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# PREPARATORY NEWS

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## Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils

The next generation of teaching technology has arrived at Dainfern College!

This week, in the Prep School at our Senior and Junior Prep Assemblies, we launched our 26 new iPads as part of our 2020 Vision challenge that was set at the beginning of the year. Portable multimedia devices are the tools of the future and the sooner we can expose our children (and teachers) to the unbelievable educational benefits this technology has to offer, the better.

We have, for a number of years, been at the 'cutting edge' of technology in terms of our Data Projectors and Mimio Boards, our website and our ongoing use of Google Applications, thanks mainly to our amazing team of Technology teachers.

It all starts with Mrs Gwen Mitchell in the Junior Prep. She provides the inspiration for a generation of children who already have an innate understanding of Technology. Gwen not only teaches relevant computer skills to our little ones, but has also been pivotal in assisting teachers with this new generation of teachings aids in the classroom.

Mr Anthony Egbers teaches Design & Technology to Grades 4 – 7 and Computer Skills to Grade 7s. He has also been instrumental in implementing new technological ideas and is always available to guide and assist staff who require assistance.

Mention also needs to be made of Mr Nick Watson, who teaches our Grade 3 and 5 Computer Skills and Mr Byron Keet, our Assistant Network Manager who so willingly give of his time to assist our staff.

Lastly, the two stalwarts of our Technology Committee are Mr Nick Parker and Mrs Louise Browne.

Nick Parker has been our Network Manager for a number of years and is always looking for better and more effective ways of implementing technology at our school. He has coordinated the installation of our comprehensive fibre-optic network system; he moved us across to Google e-mail and booking systems for our various facilities; he has streamlined our photocopying processes; and has recently upgraded our phone system.

Louise Browne has been Head of Technology for a number of years. During this time, while still teaching Grade 6 Maths, she has helped all our teachers to implement technology in their teaching. In this short time she has become known as the 'guru' of the Mimio Board and has been asked to speak at numerous teachers' Cluster meetings. At the beginning of this year Mimio South Africa invited her to attend the BETT (British Educational Technology) Conference in the United Kingdom. She was invited to talk at the Education Technology Expo, held at the Dome this year, and last week she attended the Apple Conference in Cape Town and was asked to speak at the AMESA Conference held at JCE.

With this level of expertise in our midst, it is hardly surprising that recent visitors to our school from Samsung, Apple and Google have been astonished by the level of technology at our school.

For the remainder of this year, Mrs Browne will be coordinating the implementation of the iPad into the classroom. Teachers will be able book the 26 iPads and Mrs Browne will then research the lesson, download the relevant 'Apps' and will assist the respective teacher with the particular lesson. This approach will not only expose our children to iPad technology, it will also teach the teachers. And hopefully, when we are able to order more tablets (not necessarily Apple), teachers will have the expertise to utilise this amazing technology on an ongoing basis.

We are hugely excited about this next significant step in the educational history of our school and hope that this technology, implemented with suitable value guidance, will add tremendous value to the education of our children for the future.

Have a wonderful weekend.

### **DARREL WEBB**

Principal  
Dainfern Preparatory

- **Staff**

Mr Steyn and Mrs Gower-Jackson will be away at Wits Business School for the week 25 – 29 July. Should you have any concerns please do contact the class teachers or Mr Webb.

- **Talent Shows**

The talent show will be held next TUESDAY 26 (GRADES 4 AND 5) and WEDNESDAY 27 (GRADES 6 AND 7). Both evenings start at 18h00 and are going to be most enjoyable. The children have been working very hard and need all our support on these evenings. There will be no winner chosen: the idea is to celebrate the talent of our children here at Dainfern College.

This is an InterHouse competition, however, and points will be given for every child who attends, so I urge you to encourage all your children to attend to support. Both evenings will end at approximately 19h00.

### **PATTI VAN DER PLOEG**

Director of Music

- **Parents' Forum – Wednesday 27 July at 07h30**

Mr Webb will be presenting the Prep termly school report on Wednesday 27 July from 07h30-08h30 in the Function Room. Questions and concerns of a general nature, will also be discussed.

