

# The Chelsea Signal

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## HATS OFF



### "Hats Off" Birthday Party

What a splendid evening it was at Mr Nel's "Hats Off" Birthday Party last week.

## FINAL ASSEMBLY



### 31 August 2017

Mr and Mrs Nel with their children and friends at his final assembly. Good bye Mr Nel!

## From the Acting

### Principal's Desk

**"Thank you to our strong management team, staff and supportive parents."**

Thank you to our Chelsea families who supported our farewell to Mr Nel on Wednesday night. The weather was kind to us and I'd like to congratulate Shaun Futcher for his solo items on the guitar, and our Chelsea Band under the guidance of Miss van Jaarsveld. John Ellis provided music for the remainder of the evening and was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all our pupils who made many cards and wrote tributes to Mr Nel.

I would like to reassure parents that as I take over the Acting Principal role we will continue to maintain the high standards we have always achieved at Chelsea in all areas of school life. I have been at Chelsea since 1998 and have been dedicated and loyal, placing extreme importance on the happiness and education of our special pupils. Our management team is strong with Mrs Hilliar taking up the Acting Deputy Principal position on the Chelsea Campus. Mrs Hilliar is the true epitome of an educator, having taught at Chelsea for many years. She has been an outstanding member of the management team: sincere, supportive, knowledgeable, and always level headed.

Mr Cariem, our Head of Sport and Head of Department, with his never ending energy and love of sport, continues to give all our Chelsea pupils the best possible opportunities with regards to sport. Mr Balt, Head of IT, took up the role of Acting Head of Department earlier this year and has proved to be a loyal member of management, guiding us with his expertise in Information Technology.

There are no changes on the Northway Campus: Mrs Maritz, the Deputy Principal, is a true inspiration for all and has done a sterling job with our junior primary pupils and Mrs Bargate, our Head of Department, who heads up the support unit is exceptionally knowledgeable and has all our pupils at heart. Both these caring ladies have been at Northway for many years.

A reminder that our Speech and Drama Festival starts on 18 September 2017. Please assist your child in learning their individual poems and choral verses well. Fluency, expression in face and voice, and a variation in volume and speed whilst presenting poems is important. A few actions are allowed but should not detract from the delivery of the poem.

It is compulsory for all Grade 4 and 5 pupils to attend the Speech and Drama Evening for parents on Tuesday, 26 September 2017 and Grade 6 and 7 pupils on Wednesday, 27 September 2017. Pupils will need to be at school by 6:15 pm at the latest and will report to their classroom. The choir will be expected to attend on both nights. It is impossible for a choral verse to be performed properly with members missing, so please make arrangements well in advance to have your children at school. We invite parents to attend the evening - there is no cost involved.

I hope everyone who celebrated Eid-al-Adha enjoyed this holy time with their families and friends.

I thank all parents for their support in all areas of our school. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to be Acting Principal and assure parents that we will continue to strive to be a leading school with vision. I know our staff will give your special cargo, your children, the very best possible education.

**S L WILLIAMS (Mrs)**

**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**SOTA WINNER**

**SOTA winner for August**

**SOTA**



Chelsea Prep won the SOTA competition for August as well. This is the third consecutive month we won the R1000 voucher.

Below is the poll for August SOTA competition:

1. Chelsea Prep – 1089
2. Northlands Primary – 348
3. Golden Hours – 344
4. Lady of Fatima – 315
5. Northlands Girls – 132
6. Rose Hill Primary – 104
7. Durban North College – 82
8. Oakridge College – 47

Thank you to all the parents posting their till slips in the box at Kensington Spar. Please continue to do so.



## SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents

Our hockey fixtures against Virginia Preparatory always prove to be our most challenging. It reminds us that there is still lots of work to be done if we would like to get the same type of results in hockey against Virginia as we do with rugby, netball and cricket. The difference, as I have mentioned in an earlier signal, is that Virginia tends to have a stronger culture of B and C team players who are involved in club hockey at either Crusaders or Riverside.

Having said that, if we look at the majority of the results where we have lost, the matches are quite close. This means that even though we don't have as many pupils involved in club hockey, we are coaching well enough to be relatively competitive. What does help is our preparation with the high performance programme during the P.E. lessons, which gives our pupils some preparation before the hockey term begins.

Very important: There are a number of pupils from various classes for whom we do not have assessment marks for P.E. This seems to be for a number of reasons namely:

- Not arriving at school with their P.E. kit.
- Being absent on the two days of assessment.
- Being sick on their P.E. day.
- Having a note excusing them from physical activity for various reasons.

In order for the sports department to be able to have assessment marks for these pupils, we will be requesting that this assessment is done during second break on Wednesday. A letter will be sent home with the pupils for parents to sign and giving the details of these assessments. Please ensure that your children are reminded of this and that they arrive at school on Wednesday with their P.E kit and takkies.

