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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

GENERAL INFORMATION: SPORT

2022 is already in full swing and we held a very successful mass athletics meeting this past weekend. On Wednesday, 2 February 2022, the Interhouse Gala will take place. It also seems as though Covid will allow us to proceed with all the other summer sports this year. **The full extramural programme will be followed from Monday, 7 February 2022.**

Welcome to all our Gr 4's. We wish to share some general sports information with you to answer some of the frequently asked questions. **Each sport will also post a General Information Letter on the D6 Connect, in which you will receive more information regarding that sport. A parent committee is also elected during the respective sport's Annual General Meeting which will help with the promotion and communication of that sport.** Our starting point is to encourage mass participation because we realise sports participation has an immense impact on not only children's physical development but on their social development as well. Durbanville Primary School is also proud of its holism, therefore we encourage all learners to participate in **at least one summer sport and one winter sport at the school.**

Our approach involves:

- 1) Mass participation
- 2) Exposure to Prestige events (e.g. u/11 & u/13)

1. TYPES OF SPORT

Durbanville Primary School offers the following sports:

Sport	Head of sport	Email
Athletics	Chantelle Bornmann	chantelle@durbieland.com
Golf	Nico Pieters	nicop@durbieland.com
Hockey	Annelie Young	annelie@durbieland.com
Cricket	Hannes Morkel	hannes@durbieland.com
Cross Country	Bjorn Bernardo	bjorn@durbieland.com
MTB	Malherbe Kriel	malherbe@durbieland.com
Netball	Christelle Vancoillie	christelle@durbieland.com
Rugby	Jaco du Toit	jaco@durbieland.com
Chess	Anita Knipe	anita@durbieland.com
Swimming	Elizabeth Hattingh	elizabeth@durbieland.com
Tennis	Izané Wessels	izane@durbieland.com
Biathlon	Bjorn Bernardo	bjorn@durbieland.com

We have decided not to expand our present sports programme due to a lack of physical facilities and the fact that we have a good relationship with our local clubs and do not wish to duplicate the sport types offered by these clubs. All outdoor sports receive recognition within the school for achievements. Our wish is that you will encourage your child to play a sport.

2. COACHES

As we only have a limited number of staff members who can serve as coaches for the teams, we are compelled to make use of outside coaches to assist us with the coaching of all the teams in the various sports codes. Our aim is to have a coach for each team and we go to great lengths to find suitable candidates. Our sports programme is extensive and cannot only be coached by our staff.

3. MATCHES

If your child has to play a match for his/her team, he/she will receive a match letter from the coach \pm 2 days prior to the match. If your child does not receive such a letter, he/she has not been selected to play in that match. If the coach is an outside coach, the match letter will be given to him/her by the sports office or team manager.

At the beginning of the season, your child will receive a fixture list of the matches that will be played. This is also available on D6 Connect. We kindly **request that you do not make arrangements to go away for the weekend when your child has been selected to play in a match or take part in a competition.** You should also understand that sometimes invitations are received at short notice, which are not necessarily indicated on the year planner.

4. TRANSPORT

General

We are proud of the fact that we have never needed to hire buses to transport learners to matches. After the learners have received the match letters, they all assemble in the hall the following day where arrangements are made for the children who do not have transport. **A learner's place in the team will not be jeopardised if a parent is unable to provide transport.**

Swimming

We use Durbanville High School's swimming pool for practices. If your child does not have transport to the swimming pool at Durbanville High School, you can arrange for your child to be taken with a friend, or you can ask the swimming organiser to arrange transport with one of the many willing parents.

Hockey

Since 2019 we have been very privileged to have the use of our own astro facility. The senior teams are given preference on the astro. However, we are still forced to make use of the high school's grass fields to accommodate all of our teams. If you are unable to transport your child to Durbanville High School yourself, we ask that you make arrangements with other parents in the team.

5. SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

We request that you communicate your child's achievements to the sports office by e-mail: annelie@durbieland.com. Every year we strive to pass on all significant achievements to parents via the D6 Connect. However, to do this successfully, we rely on your co-operation in this regard.

6. CANCELLATION OF PRACTICES AND MATCHES

Cancellations will be kept to a minimum. Durbanville Primary School never cancels a match or practice unless weather conditions require us to do so. If a practice or match is cancelled, you will be notified by SMS. On rainy days a SMS will be sent out at ± 13:15.

7. D6 CONNECT APP & SMS SYSTEM

In 2019, the school upgraded its administrative system. As part of the upgrade, the **D6 Connect APP** replaced the old **Communicator system**. This APP enables parents to receive text messages through the APP or phone's SMS system. We therefore request you to download this APP as soon as possible so that you can stay up to date with all important information. The app is available on both the *Apple App Store* and the *Android Play Store*.

Durbanville greetings,



F. Roux
SPORT MANAGER



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