

Junior School Newsletter

31 October 2017



THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

FROM THE HEAD

Habit of Mind: Open to continuous learning

Value of the Week: Respect

Dear Parents and Girls,

"The measure of your life will not be what you accumulated but rather what you gave away." Dr Wayne Dyer

I would like to begin by thanking our girls, parents and members of the community for donating a vast number of Santa Shoebox gifts over the course of the past week. On behalf of the recipients at local schools and day-care centres, I thank you for your generosity and goodwill. We encourage our girls to take part in various community engagement and charitable initiatives during the year and this project in particular has struck a chord with them. When asking some girls to reflect on why they felt it was important to contribute to this project, they responded as follows:

"I think packing these shoeboxes is an excellent idea because it helps people who are not as fortunate as us." Siya

"Being part of this project is a lot more personal than just donating money because we get to choose the items and personalise the boxes for the children." Ruby

"I loved working with a partner to pack our Santa Shoebox. This has taught me how to work better with someone else and feel part of a team." Ashley T

"It was really fun to design and create these gift boxes. I enjoyed giving to others instead of always receiving. I hope that the children enjoy their boxes and smile on Christmas morning." Ashley P

The junior Preppies' annual production, Annie, was delightful to watch. Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to support their siblings and younger counterparts as they sang and acted with enthusiasm and confidence.

Thank you to Ms Micklewright for coordinating the Grade 4s classroom sleepover on Friday night. The girls were very excited about the novel experience and I was told that the midnight feast and listening to stories around a fire pit were definite highlights.

This past weekend saw a number of girls taking part in the Albany Tennis Championships and EP water polo trials and I commend them on their impressive attitude and approach to showcasing their talent.

With five weeks to go till the end of the term, I would like to draw your attention to some important dates and information:

- Grade 6 and 7 exams commence this week.
- Grade 6s should be making their 2018 FAL choices and informing the school as soon as possible.
- The following link provides more information for our iPad programme and discount vouchers for those parents wanting to purchase devices for their daughters next year:
<http://www.dsgschool.com/links-for-parents/11-ipad-programme-links/>
- Grade 7 parents are welcome to contribute to the Grade 7 leavers' gift by instructing our finance department to debit your school account. Please contact Ms Susan Powers for further details about the gift.
- A Junior Music Concert takes place on Friday 10 November at 14:00.
- The Remembrance Day Parade takes place on Sunday 12 November.
- Support staff Christmas hamper items are due in on Monday 13 November.
- Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 5 December at 18:00 in the DSG Chapel.

Warm regards,

Ms Barbara Hibbert
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



Mrs Veronica Still from Operation Mobilization in East London spoke to the girls about how precious they are in the sight of God.

With grateful thanks to many in our school community, we were able to hand over 152 knitted dolls for ongoing education about anti-human trafficking.



7 Dutch students visited DSG Junior to observe teaching and learning in a South African private school.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following girls have been awarded 25 merits or more:

Hannah Whelan
Corneli Rocher
Lumi Tafeni

Zoe Repinz,
Esihle Mangaliso

The following girls have been awarded 35 merits or more:

Buzzy Basson
Derrin Bush
Bianca Coventry
Megan Freeman
Alythea Porter
Cally Still
Cate Stretton

Catherine Williamson
Emily Huxtable
Bella McCleod
Sibu Papu,
Cara Meldrum
Abigail Dixon -Warren

The following girls have been awarded 45 merits or more:

Erin Powers
Lila Graven-Dugmore
Jodi Hobson
Sienna Houghton
Sarah Lake,
Ashley Paul
Jess Smailes

Sarah Southey
Kanya Torp Nelani
Kuhle Potelwa
Emily Wingfield
Shea Openshaw
Tendo Kalule

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FROM THE SPORTSDESK

TENNIS AND SQUASH

We are hoping to have the finals of the tennis and squash championships next week. If one of the girls is absent or ill and thereby have an impact on the draw, the finals will be postponed. Information will be sent out closer to the time and we encourage parents to come and watch the finals as the standard of play is usually awe-inspiring!

