

# The Chelsea Signal



## CRICKET



### Chelsea's 6 a-side Team

Chelsea's 6 a-side team with some Chelsea past pupils after winning the Silver final against Umhlali. Chelsea beat Clifton in the semi-final.

## WATER POLO



### Water Polo Practice

An amazing turn out at Chelsea's first Water polo practice.

From the

Principal's Desk

**"A warm welcome to all our Chelsea families and staff."**

Welcome back to the new school year for 2019! I trust all our families had a restful break over the festive season and that a good year lies ahead. I would specially like to welcome all our new pupils and parents to Chelsea Preparatory as well as our Grade 4 pupils who have joined us from our junior campus. We also welcome new members of staff, Miss Holland (Grade 4), Mrs Swart (Grade 7), Mrs Davidson (PR / Marketing), Mrs Vermeulen (Front Reception) and Mrs Benade (Homework Club). We hope that their time at Chelsea Preparatory will be a long, happy and successful one. Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Anne Frost who will be retiring at the end of January. Mrs Frost has been a loyal, dedicated member of staff at Chelsea Preparatory for the past 24 years, and we will certainly miss her presence once she has retired.

At Chelsea Preparatory we believe that you, the parents, play an important role in your child being happy and successful at school. We encourage parents to continually show an interest in and to support both your child(ren) and the school. The child who knows that his/her family is interested in, and supports the school programme will almost always have fewer problems and will enjoy greater success at school. Please share with your child's teacher any information you feel he/she needs to know about your child, as this will enable the teachers to better serve your family. Open communication between parents, pupils and educators is critical to assure pupil success.

Chelsea Preparatory is a busy school with various activities starting as early as 06h00 in the morning i.e. morning runs, swimming sessions etc. and very often ending as late as 18h00 in the evening after the numerous sport fixtures, events and functions during the year. It is for this reason that we have taken the decision to extend our security during the day by changing to a 12 hour shift for one of our security guards. You may now notice that when arriving at school the bottom car park will have a guard on duty from 06h00. The bottom car park will now also be patrolled until 18h00 in the evening to accommodate and to ensure for the safety of all pupils, staff and parents that may be involved at school until late in the afternoon. Please work closely with and assist the security guard as the car park can be a very congested area in the afternoons. Please also be considerate of others trying to use the carpark and always place the children's safety as priority by driving slowly and carefully at all times.

A reminder that parents, from Grade 5 – 6, are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday, 17 January in their child's classroom and Grade 7 parents in the school hall. At these meetings, the teachers will have an opportunity to explain classroom routines, work programmes and answer any queries that you may have. Grade 5 parents are to meet from 18h00 – 18h30 while parents of children in both Grade 6 and 7 will meet with their teachers from 18h30 – 19h00. Tea and coffee will be available in the multi-purpose room from 18h00 – 20h00 on the evening and I will be available, in the venue, should any parents wish to chat with me or just to introduce themselves.

I encourage parents to keep checking the d6, Facebook page and the weekly newsletters to ensure that you are up to date with what is happening. We will shortly be evaluating the various forms of communication that exist between the school and all our various role players i.e. parents, community, media etc. to ensure that the Chelsea brand receives maximum exposure in the ever increasing competitive market of top educational establishments.

Good luck to all pupils, parents and staff and I look forward to celebrating a happy, successful 2019 with everybody this year.

**G MAARTENS**

**PRINCIPAL**



## SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our Grade 7 pupils of 2018, Mia Liebenberg who won a gold medal at the National Swimming Championships and Emma



Christianson who has been selected to join the 2022 South African Commonwealth Swimming Squad.

Go girls!



## SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents

Welcome to all the Grade Four pupils and parents as well as any new pupils and parents who have joined our wonderful school. I am sure that your time at Chelsea is going to be a wonderful experience. To all our returning pupils and parents, I hope that you have had a wonderful and restful holiday. I am sure that your time together as a family has been a joyful one.

Parents are asked to please refer to the sports programme sent home with the reports to check on practice days and times for the various sports. If there is anything that you are unsure or unclear about, please feel free to contact myself or the sports department. New parents will be sent a copy of this programme this week.

A letter to all Grade Four pupils, and any new parents, will be sent home with your children early this week explaining the school bus transport policy and costs involved. Parents are asked to please encourage their children to participate in the many codes of sport that is on offer at Chelsea. This is the best way for new pupils to adjust and make friends.