- **SP Readathon: 20 July – 03 August 2011**

The annual **READATHON** will take place for a two-week period from 20 July to 3 August. Each child is encouraged to read a minimum of 500 pages in the allocated time period. A reading log has been given to every child to record the number of pages read on a daily basis. Parents and teachers are requested to sign the log daily so as to monitor the reading of every individual. The child in each class who reads the most number of pages will receive a prize. On Friday 5 August all children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character; prizes will also be awarded for the best character in each Grade. Please encourage your child to read and if possible exceed the minimum requirement as reading is the one skill which is of vital importance and will be of great benefit to them.

**MARGIE PETTIT**

Head of English

- **Outreach**

I would like to thank a number of Dainfern College pupils who also contributed 67 minutes of their time to helping others in support of Madiba Day. Our main support was for our Outreach School, Re-Shomile Primary School, in Diepsloot. The Grade 0-3 pupils made sandwiches (as you can imagine, Bovril went everywhere!) and many chopped vegetables. During the course of this week, the Grade 5 learners made game boards for the Grade 2 learners, they held mini Soccer clinics with the Foundation Phase learners, and others prepared soup for the Grade Rs. The Outreach Group baked scones for delivery on Friday morning. Dainfern Prep Outreach would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

**MAMA MNCUBE**

SP Outreach Coordinator

- **Dainfern is going Green**

Our Operations Manager, Mr Brian Leahy, recently reported the following additions/upgrades to our Campus in order to become more energy efficient:

- We have put timers on our geysers so they heat up at night during low energy demand.
- We have lowered temperatures from 75°C to 50°C on most geysers.
- We have changed our light bulbs on 15 security flood lights from 400W to 45W (a total of 6000W thus reduced to 675W).
- We are running pool pumps for three days only in winter at night during low energy demand and will revert back to normal hours in summer.
- We have done load balancing on all DB boards to minimise high peaks on certain phases.
- We have installed relays on all air conditioners to prevent auto start-up and thus spread the peak demand after power failure, except for the server room.

- Brian Berry, our Assistant Operations Manager, now does 'walkabouts' after hours (22h00) and turns off all heaters and lights not required.
- We are replacing all burst geysers, as and when, from 200L to 150L capacity.

### **Future Plans**

- We will be replacing all T8 fluorescent light tubes with new T5 energy saving tubes (1500 light fittings).
- We will be replacing old wall-mounted fan heaters with new economy type heaters.
- We will be installing motion sensors to rooms for auto switch-on/off of lights.

- **SP Lost Property**

#### **Lunchboxes**

Karabo Ndaba  
Ashleigh Muller  
Antonie Muller  
Mickayla Buckle

Sean Davidson  
Harry Staples  
Yan Huang  
Tapiwa  
Thomas Dijzel

#### **Tracktops and jackets**

Fadzai Mushonga  
Terence Clarkson  
Malose Ledwaba x2  
Harry Staples

There is lots of unmarked clothing.

- **PE Shorts**

It has been brought to our attention that in a few instances the PE shorts have torn on the side. This has been discussed with McCullagh and Bothwell, our supplier, and they have asked that you please return the torn shorts and they will replace them immediately.

- **Primary School bloggers**

We have embarked on a new project in ICT, teaching our children to blog. We as ICT teachers are well aware of the various risks related to blogging and have taken the necessary precautions. We also know that there are many more positives to teaching our children about blogging in a safe environment where we can exercise control over the content and privacy settings. We strive to teach our children to use technology in a positive and responsible manner.

To this end we have researched this matter and are using a blog site [www.blog.com](http://www.blog.com). One of the aims of this site is that it caters to the needs of the younger generation. This blog site has no age limit and terms and conditions are being adhered to. The privacy settings have been set to private, which essentially means that you cannot go to the child's individual blog unless you know the domain name of the blog or if you are a Dainfern ICT teacher. If you want to comment on a child's blog you have to write the comment on the blog and it will not appear unless it has been approved by the blogger.

We would love to offer a session on blogging to our parents. To this end Mr Watson will be running a session on Monday 25 July at 15h00 in Lab 1 (Mrs Mitchell's lab). Please rsvp to: [nwatson@dainferncollege.co.za](mailto:nwatson@dainferncollege.co.za)

**MRS LOUISE BROWNE**

Head of Technology

- **Additional Speed Bumps**

Please be advised that we will be installing the additional speed bumps at the main gate during the August holidays. This is in an effort to slow cars down before they enter the Campus, for the safety of our children.

