

## From the Principal's Desk

"And there is magic in every beginning" - the first quarter of the new school year was marked by renewal, but also by a return to tried and tested traditions that make up the Deutsche Internationale Schule Pretoria.

First and foremost, community and solidarity: with the lifting of numerous restrictions, social school life has become possible again. The communal beginning of the week in the Aula and community events on the school

Herr Manuel Haß Schulleiter



grounds shaped the school community - such as the moving farewell to Wolfgang Ehrich, the Open Day, the Easter Market with Car Boot Sale. But also study groups and extra-curricular events, which especially make up the school, started to take place again.

Music is represented in numerous working groups, a well-founded, and in the future, powerful sports programme, is under construction. Intensified language promotion in the area of language level surveys and quality development from Kindergarten onwards, as well as diversity and a protection concept are in progress, the implementation of digitalisation measures has already led to the completely electronic documentation of lessons.

Not to be neglected: In the administration and school organisation we are now also on a very good path thanks to our new strong Head of Administration Caroline Erasmus.

**Manuel Hass**

## Dear DSP School Community!

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity.**

**A time to plant and a time to harvest...**

In this vein the graduating class of 2021 harvested the fruits of their labour by achieving exceptional results with 102 distinctions, 126 B-symbols and 102 C-symbols, of which 95% of these learners have passed with admission to study for a Bachelor's degree. Moreover, 13 of these learners have completed the German International Abitur with an excellent average score of 2.23. The DSP is proud of this talented group of learners and more especially of its top achievers, Nina Ehrich, Silke Ottermann and Juliette van der Walt – all three achieving eight distinctions, and Lizé Pretorius with seven distinctions.



At the beginning of 2022, the year in which the DSP celebrates its 50th matric anniversary since 1972, we also presented our specially hybridised DSP rose.



In a symbolic planting ceremony our 39 new Grade 1 learners planted a DSP Rose for each of the three classes to grow with them at the DSP.

Our new School Principal, Mr Hass, also planted a rose to mark the start of his career at the DSP.



These special roses with their many different petals, according to Mr Hass, represent the DSP as a place where trust, respect, security and above all, growth are alive.

We also welcomed three new teachers; Mrs Rohwer (Music), Ms du Plessis (English) and Mr Mutsvene (Accounting and IT) and five interns: Friederika Vögele, Sven Wosnitzka, Marla Betas and Klaudia Rape from Germany as well as alumna Janka Meyer to the school.

During the “Meet and Greet”, hosted for our new Grade 5 learners and their families, as well as the Welcome Coffee arranged by the PRC, new families could strike up friendships, get to know the school better and grow as part of the DSP community. Welcome to all new DSP families!

On 12 March at our Open Day we welcomed even more families to the DSP. The term “Open Day” is, however, not quite right for the DSP. Our doors are always open. We see ourselves as a school that is open to the world in the truest sense of the word. This claim was put to the test in times of the pandemic, as we were not able to welcome existing and hopefully future DSP families to the school grounds in the usual and valued way.



This made the experience on Open Day 2022, which was deliberately more than a mere promotional day, all the more enjoyable.

### There is a time to be engaged and a time to retreat...

On 11 February it was time to say goodbye to Mr Wolfgang Ehrich, who has been an instrumental and integral part of the school over the past 32 years.

It is with great appreciation that we said goodbye to a true legend of our DSP.



On 23 March a new board consisting of the following members was elected:  
 Back: Peter Preusse, Rudi Aschenborn (Chairman), Christian Grün, Tom Ahlers, Jürgen Rust, Jaco Olivier  
 Front: Jonas Gewölb (Cultural Officer of the German Embassy), Dieter Kohlmeyer (Vice-Chairman), Andreas Bodemer, Simon Mosley, Werner Büttner (Treasurer), Greg Chaney  
 Absent: Linda Güther (Secretary)



According to the outgoing chairperson, Andreas Wagner, the previous board has laid the foundation for positive development and he wishes the new board a successful term of office on this solid basis.

Mrs Leani Maritz from the Primary School will be leaving the DSP at the end of this term. We wish her and her family all the best for their new start in Germany.

