

Dear DSP School Community!

We asked our Class of 2020, who celebrated their Valediction on 27 November, to describe their final year at the DSP in one word. Here are some of the words these young minds came up with:

Heuristic, erfahrungsreich, besonders,
Beharrlichkeit, zemblanity, hectic,
außergewöhnlich, unvollkommen, unusual,
diverse, dissimilar.



"Lost" was voted the youth word of 2020 in a poll by Langenscheidt. This English word is nowadays used in the German youth language in various situations. We however hope that despite the

uncertainty our learners never feel lost within the DSP community. Be assured that our team of teachers, our staff from the Therapy Centre, and all support staff are here to make your school journey a memorable and fulfilling learning experience.

Not only did the USA experience election fever. In this past term the DSP community also had its fair share of elections. Following the Annual General Meeting on 30 October 2020, we wish the newly elected Governing Body of the Deutscher Schulverein Pretoria, chaired by **Andreas Wagner**, a successful term of office.

The Grade 12 group of 2020 consisted of 46 learners of which the top four candidates in the respective streams are as follows:

Kombi-Abitur: Lisabeth Hasse, Max Mühr, Janina Hettasch, Benjamin Spanaus

NSC: Maike Kabutz, Thomas Schulz, Botshelo Masemula Chandler Jacobus

No matter how one chooses to describe this past year, we hope the Class of 2020 stay true to their motto which they chose for this year. **"There are few things worse than having sight but no vision."** Their colourful mural will remind us of this group and their exceptional resilience during 2020.



Huge congratulations go to our newly elected student representative council under the leadership of Head girl, **Mpho Khedzi** and Head boy, **Chawezi Banda**. We wish you every success in your important role as the voice of all our learners and as representatives and ambassadors for our school.



Our teachers also elected a new Lehrerbeirat to represent them on various forums.



During this term we saw the successful reintroduction of **extra mural sport** activities offered by our own sports teachers for grades 5 to 10.



One element in the transition between Kindergarten and Primary School is our “**Schnuppertag**” or trial day. On 5 November, Kindergarten children and Pre-schoolers were able to actively participate in learning and thus become a bit more familiar with school life even before they start school.

We would like to thank the following employees who will be leaving us at the end of this year and wish them all the best for the future:

Thomas Gehrke, Marianne Koch, Sven Mehlhorn, Christal Nazer, Natalie Riedinger, Angelika Schindel, Madelein Sebright, Dorah Seneyolo, Alexander Spath, Susen Truffel - Reiff, Cornelia Wittum.

The festive season would not be the same without beautifully crafted cards and Christmas decorations. In the Krippe, the youngest members of the DSP community with their educators have once again outdone themselves to inspire our DSP Christmas card!



Do not forget that while you are doing your Christmas 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.

Our school management wishes to thank the entire school community for your commitment and trust placed in us during 2020.



Liebe Schulgemeinschaft,
vielen Dank für Ihr Engagement und das
entgegengebrachte Vertrauen in 2020.
Bleiben Sie gesund!
Schulmanagement

Dear School Community,
Thank you for your commitment and
trust placed in us in 2020. Stay safe!
School management

May you spend quality time with your loved ones over the holidays and may our learners all return safely.

In line with our mission statement theme for 2021: **our ethical standards based on our Christian values**; the department for religion and ethics has set values for each quarter, which we want to focus on and live during each term and beyond.

Our chosen values are:



charity,



justice,



gratitude as well as



courage and humility.

Let's therefore start 2021 armed with courage for new situations and perseverance when something doesn't work out at first go. May our learners take joy in what they learn and have fun with their friends.

Wir stolzieren in unsere Sommerferien...

Last day of school:
Friday, 4 December 2020

First day back:
Monday, 18 January 2021

We're strutting off on our Summer holiday...

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.

Important dates in the 1stth Term

11 January

Schulshop open by appointment

18 January

School opens (Pre-School, and Gr. 2-12)
Kindergarten Parent's Evening

19 January

Grade 1 First Day of School

20 January

Information evening for new parents at 18.30

27 January

Parent's evening
Gr 2 – Gr 6 18.00
Gr 7 – Gr 12 17.00 / 17.30

Parent's Representatives Meeting
19.00/19.30

29 January

Kindergarten Bring & Braai

22 – 28 February

Career Week

13 March

Open Day (Pre-School – Gr 4 4)
Ball Sports Day (Gr 5 - 12)

26 March

Last Day of School

All dates subject to change or possible cancellation.

Kindly note

All 2020 DSP vehicle discs are valid until further notice.

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