



# PRETORIA BOYS HIGH

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **GOOD BYE AND THANK YOU**

It is traditional, in this term's newsletter, to pay tribute to the leaving Form V class and thank them for the role they have played in the school this year. It has by all accounts been a very successful year as we have emerged from Covid and seen the school fully functional on all accounts. Our senior group of matrics must be complimented for the success of this year. They have been a positive group who have led well and set a high standard which the rest of the schools has followed. I am extremely proud of our matrics and what they have achieved and am sad to see them go. At the same time, it gives me a sense of great excitement and anticipation to see them leave as they look to make their mark on the world outside school. I wish them all the very best for the final examinations and for life after school.

My thanks also goes to those Form V parents and guardians who have supported us so well in the past five years. I hope we have fulfilled the expectations you had of us and that you have seen a positive change in your son. Thank you for all your support.

The school would like to wish the Form V's all the best for the final examinations they will begin writing on 31 October. It is the schools wish that the matric exams go ahead without any complications and that all our Form V boys are able to achieve the results they truly deserve.

## **TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING**

In my classes with the Form IV's this year I spoke about how they now move up in the hierarchy of the school, how their roles will change and the responsibilities that will accompany their new position in the school. As the Form V's leave, it is time for a new senior group to take over and there will be new formal leaders chosen to represent the school early next term. In many cases, there is disappointment as expectations are not met but my message to the Form IV group is a simple one.

In selecting the new leadership body, the school hopes to get it right and to appoint the best candidates who are most suited to the job of work required of them. There will be many who see the role of Prefect, for example, as a reward for good behaviour and/or a successful career at school when it is actually a job of work going forward that requires certain skills. We will all have our own opinions as to who should occupy these positions and we have many wonderful and capable young men who could do the job and yet there are only limited opportunities.

In Mr Bob Fair's farewell address to the school in 1972 he made the very important point that the boys of this school must remember that they are not defined by the badges they wear or the blazers they may be awarded. They are defined by the person they are. In a few years' time, people will not necessarily remember what they did at school because that belonged to another time. They will remember you for your acts of kindness, compassion, sportsmanship, understanding, loyalty, humility and so much more. They will remember how you made people feel as opposed to what you achieved.

It is very important that all of our boys understand that each of them is a leader and each of them has the choice to lead or not. It may be in a formal capacity or it may not. All of our senior boys must know that each of them will be expected to lead well no matter what role they have been chosen to play.

In looking towards your son's final year at school, I ask that parents to spend some time with their boys revisiting goals and dreams and refocussing them on the path that lies ahead of them next term and next year.

To the parents of boys in Forms I-IV, your boys will be taking up new positions and new responsibilities as he moves up next year. As your boys assume these new positions and take on new responsibilities, I also urge you as parents who have not yet become involved in the school to do so. The year or years ahead are going to pass very quickly and most parents who have helped in some form or another say how much they enjoyed the experience. Like your son's, I urge you to make the most of the wonderful opportunities this school offers you and not to have any regrets.

### **THIRD TERM REPORTS AND END OF YEAR EXAMS**

All boys will be receiving their Term III reports via email. Please use this holiday to help your son set his academic goals for the final term and, more importantly, how he intends to achieve these goals. I remind Form IV parents of the importance of the Form IV examination as these results are used for early admission to universities.

For the Form I's – IV's, your sons end of year examinations will commence a mere four weeks after we return ([Form I-IV exam timetable](#)). For the matrics this is two and a half weeks ([Form V exam timetable](#)). The fourth term is an extremely short and busy term. If your son is to achieve the results of which he is truly capable, a well-planned study timetable and disciplined time management will have to be a priority. Please take the time to reflect on the results your son has produced this term and where need be, assist him in his preparation for the final exams.

### **MATRIC FUNDRAISERS**

Form V boys, under the leadership of the Prefects, were working very hard these past two terms in order to raise funds towards the Matric Dance and towards a gift to school from leaving Matric Class of 2022.

Thank you to all the parents that contributed towards the drives, assisted with sales and supported our boys.

### **FAREWELL TO STAFF**

As is often the case at the end of a term, there are staff members who sadly have to leave the school. Unfortunately, the end of this term is no different as we say farewell to two staff members.

