

Dear DSP School Community!

During this past term we successfully re-introduced more and more classes back to face-to-face teaching, while not compromising on our stringent COVID-19 procedures. We thank the entire school community for making a concerted effort to comply with these measures and make the DSP a safe learning environment for our learners and staff.

From our Grade 12 learners, who wrote their Abitur and preliminary exams in these unprecedented times, right through to our smallest children in the crèche, all have once again done us very proud by adapting to the new normal.

We were also delighted to welcome our Saturday School learners from our various partner schools who have been back since 29 August.

On the subject of the new normal, we kindly request that everyone adheres to the speed limit of 30km/h on the Oktoberfest parking area during drop off and collection. Please also ensure that all passengers in the vehicle wear their masks as they enter the premises.

85 DSP learners took part in this year's online Kangaroo Mathematics Competition in March 2020 with about 6 million participants in more than 80 countries. During this term, all participants received their certificates and their tricky surprise gift! We thank all teachers and participants for their commitment and look forward to the next competition on 18 March 2021.

Also, during this term, **Jaden Moodley**, **Thomas Schulz** and **Maïke Kabutz** took part in the second round of the Programming Olympiad after competing against 824 competitors in Round 1 of the Institute of IT Professionals South Africa 2020 Programming Olympiad™ in July.

We are very happy for the talented **Melanie Nowack**, who has been invited to participate in a Global Concert hosted by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music based on the strength of her results obtained in her cello exam. She was also selected out of a strong field of competitors to perform as a soloist with the Simfonia Juventi Orchestra. In addition to that Melanie was awarded two scholarships, one for the well-known Odeion School of

Music and another one for the North-West Conservatory, to study music.

In silent mourning and gratitude, the DSP school community bids farewell to our former deputy principal, **Mrs Gisela Haacke**, who sadly passed away on 16th August 2020 at the age of 84 years. Mrs Haacke led the DSP with great dedication and special commitment.

In her 22 years of service from 1973 to 1995, she not only supported five principals, numerous colleagues and innumerable pupils with words and deeds, but also witnessed and helped shape a



tremendous development of the DSP: the first matriculation in 1972, the development of a differentiated course system in the Oberstufe, the new building of the DSP in 1977 and the growing number of pupils and buildings. The timetable, according to which teaching was carried out at the DSP for many years, goes back to Mrs Haacke. Read more: <https://www.dspretoria.co.za/gisela-haacke-1936-2020/>

From 3 – 5 September we would have celebrated the 44th Oktoberfest, the most important fundraising event of the Deutsche Internationale Schule Pretoria. This year our



fundraising has partly turned into support for less fortunate families in our school community, for whom we buy virtual Shoprite vouchers.

If you would like to support our fund, you can make donations to:

**Deutscher Schulverein Pretoria, First National Bank,
Branch Code: 250655, Acc. No.: 627 654 88260
Reference: FOOD**

While you are doing your regular shopping, you can help us to raise money for our school by registering with the following shopping outlets' school programmes:

Woolworths My School (www.myschool.co.za)

Dischem School Days (www.schooldays.co.za),

or download the mCard App from **Makro**, (www.makro.co.za/mcard) click on the M=Educ8 banner and choose the DSP as your school of choice.

You might have noticed a change in the look of your school statement. Our Finance Team is in the process of adopting a new system and can gladly assist should you have any questions or enquiries. Contact the team via e-mail on fin@dsp.gp.school.za.



In view of the 2021 school year the book list and order forms are available on our website. Please go to <https://www.dspretoria.co.za/school-year-2021/>

To ensure that the books arrive in time for the start of the new school year, we recommend that you order the books by handing in your order form on or before **Friday, 4 December 2020**. Late orders could result in delayed delivery, due to the busy Christmas season.



Our Schulshop also sells an adult version of the handy visors (R125) that our Kindergarten and Primary School learners wear as well as our beautiful new DSP mug (R65) with a Falko One inspired design by Grade 11 learner Lizé Pretorius.

In this time of social distancing make sure you stay connected by networking via our LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/school/deutscheinternationaleschulepretoria> or following us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/deutscheschulepretoriaofficial>

Calling all advertisers and business owners

We still have limited advertising space available in our yearbook for 2020, as well as on the signboards facing the Oktoberfest parking. Interested advertisers who wish to establish their brand in the school community are welcome to contact Anja Schlüter on 012 803 4106 or via e-mail: marketing@dsp.gp.school.za for more information.

Learn German

We want to establish if there is an interest in German lessons for learners and adults from 2021. If you are interested please send us an e-mail to deutschlernen@dsp.gp.school.za.

We wish you a relaxing spring break before we embark on the final term of this most unusual school year. Click here to see our learners getting into the spirit of spring with the **#JerusalemaChallenge**

<https://www.facebook.com/618543938219275/posts/4297349907005308/?sfnsn=scwspmo&extid=GDOIC8SPr8bl0VOT>



Important dates in the 4th Term

17 Sept – 2 Oct	Admin closed
6 October	First Day of School
12 October	Last day for school photo orders
25 November	End of NSC Examinations
4 December	Last Day of School Last orders for 2021 school books

All dates subject to change or possible cancellation.

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