

The Chelsea Signal



RAFFLE WINNER



Mia Edgar one of the winners

Mia Edgar won one of the prizes from the mask competition.

GRADE 7



Pupils teaching Maths

The grade 7 learners got to be the maths teacher and explain different types of graphs to the rest of the class. First is a group explaining pie charts and next is a group explaining double-bar graphs.



From the Acting

Principal's Desk

“Thank you for the honour of being Acting Principal this year”

I'm sure there are relieved parents and pupils now that test week is over. However, our staff continue to teach the curriculum but have included some interactive activities that engage the children in problem solving and debate. These skills are so important as we find our pupils being spoon-fed information in many areas of life, and in order to keep up with advancements being made in this 21st Century, they need to learn independence and critical thinking.

Thank you to the Grade 3 parents who supported our orientation evening on Thursday. What a pleasure it was to meet so many of you. I do hope your children are as excited as we are, to have them on our Chelsea Campus in 2018. If you were unable to attend, please pop in to the Chelsea Finance Office as soon as possible to collect your child's goodie bag. It is important that you have this so as to prepare for next year.

Congratulations to those pupils who received prizes at our Arts and Sports Awards. I know there will always be disappointments but remember it is how disappointments are dealt with that enables your child to persevere and make progress. As a parent, one feels the heartache of your child, but if you deal with it maturely and continue to encourage them, it builds character and makes future success so much more valuable. I can speak from my own children's disappointments. I remember the heartache my own daughter and I felt one year when she wasn't chosen for the KZN Action Netball team. She had made it into the team for a few years and was really disappointed, having been successful in previous years. When trials came round the following year, she was determined to try out again. As a parent, I was concerned she would be unsuccessful again and wanted to protect her from another disappointment, but I encouraged her to attend trials. Due to her determination she was selected for the KZN team again and not only was this character building for her, but certainly a lesson for me, as a parent, to be courageous.

We wish Mr Aylward, Mrs Ford, Mr Khanyile and Miss van Jaarsveld farewell at the end of this year. Mr Aylward is going to the UK, Mrs Ford to live on a small holding in Nottingham Road, Mr Khanyile will be taking up a post as sports co-ordinator at Crawford North Coast and Miss van Jaarsveld will be working for a church. We thank all of them for their dedication to Chelsea.

I was upset to discover that two cars were stolen from Chelsea during the cricket matches on Saturday morning. We have recently addressed security at Chelsea during the school day. You may have noticed that all visitors have to sign in should they visit the school between 7:45 am and 1:00 pm. We have not insisted on this after hours due to the traffic jams it would cause in the bottom car park. We have our guards on duty during evening functions but unfortunately this is no guarantee due to the fast pace at which a car can be stolen. It appears it took no longer than one minute to steal the car in Chelsea Drive on Saturday morning. All schools are being affected by car theft crime. Three Chelsea families had their cars stolen from outside Durban Girls' College one morning during the third term, and other schools are also battling.

Something I have been considering for a while, is putting a security guard on bicycle during major functions. This too is no absolute guarantee, but I feel it would go a way towards helping the situation. If there is any parent who has an adult second hand bicycle they would like to donate to Chelsea, we would be extremely grateful.

It was brought to my attention on Friday that several parents are blocking the flow of traffic in the Chelsea bottom car park, by parking in non-designated parking areas. I appeal to you to please be considerate. Some parents

are also parking in front of the gate leading to the teachers' parking. In 2018, part of our tagline will be 'respect' and I ask you to take this into account when fetching your children.

On a more positive note, I would like to thank the awesome management staff we have at Chelsea, the dedicated staff on both campuses (teaching, administrative and maintenance) and the supportive parents, including the 'Moms who care through Prayer'. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Acting Principal. It has been a great honour to have been able to continue to take Chelsea to new heights, and I hope to be able to do this for many years to come.

