



Preparatory School for Boys and Girls

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## Newsletter: February, Term 1 - 2020

### From the Principal's desk

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the first term of 2020. Our pupils have all settled nicely into their new classes and routines. Hopefully they have used this year's theme of "Be the I in Kind" to make more friends and help those around them.

The new facelift to the Pre-Primary entrance has certainly created a fresh and exciting look that is very inviting for young children. This is just phase one of a four-phase building and revamping masterplan for the Pre-Primary. So be on the lookout for the next exciting phase which we hope will start later this year.

The term has already been a very busy one with lots of galas, cricket, tennis matches, music concerts and demonstrations, as well as a lot of fun civvies days. And the term is still starting to pick up with more exciting events to come.

We must thank all our parents for their support at our parent/ teacher meetings. These are such important touch points for the school and family to function as a team and to develop a good relationship in the best interests of the child. If we keep the positive growth and development of the child as our focus in this partnership, only good things can come from it.

I recently read an article on News24 that I found interesting and thought you would like to read it. This article, along with other parenting articles, is published on our website. Please follow the link below to view these articles. On this page, you will also find an article written by our IT teacher, Mr Patrick Makkink, on co-educational primary school education.

[www.epworth.co.za/articles-of-interest-for-parents/](http://www.epworth.co.za/articles-of-interest-for-parents/)

This term we hosted a lovely evening with our Grade 7 pupils and parents. The pupils enjoyed a fun social evening at the pool while our parents were treated to a talk by Trish Fiandeiro. Trish is a Counselling Psychologist and midwife. She gave our parents some very practical tips on navigating the stormy waters of the teenage years. We will be sharing some of her resources on the web page we have referred to in the paragraph above.

This year, with the demise of Mudman, we are trying to develop a community run in which all our pupils, parents, extended family and community can partake. The addition of a mini-market and live music (Matthew Gardiner) will hopefully create a family atmosphere on a Friday night. We strongly encourage all parents to challenge friends and family to participate.

Hopefully you will take these few days' break to allow your children to just relax and recharge.

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Mr Reynard White



# BE THE I IN KIND



## News from Epworth Prep Past Pupils

Congratulations must go to the Epworth High School Grade 12 class of 2019 for their excellent National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.

They maintained the 100% pass traditionally achieved by Epworth Grade 12s.

Sixty-two of our sixty-four candidates attained the highest level of pass, a Bachelor Degree pass, compared with the IEB national average of 89,51%. Two pupils passed with entry to diploma study.

The average overall aggregate of the class of 2019 was 73,47%, with sixty-one candidates achieving an aggregate of 60% and above.

We would like to congratulate all the girls from the Prep School (Grade 7 class of 2014). We are so proud of all of their achievements. Special acknowledgment must go to **Kimberley Gemmell**, who received Academic Honours and came 4th in grade and **Catherine Moffett** who also received Academic Honours and came 2nd in the grade.

We have also received news of some of our past Epworth Prep School boys:

**Aphiwe Ndwandwe** and **Vuyo Shezi** (Grade 7 class of 2017) are both doing exceptionally well in their squash and recently participated in the U16 KZN Pre-Season Tournament coming 1st and 4th respectively.

**Aidan Schütte** (Grade 7 class of 2016) achieved outstanding results in his Grade 10 year for his Cambridge IGCSE Examinations. He was the only pupil at SCC to receive 7 distinctions.

**Matthew Fuhri** and **Avumile Mcunu** (Grade 7 class of 2015) have been selected to play in the KZN Youth Orchestra.



### Grade 1: A special place to be

Entering Grade 1 at Epworth Prep School is always a very exciting milestone in our pupils' school lives.

From the first day in 'big school', to wearing the new school uniform and especially the Grade 1 and 7 Mentor Programme.

An incredible bond is formed between the mentors and their mentees, many of which continue throughout their school careers, and beyond.





## CHOC Civvies Day



**CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation of South Africa) Civvies Day is always a special day in the Prep School. This year the pupils raised R6 957 for the foundation that supports children with cancer and other life-threatening blood disorders, and their families.**



## World Read Aloud Day

The Epworth Prep pupils loved taking part in World Read Aloud Day on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The day was observed by having different staff members swap around to read to the classes, sharing stories and picture books.

The Grade 7 pupils then took their mentees off to a quiet spot and read to them individually. It was wonderful to see so many children absorbed in the pages of a book.





## Grade R Musicians

In 2019 we introduced individual piano lessons to our Grade RR pupils.

This term, these pupils (now in Grade R) performed in a mini-concert to all our Prep School pupils and staff and were presented with certificates in recognition of their achievements.



## New Pre-Primary Entrance and Foyer

The Pre-Primary opened their new entrance and foyer area to their school this term. This is the start of new and exciting developments that are planned for this year in the Pre-Primary.

## Swimming Achievers

We are very proud of our Prep School swimming teams as they have been doing exceptionally well this term. All our swimmers' hard work and dedication has paid off.

A special mention to the Epworth Midmar Mile swimmers who recently conquered the Midmar Mile. Such a wonderful achievement.



## Our School

The Pre-Primary boys and girls are loving learning about "Our School" this term in their lovely new foyer.





## Inter-house Gala

The Epworth Prep School Inter-house Gala is always a fun-filled morning with great camaraderie between all the pupils.

The team spirit and cheering at this year's gala was amazing.

Congratulations to Athlone for winning the Spirit Trophy and to Somerset for winning the Gala.

The Champion of Champions Trophy went to Grade 7 pupil Reece Purves who had an outstanding gala.





Please support the following events at Epworth.

Follow us on the links below for further news and information.

**Parenting Talk at Epworth**

by psychologist and author, Paul Bushell

*The importance of EQ in a constantly changing world*

Based on Paul's book  
#raisingkids

*to thrive in a constantly changing world*

**Monday, 17 February**

**17:30 (Tea served from 17:00)**

**Haley Hall, Epworth School**

For further information on Paul and his book visit:

[www.bushell.co.za/raisingkids](http://www.bushell.co.za/raisingkids)

Books will be available for purchase on the evening

RSVP: [rschultz@epworth.co.za](mailto:rschultz@epworth.co.za)



New to  
Pietermaritzburg

**little maestros**

CLASSICAL CONCERTS FOR PARENTS & TOTS



Epworth School introduces the *Little Maestros* concert series to parents and tots.

These fun-filled, hour-long concerts will include toddler-orientated activities, for parents and very young children (from birth to 4 years), in which musical instruments are introduced through informal interactive presentations by skilled musicians.

Upcoming *Little Maestros* concert dates:

**Tuesday, 18 February 2020**  
at 13:00 - 14:00

**Saturday, 14 March 2020**  
at 9:00 - 10:00

Venue: Performing Arts Centre,  
Epworth School

**R60**  
per person  
per concert



**Culture at Epworth**

For further information and bookings contact  
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**Prep School Open Morning**

for boys and girls, Grades RRR - 7

Date: Friday, 13 March

Time: 8am (to conclude by 9:30am)

RSVP: 033 846 2580 or email [janderson@epworth.co.za](mailto:janderson@epworth.co.za)



Grades RRR - 7 applications for 2021 close on 30 April 2020

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