

# The Chelsea Signal



## MORNING RUN



### In support of the Michaelhouse Tragedy

On Wednesday morning some of our Chelsea pupils ran in the Michaelhouse colours, or a red shirt, in solidarity with the Michaelhouse community.

## SPRING WALK



### Northway Campus

Chelsea Preparatory School held its annual fundraising Spring Walk. The children had such fun during their walk.

From the Acting Deputy

Principal's Desk

“Few primary schools can boast participating in the annual Shakespearean Festival.”

And so another chapter begins! Our lives are all divided by significant stages from pre-school to primary, from primary to high school, from high school to adulthood, and so it goes on. So it is with Chelsea, as we enter a new era under new leadership. Fortunately we have a wealth of experience and understanding, and a phenomenal team of dedicated professionals. With Mrs Williams at the helm, complete with almost twenty years of eating, sleeping and breathing Chelsea, including having both her own children as pupils at Chelsea over the years, she possesses a superior understanding of the Chelsea ethos, and the vision that we have for our school.

I personally have no doubt that with the support of our passionately loyal staff, Mrs Williams is more than capable of steering our Chelsea ship onwards.

It was interesting, while sitting at my first formal meeting with our School Governing Body, to hear a comment about the number of Chelsea staff present at sport matches. The fact is that many of the staff don their Chelsea shirts and attend the sports fixtures purely because they want to support our Chelsea pupils and enjoy the staff camaraderie whilst doing so. There is often no remuneration involved, just an honest passion for the children and our school. We are indeed blessed to have a staff such as this.

By the time you read this Miss Mudie and her merry band of Shakespearians will have made their stage debut at the Playhouse performing 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. After many hours of practising over weekends and late afternoons, we congratulate them on fulfilling their dramatic dreams. Very few primary schools can boast participating in this annual Shakespearean Festival.

As our own Speech and Drama Festival nears, the school is beginning to ring out with the sound of children's voices reciting their choral verses in unison, as each child gets his moment in the limelight. It certainly is a wonderful experience for every pupil as they develop their confidence and enjoy being part of a well-oiled team as they recite their poem. Between all the hockey matches and poems, I have been impressed with the variety of interesting assessment tasks that have been crossing my desk recently. Our teachers are certainly exposing our children to a wide range of skills, knowledge and applications, giving them a very broad and well-rounded education.

Lastly I must make mention of the dreadful bus accident that has shaken the Michaelhouse community. Our prayers and condolences go out to the families and friends of all the pupils and staff involved.

**N HILLIAR (Mrs)**

**ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

## OUR CONDOLENCES

### Michaelhouse Tragedy



Our boys, together with Northlands, observing a minute's silence in respect for the Michaelhouse tragedy before their match on Saturday.



### SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents

There was indeed very sad news this week with the incident of the bus transporting the Michealhouse soccer boys. Our thoughts go out to the school and all the families affected by the incident. Our Chelsea pupils showed their solidarity with Michaelhouse by observing a minutes silence before the boys 1st team match against Northlands on Saturday and some of our morning runners wore red on Wednesday morning in support of the school during this very difficult time.

We, at Chelsea, endeavour to ensure that our pupils are always transported safely to and from the various sport venues. Our school buses, like all vehicles transporting passengers, go for roadworthy

tests every six months. We do need parents to constantly remind their children to ensure that their seatbelts are fastened. We do always insist on this but the driver of the vehicle cannot make sure that all children have their seatbelts fastened once they are driving.

With two more weeks of hockey left, we have four more hockey matches and unfortunately, most will be away from Northwood. We will have to hire a bigger bus for this as unfortunately our two sixteen seater buses are not able to transport all our pupils and due to the distances, we cannot shuttle back and forth like we do for home matches. This will require us to hire buses for these matches at a cost of approximately three thousand rand per bus. We are therefore appealing to parents to make use of these buses so that we are able to offset some of the costs involved. The details of the remaining matches are as follows:

**1. Thursday 14 September 2017**

- Girls vs Crawford LL at Crawford (U10A-C, U11A, B, U13A, B)

**2. Monday 18 September 2017**

- Boys vs Ashton at Ashton (teams to be confirmed)

**3. Tuesday 19 September 2017**

- Girls vs Ashton at Ashton (teams to be confirmed)

**4. Wednesday 20 September 2017**

- Boys vs Highbury at Highbury and Northwood

**5. Thursday 21 September 2017**

- Girls vs St Mary's at St Mary's (teams to be confirmed)

Buses will be needed for 6 of the above 8 venues at cost of approximately three thousand rand per bus.

Cricket practices for the following teams will begin on Monday 17 September, in preparation for cricket tours that they will be going on to the Midlands, starting on break-up day (29 September to 1 October): U10A, U11A cricket teams.

**Correction to an announcement in last week's signal:**

An error was made on my part, announcing that Joshua Bezuidenhout had been selected to the U11 KZN cricket team. It was in fact Joshua Botha who had been selected. My apologies to both gentlemen.

