



PRETORIA BOYS HIGH

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Dear Parents / Guardians

A SCHOOL OF SIGNIFICANCE – SPORT FOR LIVES

On Friday 17 March PBHS launched its Sport for Lives campaign. The campaign has been launched together with the onset of the winter sport season. We will use the hockey and rugby we will be playing to encourage generosity within our community by creating opportunities for individuals and teams to play for a greater cause.

Our Sport for Lives campaign will involve the raising of funds for the two young cancer patients, Mfundo and Donald (both 13 years old). Both these boys have been diagnosed with bone cancer and have each had to have a leg removed as a result of their illness. All funds raised by PBHS will go towards the prosthetic limbs these two boys will receive. Please see PBHS social media sites for the link as the school encourages you to get involved.

Pledges towards this cause can be made in the form of a once off donation or through the process of supporting your sons team whereby you commit to sponsoring a certain amount of money for every goal (for hockey) or try (for rugby) your son's team scores. Sponsoring a team does not have to be limited to your son's team and can include any team in the school. In this way your son's performance and his team's performance or any other team for that matter, becomes something far greater than simply their success but rather something of significance whereby every contribution is making a difference. Please see the PBHS social media sites for the link in order to make your pledge.

In launching the Sport for Lives campaign, Jonathan Kruger from Sport for Lives attended last Friday's assembly. At the assembly he spoke to the boys about the fact that just about every boy playing sport for Boys High was privileged to do so and that one should not take our good health and functioning bodies for granted. In the process, he pointed out the success any sports team achieved in any season was simply a bonus to being able to compete. In competing and making every effort to be as successful as one could be, Mr Kruger pointed out to the boys that in being privileged to play sport for our school, we also have the opportunity to make a difference. That we have the opportunity to be significant and not only successful. Significant in the lives of Mfundo and Donald.

After the assembly I had an interesting discussion with Mr Kruger. Mr Kruger is an Old Boy of Selbourne College and until recently, he was a teacher there (he now works full time for a NPO). Through his involvement in Sports for Lives he visits many schools, both public and private. Mr Kruger could not help but point out how impressed he was with PBHS. He commented on the schools grounds and buildings and how impressive they were. He commented on our boy's appearance and manners. After the assembly he commented that he had never experienced a school assembly such as the one he attended on Friday. He found that the format and dignity of the assembly and the behaviour of our boys was

commendable. He was to say the least, blown away by everything he experienced while visiting our amazing school.

In reflecting on Mr Kruger's comments, it is important to realise what we have at our school. Schools such as ours, the standards we have, the way we do things and what we stand for should not be taken for granted. It is important to realise just how privileged all of us are to be part of this school and in doing so, it is also important for all of us to understand the role we have in maintaining these standards. Mr Kruger's comments were a reminder that we must never lose sight or take for granted just how significant and privileged our school is. In understanding this, I look forward to the contribution PBHS will make towards our Sport for Lives campaign.

STAFF MATTERS

A very special word of thank you to **Mr Dylan Stevens** who has been teaching Life Sciences at the school for the past two terms. During his time at the school Mr Stevens proved to be an outstanding teacher and the school is deeply appreciative of his efforts. Mr Stevens, who is an Old Boy of the school, joined the school in the absence of Mrs Nel who has been on maternity leave. Mrs Nel will return to the school at the start of the second term. We congratulated **Mrs Nel** on the birth of her daughter, Lisa, on 14 October 2023.

The school would also like to thank **Ms Siobhan McKenzie** who has taught Science at the school for this term. Ms McKenzie came in at very late notice and has proved to be a very valuable staff member in the short time she has been with us. We wish her well as she starts her teaching career.

We also congratulated **Mr Herman Engelbrecht** on his marriage on Saturday 25 March and **Mr Zander de Jager** who will also be married on Saturday 25 March.

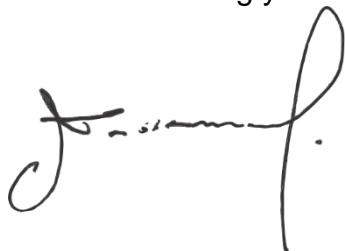
HAPPY HOLIDAY

The school would like to wish our Muslim community well for the holy month of Ramadan, which began on Friday following the sighting of the moon over Mecca. Ramadan will end on or around Tuesday 22 April with the celebratory days of Eid Ul-Fitr starting immediately afterwards.

For the Christian community, we wish all our parents and boys well for the celebration of Easter. We trust this will be a special time spent together as a family as you celebrate this very important event.

