luden Cup. We hope to successfully defend our title and bring home the Sheryl Luden Trophy once again.

### ALBANY FESTIVAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Results for the Albany Festival Hockey League:

- U13C vs KC U13 mixed: won 3-0
- U13D vs VP U13C: lost 0-2
- U13C vs DSG U13D: C team won 1-0

### SWIMMING

Nelson Mandela Aquatics had their annual prize-giving on Friday evening at which the following awards were handed out.

- Jenna Foster was awarded an EP Colts badge (the equivalent of EP half colours).
- Wendy-Mae Turner received the trophy for the most points achieved at Level 2.

Congratulations to these two swimmers. You certainly have made DSG proud this year.

Patti Tooley  
Junior Sports Director

## SPORT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

### FRIDAY 19 MAY

Albany Hockey League

13:30 DSG U13 B have a Bye – normal practice

15:00 DSG U13C Girls vs Oat U13C Mixed @ DSG

15:00 DSG U13B Girls vs VP U13B Girls @ VP

15:15 DSG U13E Girls vs DSG U14D Girls @ DSG

### SATURDAY 20 MAY

Hockey & Netball

08:30 Derby Day vs Erica and VP @ VP

### SUNDAY 21 MAY

Tennis

09:30 Sheryl Luden Cup venues VP and VG

### MONDAY 22 MAY

18:00 Squash league vs GC Junior @ DSG



Ingrid participating in the SANESA Eventing at Woodridge this weekend.



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The Grade 5s used chalk to sketch the physical features of Africa onto the floor of our outdoor amphitheatre. They used their iPads to research the correct location of each feature on the African continent.

## THE GRANGE DUTIES 046 - 603 4337

MONDAY 18 MAY

Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016

TUESDAY 16 MAY

Ms Renè Barnardt 079 854 8799

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

Ms Nosipho Lukhele 079 297 3095

THURSDAY 18 MAY

Mrs Alet Pretorius 084 602 1346

FRIDAY 19 MAY

Ms Danica Kukard 082 304 7181

WEEKEND

Ms Renè Barnardt 079 854 8799

## SPCA VISIT



## MERITS

The following girls have been awarded 25 merits or more:

Sino Adam  
Abbey Holderness  
Sasha Painter  
Eshle Poti  
Donna Miranda

### CONGRATULATIONS



TEKKIE TAX 2017  
FRIDAY 26 MAY.

Thank you to the many girls who have ordered the colourful beaded shoe laces @R35 a pair. By doing so, you will be making a big difference in the lives of both children and animals.

Girls will receive their laces on Thursday 25 May – allowing them enough time to prepare their tekkies for Friday.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sino Adam

18 May

Ashleigh Price

19 May



## The Diocesan School for Girls



### 2018 Scholarship Awards

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 2018 Grade 8 scholarship winners.

The Cyril Houghton Scholarship is awarded to an all-rounder who will be taking Afrikaans as a subject through to Matric. Emily Orphanides is a most worthy recipient of this award: she was ranked in the top five of the approximately 90 applicants nationwide who wrote the DSG English and Mathematics Scholarship and displays a diverse offering in the sporting and cultural spheres.

The Academic Scholarships are awarded to the two candidates who achieved the best marks for the scholarship examinations. Erin Powers and Megan Joubert are the recipients of the 2018 awards. Erin Powers was also one of three girls short-listed for the Cyril Houghton Scholarship.

We congratulate these girls most warmly.



**Emily Orphanides**  
Cyril Houghton Scholarship



**Erin Powers**  
DSG Academic Scholarship



**Megan Joubert**  
DSG Academic Scholarship

## *Congratulations*

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## AMENDED FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 16 May

16h30	Junior Choir Festival	St Andrew's Centenary Hall
19h00	Senior Choir Festival	St Andrew's Centenary Hall

### Wednesday 17 May

<b>07h45</b>	Solo Category	David Wynne Auditorium, DSG
<b>Junior Ensemble Category combined with Junior Orchestras on Thursday afternoon</b>		
19h00	Senior Ensemble Festival	St Andrew's Centenary Hall

### Thursday 18 May

16h30	Junior Orchestra Festival	St Andrew's Centenary Hall
19h00	Senior Orchestra Festival	St Andrew's Centenary Hall

### Friday 19 May

19h00	Gala Concert	St Andrew's Centenary Hall
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