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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

GENERAL INFORMATION: SPORT

Covid-19 brought all sports to a standstill during 2020. By the end of 2020, however, sport was slowly beginning to phase in again. For this reason, Durbanville Primary School was hoping to start our co-curricular program in full at the beginning of 2021. Unfortunately, a second wave of Covid-19 put a stop to it. On Friday we received the latest government gazette and according to the gazette we may start with sports practices again, subject to strict covid protocol.

We aim to start with athletics, cricket, swimming, tennis and golf. As the situation unfolds and regulations ease, the other summer sports (social tennis, MTB, chess, biathlon and beginners golf) will also be able to start.

Cricket

There will be practices for the different age groups on the following days:

u/13	Thursday, 18 Feb	14:30 - 16:00
u/12	Monday, 22 Feb	14:30 - 16:00
u/11	Wednesday, 24 Feb	14:30 - 16:00
u/10	Thursday, 25 Feb	14:30 - 16:00

Swimming

There will be practice on Thursday, 18 February 14:30 - 16:30 at Durbanville High School's swimming pool. All the swimmers will attend practice according to their groups (beginners, intermediate, advanced). The Gr4 swimmers and new learners will join the beginners group. Times for Thursday are as follow:

Beginners group	14:30 - 15:00
Intermediate group	15:00 - 15:45
Advanced group	15:45 - 16:30

Athletics

Athletics practice (14:30 - 15:30) will start on the sports fields on Monday, 22 February. Our initial aim is to concentrate only on conditioning. Learners will also get a chance to practice long jump, high jump, shot put and hurdles during LO periods. From Monday, 1 March, practices for the various athletics items will start according to the times on the extramural programme. The inter-house meeting scheduled for 24 and 25 February has been postponed to a later date in March. More information will be communicated to you shortly.

Tennis and Golf

The tennis and golf group that receives coaching from Jan van Dyk and Lana Orgovanyi respectively, will practice as follow:



Leendert Hols Snr | 082 650 1848

Leendert Hols Jnr | 079 544 0292



021 975 3188
43 Main Road, Durbanville, 7550.
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Tennis	Tuesdays	14:20 - 15:50	Durbanville Primary School's courts
	Fridays	06:00 - 07:25	Durbanville Primary School's courts
Golf	Tuesdays	14:30 - 15:30	Durbanville Golf Club

The following Covid protocol will apply to everyone:

- Each learner reports to practice with a mask (no mask will be worn during practices).
- Each learner brings his/her own water bottle.
- **NO parents** are allowed at the practices.

We would like to share some general information regarding sport with you to answer some of the frequently asked questions. Because we cannot hold the usual AGMs, due to Covid-19 protocol, each head of sport will provide you with more information regarding their sport on the D6 Connect App. You will also receive an extramural programme with all the practice times, for summer sports, on the D6 Connect App. **So please download the D6 Connect App on your phone to receive all this important information.**

We realise the importance for children to participate in sports, not only for their physical development but also for social development. Durbanville Primary School prides itself on its holistic approach. Therefore, we **encourage all children to participate in at least one summer and one winter sport at the school.**

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	Su-Marie Pienaar	sumarie@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	Cheyenne Crament	cheyenne@durbieland.com
Biathlon	Bjorn Bernardo	bjorn@durbieland.com

We have decided not to expand our present sports codes due to a lack of physical facilities and the fact that we have a wonderful relationship with our local clubs. We therefore, do not wish to duplicate the sport types offered by these clubs. All of the sports that are not offered at our school receive recognition. We urge you to encourage your child to participate in sport.

2. COACHES

As we only have a limited number of staff members who can act as coaches, we are compelled to make use of other alternatives (private individuals) to assist us with the coaching of the different sports. Our aim is to have a coach for each team and we go to great lengths to find a suitable candidate. The sports we offer are comprehensive and cannot be coached by staff members only.

3. MATCHES

If your child plays a match for his or her team, he or she will receive a written, match notification from the coach ± 2 days prior to the match. If he or she does not receive a notification, then they have not been selected for that match. If the coach is not a staff member, the written notification will be given to him or her by staff of the sports office or the 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 the D6 Connect. **We kindly request that you do not make arrangements to go away for the weekend when your child is playing a match.**

4. TRANSPORT

General

We are proud of the fact that it has never been necessary for us to hire buses to transport learners to matches, as our parents are always willing to assist in this regard.

After the learners have received written, match notifications, 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 the parent is unable to offer transport.

Swimming

We make use of the pool at Durbanville High School for practices. If your son, or daughter, does not have transport to the swimming pool at Durbanville High School, you must make personal arrangements with a friend or the swimming organiser for your child to be transported to the pool. There are many willing parents who will gladly assist you in this regard.

Hockey

We are very privileged to be able to use our own astro as of 2019. The senior teams get preference when using the astro. However, we are still forced to use some of the high school's grass fields to accommodate all our teams. If you are unable to transport your child to Durbanville High School yourself, we ask that you arrange with other parents in the team.

5. SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

We would like to request that you send your child's sport achievements to our sports office via e-mail: izane@durbieland.com. Every year we strive to display all significant achievements on the D6 Connect. We need your co-operation in this regard as this will ensure the success thereof.

6. CANCELLATION OF PRACTICES AND MATCHES

Cancellations will be kept to a minimum. Durbanville Primary School will never cancel a match, unless the weather conditions necessitates it. 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 administration 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 Apple "App Store" and Android "Play Stores".

Durbanville greetings,



F. Roux
SPORT MANAGER



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