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UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Our Vision

“We are committed to creating a happy and safe environment where all students are afforded every opportunity for growth, and are encouraged to achieve their full potential in academic, cultural, sporting and spiritual activities under the guidance of professional educators, thereby enabling them to become fulfilled, self-reliant and responsible citizens.”

The Mission of the Union High School is:

To provide a high standard of all-round education to every student, thus making a significant contribution to nation building through the development of the human resources of our country;

To be accessible to students from the wider South African community, while maintaining English as the medium of instruction;

To inculcate the values of Truth, Faith and Justice as enshrined in our motto;

To use the opportunities provided by communal school and boarding life to develop in our students attitudes of tolerance towards others, and respect for their person and property;

To utilise fully the resources offered by the local community and opportunities presented by the school's unique situation to develop the interests and abilities of the students as widely as possible;

To foster an environment which will encourage students' spiritual development based upon Biblical Christianity, without prejudice to students from other religious backgrounds; and

To offer boys and girls the opportunity to develop together in a stable home-like environment.

EDITORIAL

■ Magazine Team

- **Editor:** Catherine Pringle
- **Photography:** Wendy Venter and the Karoo Gallery, Mariëtte Burger
- **Sponsorship and Advertisements:** Mariëtte Burger

Against the backdrop of a momentous century, our School has come full circle from the little hall in the St. James' Anglican Church to the magnificent buildings and grounds, tucked into the horseshoe of the Sundays River, where it flourishes today.

This year, in countless ways, we have celebrated our 100th birthday. Our Centenary Flag has flown high throughout the year, a constant reminder of this significant milestone. We have commissioned a Centenary Rose and a Centenary Wine, both mementoes of a special year. We have constructed the Centenary Arch and the Centenary Way with its unique Centenary stone. The Centenary Way became the focal point of Founder's weekend with its swirling giant flags showing iconic images from our School's history. These beautiful monuments will be here long after we are gone, fitting tributes to our School and its community in its hundredth year.



Imagine, for a minute, that it is the Schools' Bicentennial, or even 150 years, Sesquicentennial, if you will. Scholars, teachers, old students and friends of the school will look back on a history which for us is still to come. Events, people and sights, so real and meaningful to us now, will have faded like old photographs, merely stories and images swirling as memories or, especially for the occasion, projected into an invisible fog as lifesize 6D panoramics. If anything, this should make us realise how important it is to preserve our present and, in so doing, make history for generations to come. Think of how much richer this year has been made by celebrating our Centenary and appreciating and acknowledging all that our School has stood for over the past 100 years

And so, as we leave our Centenary year behind, with the march of time continuing relentlessly forward, and enter our second 100 years, let us look to the future and ensure that we make something of today, something that will one day be celebrated just as grandly as we have celebrated our past 100 years. We are sentinels of the future - may we leave stories and pictures worth remembering, long-lasting legacies to a time well spent.

STAFF

To be a high performing school with a positive and inclusive school culture that promotes the wellbeing and success of all, you need a dedicated team of talented and inspirational staff, who are committed to delivering only the highest standards of education for each and every child at the school.

To complement our already world-class team of teachers in this regard, we were pleased to welcome a number of new staff to the school at the start of this year who have in their short time at the school, already performed above and beyond the call of duty.

Ms Paula Phillips was appointed to teach English, Mrs Danelle Botes to teach Geography, Natural Science and Creative Arts and Mr Erwin Ittershagen-Strauss to teach Mathematical Literacy and Mathematics to Grade 8. Our Sports Department also saw a valuable new addition added to its ranks, in the form of Mr Alvin August who was appointed as the professional hockey coach. New members were also welcomed to the

School's complement of ground staff. Welcome to Christopher Skinner, Bjorn Koopman and Jack Bezuidenhout. Mrs Hestie Clegg took over the management of the school's clothing shop, while Ms Yolande Scheffer took over the running of the tuck shop. At the start of the second term, we also welcomed Mrs Mariëtte Burger as the school's new PR, Marketing & Fundraising Coordinator.

Congratulations to Mrs Christine Scott who successfully obtained her certification as an ILT practitioner in April of this year. Mrs Scott also celebrated the marriage of her daughter Wendy-Lee to Evan van Zyl (both past learners of the school) in June.

Mrs. Hanli Rose-Innes enjoyed a trip to Prague with her family in September - a trip which we are sure will most definitely serve as inspiration for future art lessons in her classroom.

Congratulations must go to Mrs Lehesta Galloway who welcomed her second grandchild, Henry, born to Henry and Luanné Galloway in





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- BACK:** Mr F. Steenkamp, Mrs S. Shell, Mrs E.L. Gerber, Mrs C. Scott, Mrs V. van Rensburg, Mrs H. Keyser, Mrs J. Liebenberg, Mrs M. Burger, Mrs D. Botes, Mrs H. Rose-Innes, Mrs C. Nell, Ms J. Jones, Mrs E. Moos, Mr J.P. Kruger
MIDDLE: Mrs H. Clegg, Mrs C. Pringle, Ms J. Street, Mr H. Sparrius, Mr D. Kingwill, Mr E. Ittershagen-Strauss, Mrs S. Marais, Mr E. Jantjies, Mrs Z. van Rooyen, Mr A. August, Mrs. M. Burger, Mr R. Hamilton, Ms P. Phillips, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Mrs K. Schoeman
FRONT: Mrs K. van der Walt, Mrs L. Galloway, Mr R. Sullivan, Mrs S. Brink, Mrs Y. Cloete, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mrs A. Gedult (Deputy Principal), Mr S. Bezuidenhout, Mrs N. Read, Mrs B. Grewar, Mrs L. Vorster
ABSENT: Mr C. Felix

July, as well as to Mrs Karmin van der Walt who became a grandmother in October with the birth of Joshua, her son Marnus and daughter-in-law Hettie's little boy.

Congratulations are also extended to Mrs Nelia Read, whose son, John, was elected as a Laer Volkskool prefect for 2020.

Mrs Sharon Shell was joined this year by Mrs Joline Liebenberg and Mrs Suzanne Marais in walking the 50km Hobble & Hike for Hospice in one day from the top of Ouberg Pass to Nieu-Bethesda, helping to raise some much-needed funds for the Camdeboo Hospice. Mrs Galloway also tackled this annual challenge, completing the 25km route. Mrs Shell also continues to run Pilates classes for interested ladies from Mondays to Thursdays in the school gym.

Gerrit Brink, son of Mrs Sanette Brink and her husband, André, was this year invited to become a member of the Stellenbosch University's Chapter of the esteemed Golden Key International Honour Society. Gerrit matriculated at the School in 2017, and is studying towards a BEng degree in Mechatronic Engineering.

Unfortunately, we had to bid farewell to several valuable members of

our staff at the end of this year:

Mr Elrich Jantjies, whose passion for his subject shone through in the manner in which he taught, has been an incredible asset to our Mathematics department. We wish him all the best on his new journey in the Ministry.

In her short sojourn as an educator at the School, Ms Vona van Rensburg has immersed herself in the life of the School, coaching hockey and tennis and taking charge of the 2019 Matric Farewell. Ms van Rensburg will officially tie the knot with her fiancé, Jaco, in December, after which she will be moving to George.

Mr Rory Sullivan, who has for many years been a part of the very fabric of the School, retires at the end of this year. We wish him all the best in this new season of his life.

Lastly, Mrs Karen Schoeman, who joined our team in 2017 in the Primary Department, teaching Technology and Mathematics to Grade 5's and Grade 7's and coaching hockey and swimming with absolute commitment, will also be moving to George at the end of this year. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

STAFF FAREWELLS

■ Rory Sullivan

After matriculating at Union High School in the famous year of 1969, Mr Sullivan embarked on pursuing a career in teaching. Prior to accepting a post at his Alma Mater, he taught at Grey Junior and Victoria West High School. A significant year was the year 1980, for it saw the dawn of a long association with the School, not as a learner or as a talented sportsman, but as an enthusiastic educator.



Mr Sullivan was also appointed Superintendent of Barnard House from 1981-1988. He is currently Superintendent of Herby Arnott House.

All of us experience seasons in life and Mr Sullivan decided to take a break from teaching from 1989-1995. Fortunately for the School the little word "however" crept in and he decided to yield to the pull of education and returned to teaching in 1996. In 2003 he took a leap of faith and accepted a post in Abu Dhabi. He also had the privilege of coaching rugby in the USA during 2004. Once again, he returned to our School.

For those who know Mr Sullivan, a very important word in his vast vocabulary is of course Rugby! He is esteemed as an exceptional coach of multiple sporting codes but rugby is where he shines the brightest. His passion for the game is almost tangible. It would be very difficult to find someone who surpasses his amazing memory – the scores, the moves, the tries, the lows, the highs, the best and the worst. They say memory fades as the years go by but he continues to astound his colleagues when he takes a trip down rugby's memory lane.

So, for Mr Sullivan, a new season dawns. Dawns is a good word since it speaks of new beginnings and a season of potential fruitfulness. In reality we know that this goodbye is not really goodbye – we'll be saying hello often as he continues his association with the School. Say goodbye to SBA files and tons of admin. May they rest in peace. Say hello to the gift of time you will share with your family and precious grandchildren. More time for visits and treats!

We wish Mr Sullivan everything of the best. He has faced many challenges and has climbed many (metaphorical) mountains but now it is time to relax a little, and we know he will enjoy spending time with his little feathered friends - budgies don't backchat! We also know that he will continue to support Coca Cola!

Treasure your family. Redeem the time. There is still much that needs to be done in God's Kingdom. Do it while it is still called today. Do it for

God's Glory and for His pleasure.

Mr Sullivan has impacted thousands of lives. He has nurtured thousands of young sportsmen and women. Seize the challenges which beckon and remember there is no retirement from the High calling In Christ.

May God bless you richly.

■ Elrich Jantjies

There are some teachers who engrain a mark so deeply in the psyche of both their charges and the institution that they are a part of, that the loss of them creates a void that is difficult to fill. Mr Elrich Jantjies is one of these remarkable educators and humans.

He arrived at the School in July 2014, and the Maths department would never be the same again! According to learners, Mr Jantjies took much of the fear associated with Maths out of the proverbial equation! His classes were engaging, fun and challenging, and even when the topic waivered a little to conspiracy theories and the like – always thought provoking and entertaining! Mr Jantjies initiated the 'Nieu-Bethesda Maths Camps' where Grade 11 Maths Formal learners were exposed to different aspects of the fascinating subject, and came away enlightened and excited, having dealt with fractals, maths in nature, structural engineering, coding and the like.

Mr Jantjies can be described as an enthusiast of note. The passion he has for his subject shone through him and into those he taught. This passion was also evident in the work he did with the Media Team, and the bi-monthly video production of the "Union News" fast became a popular and powerful marketing tool for the school, as well as top quality, professional entertainment which everyone looked forward to. The Media Team speaks of receiving the group WhatsApp at 2 or 3am when Mr Jantjies had finished the final edit for deadlines! Many of our learners became quite professional news reporters under his guidance – and the fun which they had in the process simply shone through them.

As a Grade 10 class teacher, Mr Jantjies also became a part of "Odyssey". The first to say that he had never hiked or been exposed to the wilderness before, he took to it like a duck to water, and soon became hooked on what this experience offered. He was an invaluable mentor to the Grade 10's on this difficult journey, and valued the deeper insight it



gave him regarding those in his care. His delightful sense of humour, easy manner, open-hearted smile and sincerity made him a well-loved and respected educator and mentor to many.

Mr Jantjies is a born teacher in the true sense of the word, and will be sorely missed at the School. We are grateful for ALL the good that he brought along with him and wish him all the best on his new journey in the Ministry.

■ Vona van Rensburg

It is really special when old (and not so old) Unionites return to teach in classrooms where they spent so many years. That is exactly what Ms van Rensburg did and we are so glad that she did!

Ms van Rensburg is an old (not so old) Unionite through and through, from the Pre-School to the Prep School to the Middle School and finally matriculating in 2011. After matriculating, Ms van Rensburg attended NMU where she completed her BA Honours degree. She secured her first post at PW Botha in 2016. In 2017 she accepted a post at Curro Mossel Bay.

In spite of her short sojourn as an educator at the School (2018-2019) she has certainly been a busy bee, involving herself in the life of the school as a hockey and tennis coach and the teacher-in-charge of the 2019 Matric Farewell. Of course, mention must be made of her outstanding Afrikaans FAL results. These speak of an enthusiastic, passionate educator.

We have enjoyed witnessing her counting the days to her big day on 7 December when she will officially become Mrs van der Merwe.



Her fiancé, Jaco stole her heart and now we have to bid her farewell. We trust they will find fulfilment in their marriage and enjoy many wonderful years together.

God bless you richly as you turn the page and begin a new chapter. May your 'Once upon a time' end with 'And they lived happily ever after!' May you live out your faith in God with courage and determination. Enjoy the fruit of faithfulness.

■ Karen Schoeman

Karen Schoeman joined the Primary Department staff in April 2017. She slotted into her role as educator and coach so seamlessly that in no time at all, it was as though she had been here for years.

As the Grade 5 Maths and Social Sciences, and Grade 7 class and Technology teacher, Mrs Schoeman soon made her mark as an efficient, well organized educator with a heart for and understanding of those learners in her care.

She took on the 1st and 2nd Junior Hockey teams, the Junior Swimming and the Biathlon group, and the young sportsmen and women were the fortunate recipients of an experienced and enthusiastic coach. Much gratitude is due to her for the many hours she has spent driving our teams to countless fixtures.

Mrs Schoeman has become so much more than just a colleague over the last 3 years. Her willingness to assist, unfailing cheerfulness and delightful sense of humour have endeared her to all who have been fortunate enough to work with her. The School is certainly the poorer for her leaving and we will miss a dear friend.



SCHOOL DRIVERS



The School is extremely grateful to Mr Trevor Zali, Mr Melvin Kitchu, Mr Piet Plaatjies and Mr Arnold du Plessis who drive our learners hundreds of kilometres around the Eastern Cape and beyond each week. Not only do they transport sporting teams as far afield as Bloemfontein, East London and Port Elizabeth – each Friday they ferry boarding house children to their home towns in Middelburg, Cradock, Jansenville, Colesberg and Hanover. We are extremely grateful to these gentlemen for the safe and caring way in which they deal with our precious cargo on the roads.

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Mr Trevor Zali, Mr Melvin Kitchu, Mr Arnold du Plessis, Mr Piet Plaatjies

GROUND STAFF



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BACK: Mr Gavin Marlow, Mr Christopher Skinner, Mr Bjorn Koopman, Mr Jack Bezuidenhout
FRONT: Mr Arnold du Plessis, Mr Neil Meyer, Mrs Elizabeth Sylvester, Mrs Lillian Williams, Mr Joseph Oormeyer, Mr Trevor Zali
ABSENT: Mr Johannes Katchu

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The Centenary Celebrations have been ongoing throughout the year and have provided tremendous energy and creativity, and I have felt the school moving forward with confidence. I am grateful to the members of the Union 100 Planning Committee who gave selflessly of their time and resources to drive the many projects that have taken place during this year. This included the Founders' weekend activities and the church service at St. James' the Great Anglican Church, the Banquet in May, support and mentoring offered to other schools in our town, the creation and sale of many branded items, the Centenary Rose and supporters clothing, and a bumper Interschools event.



■ STAFF

Each school year brings with it a change in staff and this year has been no exception. Change is good and new people bring fresh ideas and renewed energy. The following members of staff joined the school at the beginning of the year: Ms Paula Phillips, Mrs Danelle Botes, Mr Erwin Ittershagen-Strauss, Mr Alvin August - Professional Hockey Coach; Mrs Hestie Clegg - Clothing Shop; Mrs Yolande Scheffer - Tuckshop. I am pleased to report that they have all settled in well and are making a valuable contribution.

In term 2, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Mariëtte Burger as the school's new Public Relations, Marketing & Fundraising Co-ordinator. Somehow it seems as if all of these members of staff have been with us far longer than just one year as all have settled in comfortably and have made a valuable contribution.

The School has advertised four educator posts to be filled in January 2020. Mr Rory Sullivan retires from the profession at the end of this year, Mr Elrich Jantjies leaves the profession at the end of the year and Mrs Karen Schoeman and Ms Vona van Rensburg relocate to George. We wish them all well and thank them for their service.

■ PREFECTS

I should like to extend the thanks of the entire school to Peter Watermeyer and Jenna McNaughton and the prefect body of 2019 for their efforts this year. The job of the prefects is not always an easy one and their efforts are often overlooked. We do appreciate the job that the school and hostel prefects perform in helping with the smooth running of the school and of the hostels. Strong pupil leadership is critical in the running of a school.



■ REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

Our RCL has functioned effectively this year, under the guidance of Mrs Gedult. This year, the RCL was led by Peter Watermeyer and Jenna McNaughton, and the body played an important role with regards to maintaining a tranquil environment for effective education to take place at the School. Important class matters are dealt with and communication between learners and educators is facilitated and maintained. The body is growing in strength and young leaders are developing into strong, principled members, coming to a full understanding of their very important role in representing their peers in the management sphere.

■ ACADEMIC MATTERS

The academic pursuits of our learners remain the core of our business and receives the vast majority of our time and planning. The academic performance of our children must be viewed as a team effort between the learner, educators and parents if the child is to be successful and we are putting structures in place to strengthen this relationship. Parent evenings play an important role in this and were very well-attended this year. We continue to provide our educators with the very best teaching aids and trust that this will be of advantage to the learners. The role-out of Tablet Technology will enter its fifth year in 2020, as we continue to prepare our learners for a technological world. By the beginning of 2020, our high school will no longer have any hard copy textbooks.

■ CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Our cultural programme remains a busy one with many of our scholars participating actively. While we thank all our teachers who involve themselves so willingly in cultural activities, a special word of thanks must go to Mrs Sanette Brink for her initiative and leadership in this department.

We congratulate our music department on its diversification into a new curriculum of Piano Adventures and Rockschooll, additions to our existing Royal Schools of Music syllabus. We are grateful to our music educators, Mrs van der Walt, Mrs Brink and Mrs van Rooyen for their wonderful efforts in helping our young musicians achieve their goals.

Our choirs and marimba bands have provided so much enjoyment this year and have added so much to the many special events that we have held.

A highlight of the cultural year was the Middle School production of 'The Jungle Book' and the audience was thrilled by excellent acting, singing and dancing that filled the packed hall. It is wonderful to know that such talent is nurtured in our learners. We are grateful for the incredible vision of Mrs Avrielle Putter who produced this excellent show, backed up by Mrs Sanette Brink, Mrs Cloete and her staff.

The One-Act Plays in May were enjoyed by everyone who attended.

CHESS remains popular and provides an opportunity for our learners to sharpen their strategic planning skills. We are grateful to Mrs Rose-Innes and Mr Kruger for their commitment to chess.

Our ECO SCHOOLS Whole-school project, under the guidance of Ms Street, continues to impact on the entire school's social and environmental conscience and encourages us all to look for new ways to live a greener life. This is the sixth year of our partnership with WESSA Eco-Schools and we were privileged to receive our Platinum 1 Award this year, for our 2018 efforts.

■ SCOUTS

Scouting remains an activity of value and, under the guidance of Mr Bruce Maree, our boys have taken the opportunity to become involved in this valuable pursuit. Mr Maree, however, cannot continue forever in this

role, and we hope that an interested, committed person will step forward as his successor.

■ GRADE 10 ODYSSEY

The Grade 10 Odyssey, which took place towards the end of term 3, is a journey of self-discovery for these learners who are afforded the privilege of walking through some of the most pristine wilderness that the Karoo has to offer. The Odyssey has gained momentum since its inception four years ago.

The grade emerges out of Odyssey bonded in a way that is noticeable, with camaraderie, encouragement and admiration of one another being key factors that become evident. They also learn that no matter how difficult and painful things can be sometimes, giving up is not an option, and each participant is extremely proud to complete the 5-day challenge. Odyssey could not happen without the love and generosity of so many who give so much to make it a success and we are very grateful to all of our parents who make this a reality each year.

Each year, more and more outdoor activity and excursions are added to our calendar and we are grateful to our staff who buy into this ethos and provide such meaningful opportunities for educational growth on these excursions.

■ BOARDING HOUSES

Our boarding houses and our boarders are central in our school and this area of the school receives continuous attention and we will keep working on improving our facilities. I feel confident that our hostels maintain a very high standard. Mr and Mrs Sullivan, Mr and Mrs Kingwill, and Mrs van Zyl, and their teams have made it their mission to ensure that our hostels function effectively and efficiently and they deserve our grateful thanks. A very special word of thanks is extended to our duty staff for their services.

I would also like to thank all the members of the hostel committee for what they have done for the hostels this year, and in particular Mrs Lyn Rose-Innes and Mrs Brenda Murray for their leadership. Their support is invaluable and is very much appreciated.



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But it is really Mrs Martie Sullivan who makes things tick and we extend our gratitude to her for her efficiency and indefatigable work ethic.

■ GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

Mr Donald Kingwill and our maintenance staff work extremely hard in order to maintain the very high standards of our campus to which we have become accustomed. We are proud of what we have and we are grateful to those who have made it possible for us to continue to look upon our facilities with pride. There can be few, if any, campuses which boast the setting, facilities and beauty of our campus.

Our campus has been improved this year with the renovation of the swimming pool, boarding house bathrooms, the junior boys' bathroom, resurfacing the cricket nets, a cricket installation, the painting of many of the buildings, and the complete revamp of the Max Kroon Boarding House. The ongoing drought has taken its toll and provided much extra unanticipated work, and Mr Kingwill has seen us through it all. What would we have done without him? We are also deeply grateful to members of our community, Old Unionites and parents who have opened their hearts to us this year and assisted in so many ways.

I should also like to extend my thanks to members of our ground staff who drive school buses for us with such care and trustworthiness. Mr Melvin Kitchu, Mr Trevor Zale, Mr Piet Plaatjies and Mr Arnold du Plessis are invaluable members of our team and I am deeply grateful to them for taking such care of our precious children.

■ SPORTING MATTERS

Sport remains a valuable aspect of the all-round education provided by our school. Mr Floris Steenkamp and Mr Raymond Hamilton have managed our sport efficiently, and we have seen increased participation and more fixtures than ever before. The Department continues to evolve and to maximise the talent of our learners. Our sportsmen and women continue to challenge for provincial teams, and even representation at national level.

Cricket remains very popular, and our teams have achieved much success this year. The 1st XI performed admirably throughout the season and at Cape Schools' Cricket Week. We are privileged to have hosted this prestigious cricket week in 2019 during our Centenary Year. It was a success and was greatly enjoyed by all of our guests who were warmly hosted.

Athletics and Swimming continue to attract interest and Tennis has achieved remarkable results this year. The depth of tennis talent which we have at the School is most encouraging. Our culminating annual fixture, the Marco Wassermann tournament in Middelburg was once again both most successful and enjoyable. Thank you to all of our tennis coaches for their commitment to this wonderful sport.

The winter season was one in which we travelled extensively. Nonetheless, our rugby and hockey players gave of their best. The hockey girls grew in stature throughout the season.

The boys struggled this year and we did not play the sort of rugby to which we are accustomed. We trust that a renewed energy and focus will ensure a better season next year.

Interschools was a great occasion, as it always should be. We were all very proud of our learners, those who represented the School and those who supported from the sideline.

This year's CRICKET and RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVALS were a great success as they are every year. All who participated thoroughly enjoyed the Festivals, and we must thank Mr Pierre le Grange of College Motors, Freshstop and Hyundai Graaff-Reinet, in particular, as well as other sponsors: SupaQuick, Merino Pharmacy, Desert Springs Spur, Pick 'n Pay and Mica Graaff-Reinet.

Shooting has seen a revitalisation this year and wonderful results have been achieved. We thank Ms Christelle van Eck for her passion for

our shooting club and for her commitment to our learners.

Our hard-working FIRST AIDERS truly deserve our thanks for their efforts. Sincere thanks also to all our local Doctors for their willingness to help whenever called upon to do so.

■ SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CONNECTION

Our connection with Salisbury Cathedral School remains strong and this year the learners lucky to have been chosen to spend the second term in Salisbury were Matthew Davenport and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg. The Union GAP student who spent his post-matric year in Salisbury was Jason Beaumont.

I congratulate Grade 6 learners, Alistair Imrie and Tara Ferreira, who have been selected as our Salisbury Exchange learners for 2020. The 2020 GAP students are Jenna McNaughton, Iviwe Ndamane and Christine Harris.

■ OLD UNIONITE ASSOCIATION

The members of the Old Unionite Association and the Union Sports Club have worked very hard behind the scenes this year and their passion and love for our school and the children is a wonderful example to all. The year has been characterised by tremendous growth and innovation and far better and more meaningful communication with our past pupils.

The wonderful ladies who slaved away at catering and in other similar roles have been worth their weight in gold. Their smiles and friendliness have been the welcome mats of the Union and we truly regard these ladies as major assets, and we receive so many compliments from visitors who enjoy our wonderful hospitality.

I thank Chairman, Mr John Crankshaw, Vice-chairman Mr Kevin Watermeyer, Secretary Suzanne Marais, and their Committee for their tremendous support of the school over the past year.

■ DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The UHS Development Trust is a body which administers funds which over the past 50 or so years have been set aside and invested to ensure the long-term financial stability of the school. These funds are used primarily for infrastructural developments at the school, such things as the AstroTurf and more recently the renovations to the swimming pool, MKH hostel and the school's bathrooms. We are indebted to the Trustees who give so willingly of their time and expertise in the service of our school and community, and extend our thanks, in particular, to the Chairman, Mr Derek Light, for the tremendous role that he has played in the life of our schools during the year.

■ 2020

Our school is looking forward to 2020. While a new year always brings about an opportunity for a fresh start in those areas where this is necessary, it also brings with it opportunities for reflection and reminders of the greatness of this school and the richness of its history.

Some changes are due to take place within our staffing situation and we trust that we will be able to fill our vacancies with people who will contribute positively to our school. One or two internal staff moves also have the potential to lead to fresh enthusiasm and to improved teaching and administration. Sporting matters and general learner participation are also very much a part of our plans for 2020. In addition, our Governing Body is making a point of exercising positive leadership towards ensuring that 2020 is an even better year than 2019 and that we will move further ahead. We are looking to 2020 to being a year of excellence in all spheres.

■ THANK YOU TO TEACHING STAFF

As I approach the end of this report, I would like to thank our teaching staff once again, for their dedication and unselfish efforts on behalf of our learners. It is they who have made all that has taken place during this year

possible. I am equally grateful to our secretaries and finance departments, and our maintenance staff who are absolutely indispensable to us. Thanks, in particular to Mrs Abigail Gedult, who always provides me with wonderful support and to Mrs Nelia Read, Mr Stephen Bezuidenhout, Mrs Yvette Cloete and Mrs Sanette Brink, for their guidance and support.

Thank you too to the office-based staff Mrs Mariëtte Burger, Mrs Hestie Clegg, Mrs Maritza Burger, Mrs Joline Liebenberg, Administrative Secretary, Mrs Sharon Shell, Receptionist Mrs Elsebe Moos and Headmaster's Secretary Mrs Suzanne Marais for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

■ PARENTS

This is a fitting occasion for me to thank a wonderful parent body for your support during this year. Many of you have travelled all over the Eastern Cape supporting your children and the school; many have assisted us in various obvious and not so obvious ways. We really do value you. Thank you to those of you who have made the effort to show your appreciation to staff who have spent many hours teaching, coaching or driving your children around.

As a school we remain committed to serving our community and we regard our partnership with you, as parents, as a priority. At a time like this, when educational matters in South Africa are becoming increasingly challenging, we need our parents even more. We are fortunate to have a parent body such as you. We look forward to your support and assistance again next year.

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to the church leaders in Graaff-Reinet. Our school appreciates the guidance and the help that they have offered our learners this year. We thank them for their prayers and for the many other practical ways in which they have contributed to the School this past year.

Sincere thanks also to Ms Leona Rich, in her absence, for her support and that of the Union Preparatory School. We continue to work towards bringing our schools closer together, to have complimentary structures and to plan for the future of our family of schools.

I extend my gratitude to those parents who serve on our School Governing Body for the tremendous work, the personal, family and financial sacrifices that they are prepared to make. It has been incredibly rewarding working with this body this year; I extend my thanks to all our governors.

I am grateful, in particular, to Mr David Langmead for his willingness to chair this body and for his leadership, support and commitment.

■ LEARNERS

I extend my personal thanks to the learners of our school, not only those in leadership positions, but all of you, no matter how big or small your role in this school. I should like you always to know and remember that you are valued here and that every one of you matters very much to me and to this school.

■ CONCLUSION

Our school offers our youngsters many, many opportunities in a variety of fields. I would like to thank the learners who have made the most of the opportunities offered. We value what they have done and are very proud of them. Their contributions have ensured that the name of our school remains respected throughout South Africa.

For the few who do not use the chances that they get to grow and to develop, may I challenge them to do all that they can when they start afresh in 2020.

It is clear from my report that Union High School continues to build positively upon the foundations of the past, and that, with the continued support of our community, our parents and our learners, our school will deal with the challenges of 2020 with confidence.

THE SCHOOL'S CENTENARY

The School celebrated its 100th year in 2019, a significant milestone in the life of any institution. From its humble beginnings in the St. James' Church hall to the magnificent campus which we enjoy today, it has served this community faithfully.

A Centenary Committee consisting of parents, educators, past pupils, trustees and others worked tremendously hard throughout the year planning various events and ensuring that the celebrations would appropriately acknowledge the occasion. We are grateful to Mr Gerald Buisman, Mr Lionel de la Harpe, Mrs Karin Marais, Mrs Mariëtte Burger, Mr Stephen Bezuidenhout, Mrs Elaine Stanley, Mrs Felicity Minnaar, Mr John Crankshaw, Mr Rory Kroon, Mrs Alet Kingwill, Mrs Bronwen Langmead, Mrs Deline Kingwill, Mrs Diane Murray, Mr Donald Kingwill, Mr Bruce Maree, Peter Watermeyer, Taylyn Miller and Jenna McNaughton for their contribution.

The activities included the Founders' Weekend and the spectacular church service at St. James' the Great Anglican Church, the Banquet in May, support and mentoring offered to other schools in our town, the creation and sale of many branded items, the Centenary Rose and supporters clothing, and a bumper Interschools event

The paving of the driveway from the Bruce Maree Gates to the Tony Burrell Union was completed at the end of 2018 and added enormous value to our campus. There are so many people to thank and acknowledge and the School is extremely grateful to all parents, supporters and pupils who gave so much during the completion of this project.

The Centenary Founders' Day began in the coolness of the morning as learners, staff, parents, and friends made their way to St. James' the Great Anglican Church in Somerset Street for a very special 100th Anniversary Founders' Day church service. With the churchyard packed to capacity and extra space made available under a tent and in the hall, friends old and new greeted one another in anticipation of this great occasion. The service, led by Archdeacon Dr Mark Marais, was a poignant start to our centenary celebrations and particularly moving and appropriate for the venue from which the school originated in 1919. The Headmaster welcomed all the guests and focused with gratitude on our founders who came before us. Head prefects Jenna McNaughton and Peter Watermeyer read the lessons. The congregation was treated to a magnificent rendition of 'Hallelujah' by our Joint School Choirs, consisting of seventy learners, under the batons of Mrs Van Rooyen and Mrs Brink, moving members of the audience to tears.

The Centenary Walk started at St. James' Church where the original school began 100 years ago. It was truly a moving spectacle to witness our learners, parents, staff and Old Unionites walk through the broad leafy streets of Graaff-Reinet, tracing the steps of our forefathers to the School. As everyone entered the school grounds via the Centenary Way, they passed through an installation of giant flags depicting iconic figures and significant community members from the School's history. As these images swirled around them, a sense of being enveloped by our rich history prevailed. A delicious tea was then served in the Union while learners

enjoyed treats on the field before singing a resounding happy birthday to our beautiful school.

A gala banquet, organised by the School as part of the school's year-long centenary celebrations, was held on a grand scale on a Friday evening in May. And, what a truly memorable evening it turned out to be with just over 250 guests, young and old, past and current parents and staff, Old Unionites as well as honoured guests, treated to a very special night. Upon arrival, the guests were met with welcome drinks and canapés on the school's beautiful sportsgrounds and as the sun set, were enthralled by a variety of performances by the school's marimba band, choir ensembles, musicians and soloists.

It was then on to a lavish banquet inside the Marquee tent, magnificently decorated for the occasion. The Headmaster delivered a welcoming address, using the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the centenary celebrations. The evening's Master of Ceremonies, Adrian Arnott - the son of the legendary headmaster Herby Arnott - then proceeded to introduce several speakers.

After a few words by Derek Light, previous chairman of the UPS and UHS Governing Bodies and current chairman of the Union High Development Trust, the evening's keynote speaker was introduced. For this special occasion, we called on the services of a very special guest to help celebrate the centenary banquet in style. Old Unionite, Doug Stern, proved a fitting keynote speaker, as the proud alum referred to the School's illustrious history spanning the past 100 years, interspersed with quaint anecdotes about the visionaries and legendary characters that shaped the school into what it is today.

Following Stern's speech, guests were treated to a sumptuous three-course meal, served up by Diane Murray and her capable team, after which the draw for the Old Unionite's Association's 100 Club was conducted and a magnum bottle of wine auctioned. During the evening, Doug Stern was presented with a certificate by Derek Light, on behalf of the School, in grateful recognition of the Stern family of Rietpoort for five generations of loyalty to the school spanning almost 100 years.

After all the formalities were finalised, the guests took to the dancefloor and proceeded to dance the night away. The evening was a huge success and a great coming together of people from over several decades who travelled from far and near. Throughout the evening we witnessed great interaction between the various age groups from past pupils or people who have strong links with the school. It was a magical evening and the commitment by all who helped in organising the event, as well as all who supported the event, bears testament to why the School has achieved so much these past 100 years. We extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening, especially to the spectacular team, headed up by Karin Marais, who coordinated the marquee, décor and the evening's programme to ensure an unforgettable and most enjoyable occasion.



CENTENARY COMMITTEE:

BACK: Mrs E. Stanley, Mrs F. Minnaar, Mrs M. Burger, Mr J. Crankshaw, Mr S. Bezuidenhout, Mr D. Kingwill, Mrs B. Langmead, Mrs D. Murray, Mrs A. Kingwill

FRONT: Mr L. de la Harpe, Mrs K. Marais, Mr B. Maree, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mr R. Kroon, Mrs D. Kingwill

ABSENT: Mr G. Buisman, Peter Watermeyer, Jenna McNaughton, Taylyn Miller



UNION SCHOOLS

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

We welcomed Max Blank from Salisbury Cathedral School in the UK at the start of the year. He hardly had time to settle in before he had to fall in with practices for our musical production, *The Jungle Book*, which was held in March. Juggling play practices and academics, the talent that our learners displayed on stage was once again a reminder of why we create these opportunities.

The music department also had a productive year with both the junior choir and the junior marimba band performing regularly. The marimba band entertained our guests before they entered the hall for a very special Centenary Interschools' Assembly and we are extremely proud of our young musicians.

Academically, the battle for lost time was won when all SBA tasks were completed in term 1 and we could all enjoy a well-deserved April holiday. We said goodbye to Caytah-Leigh Koeberg and Matthew Davenport as they left to enjoy a term at Salisbury Cathedral School. On their return in term 3 they shared highlights of their experiences in the United Kingdom. We were happy to announce that Tara Ferreira and Alistair Imrie will be our ambassadors at Salisbury Cathedral School in 2020.

Our school is making use of social media to keep parents, family and friends up to date with events and happenings and it is remarkable to see the number of people who are following the school's activities. This makes us extremely proud.

As sport is part of the social development of a child, each learner is encouraged to participate in a sport that the school offers. The highlight

on our sporting calendar was our annual Anne Beagley Rugby and Hockey Festival where our boys and girls did extremely well

The learners are not only encouraged to participate in sport but also to join in the myriad of cultural activities on offer at the school. As part of the cultural programme, the Eco Club and Art Club have had many outings this year and the club members have developed a greater sense of the importance of the biodiversity of our environment and an appreciation for art.

Congratulations to all those learners who made us proud in representing the School at all sport and cultural events during the course of the year.

At the School we strive to develop the holistic child. As this is not a job that educators and coaches can do in isolation, we would like to thank every parent who has supported us and encouraged their child to become a part of our success story.



PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING



The Union Schools belong to and derive their strength from the people of the community.

But, for the community to be supportive of the schools, the people must be knowledgeable of the aims and efforts of the institution. As true communication is a two-way process of both inflow and outflow of information, the School decided, several years ago, to appoint a PR person who in essence, would keep the public both

informed and involved in the schools.

Mrs Vanessa Harpur was initially appointed to fill this position and did so for a number of years. The departure of Mrs Harpur at the end of 2018, however, created a vacancy in this regard and, with the need for public relations growing as the community started to see the worth and value the public relations function brought to the institution, the School

moved to appoint Mrs Mariette Burger at the start of term 2 of this year to fill the position.

The scope of successful school public relations has, however, expanded greatly over the years and - with the overall goal of forging partnerships and providing value to parents, staff and the public - the job description evolved, to include public relations, marketing and the coordination of fundraising endeavours. It was felt that the school needed a communications professional to manage communication strategies that are proactive for the school, instead of reactive. With this new appointment and new job description, we have chosen to be an active player in our community, not a passive one of the past.

Despite the obstacles faced by education as a whole, we firmly believe that the building blocks to retain the support of the community are in place at the School: good people, a good product and good results. With strong leadership and our new approach to public relations, the School hopes to forge new and stronger relationship with our community - a partnership where the public is empowered and given value.

GRADE 12 RESULTS 2018

The Class of 2018 achieved a pass rate of 96,9% with 61 out of 63 learners passing their final examination. Whilst disappointed that we could not manage to maintain a 100% pass rate, we were delighted in the overall excellent performance with 42 learners obtaining Bachelor Passes, 16 learners Diploma passes and 3 learners Higher Certificate passes.

Our top 3 performers all achieved an overall A-aggregate. The top performer was Amanda Brink with 6 distinctions. Kelly Rose-Innes was placed second with five distinctions, Rebecca Langmead was placed third with four distinctions, Uthi-Mna Somi was placed fourth with 3

distinctions, Kirsten van den Berg placed fifth with 2 distinctions and Megan Meintjes placed sixth, also with 2 distinctions. In total, the class achieved 54 subject distinctions and we congratulate our top achievers and thank them for their commitment to making the School proud.

Our sincere thanks go to a very dedicated team of educators, who assisted these learners to reach their full potential, Thanks are also extended to all stakeholders in this community for their tremendous support of our efforts to maintain excellence in education and academics in particular.



VALEDICTORY SERVICE

Friday, 5 October, was an extra special day for the matrics, their parents, special guests and the School's staff, as all came together for the Class of 2019's Valedictory Ceremony.

Once everyone had gathered in the school hall, Headmaster Mr William Pringle extended a warm welcome to all, after which Deputy Head Prefects, Khanya Butshingi and Zintle Maki led the devotion.

In response to the Headmaster's address, Head Prefects Peter Watermeyer and Jenna McNaughton spoke on behalf of the class, delivering touching farewell messages. The Class of 2019 then presented a song, 'I was here' by Beyoncé and a slideshow of their years at the school to those gathered. The ceremony ended with the Grade 12's leading out and continuing a tradition which started last year, where each learner rings the Centenary Bell.

The matrics then enjoyed tea in the Tony Burrell Union, joined by their parents and the school's staff, after which they took leave of the school by walking through a guard of honour, created by the rest of the school's learners.





THE MATRIC CLASS 2019

BACK: Lonwabo Teyise, Lunga Zantsi, Buntu Sota, Caerwyn Spence, Cleathon Koeberg, Iviwe Ndamane, Lihlombe Qambata, Lodewyk van Heerden, Harun Wajid, Keanu de Klerk, Bonginkosi Johnson, Daliwonga Mathiale, Sipheshile Jali, Cole Jaftha, Noa Cilliers
4TH ROW: Gary Shell, Zusakhe Ngwane, Kirsten King, Megan Doyle, Damon Fouché, Bladen Jacobs, Luke McNaughton, Sinentlaha Mvandaba, Ebben Johnston, Sanja du Plessis, Chevonne Prinsloo, Ryan Hobson, Sergio Macpherson
3RD ROW: Jemimah Mangunda, S'boongakonke Koyingana, Luthando Skapu, Taylyn Miller, Jenna-Mare Brotherton, Matteo Mahona, Gregon Jenneke, Soyama Mbobi, Matthew Price, Kia Hoffman, Rosslyn Sparks, Ethan Gedult, Mxolisi Zikalala, Jaada Smith
2ND ROW: Mr. C. Felix, Mr. H. Sparrus, Micela Loock, Elizabeth Afful-Packson, Sabrina Potgieter, Nosiphiwe Mbambo, Rashieda Mali, Christine Harris, Bridget Stander, Sasha Bosch, Marché Green, Ashley Malefo, Trevor Moos, Donné Marais, Mr. E. Jantjies
1ST ROW: Sisipho Swartz, Thembela George, Kay Koeberg, Nicole de Bruyn, Ncebakazi Baka, Zikhona Mbaile, Chelsea Theron, Henzé Jaftha, Sade Liesing, Lauren Carelse
FRONT: Mrs L. Galloway, Mrs K. van der Walt, Mrs B. Grewar, Khanya Butshingi (Deputy Principal), Mrs A. Gedult (Deputy Headboy), Peter Watermeyer (Headboy), Jenna McNaughton (Headgirl), Mr. W. E. Pringle (Headmaster), Zintle Maki (Deputy Headgirl), Mrs N. Read, Mrs C. Pringle, Ms V. van Rensburg



MATRIC FAREWELL

This year the date of the Matric Farewell Dance was brought forward to February, setting the tone for a year of beauty, unity and the hope of some Rain for our Matric class of 2019! The Grade 11's had the challenging task of raising as much money as they could in a very short time, and under pressure pulled off an excellent event very close to the start of the year.

The venue changed to the Botanics, which proved to be a fitting backdrop to showcase the beautiful young ladies and handsome gentlemen as they alighted from their carefully selected modes of transport against the backdrop of the Karoo. Parents and supporters streamed in to view the Matrics and their partners as they were welcomed by Master of Ceremonies Ashwon Davids, Brett Amsterdam and William Kayster.

