

Dear DSP School Community,

On top of all the school activities in the second term we also celebrated Mother's Day and the "German" Father's Day in May! In this Newsletter we therefore take a moment to **give thanks** to the mothers, fathers and significant people in the lives of our learners. Thank you for giving your time, resources and financial backing to support the multitude of initiatives at the school. Everyone in their own way whether it be by working in the Tuckshop, volunteering at Science Week, sponsoring a sports team or being the supportive parent after a test that did not go as expected or making sure there is a lunchbox to look forward to, plays a part in the success of our learners and this school.



With the **Oktoberfest** coming up in the third term we will once again need many hands to successfully pull this event off for the 42nd time! We are however confident that with your help and support we can once again ensure an unforgettable festival with significant financial benefit for the school.

Looking back on the second term the **Variety Evening** of the Primary School remains a highlight on the calendar. This year our little starts took us on a musical journey from the Middle Ages to Mozart to Michael Jackson and everything in between. Once again a word of thanks to our parents in the audience who ensured these aspiring artists received the support and applause they deserve.

Our Primary School learners also showed off their creativity in the **Vision & Mission Poster Competition** for Grade 3 - 5! Grade 3a were the overall winners, in second place were

Andreas Rust and **Tristan Schenach** and the third prize went to **Zoe Harmse** and **Anna Radosztc**.



On 25 May we were treated to the **Winter concert** by the Orchestra Class of Grade 6, our Marimbas, the Hip Hop Group and the DSP Orchestra. An evening of musical enchantment which is the result of many hours of music lessons.

During this concert we also had the opportunity to see three very talented learners **Melanie Nowack**, **Janina Hettasch** and **Maike Kabutz**, who are members of the South African National Youth Orchestra perform.



Staying with the Orchestra we invite you to our „**Vivace**” evening, a fundraiser with music and culinary delights at Forti Grill & Bar on 28 October 2018. Whether you enjoy the evening in the company of clients, friends or your partner – it will be an unforgettable experience to the benefit of the DSP Young Musicians Development Programme. Contact us at schluter@dsp.gp.school.za for more information or to secure your booking.

On the sporting front our learners once again showed off their ball sense at the **ball sport day**. Without the cheering of parents and supporters these sports days would just not be the same!



In the pool as well as the volleyball court and soccer pitch our learners did us proud with their sports achievements on a national level.

At the South African Level 3 Regional Age Group Swimming Championship 2018, **Janka Meyer, Corinna Meyer and Nina Ehrich** qualified for 15 finals and received 9 medals among them.

At the South African Level 2 Regional Age Group Swimming Championship 2018, **Emma Smythe, Bianca Engling, Mark Engling and Tom Schulz** qualified for 20 finals und received 5 medals among them.

Nina Ehrich will participate in two swimming championships in Italy during the June holidays. We wish Nina all the best for the Trofeo Citta' Di Rossini, Pesaro and Treviso Swimcup which form part of the “Circuito Nuoto” Italia.

Taboka Vundule, Oratile Shabangu, Lerato Smith and Janka Meyer were included in the U/18 Tshwane Volleyball team.

Lethabo Monama and Tumishang Malungane were selected to represent Gauteng North Schools in Football.

We are also stoked that our soccer team had the opportunity to compete in the **Mandela Cup** in Barsinghausen against 7 other school teams from 5 – 8 June.



The boys not only experience a once in a lifetime sporting event, but also have an educational, cultural trip to Hamburg, Berlin and Neuzelle. Many thanks to our sponsor **Autohaus Centurion** who supports our team.

For all our soccer-loving parents and learners a reminder that we will once again host **public screening** events of the Soccer World Cup Matches in the Aula. The first game is on 17 June where Germany will take on Mexico. Go to www.dspretoria.co.za for updates on the public viewing dates.

Science Week, an awesome learning experience, founded by parent and member of the School Governing Body, **Anne Waldek-Thill** gave our learners and our partners schools and opportunity to experience STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and music) coupled with UBUNTU in 4 amazing days of experiments and experiences.



Over 50 companies and institutions among which **BOSCH** as the main sponsor, were part of the Science Week programme in 2018. Go to www.science-week.co.za for more on this wonderful learning opportunity for our scientist of the future.



This year more than 900.000 learners from 11.250 schools took part in the 24th Kangaroo Mathematics contest. The DSP boasted 83 participants of which **Michelle Feucht, Emma Smythe, Thomas Haake, Nils Landers and Alexander van Gumpel** received prizes based on their excellent results in their respective Grades.

Furthermore, a group of DSP learners certainly have the gift of the gab judging from their recent public speaking performances at the Pretoria High School Public Speaking Festival. Well done to **Gabriela Peckover, Maereg Terefe, Tashriq Moerat, Taboka Vundule, Tshgefotso Mokwena and Zandile Tabata.**



During the second term we were also privileged to welcome some interesting visitors to the school including the well-known Austrian author **Ursula Poznanski** and Swiss author **Arno Camenisch** who both did readings for our learners. Last but not least we were surprised by our former principal **Mr Kühnle** (2003 – 2008) who visited from Aalen, Baden-Württemberg!



On the other hand we were also delighted to have the chairman of our governing body, **Wolfgang Selzer**, represent Region 12 (Pretoria, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Windhoek, Addis Ababa, Accra) at the **ZfA Board** Advisory Council of the German Schools Abroad.



After this summary of a busy term we wish the entire school community a restful winter break and safe travels.

Important dates in the third Term

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| 1 July | Price increase for lunch at the Tuckshop |
| 18 August | Kinder Flea market |
| 31 August | Kindergarten Concert |
| 8 September | Bundesjugendspiele |
| 13 - 15 September | Oktoberfest |
| 17 - 21 September | Sport Olympiad in Windhoek |
| 18 - 21 September | Outreach Choir Week |
| 22 September | Class of 1973 reunion |
| 28 September | Last day of school |

Save the Date

28. Oktober 2018

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