To the sports teams participating in the various holiday sports festivals, I wish them all the best of luck knowing that they will represent our school well, both on and off the field.

After what has been a busy but positive term, I wish you all a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing you all at the start of next term.

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

**GJ HASSENKAMP
HEADMASTER**

GENERAL INFORMATION

SECOND TERM ARRANGEMENTS

A full extramural programme has been arranged for the term with the following sports fixtures to which the school has committed. All boys participating in sport will be expected to honour these commitments:

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| Saturday 15 April | vs KES (away) |
| Saturday 21/22 April | vs Maritzburg (home) |
| Saturday 6 May | vs St Albans & CBC Boksburg (away) |
| Saturday 12/13 May | vs Hilton College |
| Saturday 20 May | vs St Benedict's & Northcliff (away) |
| Saturday 27 May | vs Michaelhouse (home) |
| Saturday 3 June | vs Jeppe (home) |
| Saturday 10 June | vs St John's (away) |

MARITZBURG EXCHANGE (21-22 APRIL)

Please note that we will be hosting Maritzburg College for this exchange. All parents of participating boys are requested to please make their homes available in order to host the College boys. A separate letter with further details will be sent out via email, WhatsApp and on the Communicator.

ISSUING OF REPORTS

Term One provisional reports will be handed to your sons today. Final reports will be issued on Wednesday 26 April.

Please take note of the date for the Parent Teacher consultation evening which will take place on Wednesday 3 May.

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The new term will start on Wednesday 12 April with Day 8.

HOLIDAY SPORTING ACTIVITIES MARCH/APRIL

Rugby

The 1st XV & 2nd XV rugby teams will be taking part in the Noord/Suid Rugby Festival at A.H.S. from 31 March to 4th April 2023.

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| Sat 1 st April | 11:30 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Durbanville High 1 st |
| Tues 4 th April | 16:00 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Paul Roos Gimnasium 1 st |

The 1st team will attend the St Johns Easter Rugby festival from 6th – 10th April 2023

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| Thurs 6 th April: | PBHS 1 st | versus | St Charles College 1 st |
| Sat 8 th April: | PBHS 1 st | versus | Grey High 1 st |
| Mon 10 th April: | PBHS 1 st | versus | Nelspruit High 1 st |

The U16A team will be taking part in the Jeppe Rugby Festival from the 6th - 10th April 2023.

The U15A team will be attending the A.H.S. U15 Rugby Festival from the 4th – 8th April 2023.

The U14A team will be attending the Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival at Maritzburg College from 4th April – 8th April 2023.

Hockey

The 1st hockey team will be taking part in the annual Nomads Festival at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth, from the 31st March to the 3rd April 2023.

The 1st team will playing against the following schools:

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| Sat 1 st April | 09:40 | PBHS 1 st | versus | St Charles |
| | 15:05 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Hilton College |
| Sun 2 nd April | 11:50 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Grey High |
| | 16:10 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Grey College |
| Mon 3 rd April | 08:35 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Wynberg Boys |

The 1st team will then take part at the St Stithians Easter Hockey Festival from the 5th April to the 8th April 2023.

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| Wed 5 th April | 18:00 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Hilton College |
| Thurs 6 th April | 11:15 | PBHS 1 st | versus | H/S Waterkloof |
| | 17:45 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Parel Vallei High |
| Sat 8 th April | 09:00 | PBHS 1 st | versus | Helpmekaar College |
| | 12:15 | PBHS 1 st | versus | St Andrews College |

The U16A hockey team will be taking part in the U16 Nomads Hockey Festival which takes place at Wynberg Boys in Cape Town from the 31st March to 3RD April 2023

The U14A hockey team will take part in the annual U14 Nomads Hockey Festival which is being held at Grey College in Bloemfontein from the 2nd April to 5th April 2023.

The 2nd hockey team will be playing in the Eldoraigue Hockey Festival from 25th – 27th March 2023.

The U16B hockey team will be playing in the Jeppe Hockey Festival from 24th – 25th March 2023.

The U14B hockey team will be playing in the Jeppe U14B Hockey Festival from 24th – 27th March 2023.

Tennis

The 1st tennis team will be taking part in the St Stithians Easter Tennis Festival from 5th April to the 8th April 2023.

