

The Chelsea Signal



FAMOUS



Waratahs Rugby Player

U10B Cricket team posing with a Waratahs rugby player from Australia.

NETBALL



Glenashley Tournament

U13B Netball girls who played in the tournament at Glenashley last week and won 2 of their 4 matches.

From the Acting Deputy

Principal's Desk

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Another busy and successful week has flown by. We thoroughly enjoyed having our Northway Grade 3 pupils join us on Wednesday for Orientation morning. The happy smiles and cheerful laughter that echoed out of the music room, art room and hall as they attended different activities on our BIG Chelsea Campus really warmed my heart. Hearing

the choir sing so beautifully for our parents at the Grade 3 Parents Information Evening gave me nothing short of goosebumps, and more than a tear in my eye. Our Chelsea children are indeed privileged to have such passionate teachers that bring out the best in them. I don't believe they are always aware of how lucky they are, but in time I hope they will be able to look back and appreciate the sacrifices their parents made to send them to a school filled with opportunities.

On Friday there was much excitement as our 2018 Service Leaders were announced in assembly. These pupils are voted for by their service team members, and will now attend a camp to undergo training so that they may fill their new positions with maturity and understanding. We have full confidence in these young leaders and look forward to seeing them grow and develop as they serve their school and the Chelsea community.

I was fortunate to attend a NAPTOSA conference last week focusing on leadership and management of schools. There were numerous interesting speakers including Dr Nzama, Head of Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal. Some of the statistics given to us included: In KwaZulu-Natal we have 2.7 billion pupils, over 6000 schools, over 90 000 educators, and a R50 billion budget of which 84% is for salaries leaving approximately only R8 billion to actually run, maintain and supply educational material for all 6000 schools. No wonder education in many areas is left wanting. It did make us realise again, however, how important it is for our parents in a school such as Chelsea to pay their school fees if they wish to maintain our standard of education and facilities for our pupils.

Another speaker, Ms Verlie Oosthuizen, focused on the regulation of social media in schools. Once again the dangers of cell phones and social media was re-iterated with parents happy to buy their primary school children cell phones and allow them to use platforms such as Instagram and WhatsApp despite the legal age being thirteen years and over. Many parents give their child no direction or training in the safety and use of this powerful device, and then turn to the school to educate them in this field and pass problems onto the school when they arise, despite cell phones being banned at the school! An interesting statement made by Verlie was that 'anything you do online attaches the same laws as anything done in public' – a stern warning to consider very carefully what you say or post online before pushing that 'send' button. Please parents, guide your children and monitor their use of all social media before they ruin, not just their own lives, but yours too.

This week a flyer will be coming home with some 'forgotten' school rules that need reminding. Please read through them carefully and draw your child's attention to them. Every rule is made with careful thought and debate in the interests of your child's safety and happiness at Chelsea.

An unfortunate incident occurred recently where a parent's car was hit by a cricket ball and the roof was dented. Please be aware that Chelsea is a public school on public property. Signs at the gates indicate that you enter at your own risk and the school will not be liable for any costs caused by regular school activity. Ball games such as cricket are most definitely a regular school activity, and while you will have our sympathy if you or your car is hit, the only solution is not to park anywhere near a field, and to have your own insurance cover.

I end this week with good wishes to all our lucky grade 5 and 7 pupils who are off to Greystone and Spirit of Adventure. I hope they all have a wonderful outdoor and friendship building experience, and that Mom and Dad might have a day or two off from lifting and homework! It is excursions such as these that past pupils always come back to school and mention as highlights of their primary school years, where great memories and bonds between friends were built. Thank you to the teachers who give up their own family time to take our pupils away.

N HILLIAR (Mrs)

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

GRADE 3

Grade 3 Orientation Day

Grade 3 Pupils' Orientation Day held on the Chelsea Campus for all our new Grade 4 pupils of 2019.

It was wonderful to have you on the Chelsea Campus and we hope that you had an enjoyable day.



SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our swimming squad and their coaches, Mr Widdows and Ms Fryer for an amazing achievement on Tuesday at the D and D gala. This has certainly been one of my proudest moments in the five years that I have been at Chelsea Preparatory as head of sport. This is a reward for the many hours of training that both the swimmers and their coaches have put in leading up to this gala, which is considered as the most important gala of the year. Also, very big thank you to our grade seven swimmers, for all their commitment over the past four years. We are definitely going to miss them.

Thank you to all the parents of the swimmers, helpers and supporters for assisting the school with transport to and from Kings Park Swimming Pool. Both our helpers and supporters made this event perfect, in terms of their assistance and efforts, with many competing schools complimenting Chelsea on their behaviour.