**Mrs Claire van der Merwe** joined the school in August 2020 as a Life Sciences teacher. During her short time at the school, she has proved to be an extremely effective teacher in the classroom and has become a very valuable member of the Life Sciences Department. Mrs van der Merwe has been a member of Arcadia House where over the last two years she has been the Form I and II tutor. Outside of the classroom, Mrs van der Merwe has proved to be just as valuable where she was appointed as the Master in Charge of Archery. As MIC of archery she has had an extremely positive effect on the Club where the numbers have grown immensely and the club has had progressively very impressive performances under her leadership.

Mrs van der Merwe will be leaving PBHS as she joins her husband in the Western Cape where he has been afforded an employment opportunity in the town of Paarl. Mrs van der Merwe, thank you for two short but very dedicated and effective years of service at PBHS. We trust that the lessons learnt at our school will stand you in good stead with your future endeavours where we have no doubt you are going to add just as much value to whichever school you teach at as you have here at Boys High. Thank you for all your hard work and all the best going forward.

**Mr Chan Dowra** joined Pretoria Boys High School in January 2008 as a mathematics teacher. A position he has held for the past fifteen years. Over the years, Mr Dowra has not only been a very effective and dedicated mathematics teacher and AP mathematics teacher but he has also been a dedicated Form II Bush School maths teacher. He has made many trips and spent many weekends at Kamoka in order to teach the Bush School boys maths.

In 2008, Mr Dowra joined Arcadia House as a reserve tutor and in 2010, he became the pastoral care tutor. He has remained in Arcadia House during his 15 years at the school and has served as tutor to many of the groups over the years.

In 2009, Mr Dowra joined table tennis as a coach and in 2013, took over as Master in Charge. During his time running Table Tennis, the school won the Pretoria League for seven consecutive years from 2013 to 2019.

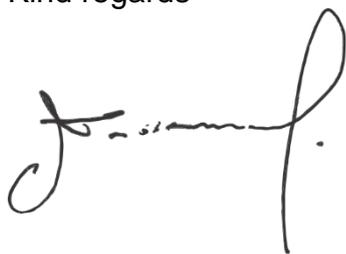
Mr Dowra will be leaving PBHS as he joins his wife in Cape Town where she has accepted a job in February of this year already. Both Mr Dowra's sons (both old boys) are also living in Cape Town.

The school wishes Mr Dowra all the best as he starts this new and exciting chapter in his life. Goodbye, good luck and thank you.

### **ENJOY THE WELL DESERVED BREAK**

After what has been a busy but positive term, we wish you a well-deserved break. I wish you a restful, albeit short holiday, where I trust you will be able to spend quality time together as a family and hope that the final few months of the year are happy and productive for you and your son.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GJ Hassenkamp', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**GJ HASSENKAMP  
HEADMASTER**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **NOTICE PERIOD**

Parents are reminded of the notice period should you wish to withdraw your son from the school. Boarders are required to give three months' notice and dayboys one month.

### **GROUNDINGS AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS**

During the course of this year, the school has made a concerted effort to develop and neaten up identified areas around the school.

During the course of this year, the school has undertaken the following projects:

1. Sandstone restoration of boarding houses and main building façade.
2. Painting/restoration of the main building - exterior and interior
3. Replacement of five asbestos classrooms at Pollock campus
4. Installation of a second (200kVA) generator to support the Central Dining Room and the Hockey Astro facility
5. Upgrade of the western main sewer line
6. Water conservation partnership which has, since January 2022, reduced municipal water consumption by 20%, compared to historical pre-COVID levels.

The following projects are planned in the short/medium term:

7. Installation of a 207kW PV Solar harvesting system that will supplement 26% of the school's power needs
8. Installation of a borehole water harvesting and filtration plant that will provide 100kl of potable water per day and provide for a further 100kl of water backup and storage
9. Building of two additional basketball courts
10. Replacement of a further three asbestos classrooms at Pollock campus
11. Installation of campus CCTV security system
12. Upgrade of the eastern main sewer line.