On entering the outside venue, delicious canapés made by The Muller House were served under a starry sky and welcome drinks were enjoyed by all on this sultry summer's evening. The outside courtyard had been transformed into an elegant welcome lounge and the guests had some time to admire one another's outfits and mingle with their classmates and teachers. The theme this year was 'Rain' which was made evident on entering the Botanics hall. Puffy clouds with ploppy drops swirled around the gorgeous dresses as they entered the venue. The hall had been transformed into an elegantly simple celebration of rain, with an installation of 100 umbrellas forming a fitting centrepiece over the dancefloor. The décor was light, white and elegant – a perfect backdrop to the trending colours of maroon, teal and deep reds in which the matrics were adorned.

Head Convenor, Jade Shires welcomed the guests before Headgirl Jenna McNaughton paid tribute to the grade – reminding everyone that this was the beginning of a wonderful year, and a start to beautiful memories. Hoër Volkskool Headboy, Chris Burger, gave a speech of gratitude and Bowen Langmead said grace before the meal. The Muller House provided a delicious feast of fillet steaks and chicken pie, and the dessert was out of this world – complete with a delicious raindrop! Decorating and raising funds aside, the Grade 11's also performed a fun dance which fitted well with the theme of 'rain', and grateful thanks go to Mrs Putter who choreographed

the dancers. Then the dancing began! As always, the dancing is always a colourful mix of all styles and music, and everyone had a ball. Towards the end of the evening, Sakhe Booi made a speech of gratitude to all those who had made the evening possible, and a beaming Lauren Rose-Innes proposed a toast to 'The amazing class of 2019'.

The Matric Dance is an important rite of passage in the lives of all matriculants. It is a celebration of precious children on the cusp of adulthood and much thought and energy is put into each little detail from the dress to the shoes, to the tiepin, hair, makeup and hat and car. Congratulations to the Grade 11 committee, Ms Vona van Rensburg and the team of hardworking parents who provided the platform for this night to remember, 'Dancing in the Rain.'



MATRIC FAREWELL COMMITTEE

BACK: Sakhe Booi, William Kayster, Benito Vers, Deger Williams, Laetitia Theron, Sara Kingwill
FRONT: Lauren Rose-Innes, Jade Shires (Head Convenor), Ms V. van Rensburg (Teacher-in-Charge), Bowen Langmead (Head Convenor), Matthew Hesselink

PREFECTS

2019 has been a very successful year for the prefect body, under the guidance of Peter Watermeyer and Jenna McNaughton who were elected head prefects after a prefect camp at Die Lapa, Skietfontein. Khanya Butshingi and Zintle Maki were elected as deputies and the prefects functioned extremely well this year with these four at the helm.

The prefect body assisted in many special events during the centenary year such as Interhouse Athletics, Interschools cheering and many other aspects of school life. They had leadership talks and casual group visits throughout the year as a means of bonding.

One of the final activities was a social evening with the newly-elected prefects of 2020. This evening proved to be a great success, where the new prefects underwent various team-building activities and were addressed by Peter, Jenna, Mrs Nelia Read and Mr Hanno Sparrius who relayed insight, personal experience and advice. The event proved to be very enjoyable for both groups of prefects.

When one is placed in such a leadership position, personal development and growth are certain. The lessons learned and experience gained will most certainly benefit these learners as they step into the big wide world. It

has been challenging to fit the many prefect responsibilities into an already hectic matric schedule, but it taught them time management, communication and teamwork.

A message from Peter Watermeyer:

"If serving is below you, leadership is beyond you."

A message from Jenna McNaughton:

"True leaders don't create followers, They create more leaders."





PREFECTS

BACK: Iviwe Ndamane, Sanja du Plessis, Megan Doyle, Gregon Jenneke, Bonginkosi Johnson
MIDDLE: Micela Loock, Sasha Bosch, Taylyn Miller, Ebben Johnston, Gary Shell, Ethan Gedult, Kay Koeberg
FRONT: Khanya Butshingi (Deputy Headboy), Mr H. Sparrius (Teacher-in-Charge), Peter Watermeyer (Headboy), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Jenna McNaughton (Headgirl), Mrs N. Read (Teacher-in-Charge), Zintle Maki (Deputy Headgirl)

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS 2018/2019

In the RCL body, we strive to develop young leaders who will have a heart for their communities and for making a difference in the lives of their communities when they leave the safe environment of the School. This year, the RCL was led by Peter Watermeyer, who was assisted by Jenna McNaughton. Additional members of the executive body

included Laetitia Theron (Treasurer), Zintle Maki (Secretary) and Hannah Watermeyer (Assistant Secretary).

On the last day of school for the 2018 matrics, learners left their school shoes behind in an effort to lighten the financial load on some impoverished households by donating their shoes to a less privileged community school. This project was initiated by Kirsten van der Berg, a 2018 Grade 12 learner and the beneficiary was Spandau Secondary School.

We kicked off the new year with a very enlightening training workshop on leadership with Global Leadership Consultants at Profcon. Holiday Resorts in Graaff-Reinet. A very special event, the first of its kind, was an informal social function, where a number of RCL members from neighbouring schools enjoyed each other's company and shared ideas on leadership in the Tony Burrell Union. This was followed by a formal sit-down supper, also held in the Union, where the RCL hosted the Centenary Leaders' Dinner. Our special guests included principals, SGB chairpersons and chairpersons of the learner leaders' body from local schools, and they were treated to speeches by Mr Gerrar Maya and Mrs Anziske Kayster.

The RCL body functioned like a well-oiled machine as was proven once again when we were tasked to run the Short Corner, our newest tuckshop at the AstroTurf.

Our RCL of 2018/19 leaves behind a legacy. We thank them for their exceptional and dignified leadership and for having true character throughout. The leaders showed, in the words of Oprah Winfrey, "real leadership, by doing the right thing, knowing that nobody is going to know whether they did it or not".



REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

BACK: Benito Vers, Marthinus van der Berg, Brett Amsterdam
MIDDLE: Matthew Basson, Sisipho Arnols, Kyle-Luke du Preez, Grace Merifield, Melissa Swart, Lisakhanya Mvandaba
FRONT: Sakhe Boo, Laetitia Theron (Treasurer), Peter Watermeyer (President), Mrs A. Gedult (Teacher-in-Charge), Jenna McNaughton (Vice President), Zintle Maki (Secretary), Hannah Watermeyer (Assistant Secretary)



Primary Prizegiving

Senior Prizegiving



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT PRIZEGIVING

ACADEMIC PRIZES

■ GRADE 5

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT																	
Bilingualism	Ciara Kivedo																
General Knowledge	Similo Mvandaba																
Diligence	Tristan Hope Megan Putter Jesse Taylor-Freeme Stephan Vorster																
Overall Progress	Amyoli Maboep Kimberley Menos Leigh-Anne Murray Onwaba Ngaphi																
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Tables Champion	Samantha Charles																
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3rd	Katelyn Trollip																
2nd	Jade Palmer																
1st	Ciara Kivedo																

■ GRADE 6

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT													
Diligence	Muhammad Ahmed Zack Botha Zelresch Frazenburg Anna-May Hayes Kananelo Kometsi Senamile Mvandaba Alexander Neill												
Overall Progress	Makukhanye de Beer Lukhona Kettledas Kyle Liebenberg Malan Meyer												
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Tables Champion	Emma Short												
General Knowledge	Jayden Swart												
The Prize for Mathematics	Matthew Paxton												
Bilingualism	Megan Nortje												
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1st	Tara Ferreira												

■ GRADE 7

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT									
Diligence	Alinda Goosen Bontle Mashiane Vivian McEwan								
Overall Progress	Xavier Barlow Joshua Basson Max Price Sinesipho Sididi Chungwa Tshomela								
Certificates of Merit for learners who have achieved an average of 80% in one or more subjects									
One Subject	Chulumanco Faku Jordan Hall Dylan Kivedo Babalwa Lewis Kyra McCabe Camran Swartz								
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Four Subjects	Joshua Neill								
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Seven Subjects	Sade May Jayden Swart								
Eight Subjects	Terry Mabuni								
Nine Subjects	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg Na'eem Mahomed								
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SUBJECT PRIZES									
Technology	Johannes du Plessis								
English	Terry Mabuni								
Afrikaans, Economic Management Sciences	Charlize Vorster								
Social Sciences, Mathematics	Na'eem Mahomed								
Natural Sciences, Creative Arts, Life Orientation	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg								
3rd	Charlize Vorster								
2nd	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg								
1st – Old Unionite Shield for the Dux Student	Na'eem Mahomed								

■ CULTURAL AWARDS

ART	
Gordonville Art Prize	Terry Mabuni
CHESS	
Merit Certificate for Chess	Josh Arends Erin Gedult Caytah-Leigh Koeberg Azisa Mduduma Jayden Swart
Merit Certificate for the most promising Chess Player	Na'eem Mahomed
Merit Certificate for the most improved Chess Player	Josh Arends
Harwood Dixon Trophy for the Chess Champion	Na'eem Mahomed
MUSIC	
Merit Certificate for Progress in Music	Katelyn Trollip
Leon Fouche/Joan Kramer Cup for the pupil who gained the highest mark in the external piano exam	Erin Gedult
The Leon Fouche Cup for the most outstanding Music Pupil	Erin Gedult
DRAMA	
Merit Certificate for the best Supporting Actor	Dylan Kivedo
Merit Certificate for the best Supporting Actress	Ann-Noleen Koeberg
The Alistair Kingwill Cup for the Best Actor	Na'eem Mahomed
The Bernadette Palmer Cup for the Best Actress	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg

The Brink Family Trophy for the learner who contributed the most to the Cultural activities of the School	Kananelo Kometsi
The Ron Dugmore Cup for the Best Speaker	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
The Penny Family Shield for the girl exchange student	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
Merit certificate for the boy exchange student	Matthew Davenport

SPORT AWARDS

ATHLETICS	
U11 Victor Ludorum	Daniel Short
U11 Victrix Ludorum	Anna Bouwer
U12 Victor Ludorum	Matthew Paxton
U12 Victrix Ludorum	Lisakhanya Menos
U13 Victor Ludorum	Alutha Wesi
U13 Victrix Ludorum	Siphosethu Vena
CROSS-COUNTRY	
Hofmeyer/McLaren Cup for the U11 Boy's Champion	Daniel Short
U11 Girls' Champion	Jemae-Mari Davids
U13 Boys' Champion	Alutha Wesi
U13 Girls' Champion	Lisakhanya Menos
CRICKET	
U11 Best Fielder	Yaseen Kazi
U11 Batsman who scored the most runs	Daniel Short
U11 Bowler who took the most wickets	Peter-Daniel Clegg
U13 Batsman who scored the most runs	Camran Swartz
U13 Bowler who took the most wickets	Shaakir Kazi

U13 Best Fielder	Alutha Wesi
UHS Cup for the most promising Cricketer	Alutha Wesi
Justin Kingwill Trophy for the Best All-Round Cricketer	Alutha Wesi
HOCKEY	
Certificate for the most Improved Hockey Player	Leshay Fourie & Xarah Hoffman
UHS Cup for the most promising Hockey Player	Sade May
UHS Hockey Trophy for the Best All-Round Team Player	Sonwabise Mroro
RUGBY	
Certificate for the best forward player	Thokozani Mpanza
Certificate for the best back line player	Camran Swartz & Alutha Wesi
Certificate for the best all-round player	Alutha Wesi
UHS Cup for the Most Promising Player	Alutha Wesi
Mickleborough Cup for the Most improved U13 player	Chulumanco Faku Na'eem Mahomed
SWIMMING	
UHS Trophy for the most Promising swimmer	Chloe Erasmus
TENNIS	
Merit Certificate for progress in Tennis	Stephan Vorster
Certificate for Boys' Doubles Champions	Matthew Paxton & Peter-Daniel Clegg
Certificate for Girls' Doubles Champions	Tara Ferreira & Misha Newton
Gilbert Biggs Cup for the Junior Boys' Champion	Matthew Paxton
UHS trophy for the Girls' Champion	Tara Ferreira
ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT	
Oxenham Cup for the Most Promising All-Round Junior Sportsman	Matthew Paxton
Oxenham Cup for the Most Promising All-Round Junior Sportswoman	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
SPECIAL AWARDS	
Hazel van Niekerk Award for All-Round Achievement in Academic, Sport and Culture to a Grade 7 (boy or girl or both) who will continue their education at Union High School	Na'eem Mahomed Caytah-Leigh Koeberg





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SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

ACADEMIC PRIZES

■ GRADE 8

6th	Anna Pringle
5th	Trinity West
4th	Briggetté Oelofsen
3rd	Cadee Arends
2nd	Siphosethu Malotana
1st UHS Prize Vrede Award for Bilingualism St. James' School prize for English	Caitrin Spence

■ GRADE 9

6th	Matthew McNaughton
5th	Amber Binney
4th	Kathryn Odendaal
3rd	Matthew Basson
1st GSC Rubidge Memorial Prize	Kendall Krige
1st GSC Rubidge Memorial Prize St James' School Prize for English Vrede Award for Bilingualism	Hannah Bodenstein

■ GRADE 10

6th	Amzolele Relu
5th	James Pringle
4th	Melissa Swart
3rd	Kyle-Luke du Preez
3rd Sue Wynford Trofee vir die beste leerder in Afrikaans	
2nd Joan Thornton / Bobs Bremner Memorial Prize for the student obtaining the highest marks in Mathematics, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences	Hannah Watermeyer
1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize Vrede Award for Bilingualism	James Rose-Innes

■ GRADE 11

6th	Matthew Hesselink
5th	Degar Williams
4th	Sara Kingwill
3rd	Bowen Langmead
3rd Fergusson Family Prize for the Best Geography pupil	
2nd UHS Prize for English	Katherine Imrie
1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize ACVV Prize for Afrikaans 1st Additional Language Vrede Award for Bilingualism W.A.A. Shield for the most promising Life Sciences pupil Kroon Family Prize for Physical Sciences Lauren Weyer Prize for Mathematics	Laetitia Theron

■ GRADE 12

UHS Prize for Tourism	Jemimah Mangunda
McGaffin Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	Sasha Bosch

Zoetvlei Prize for Geography	Ebben Johnston
UHS Prize for Mathematical Literacy FNB Cup for Computers Applications Technology	Christine Harris
6th UHS Prize for English Vrede Award for Bilingualism	Zintle Maki
4th Max Kroon Prize for Mathematics	Ethan Gedult
4th UHS Prize for Music	Jenna McNaughton
3rd	Megan Doyle
2nd GB & G.R.C. Prinsloo Prize for Accounting Bloemhof Prize for Life Sciences Old Unionite Prize for Physical Sciences	Sanja du Plessis
1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize UHS Prize for Life Orientation UHS Prize for Business Studies	Micela Look
James Look Cup – Academic Interhouse: to be collected by the house captain.	Daly House: Daliwonga Mathiale & Nicole de Bruyn

CULTURAL AWARDS

BEST SPEAKERS	
Monks Cup for Grade 8 and 9	Caitrin Spence
NCW Cup for Grade 10-12	Meghan Basson
CHESS	
Geoffrey Kingwill Trophy for Chess Champion	Liano Naidoo
DRAMA	
Merit certificate for best Actress in a school play	Melissa Swart
Merit certificate for best Actor in a school play	James Rose-Innes
Merit certificate for best supporting Actress in a school play	Petra Japhta Tumelo Teys
Merit certificate for best supporting Actor in a school play	Buchule Siloti
MUSIC PRIZES	
Merit Certificate for progress in Music	Melissa Swart
Leon Fouche Floating Trophy for progress in Music	Briggetté Oelofsen
Pierre van der Merwe Floating Trophy for the most outstanding Music pupil	Jenna McNaughton
FIRST AID PRIZES	
The Fanie Bezuidenhout Memorial Trophy for the Best First Aider	Jada Smith
QUIZ PRIZES	
UHS Prize for General Knowledge – Junior	Briggetté Oelofsen
UHS Prize for General Knowledge – Senior	Rogan Odendaal
ALL-ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	
Marlene Rubidge Cultural Award for the Grade 11 who contributed most to the Cultural Activities of the School	Jade Shires
SPORTS AWARDS	
ATHLETICS	
Senior Victor Ludorum: The Radium Cleaners Trophy	Luke McNaughton
Senior Victrix Ludorum: UHS Trophy	Sanja du Plessis
Most Creditable performance on Sportsday: E. Brodie Trophy	Sisipho Arnols
CRICKET	
Brian Bands Sports Prize for the MOST PROMISING U15 CRICKETER	Sisipho Arnols



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CC Prinsloo Floating Trophy for the BEST FIELDER in the 1st TEAM	Bowen Langmead
Wally Kingwill Trophy for the BEST BATSMAN	Jaden Brotherton
Alan McCabe Memorial Trophy for the BEST ALL ROUNDER Robert Leak Shield for the BOWLER who took the most wickets during the season	Brett Amsterdam
BIATHLON	
Best Boy	James Potgieter
Best Girl	Jenna McNaughton
CROSS-COUNTRY	
UHS Trophy U15 Girls	Drew Dobinson
Temlett Hockley Trophy U15 Boys	Siyamthanda Badiwe
Herby Arnott Trophy Open Girls	Sanja du Plessis
UHS Trophy Open Boys	Matthew Carelse
HOCKEY	
Harold Wright Trophy for Interhouse Champion: to be collected by the house captain.	Daly House: Nicole de Bruyn
Tallies Agencies Sulette Damons Prize for the MOST OUTSTANDING HOCKEY PLAYER	Jenna McNaughton
Wagner / Wright Cup for the MOST PROMISING HOCKEY PLAYER	Jade Shires
Gail McArthur Trophy for the player showing the BEST SPORTSMANSHIP	Micela Loock
RUGBY	
Donald Kingwill Trophy for MOST PROMISING U16 RUGBY PLAYER	Michael-Joe Newton
Andre du Plessis Floating Trophy for the MOST DEDICATED 2ND XV player	Khanya Butshingi
Chumani Booï Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE BACK	Brett Amsterdam
Sullivan / Light Trophy for the most DEDICATED 1st XV PLAYER Cecil Murray Trophy for the MOST OUTSTANDING RUGBY PLAYER of the season	Gary Shell
Gordon Gilfillan Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE FORWARD	Cleathon Koeberg
Meyburgh Floating Trophy for the MAN OF THE MATCH AT INTERSCHOOLS	Ebben Johnston
TENNIS	
Garry Sullivan Memorial Trophy for the U15 Boys' Singles Champion	Brent Hesselink
Melody Charles Memorial Trophy for the U15 Girls' Singles Champion Herby Arnott Cup for the most promising U15A Girl	Chloe Shires
A Levy and Dulcie Bekker-Smith Memorial Trophy and Prize for the Girls' Singles Champion	Micela Loock
Pienaar Trophy for Open Girls' Doubles Champions	Micela Loock & Jenna McNaughton
Fergusson Family Trophy for Open Mixed Doubles Champions	Micela Loock & Noa Cilliers
George Wiehahn Cup for the Boys' Singles Champion	Noa Cilliers
Ludwig van Coppenhagen Trophy for the Open Boys' Doubles Champions	Bowen Langmead & Matthew Hesselink
Louise Vorster Trophy for Tenacity and Commitment to Tennis	Ebben Johnston
Nora van Niekerk Trophy for the 1st Team Girl who has shown the Most Sportsmanship during the year	Jenna McNaughton
ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT	
Eddie Brodie Trophy - Junior Girl	Chloe Shires
Norman Dodd Trophy - Junior Boy	Sisipho Arnols

Mortimer Floating Trophy - Senior Girl	Jenna McNaughton
Smith-Mack Trophy - Senior Boy	Brett Amsterdam
Clive van Niekerk Memorial Trophy for True Sportsmanship	Micela Loock
Lex Bremner Trophy for Sporting Endeavour	Ebben Johnston
SERVICE PRIZES	
FPJ van Rensburg School Service Prize	Jada Smith
Elizabeth Knott-Craig Service Prize	Zintle Maki
Karoo Development Foundation Prize for Unselfish Service	Sabrina Potgieter
SPECIAL AWARDS	
Dickie van Rensburg Shield for overall Interhouse points: to be collected by the house captains.	Daly House: Daliwonga Mathiale & Nicole de Bruyn
The Principal's Medal awarded to a learner of one year's standing (not in Gr.8) who has made the most significant contribution to the life of the school.	Kathryn Odendaal
The Serman Family Prize for Matrics, excluding prefects, who through example, made a particularly valuable contribution to the school by maintaining the qualities of truth, loyalty and justice as enshrined in the school motto.	Sabrina Potgieter
Warmenhoven – Goodwill Shield awarded to a Grade 11 or 12 pupil living out his/her Christian faith and by showing goodwill and tolerance to all.	Peter Watermeyer
The Melda and Gordon Wright Award is awarded to the pupil whose personal development and attitude has developed most positively.	Mxolisi Zikalala
The Denise Pierce Bursary for the pupil in Grade 11 who through a cheerful, positive personality and participation in many aspects of school life has contributed most greatly to the life and spirit of the school.	Jade Shires
The PG Badenhorst Memorial Shield for Helpfulness in Sport.	Siphesihle Jali
Gieter Muller Trophy presented to the pupil who best exemplifies moral courage, consideration for and helpfulness to others.	Khanya Butshingi
The Puttick Prize awarded to the Prefect(s) (not heads or deputies) who through force of character and devotion to duty has contributed most to the smooth running of the school.	Bonginkosi Johnson
FA Kingwill Cup for All-Round Achievement.	Jenna McNaughton
BURSARIES	
Old Unionite Bursary for further study	Gary Shell
Old Unionite Bursary for further study	Peter Watermeyer
Rayfield Bursary for further study	Micela Loock
Laing Bursary for further study	Taylyn Miller
William Lawrie Bursary	Bonginkosi Johnson
Fred Rubidge Memorial Scholarship – HAH Head	Zintle Maki
John Brodie Prize for the runners-up in the Helen Watermeyer/Joy Arnott and Way Memorial Bursaries – AKH Head	Khanya Butshingi
Joy Arnott / Helen Watermeyer Trust Bursary to the Headgirl of the school, as a present pure and simple, for her to do with as she liked as a memory of Helen Watermeyer, from whose little school in 1896, this big school had grown.	Jenna McNaughton
Way Memorial Bursary to the boy in Matric, who, by his character, conduct spiritedness and qualities of leadership, has contributed most to the life of the school – Headboy	Peter Watermeyer

GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Senior Prizegiving speech

Greetings. I wish to extend warm greetings to Mr and Mrs Pringle, our EDO Mrs Singeni, SGB members, honoured guests, members of our staff, parents, and to you - the learners of Union High.

Here is a short Union story: In 1969, shortly after Mr Dugmore had become headmaster, Dale College came up to play cricket against Union. They were a strong, formidable side. They were asked to bat first on a difficult wicket. It had rained the day before, and it was a hot, humid, stifling day.

Their opening batsmen were rock solid and, although scoring slowly, they were still there after half an hour. Dale batsmen numbers 9, 10 and 11 heard the laughter of some hostel pots enjoying a swim in the adjacent pool, and requested permission from Dale coach Percy Davies to swim. Given the heat, permission was granted. After an hour, still no wicket had fallen, and batsmen 6, 7 and 8 made the same request. Permission was further granted. Now, more than half the Dale team were in the pool.

As the cricket gods will have it, suddenly there was a batting collapse and 3 Dale wickets fell in quick succession. Dale boys came scrambling out of the pool, padding up, soaking wet. In this state wickets continued to tumble, with batsmen arriving, time and again, dripping wet. Dale was bowled out for 57 runs, and it was one of the few occasions Union was



able to beat Dale.

Two years later when Dale returned, Mr Dugmore was away on a tennis tour, but he left a telegram message for the Dale coach. For those of you who don't know – a telegram was like an ancient WhatsApp, usually heralding a death or the end of a war. The message read: "Keys to swimming pool in top drawer of cupboard in my study - please allow your boys to go swimming again."

When I read this delightful story in Mr Prozesky's book on Union cricket, I stopped to wonder. As we stand in the 100th year of this proud school I wondered how many stories, like the one I just recalled, are embedded in the walls and soil of Union? And when I saw the huge, diverse family that returned here from all over the world for our Centenary celebrations, I also wondered what it is that makes this school so unique?

What is the powerful spirit that binds our community together throughout the decades?

Part of the answer is that our lives at the end of the day, are simply the sum total of our memories. And many of our great memories are made right here. Think of how many memories YOU have of Union.

Many of your best friends will be made here, they will remain friends for life, and although your lives will naturally grow apart, your roots will always be tangled together. You will return again and again to those



GOVERNING BODY

- BACK:** Peter Watermeyer (Student Representative), Mrs Yvette Cloete (Head of Primary Department), Mr Kelvin Kayster (Policies, Legal), Mr Stephen Bezuidenhout (Sports), Mr Donald Kingwill (Grounds and Maintenance), Mrs Bronwen Langmead (Secretary, PR & Marketing), Mrs Amy Swart (Uniforms), Jenna McNaughton (Student Representative).
- FRONT:** Mrs Joan McNaughton (Boarding Houses), Mrs Lyn Rose-Innes (Boarding Houses), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mr David Langmead (Chairman), Mrs Abigail Gedult (Academics), Mrs Wilmarie Spence (Treasurer).
- ABSENT:** Mr Kevin Watermeyer (Deputy Chairman)

roots. You will meet old friends and laugh about life.

Consider what an important bond laughter is between people. Laughter has been described as the shortest distance between two people.

W.H. Auden said "Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can - all of them make me laugh"

An Old Unionite was telling me last year about a rugby coach here who was getting so frustrated with him during 1st team lineout practice, because each time he jumped he kept dropping the ball. The coach eventually shouted "I bet that if I was throwing you a beer, you would not drop it!"

Stephen King said: "Anything that has the power to make you laugh over 30 years later isn't a waste of time. I think something like that is very close to immortality"

We have the pleasure of walking the Odyssey with the Grade 10's each year and I personally witness how the learners resort to humour and laughter to overcome the challenge. The valley rings with laughter. They bond with huge smiles and heads thrown back enjoying the camaraderie.

Why is it that when you take away a thick comfy mattress, a soft duvet, a hot shower, the leather sofa in front of the TV, when you take all that excess away and place learners in a tough environment - does it bring out the best in them? The answer lies in the fact that we operate best as communities when we help each other and co-operate to overcome challenges. That is our natural state.

The human race performs poorly when there is excess. They become self-serving and individualistic. Look at the two great super powers of the USA and the UK. They are wealthy beyond imagination. They have massive excess, and yet look at their politics, it is fractured and bitter and petty. They spend all their potentially constructive time fighting each other. Compare that to how they pulled together in the incredible hardships faced in the war against Nazi Germany.

That seems to point to another fundamental strength that Union has. This is not a school of excess. The 100 years of our history is crammed with stories of community members rolling up their sleeves and working hard to maintain and grow the school we see today. Many years ago, there were farmers with teams of oxen and implements levelling the fields beside the Union, the children planted the kikuyu grass we see today, and it was mowed with a donkey-drawn mower, a job that took an entire week. During the short wool boom, many of the farmers were consistently generous and our swimming pool and tennis facilities were made possible.

That spirit prevails to this day. In the midst of the crippling drought we have been facing, the grass on our cricket pitches has been poisoned by the increased salt and mineral content in our water. With the honour of hosting Cape Schools this year, again the community stepped in. A large water tanker was sourced, clear spring water located, kraal mis donated, all the fertilizer donated, a pump was donated to pump the spring water to the pitches, soil samples were taken. The end result is that we managed to host this prestigious event and our guests were so impressed that it was suggested that the event remains in Graaff-Reinet for the years to come.

None of this would happen without the incredible people in our community. The day our parents stop working passionately for this school, it will die. Because without a community, we humans feel isolated, and our values cease to have meaning. Without values, nothing appears worth pursuing and we lose hope. So many societies today are depressed and anxious as they are isolated and lack community.

But not in a small town such as Graaff Reinet - here the school becomes the social centre of your life. Some parents spend up to 25-30 years in this locality. These will likely be the richest, most engaging years

of your life. And that is another reason that Union has such a powerful impact on the lives that pass through its gates. When learners see their parents involved, they discover that the world is not designed to be a selfish place. They learn the power of co-operation and teamwork. That has been so tangible during this, our Centenary year.

I have to take a small step back to reflect on what a wonderful tribute this year has been, and I have to compliment and thank every teacher, staff member and parent that have made our celebrations possible. Union, you walked an old road of history on the day you came up from the St James' Church and passed through the flags on the Centenary walk. I must pay tribute to our entire music department this year. Music binds people and commemorates history. The choir's performance at the St James' Church, the Centenary banquet and Interschools gave our Centenary year the gravitas it deserves. You were so good that the tears were flowing freely. At the banquet most of the audience were so emotionally choked up that people could not talk.

We have done our school proud in its 100th year. And 100 years later it still upholds consistently strong values in a world where they are becoming rare.

I inevitably think of the future of this great school. Who will love and care for it in 30 years from now? Where will it be?

Society is changing fast. It is the age of instant gratification. A new generation is here. You want to buy something...Takealot brings it to you...want to watch a movie, you live stream it now...you like a TV series, you don't watch an episode each week, you binge watch it in one sitting. It is the generation of the Millennials, (born between 1981 to 1996) and generation Z (born mid 90's into the 2000's). These generations will be the custodians of Union! I have a continual banter with my children at home, and like an old fossil I always groan about the Millennials, and their devices and I challenge them to show me the future. Some of the parents here will empathize with me when I say it is hard to see the future amongst the piles of strewn clothing on the floor and the forest of charging cables at every plug point.

Here is the good news. Simon Sinek has looked at the Millennials in depth and says: "As a generation the Millennials tend to be socially conscious. They care about the world. They want to make an impact, and use their skills for good. They are smart, driven and optimistic. Many of them donate and volunteer. However, they seem to take a scattered almost random approach. Because of their impulse for instant gratification, the slow plod of service has been replaced with a quick burst of philanthropy".

Nothing demonstrates the power of the next generation of leaders better than the ice-bucket challenge. In 2014 the ALS Association (which was attempting to raise money for a motor neuron disease known as Lou Gehrig's disease) asked that people post a video on social media of themselves being doused with a bucket of ice-water. In so doing they had to make a donation to the charity and then challenge a friend to do the same. The idea went viral around the world, and 17 000 000 people participated. \$220 million was raised. When the numbers were analysed it turned out that only 2½ million of the 17 million paid in. Interestingly, when they tried the event the following year, nobody was interested and it failed dismally. Everyone had moved on.

It is an interesting society and highly capable. Will they take our school to its future potential? I am convinced they will! Our future leaders sit right here in this hall today. These hills have already heard your laughter, your friends sit right beside your shoulder. Your parents delight in watching you grow. This school will become the defining factor in their social lives. New sets of Governors are being groomed.

We are a community held together by a shared vision and a common goal. We contain the spirit of 100 years of Union and we proudly hand it on to the generations to come.

ARTHUR KINGWILL HOUSE FOR BOYS



SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr Donald Kingwill

SENIOR DUTY MASTER:

Mr Christopher Felix

DUTY MASTERS:

Mr Hanno Sparrius, Mr Floris Steenkamp
Mr Sean Koeberg, Mr Raymond Hamilton

GENERAL MANAGER:

Mrs Martie Sullivan

HEAD MATRON:

Mrs Jacky van Zyl

MATRONS:

Mrs Frances Buffels, Mrs Maria Joubert,
Mrs Lynette van der Merwe,
Mrs Melissa Vorster

PREFECT BODY:

Khanya Butshingi (Headboy),
Iviwe Ndamane (Deputy Headboy),
Zusakhe Ngwane, Peter Watermeyer,
Luke McNaughton

Arthur Kingwill House had a good centenary year and it was filled with festivals, braai's, cheering, lazy afternoons, evening cycles, the usual evening touchies, a Valentine's Day picnic, predominantly home rugby fixtures, and the Interschools bonfire. One of the highlights

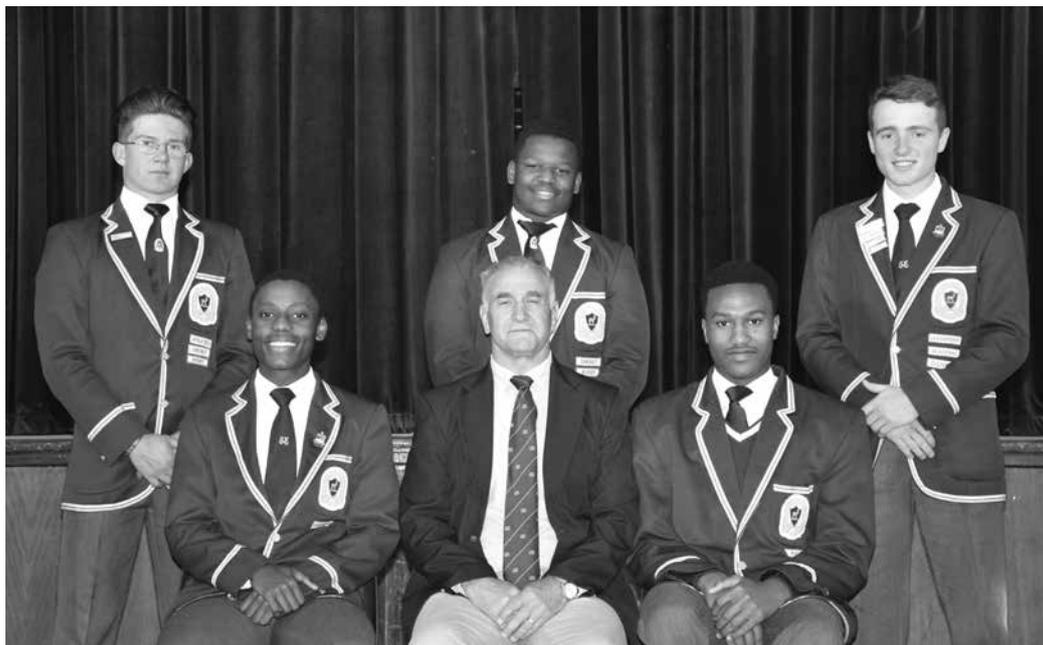
must be our Annual Steak and Awards Evening, held towards the end of term 3.

The challenges of the town water supply being cut unannounced has made us all aware of the severity of the drought in our country, and the importance of contingency plans.

A highlight has been the hosting of the Max Kroon boys for terms 2 and 3, while renovations were underway to their residence, and their interaction with the senior boys was heartwarming. Thanks must go to Mrs Melissa Vorster for the gentle and dignified way in which she looked after these boys.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Duty Masters, Arthur Kingwill House Prefects and all our Matrons and Hostel Staff for their dedication and contribution towards making Arthur Kingwill House a home away from home for our boys. Thank you also, to Mrs Sullivan for her guidance and assistance with our Matrons and staff.

A special thank you to Mr Pringle and Mrs Lyn Rose-Innes for their support and wisdom throughout this year.



ARTHUR KINGWILL HOUSE PREFECTS

BACK: Luke McNaughton, Zusakhe Ngwane, Peter Watermeyer
FRONT: Khanya Butshingi (Head of House), Mr D. Kingwill (Superintendent), Iviwe Ndamane (Deputy Head of House)

HERBY ARNOTT HOUSE FOR GIRLS

SUPERINTENDENT:	Mr R. Sullivan
ASSIST. SUPERINTENDENT:	Mrs M.E.Sullivan
HEAD MATRON:	Mrs M.E. Sullivan
SENIOR MATRONS:	Mrs C. Swartz (H.A.H); Mrs R. Rubidge (M. K.)
ASSIST. MATRONS:	Mrs M. du Preez (Kitchen); Mrs N Sparks (H.A.H); Mrs N. Lanser (M.K), Mrs L. Donian (M.K. Grades 1–4)
DUTY TEACHERS:	Mrs L. Galloway; Mrs B. Grewar; Ms A. Mey; Ms V. van Rensburg
PREFECTS:	Zintle Maki (Headgirl); Jenna McNaughton (Deputy Headgirl); Elizabeth-Afful-Packson; Micela Look; Jemimah Mangunda; Taylyn Miller.

We were once again privileged to have enjoyed a very good year at Herby Arnott House. This is, without any doubt, due to the dedicated staff and outstanding service rendered by the prefect body. Everyone concerned should be congratulated on the exemplary way in which they have gone about their tasks. It certainly is very much appreciated.

The general behaviour of the girls has been most gratifying and it has been an absolute pleasure to have them in the hostel. What is always most pleasing is to see how everyone rises to the challenges that each year brings.

The genuine concern and care of the matrons, as well as the duty staff, is to be complimented as it certainly makes the task of management and smooth running of the hostel so much easier. The assistance of Matron Corrie Swartz with the office administration and general day to day detail of the hostel as well as kitchen duties, can never be underestimated. The unsung heroes of the hostel are indeed Matron Mariaan du Preez and the ladies in the kitchen who provide us with tasty and nourishing meals, as well as Messrs Piet Plaatjies and August Olivier who are largely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. We are grateful for their commitment. It would be remiss not to mention how vital a role Mrs Martie Sullivan, has played. She has, as always, been

Superintendent, Head Matron, Mother and Confidante to the girls. She is much appreciated by everyone.

The calendar for the year has once again been a full one. The year started off with a miming Lip Sing competition as well as a Sing-along with Mrs Karmin van der Walt. Then there was the Matric Farewell, arguably the highlight of the year. For the Centenary Dinner and the Mother-Daughter's Tea the kitchen of Herby Arnott House was used and our girls were given an opportunity to be waitresses on each occasion.

During term 2, which is always a busy one as a result of the winter sporting programme, the girls were involved in a Master Chef competition; a Riff off (Noot-vir-Noot) competition as well as a Costume Dance social. During the public holidays the girls were involved in a number of fun games.

In term 3 we had an Oscar Evening, which was a red-carpet event. This was followed by the annual Hostel Dinner which is always the highlight of the hostel calendar. The girls were also involved in the Cancer Walk-Run and during the week that Nature Conservation had made a concession to the public, the duty staff made use of the opportunity to take the girls up to the Valley of Desolation. The term ended with the Matric's Pamper Outing to the Drostdy Hotel which, for some, was certainly an experience to remember.

The renovations to Max Kroon House and the revamping of the Herby Arnott House bathrooms presented new challenges to the girls with dust and noise being the order of the day. Fortunately, it has all been worthwhile. Further alterations included creating a new Common Room for the Grades 5–7 which they will make use of as from term 4. During term 3, this Common Room was used by the Grades 1–4 for video and social evenings (cupcakes and Steers ice-cream as well as popcorn on many occasions).

The senior girls enjoyed having the "Preppies" to stay in the senior hostel during terms 2 and 3 as they were afforded the opportunity to "faff" over them and spoil the "little ones". They brought a new dimension of fun and joy with them, and the experience was enjoyable for everyone.

Mrs Vorster went across to Arthur Kingwill House with the boys whilst Mrs Ros Rubidge accompanied the girls. We are grateful to Mrs Vorster as



HERBY ARNOTT HOUSE PREFECTS

BACK: Elizabeth Afful-Packson, Jemimah Mangunda
FRONT: Taylyn Miller, Zintle Maki (Head of House), Mr R. Sullivan (Superintendent), Jenna McNaughton (Deputy Head of House), Micela Look

she was prepared to sacrifice her time with her own family to assist us in our hour of need. Mrs Noeline Lanser has been appointed in the capacity of assistant matron at Max Kroon as from term 4. We are also pleased to inform our parent body that Mrs Eleanor Johaar has been appointed as assistant "homework matron" at Max Kroon.

It has been an extremely busy year for our girls and many sacrifices had to be made but the end-result has all been worth it. The "Preppies" have moved back to a "spanking new" hostel of which we are very proud. Other than staff there are many people that have to be thanked but none more so than Mrs Lyn Rose-Innes who has spent many hours with

Mrs Sullivan in her endeavours to oversee the work at Max Kroon and to ensure that our boarding houses are institutions that we can be proud of. We are also grateful to Mr Pringle for the facilitating role that he played.

The newly elected Prefect Body for 2020 consists of Jade Shires (Headgirl); Ayden Brown (Deputy Headgirl) and Lauren Rose-Innes. They will be assisted by Monitors, Soyama Mbetshu; Primrose Mutapati; Kaydn Retief and Hannah Watermeyer. We look forward to working with them in the new year as we strive for excellence in all aspects of hostel life.

Finally, we appreciate our parent body as well as the many prayers and support.



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100TH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDERS' WEEKEND

The Centenary Founders' Day began in the coolness of the morning as learners, staff, parents, and friends made their way to St James' the Great Anglican Church in Somerset Street for a very special 100th Anniversary Founders' Day church service. With the churchyard packed to capacity and extra space made available under a tent and in

the hall, friends old and new greeted one another in anticipation of this great occasion.

The service, led by Archdeacon Dr Mark Marais, was a poignant start to our centenary celebrations and particularly moving and appropriate for the venue from which the school originated in 1919. The Headmaster welcomed all the guests and focused with gratitude on our founders who came before us. Head Prefects Jenna McNaughton and Peter Watermeyer read the lessons. The congregation was treated to a magnificent rendition of 'Hallelujah' by our Joint School Choirs, consisting of seventy learners, under the batons of Mrs Van Rooyen and Mrs Brink, moving members of the audience to tears.

The Headmaster reminded the audience of what it takes to make an impact that lasts long after we are gone, when we are, one day far from now, just a name on a board or a faded photograph on the wall. Founders' Day at the School provides us with an opportunity to consider the many and varied legacies that have shaped this place – the people and the actions that have left for us today not only the buildings, but the history and the culture and the community that nourishes us.

Mr Pringle spoke of 1926, when the construction of the School, as we know it today, began; it was decided that the celebrations should be essentially a Children's Day, and therefore the function was confined to the children of the school, the teaching staff, and the Committee, no outside invitations being issued.

The Advertiser of 29 October 1926 reads: The marching of the hundreds of happy pupils in procession through the streets from the old premises to the new buildings was a striking evidence of the growth and popularity of this useful institution, and aroused recollections of the notable day a few years ago when after much effort and anxious work the UHS was first opened in St James' Hall with a mere handful of pupils. The proceedings were marked by a harmony and enthusiasm most pleasing to note in this (at present) land of bitter feeling and political strife, which



was a striking tribute to the splendid and patriotic work being done amongst the youth and maidens of Graaff-Reinet of which the name of the school the "Union High" is significant.

Mr Puttick spoke and said that the new buildings meant a lot to them all. Next year they would have lovely airy classrooms with plenty of light and spacious playgrounds adjacent, all of which would be for the physical good of the pupils. He added slyly that he trusted these things would also give the pupils better brains (laughter). The new buildings would vastly benefit the staff, and enable them to have better organisation, better discipline, and better control.