- **Parents' Association News**

### **SOLARTECH – Presentation and Raffle Draw**

Solartech will be presenting a talk on the 'IMPORTANCE OF SOLAR ENERGY' to the Grade 6 and 7 pupils on Wednesday 03 August. All parents are welcome to join us from 08h30-09h30 in the Auditorium.

The draw for the prize of a fully installed solar heating system worth R26 000 will take place after the presentation.

There are tickets for sale at R20,00 each at all three main School Receptions. Don't miss out on the chance to win this amazing prize! For more information, please contact Joanne ([Joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za](mailto:Joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za)).

### **POOL PONCHO: Swimming Towels, Ponchos and Gowns**

Please order before the August holidays so that we can deliver all orders on the first day of next term – Tuesday 06 September, well in time for our swimming season. Our Order form is at the end of this newsletter and on our website.

### **Which class will win McDONALDS??**

Start collecting outdated telephone directories... and it could be yours!!!

The aim is to increase the weight in the re-cycling igloos. Each child is asked to bring as many old directories to school as possible. At the end of the term, our Class Moms will count how many books were collected and then forward the numbers to me at 083 650 3706. The competition will end on Tuesday 02 August 2011 and the prizes will be delivered on Thursday 4 August 2011. The class which collects the most telephone directories in JP and SP will win a meal from McDonald's. When the competition is over (on Tuesday 02 August), please place all the directories into the Mondi Igloos for recycling.

Thanks for your support and good luck!

**DEE DICKINSON**

[deedee@netactive.co.za](mailto:deedee@netactive.co.za)

### **BLUE CARPET SMURFS MOVIE PREMIERE - MY SCHOOL CARD**

Please see details alongside regarding a competition that MySchool will be running during July and August. If you require further information please contact me on 083-308 8828 or [joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za](mailto:joanne1@mtnloaded.co.za)

**JOANNE LUND**

Chairperson - Parents' Association

### **WIN 4 VIP TICKETS TO THE BLUE CARPET SMURFS MOVIE PREMIERE WITH MYSCHOOL**

**Register to win** - Simply SMS the word "Smurfs", your full name and MySchool card number to 43220, or visit [www.myschool.co.za/smurfs](http://www.myschool.co.za/smurfs).



**Swipe your MySchool card** at least 4 times during July and August (8 times in total) at the participating partners to qualify for the lucky draw.

### **ALSO UP FOR GRABS 1 OF 3 PRIVATE SCREENINGS FOR YOU AND 40 FRIENDS**



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*Dates to Diarise:*

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Friday 22 July	07h40	JP Music Assembly – Miss Shannon Frigyik	Auditorium
	14h00	JP Music Matinée	Auditorium
Monday 25 – Thursday 28 July	14h00 - 17h00	Gr 1-3 Parent interviews by appointment (no extramurals)	JP classrooms
Tuesday 26 July	07h30	SP Sports Awards Assembly: by invitation only	Auditorium
	18h00	Talent Show – Grades 4 & 5	Auditorium
Wednesday 27 July	07h30	Parents' Forum	Function Room
	18h00	Talent Show – Grades 6 & 7	Auditorium
Friday 29 July	07h40	isiZulu Assembly	Auditorium
	09h00	Grade 1 Entrepreneurial Day	JP Block
Tuesday 02 August	07h30	SP Leadership Assembly (by invitation only)	Auditorium
	10h00	Grade 1-3 InterHouse Athletics	The Oval
	12h30	U9 Field Events (by invitation only to competitors)	The Oval
	13h30	SP InterHouse Field Events (by invitation only to competitors)	The Oval
Wednesday 03 August	18h00	SP Music Soirée	Auditorium
	08h30- 09h30	Solartech presentation to Gr 6-7 pupils and parents	Auditorium
Thursday 04 August	13h00	U10-Open InterHouse Track Events	The Oval
	14h00	No extramurals (staff function)	
Friday 05 August	07h30	Grade 2 Fashion Show	Auditorium
	09h00	Grade 0 Sports Day	
	10h30	<b>School closes for end of term</b> <b>JP school report distribution</b>	
<b>Tuesday 06 September</b>	<b>07h30</b>	<b>School re-opens for 3<sup>rd</sup> Term</b>	

- Holiday Care Facilities @ Dainfern College**

Fees are R120-00 per day, or R110-00 per half day, payable before the holiday starts. Half Day is until 13h30 and Full Day is until 17h00. I will be at school from 07h00. A light lunch and snacks will be served. Various activities and games are on offer to occupy the children during the day. Your child needs to be booked into After Care in advance, so that preparations can be made. Please phone Antoinette on 082 887-7441.