BOYS ACHIEVEMENTS

Our warm congratulations go to the following boys:

Representative Council of Learners - 2023

RCL Committee: Chairman: Junior-Justice Mdhluli; Vice Chairman: Gimoll Legodi;
Secretary: Tumelo Mokoena; Teacher Liaison: Mrs L Smith

Abernethy: Jabu Twala, Owami Jacobs, Phatu Mutungutungu, Lethabo Kgotlagomang, Moagi Mokone

Arcadia: Mpho Dau, Alessio Sampaio, Bradley Angu, Wanga Ramano, Gimoll Legodi

Armstrong: Stefan Fourie, Alexander Ongley, Luc Louw, Jordan Grobler, Marsel Grobler

Hofmeyr: Cole Reid, Yitbarek Wandafrash, Takuda Shonhiwa, Hassen Hassen, Taariq Raffieyudeen

Matheson: Christos Simitopoulos, Joshua Djamba, Gianpaulo Alvares, Rethabile Sebakwane, Atlegang Bapela

Rissik: Hayden Symonds, Motheo Ramatsui, De Wet Pieterse, Keenan Braithwaite, Jordan Anderson

School: James de Bruyn, Lesiba Kapu, Oratile Motsoaledi, Tebogo Nchabeleng, Sicebiso Zotwane

Solomon: Milan Raffa, Pieter Grobler, Jeffrey Singo, Tumelo Mokoena, Tshepang Ngoetjana

Sunnyside: Connor Bayne, Oliver Oberholzer, Boikanyo Motitswe, Jason Leslie, Spamandla Sindikolo

Town: Mashego Mabuto, Luke Shaw, Roche Pio, Kagiso Kganyago, Junior Mdhluli

Academic Awards (based on 2022 promotion results)

Half Colours **Form III:** Kanja Ahatefu, Caleb Arendse, Mawuli Beke, Liam Claassen, Aiden Engelbrecht, Mohamed Ghoor, Jordan Grobler, Troy Hussey, Jonathan le Roux, Michael Lovell, Zwivhuya Mudzunga, Luke Marshall, Phenylo Pilusa, Murray Rogers, Janecko Springer, Erik Steenekamp, Timothy Tattersall, Dian van Schalkwyk, Enping Wang
Form IV: Jordan Hunter, Lubasi Kamuwanga, Sean Nell, Stewart Pringle, Sebastian Rainsford, Pfariso Ramaano, Jordan Reddy, Jacobus Uys, Sebastian Windt (new awards); Byron Barnes, Gollen Huang, Willem Jordaan, Ben-Johan Laubscher, Oguguo Okonkwo, Taariq Raffieyudeen, Shane September, Moreshan Soobramaniyen, Alexander van der Merwe, Ernst van Garderen, Sicebiso Zotwane

Full Colours **Form III:** Rein Arndt, Dartan Breytenbach, Ruard Booysen, Ulrich Coetzee, Datis du Preez, Pieter Ellis, Jack Funston, Adam Isebeck, Graydon Lubbe, Yuvek Naidoo, Benjamin Malan, Timothy Paulus, Vishay Pillay, Ethan Rademeyer, Kieran Reddy, Henry Smith, Zayaan Suliman, Matthew van Zyl, Wongalethu Xengana
Form IV: Yuma Bakampaka, Qihong (Elky) Lin, Jasper Mare, Lejeune Yehouessi (new awards); Simon Holm, Cobus Kok, Takura Kufakunesu, Hashil Lakha, Bao Le, Marinus Louw, Adam Prinsloo, Shaun Schürman, Zander Sephton, Jack Stewart, Joseph Stipinovich, Markus Taljaard, Dirk van der Hoff, Shaun van Zyl, Jared Williams, Liam Worms

Honours **Form III:** Benjamin Cloete, Matthew Moorhouse, Gerhard van Zyl
Form IV: Luc Davel (new award); Daniel Manley, Dirk-David Krause (re-award)

CULTURAL COLOURS

Music

Full Colours Sebastian Rainsford

SPORTS COLOURS AWARDS

Athletics

Full Colours Hiro Keet

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| Half Colours | Matthew Marais, Ompfuna Tsanwani (new awards); Sakhile Basi, Phenyo Pilusa |
| Gauteng | Matthew Marais |
| Gauteng North A | Siyanda Dladla, Joel Donkin, Osiphayo Ngcobo, Jack Stewart |
| Gauteng North B | Leema Maruma, Ciano Titus |
| District Colours | Matthew Marais, Mokgoni Matabane |