We continue to make progress in technology with the purchase of the 3D printer, which I hope will inspire children to join our coding club (programming) which we will be introducing in 2018. Unfortunately, we will only be able to accommodate a limited number of children to begin with. Our Grade 6 pupils have been involved in a new online debating activity as a result of Miss Blom and Miss James attending a Thinking Schools South Africa Workshop.

We look forward to our Prize Givings on 5 December 2017. You will have received a letter with these details and I know the highlight of the year for our Grade 7 pupils will be their Rock 'n Roll farewell on Saturday, 25 November 2017.

S WILLIAMS (Mrs)

ACTING PRINCIPAL

HOCKEY

Final Indoor Hockey Tournament



The 1st team Indoor hockey girls and the U12A indoor hockey girls took part in their final indoor tournament for the season.

The tournament was hosted by Danville Park Girls High and saw 8 teams participating.

This was a special occasion for Sarah Bright and Olivia McDonald as they earned their 100th cap for the Chelsea Girls First team.

It was a real treat for the girls because in between their rounds of matches they got to sit and watch an international Indoor match between the South African and Zimbabwean women's teams.

They also got the opportunity to interact with the SA team and get autographs and photos taken with some of their heroes.

On one of the photos, some of the girls appear with the SA indoor captain and Princess brand ambassador, Cindy Hack.

Five lucky Chelsea girls: Sarah Bright, Olivia Mc Donald, Grace Macquet, Mia Liebenberg and Emma Christianson, got to walk out with the two teams before the match and stood with the players as the national anthems were played.

The U12A team were up against other first teams at this tournament. They won 1 game and lost 2.

The U13A team were labelled as the team to beat before the tournament even started. They played 3 games and won all three, making them the winners of the tournament.

Emily Macquet was nominated by the SA team as a promising player. Olivia McDonald was awarded top goal scorer of the tournament.



SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents

Our sport for 2017 comes to an end over the next two weeks and we sadly will shortly be bidding a farewell to all of our grade seven pupils and many of our grade seven parents, unless they have children in the lower grades as well. This group of pupils do hold a very special place in my heart as they would have been in grade four in 2014 when I began working at Chelsea Preparatory. I would therefore have seen their progress through the last four years and it is with sadness that I, on a personal level, will have to say farewell to them and their parents. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who may be leaving with their pupils, a very big thank you for all your support and assistance over the past four years. It has certainly been an enjoyable and rewarding experience being involved with all the Chelsea families.

A reminder to parents of the inter-house athletics which takes place on Friday 1 December at the Chelsea campus from 9am to 1pm. Parents are invited to attend.

A very big congratulations to the following children for their involvement in the Danville indoor hockey tournament:

1. The 1st team hockey girls for winning the tournament.
2. Olivia McDonald – highest goal scorer.
3. Emily Macquet – Identified by the South African indoor hockey team as a player of promise.

Results of the Indoor Hockey played at Danville this week:

- U11A won 3 – 1 vs Umhlali U13A
- U12A won 2 – 0 vs Umhlali U13B
- U13B won 1 – 0 vs Virginia U13B
- U13A won 5 – 0 vs Virginia U13A
- U13A won 4 – 1 vs DGC U13A

Results of the Cricket matches vs Northlands:

1. U10A vs Northlands U10A won by 7 wickets

- L Allen 3/7
2. U11A vs Northlands U11A lost by 6 wickets
 - T Kuppen 20
 - S Matai 26
 3. U13D vs Northlands U13D won by 6 wickets
 4. U10B, U10C, U11C, U13C matches cancelled due to rain
 5. U13A vs Northlands U13A won by 5 wickets
 - M Karodia 71*
 - M Jagga 40*
 - M Jagga 4/36
 6. U11B vs Northlands U11B won by 8 wickets
 - B Bennison 3/10
 7. U13B vs Northlands U13B won by 8 wickets
 - J Loxton 38
 - R Seach 27

Results of cricket matches vs Umhlali:

1. U10C, U10D, U11C, U11D, U13D, U13E matches cancelled due to rain.
2. U11B vs Umhlali U11B won by 8 wickets
 - T Laas 30
 - R Bennett 28
3. U13B vs Umhlali U13B lost by 46 runs
 - B Surman 38
4. U10A vs Umhlali U10A won by 7 wickets
 - M Essack 23
5. U10B vs Umhlali U10B won by 5 wickets
 - Z Bricknell 57
 - L Zulu 27
6. U11A vs Umhlali U11A lost by 83 runs
7. U13A vs Umhlali U13A won by 5 wickets
 - M Karodia 52
8. U13C vs Umhali U13C lost by 5 wicket
 - K Cooke 56*

- J Callanan 22*
- H Reddy 24

Cricket vs Reddam:

1. Friday 24 November 2017

- At 2:15 pm Chelsea U10A vs Reddam U10A at Chelsea
- At 2:15 pm Chelsea U11A vs Reddam U11A at Reddam

2. Monday 27 November 2017

- At 2:15 pm Chelsea U13B vs Reddam U13B at Chelsea
- At 2:15 pm Chelsea U13A vs Reddam U13A at Reddam

3. Wednesday 29 November 2017

- At 2:30 pm Chelsea U10B vs Reddam U10B at Reddam
- At 2:30 pm Chelsea U11B vs Reddam U11B at Chelsea

Internal Cricket matches:

- Monday 20 November 2017 at 2:15 pm U10C vs U10D at Chelsea
- Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 2:15 pm U13C vs U13D at Chelsea
- Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 2:15 pm U11C vs U11D at Chelsea

Sport this week:

1. Friday 24 November 2017

- Chelsea U10A vs Reddam U10A at Chelsea
- Chelsea U11A vs Reddam U11A at Reddam
- Girls internal soccer matches at Crusaders

Sport Next week:

1. Monday 27 November 2017

- U13B, U13A vs Reddam at Chelsea, Reddam

2. Tuesday 28 November 2017

- U13 inter-house cricket at Chelsea

3. Wednesday 29 November 2017

- U10B, U11B vs Reddam at Reddam, Chelsea

4. Thursday 30 November 2017

- U10, U11 inter-house cricket at Chelsea

5. Friday 1 December 2017

- Inter-house athletics at Chelsea

WEEKLY CALENDAR

23 - 29 November 2017



Thursday 23 November 2017

- Grade R Christmas Show and Carols in the Sports Hall
- Grade 4 Flag Farm excursion
- Grade 7 Superhuman in the hall
- Danville addressing Grade 7 girls enrolled in 2018 at 8:00 am
- Secondhand uniform sale at 6:30 am
- 'Mums who care through Prayer' Tea for staff at first break

Friday 24 November 2017

- Executive Council Meeting at 7:00 am (hot choc and muffins)
- Awards Assembly at 7:45 am
- Readathon Civvies Day
- Book Sale in the Media Centre
- Rock 'n Roll set up in the hall
- Grade 4 Charlotte's Web
- Close of 2017 Budgets
- Cricket vs Reddam
- Grade 6 Survivor preparation
- Girls Action Soccer

Saturday 25 November 2017

- Grade 7 Rock 'n Roll

Monday 27 November 2017

- Grade 5 Family Programme
- Hall and Sports Hall out of bounds
- Grade 6 excursion to the Holocaust Museum (Group 1)
- Grade 7 Spirit of Adventure visit to school
- Collection of Waltons Stationery Orders from Multipurpose Room from 12:30 to 2:45 pm
- Academic badges collected U10/U11 Inter-house Cricket

Tuesday 28 November 2017

- Hall and Sports Hall out of bounds
- Grade 6 excursion to the Holocaust Museum (Group 2)
- Grade 7 Interclass sport
- Collection of Waltons Stationery Orders from Multipurpose Room from 12:30 to 2:45 pm
- All Grades Soup Kitchen
- U13 Inter-house Cricket
- School Governing Body Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday 29 November 2017