## **SPORT**

**SP Sportsman of the Week:** Wesley Pyburn – Improvement in Golf.

**SP Sportswoman of the Week:** Zoe Browne – Excellence in PE.

**JP Sportsman of the Week:** Cameron McCall – For his enthusiasm in Soccer.

**JP Sportswoman of the Week:** Calila Bergman-Ally – For her enthusiasm in Netball.

### **Extramurals**

As a result of parent/teacher meetings there will be no JP extramurals during the week 25 – 29 July. SP extramurals will go ahead as per normal.

### **Athletics**

**Please be aware of the following:**

- The 15 minute warm up/rhythm session is compulsory for all athletes who will be attending training on that particular day.
- The hurdles sessions are open to all athletes (U11 – Open) until the school team has been selected after InterHouse athletics and then it will be by invitation only.
- This also applies to the field events (long jump, shot put and high jump) where all athletes can attend these sessions (for the full hour commencing at 2pm) until the athletics team has been selected (after inter-house athletics) and then the session will be divided into team and non-team. This will occur after the August holidays.
- All pupils are allowed to attend the track sessions (sprints and middle distance).

### **Athletics Fixtures**

Please take note of the Athletics fixtures for the 2011 season:

**Wed 14 Sept** – Dainfern

**Sat 17 Sept** – Woodhill

**Wed 21 Sept** – Kyalami

**Wed 28 Sept** – Summit

**Sat 1 Oct** – HeronBridge

**Wed 5 October** – (Prestige)

### **Tennis**

Congratulations to Alexis Tensfeldt on her amazing tennis performance recently. She won the Gauteng Central Key Health U12 singles and doubles tournament and then went on to win the doubles at the Gauteng East Key Health tournament and was runner up in the singles. She is currently the number 2 ranked U12 player in the country and is very close to taking over the number 1 position. Well done Alexis, we are very proud of you!

### **Equestrian**

Congratulations to Nina Holloway and Mikayla Buckle who performed extremely well for Gauteng Schools Central at the 2011 SANESA Gauteng Finals recently. Nina achieved 2 second places and Mikayla a second and a third place. Well done girls!

### Indoor Cricket

Congratulations to Matt McDonald who was part of the South African U13 Indoor Cricket who have just beaten New Zealand 3-2 in a series held in New Zealand. Well done Matt!

### Cricket Clinic

Dainfern College is proud to present our Winter Cricket Clinic. With the cricket season just around the corner the clinic will aim to get the boys ready and focused for the season. We will be covering all the major elements of the game such as batting, bowling, fielding and fitness.

*Dates:* 31 August- 2 September 2011

*Times:* 09h00-12h00

*Venue:* Dainfern cricket academy

*Age groups:* mini-Open

*Dress:* Appropriate cricket attire (white Cricket shirt, sports short pants, white cricket longs)

*Cost:* R400 (Will include lunch and drinks each day)

Please note that the first 50 entries will receive entry into the clinic so bookings are essential! To book your place email me at [gmatheson@dainferncollege.co.za](mailto:gmatheson@dainferncollege.co.za) or contact me on 084 602 6974.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

### **GORDON MATHESON**

Director of Cricket

### **Hockey results from the Beaulieu Festival held on 15 July:**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Result</b>
Junior Boys A	Southdowns A	Won
	Beaulieu A	Lost
Junior Boys B	Beaulieu B	Lost
	Southdowns B	Won
Junior Boys C	HeronBridge C	Lost
	Beaulieu B	Won
Junior Girls A	Southdowns A	Won
	Beaulieu A	Won
Junior Girls B	Beaulieu B	Drew
	Southdowns B	Won
Junior Girls C	HeronBridge C	Lost
	Beaulieu B	Lost
Senior Boys A	Beaulieu A	Won
	HeronBridge A	Lost
Senior Boys B	Southdowns A	Lost
	HeronBridge B	Drew
Senior Boys C	HeronBridge C	Lost
	Beaulieu A	Lost
Senior Girls A	Beaulieu A	Won
	HeronBridge A	Lost
Senior Girls B	Southdowns A	Won
	HeronBridge B	Lost
Senior Girls C	HeronBridge C	Drew
	Beaulieu A	Lost

