

Junior School Newsletter



THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

14 November 2017

FROM THE HEAD

Habit of Mind: Listening with understanding and empathy

Value of the Week: Trust

Dear Parents and Girls,

The Remembrance Day ceremony held yesterday was both an emotional and inspiring occasion. Our local community came together to pay their respects to those who gave their tomorrows so we could have our today. The sacrifice of courageous soldiers was commemorated by the laying of wreaths by all sectors of the community, with a message of tolerance, compassion and understanding for one another as we strive to build a peaceful nation and world.

Exams have come to an end and I would like to remark on the outstanding manner in which the Grade 6 and 7 girls tackled each challenge. The girls were well prepared and focused on the task at hand and adopted a mature, reflective attitude when they received their papers back – gauging where they are in their learning is a difficult skill to acquire at such a young age. I thank the staff for supporting the girls through the process and for providing valuable feedback and offering information about the next steps they need to take to reach their academic targets.

Thank you to Ms Scholtz for launching the 2017 interhouse art competition. Topics include 'African Animals', 'The Year of the Rooster' and 'Save the Rhino' and we eagerly await the final pieces of work which will be on display by the end of this week.

As previously communicated, Ms Annalene Werner, a piano teacher at DSG Junior, will be retiring at the end of this year after 23 years of service, so it was fitting that we dedicated the last Junior music concert of the year to her. All the performers played with an abundance of confidence and skill in front of a large audience of parents and peers. Special mention must be made of the impressive recital by our newly established Wind Ensemble under the guidance of Mr Skipper.

In closing, we look forward to welcoming the parents and girls of the Grade 4 class of 2018 to our campus on Friday morning. The move-up experience starts at 08:00 with a presentation in the art room which will be followed by a tour of our campus. The current Grade 4, 5 and 6 girls can look forward to spending an hour in the company of their teacher for next year and give them the opportunity to become familiar with the learning environment, topics and expectations for 2018.

Warm regards,

Ms Barbara Hibbert
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



Remembrance Day Parade



Art competition poster creations



Last Music Concert of the year dedicated to Annalene Werner



Public Speaking Auditions

FOR YOUR DIARY...

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

11:30

DSG & Prep Public Speaking
Prep Memory Hall

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

18:00

Grade 7 Leavers' Dinner

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

10:30

DSG Junior Prizegiving

18:00

Carol Service

FROM THE SPORTSDESK

TENNIS AND SQUASH

Congratulations to Lucy Pringle and Kayleigh Clayton who are this year's DSG tennis champions with Cody Laubscher and Ashleigh Price being the runners up. Thank you to the girls who supported them so respectfully yesterday.

The junior squash champs will take place this afternoon but the senior champs will be postponed.

Our U13A & B tennis teams played Kingswood on Thursday. Besides one singles match, our U13A team were convincing winners in both singles and doubles. The U13B girls enjoyed playing mixed doubles with and against their opposition. Regrettably, due to very wet courts (although the rain is most welcome), we had to cancel our fixture against Fort Beaufort on Friday.

WATER POLO

The girls who were selected for the EP water polo teams have been attending many practice sessions at Kingswood and they will go to their capping ceremony this weekend. We trust it will be a proud moment for both parents and daughters.

SWIMMING

There were seven DSG girls who participated in the 4th A-league Aquabear gala in Port Elizabeth on Saturday. They all swam fantastic times and attained some much needed 'big gala temperament', before the NMBA Champs at the end of the year. Cally Still, Jenna Foster, Cara Meldrum, and Wendy-Mae Turner all swam level 3 qualification times. Well done Girls! *Report by S. Price*

DSG had a clean sweep and won the shield in every age group at the Dolphin Shield Gala hosted by Prep at the DSG pool last Tuesday. Well done to all the swimmers for setting a very high standard for the upcoming season.

Mrs Patti Tooley
Junior Sports Director



Dolphin Shield Gala



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Final Junior Tennis Championships



Final Senior Tennis Championships



Tennis Champs action



U13 Tennis vs Kingswood

SPORT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

14 NOVEMBER

13:45 Squash championship finals - junior (seniors postponed)

18 NOVEMBER

09:00 EP water polo capping ceremony PE

20-24 NOVEMBER

13:45 Interhouse tennis & squash

ART ENDING OFF WITH A BANG



Gr 7s creating memory boards



Craft club creating mobiles



MUSIC

Congratulations to all the girls who played their Trinity Board music exams recently; the results were outstanding, numbering several distinctions, and ALL the girls can be proud of accomplishing this milestone. We featured players on piano, drums, flute, saxophone, violin, viola and cello. Trinity Board is an internationally recognized musical examination system, operating throughout the world and standardizing grades of musical competence right through to performance level.



Trinity Board Music Exams Participants



Music Concert



Gr 7 Sleepover selfie

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Thank you to those who have already donated food items towards the support staff Christmas hampers.

That said, we had anticipated more items to be shared equally amongst three staff members and so the opportunity to donate still stands until Friday this week.

- 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.

THE GRANGE DUTIES 046 - 603 4337

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Mrs Alet Pretorius 084 602 1346

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Ms Nosipho Lukhele 079 297 3095

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER & THE WEEKEND

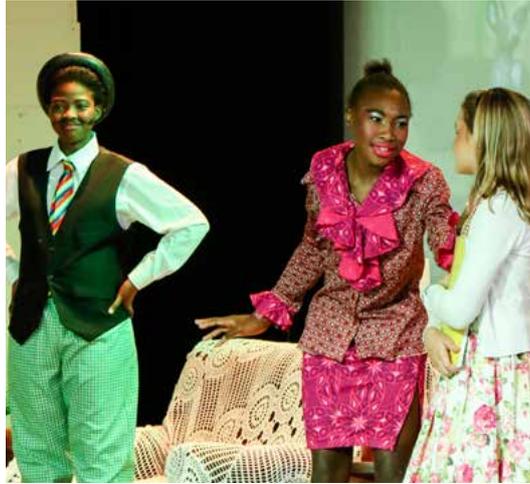
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MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Ms Cathy Munro 076 424 5016

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Invitation



DSG Junior Prize-Giving

Time: 10:30

Venue: Lilla Strong Hall

Tea will be served in the Junior School art room shortly after Prize-Giving

Carol Service

Time: 18:00

Venue: DSG Chapel



THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL
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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