Basketball

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| Full Colours | Gomolemo Matsapola, Nigel Kufakunesu, Michael Robertson |
| Half Colours | Njongo Busakwe, Francois Cooper, Malachi Moropa, Tshepiso Shikhibana |
| Team Award | Kholofelo Matlou, Nehemiah Nii-Aryee, Mfundo Mahlangu, Itumeleng Nkosi, Potego Selepe |

Cricket

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| Full Colours | Callum Croome (re-award) |
| Half Colours | Adam Cannata, Johan Coetzer, Connor Hall, Reice Kruger, Nicholas Rossouw, Justin Tattersall, Marc van der Merwe |
| Team Award | Akhil Joshi (new award); Caden Cromarty, Murray Rogers, Keagan Thiele (new awards) |

Water Polo

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| Full Colours | Daniel Manley, Randy Muzungu, Jason van der Merwe (re-awards); Ben-Johan Laubscher, Joshua Venn (new awards) |
| Half Colours | Rickus Wessels (re-award); Stephen Adams, Dante Bevilacqua, Adam Prinsloo, Marko van Schalkwyk (new awards) |
| Team Award | Joshua Bezuidenhout, Ruben Steyn |

Water Polo Service

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| Full Colours | Kieran Binks |
| Half Colours | Travis Cottrell |

Cross Country

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| Form 1 Race | Daniel Eagar (School House) |
| Old Boys' Race | Hiro Keet |
| Social Race | Hiro Keet |
| Junior Inter-House | Otto Van Driel (School House) |
| Senior Inter-House | Eduard Van Driel (School House) |
| King-of-the-Mountain | Bokgoni Mampuru |
| Senior 10km Classic | Bokgoni Mampuru |
| Junior 10km Classic | Otto van Driel |

Sport Captains

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| Athletics | Sakhile Basi |
| Basketball | Gomolemo Matsapola |
| Climbing | Benjamin Cloete |
| Cricket | Keagan Thiele |
| Cross Country | Joel Donkin |
| Fencing | Joseph Pinetown |
| Golf | To be confirmed |
| Hockey | David Baxter |
| Mountain Biking | To be confirmed |

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| Rugby | Jason van der Merwe |
| Swimming | Ben-Johan Laubscher |
| Squash | To be confirmed |
| Table Tennis | Theodor Harms |
| Tennis | William Scott |
| Water Polo | Jason van der Merwe |

Squash

The school championships were held from 18 to 21 January and the results were as follows:

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| 1 st Round Plate Winner | Dean Cilliers |
| 2 nd Round Plate Winner | Luke Southwood |
| 1 st Place | Milan Raffa |
| 2 nd Place | Benjamin Southwood |
| 3 rd Place | Tim Gordon |

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Café Concert

Over the evenings of 12-14 March the school once again produced what can only be described as a world class Café Concert. The concert is an annual show which displays the various music ensembles at the school. The performance of the boys and bands was quite remarkable and once again highlights the quality of work done by the schools Music Department. Our compliments go to Mrs Reyburn and the entire Music Department for the outstanding work they continue to do in developing the musical talent at the school.

Archery

Ruan Leonard, Form II (Solomon) was placed 10th in the World after an International Archery Competition which was held on the 10th of December. The five participating countries were ranked in the Top 16 Junior AGA Archers in the world. The Top 16 list, (which includes participants from Canada, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia) is how archers performed in the first three ranking flights and includes a minimum of 6 archers of the opposite gender. Following this achievement, Ruan Leonard continues to achieve outstanding results in Archery and is selected to represent South Africa as member of the AGA-SA National Junior Team in the international championships during the July holidays. The AGA-SA Teams will compete against the National Junior Teams of Botswana, Canada, Namibia and Zimbabwe on 28 and 29 July 2023 at Camp Discovery near Rust Der Winter in the Limpopo Province.

Aeronautical Society

Twelve members of the PBHS Aeronautical Society volunteered for a community service initiative at the SA National Museum of Military History early in February which involved cleaning the aircraft exhibits that are on display outside. They were joined by a girl from PHSG who was an honorary member for the day. The boys (and girl) worked hard through the morning to clean four aircraft that are displayed outside, namely a Mirage III, Allouette III, Impala Mk2, and C47 Dakota. The last of these is a sizeable aircraft and the biggest challenge. The boys made a positive impression on veterans (who were cleaning tanks and artillery pieces at the museum) through their enthusiasm and good manners. After the morning's work, the group was given a tour of the oldest aircraft exhibits at the museum by the master in charge of the Aeronautical Society.