Mr Lawrie then spoke, addressing the children as his dear young friends, and pointing out the significance of this children's day, this children's function, this taking part in a very memorable occasion. They were immensely proud of their Union High School and he hoped everybody appreciated the great work it was accomplishing. One scarcely dared to contemplate what Graaff-Reinet would be today without the Union High School – our successful Union High School. He rejoiced in the fact that the name of every pupil was to be placed behind the foundation stone, alongside of his name, and reminded them how pleasant it would be in time to come to be able to point out to the next generation that "my name is behind that stone."

Mr Lawrie feelingly recalled the first beginnings of the School and the first meeting of parents called to discuss the starting of an independent school in Graaff-Reinet. There were great difficulties and obstacles to be overcome, but a determined band of men and women made up their minds on the spot, and the great work for education was begun. The school was a success from the outset.

Mr Puttick then called on the children by Standards, commencing with Olga Maasdorp, the head Matriculation scholar, to bring forward the cards bearing their names which were placed in a glass jar together with names of guarantors, staff, the first and the present Committees, a copy of the "G R Advertiser" of 14th November, 1921, containing the report of the Educational Commission (which was the charter of the UHS), copies of the issues of the School Magazine, etc. Altogether, said Mr Puttick, anyone opening up that jar, say 100 years hence, would discover quite an interesting and happy story.

The jar was then placed behind the stone, which was thereafter "well and truly" laid by Mr Lawrie who was presented by Mr Bridgman on behalf of his firm with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the auspicious occasion.

Mr Pringle told the audience that they had the privilege of re-enacting this walk, from the old school to the new. The procession would pass by many of the old school buildings, boarding houses and walk the very streets that these Union children walked all those years ago and arrive at our school where they would enjoy refreshments just as they did on that wonderful occasion.

The School would also bury a time capsule, in the Centenary Arch, with messages of goodwill to the staff and children of this school with the instruction that they should open it in 2069, the occasion of the School's 150th birthday. He said that he trusted that the School would be in good hands then, just as those in 1919 had entrusted the future of this school to us.

His final word to the boys and girls was this: May the Lord continue greatly to bless this school and all who enter it and may whatsoever things that are pure and lovely and of good report here forever flourish and abound."

The Centenary Walk started at St. James' Church where the original school began 100 years ago. It was truly a moving spectacle to witness our learners, parents, staff and Old Unionites walk through the broad leafy streets of Graaff-Reinet, tracing the steps of our forefathers to the School.

As everyone entered the school grounds via the Centenary Way,

they passed through an installation of giant flags depicting iconic figures and significant community members from the School's history. As these images swirled around them, a sense of being enveloped by our rich history prevailed. A delicious tea was then served in the Union while learners enjoyed treats on the field before singing a resounding happy birthday to our beautiful school.

The Old Unionite Association Annual General Meeting was held in the Tony Burrell Union where a happy spirit of co-operation and pride in the School prevailed.

In the afternoon, a young and very nervous squad of junior girls took to the field to face the determined band of mothers and old girls. The match ended with our girls losing 3-7. This was followed by an intense game between a senior girls' team and the old girls, which was won 4-0 by the school girls. The following awards were made: Best goal: Micela Looock; Best defender: Chelsea Theron; Player of the match: Jenna McNaughton.

Also, on Friday afternoon, two fun T20 cricket matches were played, with white cricket balls in use. Much fun was had by everyone involved. That evening, the Union community enjoyed a relaxing Steak Braai hosted by Mr John Crankshaw and the Old Unionite Association Committee. It was well-supported, and much laughter and fun prevailed as friends reminisced about their time at the school.

Very early on Saturday morning, it was the turn of the U9 and U11 cricketers who took on their dads. The aim in these matches is to encourage as many boys and their dads as possible to participate in a fun, non-competitive match. Our U13 cricket boys played a good-hearted social match against their parents and Old Boys. Unfortunately rain halted proceedings on more than one occasion before the game was finally called off just after lunch. In the U14 Invitational match, the Old Boys won by 99 runs. In the U15A match, the Old Boys won by 77 runs. In the 2nd XI match, the Old Boys won by 98 runs. In the 1st XI match, the Old Boys won by 33 runs.

Thank you to the Old Boys who made the effort to come and celebrate this very special occasion with us and the spirit in which they played the game. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the match and learnt valuable lessons. This is always a fantastic experience for the young men and something they will always remember.

While the men were playing cricket, the annual Gisela Kingwill Memorial Tea, held in Herby Arnott House in the morning, was a celebration of the bond between mothers and daughters. The Grade 11's worked hard to provide 180 ladies with a Japanese-themed brunch. Mrs Martie Sullivan paid tribute to Gisela Kingwill and spoke of the work they did together in service of the farm schools of the Graaff-Reinet District. Labarre Smit of The Muller House Restaurant demonstrated how to make sushi and Brigetté Oelofsen sang 'A Million Dreams' accompanied by Mrs Brink. Huge gratitude must go to Mrs Sullivan for making Herby Arnott House available due to impending rain.

At the end of an extremely busy, fun-filled weekend, the Old Unionites invited the cricketers to a prize-giving ceremony in the Tony Burrell Union. Mr David Stern thanked everyone for their participation and complimented the boys on their potential as cricketers. Mr Derek Light gave personal testament to how cricket shapes self-discipline and perseverance in youngsters. He paid tribute to his cricket captain from when he was at school, Mr Keith Crankshaw, and thanked him for giving him the opportunity to wear the white cap of Union High School. The School is extremely grateful to the Old Unionite Association for their impeccable planning and execution of a very successful weekend on the sporting front.

Prizes were awarded to: Best U15 player - Finn Cilliers; Best 2nd XI player - Mhlahli Tyanase; Best bowler and player who showed the most sportsmanship - Trevor Moos; Best batsman - Brett Amsterdam; Best all-round performance and most valuable player - Luke McNaughton

THE OLD UNIONITE ASSOCIATION

The Centenary year kicked off with the School's 13th Cricket Festival and the annual Founders' Weekend where the AGM was held. The "Old Boys" managed a win against tough opponents in their cricket match against the 1st XI, while the new T20 on the Friday afternoon was a great success.

The Centenary year was a very busy but fulfilling year. Many functions were held throughout the year which included the Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey Festivals, the Centenary Banquet and culminated in the Centenary Interschools. The marquee on the field made a huge impact and the weekend was enjoyed by all. Eleven official reunions were held.

This year the school also hosted a very successful Cape Schools' Cricket Week where the association played an important role in hosting our guests.

The men's bathrooms at the Tony Burrell Union have been upgraded

and we also contributed to the cricket hall of fame where all past 1st XI cricketers of the school over the past 100 years who have taken 5 wickets or scored a century in a match have been recognised with commemorative plaques on the wall.

The 100 Club is continuing to attract new members. Members of the public are encouraged to support this venture – there are no restrictions on who can join and the funds are used for bursaries and scholarships. Application forms are available on the recently upgraded OUA website, www.oua.co.za

Thank you to the committee, Moira Light, Helen Harris, Kevin Watermeyer, Elaine Stanley, Dave Stern, Suzanne Marais, Mariëtte Burger, George Hope, Kim Primic and the Headmaster, William Pringle, for all their hard work during the year.

~ *John Crankshaw – Graaff-Reinet Chairman*



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RENOVATIONS AND BUILDING

The Centenary Way

The paving of the driveway from the Bruce Maree Gates to the Tony Burrell Union was completed at the end of 2018 and has added enormous value to our campus. There are so many people to thank and acknowledge; those who donated stone or other materials, the AKH gentlemen who collected the stone, Mr Campbell Scott who fetched loads of stone from the farm of Mr Kevin Watermeyer, Mrs Joan McNaughton for her organisation, Mr Kingwill for supervision of the project, Mr Kevin Watermeyer and Peter Watermeyer for their tremendous hard work, Mrs Bronwen Langmead for all her support and hard work and Mr David Langmead whose vision and passion for the project was monumental.

The Swimming Pool

The school swimming pool underwent extensive repair and renovation this year. The repairs were necessitated by an alarming leak and consequent drop in water level which simply could not be ignored. The constant fluctuation of the water level and the weekly re-filling of the pool with water from the school's furrows via Mackie's Pit was causing havoc with pH levels and costing a fortune in chlorine and acid. Further, it was simply impossible to ensure the clarity of the pool for our swimmers.

The school's maintenance crew feverishly dug trenches to expose the pool's extensive plumbing network and searched for leaks and took the opportunity to carry out extensive maintenance, including replacing all the sub-terranean plumbing. Further work included replacing tiles, expansion gap sealant and the moulded tile around the perimeter. The filtration system was completely overhauled and the fountain removed.

Mr Colin Warner of Colin Warner Plumbing supervised the work and ensured that several improvements were made to the existing system to provide a safe, appropriate swimming facility for our children. Mr Kallie Venter provided tremendous advice and assistance, particularly with respect to the steelwork.

Herby Arnott House Bathrooms

The upstairs bathrooms at Herby Arnott House were gutted and renovated by Colin Warner Plumbing, and our girls are now able to make use of these modern, upgraded facilities. The guest bathroom for those visiting the hostel was also refurbished.

One of the newer additions to Herby Arnott House is an "entertainment area" for the Grade 5 to 7 boarders. Here the girls can relax and simply be with their friends while enjoying games, movie nights or other organised activities.

Junior Boys' Bathrooms

The junior boys' bathroom underwent a complete renovation. The existing facility was completely gutted and new toilet cubicles, toilets, basins, urinals, lighting and changing room facilities were installed alongside new lighting and a fresh coat of paint. This is part of our effort to provide the learners with a bathroom with a clean, modern look in which they can take pride. The school is very excited about this project as the renovation, upkeep and general cleanliness of the School's bathrooms is a priority. It all comes down to setting the tone for learning by making sure all aspects of the school, physical and instructional, combine to create a good environment.



GRADE 5 EXCURSION

The Grade 5 class enjoyed a day excursion to Ganora Farm and Nieu-Bethesda. They had an early start, having breakfast on the buses.

On arrival at the farm, the boys and girls were split into separate groups. The girls first visited the Fossil Museum and were taught about plant and animal fossils, including fresh water fish, found in the Karoo. The fossilization process astounded many of the learners and they were also reminded of the difference between herbivores and carnivores, as they examined the fossil samples. While this was happening, the boys took a hike to the Khoi-San caves with Henry, aka Punky. Punky entertained the children with his Khoi-San heritage stories and rock art knowledge.

After the groups had

swapped activities, everyone had a lovely lunch on the lawn and some free time. Next on the agenda was a visit to Nieu-Bethesda's community artists to do some shopping. Freddy Jacobs, aka "Die Goggaman" taught the children how to upcycle a can and wire to make a candle holder which will definitely be most useful during load-shedding! Seven kind-hearted learners showed compassion for a disabled artist and his two loyal dog companions. Of their own accord, they bought and gave them gifts of water and food, including a dog bowl. Amber Bezuidenhout, one of the "goodwill group", described how she felt: "When we gave it to him, I started to feel a warm, tingly feeling when I saw him smile, and I couldn't stop smiling."

Thank you to all those involved in making this a most successful and informative excursion.



GRADE 6 EXCURSION

In September, a very excited Grade 6 class packed the buses and departed from school to enjoy a three-day excursion at African Imprint Outdoor Centre at Kirkwood. On arrival at the centre they were introduced to Mrs Erasmus, the owner and manager of the centre. After going through all the important rules for their stay, the learners unpacked and enjoyed a picnic lunch. Once changed into old clothing, it was time for the fun to begin!

Capable and experienced facilitators were put in charge of the various activities which were to take place over the course of the stay. The facilitators divided the learners into groups for the various activities. In order to be successful as a group, learners had to overcome personal fears, step out of their comfort zone and rely on good team work, both physically and mentally.

Activities included learning how to make a shelter out of grass and sticks, learning to make a fire, ziplining, canoeing, obstacle courses, assembling a cannon, fun relay games and solving puzzles.

Getting to know learners outside the classroom environment and seeing them being successful and enjoying things other than "Maths" makes these outings an enriching experience.

Thank you to Mrs. Venter, Mrs. Vorster, Mr. Gerber and Mrs. Gerber for driving the buses and accompanying the class on their excursion.



GRADE 7 MARKET DAY

In term 3, the Grade 7 Economic and Management Sciences classes presented another successful Market Day. Learning all about entrepreneurship and running a small business is part of their curriculum and participating in market day forms a large part of their assessment mark.

The learners had to do a lot of planning and market research before deciding which goods and services would be sold on the day. They



were also required to advertise their Market Day and to stick to a relevant theme which assists in building a potentially successful brand. Each group was required to pay R20 rent per stall from their profits which they kindly donated to the "Buy-a-Brick" project.

The knowledge gained from such a practical experience is extremely valuable. Well done to all Grade 7 learners on a fine effort.



GRADE 7 SOCIAL SCIENCES EXCURSION 2018

In very windy conditions, a group of very excited Grade 7 girls set out to visit the Camdeboo for a weekend of hiking, exploring, learning, and of course, relaxing.

The group headed to the Camdeboo Conservancy and stopped at Westbrook where they changed into walking attire. A short hike led to a huge poplar forest on Onbedacht farm. The topic of river health was studied in Geography and the learners set out to establish whether the river that flows through the poplar bush was healthy or not. Due to the drought the water flow was not as good as in past years, but a few crabs were seen. After lots of squealing and giggling, the girls managed to catch a few that were once again released. Healthy crab and frog populations



are indicators of a healthy river.

The activities continued at Grootvlei Farm where the learners helped to count the goats that came home, some of the girls helping to bring in strays. After supper they headed to Langfontein for a midnight dip in the pool. A warming cup of hot chocolate was the perfect way to end off the evening. Some girls dragged their mattresses out onto the open stoep and slept under the stars.

The next day, breakfast was served after which the group headed to Kriegerskraal where Mr Spence demonstrated the baling of lucerne. He allowed the girl's to run free in his lucerne land which was irrigated with a central pivot.

This was a lovely reward for studying hard, and all future Grade 7's are encouraged to work hard so that they too can enjoy this excursion.

THE SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



The two learners participating in the 2019 Salisbury Exchange Programme, Matthew Davenport and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, spent the second term at the Salisbury Cathedral School in the United Kingdom. They were spoiled by their host family with a trip to Twickenham Stadium in London to enjoy the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Tournament. They also became involved in the Salisbury Cathedral School's extracurricular activities with Caytah-Leigh especially enjoying the school's music programme, participating in singing and piano, while Matthew did very well at the school's athletics day.

Congratulations to Grade 6 learners, Tara Ferreira and Alastair Imrie, who have been selected as our Salisbury Exchange learners for 2020 after interviews were held. We will be hosting learners from Salisbury during the first term of next year. The 2020 GAP students are Iviwe Ndamane, Jenna McNaughton and Christine Harris.

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION CAMP

With the School committed to embracing their surrounding environment as a part of the education of their learners, the Grade 8 Orientation camp plays an important part in introducing the youngest members of the high school to the environmental ethos of the school.

71 excited Grade 8's set off early on a January morning with the guides from the Camdeboo National Park, staff and prefects, and hiked to the Education Centre tucked behind Spandau. It was tough going in the extreme heat, and teamwork and encouragement got everyone to their destination.

After lunch the Grade 8's engaged in activities with the educational team from the National Park, as well as a series of specially designed tasks that facilitated them working together as a grade and co-operating with the senior mentoring system in the school. This was an excellent opportunity for the senior leaders of the school and boarding houses to

get to know their young charges. Respect, dignity, care and co-operation are also key factors to becoming a Unionite, and our leaders stressed this throughout their time together.

The Grade 8's arrived home hot and tired on Friday having gleaned a little more about the Union way of life. Grateful thanks are extended to the team at the Camdeboo National Park, Ms van Rensburg and Mr Ittershagen-Strauss, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Kingwill for food and logistics and the prefects who gave of their all to make the Orientation camp such a success.



GRADE 10 ODYSSEY

Each year the Grade 10's spend months anticipating the Odyssey which takes them on a physical, soul searching journey down the Gats River Canyon, starting in Nieu-Bethesda and ending in Graaff-Reinet 5 days later. The aim of the exercise is that everyone carries all that they need to be self-sufficient and to survive this time in the wilderness.

Kevin and Lisa Watermeyer spent months planning the smooth execution of the adventure, but were unfortunately unable to be a part of the 5 day journey due to circumstances beyond their control. The School is eternally grateful to Kevin, Lisa and the team of parents who worked so hard to make logistics and cooking run so smoothly behind the scenes. This year Brian Kenmuir, Flippie Loock, Bronwen, David and Rebecca Langmead, Elrich Jantjies, Hanli and Rowan Rose-Innes, Nibs Price and Mr and Mrs Pringle walked and accompanied the learners on all or some of the trail, ensuring the safety and well-being of the hikers.

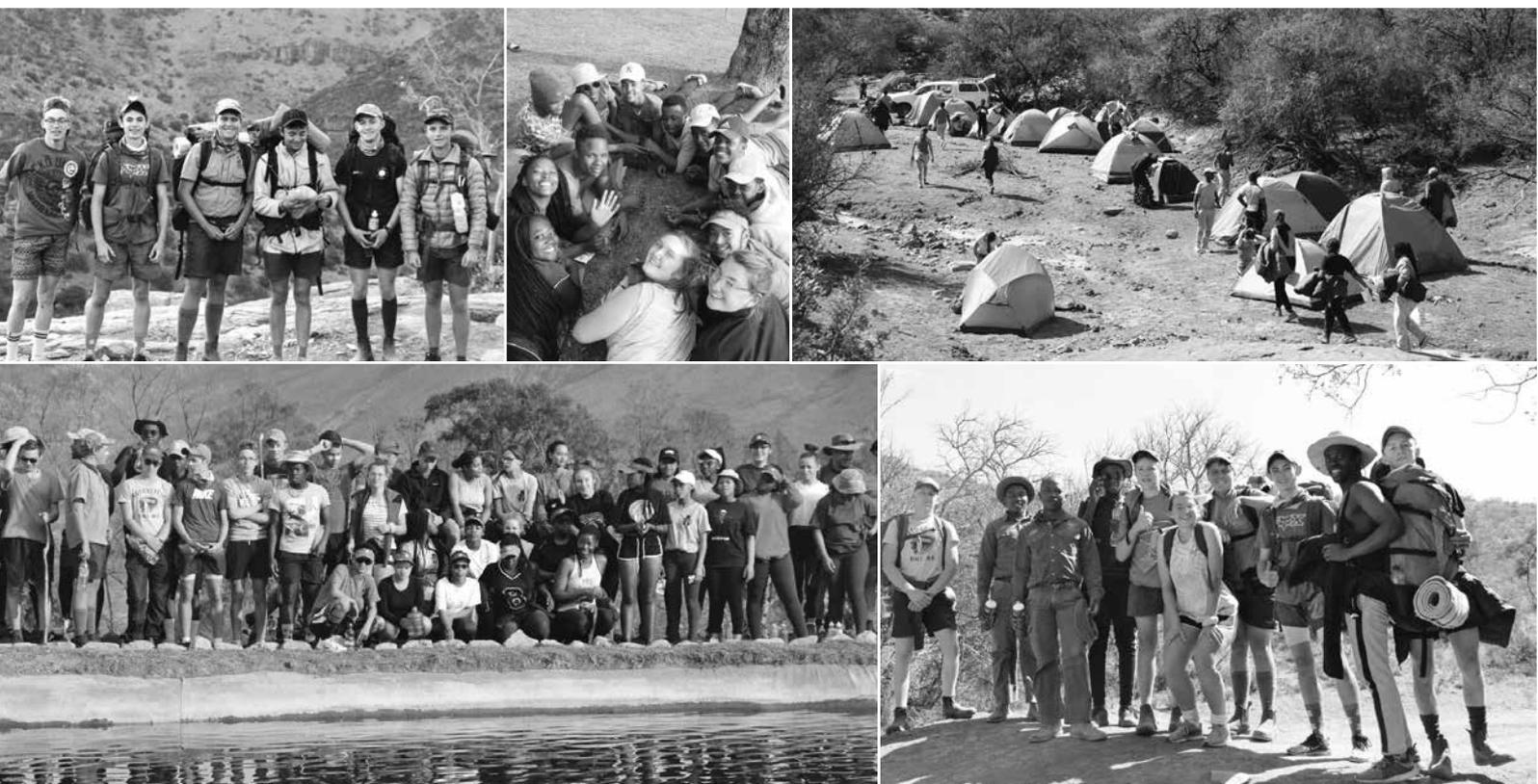
This year's Odyssey was a different one, in that the Karoo is in the throes of a drought and the rivers are nearly dry with no potable water en route at all. Water was driven in to the campsites by means of 70 five litre containers – one for each child, which would last 24 hours. This in itself was an excellent exercise in the value of water and how precious each drop can be. It was interesting to watch the Grade 10's nurturing their marked, 5 litre containers, and it was impressive that they managed to survive each day with this scant amount – this included cooking, washing and all drinking water!

Day 1 started with 58 slightly nervous Grade 10's setting out from the Nieu-Bethesda Sports Club. Packs had been inspected and weighed beforehand, so this year everyone's packs were of an acceptable weight. The Development Trust has provided funds each year and the School now has enough packs and tents to accommodate those who don't have their own. This year 15 braai bread pans were also purchased, all of which add to the smooth running of the journey. The first 5 kilometres out of the village is a long slog on a district road. During this time packs were adjusted and everyone caught up at a decent sized (albeit slightly slimy) swimming hole before heading into the canyon at Aasvoelkrans. Here the orange cliffs, poplar glades and slow moving river provided incredible vistas and lunch and a good swim got everyone energised before the final push to the campsite at Riverdene. It was uncanny to discover that the campsite this year had been a huge pool in the river last year! But this provided a perfect beach and a gorgeous tent-town was set up before

long with a well-managed fire place in a safe spot. Blisters were tended to, and the group settled into an evening of real conversation, card games and getting to know each other without the distraction of screens and cellphones which were banned. David Langmead gave the group a fire-making lesson and after a hearty meal sleep came easily!

The next day, drama therapist Paula Kingwill engaged the group in a workshop during which they delved into some soul searching about how their environment adapts to change. This gave everyone the opportunity to get to know each other on a deeper level, and some of the groups produced extremely original and creative ideas which they acted out to their peers. The group also delved into the role that their ancestors played in their lives and realised how similar – and how different they are on various levels. After a quick pack up, the hike to Schoonberg began. Some got a little lost (and found) on the way, the previous day's blisters began to scream at their owners and packs weighed heavily on some shoulders. For those at the back, the day was long and painful, and everyone was grateful to eventually see that the pools at Camp 2 still had some water in them, providing delicious relief to aching feet and bodies! Those who found the hike easy, got wind of a secret pool up one of the tributaries and an enthusiastic group headed upriver to see if it had water. The intrepid explorers came back exuberant a few hours later, reporting of the watery beauty that they had found! That afternoon Bronwen and David Langmead presented an outdoor cooking demonstration and before long everyone set out to make their own delicious bread and roast chicken which was thoroughly enjoyed as the moon rose later! With tummies full, David called the group together and explained the art of stillness and living in the moment. The Grade 10's were asked to meet before sunrise the following day, when they would spend some hours in 'Solitude'.

Hardly anyone needed waking at 4.30am the next morning...in beautiful, quiet consciousness, the Grade 10's settled around the fire with their sleeping bags, water, and precious letters from loved ones. The adults led them out quietly into the dawn and positioned them individually amongst rocks, under bushes and next to pools, where they spent 5 hours in total silence and solitude. During this time they wrote a private letter to themselves which will be kept in the school safe to be opened at their Valedictory in 2021. The privilege of this time of silent reflection is one which few in the world are blessed with.





which lay the oasis of St Olives farm, was a major life accomplishment for many. Few had ever experienced anything that physically challenging in their lives. Everyone was grateful for the green grass, swimming dam and shady pear trees which made the campsite seem like a hotel after the untamed wilderness they had experienced! Mr Pringle addressed the Grade 10's later in the evening, speaking to them of the meaning of Homer's poem, "The Odyssey" in which Ulysses' 10 year epic journey is described. He likened the Grade

10's personal journeys to the words from the poem, Ulysses, by Tennyson when he says,

"Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

The final day dawned bright and early, and while everyone appeared excited that home was close by, most expressed sadness that their time together was over. As a surprise, all packs were loaded into trailers and, free of the weight, the Grade 10's set off quickly on the 11km final stretch down to Graaff-Reinet. As they reached the top of Ouberg, David Langmead called everyone together for the last time, asking them to leave any troubles, worries, baggage and pain at the top of the pass. As has become tradition, the Grade 10's wrote that which they wanted to metaphorically leave behind in the Karoo dust, before scratching it out and heading off, lighter than before, towards the School.

At school, a heroes' welcome awaited them as they walked through a tunnel of Unionites – some who had gone through what they had, and some who anticipate the Odyssey in the future. Tears of joy, accomplishment and pride flowed as parents and friends welcomed their now changed young people, who, for a good part of a week had accomplished walking 65km from Nieu-Bethesda to Graaff-Reinet and had learned so much more about who they are.

On return, someone commented on the quiet, peaceful mood at camp and everyone packed up, ready for the short hike to the waterfall. After the pools at Schoonberg, the lack of water became evident. The huge pool at the base of the waterfall was reduced in size and not really even fit for swimming. It was decided to camp in the riverbed at the top of the waterfall, and it was here that Mr and Mrs Pringle joined the group. There was talk about the 'torturous' day of hiking that lay ahead, and more than a little trepidation filled the air as delicious mugs of soup and roosterkoek were served for supper. The organisers are extremely grateful to land custodians Pierre and Elizna Fourie, Patti Coetzee, Julian Murray, Johan Dercksen, Sarah Cromhout, Johan Bouwer and the Herding Academy without whom the Odyssey would not be possible.

The trackers from the Herding Academy met everyone down the valley at 8am, ready to guide them along the 14km hike, part of which included 7km of pure uphill. It is this day of hardship which tests the endurance and tenacity of each and every Grade 10. There are times when giving up is simply not an option, no matter how difficult the going may be. While endurance hiking is easier for those who are naturally fit, massive admiration went out to those who did not find it easy, yet absolutely refused to give up at all. Mr Pringle described the day's hike as 'brutal' and expressed his real admiration to the Grade 10's for completing this gruelling day, having experienced it himself. Summiting the neck over

GRADE 11 MATHEMATICS CAMP

During term 3, a Mathematics Retreat in Nieu-Bethesda proved a winning formula for our Grade 11 mathematicians. During this annual excursion, the learners do more than just the regular run-of-the-mill high school mathematics. Here, they take a look at the world of mathematics beyond what is covered in the syllabus.

During this year's camp, the Grade 11's built their confidence in the Fibonacci Sequence, the Golden Ratio and two and three-dimensional fractiles. The learners also had some time to apply their knowledge of Grade 11 Mathematics by solving problems and cracking codes which were designed by their maths teacher, Mr. Elrich Jantjies.

They took a walk to find fractiles in the real world - this activity was however cut short by rain. Most of the learners then made use of this time to study for their upcoming tests. Later that evening, they watched a movie called "Hidden Figures" which they all found very

inspirational. Every year, this maths camp is a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. It would, however, not be possible without the generosity and kindness of Ian and Katrin Alleman and their staff, who always host and accommodate the group at their backpacker accommodation establishment in Nieu-Bethesda.



MINTEK QUIZ

Four of our Grade 12 learners represented the school at the provincial round of the annual MinQuiz competition held at NMU in Port Elizabeth. MinQuiz, organised by the Council for Mineral Technology (Mintek), is regarded as South Africa's premier national Maths and Science competition for Grade 12 learners. During this competition, our team members, Peter Watermeyer, Ethan Gedult, Megan Doyle and Sanja du Plessis, were pitted against the top Grade 12 learners of schools from all over the Eastern Cape.

To start, the learners first had to write a

preliminary multiple-choice question test individually. The learners performed very well in this round and based on the aggregate score of



their written tests, the team was announced as one of the top five in the Gold category that would be competing during the second round of the competition, a live, on-stage oral quiz. That afternoon, the learners then competed as a team against the four other teams on the auditorium's stage in front of an audience and a panel of judges. After a nervous start, the team gained momentum and finished third overall, winning R550 for the school.

TOP LEVEL CLUB

The Top Level club of the School consists of the top 6 learners per grade from Grade 9 through to Grade 12, based on the end of year results of the previous year.

The aim of this club is to bring our top academics into contact with young Old Unionites in different spheres of their careers to share their paths with our learners, creating an opportunity for them to gain exposure and at the same time to strengthen the link of Old Unionites with their school.

Events included a short motivational video clip for teens on how to

achieve success and this formed the introduction to the topic on "How do we perceive success". Top levellers shared their ideas on what inspired them as individuals. The objectives of the Top Level club were also discussed and this evening was concluded by sharing a light supper.

Our club members have been exposed to a number of Olympiads throughout the year, and our Grade 12's also took part in the Mintek Quiz where they earned a third place in the Eastern Cape competition.

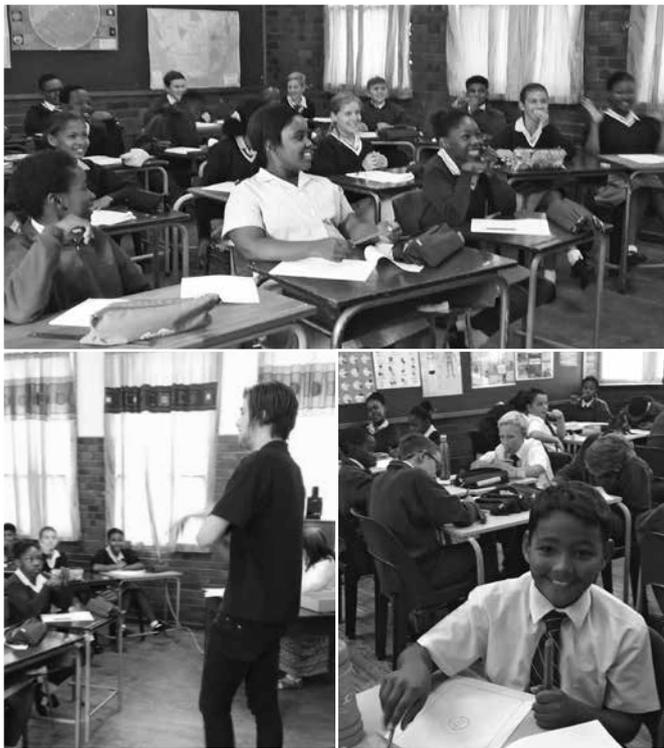
We invite Old Unionites (when in town) to share their success stories with us in order to broaden our learners' horizons even more.



TOP LEVEL CLUB

BACK: Matthew Basson, Amber Binney, James Rose-Innes, Matthew Hesselink, Katherine Imrie, Bowen Langmead, Kendall Krige, Hannah Watermeyer, Kyle-Luke du Preez
MIDDLE: Melissa Swart, Sara Kingwill, Hannah Bodenstein, Daniel Nell, Deger Williams, Laetitia Theron, Matthew McNaughton, Grace Merifield, Amzolele Relu, Mekisha Manzana
FRONT: Zintle Maki, Megan Doyle, Peter Watermeyer, Mrs A. Gedult (Teacher-in-Charge), Jenna McNaughton, Sanja du Plessis, Ethan Gedult

ELEVATE EDUCATION



This year, the School was one of 120 across South Africa to choose Elevate Education to run their study skills seminars and workshops. Elevate is an international organisation working with more than 1500 schools across South Africa, Australia, the UK, the US and Singapore. It is their belief and experience that any learner can improve their marks by replicating top learners study skills and techniques and their study skills workshops are designed to teach good studying habits that are not just tolerable, but actively fun. Elevate gets students using the skills from its workshops through an integrated process that works.

Three study-skills seminars took place during the year, in February, April and October, where young and vibrant study skills facilitators from Elevate Education visited the school and held workshops with the Grade 6 and 9 learners. Information sessions were also held with the staff and parents.

The corridors rang with cheering as learners were introduced to techniques that can be used to make studying fun and effective. It was evident from learners' expressions and renewed energy in their step, that the workshops were a much-needed addition to an already exceptional focus on learning, and, on returning for each subsequent session, the presenters were welcomed back with shouts of delight.

Perhaps the best summing up of the workshops that were held comes from a delighted Grade 6 learner who reported: "I never knew that studying could be so much fun!" The School looks forward to seeing how the study skills learnt during the seminars will allow for further refinement of our learners' skills repertoire.

MUSIC

"Whether your child is the next Beyonce or more likely to sing her solos in the shower, she is bound to benefit from some form of music education. Research shows that learning the DO-RE-MI's can help children excel in ways beyond the basic ABC's." – Laura Lewis Brown

At the School, our Music Department forms an important part of our learner's education and this year about 140 of our learners, from Grade 5–12, benefitted from music education, whether it was as part of a choir, a marimba band or an individual violin or piano student.

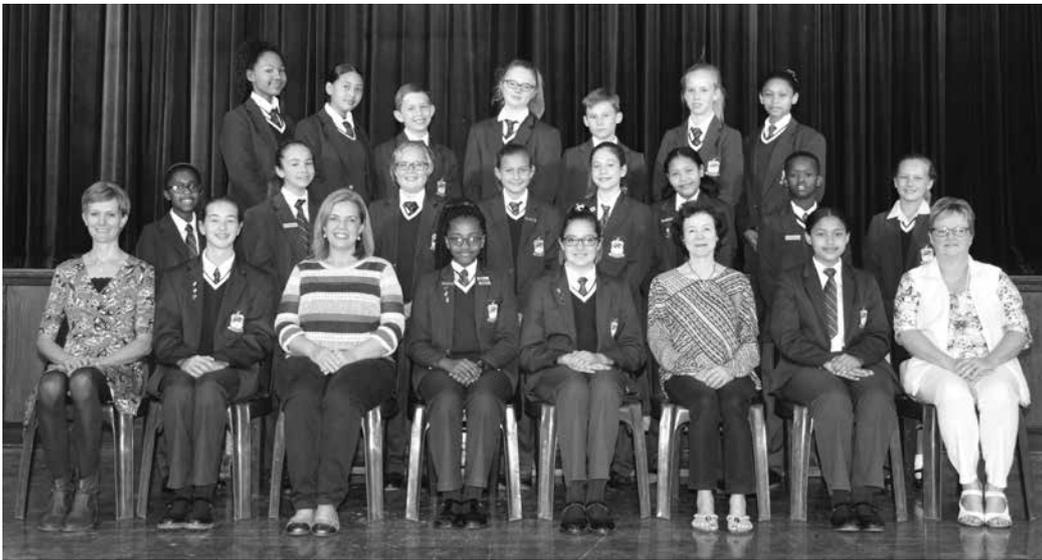
At the beginning of the year, the music department implemented two new syllabuses, Rockschooll and Piano Adventures, as an alternative choice to ABRSM.

RSL (Rockschooll) was founded on an ethos to provide innovative, contemporary qualifications for music and the arts. Being at the forefront of the industry for over 25 years, their operations include Rockschooll Graded Music Exams, Teaching and Performance Diplomas, Vocational Qualifications (VQs) and Performance Arts Awards (PAA). They pride themselves on delivering the most academically rigorous, industry-relevant qualifications designed to support aspiring artists, educators and teaching establishments – wherever they may be.

Piano Adventures Method Series won the "2018 MTNA Frances Clark Piano Pedagogy Award". Piano Adventures was introduced to our music department by Dr Liezl-Maret Jacobs (Piano Pedagogue) from Ireland in 2016, when she did a workshop at the school. It can be used either on its own or alongside an exam curriculum. It has 8 Levels and covers all styles of music. It is our goal to train our learners as functional musicians, who will be able to serve as musicians in their communities one day, and to enjoy playing their instrument until they are old! To quote Dr Liezl-Maret Jacobs, "The success of music education is in the process, not in the product."

One of our learners, Erin Gedult, played the ABRSM Grade 2 piano





JUNIOR MUSIC PUPILS

BACK: Xara Hoffman, Nina Japhta, Tristan Hope, Samantha Charles, Daniel Short, Katelyn Trollip, Taegen Hamid

MIDDLE: Owethu Singeni, Amber Bezuidenhout, Melissa Naude, Mecoli Vorster, Sasha Cochrane, Erin Gedult, Kananelo Kometsi, Megan Putter

FRONT: Mrs Z. van Rooyen, Charlize Vorster, Mrs S. Brink, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Vivian McEwan, Mrs K. van der Walt, Ann-Noeleen Koeberg, Mrs C. Scott



SENIOR MUSIC PUPILS

BACK: Ruzh  Hendricks, Hannah Watermeyer, Anna Pringle, Lana Bouwer, Thando Matotie

MIDDLE: Chloe Shires, Hilary Jacobs, Brigett  Oelofsen, Grace Merifield, Barbara McNaughton, Jamie Jaftha, Shayna Japhta, Caitrin Spence

FRONT: Melissa Swart, Mrs K. van der Walt, Kia Hoffman, Peter Watermeyer, Jenna McNaughton, Mrs Z. van Rooyen, Jade Shires



exam this year, passing with Distinction and we congratulate her on this excellent result.

We are very grateful and excited that the school has a Senior Choir again after many years. Mrs van Rooyen started the choir at the beginning of the year and they, together with the Junior choir added musical flavour, atmosphere and entertainment to many occasions during the past year. The highlights were certainly their joint performances during

the school's centenary celebrations on Founders' Weekend and at the Interschools' assembly.

A second Senior Marimba Band and a Junior Marimba Band were also started at the beginning of the year. The learners involved enjoy every moment of practicing and performing as an ensemble on these beautiful instruments and create magical music on the wooden notes! Our Marimba bands tend to enjoy the attention of the audiences the most, as they are recorded on many video cameras at every occasion.

During April, 6 of our music pupils and 3 music teachers, along with their husbands, embarked on an exciting excursion to the Music in the Mountains festival, which is hosted by the Drakensberg Boys Choir on their campus every year. We camped at the Dragons Peak Mountain Resort just next to the school and attended seven shows throughout the long weekend. The two highlights were definitely the "Mozart Requiem" and the "Symphonic Pop" shows that were performed by both the Drakensberg Boys choir and the Johannesburg Philharmonic Youth orchestra. We often walked out of a show, completely speechless by what we had experienced and it was a wonderful privilege to attend this festival.

It was a busy but very exciting year for our Music Department. As we are planning new projects for next year, we trust that we will continue to grow and that more learners will benefit from the music education that the School offers.

LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTRE

Reading develops the mind, imagination, creative potentials, improves spelling and expands the vocabulary. Our school library plays a pivotal role in creating a reading culture amongst its learners.

Award-winning titles for the library are sourced by way of the YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) book lists and ALA (American Library Association) Young Adult Best Fiction lists.

New books are ordered every term with every book being carefully reviewed to determine the appropriate age group for that specific title.

The library stock is divided into four sections: Young adult, Teenage, Junior as well as a Quick Read section to encourage the not-so-eager readers to crack open a

book. The collection is diligently controlled and managed by a team of library monitors and assistants under the guidance of the librarian.

To complement the library's services, the School also offers learners a fully-equipped media centre with state-of-the-art facilities for technology-based experience and learning enhancements. Here, learners can use modern computer equipment, as well as the free Internet services provided to them - under supervision - to conduct their research during school time as well as in the afternoons.

The Cami Maths programme is also available on the network to assist learners with their maths revision.



LIBRARY MONITORS & ASSISTANTS

BACK: Keisha Mentoor, Siphosethu Malotana, Kaitlin Kenmuir, Brigetté Oelofsen
MIDDLE: Precious Nobula, Megan Nel
FRONT: Zoé May, Petra Japhta, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Jade Edwards, Sayma Wajid

TABLET TEACHING TECHNOLOGY

Since the introduction of tablet technology at the School in 2016, teachers have seamlessly migrated from traditional, old-fashioned paper-based course materials to touch-screen device platforms. Tablet technology was introduced to Grade 8 learners in 2016 and was extended with this group of learners, who have just completed Grade 11. Thus, in 2020 we will look forward to having all Grade 8-12 learners working on tablets.

The ITSI support manager, Mr Chris Westran, visits the School once a term to assist with tablet training to learners as well as staff. At the beginning of the year he spends a full day with Grade 8 learners so that they can be introduced to the tablet technology and get familiar with their devices.

The miEbooks application serves as an e-book reader. Each learner is given unique login details for the app that allows them to access their personal e-book library. The app enables learners to add notes to specific sections of a textbook, make highlights, add freehand sketches and

generate automated summaries of highlighted text as well as generating double-sided flash cards for study purposes.

Teachers create, manage and insert learning resources directly into students' textbooks. They can insert images, videos, PDFs, text documents and flashcards. Learners gain access to personalized content, additional multimedia resources and standard curriculum material in a single location. This enables the School to save paper by limiting the need to photocopy worksheets and class notes.

Tablet technology solves some of the biggest 21st century challenges in education, by making learning visible, removing fragmentation and bridging the gap between traditional and cutting-edge teaching. Tablet technology allows the School to simplify, enhance and improve efficiency in education. With the fast-moving working environment, we prepare learners to be more computer literate than ever before with the use of tablet technology.

S.A.O.U PRINCIPALS' SYMPOSIUM

“Without continual growth and progress, such words of improvement, achievement and success have no meaning”.
Benjamin Franklin

Mrs Gedult attended a self-funded national principal's symposium, open for deputy principals and principals, at NMU. This experience was so inspirational and empowering.

The symposium started off on a Sunday, with Reverend Stephan Joubert and his theme for principals to develop a “Leaking Heart”. Monday morning proved to be next level, when Mr Neil Steinmann discussed Succession and Mentorship using lion and buffalo prides as illustrations for sustainability.

In keeping with the theme of the symposium, Dr Mornè Mostert's 4th Industrial Revolution and Education presentation explored what is expected from educators in refreshing their perspective of old scenarios using ten principles for future thinking.

Mrs Angie Motshekga was introduced to the audience by the marketing robot from University of Pretoria, which was programmed in South Africa. Mrs Motshekga explained the policies underpinning the 4th Industrial Revolution in Education and also explained how it will be funded.

Dr Drik Greeff spoke on digitalising of schools, e-readiness and implementation of Robotics and Coding as pilot programmes in

various schools. Keynote speaker Gillian Arendse from the University of Stellenbosch was a not-to-be missed presenter, keeping the audience engaged throughout. Bruce Fordyce shared a very inspiring address on sport in schools which was indeed one of the many highlights of this symposium.

School safety was another topic discussed and highlighted the importance of the principal in schools to have regular staff sessions to instil soft skills in their educators. The relationship of the principal with their community, to understand the dynamics of the school community, was described as instrumental in preventing incidents.

Day 4 saw Henning Gericke discuss “Success, a Journey of Significance”. Principals were advised to take care of the roots, discovering their individual why, finding ways to inspire people and creating an environment to grow people.

