



# PRETORIA BOYS HIGH

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **FORM V's - GOOD BYE, GOOD LUCK and THANK YOU**

The matrics will have two weeks of school at the start of next term before their Valediction Ceremony and Final Assembly after which I will wish them all the very best for the final examinations which they will begin writing on 30 October. It is the schools wish that these boys finish well and that the matric exams go ahead without any complications where all our Form V boys will achieve the results they truly deserve.

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 successful year and in this, our matric Class of 2023 must be complimented. They have been an extremely positive group who have led well and set a high standard which the rest of the school has followed. I am extremely proud of our matrics and what they have achieved this year and I 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 of school.

Very importantly, thank you also to the Form V parents and guardians who have supported us so loyally over the past five years. I trust 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 SPRINGBOKS - A TIME FOR HOPE**

Last week Friday the school held a "Bok Friday" as we look to get behind the Springboks and support them in their world cup endeavour. In the Friday assembly I spoke to the school about the hope and inspiration we as a school and more importantly as a nation, can take from our national team during this time.

While any world cup in any sport is always a good opportunity for us as a sport crazy nation to stand together, perhaps this year's Rugby World Cup is even more important than any other world cup that has gone before? Two previous World Cups which stand out for me are the Rugby World Cup of 1995 and the Soccer World Cup of 2010. Not only did we proudly and successfully host both of these events but both occurred at important times in terms of our country. The 1995 Rugby World Cup and the victory that followed could not have come at a better time in terms of our newly established democracy and nation building. Fifteen years later the 2010 Soccer World Cup was an opportunity for us as a country to solidify what we stood for as the rainbow nation. But perhaps this year's Rugby World Cup has a significance greater than any of these exciting events that have come before.

As we all know South Africa has been in a slow but steady decline ever since the national elections of 2009. Eskom, Transnet, SAA, the Post Office and many other state organisations have collapsed, many of our cities are falling apart and we all live in constant fear of crime. With the masses of youth unemployed, there are further concerns. But yet, we are a deeply patriotic and resilient nation and there is, amid the despair, much that we should celebrate about our beautiful country and its amazing people. At the moment the good story that millions of us are hanging on to is the extraordinary success of our national rugby team.

That we have been able to build and sustain a world-class team gives us tremendous pride and hope. That it includes leading members from all race and class groups shows that we can build a new future and in the process be successful. When one considers Heritage Day which we have just celebrated it is wonderful to note the rich variety of cultures that make up the members of our national rugby team and in the process to acknowledge and appreciate the rich heritage that exists within our borders. Despite the doom and gloom, the Springboks show what we are capable of as a nation when we all work together. The Springboks show us that we can be world class, that we can make South Africa work and make it work very well. The Springboks give us all hope.

The question is how can we replicate the success of the Springboks in other aspects of our society? We can, as a first priority, simply refuse to accept incompetence and mediocrity in the same way that the Springboks have done. We all know that nobody gets into the Springbok setup as a player, coach, physiotherapist, or in any other role, without taking pride in what they do and demanding the highest of standards of themselves. The Springboks have shown us what excellence looks like and we should all be demanding it in every aspect of our lives.

This does not only mean demanding it from the government. More importantly we should also demand it from ourselves. In the school work that we do, in any activity we participate in and the difference we can make in the lives of others.

Just like the Springboks we can and must back ourselves and demand the best from ourselves and those around us if we are going to give ourselves any chance of moving forward. Like the Springboks, we have the people with the skills and the character to be successful and make South Africa a dynamic world leading country with hope and possibility. What we need to make our country work are people of the calibre of Rassie Erasmus, Siya Kolisi, Manie Libbok, Cheslin Kolbe, Pieter-Stef du Toit and all the others who make us so proud as a nation. Just like the Springboks, we have the people to do it. All that is required is a positive mind set, sufficient commitment and to be given the opportunity.