This is going to be our final week of cricket practices and matches for our cricketers. As of Monday 19 March, rugby and soccer will replace cricket: The schedule will be as follows:

1. Mondays and Wednesdays U10 and U11 rugby practices.
2. Tuesdays and Thursdays U13 rugby practices
3. Mondays and Wednesdays Senior soccer at Crusaders



4. Tuesdays and Thursdays Junior soccer at Crusaders

The cost of soccer will be as follows: This is to cover the costs of the use of the soccer fields at Crusaders.

1. One day of practice per week plus Friday matches: R200 for the term.
2. Two days of practices per week plus Friday matches: R400 for the term.

Results of the cricket matches vs Westville:

1. U10A won by 7 wickets
 - T Oosthuisen 27*
2. U10B won by 132 runs
 - M McCamon 56*
 - A Soofie 39
 - N Burger 39, 3/3
3. U10C won by 6 wickets
4. U11A lost by 14 runs
 - M Essack 27*, 3/19
5. U11B lost by lost by 7 wickets
6. U11C lost by 13 runs
7. U13A won by 5 wickets
 - T Daly 30
 - S Singh 25*
8. U13B won by 66 runs
 - L Gounden 4/11
 - J Nielsen 60*
 - C Magurno 22
9. U13C won by 8 wickets
 - L Haswell 43*
10. U13D won by 28 runs
 - L De Vincenza 4/12
 - R Bennett 32
 - J Hollinshead 24
11. U13E won by 10 wickets
 - S Muller 21*

Results of the practice netball matches vs Northlands:

1. U10A won 7 - 0
2. U10B won 5 - 2
3. U10C won 4 - 1
4. U11A won 5 - 3

5. U11B won 3 - 0
6. U11C won 5 - 1
7. U11D won 3 - 0
8. U12A won 13 - 6
9. U12B won 10 - 2
10. U12C won 6 - 3
11. U12D won 9 - 4
12. U13A won 11 - 3
13. U13B won 4 - 3
14. U13C won 5 - 4

Sport this week

1. Cricket vs Ashton and Highbury:

Thursday 15 March 2018

- Chelsea U12A (grade 6) vs Ashton U12A coach Mr Gow at Ashton

Saturday 17 March 2018

- Chelsea U11A vs Highbury U11A coach Mr Hobbs at Highbury
- Chelsea U11B vs Highbury U11B coach Mr Van Pletzen at Chelsea
- Chelsea U10B vs Highbury U10B coach Mr Swartz at Highbury
- Chelsea U13A vs Highbury 1st coach Mr Gow at Highbury
- Chelsea U13B vs Highbury 2nd coach Mr Van Vuuren at Chelsea
- Chelsea U13C vs Highbury 3rd coach Mr Trytsman at Highbury

2. Netball B matches at Glenashley on Saturday 17 March 2018

- Chelsea U10B vs St Henry's at 8:45 – 9:00 am coach Miss Blom and umpire Linda
- Chelsea U10B vs DBN North College at 9:00 – 9:15 am coach Miss Blom and umpire Linda
- Chelsea U10B vs Ashton at 9:30 – 9:45 am coach Miss Blom and umpire Linda
- Chelsea U10B vs Glenashley Primary at 9:45 – 10:00 am coach Miss Blom and umpire Linda
- Chelsea U11B vs DBN North College at 8:45 – 9:00 am coach Miss Rabbikissoon and umpire Sizwe
- Chelsea U11B vs Ashton at 9:00 – 9:15 am coach Miss Rabbikissoon and umpire Sizwe
- Chelsea U11B vs St Henry's at 9:45 – 10:00 am coach Miss Rabbikissoon and umpire Sizwe
- Chelsea U12B vs St Henry's at 8:45 – 9:00 am coach Mrs Paine and umpire Figo
- Chelsea U12B vs DBN North College at 9:30 – 10:45 am coach Mrs Paine and umpire Figo
- Chelsea U12B vs Glenashley Primary at 10:00 – 10:15 am coach Mrs Paine and umpire Figo
- Chelsea U12B vs Ashton at 10:30 – 10:45 am coach Mrs Paine and umpire Mrs Strydom
- Chelsea U13B vs St Henry's at 10:30 – 10:45 am coach Figo/Miss James and umpire Sizwe
- Chelsea U13B vs DBN North College at 10:45 – 11:00 am coach Figo/Miss James and umpire Miss Strydom
- Chelsea U13B vs Ashton at 11:15 – 11:30 am coach Figo/Miss James and umpire Mrs Paine
- Chelsea U13B vs Glenashley Primary at 11:30 – 11:45 am coach Figo/Miss James and umpire Mrs Strydom