Mr Hein Knoetse, retired principal of Hoërskool Driehoek relayed the incident at his school earlier this year, and throughout his presentation, had his audience in tears. His main message to all principals was that our main purpose is to equip our learners with eternal values and to be messengers of hope.

“Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow”. Ronald E. Osborn

ARBOR WEEK

The School proudly celebrated Arbor Week with the planting of a tree (adding even more beauty to the educational facility) during a special assembly. This special event is held every year at the School during the first week of September, to celebrate South Africa's trees and raise awareness of their importance and need for the conservation of indigenous trees that are threatened by extinction.

During his address to the learners, the Headmaster gave a brief history of Arbor Week, whereafter he spoke to the learners about the importance of planting trees, the role of trees in our daily lives and how they benefit the environment.

As the School is committed to planting indigenous trees, the Celtis Africana, commonly known as the White Stinkwood or Camdeboo Stinkwood, was chosen for the occasion. The Camdeboo Stinkwood is an indigenous deciduous tree that can grow to between 7 and 12 metres in height. It is hardy, frost tolerant and drought resistant. It attracts many birds like rameron pigeons, willow warblers, black-eyed bulbuls, mousebirds and crested barbets that feed on the fruits and disperse the seeds. It is also a haven for insects.

It is hoped that the School's annual Arbor Week celebrations will inspire a custodianship of the country's natural resources in the learners and that they will come to see the trees as natural treasures. May the newest addition to our school's tree population provide shade and aesthetic value for generations to come.



JUNIOR CHESS

The Chess Club has grown and now has 25 committed players showing up for practices and matches every week. Our weekly meetings consist of a short tutorial session followed by ranking matches. A movie night was enjoyed where “The Queen of Katwe” was shown. It was an inspiring movie and the evening (and the vetkoek and mince) was enjoyed by all.

Our chess players took part in a few friendly tournaments this year where they visited Gill and played in a tournament at Laer Volksskool in October. The chess team performed very well during our Interschools matches with our top 12 players beating Laer Volksskool. Our 3rd and 4th team played against the Prep School in a friendly during the Interschools' week.





JUNIOR CHESS

BACK: Nina Japhta, Terry Mabuni, Zac Baartman, Zara Deysel-Douman

3RD ROW: Erin Gedult, Lisa Vutula, Ann-Noeleen Koeberg, Anna-May Hayes, Taegen Hamid, Balisa Mduduma, Azisa Mduduma

2ND ROW: Kimberley Menos, Owethu Singeni, Liyabona Ndamase, Kananelo Kometsi, Sinelizwe Mcilongo, Anebel Norval, Lisakhanya Menos, Leshay Fourie

FRONT: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Jayden Swart, Na'eem Mahomed, Mrs H. Rose-Innes, Camran Swartz, Josh Arends, Neelon Fourie

Many of our chess players participated in the two open rounds of trials for the Chris Hani Chess Team. The players who performed well in these two preliminary rounds were invited to the closed tournament which was hosted by the School. This year, three primary school players will be representing Chris Hani Chess at the South African Junior Chess Championships to be held in Johannesburg. Na'eem Mahomed, Camran Swartz and Josh Arends will form part of the U14A team and we wish them all the best.

A chess championship was held to determine the winner of the annual chess award. This is a knock-out tournament where anybody can participate. The four players who made it to the semi-finals were Jayden Swart, Camran Swartz, Josh Arends and Na'eem Mahomed. The final was played between Camran Swartz and Na'eem Mahomed and

congratulations must go to Na'eem, our Chess Champion for 2019.

This year's chess season was concluded with an outdoor chess match at a local restaurant and other fun chess related activities.



SENIOR CHESS

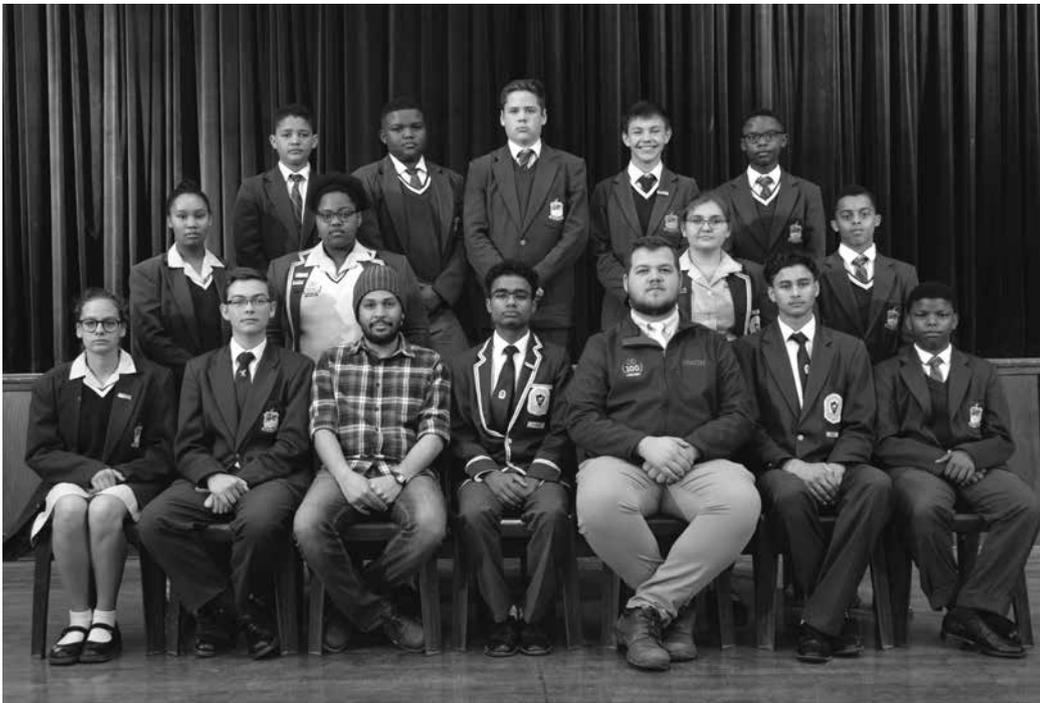
Chess remained popular amongst the high school learners, with up to 20 learners attending practices. This year, with the assistance of Mr CJ Koopman, the learners received more in-depth coaching on the rules of chess as well as game strategies. We are very proud of the fact that five of our high school players will be partaking in the South African Junior Chess Championship to be held in January of next year.

During the course of the year we have been involved in many tournaments in the district. Our learners take pride in these tournaments and strive to do their absolute best. Our chess players have maintained

high success rates and are still deemed to place in the top ranks of the local schools.

Four of our seniors were given awards this year: Liano Naidoo (Full Colours), Harun Wajid (Half Colours), James Rose-Innes (Merit Certificate) and Tracy Pettit (Merit Certificate). They have been awarded not only for their level of skill, but also for their commitment to chess, and willingness to teach and facilitate games. This year, Liano Naidoo received the Chess Trophy after a nail-biting victory against James Rose-Innes in the final round of the Chess Tournament.





SENIOR CHESS

BACK: Zeeq Jacobs, Mihan Campbell, Karl Venter, Matthew McNaughton, Chuma Sobantu
MIDDLE: Marishca Mackelina, Zintle Maki, Sabrina Potgieter, Wade Edwards
FRONT: Tracy Petitt, James Rose-Innes, Mr C.J. Koopman, Liano Naidoo (Captain), Mr J.P. Kruger, Harun Wajid, Cassidy Goliad

JUNIOR SPEECH

Thirteen brave, enthusiastic learners participated in the Annual Speech Competition. Topics ranged from "Strange World Records", "English is a Crazy Language" to "Oddest Sports".

In accompaniment to the speeches, there were also some lovely poem recitals, and the reading aloud of exceptionally good stories and articles written by the learners. This kept the audience entertained while the adjudicators were assessing the speeches. They were very impressed by the high quality of speeches and obvious preparation that had gone into the day.

The winner of the Grade 7 section was Caytah-Leigh Koeberg with her speech "The In-Crowd is Usually the Most Insecure Group". Na'eem Mahomed was runner up with his speech titled "Strange World Records Set in History". Anna-May Hayes and Megan Nortje walked off with the certificates in the Grade 6 section with different speech content, but the same title: "A New Public Holiday". Amber Bezuidenhout was the winner of the Grade 5 section with her speech "Strange Animal Behaviour" and Anebel Norvel's "Strange Hobbies" awarded her the runner up position.



Congratulations to the winners, as well as all the participants who successfully kept the large audience interested and entertained for an hour and a half.

GRADE 8 AND 9 SPEECH COMPETITION

This year's event saw eleven of the school's Grade 8's and 9's go up against one another in an evening filled with thought-provoking speeches. With speeches ranging from humorous to emotional, intellectual and serious, all who attended were captivated by the speakers and very impressed by the high quality of speeches and the obvious preparation that had gone into the evening. Even though this event was a first for many of the learners involved, the experience was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the evening's winner, Caitrin Spence, and runner-up, Grace Merifield.

I'M THE KING OF MY CASTLE AND YOU'RE THE DIRTY RASCAL, EQUALITY – DISCRIMINATION – OH DEAR!
 - Caitrin Spence (Grade 8)

I am the King of my castle dynasty if you will. And yes, I'm a girl and a

King! It's 2019, sexism and discrimination are of the past. Or are they?

Many people say that equality is just an illusion, a dream, something that would never happen, but that can't be true. Equality is not when everyone has the same house, salary, clothes – that's communism! Equality is when everyone has the same rights, responsibilities and opportunities.

Imagine we are running a race, the race of life if you will. Equality is when we all start at the same place. Where we end up is up to us. Some will walk and give up along the way, those people end up as rascals but some will run, some will be determined and never give up. Those people become Kings.

Take me for example, I worked hard and I became King and in my kingdom there is no such thing as sexism and discrimination because: everyone lives

everyone dies
 everyone has a dream
 everyone has a goal
 everyone has a heart
 everyone has a soul
 everyone has gone through difficult times
 everyone has seen the light.

The only difference between you and me is our appearance. Okay, yes my kingdom isn't real but what I said is, we shouldn't be judged on how we look and yet we still have the nerve to tell children not to judge a book by its cover. But maybe we're telling it to the wrong people.

So yes, equality is difficult to achieve but we have come such a long way. There was a time when people enslaved other people. There was a time when people treated other people like animals just because they seemed to look different. You know what, I find that disgusting



because that shows how far we have come and how far we can still go.

There was a time when women couldn't vote, inherit, do the same work as men or even drive a car. Women felt enslaved in their own homes. Emmeline Pankhurst, a well-known suffragette, said that she 'would rather be a rebel than a slave'.

It took a long time but now we can no longer enslave people, women can drive cars, women can work any job and they can inherit as well as have the freedom to vote.

We have come such a long way! We are so close to achieving the dream of millions.

Why give up now?

We should strive for a world where people achieve things, not because of how they look – but because of who they are. That's my perfect world and is that really so difficult to achieve?

PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING

During the year a number of debating evenings were held where young speakers were given the opportunity to showcase public speaking talent.

The Grade 10 group started the ball rolling with the challenge of an evening of impromptu speeches while the Grade 8 and 9 speakers took part in a debating evening in April. The audiences enjoyed the opinions expressed by the speakers. The seniors gave their best in an evening of prepared speeches towards the end of April.

Taking it to the next level, the Grade 8 and 9 speakers contested the crown for best speaker in the Annual Speech Competition. The following results were recorded:

- **1st Place:** Caitrin Spence
- **2nd Place:** Grace Merifield

The Annual Speech Competition for the Seniors took place at the beginning of the Third Term. The top three speakers delighted the audience with well thought out speeches. The results were as follows:

- **1st Place:** Meghan Basson
- **2nd Place:** Taylyn Miller
- **3rd Place:** Peter Watermeyer

Caitrin, Grace, Megan and Taylyn represented the School at the Annual Interschools Speech Competition. Congratulations to Hoër Volkskool who won both the Senior and Junior sections.

SENIOR SPEECH COMPETITION

The power of words, intonation and body language was unleashed during the School's annual Senior Speech Competition held during term 3. This year the evening was themed, 'The Wonderful World of Nursery Rhymes' and participants were each given a particular nursery rhyme and instructed to prepare a speech pertaining to the central message contained in the nursery rhyme. Sixteen speakers participated and "wowed" the audience with witty speeches, serious speeches and even some way-out speeches. Mandilakhe Matotie served as the evening's MC and did a wonderful job of keeping the evening full of energy and running smoothly.

At the end of a very entertaining night, first place was awarded to Meghan Basson for her speech entitled 'Jack Sprat Could Eat No Fat – Diet Edition'. Second place went to Taylyn Miller for 'Jack and Jill Went Up A Hill – When Things Go Wrong'. Peter Watermeyer claimed third place for 'Mary Had A Little Lamb – Role Models and Conformity'.

JACK SPRAT COULD EAT NO FAT - DIET EDITION – Meghan Basson (Grade 11)

The very first thing that came to mind when I was given this topic, was how convenient it was that this topic was given to someone with my particular appearance. With me obviously not being able to compare



myself to the Victoria Secret Models we see on television today, I felt inferior to something as powerless as a speech topic. This made me realise something though: who broke me down so much that I am affected by something so small? This gave me a chance not only to share my story but hopefully to encourage you to change yours if needed.

When I was only 13 years old, a young and naive teenager, living in a world driven by technology and social media, I was diagnosed with Bulimia. For those of you that don't know what this self-esteem-killing disorder is, it is when someone binge eats and after that, sticks his/her fingers down the throat to get rid of the food before it turns to fat. My definition of this eating disorder is as follows: An eating disorder aimed at weight but truly targets the soul of its victims.

The universe seems to be in love with contrast, because while I was diagnosed with a disease concerning obesity, my life-long best friend was diagnosed with Anorexia Nervosa a little over a year ago. As you can imagine, it tore her apart as much as it did me. We lost who we were, waking up each day wishing we hadn't, slipping further and further into the black hole called depression.

We hear the saying over and over again: "it's good to be different." While I fully agree with this statement, I am disappointed to have to inform you that the world we live in tells us otherwise.

We have app after app available to us to "lose weight" or "tone your legs", or something that is even more important in today's day and age: "tone that bum". Tell me, why can't we develop more apps that educate us? Why can't we live in a world without model agencies

and change them into tree planting agencies? Why are we living in an era where girls have to drive themselves to smoke in order to lose weight? We get told to go to the gym but the minute a "fat" girl walks into a gym people think they can be Trevor Noah and scatter jokes like confetti.

There is a difference between being healthy and being thin. If you are a few kilograms overweight, let me ask you something. Is your heart still beating? Are your lungs still working? If yes, and obviously that was your answer, YOU ARE HEALTHY AND ALIVE! (Unless stated otherwise by a professional) If you have chubby cheeks, you are still healthy. If you have stretchmarks, you are still healthy.

We should all wake up with the goal of wanting to change the world, not ourselves. Spread love, not negativity. For example: Ms van Rensburg, you have beautiful eyes. Ms Philips, your beauty out-weighs your flaws. Mrs Grewar, every wrinkle represents the love that you give to your students. Do you see how easy that was? Do you see how I turned insecurities into heart fluttering words?

Jack sprat could eat no fat. I can guarantee that the person who told Jack not to eat any fat, has issues of their own. So I say, go ahead Jack, eat! As long as you feel happy in your own skin while doing so!

ECO SCHOOLS

This year the Eco Schools Committee chose the theme "Water" with the emphasis on conserving water, spreading water-wise awareness and capturing and storing water. The Eco Code was revised and Wise-up Wednesdays were instituted along with our existing MAD Fridays, to be driven by the Educators and Eco Reps of each class.

Big reconstruction projects were undertaken by the school this year and included the bathroom revamp of Herby Arnott House, the complete renovation of Max Kroon House, the revamp of the Junior boys' bathroom

at the High School and the repairing of the swimming pool which turned out to be a major rebuilding project.

The School continues to support other schools in our district. We loan out our sports facilities and use our transport to assist other schools. Our school also works together with other schools to promote interest in and improved skills in Chess. This year our Primary Department addressed a need at Sonskraal Crèche by donating a sizable number of appropriate toys and books to them. Buy-a-Brick Project was undertaken by our whole school during term 3, to aid Kroonvale Primary with the building of their school hall. Many learners and staff and even old Unionites who read about it on our Facebook page contributed to this project, enabling Mr Kingwill to deliver the bricks before the end of term.

Outdoor Education in the form of camps, excursions and outdoor lessons continue to add value to our eco focus. An Eco-Wise Day was



ECO SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

BACK: Ms J. Street (Eco Schools Facilitator), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mrs M. Burger (PR and Marketing)
MIDDLE: Mrs C. Nell, Ms R. Scheepers (SANParks), Mrs D. Botes, Mrs M. Bouwer (Parent)
FRONT: Thokozani Mpanza (Grade 7), Liyema Sanjani (Grade 11), Tsireletso Tsolo (Grade 11)
ABSENT: Ann-Noleen Koeberg (Grade 7)





held at the end of term 1 and was enjoyed by all those actively involved. The Eco Amazing Race was cancelled this year, but the Eco Club took over three community projects. They assisted with providing water for the community during a time when it was sorely needed, established the Spekboom Nursery project for SANParks and provided 10 Santa Shoeboxes for indigent children. The latter was done in conjunction with assistance from ten of the School's Interact Club members who guided the Eco Clubbers in choosing and buying the necessary articles. A civvies day was held to raise funds for the purchases of the presents and the learners loved this charitable exercise, suggesting that we do it again next year.

Litter clean-ups, separating paper waste, blood donation drives and the making of eco bricks continued this year. The latter were donated, by kind favour of one of our learners, to an organisation in Hogsback who are building with eco bricks.

Greening our school has continued, amidst the worst drought in

many decades. During Arbor Week a Camdeboo Stinkwood tree was planted and a special assembly held. Despite the challenges a drought presents, the gardens and sports fields have been maintained using fountain water. The Jo-Jo tanks installed ensure that our learners enjoy a clean supply of drinking water.

Healthy Living education was kick-started this year by Mrs Scott who educated the parents and educators about Gut Health. The tuck shop was encouraged to have healthier options available on sale for our learners. The school organised education sessions against substance abuse and this included experts in the field from both private and government sectors. Many learners were deeply moved by what they heard and saw, requesting that such educational and motivational initiatives become a regular part of our school programme.

Next year we look forward to focussing on restructuring some of the fundamental elements of our Eco Schools Programme in order to make room for innovation and inspiration.



ECO REPRESENTATIVES

BACK: Thokozani Mpanza, Xhlamla Magubeni, Lauren Waddelow, Andrue Victor, Joshua Calitz, Kyle-Luke du Preez, Tracy Petitt, Matthew McNaughton, Na'eem Mahomed
3RD ROW: Hilary Jacobs, Primrose Mutapati, Caitrin Spence, Kaydn Retief, Sayma Wajid, Asa Matross, Shazia Ahmed, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
2ND ROW: Leigh-Anne Murray, Josh Arends, Erin Gedult, Emma Short, Elihle Robile, Ann-Noleen Koeberg, Shaakir Kazi, Aaminah Steele, Mecoli Vorster, Sesethu Kotishini, Ms J. Street (Teacher-in-Charge), Ashleigh Shell
FRONT: Juandre Jaftha, Kia Hoffman, Chevonne Prinsloo, Jenna-Mare Brotherton, Matthew Price, Ryan Hobson, Liyema Sonjani, Somila Batala

ECO CLUB



ECO CLUB

BACK: Ms J. Street (Teacher-in-Charge), Jesse Taylor-Freeme, Ashleigh Shell, Jemma Grootboom, Yasseen Kazi, Muhammad Ahmed, Alexander Neill, Leshay Fourie, Neelon Fourie

MIDDLE: Kananelo Kometsi, Sinelizwi Mcilongo, Sasha Cochrane, Lisa Vutula, Balisa Mduduma, Aminah Steele, Amber Bezuidenhout, Kenza Neill, Liyabona Ndamase

FRONT: Azisa Mduduma, Megan Nortje, Noah Edwards, Alastair Imrie, Tara Ferreira, Zara Deysel-Douman, Shaakir Kazi

2019 has been a busy year for the Eco Club members, who join on a termly basis. The club boasted an average of 24 members per term from Grade 5-7.

Weather is always an important study and after visiting the weather station at the Airfield the learners knew the difference between weather and climate. They enjoyed further lessons on temperature, wind speed and direction. Awareness lessons about extreme weather conditions such as landslides, floods, earthquakes, erupting volcanoes and mega storms, namely hurricanes, tornadoes and tsunamis, fascinated some and frightened others. Deforestation and pollution were sighted as the biggest causes of global warming and extreme weather conditions. The dangers of pollution, particularly plastic pollution, were explored with options for recycling and up-cycling as part of the solution.

Water is an essential ingredient in the chain of life and due to a low annual rainfall so far, we have witnessed the depletion of water from Nqweba Dam. In keeping with this important topic, the group learnt about the water cycle, water conservation and "the water we eat" (how much water is required for each specific food from growth to consumption). The economic value of healthy food options, in particular 'brain food', was compared to all the junk food people consume. In conclusion of that study, it was clear that although healthy food options

are generally expensive, too much money is wasted on unhealthy food options and wastage, which proves that the problem lies with lack of education and bad choices.

Spekboom is a succulent that grows rapidly in this arid region and it is a necessary moisture-filled food source for browsers such as kudu. It also helps to prevent soil erosion and landslides. The club assisted SANParks with cleaning up and organising their on-site nursery, and at a later stage, also planted numerous Spekboom cuttings for them, which kick-started Camdeboo Park's nursery project. The club members were fascinated when taught by Mr Pringle on how to grow and care for bonsais.

With help from 10 members of the Interact Club, the eco clubbers learnt many skills and took pleasure in shopping for Santa Shoebox items for a specific girl or boy.

Often Eco Club members give up their Friday afternoons to be involved in activities or outings and, as a reward for their excellent attendance, 10 loyal clubbers participated in a special outing held towards the end of October. They were treated to time at Asanta Sana Private Game Reserve where they had loads of fun and even worked on an academic task in the peaceful, beautiful surroundings. Many thanks to Kitty and Richard Viljoen, Michael and the staff of Asante Sana for accommodating them.



ART CLUB

The purpose of the Art Club is to expose learners from the School to different art forms and to teach them art appreciation - you certainly do not need to be an artist to enjoy art. Members of the club also had fun making small fridge magnets from air dry clay for Mothers' Day. We appreciated art in galleries, and learned a lot about art

from each other by discussing different artworks.

During the year, we visited the Hester Rupert Art Gallery, Our Yard, Irhafu Arts and Craft Centre, Boundless and Made It. We are also planning to visit the studio of Marguerite Benecke, a contemporary warm glass artist from Aberdeen in November.



CROCHET CLUB

The initiative of Mrs Rose-Innes, the crochet club is a new addition to the myriad of cultural activities available at the School. Thanks to a generous donation of wool and crochet hooks by the Prescient Foundation a few of our learners teamed up with learners from other schools in the community to crochet beanies for premature babies in Graaff-Reinet. They met and were initially helped by Mrs Hanli Rose-Innes, Miss Bethea Feldon, Mrs Wendy Venter and Mrs Marilize Degenaar. Mrs Ethnie Hufkie guided the girls from Spandau Secondary.

After enough beanies were completed, Midlands Hospital was contacted and we were warmly welcomed by the staff. We managed to peep into the area where the mothers with their premature babies stayed and handed over the beanies. They were very grateful and this inspired the group to make even more!

The club is planning to take up the project again next year with the possibility of a batch been sent to the Red Cross Hospital in Cape Town.



CODING CLUB

Coding Club has been a new development in the life of our students. This initiative was started by Mr Kallie Venter towards the end of 2018, with the idea of making a new stop watch for rugby matches, which we now see on the Puttick Field. He wanted to not only build this for the school but to pass on knowledge to the learners.

In completing this project, we have maintained a positive group of learners who are eager to learn more about coding and building devices using the Raspberry Pi. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings where learners continue working on various projects. The current project is a robot that will have an array of functions ranging from driving, shooting a water pistol and perhaps even confetti. All this will be determined by the ability of the learners as well as their imagination.

In addition to the practical building, the learners are beginning to understand the basics of web designing and programming as each device is being programmed to work off a mobile phone, once it has connected to the web page designed by the learners.

CODING CLUB

BACK: Jack Allers, Matthew Ferreira, Christopher Collins, Corniel Vorster, Mohamed Hartley

FRONT: Mr J.P. Kruger, Karl Venter, Jarryd Hagedorn-Hansen, Cassidy Goliad, Mr K. Venter

MEDIA TEAM

The media team consists of different sections. One of these sets up sound and runs the slides for assemblies and other functions taking place in the hall, ensuring the smooth running thereof. The setup and music crew are in charge of setting up speakers at festivals, playing music throughout the day, and occasionally setting up lights and music at school socials. At school productions, a few of the team members are on board, mainly to control the backstage lights and spotlight. There is also a filming team, that records rugby and hockey matches during the winter season.

The media team was also involved in other areas, such as setting



up music equipment for various school activities, setting up and controlling PowerPoints for teachers, and setting up sound for meetings.

The news team has been working hard behind the scenes, writing scripts, directing segments, filming and setting up the stage in preparation for the Union News editions which are shown on social media. With our original newscast leaving

this year, new members have been in training and are extremely excited for what is to come.

All the various teams worked well together this year and they have shown true passion and commitment for what they do.



MEDIA TEAM

BACK: Lathitha Ngcwangu, James Rose-Innes, Hagen Muller-Brunke, Siphesihle Jali, James Potgieter, Max Wright, Primrose Mutapati

MIDDLE: Mr E. Jantjies (Teacher-In-Charge), Melissa Swart, Ethan Gedult, Hannah Watermeyer, Jarryd Hagedorn-Hansen, Rosslyn Sparks, Sabrina Potgieter, Sayma Wajid

FRONT: Khanya Butshingi, Taylyn Miller, Liano Naidoo, Bonginkosi Johnson, Chevonne Prinsloo, Peter Watermeyer, Chelsea Theron

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

During the year the Performing Arts Club students developed in various ways. Throughout the year, they were tasked with various activities such as monologues, short drama skits, poetry and acting activities.

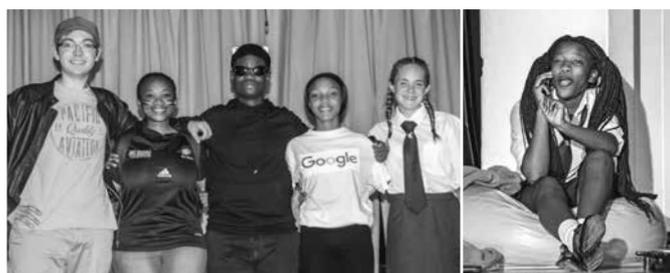
The Performing Arts Club held the biannual Interhouse One-Act plays during term 2 and once again we saw some exceptional performances as all the actors gave it their best. The performances of the houses, however, weren't judged as a whole this year, but instead by the individual performances of the actors, who scored points for their respective houses based on how well they played their part.

The themes of this year's featured plays hit very close to home, with many of the learners and audience members commenting on how relatable they were in this day and age. 'Bill, please', with lead actors James Rose-Innes and Asa Matross, followed a series of blind dinner dates that just couldn't seem to get any worse. The humour incorporated in this play produced a lot of belly laughs with the actors delivering an excellent performance. The second play of the evening, 'The Internet/

Sidetracked', proved to be the winning play and demonstrated what a big distraction the Internet can be when trying to complete school projects.

Buchule Siloti was recognised as the evening's Best Supporting Actor with Petra Jaftha and Tumelo Teys sharing the award for Best Supporting Actress. James Rose-Innes and Melissa Swart were awarded the Best Actor and Best Actress award respectively. The winning house this year, was Daly.

Thanks are extended to the judges, Mrs Paula Kingwill, Ms Sherilee du Plessis, Ms Vona van Rensburg and Mr Erwin Ittershagen-Strauss. A special word of thanks must go to Mrs Sanette Brink for her help with the arrangements and Mrs Avrielle Putter who offered to direct one of the houses, supported the process throughout and put in a lot of hard work to help the Performing Arts Club put the evening together.





PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

BACK: Thando Matotie, Mandilakhe Matotie, Ezra Mangunda, Ashwon Davids

3RD ROW: Mr E. Jantjies (Teacher-In-Charge), Grace Merifield, Hannah Watermeyer, Kendall Krige, Jade Shires, Chloe Shires

2ND ROW: Buhlebethu Rolomane, Shayna Japhta, Primrose Mutapati, Kathryn Odendaal, Vuyolwethu Booysen, Lathitha Ngcwangu, Anelisiwe Nangu, Somila Batala, Soyama Mbetshu, Keratile Ngabeni

FRONT: Tumelo Teys, Asa Matross, James Rose-Innes, Melissa Swart, Amzolele Relu, Buchule Siloti, Petra Japhta

JUNGLE BOOK

“I believe arts education in music, theater, dance and the visual arts is one of the most creative ways we have to find the gold that is buried just beneath the surface. Children have an enthusiasm for life, a spark of creativity, and vivid imaginations that need training – training that prepares them to become confident young men and women.” (Richard Riley)

In the School's ongoing bid to educate the whole child, the Middle School staged a brilliant production of 'The Jungle Book'. The audience was thrilled by excellent acting, singing and dancing that filled the packed hall. With increasing demands on teachers to complete the syllabus in very little time, we commend the learners, staff and parents for all that they did to make the production such a success.

Our young learners embraced and relished the roles they performed. It is wonderful to know that such talent is nurtured in our learners. The School is grateful for the incredible vision of Mrs Avrille Putter who produced this excellent show, backed up by Mrs Sanette Brink, the staff, and of course our wonderful thespians without whom, this would never have happened.



MUSIC EVENING

The annual Music Evening held during the third term, saw the school hall overflowing with excitement, enthusiasm and entertainment and was a wonderful showcase of the different music groups at the School. From our primary choir and marimba band, through to our senior pianists and violinists, all our musicians demonstrated passion and commitment in the lead up to this fabulous night, culminating in a spectacular evening of performances.

Under the baton of the music staff, Mrs Sanette Brink, Mrs Zelda van Rooyen and Mrs Karmin van der Walt, this evening has become the highlight of the school's cultural calendar and is always an event not to be missed.

The primary choir set the tone and standard from the start with their rendition of "You'll Be In My Heart" and "All I Need To Know". Our pianists then played a series of beautiful works such as the English folk song "Greensleeves" as well as newer songs like "Faded" by Alan Walker.

Following excellent performances by our violinists, a string ensemble - which showcased the skill of ensemble playing - and several talented soloists who graced us with their beautiful voices, the senior choir treated the audience to a heartfelt choral performance, singing "Let the River Run" and "Amavolovo". A combined performance by the primary and high school choirs with a rendition of "Hallelujah" ended off the evening.

The event truly featured a kaleidoscope of musical items with something for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations to all those who took part and a big thank you to our many supporters, parents and friends who came along to enjoy the evening.



SENIOR CHOIR

This year was indeed a very successful year for the newly established High School Choir. It started off with choir auditions for new members in the early weeks of January as our main focus was to attract as many new students as possible. Our choir then worked tirelessly to learn songs, with weekly rehearsals taking place.

Thirty-nine students all singing in harmony proved to be a difficult, but rewarding task! This year we worked on a variety of challenging songs: "Hallelujah" by L. Cohen; "Let the River Run" by C. Simon; "Amavolovo" by M. Dinga; "Shosholozza" by Soweto Gospel choir; "The Greatest Showman" by B. Pasek & J. Paul; "Adiemus" by K. Jenkins; "Gaudeamus Igitur" by C.W. Kindleben and "When you Believe" by S. Schwartz.

During Founders' Weekend the choir performed at the St James Church to the absolute delight of the audience. We also had the privilege of performing and being part of an hour concert at the Union Centenary Banquet where we really showcased our students' talents! During August we had three outstanding performances: the Annual Music Evening; the Interschools Cultural Evening and the Interschools Assembly.

The choir has bonded students around their passion for music. It is always sad to say goodbye to Grade 12 students and we wish them a sunny path filled with success. May they keep a little part in their hearts



filled with the memories that were made with the choir. A huge thank you must go to all the choir members for all the time and dedication they have put into making this year such a success.



SENIOR CHOIR

BACK: Sihle Sambokwe, Lathitha Ngcwangu, Sulungeka Sibeku, Tsireletso Tsolo, Benito Vers, Ashwon Dawids, Ayabulela Goliath, Ronwan Pietersen, Lwambeso Majiza, Musawenkosi Kedamile

3RD ROW: Caitrin Spence, Lana Bouwer, Hannah Watermeyer, James Rose-Innes, Anna Pringle, Grace Merifield, Arno Nell

2ND ROW: Shayna Japhta, Tumelo Teys, Asa Matross, Primrose Mutapati, Vuyolwethu Pietersen, Khanya Butshingi, Peter Watermeyer, Brigetté Oelofsen, Melissa Swart, Lisakhanya Mata, Somila Bataala, Cadee Arends, Jamilah Olipant

FRONT: Zintle Maki, Jemimah Mangunda, Jada Smith, Taylyn Miller, Mrs Z. van Rooyen, Siphesihle Jali, Ethan Gedult, Elizabeth Afful-Packson, Bonginkosi Johnson

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir added creative musical flavour, atmosphere and entertainment to many occasions during the past year. At the Centenary Founders' Day Assembly and at the Interschools' Assembly the Senior and Junior Choirs joined forces to deliver heart-warming renditions of "Hallelujah" by L. Cohen and "Adiemus" by K. Jenkins respectively. Many other songs were practiced and performed during the year, but a favourite of the choir members was certainly "Believer", by Imagine Dragons, which they performed with precision and energy!

We will miss the Grade 7's who will be joining the Senior Choir next year, but we are looking forward to welcoming the new Grade 5's who will add a new enthusiasm and sound to our choir.



JUNIOR CHOIR

BACK: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Katelyn Trollip, Samantha Charles, Terry Mabuni, Vivian McEwan, Tara Ferreira, Noah Edwards

3RD ROW: Sasha Cochrane, Tristan Hope, Balisa Mduduma, Anna-May Hayes, Tyra Binney, Zara Deysel-Douman, Taygen Hamid, Anna Bouwer, Azisa Mduduma, Aaminah Steele, Melissa Naude

2ND ROW: Leshay Fourie, Lisakhanya Menos, Lebogang Booysen, Kananelo Kometsi, Sinelizwi Mclongo, Amber Bezuidehout, Erin Gedult, Max Price, Sakeenah Hajie, Jemma Grootboom, Owethu Singeni

FRONT: Kimberley Menos, Leigh-Anne Murray, Rebecca Copeman, Mrs S. Brink, Mrs Z. van Rooyen, Hlumelo Kwini, Megan Miller, Ashleigh Shell

JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND

For the first time, a Junior Marimba Band was started as part of the music programme at the School. Nine energetic, enthusiastic and talented primary learners rehearsed every Tuesday and were able to compile a repertoire of traditional African songs which entertained many audiences throughout the year. They even accompanied the Junior Choir

when they performed the song, "Jikele Maweni", by Miriam Makeba at the Centenary Banquet. Playing the marimba is a great deal of fun, and we are looking forward to expanding our repertoire and to continue bringing much joy to audiences through the rhythmic sounds that flow from our marimbas.



◀ JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND

BACK: Liyabona Ndamase, Kananelo Kometsi, Dumisa Mala, Sinelizwi Mcilongo, Similo Mvandaba
FRONT: Anna-May Hayes, Noah Edwards, Mrs S. Brink, Tyra Binney, Zara Deysel-Douman

SENIOR MARIMBA BANDS

2019 has been a difficult, challenging and exciting year for the two Senior Marimba bands. The girls worked extremely hard during their weekly rehearsals, taking challenges in their stride.

This year we worked on traditional and contemporary songs including "Banuwah" (Liberian traditional), "Mbube" & "Click Song Medley" by Solomon Linda & Manhattan Bros, "Besuka Bemlandela" (Zulu traditional), "Hope Johanna" by Eddy Grant, "Africa" by Toto and "Shape of You" by Ed Sheeran.

The first performance was at the Union Centenary Banquet in May, which was followed by the Annual Music Concert, held during term 3. The year concluded with performances at two very special occasions: the Interschools Cultural Evening and the Interschools Assembly.

Much time and dedication has been put into the Marimba Bands and thanks must go to all the members. We look forward to many exciting ventures in the new year as the bands grow from strength to strength.



SENIOR MARIMBA BAND

BACK: Asemahle Wellman, Melissa Swart, Mekisha Manzana, Sipheyena Gwenxane, Chantelle Bantom, Lisakhanya Mata, Musawenkosi Kedamile
MIDDLE: Zoë May, Buhlebethu Rolomane, Primrose Mutapati, Keratile Nqabeni
FRONT: Yandisa Sinyanya, Precious Nobula, Hannah Watermeyer, Mrs Z. van Rooyen, Ayabulela Goliath, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Simamkele Soyana

JUNIOR SCA

Young Kingdom enthusiasts meet on Wednesday evenings, eager for lessons from The Word which tutor them in a lifestyle of godly restraint and hope.

Their understanding of the power of the witnessing church continues to increase as they delve deeper into an authentic relationship with God. Old and New Testament writings are important for getting to know God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, while learning how to keep God's commandments and strive for righteousness. The Bible teaches us that God is our Father who both disciplines and shows us His loving kindness.

The group benefitted from learning about sin; what it is, how to avoid it and how to repent of sin. These young disciples are also learning that walking in the Kingdom of God means making difficult choices that

become easier as God's Holy Spirit empowers us to 'stand firm in the storm'. 2 Timothy 1:7 states: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

These are dangerous and challenging times we live in with knowledge increasing at an alarming rate, wars and rumours of wars and rampant evil in our societies destroying family and community life. Understanding End Time Prophecies in the Bible helps us to endure these tribulations and persevere with hope and prayer. As we study these prophecies in various books of the Old and New Testament, it ignites in us a sense of urgency; urgency to cleanse ourselves of iniquities, know God more intimately and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.



JUNIOR SCA

BACK: Siyolo Somgqeza, Samantha Charles, Alutha Wesi, Matthew Paxton, Vuyo Njeje

MIDDLE: Peter-Daniel Clegg, Jordan Hall, Matthew Davenport, Tara Ferreira, Hayden Pienaar, Uyathandwa Sididi, Zack Botha, Megan Nortje, Ms J. Street (Teacher-in-Charge)

FRONT: Rebecca Copeman, Anebel Norval, Emma Short, Cullan Erasmus, Chloe Erasmus, Mecoli Vorster, Leigh-Anne Murray

SENIOR SCA

The Student Christian Association for Grade 8-12 pupils met on a weekly basis. It has been a joy to work with a small group of young people who are eager to learn more about God, the Bible and each other.

This is what some of the pupils wrote about their experience this year:

"I am really grateful that my school has such an activity. One thing I learned at SCA and keep on trying to do is to read the Bible and do devotions when I get a chance and make time for it, and also praying because that is the only way you can build a relationship with God."

"SCA has not only brought me closer to God but also taught me some valuable lessons."

"In SCA you feel at home. I would like to encourage more people to come and join us next year."

"It was a great experience and exposure! Being able to know more about God and living a Christian life."

"We have strengthened friendships and became a family. SCA has encouraged us to stay strong in our faith and to trust God. We are all truly grateful for this 'safe space'."

My life is richer because of these young people. We are looking

forward to welcoming new Grade 8 pupils in the new year as well as any other high school learners that would like to join us.

~ André Brink



SENIOR SCA

BACK: Hannah Watermeyer, Singalakha Mapekula

FRONT: Musawenkosi Kedamile, Tessa James, Primrose Mutapati

FIRST AID

Our dedicated First Aiders had an extremely busy year, with most of our winter sport being played at home in celebration of our Centenary year. The girls were on duty at every home game, and during the Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey Festivals, either next to the rugby and hockey fields or AstroTurf, ably assisted and guided by Francois of ESS Medical and his team.

Sadly, we say goodbye to our Grade 12 First Aiders and we wish them everything of the best for the future. Our Grade 10's and 11's will be taking over the leadership role and new First Aiders will be trained next year.

A special thank you to Jada Smith for her commitment and assistance with the management of the First Aiders, in conjunction with Mrs Elsebe Moos.



FIRST AID

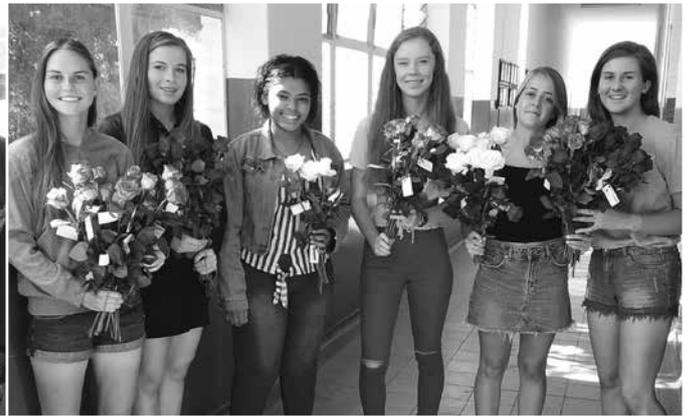
BACK: Lathitha Ngcwangu, Sayma Wajid, Avemahle Matushe, Unathi April, Vuyolwethu Booysen
MIDDLE: Petra Japhta, Somila Batala, Mekisha Manzana, Amzolele Relu, Jade Edwards, Lungile Netnou, Shayna Japhta
FRONT: Janine Kruger, Sasha Bosch, Mrs E. Moos (Teacher-in-Charge), Jada Smith, Sabrina Potgieter, Tsireletso Tsolo

INTERACT



INTERACT

BACK: Ashwon Dawids, Alexandra Imrie, Katherine Imrie, Erin Mitchell, Lisakhanya Mvandaba
3RD ROW: Amzolele Relu, Vuyolwethu Booysen, Tamsin James, Lathitha Ngcwangu, Mekisha Manzana
2ND ROW: Shayna Japhta, Lisakhanya Mata, Melissa Swart, Petra Japhta, Zoë May
FRONT: Hannah Watermeyer, Peter Watermeyer, Siphesihle Jali (Chairperson), Mrs A. Gedult (Teacher-in-Charge), Jada Smith (Vice-Chairperson), Ethan Gedult (Treasurer), Khanya Butshingi



“A noble leader answers not to the trumpet calls of self-promotion, but to the hushed whispers of necessity”. This is the true essence of Interact.

This year has seen a number of small projects being undertaken by the Interact committee.

In February, the committee sold Valentine’s roses with the proceeds of this event being donated to the Maya Foundation non-profit organisation NotDEAFeted. We also visited Khomanani White Door Institute to donate soft toys. With the assistance of Old Unionite, Ingrid Kingwill, we trained a number of peer counsellors to assist learners who struggle with social issues in a more efficient way.