What continues to give me hope in this country are the shining lights such as our Springbok rugby team and the boys we have in our school. If we can find world-class rugby players, coaches and support staff to lead our national team, there is no reason that amongst our boys we cannot find the world-class men needed to lead our country. As a nation, I continue to believe that we have the potential to be successful and to be the best. It is at times such as these as we support our national team and it is in working with boys such as ours that I am reminded of this.

We all love our school and will always support the red, white and green. In the same way the passion that we all feel for the Springboks has its roots in the fact that we love our country. For the next four weeks, wearing our green and gold we will continue to back the Boks and allow them to be the inspiration we all need to remind us that our country will be great again.

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

All boys will be receiving their reports at the end of school today, Friday. 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.

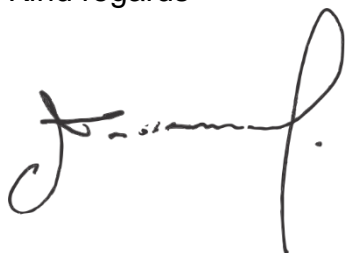
For the Form I's – IV's, your sons end of year examinations will commence a mere four weeks after we return (click here for the timetable <https://boyshigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Form-I-IV-Exam-Timetable.pdf>) and for the matrics, three weeks (click here for the timetable <https://boyshigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Form-V-NSC-Exam-Timetable.pdf>.) 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.

### **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



**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.

#### **FORM V VALEDICTION – 23 OCTOBER 2023**

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/2023/09/Valediction.pdf>

#### **BUDGET MEETING 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Please click on this link [https://boyshigh.com/uploads/AGM\\_NOTICE\\_for\\_2024\\_FEES.pdf](https://boyshigh.com/uploads/AGM_NOTICE_for_2024_FEES.pdf) for information about the budget meeting.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> term	Wednesday 17 January	Wednesday 20 March
2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Wednesday 3 April	Friday 14 June
3 <sup>rd</sup> term	Tuesday 9 July	Friday 20 September
4 <sup>th</sup> term	Tuesday 1 October	Wednesday 11 December

### **SOCIAL OUTREACH**

The outreach initiatives this term were very successful. The dignity bag initiative for rape victims and women who have been abused was the most successful one to date. A total of 154 bags was handed over to the Kameelsdrift Trauma Center. It is only due to the parents buying into this initiative that made it such a success. The tinned food and non-perishable food drive was equally successful with 1300 cans of food and other non-perishable items being donated.

We go into the last term of the year with one initiative left. Through the Boys High community we support 5 orphanages and places of safety. They look after about 250 children in total.

We would like to ensure that each of these children receives a Christmas gift. The Santa's Christmas gift bag initiative will start at the beginning of the new term and will run for October. A list of items will be supplied via The Communicator and your sons' tutors. Please support this drive as enthusiastically as you have supported all the other initiatives.

My sincere thanks go to everyone who supports the school's outreach initiatives. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the various organisations we support.

Mrs P Vlag (MIC Outreach)

## **GROUNDS & BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS**

### PV Solar Project

Installation commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> September (roof mountings). Panels have been delivered and will be installed during the October break. Installation of inverters, all cabling and tie-in to be completed by the end of October. This will be followed by a period of testing before we start producing solar power in mid-November.

### Multi-purpose Building

We are still awaiting planning approval by Council after submitting plans in February 2023. The School intends to lodge an application in terms of Section 7 (6) of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards act, No 103 of 1977, which makes provision for a local authority to grant provisional authorisation to commence work prior to the approval of the building plan application. If granted, it is hoped that building will commence early 2024.

## **STAFF NEWS**

Congratulations to Mr Botha and Miss Viljoen who will be married on the 7<sup>th</sup> October during these holidays.

Mr Herman Engelbrecht's baby boy was born at the end of July and Mrs Mansell, our San sister, adopted a boy, William, who is now 10 months old. We wish them all well with their babies.

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

Term 4 will start on Tuesday 10 October with Day 7.

