

Dear DSP School Community,

At the end of a year in which we celebrated “30 Years of Encounter”, one comes to the realisation that there is a time and a season for all encounters. Some are short-lived and some are lifelong relationships that develop and deepen over time.

In this light, we bid farewell to 58 Grade 12 learners who will step into a whole new world in 2020. We wish them success for their future endeavours and offer a word of advice and encouragement from DSP Alumni who visited the school or connected with us during the course of the year:

“We had great teachers and were prepared by the learning methods in a very different way than most schools in South Africa.” – *Wilhelm von La Chevalerie, Actuary (FIA) and Managing Director of CIB (Class of 1994)*

“The DSP gave me a good foundation and the beauty was that we were always encouraged to have big dreams,” – *Maaïke Bakker, Artist, Illustrator and Curator (Class of 2004)*

“At the DSP, I really learnt the importance of being a well-rounded individual. I had a solid foundation at the school and truly understood that the world is my oyster and through learning German as a foreign language I had a gateway of becoming a global entity.” – *Kabelo Kgodane, Business Development Manager at SITA Aero (Class of 2009)*

“The experience that I obtained from the DSP that really set me up to be successful was being able to partake in a global village from a very young age.” – *Wesley Ohlson, Business Manager Vodacom (Class of 2010)*

“I appreciate the interdisciplinarity that the DSP has given me, as well as the interest in looking outside the box.” – *Inga Beyers, Master of Science, Energy Engineering (Class of 2011)*

“The DSP instilled an independent way of thinking and the importance of taking ownership in me.” – *Helga Jeske, Physiotherapist (Class of 2012)*



During his address at the closing ceremony of the festivities of our “30 Years of Encounter” celebration on 8 November 2019 former President Kgalema Motlanthe paid tribute to our school for playing a pivotal role in helping to bring about a new South Africa 30 years ago.

The DSP’s integration programme started in 1989 with the inauguration of its New Secondary School (NSek), attended by learners from Mamelodi and Eesterust. Motlanthe described the DSP’s resolution back then as “courageous”, especially as it had been taken in defiance of the segregationist precepts of Apartheid rule.

“The decision of the German School was courageous and added momentum to the process of bringing about democracy in South Africa,” said Motlanthe.

Hailing the DSP for ending decades of the inferior education that was prescribed for black South Africans in terms of the Bantu Education Act of 1953, Motlanthe said the DSP “occupies a special place in our hearts” because it had shaped the minds, attitudes and outlook of young people.

Looking back, a hive of activities marked this term with the Art Exhibition, Fun Run, Vivace benefit concert, as well as the DSP's participation in the Deutschlandfest at the invitation of the German Embassy Pretoria, which was marked by festivities in remembrance of the anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall.

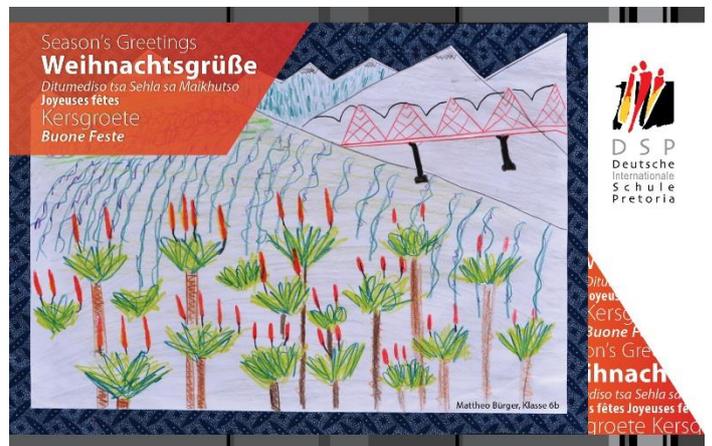


The term continued with a Talent Show hosted by the Grade 10 learners, the Theater Group's production, *Baskerville, Sherlock Holmes's very first case*, the Christmas celebration as well as a visit by the Nikolaus in the Krippe and Kindergarten.

Our Oktoberfest numbers are being finalised but the preliminary indication is a profit of R 819 000. A word of thanks to all parents, sponsors and supporters who contributed to the success of the 2019 event.

The Oktoberfest by Numbers

9-piece	Die Ottertaler Oompah Band
11 000	Visitors
We sold over:	
11 000	Litres of Beer
6 100	German Meals
2 300	Brezel
1 000	Slices of home-baked cake
1 000	Lebkuchen
400	Traditional hats



In closing, we wish all our learners, teachers, parents and friends of the DSP a peaceful festive season. Although the end of the year can feel like it's flying by, packed to the brim with holidays, family gatherings, and travel, the year's end means the beginning of a new one with new possibilities. We look forward to the upcoming 366 days of 2020 in which we continue to educate our learners for the world of tomorrow.

Important dates in the 1st term

21 Dec 2019 – 5 Jan 2020	DSP closed for general access
From 13 Jan 2020	2020 parking discs available from reception
22 Jan 2020	First Day of School
1 Feb 2020	2019 parking discs invalid
7 March 2020	Weinfest
21 – 27 March 2020	Olympiad in Johannesburg
27 March 2020	Last Day of School

Save the date



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