Art

The Pretoria Boys High School's Art Department held their annual Art Exhibition this term. The exhibition showcased works of the matriculants of 2022 as well as the works of our current boys. The exhibition was opened by Dr Avi Sooful, a Senior Lecturer of Visual Arts of the University of Pretoria.

Chess

The Annual Form I Chess Championship was held on the 30th and 31st of January. Herewith the Top 5 Form I Chess Champs:

- 5th Gosiame Mongale (Arcadia)
- 4th Frank Bouwer (School)
- 3rd Nathan Marais (Hofmeyr)
- 2nd Nathan Edwards (Solomon)
- 1st Andrió de Vries (Arcadia)

German Achievement

Meiring van Zyl, Form IV, achieved excellent results in the National German Olympiad which he wrote in October 2022. The Olympiad takes place at various centres including Pretoria, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Vryheid, Hermannsburg, Bethlehem and Cape Town. It is specifically for grade 10 learners who take German as a subject and who are not German speakers. A total of 85 learners took part in the Olympiad last year. Meiring came second, together with two other pupils in the country. He achieved a remarkable 94%, just 0.5% behind the winner.

French Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, 1st of March, Pretoria Boys High School hosted the semi-final round of the French Spelling Bee Competition held by "A Better Africa". The participating schools included Crawford Pretoria, Menlopark Hoërskool, Afrikaanse Meisies Hoërskool, Pecanwood and Pretoria Boys. Of the ten participants, Yuvek Naidoo, Form IV Hofmeyr, came second, only two points behind the winner.

Community Engagement

Our Photographic Society and Architecture Club are doing a combined collaboration as their Community Engagement project. The Photographic Society has chosen Pug Rescue as their charity for 2023, photographing the rescues for calendar purposes as well as to uplift Pug Rescue's Social Media page.

The Architecture Club accompanied the Photographic Society to Pug Rescue to start on the community engagement project. Joshua Murhandikire, Form I Sunnyside and Mr H Engelbrecht met with Cheryl Gaw, the owner of Pug Rescue, to discuss floor plans. Due to the fact that Pug Rescue cannot afford employing architects for preliminary plans, the Architecture Club is assisting with the initial plans which will then go to the architects. Joshua helped Mr Engelbrecht draw up a design brief, identifying all the problems and project constraints for the pug rescue as well as designing a new floorplan project.

Our Art Club collaborated with our Social Outreach Society as they visited a children's home to take measurements of wall space. Our Art Club will be painting murals at the home, using their talents to uplift spirits.

Members of the Wildlife Society netted out the fish from the fountain in front of the main building. They were assisting the Maintenance department who will get the fountain repaired and sealed. We would like to thank the Wildlife Society for the continuous work the boys do on the estate, the removing of alien vegetation on the property and clearing up the weeds Loch area.

EXTERNAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Physically Disabled and Visually Impaired Athletics

Kitso Mokolometsa attended the National Athletic Championships for the Physically disabled and Visually Impaired held in Cape Town recently. Kitso excelled and came first in the following events: 100m, 200m & long Jump, an outstanding performance.

Athletics

The following boys have been selected to represent Gauteng North in an ASA meeting being held in Pietermaritzburg. Leema Maruma U18 800M, 4 x 400m relay, Ciano Titus U18 2000m Steeplechase, Siyanda Dladla U16 Long jump and Osiphayo Ngcobo U16 100M, 200M & 4X 100M relay. Competing at the SA Schools athletics meeting, Matthew Marais will compete in the U15 High Jump.

Ice Hockey

Santino Goniwe (Form II Sunnyside) was selected to represent South Africa at the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship held in Cape Town. He is the youngest player in the SA team.

Archery

Ruan Leonard (Form II Solomon) was placed 10th in the world at an International Archery Competition held in December last year. The five participating countries were ranked in the Top 16 Junior AGA archers in the world.

Simfonia Juventi

The following boys were accepted to be part of this prestigious orchestra. This orchestra consists of top musicians from High Schools in and around Gauteng. Benjamin Malan (Clarinet 1), Adam Isebeck (Clarinet 2), Philip Ortner (Flute 2), Simon Holm (Trombone 1), Markus Taljaard (Violin 1), Reuben van Nieuwenhuizen (Violin 1 & Concerto), Evan Huyssen (Violin 1), Ubalutum Okonkwo (Violin 1), Leecian Reddy (Violin 2), Leatile Malope (Violin 2), Dylan Wesley-Smith (Viola), Benjamin Cloete (Cello)