Two girls made it through to the Albany tennis championship finals on Sunday. Congratulations to Megan Freeman and Kayleigh Clayton who were runners up in their respective age groups. We are waiting in keen anticipation for the announcement of the Albany team.

WATER POLO

Of the seven girls went who were involved in the water polo trials at Pearson last week, all those in the U13 age group made it through to the next round. Congratulations to Derrin Bush, Ruby Graven-Dugmore, Erin Powers, Lucy Pringle, Cate Stretton and Catherine Williamson.

The second round of trials took place at Alexander Road High School on Sunday, but to date, we have not been informed of the outcome.

Our U13A team play their first water polo tournament of the season at Kingswood this weekend.

PJ FUN RUN

Sixteen girls took part in this very challenging fun run, two of them attempting and completing the longer distance. Megan Marx and Miké Holder ran the 5km race, in difficult conditions – the weather was miserable with blustery winds, making the run less than enjoyable. Congratulations to all the girls for participating cheerfully and enthusiastically.

BIATHLON

Jessica Smailes did well in her first interprovincial biathlon event, coming fifth in the running leg and finishing nineteenth overall. Abigail Holderness, having had a tough choice to make between competing in the biathlon or the tennis championships, did not enter the biathlon.

Mrs Patti Tooley
Junior Sports Director



SPORT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

1 NOVEMBER

16:00 Water polo internal league playoffs U13A vs U14B

3 NOVEMBER

13:45 Tennis vs Prep U11A & B (Away)
15:00 U13 Water polo festival @ Kingswood

4 NOVEMBER

08:30 U13 Water polo festival @ Kingswood

6 NOVEMBER

13:45 Tennis vs KC U11A & B (Home & Away)

7 NOVEMBER

14:00 Dolphin Shield Gala @ DSG

9 NOVEMBER

13:45 Tennis vs KC U11A & B (Home & Away)

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SANTA SHOEBOX DECORATING



THE GRANGE DUTIES 046 - 603 4337

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER

Ms Danica Kukard 082 304 7178

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Ms Renè Barnardt 079 854 8799

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Mrs Alet Pretorius 084 602 1346

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER & THE WEEKEND

Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016 & Ms Nosipho Lukhele 079 297 3095

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Ms Nosipho Lukhele 079 297 3095

We were delighted to be able to assist with a request for a donation of bright and colorful art work from the Junior School by Dr Fiona Meihuizen. Fiona is helping to spruce up the frail care and other areas within Somerset Place retirement home. She was most grateful for the donation of so many bright and cheerful framed and block mounted works of art which we were able to hand over on behalf of the Junior School. Fiona is seen here with Sandisiwe Mtsheni.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is that time of year when we start collecting food items for our wonderful. DSG Junior School support and maintenance staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our school is clean and organised. These items are made up into Christmas hampers. We have allocated different food items to the various grades.

These should be handed in to the class teacher by Monday 13 November

Grade 4: Tinned food

Grade 5: Samp, Rice, flour, spices/herbs, mielie meal

Grade 6: Coffee, sugar, tea

Grade 7: Sweets, biscuits and stock cubes

We are grateful for your generosity and our support staff thank you!

GRADE 4 HISTORY INTERVIEWS



GRADE 4 SLEEPOVER



INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PHOTOS

By the end of this year your daughter will receive a 2017 Photo Package containing the following:

- 1 Class photo
- 1 Group photo of their choice
- Individual photo (1 A4, 1 A5, 1 A6 plus 4 ID photos)
- A link to all digital photographs

A cost R190 per package will be charged to your school account.

GRADE 7 ART



The Grade 7s have had fun decorating their own ceramic tiles during art. These will be fired and glazed and used in a designated outdoor space, which the Grade 7 year group is fundraising for, as part of a farewell gift to the school! A lovely way to remember the Grade 7 class of 2017!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nchiro Nkutu

06 November



Movements Dance School
presents
THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM



6pm Saturday 18th November
Guy Butler Theatre
1820 Settlers' National Monument

Tickets: 084 419 6450
Adults R50
Children R40