

Dear DSP School Community,

The school term started with a thought-provoking opening Aula where Ms Kiehn encouraged learners to deal with the topic of **diversity** in the classroom, on the playground and in their circle of friends. In this school over **25 nationalities** learn, play and interact on a daily basis. We need to challenge, question, respect and embrace the diversity because therein lies our richness.

In October our Grade 12 learners represented the DSP at the **Day of German Unity** celebrations at the residence of the German Ambassador, Dr Martin Schäfer. Several days later our learners, parents and Alumni took on the challenge to complete the 5km **Fun Run**.



The Art Department brightened up the Aula by putting over **1 000 pieces of art** from Grade R to Grade 12 on display. Our Kindergarten followed suit with their very own mini-exhibition in November.



The **Vivace Benefit Concert** at Forti Bar & Grill, Menlyn Maine, gave our Young Musicians Development Programme (YMDP) a financial boost. We are grateful for the support of helpers, sponsors and patrons. We can however not take support from all these corners for granted and are exceptionally grateful that the Vivace concept has been well-received and wish to thank companies and individuals who enable the DSP through the YMDP to fulfil the musical dreams of less fortunate, yet talented learners.

During November 2018 we hosted our very first **Robotic Challenge** where work from Grade 1 and 2 learners was on display, Grade 3 and 4 learners showcased their space stations and Grade 5 to 6 learners battled it out by programming their robots to sort and secure food resources.



Our theatre group took us **Around the World in 80 Days** with a convincing performance of the Jules Verne classic.



We furthermore celebrated two centenaries on one weekend. On Saturday, 10 November we hosted the **Nelson Mandela Centenary Tournament** with 21 participating soccer teams in cooperation with the German Embassy as part of our Outreach Initiatives.



On the following day our orchestra joined musicians of all ages and abilities in a **global orchestra** to play for peace and commemorate the end of the First World War 100 years ago. The event was hosted in conjunction with the German Embassy and the Lycée Jules Verne Johannesburg.



In November our Principal, some members of staff and our SRC had the privilege to meet the **German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier** during his visit to Johannesburg.

The Class of 2018, which consist of **49 promising learners**, who celebrated the pinnacle of their school career at the Valediction ceremony on 23 November will soon spread their

wings either in South Africa or abroad. The National Senior Certificate is a prerequisite for taking up studies in South Africa. Our flexible approach through either the Kombi-Abitur or the NSC in conjunction with the German Language Diploma allows entrance to local universities and opens the door for our learners to study internationally. We are glad to be able to equip our learners to tailor a global future for themselves regardless of the path they choose.



We wish all our learners, parents and friends of the DSP a peaceful and blessed festive season and safe travels for those going away.



We look forward to **2019** and thank the entire school community for your support in a multitude of ways to ensure our school remains a place of excellent learning for the innovators, influencers, shapershifters and leaders of tomorrow!

Important dates in the 1st Quarter 2019

From 3 December 2018	2019 parking discs available from reception
16 January 2019	First day of school
1 February 2019	2018 parking discs invalid
9 March 2019	Open Day
	Swim Gala & Ball Sport Day (Gr 5 – 12)
15 March 2019	Swim Gala (Primary School)
20 March 2019	Last Day of School

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