### **Results of the hockey matches vs Virginia Preparatory:**

#### **Boys:**

- U10A lost 1 - 2
- U10B lost 2 - 5
- U10C lost 0 - 2
- U10D won 3 - 1
- U10E lost 0 - 9
- U11A lost 0 - 1
- U11B lost 1 - 4
- U11C tied 1 - 1
- U11D tied 0 - 0
- U13A won 3 - 2
- U13B won 2 - 0
- U13C won 2 - 1
- U13D lost 0 - 3

#### **Girls:**

- U10A lost 0 - 2
- U10B lost 1 - 3
- U10C won 4 - 1
- U10D lost 0 - 4
- U10E lost 1 - 2
- U11A won 3 - 2
- U11B lost 1 - 2
- U11C won 4 - 0

- U11D lost 1 - 2
- U13A won 2 -1
- U13B tied 1 - 1
- U13C lost 0 - 2
- U13D won 2 - 0

**Results of the cross country race held at Riverside:**

- Adrian Dippenaar 1st
- Kyle White 4th
- Jac Viljoen 11th
- Nathan Posthumus 12th
- Sean Yelland 2nd
- Ross Paterson 4th
- Lexi Williamson 2nd
- Jenna Readon 7th
- Chloe Bentley 11th
- Rebecca Henderson 13th
- Tallulah Crosby 17th
- Jenna Hooper 18th
- Mia Liebenberg 19th
- Jamie Loxton 3rd
- Bradley Walker 6th
- Troy Krause 8th
- Kaden Cooke 12th
- Sarah Bright 8th
- Olivia McDonald 11th
- Hannah Grace Nugent 17th
- Faith Whittle 19th

**Congratulations to the girls' 1st team who achieved the following results at the DGC hockey festival:**

- Chelsea beat Glenwood 2 – 0
- Chelsea lost to DGC 0 – 1
- Chelsea tied with Virginia 0 – 0
- Chelsea beat St Mary's 1 – 0
- Chelsea beat Penzance 2 – 0

**Congratulations to:**

- Joshua Bezuidenhout for his selection to the KZN U11 invitational cricket team.
- Emma Christianson for her selection to the KZN gymnastics team.

**Sport this week:**

**1. Thursday 7 September 2017**

- Selected girls hockey vs Northlands at Northwood

**2. Friday 8 September 2017**

- Selected boys hockey vs Northlands at Northwood

**3. Friday 8 September 2017**

- Cross country race hosted by Atholton on Danville sports fields

**4. Saturday 9 September 2017**

- Hockey vs Northlands and Clifton NR (boys) at Northwood

**Sport next week:**

**1. Wednesday 13 September 2017**

- Boys and girls hockey vs Crawford LL (tbc)

**2. Friday 15 September 2017**

- Cross country race at Ashton Ballito

### 3. Saturday 16 September 2017

- Boys and girls hockey vs Penzance at 3Schools Astro

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 7 - 13 September 2017



### Thursday 7 September 2017

- Girls Hockey vs Northlands
- HPV Vaccinations (second round)

### Friday 8 September 2017

- Boys Hockey vs Northlands
- Executive Council Meeting at 7:00 am
- Arbour Civvies Day and Assembly
- North Durban Cross Country League hosted by Atholton at Danville Sports Ground

### Saturday 9 September 2017

- Boys and Girls Hockey vs Northlands
- Boys Hockey vs Clifton Nottingham Road

### Sunday 10 September 2017

- Shakespeare Festival at The Playhouse from 9:30 to 4:30 pm

### Monday 11 September 2017

- Boys Hockey vs Penzance (Away)

### Tuesday 12 September 2017

- Grade 6 Primary School Quiz Evening at Kearsney College from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
- Grade 7 Soup Kitchen
- Girls Hockey vs Crawford La Lucia
- TSSA Workshop at Crawford La Lucia Preparatory School
- Budget Presentation Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Chelsea Campus Hall

### Wednesday 13 September 2017

- Barracuda Primary School visit
- Chelsea Tennis Doubles
- Boys Hockey vs Crawford La Lucia

## ARBOUR DAY

## Making Beaded Trees



Grade 5 Fryer making their beaded Baobab Trees on Arbour Day last Friday.



## DEMOCRACY ART WORK

## Grade 5 and 6 Democracy Art Work

Democracy Art Work by Emma Christianson grade 6, Lia Mallett grade 5, Ross Paterson grade 6, Camilla Roderick grade 6 and Andrew Cartwright grade 6.



## GRADE 4

## Musical Instruments

Grade 4 had to make their own musical instruments for their Science Practical which they had to play afterwards.

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## TENNIS



## Inter-school Tennis Tournament

A very successful Inter-school Tennis Tournament was hosted by Chelsea Prep School.

## HOCKEY



## Durban Girls' College Hockey Festival

Our U13 girls' hockey team at the Durban Girls' College Hockey Festival on Saturday 2 September 2017.

## GRADE 5



## Arbour Day Grade 5 Reddy

Grade five Reddy had fun making the Sagole Baobab for Arbour Day.



## FULL STOP

## The Battle of the Beetles

On the slope of Long's Peak in Colorado lies the ruin of a gigantic tree. Naturalists tell us that it stood for some four hundred years. It was a seedling when Columbus landed at San Salvador, and half grown when the pilgrims settled at Plymouth.

During the course of its long life it was struck by lightning fourteen times and the innumerable avalanches and storms of four centuries thundered past it. It survived them all. In the end, however, an army of beetles attacked the tree and levelled it to the ground. The insects ate their way through the bark and gradually destroyed the inner strength of the tree by their tiny but incessant attacks. A forest giant which age had not withered, nor lightning blasted, nor storms subdued, fell at last before beetles so small that a man could crush them between his forefinger and his thumb.

There is a parallel in this story which should serve as a warning to us. Most of us can survive times of crisis. We summon the strength of faith or resolve for most any battle that we face head on. Whether it is in our professional or personal lives, we often overcome great obstacles. It is the small things like jealousy, anger, resentment, pettiness and negativity that eat us from the inside, which often bring about our downfall. Unlike a giant tree, we can identify and fight those moral or ethical "beetles." We must, however, be constantly on guard.

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