### **FORM V VALEDICTION – 17 OCTOBER 2022**

A letter was sent to all the Form V parents, however, you could click on this link for ease of reference: <https://boyshigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Valediction-Boys-Parents-Invitation-2022.pdf>

### **BUDGET MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2022**

Please click on this link [https://boyshigh.com/uploads/AGM\\_NOTICE\\_for\\_2023\\_FEES.pdf](https://boyshigh.com/uploads/AGM_NOTICE_for_2023_FEES.pdf) for information about the budget meeting.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> term	Wednesday 11 January	Friday 24 March
2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Tuesday 11 April	Friday 23 June
3 <sup>rd</sup> term	Tuesday 18 July	Friday 29 September
4 <sup>th</sup> term	Tuesday 10 October	Wednesday 13 December

### **STAFF NEWS**

Congratulations to Mr Hudson on the birth of his daughter, Lily.

### **START OF 4<sup>th</sup> TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

Term 4 will start on Tuesday 11 October with Day 7. The school day will start with registration followed by a school assembly at the front of the school.

## END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The final exam of the year for all Form I-IV boys will be written on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> November, ending at 10 am. The end of the year assembly will follow at 10.20 am, ending at approximately 11.45 am. Please do not request early departures for your son as the final assembly is an important part of the school year, as we will be bidding farewell to long serving staff.

## APPEARANCE AND HAIR

When your son returns to school in the new term, please ensure their uniform is correct and their appearance is in line with the school rules. Please take note of the regulations that pertain to a boy's hairstyle as per the school's Code of Conduct (see the two points below). These rules will be strictly enforced as from the start of term. **Boys whose appearance is not up to standard will be sent home on the first day of term until such time that they meet with the school's requirements.** Boys, whose appearance is not up to standard, will not be allowed to represent the school at extramural activities.

1. Hair must be cut to an acceptable and uniform length and must always be neat and clean. There should not be a significant difference in length of the hair on the sides and the top of the head. Fringes must be above the eyebrow. While taking the boy's culture into consideration hairstyles must be conservative by nature.
2. No hair products such as gel and/or dyes are permitted and no unusual styles will be permitted. Boys may not perm or straighten their hair.

## HOLIDAY SPORTING ACTIVITIES

### Water Polo

The 1<sup>st</sup> team are taking part in the annual SACS water polo tournament being held in Cape Town from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This festival is attended by all the top water polo playing schools in South Africa.

- 1<sup>st</sup> October: PBHS 1<sup>st</sup> vs St Johns, Rondebosch Boys, St Benedict's and Kearsney College.  
2<sup>nd</sup> October: PBHS 1<sup>st</sup> vs Northwood, Grey College, Selborne and Paul Roos  
3<sup>rd</sup> October: PBHS vs Michaelhouse and finals

### Cricket

The 1<sup>st</sup> cricket team are taking part in the annual Michaelmas cricket festival, which is being held at Maritzburg College. The festival starts on 1<sup>st</sup> October and runs until the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

- 1<sup>st</sup> October: PBHS 1<sup>st</sup> vs Clifton 1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> October: PBHS 1<sup>st</sup> vs Maritzburg College 1<sup>st</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> October: PBHS 1<sup>st</sup> vs Glenwood 1<sup>st</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> October: PBHS 1<sup>st</sup> vs Michaelhouse 1<sup>st</sup> (T20)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cricket team are taking part in the Michaelhouse cricket festival starting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October and runs to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

- 1<sup>st</sup> October: PBHS 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Hilton College 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> October: PBHS 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Michaelhouse Red XI  
3<sup>rd</sup> October: PBHS 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Kearsney College 2<sup>nd</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> October: PBHS 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Michaelhouse White XI (T20)

The U15A team is taking part in the Sommerville U15 cricket festival being held at Pretoria Boys from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> October.

- 1<sup>st</sup> October: PBHS U15A vs Paarl boys U15A  
2<sup>nd</sup> October: PBHS U15A vs Michaelhouse U15A  
3<sup>rd</sup> October: PBHS U15A vs Northwood U15A  
4<sup>th</sup> October: PBHS U15A vs St Charles U15A (T20)

The U14A cricket team is taking part in the annual Charl van Rooyen cricket festival being hosted by A.H.S. from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. (All PBHS U14A team games are being played at PBHS)

1<sup>st</sup> October: PBHS U14A vs Selborne U14A

2<sup>nd</sup> October: PBHS U14A vs DHS U14A

3<sup>rd</sup> October: PBHS U14A vs Bishops U14A

4<sup>th</sup> October: PBHS U14A vs Kearsney College U14A (T20)

#### **SPORTS FIXTURES FOR TERM 4**

15<sup>th</sup> October: PBHS vs A.H.S. – Cricket & water polo will be played away, Basketball at Parktown and some matches at PBHS.