Also, it was mentioned that only Emma Christianson had been selected to the KZN gymnastics team. At the time of submission of last week's signal I had only received news of her selection. We have since learnt that the following pupils have also been selected.

**Congratulations to:**

- Amy Young
- Holly Haines
- Zara Roodt
- Joel Bragin
- Coby West
- Paige van Heusden
- Zoe Hughes

- Skye Watson

### **Results of hockey matches vs Northlands:**

#### **Boys:**

- U9A won 3 - 0
- U9B won 3 - 1
- U9C won 4 - 0
- U9D won 5 - 0
- U10A won 7 - 0
- U10B won 4 - 2
- U11A won 2 -1
- U11B won 1 - 0
- U11C won 4 - 0
- U13A won 5 - 0
- U13B won 2 -1
- U13C won 6 - 0

#### **Girls:**

- U9A won 4 – 2
- U9B won 4 – 1
- U9C won 3 – 1
- U10A won 3 – 2
- U10B won 2 – 0
- U10C won 4 – 0
- U11A won 9 – 0
- U11B lost 0 – 2
- U11C won 9 – 0
- U13A won 6 – 0
- U13B won 1 – 0

### **Results of boys' hockey matches vs Clifton Nottingham Road:**

#### **Road:**

- U9A won 1- 0
- U9B vs CNR U9A lost 0 -1
- U10A tied 2 - 2
- U11A won 6 - 0
- U13A won 1 - 0
- U13B vs CNR U13A won 1 - 0

### **Selected results of Atholton Cross Country race:**

- Adrian Dippenaar 9th
- Luke Henderson 11th
- Olivia Wells 2nd
- Zoe Hughes 3rd
- Genevieve McDonald 9th
- Mae Wells 10th
- Mia Carter 12th
- Emily Macquet 4th
- Sean Yelland 4th
- Ross Paterson 6th
- Shey Singh 10th
- Lexi Williamson 4th
- Jenna Reardon 13th
- Rebecca Henderson 14th
- Jenna Hooper 17th
- Mia Liebenberg 19th
- Caden Cooke 15th
- Bradley Walker 16th

### **Sport next week:**

1. Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017

- KZN U13 Cricket Trials at North Durban schools

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

14 - 20 September 2017



**Thursday 14 September 2017**

- Girls Hockey vs Crawford La Lucia (Away)
- Grade 5 HPV Vaccinations

**Friday 15 September 2017**

- Grade 5 Egypt Day
- Cross Country at Ashton
- Staff 'Spanbou'



**Saturday 16 September 2017**

- Chess at Clifton

**Monday 18 September 2017**

- Speech and Drama Festival
- Grade 4 and 5 Pupil Profiles (staff)
- Boys Hockey vs Ashton (Away)

**Tuesday 19 September 2017**

- Speech and Drama Festival
- Grade 6 and 7 Pupil Profiles (staff)
- Grade 6 Soup Kitchen
- Girls Hockey vs Ashton (Away)

**Wednesday 20 September 2017**

- Sports Photos
- Hockey vs Highbury
- Speech and Drama Festival in the Multipurpose Room

## ASSEMBLY

Arbour Day Assembly



Arbour Day Assembly was held on Friday 8 September 2017. Some of the grade 7s participated in a quiz regarding our environment and trees.



## TREE PLANTING

## Planting a Tree to Celebrate Arbour Day



Each grade planted a tree or a shrub in celebration of Arbour Day.

Grade 7 planted a Forest Toad Tree, Grade 6 planted a Polygala Myrtafolia, Grade 5 planted an Orange Cape Honeysuckle and Grade 4 a Freyfirea.

<http://www.cdsp.co.za/News/Read/4305>

## DRAMA FESTIVAL

## Shakespeare Schools Festival



The Shakespeare Schools Festival hails from the United Kingdom as an additional education program aimed at improving language and social skills through the performing arts.

SSF Southern Africa is Educape's flagship project, piloted in 2010 by Kseniya Filinova-Bruton with the objective of revealing the link between the arts and education. Each year the festival encourages schools to perform abridged '30 min' versions of Shakespearean plays in local professional theatres.

The festival is non-competitive, providing a platform of equal opportunity where there are no boundaries for participation.

Our Chelsea Drama team, under the leadership of Miss Mudie and Mrs Mulder, really made us proud on Sunday afternoon.

## GRADE 4

## Geography



Mrs Nikeyi's class, with the best rain gauges made in their Geography lesson.

They learnt about rainfall, and how important it is for life on earth.



## HOCKEY

## Stunning Hockey Photographs



Photographs of various hockey matches of the U10 Boys' and some of the U9 Girls' teams.

You can view more on our Webpage at <http://www.cdsp.co.za/Gallery/GalleryView/20150>

## FULL STOP

## The Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tan face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree", he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing is for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then, in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

## VALUE OF THE WEEK

## "Self-Control"



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