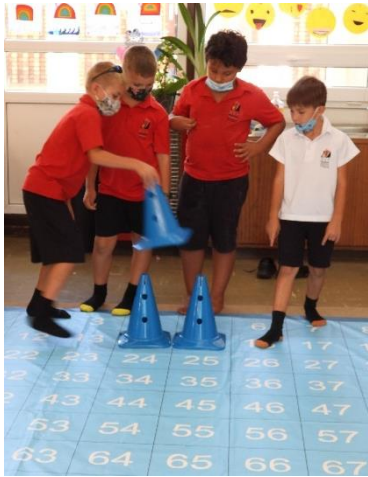
## Kindergarten Update

Good nutrition is something that our Kindergarten team pays a lot of attention to. They make the children aware that a healthy diet gives energy, promotes growth and keeps us in good health! To this end, the Kindergarten recently enjoyed a healthy breakfast with homemade bread, scrambled eggs, fruit skewers and banana muffins. Not only did it taste really yummy, but it was also a whole lot of fun!

## Primary School Update

The time of waiting is over and the Primary learners now truly enjoy playing on their new playground and Hartplatz!

International Mathematics Day is a worldwide celebration to encourage learners to develop their numeric skills. This year on 14 March our Primary School went all out to celebrate this day with a ton of interesting activities for learners.



Participation in the International Kangaroo Maths Competition has also grown exponentially. This year, 150 DSP learners from Grade 3 upwards took part.

## Secondary School Update

Since this term, there is a new offering in the area of elective subjects. It entails science and mathematics brainteasers for Grades 5 and 6. The groups are mixed in order to promote not only subject knowledge but also integration.

**There is a time to be silent and a time to speak... we are very proud to speak out on the achievements of our learners.**

The German Olympiad is organised by the German Teachers Association in Southern Africa. Grade 10 DaF learners who have not visited or lived in a German-speaking country for more than 4 weeks and who do not have a German-speaking parent were allowed to participate. 90 candidates took the examination in October 2021. Congratulations to the following learners for their outstanding results.

Relebogile Mokoena 3rd place.

Keratile Malapane and Kgomotso Mongau 6th place

Reratile Malapane 8th place

Moipone Mallela and Eyakhe Mkhabela 10th place

Bathabile Mahlangu 14th place

German Language Diploma Level I: 48 learners in Grades 10 - 12 who are learning German as a foreign language took part in DSD I examinations in the 2021 school year. 18 learners successfully achieved level B1 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages. 30 learners received certification at levels A2/B1 in the areas of reading comprehension, listening comprehension, written and oral communication.

Congratulations go to two Grade 10 learners, Rafika Bishop and Chamique Oosthuizen, whose excellent results in Mathematics in Grade 9 were awarded a special certificate by the IEB.

We hold thumbs for the following Mathematics Olympiad candidates who have made it into the second round on 12 May 2022: Vincent Wang, Zhizha Katerere, Karabo Matlala, Nolo Thantsa, Phethang Maloma, Tristan Grobler, Cindy Jiang, Jason Patrick, Emma Smythe, Dagmawit Terefe, Paballo Lekopa

## Sport

On the sporting front we were grateful to be able to take part in the Interschool Galas for Primary and Secondary School. We look forward to taking swimming to new heights when the swimming season commences again in the fourth term. The second term will focus on balls sports.

Parents are welcome to share sporting and other achievements with us via [marketing@dsp.gp.school.za](mailto:marketing@dsp.gp.school.za)

## Events

The Easter market on 26 March hosted in conjunction with the Johannesgemeinde was a delightful morning in glorious sunshine with Easter goodies, car boot sale bargains, musical entertainment, puppet theatre, impressive Easter paintings, children's fun, delicious Thüringer Bratwurst, home-baked goods and more...



Congratulations to Angelika Brandl and Corinna Meyer whose Easter paintings were awarded third and first place respectively.

On this note we wish everyone in our DSP community a peaceful Easter period and a time to relax and recharge.

May you return safely from your travels for the second term.



## 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)),

## Important dates in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

4 - 14 April	Holiday Care
19 April	First day of school
19 April – 22 April	Career week
25 April	Last day for school photo orders
27 April	Freedom Day (holiday)
27 April – 2 May	Long weekend
1 May	Worker's Day
2 May	School holiday
12 May	Mathematics Olympiad
14 May	Dancing for Rhinos Charity Event
4 June	Fun Day Kindergarten
11 June	Ball Sports Day
16 June	Youth Day
17 June	School holiday
24 June	Last day of Term 2

All dates subject to change or possible cancellation.

## DSP Shop window

If you would like to promote your brand, service or product to a captive DSP audience through advertising in our quarterly newsletter or our yearbook, contact Anja Schlüter on 012 803 4106 or Email [schluter@dsp.gp.school.za](mailto:schluter@dsp.gp.school.za)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Learn German with the Goethe-Institute at the DSP

From the second term of 2022, the Goethe-Institute will run language courses at various levels for adults online and at the DSP.

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