On Mandela Day, representatives of the committee ordered 100 cupcakes to commemorate our centenary and delivered these to two of our local old age homes as a late afternoon treat with their tea. During Interschools, we ran the Short Corner at the AstroTurf, in



conjunction with the Representative Council for Learners, to raise much needed funds, and a portion of these proceeds will go towards assisting the NotDEAFeted non-profit organisation of the Maya Foundation in aid of children suffering from hearing loss.

We also had the privilege of taking our young Eco Club representatives from the middle school shopping in aid of the Santa Shoebox Project, which proved to be a wonderful adventure for both clubs. In September, we supported our brothers and sisters at Union Preparatory School, hosting their Party of Hope, with their Cupcakes of Hope in aid of Childhood Cancer awareness campaigns. In our last project for the year we have committed ourselves to assisting with the Roses of Hope for Cancer, launched by the Cancer Association of Graaff-Reinet.

We are so appreciative of our Interact learners who so willingly give of their time and energy towards bettering the lives of the needy and the elderly.

SCOUTS

Scouting 2019 started off with the roll-out of a brand-new SA Scouting programme. The advancement levels are now Traveller, Discoverer, First Class and Springbok. Several interest badges are also compulsory requirements at all levels.

All the new Scouts joining in 2019 went straight into the new programme whilst existing Scouts had to convert from the “old” to “new” which was a challenge on its own as no Scout was to be disadvantaged in the process!

To test some of the Scout skills of the new system, a weekend camp was held in April, where the Scouts built bivvies and did most of their cooking ‘backwoods’ style where they cooked with no pots, amongst other things. Most of the Scouts found the camp most rewarding.

In June, James Potgieter, Jacobus Liebenberg and Corniel Vorster attended, with 32 Scouts from the Johannesburg/Pretoria regions, the 45th Weston Patrol Leader Leadership Course for 12 days. This was an active leadership course which kept them busy for a full 16 hours a day for the whole duration. All three of our boys received excellent passes on the course.

In the September school holidays, the Inter-Patrol and other activities were held very successfully over four days. Each Scout was given the opportunity to prepare and cook a two-course meal and present it to his Patrol. Other individuals baked bread and made cakes. Jacobus Liebenberg cooked his three-course dinner in camp for his Patrol and several invited guests. Many Scout Parents visited the camp on the



Saturday evening. Some enjoyed a bring-and-braai near the boys which was followed by an excellent campfire, run by James Potgieter.

On the Sunday of the camp, Jacobus Liebenberg conducted a Scouts Own Church Service, the theme of which was based on the Law and Promise. The investiture of a new Scout, Alexander Neill, was incorporated into the service. Later that day a three-hour incident hike was held, which consisted of several incidents of varying degrees of difficulty. To give greater opportunities to the Scouts, a new leader was appointed for each incident. That evening all the Scouts enjoyed a wide game.



For the last test of the weekend, on the Monday morning, the Scouts split into groups of 4 and went on their 10 km hike. At the following Scout meeting they each had to present an oral log of their journey with an illustrated Outdoor Code – some excellent reports and illustrated outdoor codes were presented.

During the year many individual Scouts did subsections of required tests and several have plans to complete these in due course. Before the end of the year, the Troop wishes to offer a First Aid Course to pass all First Aid tests and Badges, a Swimmers Badge afternoon and a fitness

afternoon. James Potgieter is doing his 45-hour Backwoods camp, which will give an opportunity to Junior Scouts to do their Survival Badge. We congratulate Kyle Liebenberg on being the first Graaff-Reinet Scout to complete all the requirements for the new Traveller Advancement Badge.

For the most, the Scouts have enjoyed the many often challenging Thursday Troop meeting programmes which normally involve a 10-minute planning session and, of course, an evaluation follow-up

We all look forward to 2020 as we see our Scouts grow into the new programme and achieve the results from their work.

GENEROSITY PROJECT

Three years ago, we embarked on a whole-school Generosity Project supporting the Graaff-Reinet CMR. This organization is involved in social welfare issues in Graaff-Reinet and Aberdeen. Classes are encouraged to make a monthly donation and this is then given to the CMR. For the first two years the money was used to support

a needy learner from Aberdeen who has subsequently matriculated. Money collected is now used to buy food parcels for needy families as identified by the social worker Ms Kayline Seiss. We are grateful to parents and children for their ongoing support. To date the School has collected in excess of R36 000.

MOMS-IN-TOUCH

Moms-in-touch is just that - Moms' who seek God each school week for His guidance for and protection of our schools, and all who are part of the Union family. We stand on God's word and together we seek God's heart for the concerns, needs and supplications of our school. This year has been one of endurance but God has been our rock and His faithfulness knows no end.

In the book of 2 Samuel, King David wrote in Chapter 22 and verses 2-4: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; the God of my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the strength of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my Saviour, You save me from violence. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies."

As we seek God's wisdom, we truly believe He will continue to lead and guide our staff and pupils. We are grateful to all the staff, Mrs Gedult and, in particular, Mr Pringle who openly acknowledges that our school is

founded on Jesus Christ.

This year's Valedictory service had two special prayers, the first of which was beautifully read by this year's Deputy Headboy, Khanya Butshingi:

O God, give me clean hands, clean words and clean thoughts;

Help me stand for the hard right against the easy wrong;

Save me from the habits that harm;

Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone

as if all the world saw;

Forgive me when I am unkind and help me to forgive those

who are unkind to me;

Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself;

Send me chances to do good every day and grow more like Jesus Christ,

I ask it in His name and for His sake

Amen

PEER PROMOTERS

Once a term a team from the South African National Blood Services visits the School to facilitate a Blood Drive. Many enthusiastic learners volunteer to participate in order to offer those in need this "precious gift of life". Without our blood donors, life-saving medical treatment for children with life threatening anaemia, trauma victims, women with pregnancy related complications, organ transplants, bone marrow transplants, complicated surgical procedures and cancer treatments would not be possible. It is heart-warming to see the unity amongst our learners as they support and encourage each other to make their donations. Thank you to all the donors for your selfless contributions.



PEER PROMOTERS

BACK: Somila Batala, Ronwan Petersen, James Pienaar, Ashwon Davids, Jarrod Naude, Hannah Watermeyer, Melissa Swart
FRONT: Bowen Langmead, Katherine Imrie, Kia Hoffman, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Rosslyn Sparks, Peter Watermeyer, Mack Rubidge

COUNSELLING AND CAREER GUIDANCE CENTRE

This year the Counselling Centre has continued to provide a place of safety and a haven of comfort for the many learners that have experienced stressful situations in their lives. Some learners struggle to cope with the academic and extramural demands and simply need a space to "let off steam", while others need help prioritizing their busy schedules. Several learners have experienced loss or trauma in their family and find the emotions of grief and trauma so overwhelming that it leads to feelings of helplessness and sometimes anxiety and depression. Where necessary, support, comfort and counselling are provided, and when needed referrals are made to specialists who can provide the needed interventions.

During April, Mrs. Christine Scott, an educator as well as the school and career guidance counsellor at the School, successfully obtained her certification as an ILT practitioner. Developed by Educational Psychologist, Dr Shirley Kokot, Integrated Learning Therapy (ILT) strives to uncover the root causes of children's learning difficulties and behavioural challenges in order to help them overcome them. Mrs. Scott, who has always sought ways to widen the scope of help available to learners at the School, completed the ILT practitioner course in order to empower her with the knowledge needed to recognise the possible causes of learning difficulties in children and to then initiate remedial movement and other activities in order to help. During the year twelve of our learners started on the ILT Programme and it is extremely rewarding for both the learner as well as parents (who are all committed, motivated and consistent), when they see positive changes in academic ability, concentration and behaviour. Mrs. Scott encourages parents of children who experience learning and behavioural challenges to visit the ILT website to find out more about the efficacy of ILT: <https://www.ilt.co.za/>

Career guidance plays a crucial role in helping our Grade 9 learners make subject choices every year, and helps Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners



make informed decisions regarding their future careers. Tertiary institutions that visit our school help our learners in this process. During April the Olive Chef School presented the Culinary Arts to our learners. Executive chef Rinette Enslin visited our school to demonstrate the fine art of French Cuisine. Within 45 minutes Chef Rinette prepared an exquisite looking three course meal, creating pieces of art that were not only a delight to the eye, but also a taste-bud bursting delight to those learners who tasted her creations. Olive Chef School opened its doors in 2000 and has ever since been training chefs of the highest calibre. Those learners considering a career in the Culinary Arts were hopefully inspired by this delicious presentation.

During July, the School hosted a Career Expo that was organised by the Department of Education. Over 35 different tertiary institutions were represented during this excellent event. All Grade 8-12 learners were invited to attend the Expo that provided information on the many study and career opportunities available as well as various funding options that were offered. The Career Expo provided an opportunity for our learners to ask as many questions as needed to help them in making decisions regarding their futures.



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SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Excellence on the sports field goes hand in hand with excellence in the classroom and at the School we produce well balanced learners in all spheres of school life.

The School provides our learners with every possible opportunity to experience and participate in a multitude of sports. We have a full sports programme with various codes that gives all learners with various talents the opportunities to take part in a winter and a summer sport.

The year started off with a bang in very hot conditions as we hosted our 13th Union High School Cricket Festival. This year the festival was small due to the very early start in the year and Queen's College, Stirling, Daniel Pienaar and Despatch participated. The teams enjoyed a few games under lights at the Botanics Sports Grounds. During the cricket season, the 1st XI had good wins against Brandwag, Graaff-Reinet Cricket Club, Daniel Pienaar, Muir College, Volkskool, Marlow and Westering. In spite of the team being very young and inexperienced, they boast a lot of raw talent and commitment which is very exciting for the future. The School also hosted a very successful Cape Schools' Cricket Festival and we would like to extend our gratitude to the community, parents and old boys for all their assistance in making this an amazing event. We are extremely proud of Brett Amsterdam who was selected for the Eastern Province U17 Cricket Team and the following gentlemen for being selected to the Eastern Province U17 Midlands Cricket Team: Jaden Brotherton, Bowen Langmead, Kyle-Luke du Preez, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa, James Pienaar, Rogan Odendaal, Sisipho Arnols, Hlakanipha Skepe., Mr Hamilton (Coach) and Mr Koeberg (Manager).

Tennis had a successful season and produced some pleasing results. We placed 2nd at the Fichardt Park tournament and some of our learners received individual awards at the Marco Wasserman tournament. The



SPORTS DEPARTMENT

BACK: Mr F. Steenkamp (Junior Sports Administrator), Mr S. Koeberg (Intern)
FRONT: Mr A. August (Professional Hockey Coach), Mr S. Bezuidenhout (Head of Sport), Mr D. Kingwill (Estate Manager), Mr R. Hamilton (Senior Sports Administrator)

team had memorable victories against Kingswood and Graeme College. We are proud of the following learners who were selected to represent Eastern Province Country Districts: Noa Cilliers, Brent Hesselink, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Matthew Paxton, Tara Ferreira, Misha Newton and Chloe Erasmus. In addition, Caytah-Leigh and Tara received further honours with their selection to Eastern Province Tennis Teams.

Swimming and athletics took centre-stage during the first term with some of our learners doing exceptionally well individually. We competed in various athletics meetings, the Top 8 gala and the Spar River Mile. The following learners were selected for the Eastern Province Biathlon Team in various age groups: Megan Doyle, Jenna McNaughton, Jade Shires, Elia Railton, Drew Dobinson and Rebecca Copeman.

Shooting continues to be popular amongst some learners and those involved are really passionate and committed to their sport. Our shooting team competed in numerous shooting competitions held during the year.

Rugby and hockey are sports that take up most of the school year and are becoming more competitive and time consuming than ever before. The reason for this is that winter sports festivals are starting earlier each year. Our rugby and hockey teams were involved in the following festivals respectively: the Gill Sports Day, the Opening Festival, the Grens Rugby Day, the Greg Beling Festival, the Tony Godding Festival, the U16 & U18 Co-Ed Sports Festivals and of course our own Caltex/College Motors Senior Rugby and Hockey Festival. In addition to all this, our teams played fixtures every Saturday of the winter season. We are proud of the following ladies for representing Eastern Province in hockey: Micela Lock, Jenna McNaughton and Sonwabise Mroro.

The senior rugby teams had a satisfactory season as most of the boys were very inexperienced. The junior rugby teams can be proud of their efforts this season and we look forward to watching their development in the years to come. We are extremely proud of Cleathon Koeberg, S'bongakonke Koyingana, Bladen Jacobs and Mr Felix (Assistant Coach) who represented the U18 Eastern Province Country Districts Team at Craven Week. Brett Amsterdam was selected for the U19 Eastern Province Country Districts Team, Alutha Wesi was selected for the U13 Eastern Province Craven Week Team and Camran Swartz and Thokozani Mpanza represented the U13 Karoo team at the Sub-Union tournament.

Thank you so much to all the staff, coaches and parents for the time and commitment they put into sport at this fine school. We look forward immensely to an exciting year of sport in 2020.



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JUNIOR ATHLETICS



Every sports discipline at the School has made great strides over the years, but perhaps no sport has made a bigger jump this year than that of athletics.

Several changes were implemented, which ultimately resulted in tremendous success. The first of these was a decision to offer athletics as an extra mural activity in two 1-hour slots per week. Here, all aspiring athletes were presented with the opportunity to improve their abilities. Secondly, the Preparatory and Middle School hosted separate athletics days. This proved to be challenging, as there was much organisation involved, but it turned out to be extremely beneficial as participation increased immensely, leading to new athletic talent being discovered.

As always, there was no shortage of enthusiasm when eager young athletes in Grade 5-7 participated in our annual Interhouse athletics meeting. Lovely overcast weather provided athletes with the perfect conditions to compete in. The event was closely contested, with Arnott

House winning the day's competition with a point total of 721.

The highlight of the short season came when the School - for the first time in history - beat Laer Volkskool and was crowned the 2019 Interschools' champions in the school's centenary year at the annual primary Interschools' athletics meeting. In perfect weather conditions, the School's beautiful sportsgrounds were a hive of activity, with athletes participating in 64 different track and field events.

Many of the races were very closely contested, with all the athletes putting forth sterling efforts. 14 new records were set during the event, with the School taking top honours overall, achieving 1074 points compared to Volkskool's 774.

Congratulations to the following athletes on setting new records:

Alutha Wesi: Boys U13 200m and 100m

Siphosethu Vena: Girls U13 100m

Daniel Short: Boys U11 High Jump and 100m



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

BACK: Sade May, Na'eem Mahomed, Alutha Wesi (Captain), Matthew Paxton, Lukhona Kettlelas

3RD ROW: Chloe Erasmus, Shaakir Kazi, Tyra Binney, Tara Ferreira, Dylan Kivedo, Anna Bouwer, Misha Newton

2ND ROW: Yonela Wana, Sisipho de Vos, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Daniel Marais, Kyle Liebenberg, Mecoli Vorster

FRONT: Leigh-Anne Murray, Ciara Kivedo, Camran Swartz, Liso Booi, Mr F. Steenkamp (Coach), Daniel Short, Josh Arends, Yaseen Kazi, Emma Short

SENIOR ATHLETICS 2018 - 2019

In October of last year, eleven athletes participated in the prestigious Bestmed TAMS Superspar Madibaz Top Ten Athletics Meeting held in Cradock. Various schools from as far afield as Upington and Paarl were represented. This event is attracting not only more schools but also bigger schools each year and our athletes did well to place 43rd out of 83 teams. The following learners received medals for outstanding performances:

- Marché Green: 3rd Girls U16 High Jump (1,4 m)
- Soyama Mbobi: 3rd Men U19 100 m (11,01 s)

Soyama Mbobi achieved 793 points on the ASA table for his 100 m race in the U19 Men's division. This event proved to be a highlight, with a photo finish for the first three places.

The 16th Interschools Athletics Meeting against Volkskool was also held during the month of October at Volkskool. It was a cool, windy afternoon, but that did not stop our athletes from mass participation, breaking quite a few records along the way. We received 17 1st places, 24 2nd places and 26 3rd places. 1st places were awarded to the following learners:

- Olwethu Ngwenya: Boys U15 100 m (11,51 s)
- Erin Mitchell: Girls U15 High Jump (1,4 m)
- Marché Green: Girls U16 High Jump (1,4 m)
- Laetitia Theron: Girls U16 200 m (29,74 s)
- Junior Duba: Boys U16 200 m (24,08 s)
- Brett Amsterdam: Boys U16 Long Jump (5,84 m)
- Jenna McNaughton: Girls U17 800 m (2:57,20 min)
- Matthew Carelse: Boys U17 400 m (56,17 s)
- Luke McNaughton: Boys U17 Shotput (11,14 m)
- Rosslyn Sparks: Girls U19 Discus (19,18 m)
- Iviwe Ndamane: Boys U19 400 m (54,77 s)

Well done to Sisipho Arnols who came first in three events in the Boys U14 division, these being the 100 m (12,2 s), the 200 m (25,42 s) and the Long Jump (5,24 m).

The following learners also broke records along with their 1st places:

- Likhona Finca: Boys U14 400 m (1:02,57 min)
- Olwethu Ngwenya: Boys U15 200 m (23,39 s)
- Iviwe Ndamane: Boys U19 800 m (2:08,35 min)

The 100 m race in the Boys U19 division was a nerve-racking race with Soyama Mbobi in a very close 2nd place. The School, however, stole the limelight in winning the final event of the day, the U19 Boys 4x100 m relay. It is a race that will be remembered for many years to come!

This year's Interhouse Athletics Meeting was a memorable one, with fierce competition between the Arnott and Daly athletes. Fun and

participation were the order of the day and everyone who participated in an event contributed to the fantastic spirit and earned house points. This year Daly came back and claimed the Interhouse Athletics Shield with 921 points vs Arnott's 819 points.

The following trophies were awarded:

U15 Victrix Ludorum	Lana Bouwer
U15 Victor Ludorum	Sisipho Arnols
U17 Victrix Ludorum	Laetitia Theron
U17 Victor Ludorum	Bowen Langmead
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Sanja du Plessis
Senior Victor Ludorum	Luke McNaughton
Open Girls Jumping Events	Jenna McNaughton & Kirsten King
Open Boys Jumping Events	Luke McNaughton
Open Girls Throwing Events	Rosslyn Sparks
Open Boys Throwing Events	Luke McNaughton
Open Girls Field Events	Rosslyn Sparks
Open Boys Field Events	Luke McNaughton
Open Girls Long Distances	Sanja du Plessis
Open Boys Long Distances	Iviwe Ndamane
Open Girls Sprints	Micela Looock
Open Boys Sprints	Soyama Mbobi
Most Credible Performance of the Day	Sisipho Arnols
Interhouse Relays	Daly
Interhouse Shield Competition Winner	Daly

Twelve of the School's athletes competed at the Karoo Athletics meeting, held in February at the Collie Koeberg Athletics Stadium. All in all, they achieved 6 Gold medals, 1 Silver Medal and 3 Bronze Medals.

The following learners performed well on the day:

First Place:

- Marché Green: Girls U17 High Jump
- Erin Mitchell: Girls U16 High Jump
- Dylan Petitt: Boys U15 Javelin
- Rosslyn Sparks: Girls U19 Discus
- Matthew Carelse: Boys U17 400 m and 800 m

Second Place:

- Iviwe Ndamane: Boys U19 800 m



SENIOR ATHLETICS

BACK: Ntsika Ngongoma, Matthew Carelse, Dylan Petitt, Zuan Vos, Sisipho Arnols
MIDDLE: Singalakha Mapekula, Lana Bouwer, Erin Mitchell, Laetitia Theron, Brigetté Oelofsen
FRONT: Soyama Mbobi, Mr H. Sparrius (Coach), Iviwe Ndamane, Rosslyn Sparks, Mrs H. Keyser (Coach), Marché Green

Third Place:

- Soyama Mbobi: Boys U19 100 m
- Iviwe Ndamane: Boys U19 400 m
- Dylan Petitt: Boys U15 Shotput

The following learners qualified to represent the Karoo Athletics Team at the CACADU Mega District Meeting held at the PE Oval:

Erin Mitchell (High Jump, Girls U17); Marché Green (High Jump, Girls U17); Matthew Carelse (400 m & 800 m, Boys U17); Iviwe Ndamane (800 m, Boys U19)

Well done to Erin Mitchell who received a Silver medal. Matthew Carelse and Iviwe Ndamane also did well to place 4th in their respective events.

ATHLETICS AWARDS 2019

- **Merit Certificate:** Marché Green, Dylan Petitt, Rosslyn Sparks, Soyama Mbobi, Singalakhe Mapekula
- **Team Awards:** Erin Mitchell, Iviwe Ndamane, Matthew Carelse



BIATHLON 2018-2019

Biathlon is a challenging, multi-sport discipline which involves running and swimming over various distances for different age groups. These two disciplines take place at different times on the same day – the running takes place first and the swim follows. Times are recorded for each athlete in each discipline, and points are allocated according to times recorded. The athletes are required to achieve specific target times according to their age groups in order to score points. If the athletes surpass these targets, they are awarded with points, while failure to achieve these targets results in points being deducted. The ideal is to achieve a combined score of at least 2000 points.

Most of the league events take place in Port Elizabeth, but this season, Graaff-Reinet was fortunate enough to host the 4th league event in true Karoo style. With music playing, temperatures soaring and the smell of

kudu burgers and lamb sosaties wafting over the track and pool, it was a splendid event in all respects and was definitely enjoyed by spectators and competitors alike. Due to this event being hosted in our own backyard, we were fortunate to be able to field a larger than usual team. It was especially encouraging to see all the first-timers who overcame their nerves and participated with great enjoyment and produced some wonderful results.

It was exciting, as always, to see how well many of our learners performed, and especially so to see how hard the athletes work to improve their times over the course of the season.

The following athletes were selected to represent Eastern Province in various interprovincial events for the 2018-2019 season:

Hannah Bodenstein, Drew Dobinson, Kendall Krige, Jade Shires,



BIATHLON

BACK: Tyra Binney, Hannah Bodenstein, Bowen Langmead, James Potgieter, Brent Hesselink.
FRONT: Drew Dobinson, Jade Shires, Megan Doyle, Mrs K. Schoeman (Coach), Jenna McNaughton, Kendall Krige, Brigetté Oelofsen

Jenna McNaughton, Megan Doyle, Rebecca Copeman, Brigetté Oelofsen and Bowen Langmead. Unfortunately, due to clashes with other sports fixtures and our Centenary celebrations, only the following athletes actually participated:

Event / Date	Name	EP Team	Run Time	Score	Swim Time	Score	Total
IPT PE 20 Oct 2018	Drew Dobinson	C	3:53:89	951	1:31:70	933	1884
	Kendall Krige	C	4:13:15	854	1:22:00	1030	1884
	Jenna McNaughton	B	3:48:89	981	1:32:70	993	1914
	Megan Doyle	B	4:18:74	831	1:18:70	1073	1904
	Jade Shires	B	4:14:45	848	1:25:20	998	1846

We are particularly proud of Jenna McNaughton and Megan Doyle who both performed extremely well throughout the season and were selected to represent Eastern Province at the SA Biathlon Championships held in Pretoria on the 31st of March.

Well done to the following biathletes who received the following school awards at the Summer Sports Awards Assembly:

Half Colours: Jenna McNaughton

Team Award: Megan Doyle, Jade Shires

Junior Achievement Award: Drew Dobinson, Kendall Krige



U13A CRICKET

This year our U13A cricketers enjoyed a long, full season of competitive fixtures with numerous special occasions to celebrate.

This was truly an amazing group of young men that applied themselves with tremendous commitment during this very important development phase of their school cricketing career. Each player contributed to the success of the team and conducted themselves in a manner that is true to the ethos of the School.

During the season many individuals delivered standout performances but what stood out most from this young team was the tenacity that each individual showed when called upon to contribute to the team's performance.

We look forward to witnessing the growth and development of these young men as it is evident that they have the talent and ability to be successful at top level cricket in a few years' time.

Results

- vs Volkskool:** won by 32 runs (T20)
- vs Nico Brummer:** lost by 98 runs (50 Overs)
- vs Herbert Hurd:** lost by 47 runs (T20); lost by 110 runs (50 Overs)
- vs Gill:** won by 64 runs (T20)
- vs Muir:** lost by 1 wicket (50 Overs)
- vs Albertyn:** won by 9 wickets (50 Overs)
- vs Frans Conradie:** won by 66 runs (T20); won by 6 wickets (50 Overs)
- vs Grey Junior:** won by 7 wickets (50 Overs)
- vs Lorraine:** lost by 42 runs (50 Overs)
- vs Cradock:** won by 5 wickets (T20)
- vs Gill:** won by 149 runs (T20)
- vs Summerstrand:** won by 6 runs (T20); lost by 1 run (50 Overs)



U13A CRICKET

BACK: Kananelo Kometsi, Xavier Barlow
MIDDLE: Makukhanye de Beer, Dylan Kivedo, Joshua Basson, Matthew Paxton, Matthew Davenport, Shaakir Kazi, Lulamile Kadamile
FRONT: Alutha Wesi, Camran Swartz (Captain), Mr F. Steenkamp (Coach), Jayden Swart, Peter Michaels

U13B CRICKET

This year, the decision was made to divide the U13B and U13A teams to focus on developing new players and to give players an environment where there is less pressure. Focus was put on coaching the basics and on building a love for the game amongst the boys.

Regular attendance was an integral part of every practice as there were always enough boys to take part in drills, making sessions enjoyable.



The highlight of the season was having 23 players attending practices. This is exciting, as the prospect of creating another team allows us to develop the boys even further.

Most of the players in this team were in Grade 6 and they will thus have another year in the U13 ranks which should prove invaluable to the U13A team next year.

U13B CRICKET

BACK: Zepheniah Kallies, Lebone Raula, Aphiwe Maxhegwana, Joshua Neill, Angus MacLaggan, Muhammad Ahmed, Alexander Neill

MIDDLE: Cullan Erasmus, Jordan Hall, Siyolo Somgqeza, Neo Mvubu, Noah Edwards, Similo Somgqeza, Kyle Liebenberg

FRONT: Lulamile Kedamile, Malan Meyer, Allistair Imrie, Mr E. Ittershagen-Strauss (Coach), Na'eem Mahomed, Daniel Marais, Henk Homveld

U15A CRICKET

This season proved to be of a building nature as the team lost 7 Grade 9's to senior cricket this year. The team grew as cricketers every match they played and their success can be attributed to the hard work, dedication, commitment and time put in by all members of the squad.

The boys participated in the Bun Hopley Cricket Festival, hosted by Muir College, for the first time and gained much experience from the level of cricket played at this event. During the season, T20's, limited overs

and declaration matches were played, which enabled the boys to play the game in different formats and situations.

Due to individual brilliance and a high work rate, some of our gents were called up to represent the mighty "White Caps" in a fixture against Pearson High School. Both boys who received their first "1st XI" cap did us proud and performed well in the match.

Special mention must be made of Sisipho Arnols and Hlakanipha Skepe who consistently performed well and put the team in good



U15A CRICKET

BACK: Chloe Moos (Scorer), Kwande Mhlabeni, Finn Cilliers, Jacobus Liebenberg, Xhamla Magubeni, Daniel Neill, Laythan Carelse, Brent Hesselink, Janine Kruger (Scorer)

FRONT: Ruzh  Hendricks, Matthew Basson, Sisipho Arnols (Captain), Mr R. Hamilton (Coach), Hlakanipha Skepe (Vice-Captain), Jude Langmead, Ivan Murray



positions. We look forward to watching each boy's progression as men and cricketers next season.

Results

- vs Stirling:** (reduced to 30 overs) won by 26 runs.
- vs Framesby:** (T20) lost by 11 runs
- vs Framesby:** (50 overs) lost by 106 runs
- vs Muir College:** (40 overs) lost by 5 wickets
- vs Daniel Pienaar:** (T20) lost by 17 runs
- vs Daniel Pienaar:** (50 overs) lost by 137 runs
- vs Graeme College:** (Declaration) won on 1st Innings by 6 runs.
- vs Pearson:** (T20) lost by 54 runs
- vs Pearson:** (50 overs) lost by 4 wickets
- vs Kingswood:** (Declaration) lost by 7 wickets on 1st Innings
- vs CSA Hub:** (50 overs) lost by 9 wickets
- vs Westering:** (T20) lost by 22 runs
- vs Despatch:** (reduced to 30 overs) won by 59 runs

2ND TEAM CRICKET

The 2nd team had mixed results for the year, playing mostly 2nd teams from other schools. Within these matches, some boys used the opportunities to show their potential for higher honours selection. The Daniel Pienaar match was undoubtedly the highlight of the year.

Results

- vs Middelburg 1st XI:** Middleburg 78 all out (William Kayster 3/14); UHS 79/2 (James Pringle 36*, Matthew Hesselink 22). UHS won by 8 wickets.
- vs Framesby:** (40 overs) Framesby 208 all out; UHS 77 all out (Michael-Joe Newton 29). UHS lost by 131 runs.
- vs Stirling:** (40 overs) Stirling 167 all out (Joshua Calitz 5/40); UHS 107 all out (Peter Watermeyer 40, William Kayster 18). UHS lost by 60 runs.
- vs Old Boys:** (40 overs) Old Boys 200/9 (Mihlali Tyanase 4/34); UHS 102 all out (Rogan Odendaal 25, Gregon Jenneke 21*). UHS lost by 98 runs.
- vs Daniel Pienaar:** (35 overs) UHS 206/8 (Matthew Hesselink 84, Jarrod Naude 50*); Daniel Pienaar 145 all out (Khwezi Simon 4/10, Gregon Jenneke 3/12). UHS won by 61 runs.

vs Muir: (40 overs) UHS 131 all out (James Pienaar 32, William Kayster 22); Muir 138/6 UHS lost by 4 wickets.

vs Brandwag: (35 overs) UHS 129 all out (Mihlali Tyanase 22, Jarrod Naude 30); Brandwag 130/7 (Jarrod Naude 3/16). UHS lost by 3 wickets.



2ND XI CRICKET

BACK: Rogan Odendaal, Dylan Kriel, Joshua Calitz, Mandilakhe Matotie, Sichelokuhle Sishuba, Mhlali Tyanase, Marthinus van der Berg, Thando Matotie
FRONT: Buchule Siloti, Ryan Hobson, Peter Watermeyer (Captain), Mr D. Kingwill (Coach), Jarrod Naude (Vice-Captain), Khanya Butshingi, William Kayster



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1ST XI CRICKET

The results obtained this season unfortunately do not reflect the outstanding cricket that was played by the 1st XI. This team showed amazing team spirit and played a brand of cricket that they can be very proud of. We were treated to a number of brilliant individual performances throughout the season which are a testament to the hard work each player in the squad has put into their game. In the end we were just unfortunate to be on the wrong side of many close fought encounters.

This was most certainly a busy year of cricket with our traditional fixtures coupled with three festivals which enabled us to play a total of twenty-four games during the season.

We had a very early start to the year with the Mica Union High School Cricket Festival beginning on 2 January. Despite the early start we had a wonderful attendance and were blessed with fine weather and a full weekend of cricket.

We attended the annual Pearson Cricket Festival in Port Elizabeth where we produced some outstanding cricket with many great performances. Special mention must be made of James Pienaar who won the prize for the best all-rounder for the weekend, winning a brand-new cricket kit bag.

The highlight for the year must be the Cape Schools' Cricket Festival which we had the pleasure of hosting this year. As always, the competition was extremely tough but our boys were up to the task and produced wonderful performances both individually and as a team and the boys certainly did themselves proud.

Yet another highlight was the selection of Brett Amsterdam for the Eastern Province U17 team. Well done Brett, we are very proud of you.

The following awards were made during the year:

Colours: Luke McNaughton, Trevor Moos, Caerwyn Spence, Jaden Brotherton, Brett Amsterdam, Bowen Langmead

Half Colours: Lunga Zantsi, Zusakhe Ngwane

Team Award: Khwezi Simon, James Pienaar, James Pringle

Merit Award: Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa

Results

vs Brandwag: Won. Luke McNaughton 59, Jaden Brotherton 43, Brett Amsterdam 36, Caerwyn Spence 4/26, Jaden Brotherton 4/22

vs Graaff-Reinet CC: Won by 9 wickets. Brett Amsterdam 30, Luke McNaughton 38, Brett Amsterdam 4/13

vs Daniel Pienaar: Won by 2 wickets. Jayen Brotherton 113, Kyle-Luke du Preez 20, Brett Amsterdam 6/32, Luke McNaughton 2/27, Caerwyn Spence 2/53

vs Queens: Lost by 7 wickets. Luke McNaughton 20, Brett Amsterdam 1/18, Luke McNaughton 1/20

vs Despatch T20: Lost by 9 runs. Brett Amsterdam 34, Bowen Langmead 32, Luke McNaughton 2/10, James Pienaar 2/15, Caerwyn Spence 2/20

vs Daniel Pienaar T20: Lost by 8 wickets. Bowen Langmead 41, Caerwyn Spence 22, Jaden Brotherton 1/18, Luke McNaughton 1/15

vs Daniel Pienaar: Won by 6 wickets. Bowen Langmead 57, Brett Amsterdam 47, Lunga Zantsi 3/24, Jaden Brotherton 3/20, Trevor Moos 2/20

vs Framesby T20: Lost by 4 wickets. Zusakhe Ngwane 20, Brett Amsterdam 15, James Pienaar 15, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa 3/16, Trevor Moos 2/20, Luke McNaughton 1/14



1ST XI CRICKET

BACK: Nangamso Xonti (Scorer), Kyle-Luke du Preez, James Pringle, Matthew Hesselink, Bowen Langmead, James Pienaar, Brett Amsterdam, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa, Tsireletso Tsolo (Scorer)

FRONT: Trevor Moos, Lunga Zantsi, Jaden Brotherton, Mr S. Bezuidenhout (Coach), Luke McNaughton, Caerwyn Spence, Zusakhe Ngwane

INSET: Michael-Joe Newton

vs Framesby: Lost by 39 runs. Luke McNaughton 83, Bowen Langmead 53, Lunga Zantsi 2/29, Trevor Moos 2/39, Brett Amsterdam 1/32

vs Graeme: Draw. James Pringle 29, Brett Amsterdam 19, Brett Amsterdam 3/63

vs Muir: Won by 7 wickets. Brett Amsterdam 37, Trevor Moos 24, Luke McNaughton 19, Luke McNaughton 5/42, Brett Amsterdam 2/17, Caerwyn Spence 1/10

vs Nico Malan T20: Lost by 3 wickets. Zusakhe Ngwane 16, Brett Amsterdam 14, Jaden Brotherton 2/14, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa 2/19, Brett Amsterdam 1/17

vs Old Boys: Lost by 33 runs. Luke McNaughton 60, Brett Amsterdam 54, Zusakhe Ngwane 30, Luke McNaughton 3/40, Trevor Moos 3/38, Lunga Zantsi 2/24

vs Stirling: Lost by 54 runs. Jaden Brotherton 66, Lunga Zantsi 2/25, Jaden Brotherton 2/47

vs Volkskool T20: Won by 77 runs. Zusakhe Ngwane 58, Brett Amsterdam 28, Caerwyn Spence 21, Trevor Moos 2/10, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa 2/15

vs Muir T20: Lost by 23 runs. Kyle-Luke du Preez 67, Brett Amsterdam 33, Matthew Hesselink 2/30, Brett Amsterdam 2/32, Jaden Brotherton 2/24

vs Marlow: Won by 197 runs. Jaden Brotherton 82, Brett Amsterdam 45, James Pienaar 40, James Pienaar 5/11, Brett Amsterdam 4/29. 2nd innings: James Pienaar 3/19, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa 2/5

vs Westering: Won by 6 wickets. Kyle-Luke du Preez 52, Jaden Brotherton 29, Khwezi Simon 23, Brett Amsterdam 20, Jaden Brotherton 3/24

vs Graeme: Lost by 162 runs. Jaden Brotherton 67

vs Brandwag: Lost by 25 runs. Bowen Langmead 52, Brett Amsterdam 32, Lunga Zantsi 2/9, Brett Amsterdam 2/25, Trevor Moos 2/28

vs SACS: Lost by 65 runs. 1st innings: Brett Amsterdam 23, Lunga Zantsi 20, Brett Amsterdam 7/28. 2nd Innings: Bowen Langmead 41, Luke McNaughton 28

vs Paarl Boys: Lost by 6 wickets. Jaden Brotherton 54, Bowen Langmead 64, Brett Amsterdam 45, Luke McNaughton 1/16, Lunga Zantsi 1/27

vs Paul Roos: Lost by innings and 20 runs. 1st innings: Trevor Moos 32, Luke McNaughton 28, James Pienaar 2/67. 2nd innings: Jaden Brotherton 41, Bowen Langmead 38, Brett Amsterdam 21

vs Wynberg: Lost by 5 wickets. Zusakhe Ngwane 17, Caerwyn Spence 13, Brett Amsterdam 4/40

Best individual performances for the season

Batting:

Jaden Brotherton 600 runs including 4 fifties and 1 hundred

Brett Amsterdam 586 runs including 1 fifty

Bowen Langmead 470 runs including 4 fifties

Luke McNaughton 449 runs including 3 fifties

Kyle-Luke du Preez 235 runs including 2 fifties

Zusakhe Ngwane 200 runs including 1 fifty

Bowling:

Brett Amsterdam 45 wickets including two 5 wicket hauls

Jaden Brotherton 24 wickets

Luke Mc Naughton 21 wickets

James Pienaar 16 wickets including one 5 wicket haul

Lunga Zantsi 16 wickets

Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa 16 wickets



UNION HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET FESTIVAL



Our 1st XI participated in the 13th Annual Mica Union High School Cricket Festival early in January. Despite it being so early in the year, the teams played with great enthusiasm and in great spirit, which made for a very enjoyable week of cricket.

We started the week with a declaration match against Daniel Pienaar, who won the toss and elected to bat. Union started off with some wonderful disciplined bowling and never allowed the opposition to score freely. A magnificent individual performance with the ball from Brett Amsterdam helped restrict and bowl Daniel Pienaar out for 187. Bowling figures: Brett Amsterdam 6/32, Luke McNaughton 2/27, Caerwyn Spence 2/53. We then went in to bat and through an outstanding mature innings by Jaden Brotherton, who held the innings together allowing his teammates to bat around him, we managed to pass the target with 8 wickets down, thus winning the match by 2 wickets. Batting performance: Jaden Brotherton 113*, Kyle-Luke du Preez 20, Luke McNaughton 19.

On the Friday a 50-over match was played against Queen's College and on the back of a fine batting performance the previous day, we won

the toss and elected to bat first. Unfortunately, we were unable to carry on where we left off and struggled against good accurate bowling and were bowled out for 91. Batting performance: Luke McNaughton 20, Zusakhe Ngwane 18. Queen's were able to reach their target with 3 wickets down and we lost the match by 7 wickets. Bowling figures: Luke McNaughton 1/20, Brett Amsterdam 1/18.

On the Saturday we played a T20 match against Despatch. Winning the toss, we elected to bowl. We started off with a bang taking a wicket with the first ball through a magnificent diving catch which set the tone for a wonderful bowling and fielding performance and restricted Despatch to 115. Bowling figures: Luke McNaughton 2/10, James Pienaar 2/15, Caerwyn Spence 2/20. We came in to bat and managed to keep a good steady run rate in pursuit of our target, including a wonderful 50-run partnership between Brett Amsterdam and Bowen Langmead. Unfortunately, we were unable to take advantage of this good start and ended up short of our target, losing the match by 9 runs. Batting performances: Brett Amsterdam 34, Bowen Langmead 32.

SENIOR CAPE SCHOOLS' CRICKET FESTIVAL



CAPE SCHOOLS' CRICKET WEEK

BACK: Michael-Joe Newton, Kyle-Luke du Preez, James Pienaar, Matthew Hesselink, Caerwyn Spence, Lunga Zantsi, Bowen Langmead, Brett Amsterdam, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa
FRONT: Luke McNaughton, Jaden Brotherton, Mr S. Bezuidenhout (Coach), Trevor Moos, Zusakhe Ngwane.

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declared on 182 runs. We therefore needed 158 runs to win, unfortunately ending on 93 for 5, losing the match by 65 runs. Best batting performances came from Bowen Langmead (41) and Luke McNaughton (28).

On day 2, we faced off against Paarl Boys'. Due to rain, the scheduled declaration match was changed to a 35 over match. We batted first and scored 177 for 7. Our best batsmen were Jaden Brotherton (54), Bowen Langmead (64) and Brett Amsterdam (45). Paarl Boys' then went in to bat, scoring 181 for 4. We lost the match by 6 wickets.

On day 3, we played Paul Roos Gimnasium in a declaration match, batting first and were bowled out for 107. Trevor Moos scored 32 runs and Luke McNaughton 28 runs. Paul Roos then scored 260 for 4. James Pienaar was our best bowler in this innings, taking 2 for 67. When we went in to bat for our 2nd innings, Paul Roos needed 5 wickets for an outright win, with a 153 run lead. With the day ending at 17:30, Union needed to bat the day out. We unfortunately lost our last wicket in the final over of the day, with the score on 133. The best batsmen were Jaden Brotherton (41), Bowen Langmead (38) and Brett Amsterdam (21*). The overall result, unfortunately, does not reflect the high standard of cricket the boys played.

On the final day we played Wynberg Boys' in a 50-over match. We batted first and were bowled out for 97. Zusakhe Ngwane made 17 runs and Caerwyn Spence 13 not out. Wynberg managed to pass the score with 5 wickets down. Brett Amsterdam was our best bowler, taking 4 for 40 in 10 overs. We lost the match by 5 wickets.

During the September school holidays the 1st XI participated in the 52nd Annual Cape Schools' Cricket Festival. This year, the event was hosted by the School and many of the visiting Western Cape parents praised the organisation and the venues at which the cricket was played and commented that our School should host this week every year. One of the highlights for many teams was playing at Asante Sana Private Game Reserve, where the appearance of animals on the field of play proved to be entertaining distractions from the regular cricketing fare. A heartfelt word of thanks is extended to Richard and Kitty Viljoen for this incredible opportunity.