22<sup>nd</sup> October: PBHS vs K.E.S. – Cricket, water polo and basketball (away)

29<sup>th</sup> October: PBHS vs Jeppe – Cricket, water polo and basketball (home)

5<sup>th</sup> November: PBHS vs Noordheuwel – cricket (home)

PBHS vs St Albans - basketball (home & away)

PBHS vs St Albans – water polo (away)

#### **INTER-HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS**

##### Athletics

- 1 School
- 2 Solomon
- 3 Sunnyside
- 4 Rissik
- 5 Abernethy

##### Hockey Junior

- 1 School
- 2 Sunnyside
- 3 Solomon
- 4 Abernethy
- 5 Armstrong

##### Hockey senior

- 1 School
- 2 Sunnyside
- 3 Town
- 4 Armstrong
- 5 Hofmeyr

##### Rugby junior

- 1 Solomon
- 2 School
- 3 Rissik
- 4 Sunnyside
- 5 Armstrong

##### Rugby senior

- 1 Solomon
- 2 Rissik
- 3 School
- 4 Arcadia
- 5 Sunnyside

## Athletics

Victor Ludorum Winners

U14	Matthew Marais
U15	Leema Maruma
U16	Ntsako Ndhlovu
U17	Phillip Nicholson
U19/Open	Alex Radloff

## Cross Country

Gauteng

North Colours          Hiro Keet, Eduard van Driel

## New and Equalled Inter-House Athletics Records:

- Ntsako Ndhlovu (School House) broke the u/16 110m Hurdles record with a time of 15.0 seconds.
- Rhula Sitholde (Sunnyside House) broke the u/19 400m Hurdles record with a time of 59.8 seconds.
- Luyanda Khumalo (Solomon House) broke the u/15 100m record with a time of 11.3 seconds.
- Leema Maruma (Rissik House) equalled the previous u/15 100m record with a time of 11.5 seconds.
- Matthew Marais (Rissik House) set a new u/14 300m Hurdles record with a time of 46.0 seconds.
- Banele Mashaba (Rissik House) set a new u/15 300m Hurdles record with a time of 43.5 seconds.
- Ntsako Ndhlovu (School House) set a new u/16 400m Hurdles record with a time of 64.3 seconds.
- Gomolemo Matsapola (Sunnyside House) set a new u/17 400m Hurdles record with a time of 65.4 seconds

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 4**

12<sup>th</sup> October -          Photographic Society Exhibition

14<sup>th</sup> October -          Ballroom Showcase

14<sup>th</sup> October -          The SNIA will be screening “Playground”, a film that is part of the European Film Festival. The film is about bullying and there will be a post-screening discussion on the topic.

## **CULTURAL REPORT**

### BLOOM

As you all know, Pretoria Boys high School celebrates Women’s Month with its BLOOM Campaign. BLOOM is a Pretoria Boys High School campaign that was initiated by two Matric boys in 2020 and whose main aim is to raise awareness around Gender Based Violence. What makes BLOOM unique to our school, is that each year, the campaign strives to shine a light on **positive relationships between men and women**. This year’s theme “Cowboys and Angels” was a celebration and an appreciation of all the men and women who protect us and keep us safe.

### Pipe Band

Our Pipe Band has excelled in the competitions they took part in this term. Our Pipe Band took part in The Northerns Sports Grounds gathering which is the South African championship contest. Winners on the day are awarded the title of South African Champions. Another award is made on the day called "Champion of Champions" for the bands with the total points across the three national championship events this year. The band are, as a result, the SA Champion band in Grade 4 and were also given the title of Champion of Champions having the highest cumulative points in Grade 4 this season.

### Archery

Ruan Leonard, Form I Solomon House, was placed first out of 115 High School archers at the Archery competition held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Jan Viljoen High School.

### Gumboot Dancers

In July, they entered a Performing Arts competition run by Talent Africa. We are proud to announce that, through mastering the art of communication through dance, they won Gold in the Regional competition and received a certificate. We are waiting to hear if they have progressed further in the competition.