## **END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS**

As per the examination timetable issued, the final day of exams of the year for all Form I-IV boys will be written on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> November, ending at 10 am. The end of the year assembly will follow at 10.20 am, ending at approximately 12.00 pm. 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, including our Second Master, Mr Illsley.

## **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 and will remain in place until after all the exams have been written. Boys are not allowed to grow their hair in anticipation of the school holidays.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. This festival is attended by all the top water polo playing schools in South Africa. Their fixtures are as follows:

30<sup>th</sup> September vs St Johns, Rondebosch Boys, St Benedict's & Paul Roos.

1<sup>st</sup> October vs Northwood, Parktown & Hilton.

2<sup>nd</sup> October vs St David's & playoffs

### 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 takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> September until the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Their fixtures are as follows:

30<sup>th</sup> September vs Hilton College

1<sup>st</sup> October vs Clifton College

2<sup>nd</sup> October vs Maritzburg College

3<sup>rd</sup> October vs Michaelhouse (T20)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cricket team are taking part in the Michaelhouse cricket festival which takes place from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September until 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Their fixtures are as follows:

29<sup>th</sup> September vs St Charles

30<sup>th</sup> September vs Maritzburg College

1<sup>st</sup> October vs Michaelhouse

2<sup>nd</sup> October vs Hilton

The U15A team are taking part in the Sommerville U15 cricket festival being held at Pretoria Boys from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Their fixtures are as follows:

30<sup>th</sup> September vs Maritzburg College

1<sup>st</sup> October vs Hilton

2<sup>nd</sup> October vs Westville

3<sup>rd</sup> October vs Glenwood

The U14A cricket team is taking part in the annual Charl van Rooyen cricket festival being hosted by Selborne College from Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in East London. Their fixtures are as follows:

30<sup>th</sup> September vs D.H.S.

1<sup>st</sup> October vs Selborne

2<sup>nd</sup> October vs Kearsney

3<sup>rd</sup> October vs Grey High

### Basketball

The 1<sup>st</sup> basketball team will be taking part in the annual Kearsney basketball tournament taking place at Kearsney College in KZN from the 28<sup>th</sup> September until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

## **SPORTS FIXTURES FOR TERM 4**

14 October vs A.H.S. (Cricket & Water Polo) Home and Away.

21 October vs St Stithians (Cricket, Basketball & Water Polo) Home and Away.

28 October vs Jeppe (Cricket, Basketball & Water Polo) Home and Away.

4 November vs King Edward VII (Cricket, Water Polo & Basketball) Home and Away.

## **INTER-HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS**

### Athletics

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

### New and Equalled Inter-House Athletics Records:

Tsheetso Lekgadimane broke the U14 300m hurdles record with a time of 44.7 seconds

Banele Mashaba set a new U16 400m hurdles record with a time of 63.1 seconds.

Ntsako Ndhlovu set a new U17 10m hurdles record with a time of 15.7 seconds.

Jeffrey Singo set a new U16 discus record with a distance of 46.88m.

Liam Brooker equalled the U15 300m hurdles record with a time of 43.5 seconds.

### Hockey Junior

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

### Hockey Senior

- 1 Sunnyside
- 2 Armstrong
- 3 Abernethy
- 4 Arcadia
- 5 Matheson

### Rugby Junior

- 1 Solomon
- 2 School
- 3 Rissik
- 4 Matheson
- 5 Town

### Rugby senior

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

### Tennis

- 1 Sunnyside
- 2 Armstrong
- 3 Abernethy
- 4 Arcadia

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 4**

19 October: Photographic Exhibition

20 October: Ballroom Showcase

## **CULTURAL REPORT**

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

#### Junior Debating

1<sup>st</sup> Town

2<sup>nd</sup> Matheson

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunnyside

#### Chess

1<sup>st</sup> Arcadia

2<sup>nd</sup> Hofmeyr

3<sup>rd</sup> School

### **Art**

The Four Schools' Art Exhibition was opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September at the Viewing Room Art Gallery by the Head of the Art Department of the University of Johannesburg and acclaimed artist, Gordon Froud. Pretoria Boys High School was the host school this year and the chosen works for the exhibition were put on display publicly for the first time.