**Hockey Results from matches against De La Salle held on 20 July:**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Result</b>
Junior Boys A	De La Salle	Won
Junior Boys B		Lost
Junior Girls A		Won
Junior Girls B		Won
Senior Boys A		Won
Senior Girls A		Won
Senior Girls B		Drew

***Weekly Fixtures: Mon 25 July – Friday 29 July:***

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Wednesday 27 July	Hockey vs De La Salle (Senior and Junior)	Dainfern	14h00
Friday 29 July	Hockey Festival (Senior and Junior)	Dainfern	14h00

## Academic Awards Assembly 19 July 2011

We congratulate the following pupils who received awards at our recent Academic Awards Assembly:

- ***InterHouse Speech Festival Awards***

Grade 6: Christopher Giannopoulos

Grade 7: Luke Rosenberg

- ***Science Expo***

**Bronze**

Cameron Redman  
Sebastian Bowles  
Keamogetswe Biyela  
Daniel Buwalda  
Antonie Muller  
Harry Staples  
Chantel Olivier  
Brittany Smith

**Silver**

Kyla Klintworth  
Julia Brown  
Clio Waddicor  
Kyra Buckle  
Hadley Dickinson  
Daniel Conway  
Graydon Goss  
Trent James  
Jacqueline Thoolen  
Mitchell Stacey  
Matthew McDonald  
Anda Nyati  
Nina Kisbey-Green

**Gold**

Peter Thompson  
Cameron McMillan  
Nicholas van der Meulen  
Nina Holloway  
Ben Thieme  
Nicholas Brown  
Monique Teixeira  
Amy Smith  
Julia Swart  
Louis van Lennep  
Kyle Harvett

- ***Academic Awards: Awarded to pupils who achieve an aggregate of 80% and above:***

**Grade 4**

Rachel Calaz  
Huckleberry Elliot  
Jeffrey Felder  
Christopher Flood  
Fotini Giannopoulos  
Chiara Watson  
Luke Swart  
Hannah Slater  
Michael Swart  
Pumelele Vabaza  
Kelly Fairon  
Tamara Bromley  
Babsi Vabasa  
Jake Staples

**Grade 5**

Kiara Baker  
Julius Buwalda  
Georgia McDonald  
Anna Moreira  
Kayla Tempelhoff  
Victor Zyde  
Michael Browne  
Luca Du Toit  
Ditiro Maaga  
Ananya Kumar  
Shannon McKay  
Ilinca Stefan  
Maya Thieme  
Gina Ballard  
Alexis Tensfeldt  
Lara Pillay

**Grade 6**

Zoe Brown  
Waldo Buitendag  
Christopher Giannopoulos  
Robert Bromley  
Matthew Martingano  
Tayani Mhizha  
Andile Ndlovu  
Leigh Burnard  
Ben Fisher  
Thando Msimang  
Amy Carruthers  
Nadine Pace  
Mark Pettitt  
Jean-Louis Swart  
Emiel van Son

- **Grade 7**

**Academic Merit:** *Awarded to pupils who achieve an aggregate of between 75% and 79%:*

Keamogetswe Biyela  
Elan Dekel  
Pearl Donzwa  
Kate Forbes  
Kian Li Wan Po

Emma Oelschig  
Luke Rosenberg  
Brittany Smith  
Mitchell Stacey  
Julia Swart

Monique Teixeira  
Ben Thieme  
Isabel van Geldern  
Lan Xu

**Academic Full Colours:** *Awarded to pupils who achieve an aggregate of over 80%*

Daniel Buwalda  
Brandon Gray  
Kyle Harvett  
Nina Holloway

Matthew McDonald  
Antonie Muller  
Anda Nyati  
Amy Smith

Harry Staples  
Nicholas van der Meulen  
Louis van Lennep  
Emma Zyde

- **Value Awards:**

**Rahul Patel: Honesty** – finding 6000 gaming tickets and handing them in to the Games Room manager instead of claiming a prize.

**Kyle Martin: Self Discipline** – for approaching his school work in a responsible manner.

## POOL PONCHO ORDER FORM

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MEDIUM - R143.00									
LARGE - R179.50									
<b>SUN VISOR</b>									
Navy/ Red/ Yellow (No embroidery) R22.00									
<b>OPTIONAL EXTRAS</b>									
ZIPPER POCKET - R30.00									
HOOD - R50.00									
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