

# NEWS@DSP



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## Dear DSP School Community!

**School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside - Lon Watters**

We bid farewell to 55 Grade 12 graduates and one learner who completed his "Realschulabschluss". We wish this group of tomorrow well as they leave the walls of the DSP to spread their wings and craft their future.

During our Valediction on 26 November, **Pharell Williams** deservedly received the Dux Award as the top academic achiever in 2021. Our top achievers in the Kombi-Abitur are: **Juliette van der Walt, Silke Ottermann, Nina Ehrich** and **Imke Böhmer**. The top achievers in the NSC are: **Pharell Williams, Stefan Sell, Thatohatsi Thamae** and **Refiloe Zondi**. We look forward to their final results early in 2022!



At this time of year we not only say our goodbyes to learners but also pay tribute to colleagues whose journey takes them on a different path outside the walls of the DSP. In this vein we wish

to thank four dedicated teachers, **Ms Keller, Ms Streier, Mrs Erasmus** and **Mrs Nardari** for their work at the school.

On the other hand we welcome **Mr Dölle** who has joined us as Head of the Afterschool Care Centre. From 2022 the Afterschool Care Centre will extend its offering to accommodate learners up to Grade 6.

## Several firsts

In this term there were several firsts as we navigate the COVID environment:

Following the first face to face parents evening a number of information sessions were held for our Primary School, Secondary School I parents, and our new parents from our partner schools whose children will join the DSP in 2022.

Our learners experienced their first Aula after more than 600 days since the arrival of the pandemic. The DSP anthem resounded slightly muffled by the masks but joyfully audible!

During November our learners also received their new student cards which serves as a means of identification and a cash card for purchases at the Tuckshop and Schulshop.



Mrs Heravi, who heads the Secondary School I German Branch, wishes to thank all the parents who have so warmly committed themselves as partner families to the new buddy project to help new families to settle in at the DSP.



Another first was our LOKtoberfest 2021, where almost 600 kits were ordered and packed for collection. We were happy to welcome our Oktoberfest fans to support this first local Oktoberfest. Even the new German Ambassador to South Africa, **Mr Andreas Peschke**, paid us a visit to pick up his LOKtoberfest kit and celebrate German tradition on local soil! The proceeds of this event amounted to R94 000 for the school.



We also hosted our very first Car Boot Sale combined with an entrepreneur day on 20 November. Shoppers were even entertained with a morning concert that included soloists, dance and vocal performances.



At the Regional Network Conference of German Schools Abroad in Region L held in Dubai from 27 October to 6 November 2021, the DSP was represented for the first time by the future **Principal Mr Haß**, as well as the **Chairman of the Board, Mr Wagner** and the **Finance Manager Mrs Bezuidenhout**.

## Achievements

15 DSP learners wrote the 2021 National English Olympiad. Two learners received merits, six received bronze medals and eight learners achieved a very meritorious silver certificate. They are: **Corinna Meyer, Anja Slabber, Lizé Pretorius, Jaden Moodley, Lee-Anne Nayger, Juliette van der Walt** and **Pelly Baloyi**.

Several learners took part at a provincial and national level on the sporting front:

**Ava Grün** und **Hannelore Ahrens** were chosen for the national team of the Gauteng North Figure Skating Association (GNFSA).

Primary School rider **Cayla Vorster** placed 1st, 3rd and 9th in the Newcomers Challenge at the SANESA Nationals.

Our Secondary School riders won the school category in North Gauteng and secured us the coveted floating trophy. **Anna Stütze, Annika Steinebrunner** and **Nina Ehrich** also qualified for the Gauteng finals and national championships.

**Jurij Witthüser** was selected to be part of the Gauteng Provincial Schools Equestrian Team at the SANESA National Endurance Championships.

**Christopher Rust** was selected to represent Tshwane Chess at the 2021 South African Junior Chess Championships.

**Lebogang** and **Lerato Banda** competed in the 2021 South African National Artistic Gymnastics Competitions for women, in the 13 to 17 and 6 to 8 age groups respectively.

**Keishia Roux** won first place in her category at the SA Gymnastics Finals in October.

**Lisa Böhmer** came first in her age group at the Tumbling Zone Championships and ranked 7th at the SA Championships.

**Emma Ganswindt** became the double mini trampoline level 3 champion.

**Fritze von Engel** was included in the Northern Tiger Swimming water polo team.

And to top it all...

**Heiko Güther** has been selected for the U19 Boys Beach Volleyball World Championships Team to represent South Africa in Thailand during December 2021.



## Kindergarten News

The draw for our Crèche and Kindergarten lottery campaign took place on 15 November 2021. Congratulations to our prize winners **Christo Coetzee, Christopher Schmidt, Gerald Gossow** and **Nomonde Bengu**. We thank everyone who supported this campaign to raise funds for new toys for the smallest learners on our campus.

The renovations to the Kindergarten were also completed with the launch of the new look Kindergarten taking place on 30 November.

## Primary School Update



The harmonious transition from Kindergarten to Pre-School and Primary School is a matter of great importance at the DSP. For this reason, the newcomers to our Primary School were invited to experience a school lesson with us together with their new classmates and their future teachers.

This term our primary learners explored extra-curricular places of learning: Grade 1 visited Ludwig's Roses, Grade 2 hiked in Moreleta Park and Grades 3 and 4 went to Sci-Bono Discovery Centre und Greensleeves Medieval Kingdom respectively.

## Looking ahead

Our DSP Rose Jury was on the lookout for the perfect rose for our 50th Matric and 30th Kombi-Abitur Jubilee, which we will be celebrating in 2022/23.



Ludwig's Roses drew up a shortlist of 18 potential roses, from which the jury, consisting of the Board, the School Management, alumni, parent representatives and our Head Girl and Head Boy, finally chose their favourite. We will

keep you posted on this festive initiative!

Just like the curtain closed on the lovely performance of "Herr der Diebe" by our Theatre group we also give this year a final bow.

We wish our entire school community a peaceful festive season and hope that you will be returning in good health and well rested in 2022 to welcome our new School Principal, Mr Haß, to the DSP!



## Fundraising

Do not forget that while you are doing your 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](http://www.myschool.co.za))  
Dischem School Days ([www.schooldays.co.za](http://www.schooldays.co.za)),  
or download the mCard App from Makro, ([www.makro.co.za/mcard](http://www.makro.co.za/mcard)) click on the M=Educ8 banner and choose the DSP as your school of choice.

## Important dates in the 1<sup>st</sup> Term

- 5 – 18 January**  
Holiday Care
- 17, 18, 19 January**  
Schulshop open from 8:00 – 14:30
- 19 January**  
First day of school  
Parent's Evening Kindergarten 19:00
- 20 January**  
First Day of School for Grade 1
- 28 January**  
Kindergarten Bring and Braai 17:00
- 1 February**  
Parent's Evening Crèche
- 3 & 10 February**  
High School Galas
- 4, 11, 18 & 25 February**  
Primary School Friendly Galas
- 11 February**  
Welcome Coffee Crèche
- 2 & 3 March**  
School photos Primary and Secondary School
- 8 March**  
English Olympiad 11:00 – 14:00
- 12 March**  
Open Day
- 17 & 18 March**  
School photos Crèche and Kindergarten
- 1 April**  
Last day of Term 1

All dates subject to change or possible cancellation.



## DSP Shop window

If you are a bookworm...



...you can order German novels, children's books and many other reading materials from the Schulshop.

Contact Angi Ottermann  
for details on [buchladen@dsp.gp.school.za](mailto:buchladen@dsp.gp.school.za)  
or 012 803 7721

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