### **Archery**

Matthew Moorhouse and Sebastian Spiwak competed in the Africa Genesis Archery North Gauteng Provincial Team and will be competing in Springs in October.

### **Chess**

Andrio de Vries and Eric Fidos took part in the 2023 Etienne Lewis U/16 Open Tournament. Both these boys qualify to play in the Tshwane U/16A Team at the inter-region tournament in January 2024.

### **Choir**

The Choir performed at the Tshwane Youth Arts Festival at the State Theatre on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August. Their performance was very well received.

### **Gumboot Dancers**

Our Gumboot Dancers (Usiphile Biyongo, Sean Botha, Thando Lokotwayo, Njabulo Mahlangu, Thato Mosimege and Anathi Nteta) participated in the Talent Africa Competition held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June in Centurion. They qualified for Provincial Colours and have made it through to Nationals. The National competition will take place in October in Sasolberg.

Our Gumboot Dancers were invited to perform at a charity event in August at Pretoria Country Club which was organised by Brainlife which offer care to people who suffer from acquired brain injuries from an accident or stroke. They were also invited to the French school to perform at their Heritage Day festivities.

### **Library**

The Library hosted the annual Readerslink competition. Pretoria Boys High School, Affies Seuns, Garsfontein, Girls High and Menlopark were the five schools who participated in the competition and the afternoon proved to be a fun-filled resounding success.

## **Pipe Band**

In July, the Pipe Band attended the St Benedict's College annual gathering. The results for Boys High were as follows:

**Novice Juvenile (School Category)** – 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Grade 4 (Playing with Pretoria Highlanders)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Overall:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Pretoria Highlanders)

**Grade 3** (with Pretoria Highlanders) – Patrice Mwilambwe, Omphile Kadiege and Reatilwe Modise competed and won both sets and came first in their grade.

## **Drumming**

Snare: Junior March Strathspey & Reel - Patrice Mwilambwe placed 9th

Snare: Novice A March Strathspey & Reel - Thando Martino placed 4th

Drum Pad (Learner drummer competition) – Jedd Muzame placed 1st

Tenor: Junior March Strathspey & Reel – Omphile Kadiege placed 2nd

Tenor: Novice March - Kabelo Kgofelo placed 3rd

Bass: Junior March Strathspey & Reel - Thando Martino placed 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Maritzburg Exchange**

Three Cultural clubs and societies took part in the Maritzburg exchange and our Big Band also took part in the exchange.

**Chess** - PBHS beat Maritzburg College.

**Debating** - Our Junior Debaters lost to College and our Senior Debaters beat College.

**Public Speaking**- Impromptu Speaking (Eight speakers, four from each school) - Hashil Lakha was placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Akhil Joshi finished 4<sup>th</sup>, Nthando Jele finished 5<sup>th</sup> and Sebastian Windt finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Music**

The Guitar Quartet and the Clarinet and Rhythm Ensemble entered the National SASMT Pretoria Ensemble Competition. The under 18 category was won by the Clarinet and Rhythm Ensemble and the Guitar Quartet came second.

The Dixie Band and Salon Boys will be traveling to the United Kingdom in these October holidays for public performances and workshops on Jersey Island and in London.

## **Four Schools Concert**

Pretoria Boys High School hosted the annual Four Schools concert.

## **Fringe Production**

This was staged over three nights in August.



