

Northway News



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From the Deputy Principal

Our 2 Interhouse Galas went off very well last week and it was wonderful to see almost every pupil participating in some form or other. Thanks, as always, must go to Coach Daloshen for organising these events and remaining calm under pressure! The lovely new deck above the pool pumphouse was built by our Estates Manager, Mr Klingbeil and we were grateful for the extra space provided.

This week we finished off our sport for the term with our A and B gala at Durban Girls College. There will be no sport in the last week of term as our teachers are busy with Parents Week.

As always I remind parents to encourage their children to participate in sport in Term 2, whether it be ball skills for grade R, 1 or 2, or netball, soccer or rugby in grade 3.

Our long weekend earlier this week was most welcome as our term draws to a close. This week we celebrate Water Week with a special assembly on Friday and a school Water Walk thereafter.

Next week we have Parents Week, the grade 1 excursion to eThekweni Hospital and grade 3 excursion to uShaka, the "Fire" show for the whole school on Wednesday and our grade 3 choir pupils will participate in the Atholton choir festival on Thursday morning. We are always so proud of our choir when they perform and grateful to Mrs Francis, our music teacher for her input and hard work.

Thanks once again to all our parents who supported our Fun in the Sun day which was such a success. We are so grateful for parents who donated items, sourced sponsors or gave of their time to work at the foodstalls etc.

Sadly I do have one final gripe about parents who simply do not obey the rules of the road! **Please** can I remind you of the following :

- Parents dropping off or collecting children must go into a parking outside Northway and not simply stop causing a traffic jam behind them.
- Do not cross over the solid line from the Aftercare, turning right into Northway or make a U-turn.
- Do not park across driveways.
- Please park on the Northway side of the road so as to avoid crossing this busy road with your child.

Thank you to all our parents who are courteous, patient, respectful and obey the road rules.

This will be my last newsletter for the term so to all our Christian Chelsea Prep families I wish you a joyous Easter season. Safe travels to all our families going on holiday.

**Debbie Maritz
 Deputy Principal**

VALUE FOR THE MONTH

Honesty and Integrity

Events for the week



Monday, 27 - 30 March	-	PARENTS WEEK. NO SPORT.
Monday, 27 March	-	Grade 1 Excursion to eThekweni Hospital.
Tuesday, 28 March	-	Grade 3 Excursion to uShaka.
	-	Parents Afternoon / Evening.
Wednesday, 29 March	-	“Fire” Show : Grade R and 1 at 10:00. Grade 2 and 3 at 11:00.
Thursday, 30 March	-	Reports sent home.
	-	Grade 3 Choir Festival at Atholton at 10:00.
Friday, 31 March	-	School closes at 10:30am for the whole school. <u>Please notify lift clubs and Aftercare.</u>

Birthdays

Tuesday, 28 March	-	Holly Mackay, Connor Els, Shakeel Hussain.
Wednesday, 29 March	-	Oliver Kingsley, Youtika Pillay.
Thursday, 30 March	-	Nathan de Bruyn, Mrs Mathurine.
Friday, 31 March	-	Kallen James, Mrs Naidoo.
Monday, 03 April	-	Danielle and Makayla Makhan, Phillipa Ratcliffe.
Tuesday, 04 April	-	Mrs Maritz, Mrs Chateau, Mihir Persadh, Suri Doorgapershad, Sophie Graham.
Wednesday, 05 April	-	Brighton Goodwin, Rebecca Adams.
Thursday, 06 April	-	Surasti Pillay, Preash Pillay, Cameron Meyer, Olwethu Nyawo, Madison Bishop, Talia Reddy.
Friday, 07 April	-	Hannah Eksteen, Mitchell Mulligan, Seohyun Ha.
Saturday, 08 April	-	Kapil Maharaj, Kelsey Gibbons.
Monday, 10 April	-	Mr Ngcobo.
Wednesday, 12 April	-	Kaleb Grobler.
Friday, 14 April	-	Jon-Luc de Witt, Riley Prince.
Saturday, 15 April	-	Connor Stott, Mikayla Morrison.
Sunday, 16 April	-	Jesse Bell, Emma Read, Caitlyn Carboni.
Monday, 17 April	-	Brogan Correia.
Tuesday, 18 April	-	Sebastian Greyling, Lucy Cestari, Claire Lundwall, Mark McCamon.



Achievements

Anri Human	-	Distinction for Modern Theatre Exam.
Becca Short	-	Participated in Mudskippers event.
Ruchelle Rundgren	-	Distinction for Dance.



Sport



Gala

We had our last relay gala on Wednesday which was held at DGC. We sent a Gr 1, 2 and 3 team. They swam their little hearts out in the BIG pool. They swam and behaved so well. Well done and we are so proud of you.

Well done to all our swimmers for an awesome season. All your hard work paid off in the pool. Keep those fins moving in the off season.

Mrs Brand, Mrs Lovett, Mrs Williams and Miss Höll



Gary Kirsten - Some sound advice.

Gary Kirsten has some sound advice for parents and coaches.

He poses some thought-provoking questions and presents some insightful topical statements which he believes are having a negative influence on schoolboy sport.

- Has schoolboy sport lost its true meaning?
- Has winning become the only language?
- Performance at the expense of progress which retards long term growth and love for the game.
- Specialising far too early. An absolute no-no in prep school.
- 8 Month seasons.
- Full team competitive sport too early is short sighted and has long term ill effects.
- Sunday training.
- Fixation on provincial representation.
- Old boys - interference and influence.
- Rankings.
- Recruitment and scholarships - compromise school integrity in the name of sport.

He does offer advice to our coaches and parents in the form of what we can do to support our boys:

- Encourage him to compete against himself.
- Success is not about winning or losing.
- Positive or neutral feedback when driving home after the match/practice.
- Make the enjoyment of sport the priority.
- Build self-esteem at every opportunity.
- Avoid comparisons with other players.
- Avoid negative comments in jest.
- Avoid emotional outbursts during and after performances.
- Allow him the gift of failure - it is okay to take risks. (His failure is not your failure and his success is not your success).
- Be patient with the boy's progress.
- Make practice fun - both formal and in the garden.
- Be a pillar of support - your son will need it.

Gary Kirsten has a special message for prep schools, which he wants to offer as a sportsman, coach and, more importantly, a parent. "It seems we've forgotten that school is a place where you learn. It is a place for *preparation*, not performance. Once you have learnt skills and gained confidence based on real competence, you are better prepared for the stress of performance and competition".

Some good news!

It's a boy!! Finley Jacob Letord.

Mrs Letord, Grade 1 teacher's baby was born at 13:40 on 22 March weighing 3.5kg and 54cm long. Is he not too gorgeous!



Inspiration :