3. Action netball matches Saturday 17 March 2018

- Chelsea U10A at 8:00 – 8:30 am coach Ms Morris at Action Netball Arena vs Glenwood Prep U10A

- Chelsea U11A at 9:30 – 10:00 am coach Zuca at Action Netball Arena vs Penzance U11A
- Chelsea U12A at 11:00 – 11:30 am coach Mere at Action Netball Arena vs Penzance U12A
- Chelsea U13A at 1:30 – 2:00 pm coach Mrs Strydom at Action Netball Arena vs Virginia U13A

WEEKLY CALENDAR

15 - 21 March 2018



Thursday 15 March 2018

- Grade 5 Greystone Excursion
- Grade 7 Spirit of Adventure Excursion
- Tennis League Matches
- Cricket vs Ashton

Friday 16 March 2018

- Grade 6 Dog Show
- Grade 4 and 6 Pupil Profiles (staff)
- Grade 5 Greystone Excursion
- Grade 7 Spirit of Adventure Excursion

Saturday 17 March 2018

- Cricket vs Highbury
- Indoor Netball Matches
- Glenashley Netball Festival

Monday 19 March 2018

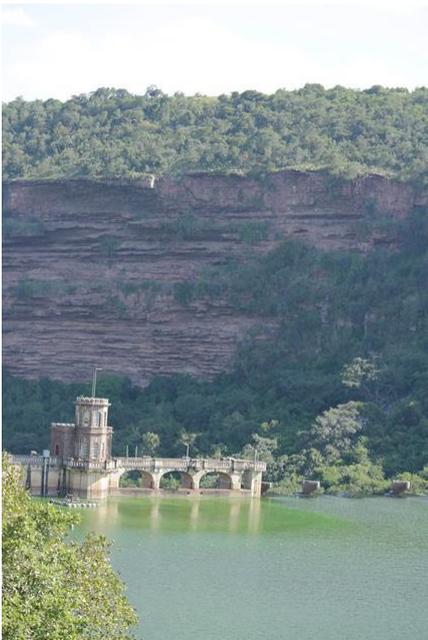
- School Governing Body Elections in Chelsea Campus Hall at 6:30 pm

Tuesday 20 March 2018

- Class and Individual Photos
- Grade 7 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday 21 March 2018

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Human Rights Day



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Hydraulics and Pneumatics

Emergency workers use “Jaws-of-Life” system to rescue trapped accident victims.



For a Design and Technology project, pupils had to use pneumatics and hydraulics to obtain a mechanical advantage.

They had to investigate the force transfer between two equal syringes filled with air and water. Learners had to develop and then make a simple working model of a hydraulic-syringe powered, linked-lever rescue device using simple materials.

Zayaanah Mohamed, Keziah Ronnie, Skye Watson and Joelle Meneses made a hydraulic hand to rescue a victim.

ECO-SCHOOLS WORKSHOP

Eco-Schools Workshop Prizegiving



The Eco-Schools Workshop and Prizegiving was an inspiring and exciting event! Nerisha Daniel, Amy Meyer and I met at Chelsea Campus on Saturday morning and travelled up to the Umgeni River Valley Nature Reserve in Howick. We had to create a name badge from recycled items and wear it to the workshop. Upon arrival, we were welcomed with a cup of tea and biscuits, were given a tour of the grounds (which consisted of classrooms for school groups, a sustainable gardening section and much more). We also got to admire the beautiful zebra which were strolling around.



We were fortunate to listen to a talk by Durban North motivational speaker and swimmer, Sarah Ferguson. She is on a mission to promote awareness about something which is very close to her heart - ocean conservation (<http://www.sarahferguson.co.za/ocean-conservation>).

She expressed her love for the ocean and told us a story about a challenge she had set for herself in Hawaii. She is the first African woman to swim across the Ka'iwi Channel (aka the Channel of Bones) between two Hawaiian islands: Oahu and Molokai. She had to cover herself in gel to protect herself from the jellyfish stings and keep an eye out for the sharks which are common in this channel. She started the swim in the complete darkness of night and instead of swimming the expected 42km, she ended up swimming nearly 60km due to the strong currents in the channel. She is now using this as a platform to promote awareness about the amount of plastic being put into the ocean every year, and to highlight ways in which we can help. She encouraged us to show our pupils a documentary called "A Plastic Ocean" which will make them realise just how serious the situation is. Here is the link to the trailer, which I'd like to show in assembly soon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zrn4-FfbXw>

We were also fortunate to listen to a short talk by a teacher from a Shea O'Connor Combined School in Nottingham Rd, who spoke about their efforts and success in the rehabilitation of their local wetlands with their group of 80+ eco team pupils. She told us that while they are living in a poor area and that things are not always easy, they encourage their children to find solutions to problems and create solutions. They also tell their pupils that they are not the leaders of the future – they must be leaders NOW, and take charge of their future. They have changed their flower gardens to permaculture vegetable gardens to feed the local people in their community, have a “rethink the plastic” creative designs challenge and have inspired some of their pupils to study Environmental Sciences at a tertiary level. We were then proud to be presented with our Eco Schools Platinum 3 Award and were invited for a delicious lunch in the tea room before heading back to Durban.