## **BOYS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our warm congratulations go to the following boys:

### **Sport Colours**

#### **Climbing**

Full Colours Benjamin Cloete, Victor Ellis  
Half Colours Meiring van Zyl

#### **Athletics**

Victor Ludorum Winners

U14 Tsheetso Lekgadimane  
U15 Daniel Strachan  
U16 Leema Maruma  
U17 Marcel Linde (and Open)  
U19 Simon Holm

#### **Cross Country**

Full Colours Hiro Keet, Bokgoni Mampuru  
Half Colours Jonathan Gauld, Vincent Makhari, Simon Moleke, Ciano Titus  
Team Award Damian Cloete, Joel Donkin, Eduard van Driel

#### **Gauteng**

North Colours Bradley Chikane, Hiro Keet, Ciano Titus, Bokgoni Mampuru, Andreas Van Rensburg

#### **Football**

Full Colours Ave Makonco, Itumeleng Nkosi  
Half Colours Tshepiso Chidi, Reagile Langa (re-award); Matteo Da Gama, Charl Hofmeyr, Phakedi Manamela, Mfundo Mahlangu, Tyrell Noble, Luyanda Sipika, Edmond Upton, Marco Upton (new awards)  
Team Award Anashe Gwewera, Mdazuka Mava, Awonke Mteto, Tebogo Nchabeleng, Mpilo Ngwenya, Omolemo Nkwashu, Matthew Van Zyl

#### **Hockey**

Honours David Baxter, Micah Sonn  
Full Colours Hashil Lakha (re-award); Ruard Booyesen, Likho Dube, Robert Hassenkamp, Stewart Pringle, Marco Upton (new awards)  
Half Colours Dewald Griesel, Daniel Manley, Michael Robertson (re-awards); Jayden Boshoff, Jeron Hugo  
Team Award Rein Arndt, Cameron Davids  
National Selection  
U18B team David Baxter, Michah Sonn  
High Performance Squad  
U17 Ruard Booyesen  
SA Schools Maravan Cup Malaysia  
U17 Ruard Booyesen

#### **Hockey Service**

Half Colours Jonathan Le Roux (re-award)

#### **Rugby**

Full Colours Kitso Mokoena, Joshua Naude, Ntsako Ndhlovu, Shaun Schurmann, Tshepiso Shikhibana

Half Colours	Justin Tattersall (re-award); Stephen Adams, Itu Baloyi, Kyle Hezlett, Thapelo Mphela, Ofentse Moeng, Randy Muzungu, Tebogo Nchabaleng, Katlego Shebu, Ompfuna Tsanwani, Rickus Wessels (new awards)
Team Award	Etienne Du Preez, Panayioti Ellinas, Reice Kruger, Christopher Smith, Ernest Van Rooyen

### Squash

Half Colours	Ulrich Coetzee, Nathan Finck, Tim Gordon, Matthew McGinley, Michael Paliam, Milan Raffa, Benjamin Southwood
Team Award	Ulrich Coetzee, Michael Paliam

### Table Tennis

Full Colours	Theodor Harms (re-award), Evan Brown (new award)
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### **Cultural Colours**

#### Drama (Merit)

Half Colours	Matthew van Zyl
Full Colours	Adam Prinsloo

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Squash** – Milan Raffa was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the South African rankings for Under 14.

**Climbing** – Adam Isebeck, Benjamin Cloete, Victor Ellis and Pieter Vorster will be representing Gauteng at the national climbing competition in KZN this holiday.

**Table Tennis** – Evan Brown won the Gauteng North table tennis tournament.

**Equestrian** – Julian van Greunen was selected to participate in the SANESA Gauteng finals and was then selected to represent Gauteng North in the upcoming National finals for dressage.

**Polo Cup** – Anthony Pretorius took part in National Extreme Festival where he placed second on the East London Grand Prix circuit.

**Soccer** – Sodarsh Naicker was selected for the soccer Tri-Colour games in Italy in August.

**FSA Youth Exchange** – Four of our boys, Reuben van Nieuwenhuizen, Benji Rautenbach, Pieter Steyn and Tristan Vorster were selected for this German exchange from November this year until January 2024.