- Hall and Sports Hall out of bounds
- Grade 5 excursion to the Ice Rink
- Grade 6 Survivor Day
- Visit to Barracuda Primary School



ARTS AWARDS



Arts Awards 2017

1. Mvelo Magwaza with Mrs Crichton received an award for Drama Club.
2. Ashton Welthagen with Mrs Mulder received an award for the Shakespeare Festival.
3. Jadine van Wyk with Mrs Mulder received an award for the Shakespeare Festival.
4. Morgan Nel with Mrs Knowler received an award for Speech and Drama



SPORTS AWARDS



Sports Awards 2017

1. Saurav Matai and George Buckle received an award for Tennis Doubles Champion.
 2. Olivia McDonald received an award for Inter-house netball (Twin)
 3. Mitchell Jagga received an award for "Hockey Player of the year"
 4. Sarah Bright received an award for most improved tennis player
 5. Dinal Bhoola received an award for best chess player
- These awards were handed over by Precious Mthembu.



GRADE 7 FUN

Super Human in the Sports Hall



Our grade 7s enjoying fun and games when "On Tap" visited Chelsea to have Super Human in the hall.



GRADE 7 BLOM

Paying it Forward



The Grade 7's have been learning about "Paying it Forward" and "Random Acts of Kindness".

Miss Blom has challenged each class to keep a jar in the front of the classroom. Every time a learner performs or receives a random act of kindness, they need to write it down and put it in the jar.

Every Friday there will be a feedback session where the acts of kindness are shared to the class. The aim is to remind the learners that even though we are sometimes consumed by all the negativity in the world, it is a wonderful reminder to know that a small act of kindness can go a very long way.

Pictured is Yash Krishenpersad, Georgia Wheeler and Ben Cobbald of Mr Trytsman's class, with their Acts of Kindness jar.

GRADE 4

Grade 4 Fun



Grade 4s having fun on the field after they finished their exams.



FULL STOP

Enjoy the company of your children

A beautiful post . . . from one mother to another mother

There were days when my home used to be filled with laughter, arguments, fights, jokes and loads of mischief.

Books used to be strewn all over the show. Pens and books all over, and clothes messing the rooms, thrown on the beds.

I used to shout at them to tidy up their mess.

In the morning:

One will wake up and say: "Mama I can't find my book."

And the other will say: "I can't find my perfume."

And one will say: "Mama where's my homework?"

And another: "Mama I forgot to complete my homework."

Everyone used to ask about their lost possessions. And I would say, but take care of your things, be responsible, you have to grow up.

And today I stand at the doorway of the room. The beds are empty. All the cupboards have only a few pieces of clothes in them. And what remains is the smell of perfume that lingers in the air.

Everyone had a special smell. So I take in the smell of their perfume for maybe it will fill the empty ache in my heart.

All I have now is the memory of their laughs and their mischief and their warm hugs.

Today my house is clean and organised and everything is in its place, and it is calm and peaceful. But it is like a desert with no life in it. Do not become angry with your kids about the mess.

Every time they come to visit and they spend time with us, when they are ready to leave they pull their bags and it is as if they tug my heart along with them.

They close the door behind them and then I stand still and think of the many times I shouted to them to close the doors.

Here I am today, closing my own doors. Nobody opens it besides me. Each one has gone to a different city or a different country. All left to find their own path in life.

They have grown up and I wish that they could stay with me forever.

Oh! God . . . Take care of them and all other children wherever they may be, for You are their guide and protector . . . and always keep them happy.

If your children are still in the stage that you need to talk and talk before they could get things done in the house, please cherish and endure it with joy, don't nag. They will soon leave your home, remember they were not there at the beginning of your marriage. Now that they are around, make them happy.

Dedicated to all mothers and fathers.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

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