### Choir

The Pretoria Boys High School Choir was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in the country for ATKV finals Prestige category held at on 30<sup>th</sup> July in the ZK Matthews Hall at UNISA. In the High School Boys Prestige Category, the results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paul Roos (Cum Laude) achieved 90.05%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Affies Seuns Hoerskool (Gold) achieved 88.30%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Pretoria Boys High School (Gold) achieved 87.43 %

### **Inter-House Cultural Activities**

#### Inter-House Chess

Inter-House Chess took place over two days in August. The final rankings are as follows:

1. Sunnyside
2. Abernethy
3. Solomon
4. Matheson
5. Armstrong

#### Junior Inter-House Debating

The Junior Inter-House Debating took place in August. The placement for first was a very tight win as there was only one point separating them.

The results were as follows:

<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Arcadia	735
2. Town	734
3. School	730
4. Sunnyside	720
5. Solomon	480

## Inter-House Play Festival

The Inter-House Play Festival took place from the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August. The rankings are as follows:

1. Sunnyside
2. Solomon
3. Town
4. School
5. Matheson

Best actor in a Male role: Solomon House; Tristan Tacoulas, (Form IV)  
Best actor in a Female role: Town House; Luc Davel, (Form IV)  
Best Director: Sunnyside; Daniel Manley, (Form IV)  
Best original script: Abernethy; Adedamola Yusuff, (Form V)

## **BOYS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our warm congratulations go to the following boys:

### **Sport Colours**

#### Climbing

Half Colours Sebastian Van Wijk, Ian Dougal

#### Table Tennis

Full Colours Damola Yusuff, Theodor Harms

Hall Colours Pierre Scalliet

#### Hockey

Full Colours Liam Elkington, Christian Van Rooyen, Robert Jordaan, Ross Labuschagne, Hashil Lakha, Keagan Trollip, David Baxter, David Diemont, Micah Sonn

Half Colours Scott Allen, Daniel Manly, Alex Horak, Michael Robertson. Dewald Griesel

#### Hockey Service

Half Colours Graeme De Kock, Jonathan Le Roux

#### Rugby

Honours Lilitha Matsiliza

Half Colours Darion De Beer, Kitso Mokoena, William Olivier, Fritz Potgieter, Shaun Schürmann, Jason Van Merwe, Hannu Van Der Merwe, Joshua Naude, Justin Tattersall, John Ford, Liam Shamburg, Keethan Fitz, Muzi Mahlobo

Team Award Liam Brown, Litha Mkunqwana, Qhamani Beza, Khaya Motsa

#### Squash

Honours Jarrod Cousins

Half Colours Teagan Primmer

Team Award Reuben Arnoldi, Reuban Fourie

## **Cultural Colours**

#### Pipe Band

Half Colours Christiaan Driescher, Gerdian Taljaard, Terence Jenkins, Leecian Reddy, Thando Martino

Creative Writer's Club  
Risuna Mashela, (School)

Social Outreach  
Full Colours            Jesse Finck

Wildlife Society  
Full Colours            Nicholas Botha

Photographic Society  
Full Colours            Ntokozo Dlamini (re-award)

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Music** - In September three Boys High ensembles, the Guitar Quartet, the Clarinet Ensemble and the Boys High Trio '22 participated in the South African Society of Music Teachers National Ensemble Competition. The guitar quartet received third prize in the under-16 category, and the Boys High Trio '22, consisting of Daniel Obermeyer (piano), Hyukjoo Kim (violin) and Andrew Holdt (clarinet) received the first prize in the under-19 category.

Dylan Wesley-Smith received the prize for the Best String Player in the under-16 category at the Pretoria Eisteddfod.

**Squash** – Jarod Cousins ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in South Africa U19.

**Karate** – Eduard and Otto van Driel have both qualified at Provincial level and took part in an International Shotokan Karate Federation SA National Tournament. Eduard placed first in Kumite and second in Kata in his age division and Otto placed second for both Kumite and Kata in his age division.

Reuben van der Ende was selected for the SA team at the Goju Ryu Karate Federation championships, which were held in Italy.

**Provincial 7's Selection** – Two of our boys, Katlego Shebu and Ntsako Ndhlovu, have been selected for the Blue Bulls development 7's team that will take part in the inter-provincial tournament, being held in the school holidays.