On the first day our 1st XI played SACS on the Minnaar Field in a declaration match. SACS batted first and were bowled out for 107. Well done to Brett Amsterdam who had an outstanding bowling performance and wrought havoc with the ball, claiming 7 wickets, conceding only 28 runs while doing so. We scored 131 runs in reply thus leading by 24 runs at the end of the 1st innings. The best batting performances came from Brett Amsterdam (23) and Lunga Zantsi (20). In their 2nd innings, SACS

ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY

Our learners enjoyed their annual Interhouse Cross Country during the first week of term 4. The school is fortunate that our main sports facilities are bordered by beautiful surroundings that allow our runners easy access to a series of runs, catering for all ages and abilities, from our own doorstep. This annual event, which is aimed at increasing participation in competitive sport, sees everyone taking part with a chance to win points for their House, in a competition that is both keenly contested but also fun. All age groups ran separately and staff were impressed with the levels of enthusiasm, fitness and commitment to this event – all learners should be proud of their efforts.

RESULTS

Girls U11 3km: 1. Jemae-Mari Davids (13:52:82); 2. Amy Waddelow (13:54:45); 3. Kimberley Menos (14:41:70)

Boys U11 3km: 1. Daniel Short (13:02:87); 2. Neelon Fourie (13:04:20);

3. Josh Arends (13:05:20)

Girls U13 4km: 1. Lisakhanya Menos (23:20:15); 2. Sisipho de Vos (23:45:47); 3. Kenza Neill (23:58:27)

Boys U13 4km: 1. Alutha Wesi (18:47:15); 2. Camran Swartz (19:32:28); 3. Dylan Kivedo (21:27:05)

Girls U15 4km: 1. Drew Dobinson (20:48:97); 2. Brigetté Oelofsen (24:23:61); 3. Tessa James & Alexandra Imrie (29:09:51)

Boys U15 6km: 1. Siyamthanda Badiwe (28:17:07); 2. Corniel Vorster (30:05:09); 3. Ivan Murray (31:52:30)

Girls Open 4km: 1. Sanja du Plessis (20:30:67); 2. Micela Loock, Donné Marais, Jenna McNaughton (24:25:30);

Boys Open 8km: 1. Matthew Carelse (34:55:98); 2. Iviwe Ndamane (41:16:86); 3. Brett Amsterdam (47:23:47)

Overall Points: 1. Daly - 88; 2. Arnott - 84



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1ST TEAM HOCKEY

The 1st team started their season at the EP Opening Festival where they competed against some tough opposition. Their results were very pleasing and 5 of our girls were selected to attend the 2nd round of EP trials. Jenna McNaughton and Micela Loock made it all the way through to the final round and were selected to represent the Eastern Province U18A side. Sakhe Booi was very unfortunate not to be selected as she broke her wrist and had to withdraw from the trials.

The team then met the likes of Eunice High School at the Greg Beling Festival held in East London which was an excellent learning experience for our girls. The Spar challenge, which was held at the School, saw our girls play some excellent hockey and reach the final against DSG, sadly missing out on a 2nd title.

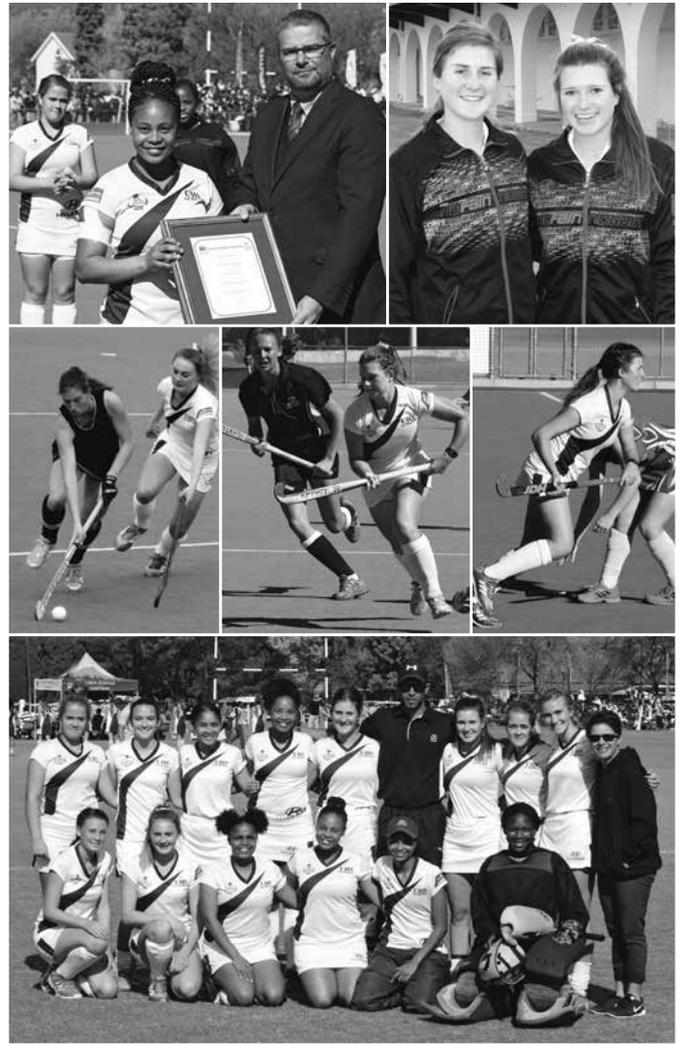
As a collective unit, all the girls have played their part in making the season a memorable one and they achieved some outstanding results. Some of the highlights of the season were a 2-2 draw against Pearson in Port Elizabeth, beating Alexander Road 4-2, and playing to a goalless draw against DSG in Grahamstown. The girls showed that they could compete at a high level and this gave them much confidence going into Interschools.

We were very unfortunate to play to a 1-1 draw against Volkskool in our annual Interschools derby, which provided much entertainment. The girls created many chances, but failed to execute and convert these chances into goals.

Congratulations to all the girls on a wonderful season and for their commitment, determination and fight, particularly evident when the going was tough.

STATISTICS:

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
38	22	9	7	145	52



SENIOR 1ST HOCKEY

BACK: Marché Green, Laetitia Theron, Jade Shires, Sara Kingwill, Donné Marais

MIDDLE: Chelsea Theron, Leah Marais, Sakhe Booi, Brigetté Oelofsen, Nicole de Bruyn

FRONT: Kia Hoffman, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Jenna McNaughton (Captain), Mr A. August (Coach), Micela Loock (Vice-Captain), Mrs S. Shell (Manager), Henzé Japhta

2ND TEAM HOCKEY

The 2nd hockey team had a most successful and enjoyable season. They were a strong team who worked well together and with each match they gave it their all, always trying to maintain their structure.

Throughout the season, the team really grew as individuals and realised just how hockey can represent life. They learnt that in life things will not always go your way but that you need to get back up and try again. The dynamics of the team will be greatly missed and it is hoped

that they will remember this special season. They have surely left a mark on our school's centenary celebration.

Results

Winterberg 4-0, Victoria Park 7-1, Stirling 1-0, DSG 1-11, Framesby 3-0, Woodridge 3-1, Pearson 1-2, Gill 8-0, Westering 0-2, Cradock 8-1, Aliwal North 8-0.



SENIOR 2ND HOCKEY

BACK: Linamandla Ngaba, Chloe Moos, Katherine Imrie, Lauren Rose-Innes, Tsireletso Tsolo, Elia Railton
FRONT: Christine Harris, Rosslyn Sparks, Jemimah Mangunda (Vice-Captain), Ms V. van Rensburg (Coach), Sanja du Plessis (Captain), Taylyn Miller, Megan Doyle
INSET: Siphesihle Jali (Manager)

3RD TEAM HOCKEY

"She's got fire in her soul and grace in her heart." The 3rd team girls played their hearts out with every match and they must be commended on their commitment, sportsmanship and fighting spirit. The team consisted of an average of 20 players at most practices and each girl grew as a hockey player and bettered her skills.

Interschools was played against Volkskool's highly talented netball players. Our girls displayed true character and the game ended in a draw.

We are going to miss Kay Koeberg's fitness sessions, Sabrina Potgieter's enthusiasm and Jada Smith's caring nature. These are 3 very special Grade 12 ladies that have committed themselves in so many ways to the team for the past five years.

Overall the team won two matches, lost two matches and drew one match.





SENIOR 3RD HOCKEY

BACK: Chloë Koeberg, Precious Nobula, Alexandra Imrie, Lauren Waddelow, Megan Adams
MIDDLE: Lulibo Pietersen, Bunono Williams, Simoné Prinsloo, Shona Zana, Singalakra Mapekula, Shazia Ahmed, Anelesiwe Nangu
FRONT: Shayna Japhta, Jenna-Lee Jansen, Sabrina Potgieter (Captain), Mrs H. Keyser (Coach), Jada Smith (Vice-Captain), Kay Koeberg, Zoë May

U16A HOCKEY

The season started off with our girls travelling to Port Elizabeth, where they took part in the Westering U16 Festival. This was excellent preparation for the season ahead and they arrived home with some good results. The girls played some good hockey, beating DF Malherbe 3-0, and drawing 0-0 to both Woodridge and Alexander Road. They went on to lose 0-1 to DSG and beat Victoria Park in their final game 1-0.

The girls continued their good form and positive energy at the start of term 2, beating Victoria Girls' 3-1, following this up with a convincing 6-0 victory over Victoria Park the following weekend. With the girls facing a strong opponent the next weekend in Collegiate, they came unstuck and lost 3-0. This was, however, still a positive result for our girls as they displayed a good level of hockey.

We then played Stirling in a tough encounter and managed to play to a goalless draw. However, we failed to capitalize on our chances and left East London very discouraged. The following weekend saw us travelling to Port Elizabeth to meet Westering in a match the girls really wanted to win. They delivered a fantastic team performance and were worthy 2-0 victors on the day.

We suffered a 4-1 defeat against Woodridge a few weeks later and then lost to Pearson 2-1. The girls then had a long lay-off due to schools that did not have opposing teams and the June holidays.

Their first encounter of term 3 saw them take on Framesby and they won this match 2-0. We then met up with DSG in Grahamstown and played to a goalless draw.

Interschools delivered a very emotional result for our girls as they went down 2-0 to Volkskool.

Overall, the season was a good one for our girls and they can be really proud of their efforts. There is no doubt that this team will be a force to reckon with in years to come.

STATISTICS:

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
15	7	4	3	25	13



U16A HOCKEY

BACK: Siyamthanda Desha, Kathryn Odendaal, Brigetté Oelofsen, Leah Marais, Ngomusa Zweni, Barbara McNaughton, Jamie Jaftha, Tharelle Meyer, Melissa Swart, Sesethu Kotishini
FRONT: Jade Edwards, Unathi April, Petra Japhta (Captain), Mr A. August (Coach), Vuyolwethu Booysen (Vice-Captain), Chloe Shires, Kaydn Retief

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U16B HOCKEY

The U16B hockey team enjoyed a rewarding season, albeit an intensely busy one. They had a very full season, travelling far and wide to play 14 games. They played with dedication and passion, producing wonderful teamwork. The team displayed a proud but humble spirit on the field, thanks in part to an inspirational team prayer before each match. They always gave their all, especially against some of the tougher opposition, producing some of their best performances of the season.

Memorable moments include the brilliant strike off a short corner in the final seconds of the game against Stirling in East London to clinch the game, and facing down a formidable Westering U14A side without loss.

Overall, the team played 14 matches, winning 9, losing 4 and drawing 1. The girls improved their game play with each match, resulting in



a blistering Interschools game against Volkskool that ended off their season brilliantly, winning 8-0. This was certainly one of the highlights of a superb season.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported the team at home and away. The girls really appreciated the encouragement. This is indeed a team of which to be proud.



U16B HOCKEY

BACK: Keratile Nqabeni, Cadee Arends, Dennisha Fortuin
MIDDLE: Asa Matross, Tessa James, Gemma Naude, Grace Merifield, Tamsin James, Megan Nel
FRONT: Anna Pringle, Tatum Marais, Amzolele Relu (Captain), Ms J. Jones (Coach), Mihle May (Vice-Captain), Marishca Mackelina, Tayla Kingwill

JUNIOR 1ST AND 2ND HOCKEY

This season proved to be a tough one for our junior teams. The 2nd team in particular took a while to adapt to "big field" hockey as the majority of the team were Grade 5's that had newly graduated from the mini-hockey format. By the end of the season however, the big hearts and true gutsiness of these girls started to shine through and they showed glimpses of the massive potential ahead. In a season of mixed results, these girls continued to try their best and every time they were beaten down, they got back up and tried even harder. This dogged perseverance paid off when the season culminated in the annual Interschools clash against Volkskool, and they came away with a phenomenal 8-0 win!

Katelyn Trollip and Megan Nortje at sweeper, along with Ciara Kivedo and Sinesipho Sididi, provided the team with incredible stability at the back, while Chavene Lamont and Leigh-Anne Murray (who was only moved into a defensive position late in the season) gave the defensive line-up a unique dynamism that kept the opposition frustrated on many occasions. Azisa Mduduma, Tara Ferreira, Aaminah Steele and Misha Newton in the mid-field, worked hard to feed the game well and provided valuable support to the strikers, Emma Short and Mecoli Vorster.



The beleaguered 1st team also had a challenging time, but they too eventually found their rhythm mid-way through the season when they met Riebeeck College in Uitenhage and pieced together their first win. This stoked their self-belief and provided the momentum they needed

to turn their fortunes around. From this point on the girls began to deliver performances that were mature, dynamic and exciting to watch. Seeing the growth in these girls over the course of the season was very encouraging and it will be interesting to witness this lovely group of girls play next year.

The defensive players had a fairly hard time against some very strong teams this year, but acquitted themselves very well. Bontle Mashiane who was new to the box, did a sterling job as keeper, and she was very ably supported by the consistent and reliable Katelyn Trollip, Tyra Binney and Xarah Hoffman. Alinda Goosen provided much entertainment at the back with her kamikaze-like tackles that saved us on many occasions!

The midfield, represented by Sadé May, Sonwabise Mroro, Charlize Vorster and Farronique Booysen, provided the core-strength of the team. They played dazzling, distributive hockey that formed the basis of every attack; feeding the hungry forwards with many goal-scoring opportunities. Chloe Erasmus and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg provided the necessary maturity in the circle, while our dynamic duo, Leshay Fourie and Lisakhanya Menos kept the opposition on their toes with their opportunistic attacks.

As always, the highlight of the season was the Anne Beagley Festival, hosted by the School at the beginning of the mid-year holidays. At this festival the 2nd team (Invitation side), faced 1st teams from other schools, and delivered some sound results. The 1st team came up against some of the strongest sides of the competition, and while they were not always victorious in score, they were victorious in play. Their game exceeded expectations on more than a few occasions and gave spectators a few nail-biting moments against the favourites.

We are exceptionally proud of Sonwabise Mroro who was selected to represent the Eastern Province U14B team. Her EP coach had this to say: "Soso had a fantastic tournament – showcasing her talent and growing as an individual player." We congratulate her on being a fine ambassador for our school.

Congratulations to Sonwabise Mroro, Tyra Binney and Sadé May for receiving their Junior Achievement Bar for hockey, and also to Chloe Erasmus and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg for being awarded merit certificates for hockey.

We would like to thank our very generous sponsors, Mica, Spur, Hyundai, Pick 'n Pay and Merino Pharmacy for the beautiful playing kit



JUNIOR 1ST HOCKEY

BACK: Chloe Erasmus, Farronique Booysen, Xarah Hoffman, Katelyn Trollip
MIDDLE: Leshay Fourie, Megan Nortjie, Bontle Mashiane, Aminah Steele, Lisakhanya Menos
FRONT: Alinda Goosen, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Sonwabise Mroro (Captain), Mrs K. Schoeman (Coach), Tyra Binney (Vice-Captain), Sadé May, Charlize Vorster



JUNIOR 2ND HOCKEY

BACK: Ciara Kivedo, Chavene Lamont, Mecoli Vorster, Azisa Mduduma, Sinesipho Sididi, Misha Newton, Aminah Steele, Leigh-Anne Murray
FRONT: Emma Short, Kyle-Luke du Preez (Assistant Coach), Abigail Fortuin (Captain), Tara Ferreria (Vice-Captain), Mrs K. Schoeman (Coach), Megan Nortje



and tog-bags gifted to our girls. We are very grateful for your sponsorship.

Very special thanks must go to Kyle-Luke du Preez who selflessly dedicated his own afternoons and weekends to help with the coaching (and umpiring) of the 2nd team girls. His efforts are so very much appreciated. Thank you also to Kendall Krige for her assistance with umpiring some of our junior games and to Mrs Pringle for managing the Invitation Team at the Junior Festival.

Results

Anne Beagle Festival:

1st Team: vs Stirling 0-1, vs St Patricks 3-0, vs Hudson Park 0-0, vs Cambridge 0-1, vs Stutterheim 0-0

2nd Team: vs Lilyfontein 0-3, vs Charlo 0-3, vs Gonubie 0-1, vs Stutterheim 0-0

Fixtures 1st team:

Westering 2-4, Gill 0-1, Lorraine 1-2, Riebeek 5-3, Cradock 2-0, Collegiate 7-1, Victoria Primary 2-0, Gill 1-0, Gill 3-0, Clarendon Park 1-2, Herbert



Hurd 1-0, Volkskool (Interschools) 1-2

Fixtures 2nd team:

Westering 0-1, Gill 1-1, Lorraine 1-0, Riebeek 0-1, Cradock 0-0, Collegiate 0-3, Victoria Primary 0-0, Gill 0-0, Gill 1-0, Clarendon Park 0-4, Herbert Hurd 2-1, Volkskool (Interschools) 8-0.

JUNIOR 3RD AND 4TH HOCKEY

The 3rd and 4th hockey teams proved to be a very keen and enthusiastic group of girls. Their attendance at practice was generally excellent and they were fortunate to play a good number of matches during the season.

The 3rd team, comprising mostly of Grade 6's, started off the season with a bang winning their first 4 matches with ease. They scored a total of 12 goals in these games alone, conceding none. Here, the forward combination of Silindokuhle Khali and Unam Vumazonke were deadly with their speed upfront and finishing in the circle, especially on the post. They were well supported in their goal-scoring efforts by links, Sisipho de Vos and Zara Deysel-Douman who, both integral cogs in the team, controlled the centre and right channels and fed their forwards well.

The team came unstuck against an excellent Collegiate U11A team in Port Elizabeth, and even though they scored the first goal, were under pressure from the get go and struggled to contain the rampant opposition players. Nevertheless, the team acquitted themselves well, never giving up and fighting to the bitter end.

After this game the team seemed to lose some of their momentum. We missed some vital players during various matches and, although the girls still played well together, we didn't achieve the same success as earlier, recording a 1-0 win against Victoria Primary, a 0-2 loss against Clarendon Park and ending off the season with a 1-1 draw against Herbert Hurd in what proved to be a very hard-fought and evenly contested match.

Sisipho and Zara were well-supported in the left midfield by Anna Bouwer, the only Grade 5 in the team. Halves, Harly Qina, Uyathandwa Sididi and Sasha Cochrane defended well and they certainly had their work cut out for them in some games where they had to run themselves to the ground. Sweeper, Hlumelo Kwini was a formidable presence at the back and she possessed a marvellous sweep which got the team out of danger on numerous occasions. Goalie, Ntombazana Speelman, improved wonderfully as the season progressed, and she had some impressive games where she made many saves.

Thank-you to Jemae-Mari Davids and Azisa Mduduma, who filled in for the team on numerous occasions. Well done to Uyathandwa, Sisipho



and Zara who were all selected to play for the Invitation Team at the Anne Beagley Junior Festival.

This year the 4th team was made up entirely of Grade 5 players and was thus referred to as an U11 squad. They had some tough games, particularly at the beginning of the season when they came up against some A teams and also 4th and sometimes 3rd teams from other schools where the players were older, bigger and more experienced. Our little girls were tiny in comparison! What they lacked in stature, however, they made up for in sheer willpower and determination and they impressed with their excellent improvement during the season. Even though they didn't win any games, the results don't always show the way they played and they had some very tightly contested games.

Towards the end of the season, as they adjusted to their positions and the feel of the game, they played good hockey and their teamwork was wonderful to watch. It will be interesting to watch this group in the next few years as they grow in size and experience.

Amber Bezuidenhout moved well with the ball and showed good positional play down the left wing. Amy Waddelow was a strong player and had some good runs down the right wing. The centre forward position interchanged between Jemae-Mare Davids and Onwaba Ngaphi. Jemae raised the pace of the game with her fast running. She never ball-watched and immersed herself fully in every part of the game. Onwaba

Ngaphi was very versatile and switched effortlessly between attack and defence positions, acquitting herself remarkably.

Our midfield players Jemma Grootboom, Kimberley Menos and Rebecca Copeman distributed the ball well. Jemma grew into her role as link remarkably well as the season progressed. Kimberley possessed good stickwork and Rebecca, who moved from wing to link during the second half of the season, adjusted very well to her new position which suited her style of play better.

Samantha Charles played left half and she was able to read the game, showing good positional play. Lisa Vutula, and Nina Japhta, at centre-back and sweeper respectively, were a strong presence in the middle, controlling the game and distributing and clearing the ball well. Ashleigh Shell was a little package of dynamite and, in spite of her size, was not scared to go for the ball and tackle players twice her size. Melissa Naude completed the line-up as the goalie and we are grateful to her for volunteering to be in the box for the duration of the season.

Results 3rd Team:

Sunridge 2-0, Lorraine 4-0, Riebeck 3-0, Cradock 3-0, Collegiate 1-5, Victoria Primary 1-0, Clarendon Park 0-2, Herbert Hurd 1-1

Results 4th Team:

Sunridge 0-5, Lorraine 0-0, Cradock 0-4, Collegiate 0-2, Clarendon Park 0-5, Herbert Hurd 0-1



JUNIOR 3RD HOCKEY

BACK: Anna Bouwer, Uyathandwa Sididi, Unam Vumazonke, Ntombazana Speelman, Silindokuhle Khali, Harly Qina
FRONT: Sasha Cochrane, Sisipho de Vos (Captain), Mrs C. Pringle (Coach), Zara Deysel-Douman (Vice-Captain), Hlumelo Kwini



JUNIOR 4TH HOCKEY

BACK: Rebecca Copeman, Amber Bezuidenhout, Lisa Vutula, Nina Japhta, Amy Waddelow, Jemma Grootboom, Ashleigh Shell
FRONT: Kimberley Menos, Melissa Naude (Vice-Captain), Mrs C. Pringle (Coach), Samantha Charles, Onwaba Ngaphi
ABSENT: Jemae-Mari Davids (Captain)

JUNIOR 5TH HOCKEY

The season began with twenty excited learners.

Girls with a genuine love for the game, having previous experience, and complete beginners came together and enjoyed twice weekly practice sessions.

They played two matches during the season: a home match against Lorraine which they lost 1-0 and an away match against Collegiate in Port Elizabeth where they were defeated 3-0. The girl's keenness and

dedication to the sport and to each other is deserving of congratulations.

Every learner was committed and filled with enthusiasm to learn all that they could and internal matches, fitness sessions, ball and team-building drills were the order of the day.

The girls were also privileged to have two senior 1st team girls assist them on their hockey journey and a big thank you must go to Jenna McNaughton and Micela Look for all their help during practices.



JUNIOR 5TH HOCKEY

BACK: Berniian Klaasen, Zelresch Frazenburg, Megan Putter, Kenza Neill, Khazimla Kula, Demi Moos, Liyabona Ndamase, Anebel Norval, Brenlin Memani

FRONT: Sinelizwi Mcilongo, Balisa Mduduma, Vivian McEwan, Ms P. Phillips (Coach), Lichamlethu Kula, Anna-May Hayes, Erin Gedult

ABSENT: Buhle Goni



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1ST XV RUGBY



1ST XV RUGBY

BACK: Mpisekaya Duba, Ashton Dawids, Damon Fouché, Mack Rubidge, Jaden Brotherton, Caerwyn Spence, Bladen Jacobs, Khwezi Simon
MIDDLE: Mxolisi Zikalala, River Carey, Ebben Johnston, Brett Amsterdam, Matteo Mahona, S'bongakonke Koyingana, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa
FRONT: Zusakhe Ngwane, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Iviwe Ndamane (Captain), Mr R. Hamilton (Coach), Gary Shell (Vice-Captain), Mr S. Bezuidenhout (Head of Sport), Cleathon Koeberg.

This season was one in which many lessons were learned. Having lost 12 players from last year's starting line-up, the season was definitely seen as a building year.

There were moments of brilliance throughout the season, though they came in stages. On many occasions we would lose a game right at the end, or not hold on to a lead due to the lack of experience in the squad. The boys did however put in the extra effort during their training sessions, but failed to execute on game day. There is no doubt that many of the players will benefit from what they have experienced this season.

The 1st XV attended the Gill Sports Day, the Grens Festival and the Westering/Cambridge biennial Co-Ed Festival.

We achieved good victories against Cillië, Hangklip, St Andrews School (Bloemfontein), Andrew Rabie, Victoria Park, Aliwal North, Cradock, Westering and Woodridge College.

We are tremendously proud of three of our boys who were selected for the EPCD U18 rugby side, namely: S'bongakonke Koyingana, Cleathon Koeberg and Bladen Jacobs.

We look forward to next season's challenges and to see how the boys develop over the off-season.

Full Results: vs Hoërskool Cillie 17-0, vs Grens 14-36, vs Hangklip 27-12, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 17-10, vs Charlie Hofmeyr 12-28, vs Andrew Rabie 43-0, vs Muir College 10-37, vs Victoria Park 45-17, vs Aliwal North High School 27-26, vs Burgersdorp High School 19-26, vs Sirling 15-36, vs Cradock High School 33-15, vs Westering 45-22, vs Woodridge College 25-20, vs Graeme College 3-69, vs Fairmont 14-24, vs Ithembelihle High School 17-36, vs Gill College 16-21, vs Pearson 5-53, vs Winterberg 14-31, vs Volksskool (Interschools) 3-22.

Played 21, Won 9, Lost 12.



2ND XV RUGBY



The 2nd XV season was one of great triumph and wicked lows. The lows, however, would not define this special side who, early in the season, placed emphasis on guts, character and an immovable spirit. This led to a group of boys growing into young men that gracefully played the game we all love with passion and heart. This passion would be at the core of the team's success throughout the season and lead to countless memorable victories. The success of this team would not have been possible without every member being synchronised towards the

same goal, thus making this a true team effort.

Full Results: vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 38-0, vs Muir College 34-10, vs Victoria Park 41-19, vs Aliwal North High School 44-12, vs Burgersdorp High School 19-7, vs Stirling 36-34, vs Cradock High School 37-7, vs Westering 48-3, vs Asherville 1st XV 12-38, vs Graeme College 5-24, vs Gill College 31-12, vs Pearson 0-62, vs Winterberg 7-5, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 26-27.

Played 14, Won 10, Lost 4.



2ND XV RUGBY

BACK: Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa, Damon Fouche, Lihlombe Qambata, Lonwabo Teyise, Sicelokuhle Sishuba, Ashwon Dawids, Jidi Somi
MIDDLE: Juandre Jaftha, Marthinus van der Berg, Ezra Mangunda, Mandilakhe Matotie, River Carey, William Kayster, Khanya Butshingi, Ashton Dawids, Matthew Carelse
FRONT: Caerwyn Spence, Ethan Gedult, Matthew Price, Buchule Siloti, Mr S. Bezuidenhout, Lunga Zantsi, Noa Cilliers, Luke McNaughton, Soyama Mbobi
INSET: Mr A. Adams (Coach)

3RD XV RUGBY

The 3rd XV had a good season, which unfortunately ended after the second term as none of the school's played in the third term could field a team to compete against us. In particular, the fact that there was no game at Interschools was bitterly disappointing. There was much talent in the side and as the season progressed, many of the boys were called up to represent the 2nd XV.

Full Results: vs Muir College 34-10, vs Asherville Secondary School's 1st XV 17-25, vs Murraysburg 1st XV 15-12, vs Jansenville's 1st XV 10-24, vs Asherville 2nd XV 10-3.





3RD XV RUGBY

BACK: Juandre Jaftha, Sichelokuhle Sishuba, Lihlombe Qambata, Cole Jaftha, Peter Watermeyer

MIDDLE: Smilwesihle Sodladla, Elrique Reid, Ezra Mangunda, River Carey, James Pringle, Sinentlahla Mvandaba, Mandilakhe Matotie, Marthinus van der Berg, Ronwan Petersen

FRONT: Ryan Hobson, Lonwabo Teyise, Daliwonga Mathiale (Captain), Mr W.E. Pringle (Coach), Sintu Nkosinkulu, Luthando Skapu, Buntu Sota

U16A RUGBY

In what promised to be a jam-packed, fun-filled, block-buster season, the U16A team started their 2019 season with a 29-0 victory against Spandau Secondary. They then drew their next match against St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 19-19. This was a disappointing result for both teams but probably a fair result in the end. What was truly remarkable about this match was James Pienaar playing with a fractured thumb for the majority of the match, putting his body on the line, making some bone-crunching hits. At the end of term 1, the team went on a pre-season tour to Port Elizabeth which included three rugby matches and intense training sessions in between. The highlight of this trip was definitely a comeback victory against Alexander Road. The team fell behind 0-19 in the first 10 minutes, but soon found their rhythm and replied with seven unanswered tries. They showed tremendous character and fight, as it seemed we were heading for a 50-plus drubbing.

With a squad of only 17 players, we knew we would have to dig deep this season as injuries made it very difficult at times. Joseph Barker and Lijema Mjoli played prop, with Mhlahli Tyanase at hooker. They did their primary jobs well and were very physical on defence. They complimented each other well and put in the hard graft. The locks and loose forwards were Siphesihle Goliath, James Potgieter, Hlomla Ngqoza, Alutho Cekiso, Liam Langeveldt, Joshua Calitz and El-Jero Ellie. They played the game at a high pace and linked up well with the backline players which resulted in some beautiful team tries. Notable was the fearless carries by Siphesihle Goliath which often put us on the front foot.

Captain Michael-Joe Newton always led from the front and put in a mountain of work every single match. His work rate was immense and he crossed the white wash with ease. Vice-Captain James Pienaar was sorely missed through injury for the bulk of the term 2 matches. His vision at flyhalf created numerous tries for our outside backs and centres. His kicking game was reliable and often got the team out of trouble. During this time, U15A players; Bubele Thibini, Ruzhe Hendricks, Hlakanipha Skepe, Sisipho Arnols and Xhamla Magubeni all enjoyed game time for the U16's. They all gave their best and the school can be very proud of them. Our centres were Thando Matotie and Lonwabo Sishuba who combined well for some scintillating tries. They also led the charge on defence which often threw the opposition off their game. The outside backs were Ntsika Ngongoma, Lijabona Teyise and Anoxolo Martins, who did not lack any spatial awareness and scored numerous tries.

In term 2 we enjoyed big victories against



Victoria Park, Cradock and Woodridge College. The team also suffered disappointing defeats against Muir College and Aliwal North. Three matches that stood out this season although they were losses, were against Graeme College, Stirling and Pearson. The team needs to be praised for their never-say-die attitude displayed throughout. Against Graeme, the team trailed at half-time 0-29 to complete a final score of 34-7 to Graeme. Against Stirling the team trailed 0-14 at half-time to complete a final score of 21-7 to Stirling. Against Pearson the boys played out of their socks, often denied inches from the white wash. Although the score line reads 33-5 to Pearson, the team put up a big fight. The team bounced back with a comprehensive victory against Winterberg 36-14. This seemed to be the perfect platform for Interschools, however we fell agonisingly short with ample opportunities at the death to clinch victory.

What proved to be a challenging season consisting of ups and downs and some heart-breaking matches offered the team the opportunity to learn more about their strengths and weaknesses and how they perform under pressure. Match after match they left their sweat and tears on the

field. The Interschools loss was painful and filled with heartache and it was a disappointing end to our season after winning 5 out of the last 7 matches before Interschools. This eventful season also gave this coach an opportunity to reflect on coaching strategies, often leading to innovative learning experiences through new coaching drills and changing things up. This was a season filled with loads of sporting and life lessons and it is hoped that the boys will take some of it with them. It was an absolute pleasure coaching the team.

Full results: vs Spandau 29-0, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 19-19, vs Andrew Rabie 5-14, vs Grey Invitation 24-38, vs Alexander Road 45-19, vs Muir College 10-45, vs Victoria Park 55-12, vs Aliwal North High School 14-43, vs Burgersdorp High School 22-24, vs Stirling 7-21, vs Cradock High School 46-12, vs Westering 25-20, vs Woodridge College 63-12, vs Graeme College 7-34, vs Gill College 47-12, vs Pearson 5-33, vs Winterberg 36-14, vs Volksskool (Interschools) 22-27.

Won 8, Drew 1, Lost 9, Points for 481, Points against 399, Average score 27-22.



U16A RUGBY

BACK: Bubele Thibini, Liam Langeveldt, Liyabona Teyise, James Potgieter, Joshua Calitz

MIDDLE: Lonwabo Sishuba, Thando Matotie, Ruzh  Hendricks, Hlomla Ngqozo, Ntsika Ngongoma, Alutho Cekiso, Anoxolo Martins

FRONT: Mihlali Tyanase, Liyema Mjoli, Michael-Joe Newton (Captain), Mr C. Felix (Coach), James Pienaar, El-Jero Ellie, Siphesihle Goliath

U15A RUGBY

The 2019 rugby season was a culmination of years of preparation, sculpting players into vital roles and positions for the senior levels in years to come. This group of young men grew extremely close as a team and made coaching a breeze as they worked like a well-oiled machine, each player knowing what their counterparts' next move would be. This group had it all - speed, power, strength and a mind-set for the game of rugby. They learnt from their mistakes and instead of taking a loss as a negative, built on that experience to improve and turn it into a victory. Any coach would be reluctant to let them go, but they have the potential to become the best team that the School has produced in the past few years. This



season has been a privilege and a great learning experience for both players and coach alike.

Full Results: vs Spandau 29-0, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 33-5, vs Muir College 19-12, vs Victoria Park 26-7, vs Aliwal North High School 17-19, vs Burgersdorp High School 24-19, vs Stirling 0-32, vs Gill College 36-7, vs Cradock High School 26-15, vs Westering 19-15, vs Woodridge College 19-12, vs Graeme College 19-24, vs Pearson 7-51, vs Winterberg 12-14, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 32-7.

Won 10, Lost 5.



U15A RUGBY

BACK: Xhamla Magubeni, Bubele Thibini, Dylan Pettitt, Corniel Vorster, Aashiq Hartley

MIDDLE: Ivan Murray, Matthew Ferreira, Jaden-Lee Hopps, Mihan Campbell, Daniel Nell, Hlumisa Kalipa

FRONT: Kwande Mhlabeni, Sisipho Arnols, Ruzh  Hendricks (Captain), Mr H. Sparrius (Coach), Siyamthanda Badiwe (Vice-Captain), Jacobus Liebenberg, Hlakanipha Skepe

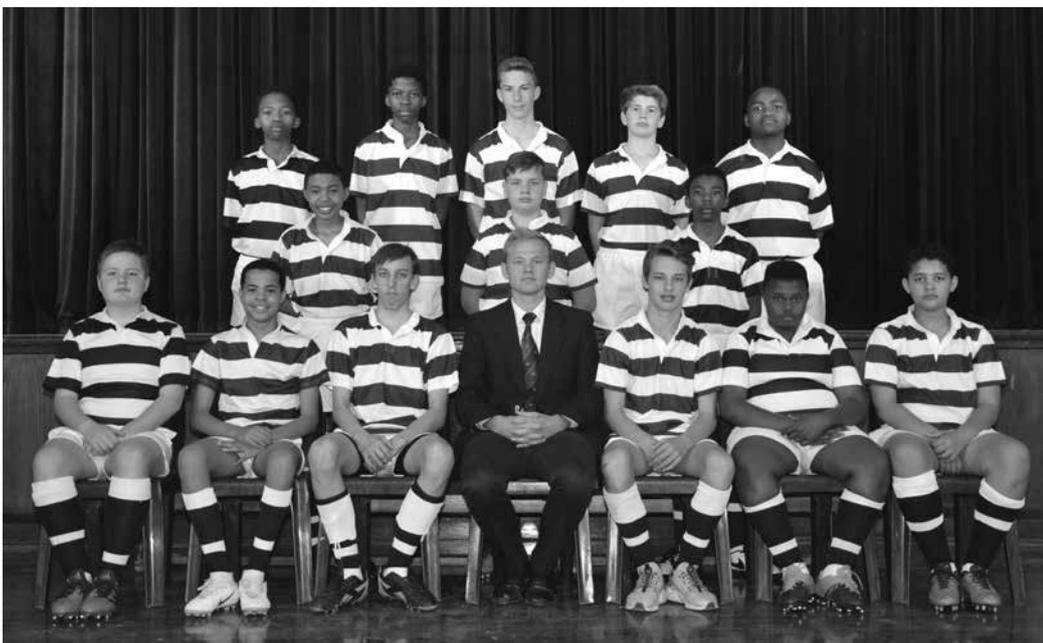
ABSENT: Azingce Sinto

U15B RUGBY

During the rugby season, the U15B team was formed out of the reserves of the U16A, U15A and U14A teams.

The focus of training sessions was to encourage participation, introduce players to the game and to give players game time which they might not get on the bench for the A teams on match days. The added

depth in these age groups increased competition amongst the players and helped to improve the quality of rugby of the junior teams. The team played friendlies against the U14A and U15A teams and played against Cradock High School, losing this game 5-36.



U15B RUGBY

BACK: Lubango Majiza, Yayama Dali, Nathan Johnson, Luc Railton, Likhona Bataala

MIDDLE: Jovandr  Samson, Keanu Nel, Ndalo Qwalela

FRONT: David Kinghorn, Safin Macpherson, Christopher Collin (Captain), Mr E. Ittershagen-Strauss (Coach), Matthew Ferreira, Mbonge Jacobs, Zeeq Jacobs

U14A RUGBY

Throughout the year, development, team building and the instillation of values were prioritised. On average, 27 boys attended practices regularly. During these practice sessions the focus was on developing the boys into skilful rugby players whose conduct would be a priority above all else.

The skills that were focused on during the week were on display every matchday and slowly the team started to grow together.

Bearing in mind that this was the first year the group played together (as opposed to junior levels where two grades form a team) the boys settled in to new positions fairly quickly.

During practice and matchdays the values that were focused on included being on time, always respecting the referee and opposition and always putting the team first. The team was regularly tested during the season on whether they were committed to these values. Everything came together in the final fixture of the season, Interschools. The boys left the field teary-eyed after the final whistle, having given everything for



their team, proud of what they had built up amongst themselves during the course of the season.

Full Results: vs Spandau 15-0, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 29-27, vs Muir College 0-33, vs Victoria Park 50-17, vs Aliwal North High School 14-17, vs Burgersdorp High School 10-33, vs Stirling 12-20, vs Cradock High School 33-7, vs Westering 12-22, vs Woodridge College 5-17, vs Graeme College 0-51, vs Gill College 10-20, vs Pearson 3-43, vs Winterberg 12-19, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 8-12.

Played 15, Won 4, Lost 11, Points for 213, Points against 338.



U14A RUGBY

BACK: Mawande Hloyi, Jude Langmead, Andrue Victor, Xander Kriel, Joshua Swartland
MIDDLE: Elihle Robile, Lubango Majiza, David Venter, Ryan Jenneke, Finn Cilliers, Wade Edwards, Cassidy Goliad
FRONT: Kamvalethu Bottomani, Chuma Sobantu, Lonwabo Hanabe (Captain), Mr E. Ittershagen-Strauss (Coach), Zeeq Jacobs, Thato Tshomela, Jared Meyer
ABSENT: Laythan Carelse, Brent Hesselink

U13A RUGBY

Extraordinary is one of the many words that come to mind when describing the U13A rugby team of 2019. With all the excitement of our Centenary year a special group of young rugby players came together to embark on a 6-month journey. Throughout the year emphasis was placed on development, with the group achieving great success in this area. The goal with these young sportsmen was to equip them well for their future in senior rugby as many players will be joining the high school next year.

Our season kicked off with a tour to East London where the boys enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other better while at the same time building team spirit. This was certainly needed as many of our fixtures were challenging. As a team made up of U12's and U13's we found ourselves the underdogs on most occasions. This, however, did not stand in the way of this group of young men as they met every match with passion

and heart - never giving up and always giving of their best.

Our pre-season training proved to be highly beneficial as the team enjoyed tremendous success in the build-up to our annual junior rugby and hockey festival. The Anne Beagley festival celebrated its 20th year





U13A RUGBY

BACK: Jayden Swart, Alastair Imrie, Chulumanco Faku, Matthew Paxton, Joshua Basson

MIDDLE: Kananelo Kometsi, Xavier Barlow, Kyle Liebenberg, Lukhona Kettleidas, Dumisa Mala, Makukhanye de Beer

FRONT: Shaakir Kazi, Peter Michaels, Alutha Wesi (Captain), Mr F. Steenkamp (Coach), Na'eem Mahomed, Camran Swartz, Dylan Kivedo

of existence and ended off a busy second term with rugby teams from all over the country descending on our fields for three days of exciting rugby. Apart from the exhilarating fixtures there was ample time for our boys to make new friends and to enjoy all the fun evening events.

Our boys continued to gain momentum in term 3 with impressive victories over our Port Elizabeth rivals, Clarendon Park and Herbert Hurd. Of course, all roads lead to the highly anticipated Interschools' match

against neighbours, Laer Volkskool. Our boys displayed true character and unwavering fighting spirit in the way they played this final game of the season, winning the encounter 57-12.

This was truly a special season for our U13A team and this is amply shown by the season's statistics. The team scored 806 points in 25 games while only conceding 283. They only lost 5 matches of which 3 of these were at festivals.

U13B RUGBY

This year the U13B rugby team enjoyed more fixtures than ever before. With our main focus on development and enjoyment, our young rugby players truly hit their mark in this regard. Throughout the season this young team progressed in all areas with a hunger for learning and a passion for the game, always giving of their absolute best for the school and the team.

With an extremely competitive fixture list, the team always knew that they would face challenges during the season and that it would be how they faced those challenges that would make them special. Each match was seen as an opportunity to display skill and tenacity and this mind-set often led to favourable results.

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 5.



U13B RUGBY

BACK: Ndodana Speelman, Similo Somgqeza, Neo Mvubu, Jayden Odendaal, Siyolo Somgqeza, Le-Timlih Jacobus, Nate Jaftha

MIDDLE: Lulamile Kedamile, Muhammad Ahmed, Lebone Raula, Malan Meyer, Daniel Marais, Aphiwe Maxhegwana, Henk Homveld, Zephaniah Kallies

FRONT: Alastair Imrie, Xavier Barlow, Makukhanye de Beer (Captain), Mr F. Steenkamp (Coach), Dumisa Mala, Kananelo Kometsi, Ayabonga November



JUNIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

The year began with the Annual Graaff-Reinet and Districts Tennis Trials. Well done to the following players who were selected to represent EP Country Districts:

- Grace Kemp U10
- Chloe Erasmus U12
- Tara Ferreira U12
- Misha Newton U12
- Caytah-Leigh Koeberg U14
- Matthew Paxton U14



Congratulations to Grace Kemp, Tara Ferreira, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg and Matthew Paxton who qualified to represent Eastern Province in their respective age groups.

