

# NEWS@DSP

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## Dear DSP School Community,

The DSP logo is all around us, from the entrance gate and school flag to the school clothes our learners wear every day. It features on all official school letters as well as reports and remains a unifying symbol for learners, teachers, parents and alumni.



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Deutsche  
Internationale  
Schule  
Pretoria

This unifying symbol has a deeper meaning for the school community. The black block signifies the stability and solid base the school creates for learners. The uneven base of the block represents the different backgrounds our school community originates from.

The figures to the left and right show learners being developed with different influences, depicted in varying colours. The black, red and yellow colour scheme mirrors the colours of the German flag and symbolises the German roots and German education of the school. The red central figure is a well-rounded individual that

excels beyond the confines of the black block to think outside the box.

Against this background learners at the DSP are formed, nurtured and developed within a secure environment to result in a well-rounded individuals that are head and shoulders above their peers.

During the second term of 2019 we saw our budding performers in the lime light at the very colourful Variety Evening of the Primary School. On 31 May the orchestra with its 50 talented musicians warmed the audience's hearts during the annual Winter Concert. The concert's highlights included performances by some of the gifted learners in the school's Young Musicians Development Programme. These included Moalosi Ntai, who wowed attendees with the violin, Lehlogonolo Chabalala, whose clarinet rendition of George Michael's "Careless Whisper" was well-received and Dipalesa Phalatse who impressed with Beyoncé's "Sweet Dreams" and with vocal duties in the orchestra's take of the James Bond theme song, "Skyfall".



The event also celebrated 30 years since the reunification of Germany with the coming down of the Berlin Wall at the end of the cold war. Jonas Nottmeier produced a music video as part of his practical music evaluation to this theme for the occasion.

Over the past 30 years Germany, South Africa and the DSP have been building bridges on various levels to overcome the walls that divide us. In 2019 we therefore celebrate "30 years of encounter" with a varied programme of political discussions, workshops, sport- and cultural events under the umbrella theme "Education builds bridges".

The launch function on 25 April was a round table discussion which included the Ambassador from the German Embassy, Dr Martin Schäfer, as well as Dr Phillip Gassert, Professor of History at the Universität Mannheim, Mr Marlon Ponnen, Deputy Principal and Mr Simon Mosley, Alumni and former Chairman of the PRC.

Not only did we go to the polls for the general election in South Africa but our Grade 9 to 12 learners took part in the Junior Elections of the European Elections from 21 to 24 May. The Junior Elections is a wonderful opportunity to awaken political interest and to convey the fundamentals of democracy.



Our Kindergarten once again hosted a successful "Spaßfest", our Grandparents visited us for their annual special day at the DSP while our Grade 10 learners faced the challenges of the working world during their weeks of work experience. A group of learners also have the privilege to explore the beautiful city of Cologne and surrounds during their Learner Exchange in June. Another group is on a study tour to Berlin and other partner Universities in Halle, Marburg and Heidelberg. Our Grade 5 to 8 learners did some innovative thinking around conservation, entrepreneurship, environmental care, anti-mobbing, poetry and painting amongst others during the Project Week from 18 to 20 June.



We are extremely proud of the sterling DSD results of the 2018 group of learners who received their certificates in the second term. They obtained the best results since the inception of the DSD German Language Diploma at the DSP. The DSD Language Diploma opens the door for learners to study in Germany.

Another milestone was the Strategy Workshop, supported by our PQM. Active discussions took place among the Governing Body, School Management, teachers, parents and learners who contemplated topics regarding the future school development.



On 7 June 12 flights started at our very first DSP Golf Day Fundraiser at Silver Lakes Golf Club. We thank all our sponsors for their tremendous support as well as Jochen Kilp, the driving force behind the initiative. While on the topic of sport... at our "Interschool Ballsport Day" between the DSP and DSJ, our visitors had the upper hand in Netball, Boys Handball and Boys



Soccer. Our home teams reigned on the Volleyball- and Basketball courts while the DSP Soccer Girls did us proud in winning their match.

We look back on another eventful term, wish you a well-deserved holiday and look forward to the second half of 2019!

## Oktoberfest Collection



We require empty, preferably 900g tins for the Oktoberfest table decor. Please bring your tins to the DSP reception by 8 August.

## Important dates in the third term

17 Jul	First day of school
20 Jul	DSP Wine festival
24 Jul	Blood drive
29 Jul	Parents' evening re: Subject choice (Gr. 5-8)
31 Jul	Gr. 9 Information evening
9 Aug	Women's Day (holiday)
12 Aug	Gr. 12 Mock Exam
17 Aug	Children's Flea Market Kindergarten
21 Aug	DSD II Written Exam
22 Aug	DSD I Written Exam
23 Aug	Bundesjugendspiele
30 Aug	Kindergarten concert
12-14 Sep	Oktoberfest
18 Sep	Parents Day from 15:00
19 Sep	Gr. 12 Ball

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