Parents are also asked to please assist us in ensuring that their children honour the commitment that they have made to their chosen sport this term. This is part of what sport teachers and it is a crucial life lesson that hopefully with your assistance, our pupils will learn.

Cricket, netball and swimming teams will be announced this week. The policy at Chelsea is that no teams are cast in stone and that changes to teams will take place regularly after consultation with myself. This is to ensure that our pupils are placed into the correct teams which assist in their maximum development. Children develop at different levels and we try to ensure that they are always in the best environment to assist with this development. Coaches will always explain to our pupils the reasons for possible changes to teams and what is needed to improve.

Some members of our 1st team cricket boys participated in the annual Virginia 6 a side cricket tournament on Saturday and gave a very good account of themselves. Their results were as follows:

1. Match 1 beat Reddam House
2. Match 2 lost to Ashton
3. Match 3 beat Penzance
4. Silver semi-final beat Clifton
5. Silver final beat Umhlali

#### **Cricket matches vs Winston Park:**

1. Wednesday 16 January 2019
  - U10B vs Chelsea at WPPS – Small Field
  - U11B vs Chelsea at Chelsea Prep/ Crusaders (TBC)
2. Thursday 17 January 2019
  - U13D vs Chelsea at WPPS – Main Field
3. Friday 18 January 2019
  - U13C vs Chelsea at Chelsea
  - U13B vs Chelsea at WPPS – Main Field
4. Saturday 19 January 2019
  - U13A vs Chelsea at Chelsea/ Kloof Country Club (TBC)
  - U11A vs Chelsea at WPPS – Main Field
  - U10A vs Chelsea at Chelsea

#### **Sport next week:**

1. Monday 21 January 2019
  - Inter-house gala at Chelsea Swimming pool
2. Wednesday 23 January 2019
  - Fatima A girls' friendly gala at Fatima



3. Monday 21 – Saturday 26 January 2019

- Cricket vs Umhlali at Chelsea/Crusaders/Umhlali

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

17 - 23 January 2019



### Thursday 17 January 2019

- Parents' Information Evening:
  - = 6:00 – 6:30 pm Grade 5 (in classrooms)
  - = 6:30 – 7:00 pm Grade 6 (in classrooms)
  - = 6:30 – 7:00 pm Grade 7 (in the hall)
- Cricket vs Winston Park

### Friday 18 January 2019

- Service Team Meetings
- Grade 6 Pool Party (Grade 5 to 7 only)
- Northlands Girls' High to address Grade 6 and 7 girls from 12:45 to 13:15
- Cricket vs Winston Park

### Saturday 19 January 2019

- Cricket vs Winston Park
- School Governing Body Gathering

### Monday 21 January 2019

- Inter-house Gala at 5:00 pm
- No homework
- Cricket Week vs Umhlali

### Tuesday 22 January 2019

- Rain date for Inter-house Gala
- Grade 6 Soup Kitchen
- Testing Timetables sent home

### Wednesday 23 January 2019

- Danville Park New Parents Evening
- Fatima 'A' Girls Friendly Gala



GRADE 4 Aylward

- Jessica De Witt

GRADE 4 Walker

- Ruby Gaines

GRADE 4 Crichton

- Alyssa Moran

GRADE 4 Viljoen

- Riddhi Dayaram

GRADE 4 Pennefather

- Ahmad Bassa

GRADE 5 Reddy

- Reevaan Juggernath

GRADE 5 Nzuzi

- Kritika Singh

GRADE 5 Nikeyi

- Finn-Lennard Sawatzki

GRADE 5 Marais

- Mingsui Zhang

GRADE 5 Fryer

- Ana Tavorari

GRADE 6 Mudie

- Jamie Lofstedt

GRADE 6 van Pletzen

- Kovidh Singh

GRADE 6 Morris

- Jinwon Ha

GRADE 6 Swartz

- Alley Westbrook

GRADE 6 Nichol

- Skyler Allen

## ECO GARDEN



## First Harvest

First harvest for the year from the Eco Garden at Chelsea.

## BUILDING



## Hall Renovations

Renovations to the Northway Campus Hall are moving fast.



## FULL STOP

## Perseverance

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

*By Newt Gingrich*

**VALUE OF THE  
WEEK**

"Good Manners"



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