Matches were played against the following schools during the course of the year: Nico Brummer, Gill Primary, Cradock Primary, Collegiate, Woodridge, Queens College and Laer Volksskool.

The Interschools results vs Volksskool were as follows:

- Girls' 1st Team won 6-3; Boys' 1st Team lost 3-6
- Girls' 2nd Team won 7-2; Boys' 2nd Team lost 0-9

The top 6 girls and boys enjoyed a wonderful tour to East London where they played against Gonubie Primary, Stirling Primary and Hudson Park Primary. A fun tennis day was also held at Wheatlands Sports Club where an invitation was extended to all players. Playing on clay courts

was a first for most of the juniors.

The following players received Achievement Bars in recognition of their excellence in tennis:

- Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
- Chloe Erasmus
- Tara Ferreira
- Matthew Paxton

The Annual School Championships took place in term 3 and the results were as follows:

- Girls' Singles Champion: Tara Ferreira
- Boys' Singles Champion: Matthew Paxton
- Girls' Doubles Champions: Tara Ferreira and Misha Newton
- Boys' Doubles Champions: Matthew Paxton and Peter-Daniel Clegg



1ST JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Grace Kemp, Misha Newton, Tara Ferreira, Chloe Erasmus
FRONT: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Mrs E.L. Gerber (Coach), Sadé May



1ST JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Daniel Short, Peter-Daniel Clegg
FRONT: Matthew Davenport, Matthew Paxton (Captain), Mrs B. Grewar (Coach), Cullan Erasmus, Joshua Neill



2ND JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Leigh-Anne Murray, Mecoli Vorster, Samantha Charles, Katelyn Trollip, Melissa Naudé
FRONT: Charlize Vorster, Mrs E.L. Gerber (Coach), Emma Short



2ND JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Camran Swartz, Stefan Vorster, Bradley Davenport
FRONT: Tristan Hope, Zack Botha (Captain), Mrs B. Grewar (Coach), Jordan Hall, Dumisa Mala

SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

As has become the norm, our tennis season started with very little preparation time, on the first weekend of the school year with the Graaff-Reinet and District trials. This was followed by Eastern Province Country District trials and we were proud of Noa Cilliers and Brent Hesselink who were selected to represent this team in a match against Albany. While we await confirmation and details, Tennis South Africa has rezoned the districts and EPCD will no longer exist in 2020. Our players will be kept informed of alternative representational opportunities.

The annual Quadrangular tournament in Grahamstown was a most enjoyable and successful one for the Union Top 8 players. Playing tenaciously, we had resounding wins over Kingswood (9-3) and Graeme College (10-2), losing only to St Andrews who took the Settlers' Cup home.

Playing without our rugby players who had an important commitment to rugby, our boys showed the depth of talent that the School has, acquitting themselves most admirably at the Fichardt Park McDonald's tournament in Bloemfontein. In the A section, the top 4 boys ended in second place by only 6 games, with Peter Watermeyer and Noa Cilliers being awarded the prize for the best doubles couple at the tournament. In the B section, our second team was unbeaten.

Both the Graaff-Reinet summer and winter leagues were enjoyable and beneficial for our young tennis players. We were delighted that our 2nd team comprising Brett Amsterdam, Peter Watermeyer, Ryan Hobson, Luke McNaughton, Brent Hesselink and Khanya Butshingi, was unbeaten in the men's 2nd league; an unequalled accomplishment over the last 20 years!

School matches were played against Cradock, Gill and Winterberg where we were victorious in all encounters, and against Volkskool in our Interschools' clash. Here our 2nd team won convincingly but our 1st team lost a nail-biting match in which 7 tie breaker sets were played.

We wrapped up our season at the Marco Wasserman tournament in Middelburg. Playing without our matrics, we were unable to defend our title successfully but we remain proud of the boys' fighting spirit. Awards were received by Bowen Langmead for the best tennis

manners and Matthew Hesselink for determination.

Tennis championships were played towards the end of term 3 under challenging conditions and time constraints with the players' commitments to matric trial exams, the Odyssey and Cricket. Thank you to the boys for their level of commitment to tennis under busy circumstances.

2019 Champions

- U15 Boys' Singles: Brent Hesselink
- Open Boys' Singles: Noa Cilliers
- Open Boys' Doubles: Bowen Langmead & Matthew Hesselink
- Open Mixed Doubles: Noa Cilliers & Micela Look

The winner of the Louise Vorster Trophy for Tenacity and Commitment to Tennis was Ebben Johnston.

2020 will be the start of a building phase for boys' tennis as we bid farewell to 7 matric players. We wish Ebben Johnston, Noa Cilliers, Peter Watermeyer, Ryan Hobson, Luke McNaughton, Khanya Butshingi and Lunga Zantsi all the best as they enter the "real world". Sincere thanks go to Ebben Johnston (Captain) and Peter Watermeyer (Vice-Captain) who led the team by example.



1ST SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Brett Amsterdam, Noa Cilliers, Matthew Hesselink, Bowen Langmead, Kyle-Luke du Preez
FRONT: Mrs L. Vorster (Coach), Ebben Johnston (Captain), Peter Watermeyer (Vice-Captain), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster)



2ND SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Lunga Zantsi, Brent Hesselink, Xander Kriel
FRONT: Khanya Butshingi, Mrs L. Vorster (Coach), Ryan Hobson (Captain), Luke McNaughton



SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

The first tennis group, consisting of the top 16 girls, had a very successful and enjoyable season. It was most encouraging that so many young players participated in formal tennis and this certainly bodes well for the future. Special mention must be made of Micela Look, the captain, who represented the 1st team for the past five years while Jenna McNaughton also played in this team for the past four years.

The season started with pre-selection round robin matches which were keenly contested. The girls developed positively during the year and benefited from Tiaan and Ruaan Mostert's weekly coaching sessions.

During the year the girls recorded wins against GHS in Queenstown, Winterberg Agricultural School, Cradock High School and acquitted themselves well against the three Grahamstown schools. They brought the annual quadrangular trophy home for the third successive year. This is a great achievement for our girls!

In March the top 8 boys and girls travelled to Bloemfontein to take part in the Fichard Park Sports Day. This is always an enjoyable event for the girls and boys who encountered very tough competition.

In August the girls joined the boys' team to compete in the Marco Wassermann mixed doubles tournament. We played some entertaining tennis at times and all players recorded some fine wins against stronger opposition. Two of our players, Sara Kingwill and Chloe Shires, received special awards at the tournament.

During the year, the girls also competed in the Graaff-Reinet and



District summer and winter leagues, with much success. The more experienced women always enjoy the organised matches against the girls.

The tennis season ended on a disappointing note when the 1st team lost their match against Volkskool during the Interschools clash. Our 2nd and 3rd teams did us proud by winning their matches.

During term 4 the school championships were played.

2019 Champions

- U15 Girls' Singles: Chloe Shires
- Open Girls' Singles: Micela Look
- Open Girls' Doubles: Micela Look & Jenna McNaughton
- Open Mixed Doubles: Noa Cilliers & Micela Look

The following players received tennis awards:

- Full Colours:** Micela Look (Re-award);
Jenna McNaughton (Re-award);
Christine Harris, Sara Kingwill

Team Award: Lauren Rose-Innes



1ST SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

- BACK:** Christine Harris, Jeanne-Marie Brummer, Lauren Rose-Innes, Sara Kingwill
- FRONT:** Mrs L. Galloway (Coach), Micela Look (Captain), Jenna McNaughton, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster)



2ND SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

- BACK:** Leah Marais, Tayla Kingwill
- FRONT:** Hannah Watermeyer, Chloe Shires, Mrs L. Galloway (Coach), Barbara McNaughton, Marli Brummer

SHOOTING



SHOOTING

BACK: Amy Waddelow, Luca Kinghorn, Jordan Hall, David Kinghorn, Angus McLaggan, Amber Bezuidenhout, Megan Putter
FRONT: Tessa James, Lauren Waddelow, Schem Johnson (Captain), Ms C. van Eck (Coach), Tamsin James (Vice-Captain), Kelly-Page Scott, Michaela Price

This year, six U14 and seven U20 enthusiastic shottists attended a training course, presented by SAMSSA's President and Chairlady, in Despatch. Here they were made attentive of different techniques involved in shooting.

During the last week of March, eleven shottists took part in their first Eastern Province Open Championships, held in Uitenhage. Much was learnt at the event, excitement was the order of the weekend and excellent results were achieved by our learners. In April, the School hosted its very first competitive shooting league event. Twelve learners took part in this sporting contest against the top shottists from Hoër Volkskool and Marlow Agricultural High School. The event – which was held at the HVS shooting range – was a great success and saw our shooters achieve some very good results. The EP Open was held during July where two of our shottists participated, both bettering their positions.

During the last week of July, eleven of our learners competed alongside Marlow Agricultural High School and Hoër Volkskool in an interschools shooting competition at the Koedoeskloof Outdoor Shooting Range in Uitenhage. The event was a great success for our learners and they all scored good results. In August, we hosted the Interschools competition which we won 98-95. To end off the year we hosted the final interschools league against Marlow and Hoër Volkskool.



JUNIOR SWIMMING

Our junior swimmers from all levels enjoyed another exhausting and full swimming season despite the unforeseen issues with our own swimming pool, which made training for the various events a little challenging. Regardless, we had a large number of swimmers participating throughout the season in various B and C Age Group galas, and also in our regular, local galas.

Hoër Volkskool hosted the 2019 Interschools' Gala at their pool. Although we were represented well in all age groups, we were up against some very strong competition at this year's gala. Our swimmers made us proud by truly giving it their all, with many of them competing in every event they could to ensure points for our school. Despite our best efforts, the final score was Union 328 – Volkskool 449.

The following swimmers did very well to achieve podium finishes in various events in their age groups:

U12: Chloe Erasmus, Emma Short, Misha Newton and Matthew Paxton

U14: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg and Tyra Binney

We were especially proud of the following swimmers who were named Victor and Victrix Ludorum in their age groups at this event: Matthew Paxton (U12), Chloe Erasmus (U12) and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg (U14)

The Karoo gala was hosted by Volkskool at the end of February and many of our senior and junior swimmers were invited to compete. Schools travel from all over the Karoo to participate in this gala, and while Volkskool were comfortable victors in the junior division, we shared 2nd place honours with Gill.



JUNIOR SWIMMING

BACK: Cullen Erasmus, Daniel Marais, Zack Botha, Tara Ferreira, Alastair Imrie, Hayden Pienaar, Anna Bouwer, Misha Newton, Emma Short
MIDDLE: Rebecca Copeman, Max Price, Angus McLaggan, Aminah Steele, Tristan Hope, Kyle Liebenberg, Amy Waddelow, Sasha Cochrane, Mecoli Vorster, Megan Putter
FRONT: Bradley Davenport, Matthew Paxton, Matthew Davenport, Mrs K. Schoeman (Coach), Tyra Binney, Chloe Erasmus, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg.

Congratulations to the following swimmers who did very well to achieve top 3 places in their races:

1st places: Matthew Paxton, Misha Newton, Daniel Marais

2nd places: Chloe Erasmus, Matthew Paxton

3rd places: Tyra Binney, Matthew Davenport, Mecoli Vorster, Misha Newton, Bradley Davenport, Rebecca Copeman, Matthew Paxton

Based on the times from this gala, a number of our swimmers were selected to represent the Karoo team in the Triangular gala which was hosted by Amatole at the beginning of March. The event was held at

Merrifield School in East London in cold and challenging conditions. While the Karoo swimmers managed to rack up a wonderful 21 medals in total, Matthew Paxton was our only swimmer to bring one home. Congratulations to Chloe Erasmus, Mecoli Vorster, Misha Newton, Tyra Binney, Bradley Davenport, Matthew Paxton and Daniel Marais on their selection for this event.

Unfortunately, due to our facilities being unavailable, we were unable to hold our annual Interhouse gala and were therefore also unable to award the trophy for this or the Victor and Victrix Ludorum.

SENIOR SWIMMING

In what proved to be quite a disrupted swimming season, our swimmers still participated in numerous competitions. We had our three types of swimmers: those that swam for healthy exercise, those that were called upon to represent their school at Interschools galas and our diligent, competitive senior group.

The 2019 Interhouse gala, normally held in February, was cancelled due to upgrades to the school's swimming pool. At the annual Interschools gala against Volkskool, we swam against strong competition, resulting in an unfortunate loss. Our swimmers made us proud though, by truly giving their all - many of them competing in every event they could to ensure points for their school, filling as many lanes as possible.

The annual Karoo Gala hosted by Hoër Volkskool proved to be very exciting. The competition in the senior division in particular, was very tight and made for some tremendously exciting finishes. The senior girls managed to clinch 1st place in their division while our senior boys came 3rd with only 30 points separating the top three schools. We achieved these scores by ensuring we entered as many participants in each race as possible.

Nine of our swimmers completed the 95th Spar River Mile in February. Excellent conditions saw our swimmers slash their times from last year with an average of 15 to 20 minutes all-round. A field of 214 ladies



took to the water, and following up on her success from last year, Hannah Bodenstein was our first female swimmer home, in a time of 20 minutes and 20 seconds. Three of our senior boys competed in a group of 237 men, and all three finished in less than 25 minutes. Mack Rubidge finished the course in a blistering 18 minutes. It was wonderful to see the School

being so well represented at an event of this size, and it was encouraging to note the eagerness with which all the first timers competed.

A number of swimmers took part in B Age Group Galas this season. At these galas, hundreds of swimmers, from up to 40 schools, are given the opportunity to improve their personal times in 50m and 100m events, while earning points for their school. From the results of these galas the swimmers achieving the top 8 times are invited to the prestigious Top 8 Gala where this



year, we won 4 medals in total.

Well done to all those swimmers committed to the sport and who represented the School during the season. We are proud of your contributions.

The following swimmers received awards:

Junior Team Recognition Awards: Hannah Bodenstien, Amber Binney, Kendall Krige

Team Award: Elia Railton, Damon Fouché

Half Colours: Megan Doyle

Full Colours: Mack Rubidge



SENIOR SWIMMING

BACK: Alexandra Imrie, Scheà Johnson, Katherine Imrie, Dylan Petitt, James Potgieter, Corniel Vorster, Matthew Basson
MIDDLE: Brigetté Oelofsen, Kelly-Page Scott, Lauren Waddelow, Kendall Krige, Damon Fouché, Tracy Petitt, Drew Dobinson, Melissa Swart
FRONT: Elia Railton, Jade Shires, Megan Doyle, Ms J. Jones (Coach), Mack Rubidge, Amber Binney, Hannah Bodenstien

INTERSCHOOLS

The Centenary Interschools week was a wonderful occasion befitting this significant event. It was characterised by fierce competition, healthy rivalry, overwhelming support from our community and Old Unionites and a sense of belonging and happiness. The weekend, a wonderful celebration of our School's 100th year, was one of the best occasions held at the school. The support from past pupils was overwhelming and their comments of support throughout the weekend were very welcome and encouraging and one was often reminded during the weekend of the wonderful warmth and kindness of the people of the Karoo.

The week began with golf, tennis, chess, and shooting. A word of thanks is extended to everyone who attended the chess evening in support of the players and to Mr Christopher-John Koopman who assisted in preparing the High School's chess players for this encounter. The learners were all given one hour to play, with the last game rightfully belonging to the two captains, ours being Liano Naidoo, and ending with 5 minutes to spare. At the end of the evening's play, the School's matric team was crowned the victors of their section, beating Volkskool 13-11, while our Top 12 also outperformed their opponents, winning their

section 22-2.

The junior team started off well, but as the evening continued, suffered a lapse in concentration allowing Volkskool to win the section 13-17. This brought the final score (which, unfortunately, excludes the matric players' wonderful performance) to 35-19 in our favour. Special mention must be made of the School's Top 6, who all won their games resulting in an undefeated first team - definitely one for the books!

Our shooting team gave of their best and won 98-95. This was our first victory in six years.

The well-supported Interschools' Cultural Evening saw our Quiz and Speech teams competing against their Volkskool counterparts. We were declared the winners of the quiz competition by 38 points to 25, whereas Volkskool emerged as the winners of the senior and junior speech competitions.

The guest speaker at the Centenary Interschools' Assembly, Dr Isabel van der Merwe, Headgirl of the Class of 1994, spoke on the theme of the "Saviour of Rome", and that one should accept responsibility in the moment and the responsibility, challenges and joy of living with purpose, and she was a particularly appropriate speaker for the occasion. Guests



were warmly received in front of the hall by the school's marimba band before they filtered into the hall. In what was a novel experience for the learners, they had to watch the assembly from outside on a big screen especially erected on the school's tennis courts as the hall was overflowing with past pupils come to share in the moment. Headboy Peter Watermeyer welcomed all to the gathering with a sense of pride and privilege. He also extended a very warm welcome to the school's alumni who had made the effort to attend the event. This was followed by a Bible reading by Deputy Headboy Khanya Butshingi and a prayer by Deputy Headgirl Zintle Maki. Zach Verwey and Jourdan Koeberg then delivered a short message of welcome on behalf of Union Preparatory School.

The Head Prefect's message, delivered by Headgirl Jenna McNaughton, was followed by a very proud, yet nostalgic moment, when all those gathered sang the school song. The School's combined junior and senior choir performed a very moving "Adiemus". The assembly was concluded with the introduction of the 1st Rugby and Hockey teams and the singing of "The World in Union". Overall it was a truly lovely morning spent reminiscing for all the Union alumni who attended the event. The Assembly was followed by the Old Unionite Association AGM in the Tony Burrell Union.

On Friday, the Pre-School and Preparatory School teams enjoyed their sporting encounters, while the fields were filled with spectators and supporters who enjoyed visiting the hospitality tents and the Farmers Market.

The 'Union Farmers Market', hosted by our three boarding houses, sold Karoo lamb, pre-packed biltong, droëwors and venison and many other delicious and wholesome products. The festive marquee tent, erected on the field next to The Tony Burrell Union, offered a dance floor, gin bar and scrumptious food.

On the Saturday, our teams all did their best and the highlight of the morning was the U13A rugby team's resounding 57-12 win over their opponents.

Our schools have been friends and rivals for almost 100 years and, irrespective of the outcome, this annual encounter always fosters an intense school pride while evoking a lot of emotion and excitement. This year was no exception.

Although we enjoyed a golden three years as victors of Interschools from 2016 to 2018, we had to accept defeat to Volkskool this year, whose 1st rugby team won the encounter 22-3. The final score in the 1st Hockey match was 1-1.

The undeniable Union spirit was visible for all to see at Saturday's Interschools' sports matches. It was incredible to hear the support from the stands at Botanics from our learners and school community. The pre-game tradition of popping a bottle of champagne before the Interschools' 1st XV clash was this year beautifully done by our Champagne Boys and Girls, Ryan Hobson, Gregon Jenneke, Sabrina Potgieter and Sasha Bosch. Our cheerleaders put on an excellent show at this year's Interschools. As usual, Hyundai Graaff-Reinet helped them make their entrance at the Botanics Sports Grounds, after which they took to the field amidst great tension and good-natured rivalry, performed an impressive dance number, dropped some coloured smoke bombs and then led all the learners, parents and supporters on the UHS pavilion in cheering.

During the weekend, a large green Union-branded frame next to the AstroTurf stands, which viewed from directly in front encapsulated a distinctive "Union" scene: that of the school's sports grounds loomed over by the well-known Spandau Kop, was available for visitors to record their happy times at the school. This picture frame was set up so that visitors to this year's Interschools could photograph themselves with the mountain as a backdrop, while at the same time capturing a moment in our Centenary Interschools.

We were also very grateful to Mr Stefan Ittershagen-Strauss for adding to the Friday evening festivities with his hot air balloon, which allowed visitors to view the School and surrounds from the air. It was a truly beautiful sight.

On the Saturday evening, the OUA hosted a very special auction in the Tony Burrell Union. Rugby balls, magnum bottles of wine and a limited-edition David Langmead giclée print titled 'The Jumbos are coming' (signed by the artist) were auctioned off as a fundraiser for the school.

The success of the Union Schools, and really all schools, rests heavily on the support and dedication of its parents. During the Interschools' Weekend, it was inspiring to walk the grounds of our school and see moms, dads and extended family members dedicating their time and energy to ensure the success of the event. This sends a clear message to our children that they do indeed have an extended school family that cares greatly for them. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have remarkable parents who give so freely and abundantly of their time and energy - whether you help out at school or at home, your support is heavily felt and is producing great dividends. We therefore offer our sincere appreciation and thanks.



ANNE BEAGLEY JUNIOR RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVAL

The School hosted its 20th annual Anne Beagley Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival, sponsored by Caltex and College Motors, during the first 4 days of the June holidays. The festival proved to be yet another success, with many schools gathering in the name of sport. Thanks to the school's estate manager Mr. Donald Kingwill and the rest of the ground staff, the fields were in perfect condition, adorned with the colourful sponsors' banners, welcoming parents and the public to enjoy a weekend of fun, sport and good company.

As always, the School hosted a cocktail function on the first day of the festival in the Tony Burrell Union, to welcome all visitors to the festival and to pay homage to the title sponsors, Caltex and College Motors, as well as coaches and staff, for their valued contribution to this sports festival. The generous sponsorship of Caltex and College Motors has afforded the school and all who attend it, this wonderful annual opportunity in sport, and for this we thank them most sincerely.

Mr. Pringle also took the opportunity to thank valued sponsors, Hyundai, Pick n Pay, Mica, Desert Springs Spur, SupaQuick and Merino Pharmacy, for their contribution in making this sports festival possible. Mr. Vuyani Ngcete, Caltex Eastern Cape Business Consultant, who represented Caltex Eastern Cape Marketer at the event, then delivered a short speech, in which he highlighted the transformative and unifying power of sports.

The festival was then officially opened on Saturday morning with a moving ceremony in which all participating teams from the 21 visiting schools marched across the Puttick Field, proudly displaying their school banners, during which they were welcomed by Mrs. Yvette Cloete, head

of the School's Primary Department.

The objective of the festival is for young sportsmen and women to play competitive matches while forging friendships and developing character and true sportsmanship was certainly the winner of this festival. Both rugby and hockey of the highest standard were played over the four days, with every inch of our sports fields occupied with the players and supporters of the teams. All those participating played with spirit and enthusiasm with nobody giving an inch in trying to come out as victors. There were some very close matches, as well as wins by bigger margins, but it was pleasing to see how teams on the losing side never threw in the towel.

Thank you to the participating teams, the officials and the many spectators who supported.

Results

On the rugby field, our U13A team enjoyed a run-away 55-0 victory against St Patrick's College in their first encounter on Saturday and beat Cambridge Primary 19-12 on Sunday. On Monday, they, unfortunately, went down 12-27 against Stirling Primary in the last game of the festival.

Our 1st junior hockey team lost 0-1 to Stirling Primary, 2-3 to Cambridge Primary, drew 0-0 against Stutterheim, beat St Patrick's College 3-0 and drew 0-0 against Hudson Park Primary.

The Invitation team, lost 0-3 against Lilyfontein Primary, drew 0-0 against Stutterheim, lost 0-1 against Gonubie Primary and 0-3 against Charlo Primary.



SENIOR RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVAL



The 32nd Annual Caltex/College Motors Senior Rugby and Hockey festival took place at the end of term 1, during the first four days of the holidays. Teams from as far afield as Camps Bay and Ceres travelled to be a part of the festival which hosted 20 rugby and 16 hockey teams. The premises were well prepared and even challenges such as load shedding and water outages were scuppered by our very efficient Ground Staff and Sports Department.

The festival kicked off with a cocktail party for parents, sponsors and invited guests in the Tony Burrell Union. The Headmaster, Mr Pringle, welcomed everyone and paid tribute to the official sponsors Caltex Eastern Cape Marketing as well as Caltex/College Motors, Hyundai, Pick 'n Pay, Merino Pharmacy, Mica, Spur and SupaQuick without whom the event would not have been such a success. A convivial evening was enjoyed by all, catered for by a hard-working team of committed parents.

For teams visiting from the city, this festival is special in that young sportsmen and women get to know one another both on the field and socially in a safe and beautiful environment. Team songs and war cries rang out into the evening as newly appointed team members wandered around dressed in wigs, bibs and shaven heads!

To accommodate and feed about 650 children is no mean feat, and the boarding houses did an excellent job. Generous tea eats were also provided all day and delicious lunches prepared by parents were served in the Union.

Fierce competition took place on the hockey and rugby fields. The organization was slick and everything proceeded without a hitch. It was heartening to observe local Karoo teams supporting one another, each



keenly anticipating later clashes during the year.

The final rugby match between the 1st XV and Andrew Rabie was a humdinger with our boys emerging the victors with a score of 43-0, a fitting and satisfying end for the host school. Thereafter, busloads of tired, satisfied youngsters filled with lactic acid and memories left Graaff-Reinet after a weekend of good physical activity.

Results

- **Rugby 1st XV:** vs Charlie Hofmeyer 12-28, vs Andrew Rabie 43-0
- **Hockey 1st Team:** vs Victoria Girls 1-0, vs Paarl Gym Invitation 2-0, vs Settlers 3-0, vs Kingsridge 3-4
- **Hockey Invitation Team:** vs Cradock 1-0, vs Merrifield 2-3, vs Brandwag 1-0, vs Stirling 0-4, vs Nico Malan 0-2

Union Pre-School

ANNUAL REPORT

2019 has been a truly magnificent year for the Union Schools and Union Pre-School is no exception. We have had many wonderful and exciting events during the year and enjoyed outings and visits from various organisations.

We kicked off the year with an extremely special event, the first of its kind at the Pre-School, our Grandparents Tea. These special people play a pivotal role in the lives and development of our little people. The Grannies and Grandpas were treated like royalty. The children sang songs for them and then took them on a tour of their classrooms. Our guests enjoyed delicious refreshments, lovingly prepared by our very capable parents and they all left with a spring in their step and joy in their hearts.

Mrs Karen McEwan came to our school and planted various seeds with our learners. She taught them the importance of soil, sun and water in order to keep the plants alive. The children absolutely loved watching the seeds come to life and have taken great care of them since. The spinach is still growing in abundance!

Next on the agenda was our carnival and what a joy it was to watch the children enjoy a fun day of activities! From the Tombola stall to the horse riding and the quad bike rides, it was a fun and memorable day for all.

The children were also treated to a visit from Aunty Rosemary from SANParks who introduced them to "Sponsie" the water mascot. Sponsie



JUNIOR CLASS - GRADE 00

BACK: Mrs E. Johaar, Mia Lategan, Lilly Anne Brunette, Skye van Loggarenberg, Isabelle Bester, Casey Bea Ferreira, Troy Hobson, Courtney Diza, Nixon Borlase

MIDDLE: Jamie Minnies, Grace Kitching, Zanke Bellingan, Khazi Fundi, Hibbah Kazi, Ruben Verheul, Keira Kingwill

FRONT: Mila Mayekiso, Josh Ngoie, Natanim Wolde, Liam Pienaar, Mark Copeman, Cwenga Dibi



MIDDLE CLASS - GRADE 0

BACK: Thomas Short, Mrs L. Berriman, Freddie MM Crichton, Chidimma Ogbodo, Thomas Krige, Ava Mafeking, Kelly van Rensburg, Miah de Bruin, Michael Maritz, Emily Kemp, Angelique Fortuin, Harlee Palmer

MIDDLE: Gemma Murray, Leandro Norman, Diego Peterson, Ndalo Tom, Johannes Pretorius, Matthew Bosch, Gabi Davenport, Catie Davenport, Taymor Davids

FRONT: Micela Stern, Uziah Willemse, Leyanah Koeberg, Mia Serfontein, Nicaylin Pieterse, Skylah Bosch, Jianna Hardine, Leah Abader, Nareece Wessels



GRADE R-M

BACK: Ms C. van Eck, Mrs M. Michaels, Liam van der Merwe, Minnie Pink, Carlie George, Tiyannah Abader, Emma van der Heever, Jameson Houseman, Grant Murray, Sibusiso Jantjies, Kate Scott, Faith Hoffman

MIDDLE: Mateo Schoeman, Ziyamo Tsutsu, Uzai Fillis, Sintayw Kaitro, Nicolas Nelson, Yolo Vutula, Daniel Davenport, Raydon Hendricks

FRONT: Cassidy Wang, Eliah Morkel, Bonolo Raula, Luna Nthetha, James Hulme, Layla Ott



GRADE R-P

BACK: Ms J. van Heerden, Mrs R. Price, Lwandle Kubashe, Sibabalwe Silimani, Limyoli Tsibane, Amber Scheepers, Allison Gilfillan, Aaron Dyter, Ahnaf Uddin, Edwin van Greunen

MIDDLE: Reece Gibbons, Uya Tiyo, Ray Lynne Visagie, Taylor Jacobs, Chuma Tsewu, Dylan du Plessis, Noah Greene

FRONT: Uthmaan Steele, Bhtote Mussa, Preston Owuso, Kiaan Beyers



GOVERNING BODY

BACK: Mrs D. Murray (Chairperson), Mrs L. van der Merwe (Vice Chairperson), Mrs L. van der Heever
FRONT: Mrs N. Davenport, Mrs I. Verheul, Mrs V Copeman, Mr C. Scott (Treasurer)



STAFF

Ms J. van Heerden, Ms C. van Eck, Mrs L. Berriman, Mrs M. Michaels, Mrs R. Price, Mrs E. Johaar

taught them how to use water sparingly and various ways of saving water.

Karoo Catch invited us to visit their premises early on in the year. The learners (and teachers) were blown away by the sheer size of the fish and by the enormity of the ongoing process of growing them. They were then treated to a feast of delicious fish sausage that was generously prepared by the staff.

During April we had a very special visitor to the school, none other than the Easter Bunny! He brought a treat for all of our children who thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

It is tradition that every year we host a dress-up day where each child can choose

to dress up to a specific occupation. It is always a very entertaining day and this year was no exception. We had teachers, doctors, hunters, nurses, fisherman, scientists, ballerinas, comic figures and even hairdressers!

Our first major fundraiser was the Karoo Market. This took place over the popular "Stoep Tasting" weekend in May. Many, many hours of hard work went into organising this event and this year we even worked on the Friday and Saturday evenings, selling food on one of the stoeps. We also sold bacon and egg rolls on the Sunday morning. This was, without a doubt, worth every second of hard work. The fun and camaraderie that was prevalent amongst the staff and parents alike was wonderful to witness and we once again extend our thanks to our generous sponsors, parents and friends of the school who helped make this event possible.

The Fantastic Dog Show paid a visit to our school. The children were absolutely enthralled by the tricks that the dogs could do. They certainly learnt a great deal on how to take care of their dogs and how to teach them tricks. It was such a wonderful learning experience for all of our children.

August was an extremely busy time for all at the Pre-School. Not only did we have our Interschools clash against Volkskool, but we also hosted our concert, Bambi. The build up to the Interschools rugby and hockey matches was immense. The children spent every Friday either on the AstroTurf or on the rugby field preparing for the epic battles that would ensue during the Interschools weekend and the day did not disappoint. Our children played their hearts out and enjoyed every second.

After Interschools, we staged our concert, Bambi. As one can imagine, trying to get 100 tiny children to perform and sing is a mammoth task. Not only did they have to sing, but they had to perform actions and they had to remember their cues as to when they needed to act. This was a miracle performed by our extremely capable staff and this year they



GROUND AND KITCHEN STAFF

George Jafta and Susan Mkosana

had the help of Avrille Putter. Thank you very much to all our helpers. The concert was a roaring success.

Athletics day is another highlight on our yearly calendar. The children are encouraged to participate in all the events and they do so with a big smile on their faces. There is also the ever-exciting parent's race which is one of the highlights of the day for the children. The best and most exciting part of the day is the medal ceremony at the end.

During September, we celebrated Cupcakes for Cancer day. So many of our citizens are affected by this dreaded disease.

At the Pre-School we played our part by buying a cupcake for each child and reminding our parents of how important early detection is. By supporting this event, we are trying to encourage our children to get involved in community projects where we help others in need. On the same day we celebrated "Spring hat day". Our children certainly went to town with the decorating of their hats and it was so wonderful to see their creative sides shine!

During October, Max Kroon House hosted the Grade R sleepover. Nine very excited children arrived at Max Kroon House on a Thursday evening. There were no tears and the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The next day, all the Grade R children went across to the Prep School where they were taken on a tour of the school. The children were overwhelmed by the size of the school but they are also very excited about starting at Union Preparatory in 2020.

On the same day, we had a slip-and-slide day at the Pre-School and the children had immense fun. With the temperature being 40 °C, working in the classroom was out of the question and they enjoyed themselves on the slides enormously. The children received an ice cream and a packet of chips which was enjoyed by all.

The year has certainly had its trials and tribulations, but we have come through them and are now only looking forward to what is guaranteed to be a very bright future. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and friends of the Pre-School who so generously give of their time to help in so many different ways. Without you, we could not function properly. Our teachers always go the extra mile for the children in their care and we are so privileged to have these amazing people teach our little children. And so, to the teachers, we say a very big THANK YOU! You are just spectacular! A very big thank you must also go to our Governing Body. The many selfless hours that you give to the school do not go unnoticed and we are forever thankful to you all.





Union Preparatory School 2019



Principal's Message

Union Preparatory School has reached the end of yet another wonderful year. Our school has flourished under the capable and energetic guidance of a dedicated Governing Body and a truly committed team of teachers. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to these men and women who give so generously of their time and energy in order to keep our school running like clockwork.

We are equally grateful to our parents and all the other loyal supporters of our school, not forgetting local businesses like Pick 'n Pay, Brian Bands, Caltex and others who sponsor events throughout the year and generously donate products. We appreciate and cherish their involvement.

Academic Matters

Our pupils are performing well, with a promotion rate close to 100%. We attribute much of our success to the excellent teachers we are fortunate to acquire and the manageable size of our classes.

Sport and other Extra-Mural Activities

We have had a full and varied extra-mural programme during 2019. Our tennis, hockey, cricket and rugby teams played numerous matches. Our swimmers, despite the major wobble with our pool, participated in galas and our athletes and chess players had fair exposure in their own contests. The SCA group quietly and consistently had their meetings.

Inter-schools' was a great success. Our learners behaved very well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Academic enrichment activities were provided for learners. They loved these interesting events. Their horizons were extended and their minds stimulated.

We would like to thank all the coaches and assistants very much for affording our children such a wide range of activities in which to participate.

Art and Culture

Once again the year has been a-buzz with music, song and dance! Our pupils had the opportunity to entertain audiences with their musical and acting talents in Shrek, our big concert. All our musicians participated in the Music Hour, playing piano and recorder. The Art Room produced some truly astonishing works of art, which were regularly on show in the foyer. The Grandparent's Tea was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

This year saw the addition of three new events, The Centenary Barn Dance, Valentine's Picnic for Dads and Daughters, Mother's Day Assembly and we repeated our Father and Child Sleepover Camp. Our team of



educators is to be commended for the initiative taken to give life to these new events.

Outreach Events

We held our third Cupcakes for Children with Cancer day and proudly handed over more than R10 000 to the Cupcakes for Hope Association.

We also made a significant contribution to the Laszlo Maya Foundation for deaf children following our Carols by Candlelight collection.

Buildings and Grounds

Our grounds continue to impress all who are fortunate enough to share in our wonderful setting during visits to our school. The superb condition of our playing fields is enhanced by the tranquillity of our natural surroundings. Mr Donald Kingwill and his team are to be commended for the immense value they add to our institution and the pleasure of using its facilities.

Max Kroon House received a wonderful facelift. The recent alterations have enhanced the appearance and practicality of this stately old building.

PR, Marketing and Fund Raising

We gladly welcomed Mrs Mariette Burger as our new PR and Marketing Manager. It has been a pleasure to see so much activity showcasing our school in the social media.

Max Kroon House

The hostel is bursting at the seams with more than forty weekly boarders. The children are very happy and cosy there and love their 'sleepover with friends' every night.

New Staff

Miss Amor Mey joined our staff in January and has settled very nicely into the position of Learning Support Educator. Mrs Moyra Marais joined us as Assistant Educator for Grade 1 and Mrs Marjorie du Preez has taken over as our Aftercare Supervisor.

A new principal should be joining the school in the months to come. It has, sadly, become time for me to retire from my position. The past 12 years have been some of the most fruitful and enjoyable years of my life. It has been a privilege to serve an institution steeped in tradition and of such great standing.

We love our school and we shall forever strive to make it better.

~ Ms L Rich

UPS welcomes new principal

The much-anticipated appointment of the new principal of Union Preparatory School has been announced by the School Governing Body.

This decision caps an extensive search that began when Ms Leona Rich announced her retirement as principal after 12 years of dedicated service to the school.

Mrs Belinda Botha (née Swartz) officially takes up her new position on Monday, 28 October.

Commenting on her appointment, Mrs Botha said she was looking forward to the new chapter in her career and reaffirmed her commitment

to continue the successful development of the school.

"The school has grown substantially since it first opened its doors in 1967 and it is important that we continue to evolve and embrace the changes with new ideas and build on the strengths of the school, while taking it to greater heights in all areas," said Mrs Botha.

A passionate educator, with a deep understanding of the unique challenges facing the youth in today's switched-on, digital society, Mrs Botha admits her leadership style involves embracing different mindsets and creating effective two-way communication.

"My teaching philosophy has always been 'Every child matters',



Mrs Botha
 What I like most about my teacher?
 Mrs Botha is kind, smart and funny
 What is my teachers favourite
 thing to say?
 Are you happy that the exams
 are over
 What makes my teacher angry?
 Mrs Botha gets angry when
 we misbehave
 How old is my teacher
 64 years old
 Who is my teacher favourite
 Springbok Rugby Player?
 Siya Kholisi

therefore I believe in discipline, quality teaching and learning and, above all, teamwork. I have based my teaching career on the Batho Pele principles, especially the last one – ‘We serve’, therefore I look forward to serving the Union community.”

A born Graaff-Reinetter, Mrs Botha began her teaching career in 1983 at Asherville Secondary School in Graaff-Reinet, shortly after the school opened its doors in June 1982.

Since then she has gained valuable experience at both primary and high school level.

After having taught at Asherville Secondary for more than 10 years, Mrs Botha served as the Department of Education’s Deputy Director of Youth Affairs (1996 – 2001) and taught English and Phys Ed in

the UK (2001 – 2008).

In 2008 she returned to South Africa, where she taught at the Narsingstraat and Graaff-Reinet primary schools, before being reinstated at Asherville Secondary School in August 2009.

There, she was part of the Senior Management Team since 2010 and progressed to head of department (English) in 2017.

When asked about the highlights of her teaching career so far, Mrs Botha found it difficult to single out only a few, but in the end stated that coaching the EP u/16 netball team, serving as vice-chair of Netball SA, representing South Africa’s netball fraternity in Australia and New Zealand and being the first woman of colour to receive a SA Netball Umpiring and Coaching grading, are some of her most precious memories.

“The seven years I spent teaching abroad was also a momentous time in my life and one that I’ll be forever grateful for,” said Mrs Botha.

“I look forward to this exciting challenge and know that with the support of Union’s committed, hard-working team of educators, I will be able to lead this school to an even higher level of excellence,” concluded Mrs Botha.

Mrs Botha has three beautiful kids, Liezel (who is employed at the Department of Education, Jarad (who’s teaching in Beijing) and Jody-Ann (currently a final-year student at UFS). She also has a grandson she dotes on, Camran, a Grade 7 learner at Union High School.

A special assembly was held in Mrs Botha’s honour on Monday, 28 October to welcome her to the community.

Message from the Editors



Heart of A Teacher by Paula J. Fox

The child arrives like a mystery box...
 with puzzle pieces inside
 some of the pieces are broken or missing...
 and others just seem to hide

But the HEART of a teacher can sort them out...
 and help the child to see
 the potential for greatness he has within...
 a picture of what he can be

Her goal isn’t just to teach knowledge...
 by filling the box with more parts
 it’s putting the pieces together...
 to create a work of art.

The process is painfully slow at times...
 some need more help than others
 each child is a work in progress...
 with assorted shapes and colors

First she creates a classroom...
 where the child can feel safe in school
 where he never feels threatened or afraid to try...
 and kindness is always the rule

She knows that a child can achieve
 much more when he feels secure inside
 when he’s valued and loved...and believes
 in himself ...

and he has a sense of pride

She models and teaches good character...
 and respect for one another
 how to focus on strengths...not weaknesses
 and how to encourage each other

She gives the child the freedom he needs...
 to make choices on his own
 so he learns to become more responsible...
 and is able to stand alone

He’s taught to be strong and think for himself...
 as his soul and spirit heal
 and the puzzle that’s taking shape inside...
 has a much more positive feel

The child discovers the joy that comes...
 from learning something new...
 and his vision grows as he begins
 to see all the things he can do

A picture is formed as more pieces fit...
 an image of the child within
 with greater strength and confidence...
 and a belief that he can win!

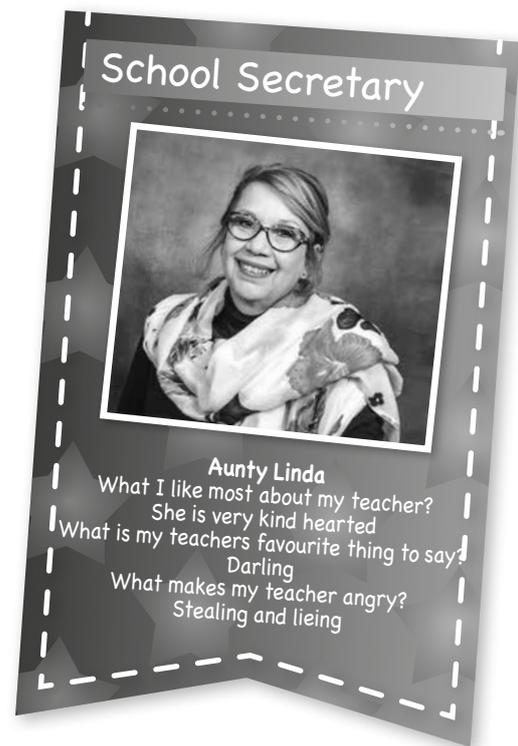
All because a hero was there...
 in the HEART of a teacher who cared
 enabling the child to become much more...
 than he ever imagined...or dared

A teacher with a HEART for her children...

knows what teaching is all about
 she may not have all the answers...
 but on this...she has no doubt

When asked which subjects she loved to teach,
 she answered this way and smiled...
 “It’s not the subjects that matter...
 It’s all about teaching the CHILD.”