We really appreciate the opportunity to go to this workshop and would very much like to take some of our pupils and Enviro Team for a day trip at the end of next term. We will look into the School Programmes offered and discuss possible dates.

We would like our Enviro Team's next mission to be to bring in as many plastic containers from Chelsea pupils as we can. This will be collected by The Owl Rescue Centre

Visit <http://www.owlrescue911.webs.com/> or <http://www.owlrescuecentre.org.za/> to make houses for rehabilitated owls from recycled plastic.

Kind regards

Mrs du Preez

GRADE 7 ESSAY

A Promise made in Paris



George sprints down Rue Vieille Du Temple Street. He can hear the men running after him and he hears them shouting at him, telling him to go back to where he came from. George chuckle as they shout at him. He wants to tell them he can't at the moment but he knows it'll only make them angrier. He turns left at an alley way only to find a dead end. George turns around and sees the men holding bricks. The men grinned and that was the last thing George saw before they knocked him out.

Alice and her mom are walking down Rue Vieille Du Temple Street while looking for a dress shop. Alice hears her mom talking about the man who came from America, but she chooses to ignore her since she's only telling her how big of a rat he is. While walking Alice hears shouting coming from one of the shops. As she walks by the shop, Alice sees the man her mom was talking about. He was trying to buy some bread, but the shop owner responds to him by shouting at him to leave immediately. Alice feels a wave of anger and she storms into the shop, she starts helping the man by shaming and yelling at the shop owner for his horrid behaviour. Once

she stops yelling, she feels embarrassed for yelling so loudly. Alice nods at the man and as she begins to leave the shop, the man taps her shoulder. Alice turns around and as she did the man thanked her for what she did. Alice smiles and wishes him good luck on his “holidays” and she begins to walk back to her mother who is still shocked by her actions.

George is walking down a street when he sees smoke. He immediately turns towards it. George stops and sees a restaurant on fire. He drops his groceries and instantly runs over to help everyone out. George looked brave while running towards the door, but he was just as scared as everyone else. He stops and hesitates before entering, but he puts on a brave face and runs inside.

Today is the man’s, now known as George, funeral. George had saved exactly fifty-seven people from the burning restaurant and he died of severe burns after he escaped. President Jules Grévy was the one who held the funeral and over ten-thousand people showed up to honour the man who risked his life to save the lives of the people who had treated him badly. Alice and her mother showed up dresses up in all black and brought white lilies to decorate his grave. As the funeral carries on, Alice can’t stop herself from crying. She hardly knew George, yet he had made a huge impact on her just because of one thing he did.

The next day Alice visits George’s grave. She brought more lilies to decorate his grave. While mourning him, Alice promises him that she’ll never let anyone get misjudged because of their race. She then promises that when she’s older, she’ll write a story about him. And this was her story she promised to write.

By Emma Blevins

OLIVER'S TRAVELS

Travelling to Cape Town



Oliver travelled with Hayley Slogrove to the beautiful Cape.

They visited Cape Point, Boulders Beach, Worcester for some tractor rides, the lighthouse at Cape Point and many more.

GRADE 5

English Orals



Miss James' pupils had to do an English oral on their family. They gave lovely orals and created beautiful posters to display all the members of their family.

It was very interesting to hear about each member of their family and a few family secrets even came out.

SWIMMING

Our Swimming Squad



Our swimming squad during the gala at Crawford La Lucia in February.



Andrew Cartwright, Ross Paterson, Mia Liebenberg, Emily Macquet, Manaal Omar and Emma Christianson who represented uMlazi at the KZN team selections.

FULL STOP

Because of you

“You might think you don’t matter in this world, but because of you someone has a favourite mug to drink their tea out of each morning that you bought them.

Someone hears a song on the radio and it reminds them of you.

Someone has read a book you recommended to them and gotten lost in its pages.

Someone has remembered a joke you told them and smiled to themselves on the bus.

Someone has tried on a top and felt beautiful because you complimented them on it.

Someone has a memory that makes them grin that involves you.

Someone now likes themselves that little bit more because you made a passing comment that made them feel good.

Never think you don’t have an impact, your fingerprints can’t be wiped away from the little marks of kindness that you’ve left behind.”

Author unknown

VALUE OF THE WEEK

"Environmental Awareness"



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