A special thanks to Ingrid Kingwill who
 helped with the magazine this year.



UPS Staff



UPS STAFF

BACK: Mrs M. du Preez, Mrs C. Potgieter, Mrs N. Burger, Mr M. van Rooyen, Miss A. Tarr
MIDDLE: Ms L. Rich, Mrs B. Kingwill, Mrs L. Greyling, Miss C. Heunis, Miss M van der Merwe, Mrs R. Bellingan
FRONT: Mrs M. Maree, Miss A. Mey, Mrs A. Kingwill, Miss M. Kreusch

Many, many years of teaching experience is harboured collectively among this friendly looking team of educators. They are the most important asset of the school. Without them there can be no teaching and learning. Each one has been handpicked on merit.

Miss Amor Mey, (Learning Support Educator), was our latest addition

in January 2019. Mrs Robyn Bellingan also joined in January as Grade 4 educator. Mrs Moyra Marais is Grade 1 Teacher's Assistant and Mrs Marjorie du Preez is our Aftercare Supervisor.

The other members should be known to parents as they have been here for a number of years. Ms Rich retired in September after 12 years as school principal.



NEW STAFF PHOTO

BACK ROW: Mrs R. Bellingan, Mrs B. Kingwill, Miss A. Tarr, Miss M van der Merwe, Miss A. Mey
SECOND ROW: Mrs M. Marais, Miss C. Heunis, Mrs B. Botha, Mrs C. Potgieter, Mrs L. Greyling, Mrs A. Kingwill
BOTTOM ROW: Mr M. van Rooyen, Miss M. Kreusch, Mrs N. Burger

Farewell to Ms Leona Rich

Ms Leona Rich, Principal of the school over the past twelve years, retired at the end of the third term.

Ms Rich is a daughter of the Karoo having spent her school years in Aberdeen, before spreading her wings and studying Drama and Education at Stellenbosch University, and a Masters Diploma in Inter-cultural Communication, and an Advanced Diploma in Photography.

She lectured Business Communication, Speech Communication and Department, taught Drama, English and Afrikaans and worked as a Radio and Television Voice Artist before returning to her home in the Karoo and accepting the post of Principal at the Union Preparatory School.

Ms Rich will be remembered for all the valuable skills and knowledge that she imparted onto our future leaders. We thank her for all her efforts and hard work and for all her uncommon contributions to realizing the educational programmes and development of the school. She will also be remembered for her love of the children in her care and for her infinite patience and concern.

I have no doubt in my mind when I say that she was always open-minded, generous, knowledgeable, modest, courageous, responsible and a highly respected individual. She made such a difference with her constant optimism, enthusiasm and willingness to answer questions, no matter how silly they may have seemed. Somehow, she was able to make what seemed complicated into something everyone could all be excited about and get behind. Her guidance and encouragement assisted many co-workers to thrive in a very competitive environment.

Ms Rich will be missed, but we know her retirement was the right



thing at this time. She is thanked for everything that she has done for our school and our children, it's much appreciated and we shall miss working with her. What she achieved at this school made an impact, and that's not so easy to do these days. Thank you for being a tireless professional, a helpful co-worker, and a good friend.

In her leisure time, Ms Rich enjoys reading, writing articles and short stories for women's magazines, ceramics and creative photography. We trust that she will now have plenty of time to enjoy these simple pleasures.

~ Mr W.E Pringle



Farewell Amie Tarr

Ms Tarr has recently informed us that she has accepted a post at HOLY CROSS in George as from the beginning of January 2020. Ms Tarr has been a Gr 1 Teacher for the last 4 years at Union Prep School. We would like to wish her everything of the best for her next endeavours.



Farewell Ms Butterworth

She's a sunflower strong and bold
Just as lovely as a rose
but not as fragile
She turns her face to the sun
soaking up all the warmth and light
And displays it in her life
we love you Ms Butterworth.
Farewell To Miss Butterworth



GROUND STAFF

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Celeste Makonie; Sarah Willemse; Renaldo Mafeking; Melvin Kitchu

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UPS SGB Chairman's Report

What a special year we have had with non-stop action celebrating our centenary year. We could say another busy year has come and gone but this one has really been extra special and all those who have been a part of it will surely agree with me.

A special year will always be accompanied by special moments, events and movements. One such happening is our beloved Ms Rich leaving us to go and enjoy a very well earned permanent break from the hustle and bustle of busy Prep School life. We cannot be more grateful for the amazing contributions she has made to the school over the past twelve years and she has most certainly left an everlasting impression on the lives that have passed through this wonderful school and on the school itself.

As one legacy ends it makes place for another and we are extremely pleased to welcome Mrs Belinda Botha to our school as the new principal in the place of Ms Rich. She has three beautiful kids, Liezel (Dep of Education, Jarad teaching in Beijing) Jody-Ann (UFS final year student) She has a gorgeous grandson, Camran, grade 7 learner at Union. She started her teaching career in 1983 at Asherville Secondary after it opened its doors in June 1982. She worked at the department of Education from 1996 until 2001 as Deputy Director of Youth Affairs. 2001 -2008 she taught English and Physical Education in the United Kingdom. She returned to South Africa, taught at Narsingstraat and Graaff-Reinet Primary schools respectively, and was permanently reinstated at Asherville Secondary in August 2009. She was part of the SMT on a voluntary basis since 2010 and was appointed as English Head of Department in 2017. Mrs Botha comes with a wealth of experience and is most certainly a fine addition to the Union family. We wish her time here as principal to be a happy and successful one.

Other staffing matters, Miss Chanzelle Heunis has been appointed as the foundation phase HOD, a position we have wanted to fill for a long time. We wish her all the best and know that she will make a huge success of this new venture. We also said goodbye to Miss Butterworth who accepted a departmental post at another school. This opened up an opportunity for a remedial teacher which we were blessed to have been able to make use of an already employed staff member, Miss Amor Mey who majored in this field during her studies and has proved to be a more than capable replacement. We also welcomed Mrs Marais as a support

educator for Grade one and Mrs du Preez as our aftercare mommy.

At Union we constantly strive for excellence in all that we do and we try our level best to provide our children with the best possible education accompanied by facilities that provide the necessary environment for this to happen. This is not only confined to the classroom but all around the campus. I am delighted to say that we have managed to redo the boys and girls bathrooms which will be a most welcome upgrade to our overall facilities and feel at the school. As always our campus boasts immaculate facilities and a huge thank you to Mr Kingwill and his team for their efforts.

Fund raising is always a key element to what we do as a body. A decision was made not to go ahead with the Wild Karoo to bring a bit of relief during these tough economic times. Despite trying times and difficulties that we have been faced with this year we still managed to raise a reasonable amount of money thanks to efforts at Interschools. And as always we were never short of helping hands. I would really like to extend an enormous thank you to anyone that has had a hand in assisting in anyway during fund raising events. We know the sacrifice that is made to ensure things happen and we are truly and eternally grateful.

This is always an exciting addition to show case the year that has past and is a true testament to the high quality all round education our learners receive at UPS. This year reflects amazing achievements and events that will be forever embraced between these pages as a reminder for those that have been and those to come of the fantastic legacy we continue to build at this school.

It is important for us to acknowledge those that play a role in educating our children in all areas, academic, culture, sport and pastoral care. On behalf of the parents I would like to thank all the teaching staff, sports department and all office staff for their undying commitment to the school and our children. I would also like to extend a thank you to Mr Pringle and the High School for their continued support. Thank you to the SGB, Finance committee and Union Schools Development Trust who also play an integral part in the successful running of this school. It is truly a team effort and we are blessed to have such dedicated people involved on all levels.

~ *Stephen Bezuidenhout*
SGB Chairperson



SGB

BACK ROW: Mrs B. Murray, Mrs U. Collett, Mrs B. Kingwill, Mr D. Cochrane, Mr M. Hudson, Mr F. Steenkamp
FRONT ROW: Mrs B. Botha, Miss C. Heunis, Mrs J. Marais, Mrs J. Hope, Mr M. van Rooyen



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UPS celebrates Arbor Week

The learners and staff at Union Preparatory School celebrated Arbor Week, which is held annually during the first week of September, with a special tree-planting ceremony.

Every year at Union, this week is viewed as an opportune time to mobilise and educate the learners about the importance of planting indigenous trees as a practical and symbolic gesture towards sustainable environmental management.

In total, the children assisted in planting three Camdeboo Stinkwood trees, which will not only enhance the overall aesthetics of the school's grounds, but will also commemorate the learners' contribution to its preservation.

The children also enjoyed Mr Marchant van Rooyen's short talk on the benefits that trees bring to the environment.

Arbor Day Art – Grade 3 and 4

We are proud to say that Union has the most talented Grade 3 and 4's around! The Grade 4 artwork, "Spring Trees", pays tribute to Arbor Week and the importance of our trees. It is showcased with the artwork from the Grade 3 classes, with their take on Van Gogh's "wheat fields". Keep an eye out for these young artists as they will one day turn the world into their canvases!



"No one has ever become poor by giving." ~ *Anne Frank*

"I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being. I'll put it before any of the things like courage or bravery or generosity or anything else . . . Kindness – that simple word.

To be kind – it covers everything, to my mind. If you're kind that's it." ~ *Roald Dahl*

Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer

Union Preparatory School's third annual Party of HOPE fundraiser was hosted at school today, Friday, 13 September, much to the excitement of the learners.

The children were all encouraged to wear yellow and white to school to raise awareness of childhood cancer and could buy delicious freshly-baked cupcakes in support of Cupcakes of HOPE non-profit organisation.

During a special assembly at the start of the day, the learners were addressed by Mrs Wendy Steyn who spoke to them about emotions. Her talk really seemed to strike a chord with the learners.

This fundraiser is a very special one for the school, as one of UPS's own, Alex Short, a vibrant 9-year-old learner in grade 3, was diagnosed with Nephroblastoma (Wilm's Tumor) when she was only 5 years old. She

had to receive 12 gruelling chemo sessions as well as radiation, but has since been in remission and is loving life.

The cupcakes, made with love by a group of moms, managed to raise a significant amount that will be donated towards treatment for children with cancer.



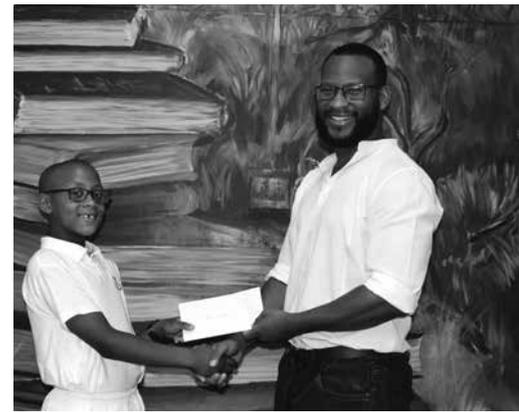
A special word of thanks is extended to Leopard's Valley Safari's, Montego Pet Nutrition, Gerber Botha and Gowar, Van Wyk Theron and the learners of Union Pre-School and Union High School for their amazing support.

This initiative is always a touching and well-supported one that the school hopes to continue in the years to come.

Laszlo Maya Foundation

Union Preparatory supports the Laszlo Maya Foundation for the deaf. The special collection gathered at the annual Carols by Candlelight event in November 2018, was given to Laszlo Maya (an old Unionite) in an assembly early in the first term. Our collection was used to purchase a tablet and a protective tablet cover for Ava-Rose Adonis. Ava-Rose is a child in our community who suffers from profound hearing loss. The tablet is loaded with a special communication app which allows Ava to communicate through the use of visual clues.

"We are so grateful that we could do this for little Ava. A word of grateful thanks is extended to everyone who opened their hearts and wallets to this cause," said Laszlo Maya.



Unakho Siyongwana, a grade 4 pupil, handing over the donation to Mr Maya.

Mandela Day Project

Taking action to make a difference. On Thursday, 18 July, Union Preparatory School paid homage to the legacy of Nelson Mandela with a toiletry drive.

"At Union Preparatory School we endeavour to make learners aware of the fact that we are all so much more fortunate than many others in our community," said teacher Corrie Potgieter.



"There are many things that we take for granted that others do not have, or don't have access to on a daily basis. It is for this reason that we have decided to engage our community's giving spirit, by requesting donations of basic, everyday toiletries."

The donations will be used to make up toiletry packs for those in need. Each pack will consist of a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste, a facecloth and a bar of soap, roll-on deodorant and a 250ml tub of Vaseline.

The packages were handed over to Ms Portia Meyer at Ryneveld Primary School. She will be distributing it among the children in their school.

Union Preparatory School extends its thanks to the learners and their parents who supported this project so enthusiastically!

Grade 4: "Seniors to Seniors" Project

This year's Grade 4's decided to embark on a special project called "Seniors to Seniors". Aptly named, this involves our young "seniors" giving back to the Seniors of our community currently under the care of the Graaff-Reinet Hospice. Term 3 is a very busy time of year here at Union Prep, as we are preparing for a wide variety of events and the Grade 4's Pancake day was no exception!

With the hard work of the Grade 4 learners and the help of a few amazing moms and friends, we successfully baked and sold 700 pancakes! The Grade 4's did a sterling job and learnt some business skills at the same time.

Our objective is to raise enough money to fill a shoebox full of goodies that each senior of Hospice will receive at the end of Term 4 – just in time of Christmas! Through this project, our Grade 4's has learnt the importance of what it means to give back to our community. Union could not be more proud of our young seniors!



Santa Shoebox Project

Change to make a change.

The grade 2 classes diligently collected their "brown money" (10c, 20c and 50c coins) over the course of the year. In 2018, we collected enough money to sponsor 2 Santa shoeboxes for children in our community. Each shoebox contains: toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and a wash cloth, educational supplies, an outfit of clothing, sweets and a toy that is age appropriate for each child. We were also able to donate cupcakes and sweets to Grace Warriors, a Pre-School in our community, for their Christmas party.

We sorted, placed the coins in appropriate bank bags, and counted all the coins collected as part of our term three Mathematics syllabus. This year (2019) we have pledged 3 Santa shoeboxes for children in our community.

It is a valuable lesson in a lot of little bits (coins) can be added together to make more than you think. All the little bits together can make a difference.





The dog is chasing the bot and the cat is lofing at the dog. ~ **Tinae Pretorius**

The bot is in the wota. The dog is locing at the wota. ~ **Lechem Lamont**

Gran I am gigi giv yuo flowers. Im gini giv yuo froot. ~ **Claude Marais**

I can see a boot. The boy is lookn at the boot. ~ **Ira Qureshi**

Dean granmo I hop you get beti. ~ **Shante Simpson**

We goow to the mat. We dood or worcz. ~ **Clark Labuschagne**

Keith wento pi the scof on misdPringll. ~ **Abigail Loots**

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After that keith and his bruther and grasee put scof on prinsbl. ~ **Zuraicha Deyse**

We went to play uowsid. ~ **Jayline Swartz**

We Sat on the mat. The Pransbl (Ms Rich) cam in. then the prezdn (Mr Pringle). ~ **Sarah Hampton**

We plad the witetiger song. ~ **Chivargo Stoffels**

Wen I cam to scool I woz crying. I so matthew. ~ **Kendel Kruger**

We did run on the feeld. We did eat chips. ~ **Jordon Lamont**

Weh I go to scool I went in u green juzee. ~ **Lusizo Ncqoba**

At the consitWe wed sciss. ~ **Luchae Thomas**

Me and my mum we did tek fotows. ~ **Monalisa Jika-Jika**

I see scool is cool. We or the bes singas. ~ **Matthew Stoffels**

Wen I cam to scool I sat with claude and kith. I wos nivs. ~ **Ryan Collett**

I woz shuy for Mrs Kingwill. ~ **Bubukho Jack**

We play rubee mesh. ~ **Inam April**

We wr jupeng et ilitecks. ~ **Caren Bantom**

Mrs kingwill tooc us to the gat. ~ **Onaye Cetumane**

We pat uw anot tishat on and We run. ~ **Olothando Desha**

I wus sced. I sat next too Luchae. ~ **Caron Goliath**

I woz iksitid. Wi plyd rugby. ~ **Keith Hudson**

We did dons. We did sing. ~ **Joshua Kingwill**

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I doo writing. Me and Lumi play cret. ~ **Cayden Thompson**

Sino dib Love sing. I dib love To rub (run). ~ **Sinovyuo Nducula**

jac went to my huss and we Wocht tivi. ~ **Mellissa Marais**

My favrut memire (memory) is Art nd birthday. The Kroothrush is undir the car. ~ **Hermon Wolde**

I see A kroo thrush at scool. the kroo thrush can fluy. ~ **Nathaneal Phillips**

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Trish (trees) giv us okosin (oxygen) we giv the trish cobuyn (carbon dioxide) ~ **Robyn Grootboom**

on Friday we hev a spechl aseml Then on saturday we Iwuz wuchtherugi. my kuzn kem yestb. ~ **Libongwe**

Dis wciat (weekend) I did pna (play) wit muy cusin. I did run e rut (around) the hus. ~ **Leighton Malefo**

We went Summy Set Eist (Somerset East). We eat eggs and fanta. I signed with my sister and playing. ~ **Zainab Akram**

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has a oringieYelowie ring around its eye. ~ **Kari Stern.**

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We went to Miss Tarr's car. We sor a kiroothrush. A kroowthrush has an oring tumee. A kiroowthrush is quyit. ~ **Noel Shakane**

I got a pupee Shes nam is lizi. I plad with my buni. Mee and my bruthar sor the tici (turkey). ~ **Emily Raath**

We sor a croothrush. The kroothrush it went undr the car.The er waz two kroothrush. I luss looking at the kroothrush ~ **Dante Mills**

We savid a little bociy. We gavit summelk. It woz liying in a boscit. We plad with it. ~ **Hayley Krige**

Wen we at the cosis (concert) we sang songs. I did't like to pratis. ~ **Angelique Kyanda Kaboza**

We wr at a prtea. my sistrs and I wr jumping in the jumping corsil with my friends. We wr eateeng cup caks thay wr yumee. And we wr having fun. ~ **Ivanka Nel**

I went to spur I played. vidons and I selabet (celebrated). I dad neck (make) a sweets. ~ **Luphiwo Mazana**

Me and dad playeb krikf. I played with my marcuf (Meerkat).Me and mom went to the shops. We went to go chekt the Sheep. ~ **Ryonn Naude**

I went to Muy cuzan. I went with Muycuzant to Pyee (PE). ~ **Sive Mahlangu**





Ira Quresha

Ivanka Nel

Izzibell Bosch

Jayline Swartz

Jordan Lamont

Joshua Kingwill

Kari Stern

Keith Hudson

Kendel Kruger

Kwande Sobantu

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Libongwe Mese

Luchae Thomas

Lukhona Bulembu

Luminathi Mroro



Mrs Bronwynne Kingwill
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 What is my teachers favourite thing to say?
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Miss Merisha van de Merwe
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 How old is my teacher
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Miss Amie Tarr
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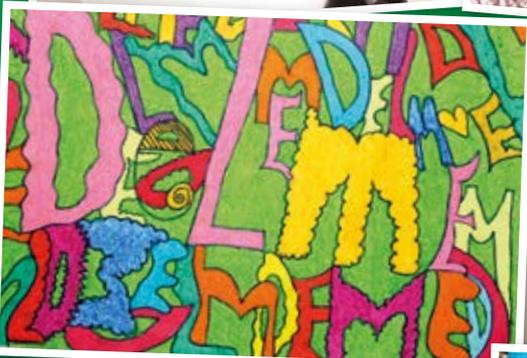
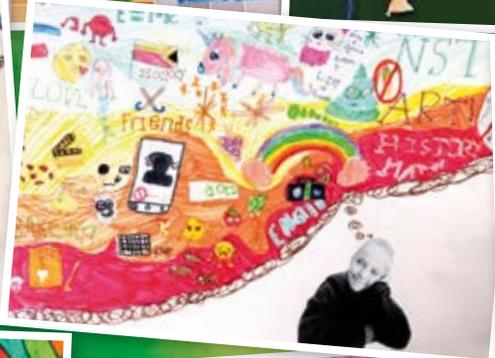


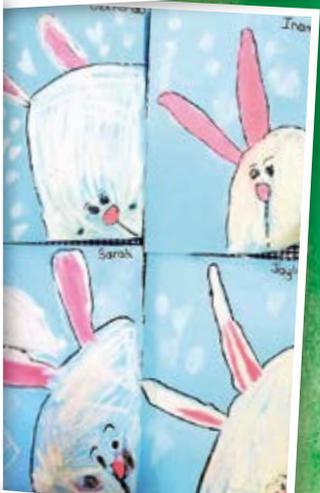
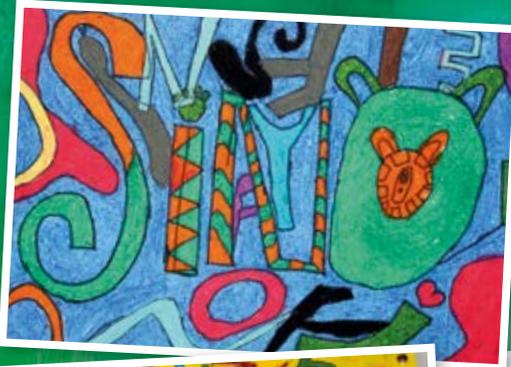
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GRADE 2B

BACK: Mrs Natasha Burger

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GRADE 2P

BACK: Mrs Corrie Potgieter

MIDDLE: Alison Jacobs, Richere Cudjoe, Lukhanyo Mngqongwiwe, Micha Murray, Kira Hector, Carl Verheul, Joubert Vorster, Kabamba Ngoie, Murray Hope, Josh Seis

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Grade 2 Creative Writing

'N FEETJIE IN DIE TUIN



Mrs Potgieter
 What is my teachers favourite thing to say?
 I love you
 What makes my teacher angry?
 Children speaking a lot
 My teacher drives
 A small blue car
 How old is my teacher
 47 years old
 Who is my teacher favourite
 Springbok Rugby Player?
 Siya kolisi



Mrs Burger
 What I like most about my teacher?
 she is kind
 What is my teachers favourite thing to say?
 Tern that fraun up side down
 What makes my teacher angry?
 Children talking a lot
 Who is my teacher favourite
 Springbok Rugby Player?
 Siya kolisi

IF I WERE THE EASTER BUNNY, I WOULD

I would mack an Easter pie. I would mack karmil eggs. I would hav Easterween. Kids dres up in bunny soot and go to trick or treet for Easter eggs. ~ **Kate Charles**

MY PET DINOSAUR

My dinosaurs name is hort. My dinosaur is so small she can sit on my hand. She can fly to the moon and bak. She has spots on her bak. She is one month old. We play in the gordan, She bits my hand. She sleeos with me in my bed at night time. She can breeth fiyr she plays on my hed. She is good at swimming She is fun to play with.

We play in the pork. ~ **Rachel Wenham**

My dinosaur's name is Snoflak. He is eight month old. He is very small he can fit in my two hand's he is blu and rainbow. He has small feet. My dinosaur likes to lisiin to music. My dinosaur eat's blue beris and ice-cream. I take hem to play in the meadow. We go to run on the rainbow. Samantha's dinosaur is my dinosaurs BFFF. He sleeps a-bove my bed he slide's down in the morning. He love's wen I sing him a song.

~ **Helen van den Heever**

My pet dinosuar's name is Spots. It is nine months old. It has spots ol ovirt it. My dinosaur is oni littille. And it is osow rainbow. Hear feet are dig. My dinosaur likes tow fetch dolls. We like to work in the even. She likes to ear bloeberries with yuget. We goe for long walks. We like to go swim and play in the parek. Helen's dinosaur and mine love to play together. We love wotching the starts. We love to run and skcip on the flds.

~ **Samantha Gilfillan**

My Dinosaur name is Nase. He is a littil bit small. And he eats one leav a day. And he is eight years old. The colour that he is blue and yellow and gode. And he has sam small wings. He likes to sleep with my. And Nase loves Fridays because ther is no homework.

I love him and he loves my. ~ **Jae Fillis**

Ek sien 'n feetjie. Die feetjie en die meisie plik blomme. Daar is 'n huis. Die meisie wil in die huis gaan. Die skoenlapper is mooi. Ek sien 'n hek. Dit is mooi. Daar is 'n boom. Die boom is groen. Die gieter is mooi. ~ **Halyn Wessels**

Ek sien 'n meisie. Die blomme is mooi. Die meisie water die blomme want die blomme is mooi. Daar is vyf skoenlappers. Daar is 'n feetjie and daar is 'n huis. ~ **Alison Jacobs**

Daar is n feëjie in die tuin, Die meisie het 'n mooie tuin. Daar is 'n huis. Daar is mooie blomme. Daar is 'n gieter.

~ **Connor Te Water Naude**

Een dag was daa 'n mashe en 'n feëttjie en 'n groet heis. Hull maark die tuin nat. die masye het n pink rok. Die Feëttjie het 'n rooi en blower rok. ~ **Taelynn Manley**

Die meisie het a pink rok. Die heining is bruin. Die huis het a bruin dak. Die meisie het geel hare. Die meisie end die feëttjie is vriende.

~ **Leagan Katzen**

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO SHARE

One day there were four birds named Lalea, Shaltin, Sera and Simran. Shaltin wanted the worm for his self. He grabbed it with his beak. Lalea, Simran and Sera pooled hard. Shaltin fell down the tree. Shaltin fell to the bottom of the tree. Then a cat came. The dad and mom bird came. They pecked him on his head and on his bum. The cat was skerd and he ran away. Mom and Dad got Lalea, Shaltin, Sera and Simran a new worm. They desideid to share and they lived haapily ever after. ~ **Richere Cudjoe**

There were four birds. Their mom gave them a worm but little Tom did not want to share. Then he said it is mine! He was very selfish. They had a tug-of-war. Little Tom was at the edge of the nest. Tom was about to fall. Little Tom fell down and his hat fell off. He went down and down. He said ouch! My hed is sore! A cat saw Tom and said my lunch is here. The cat crept closer and closer but the mom and dad saw the cat. They pekked the cat. The cat said ouch! Mom gave them another worm to eat. They discover they



can share. ~ **Kira Hector**

Little Pop didt want to share. The sister was ainre. Pop pol the little worm. Pop was gowig to fall. Pop feell of the nest. The sister was looking at Pop. Pop fall dawn and the cat was looking. Zoo was hungry and he went clows. Pop's parants cam to pich Zoo. Zoo was krying long. Pop shared the littil worm. The soster a brother they livd happle. ~ **Abonani Matushe**

One sipontime there her four littil birdys. And the brother fond a worm. He picked and picked. And he fell off. He fell a long way and he fell. And he bumped his head. And a cat came and wanted to eat the bird. And he sed I am so hungry. And the mom and dad came. And he picked and picked. And that's why I sed sharin is caring. And they shared. ~ **Kelsey Horn**

THE SPACE ADVENTURE OF KHAZI AND MRS BURGER

Khazi and Mrs Burger made a rocket as a team. Thay got in and launched in to space. The trip to space was very bumpy! Mrs Burger had tea.

When we arrived on Mars Uncle Benny was there. We had fun and went to the moon. And saw a evil cat. We pooled our ropes and went back home. The end ~ **Khazimla Jantjies**

THE SPACE ADVENTURE OF MAGICAL DOG

We went on a rocket. We are going to the moon. It was a bumpy ride. We arifed at the moon. We danced on the moon. It was so fun on the moon. Then we went to Mars. We found a very beautiful gem.

~ **Chanté Bezuidenhout**

THE SPACE ADVENTURE OF FINDING ALIENS

I went to space in a roket ship. I went to the moon. And it whos bumpy.

On the moon I met two aliens. Their names were Spot and Dot. I went moon boarding with them. I met a nuther alien. And Spot found a ufo ship. And then I fflow to Venus and them I met two other aliens. The end ~ **Jordan Maritz**

THE SPACE ADVENTURE OF JAKE AND MIPS

Hello my name is Jake and here is my guide cat Mips. I am blind by the way. So I've just come out of St Richardson's School for Helpless Children. My mom is supposed to fetch me now. But next to the school is where they launch rockets. Ah! Mips dragged me to the rocket!
5 . . . 4 . . . 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 blast off!

Next thing I knew was that I was in space! Bump . . . bump . . . smash! I heard yelling and fighting! Then a knife at my throat!

Surrender! Then I told them the story. They let me go. The school's name was Union. We went home. ~ **Jake Hobson**

THE SPACE ADVENTURE OF MR SNUGGLES AND I

On a cold early morning Mr Snuggles and I climbed into the spaceship. The rocket said 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, blast off!!! We went high. I wondered what's an incubator.

Back to interesting things. When I looked up I saw a . . . a . . . a . . . alien! It was green. It had four fingers. Eeewwww, said Mr Snuggles. I said that's mean.

~ **Maribel April**

KYK WAT IS BINNE MY HUIS

Ek slap in die bed. Mamma mak kos vir my om te eet. Ek was my hande in die was bak. Ek kyk televisie. Ek hat 'n speelkas.

Ek speel in die kas. Mamma mak kos op die stoof. Ek speel in my kamer. Ek sit op die rusbank. Ek sit op die mat. ~

Lukhanyo Mngqongwe

Ek slaap in 'n bed. Ek sit op die rusbank. Ek doen my hara by die speeltafel. Ek speel met my speelgoed. Ek het 'n

televisie. Ek skryf my huiswerk. Ek bad in die badkamer. ~ **Annabelle Nel**

Die sitkamer het n' televisie. Die kombuis het n' mure. Die badkamer het n' stort. Ekloop in die sitkamer. Die huis is mooi. Ek eet in my tafel. ~ **Sumaya Akther**

VALENTINE'S DAY

Dear Mom and Dad
I love you because ...
You by me wat I need.

You tak me to skool.
You doo hom wik wif mee.
You look aft mi.
You love me.

You get me food to eat.
You love me wif oll your hort.
You tak me to the dokta wen I'm sik.

You are speshal.
You protect me.

Wen I'm scerd you help me.
You are the best familiey.

Dad - you givv us many.
You read me a storee.

You spend time with me.
Your always there for me.

You play with me.

You make the best food.

You are the best mommy and daddy I cood ever have.

You don't want me to be sad.

You are the luvliyst mom.

You hug me wen I'm sked.

You like to farm with me.

Dadeey - you mak me laff!

You givv the best kises.

My hart melts to sleep in your bed.

I have too meni resins whi.

With lots of love

~ **2019 Grade 2 classes**





GRADE 3H

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GRADE 3K

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Grade 3 Creative Writing

IF MY SHIP GOT CAUGHT IN A TERRIBLE STORM, I WOULD...

Sale away from the storm. I wood take shellter in the ship. I wood try not to get hit by liteng. I wood also take down the sails. I wood try not to sink. ~ **Keenan Warner**

I would ask God to send the storm away. I would also help my friends and we can help each other. I would also find some new friends. We would also use a map to get home. ~ **Emihle Vuthuza**

I would put on my swiming gear and swim to shore. I will also get a gun to shoot the sharks. I will also get some food and take water. Then I will swim back to shore. ~ **Tristan Hudson**

I would pray for it to go away. Send a message on my phone. I would climb out of the ship. I would swim to the shore and take flippers, tank, goggles and swim to land. ~ **Alyssa Trollip**

Pray to God for the storm to go away! I would get out my submarine. I would send a message in a bottle. I would put on my diving sute and swim to shore. I would call the helicopter. ~ **Leela Marais**

I was once a yung pirate who loved the sea and waves but one night there was a storm! The waves were huge and the sky was black. There was thunder and lightening. Sumhow I spotted a tsunami and I tryed to tern back! It was to late. I hit a big rock! The tsunami got closer and closer and then the tsunami hit the ship and I drowned. Then I washed up on an island, never to be seen again!

~ **Cate Cochran**

I would sail to a island. Now that I'm here, I can write a letter. Please help me! I'm stuck on a island. I'm getting sea sick. I can't live here. Otherwise I'm going to die. Please love Antonia. Now that I'm finished writing a letter I'm going to put the letter in a bottle. ~ **Antonia Adams**

IF I WERE A SUPERHERO

My name is Spit-Fire. I have wings like an eagle. I can blow evil villins away with my wings. I have eye sight like a owl at night! The reason for my name is that my spit is made of lava, but when I spit at someone it turns into fire. My wings are as strong as eagles wings, but they are made of fire. My super hero makes the clouds. Me and Angle Flames work together to make storm clouds. We make the world spin. No-one ever sees me because I am fast as lightning.

~ **Cate Cochran**

Hello citizens of South Africa. I am your superhero: Lovly. I come form a kind world. I have pepole. I am very kind, you can ask every parson. My hair is black and my eyes are browen. My couler is light. If you see me outside at your school give me a hug. My power is kindness. One girl was sad. I gave

her a hug. I wear a pink dress and a pink mask and leap stichs. ~ **Sinalo Blaaw**

I would call myself wondergirl. My superhero power is freese breath, fire breath, telecnesis and laser eyes. And I am a good super hero. I saved gapa from fire. And I love in a cave. I believe that you will be save. And I promise that will ceep the town save. And I know that you are smart. I will ceap the children save. I will ceap you save. ~ **Zunaida Deyssel**

If I were a superhero I would be hulk. I am a green superhero. I get very angry sumtumes. I am nice. I like green things. I can brak lots ov things. I have a deep voys. And I am very tall. I have blach her. I am a good superhero. I like big superheros. Now I am going to save the world. ~ **Asakhula Nkomo**

If I was a superhero I would have a cool costum. I would be super fast and I would have laser beams. I will be queen of the galics. I would be great superhero. I would have a goued. I would stop fires. I would save buildings from falling. I would stop robs. My superhero is Starfire. I would be the greatest super hero in the whole world. ~ **Carlen Prinsloo**

I would want to be Green Lanturn. I wanted to be green lanturn because firstly because green is my favrote couler and his ring can do anything. So one day something strang happened. Something hapend in space. It was Lex Loother he was planning to destray earth. Then I called sooperman and batman. I don't know how he was going to destroy earth and that's wat I did. Then sooperman laser eyes the ship. Then everything was fine. ~ **Owen Paxton**

If I was a superman. I would be spiderman. I would be a good spiderman. I would catch the robbers. I would help the people. I would mak people building not to fall. I would make sure that I catch every bad guy. I would make sure theres no breaking in. I would make sure kidnapping doesn't happen. ~ **Onika Jantjies**

I AM SPIDERMAN

I like to clime on walls and soot webs. Once there was a birning bilding. I threw a cat out of the bilding. The cat was ok. I want to be spiderman beekause I can soot webs at people. That cat was mad at me. I had to take a grani to Spar. That grani was happy and the cat was mad. ~ **Keenan Warner**

I am Superman. I am a hero that saves people. I am the man of steel. Nobody can kill me. My secrat identity is Clark Kent. I can pick up a building with on hand! Everybody likes me because I save them from danger. The thing I like is saveing people. I am no a threat to earth. I am friendly person. ~ **Aidan Jaftha**



Miss Heunis

What I like most about my teacher?
She is fun
What makes my teacher angry?
Me
Who is my teacher favourite Springbok
Rugby Player?
Faf die klek



Miss Kreusch

What I like most about my teacher?
That she gets crazy
What is my teachers favourite
thing to say?
Keep qwotet
How old is my teacher
25
Who is my teacher favourite
Springbok Rugby Player?
Faf de klerk



I AM CHARLIE

I want to be Charlie because he works at a chocolate factory and he gets a chocolate yard. He gets to eat chocolate everyday and he has all sorts of chocolates. He has chocolate workers and can eat them if he wants to, I would of. I want to be Charlie because he is the boss of the chocolate factory. The cool thing about Charlie is, he is made out of chocolate, but everyone can eat him. ~ **Alyssa Trollip**

I AM TAFY THE RACCOON

One day I got out of bed and not realising that the dog took my bow! I looked like a raccoon! I walked to my owner. She screamed raccoon after that I realised that I didn't look like a cat. She threw me oet. Max the dog was lofing. I saw a snake and looked closely and sterd at the snake. The snakes tung was red and long. It looked like a bow so I tackled the snake. It bit me and I sceamed. I am taing your tung! After five hours of fiting, I got the tung and put it around my neck. I ran to my owner, she sed Tafy, I mist you so much. Max was crying and we had a hapy life from there, but not Max. max sed I will have my revenge!
~ **Alexi Elliott-Gentry**

DEAR ZUNAIDA

You been my friend since grade one. You've been by my side all the time and thank you for that. We sit with each other. We always tell each other how we feel. Love from Makayla ~ **Makayla Menos**

LETTER

Dear mom and dad

Thank you for being so kind to me. I hope you guys have a lovely day. Thank you for haveving lodes of fun with me. Dad, thank

you for fixing my bike for me. Thank you for swimming with Claude and I. Thank you guys for more than that. You both are the best parents ever. Lots of love Leela.

~ **Leela Marais**

IN DIE TUIN

My tuin het 'n groen tuinslang en ons het 'n pakkamer. Ons sit sand in ons kruiwa. Ek en my niggie speel in die tuin elke dag na skool met ons groen bal. My oom werk in die tuin.

~ **Emihle Vuthuza**

Ons maak die plante nat met 'n gieter in die tuin. Ek het roose en blome. Pappa gebruik 'n kruiwa om baksteene te draa. Boetie gebruik die vurk. Mamma maak die plante nat. Ek kyk na die wolke. Pappa gebruik die tuinslang. Ons hark baie blare.

~ **Philip Kayster**

EENDAG WAS DAAR 'N ...

Eendag was daar 'n draak. Die draak se vuur was pers en blou. Die draak is pers en ligte blou. Die draak het die skool aanvuur en ek sê hoera, dankie draak. Die draak het die biblioteek ook afgebrand.

~ **Alexis Elliott-Gentry**

Eendag was daar 'n groen slang in my bed. Hy woll soos 'n klun wurm. Hy was biay groot. Hy het my opgeëet. Dan het 'n beer ons geëet. Ek het die beer dood gemaak. Ons het huis to geeaan. ~ **Chloe-Ann Fourie**

Ek sien 'n monster in my bed. Die monster is skrikwekkend. Die monster eet my skoena.

Dit is lelik. Ek vat die pan, ek slaan die monster. Die monster weghardloop. Die monster nooit weer gekom nie.

~ **Keisha Seva**

'N SLANG IN DIE BOOM

Een dag ek en my slang gaan park toe. my slang sien 'n eekhoring in 'n boom. Hy spring in die boom en eet die dung. Ek gaan huis

toe en ek kom terug. Hy is baie, baie vet. Hy wil my toe eet. Ek gaan veaarts toe. Die veaarts man kom fat die slang.

~ **Makayla Menos**

Ek sien 'n blompot. Die blompot is baie klein. Daar is 'n baie groot boom in my tuin. Daar is 'n namaak boomslang in die boom. Ek en my sussie plant baie mooi plante en blomme. Ons water die blomme en plante met 'n gitter. Daar was baie voëltjies in die lug.

~ **Cate Cochrane**

Die slang in die boom kan praat. Die slang se sy wil my vag. Die slang kom nader en nader vir my om te vag. Die slang het vir my gebit.

Die slang het familie. Die slang is weg.

~ **Aaliyah Jaftha**

Op Vrydag is n slang by die klas. Die slang het in die klas gekom. Aaaa! Die muissise het gegull. Hy het agter die kas gegaan. Die seuns woe die slang vang en laat gaan.

~ **Evan van der Westhuizen**

Ek se toe my vriend daar is n slang in die boom. Dit het drie kop en drie ratel stert. Die boom was groen so ek kan nie sien die slang. As ek hom kry gebyt by die slang is ek dood. Die slasng het mooi. Ek raak die slang dit sal my beste vriend wees. Hy sal my beskerm. Daar kry hy n meisie.

~ **Kyla Putter**

Ek is n slang s,s,s,s. ek hiberneer in die winter. Die slang se naam is Megan. Sy eet vlys. Ek word vaker in die somer. Ek is mak.

~ **Megan Gibbons**

TOE EK WAKKER WORD

Toe ek wakker word van 'n eenhoring wat het reënboog hare. Die eenhoring het 'n goud horing. Ek was baie geskok en verbaas. Daar was ook 'n towenaar. Ons het kos geëet. Ons het ook 'n kussing-geveg gehou. Dit was 'n lekker partyjie.

~ **Emihle Vuthuza**



Toe ek gedroom het toe droom ek oor 'n ruimtewan. Hy het my geëet. Ek kon nie asem haal nie. Ek het geomprov. Toe was ek doot. Toe word ek wakker. Toe gedeer ales ver regtig. ~ **Janco du Plessis**

Toe ek wakker word was daar reen. Daar was baie rein en baie donerweer. Ek was baie bang. My ma my pa my broor my suster en ek was in my kamer. Toe was daar een harde klap van donderweer toe val my suster af van die bed. Dit was baie snaks. ~ **Cayla Newton**

Ek het wakker geword. My bed was weg. Ek het n swart kat gesien. My hond het geblaf. Ek het iets gesein. Dit was n droom. ~ **Zoe Mills**

Toe ek wakker word was ek n princess. Ek het toe n mooi pers rok aan. Toe ek uit die kamer gaan toe sien ek my familie. Ek het buite toe gegaan. Toe was daar n unicorn vat rainbow vas. Die unicorn het n groot horn. En dit was baie pret om dit te ry. ~ **Miecke-Leigh Blom**

OP DIE BUS

Een dag dar was 'n toer. Hulle het op 'n bus gegaan. Hulle het gestop. Toe koop hulle roomyse. Die kinders het karate gespeel. Toe ry hulle vir by die see. Hulle het dolphine geseen. Die kinders het 'n baba dolphine geseen. Die bus was geel met swart wiele. Hulle het ook 'n haai gesien. Dit was baie lekker. ~ **Ethan Raath**

Hulle vrendie het omskep in 'n ruimtiman. Die bus se wheel is pup. Ag nee se hulle. Hulle is in die amazon oerwoud. Hulle het eiers eet. Hulle het sokker gespeel. Waar is die bus? Ons soek dit. ~ **Amyoli Sizila**

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

If I was president I would never let there be thieves. I would let there be place and homes for everyone. I wouldn't let there be killing for just there horns and tuscks. I would let there be kind and lots of fun sport

to do. I would let everyone be welcome to everything. And so that people love in the street have home and food with clothes and with everything they need. I would let there be every kind of school. I would let everyone be welcome in every world and town. ~ **Miecke Leigh Blom**

If I was president I would make sure that all citys are clean. I would make the world a bear place. I will let the petrol go down. I will make sure that nobody kills ichyotare. I will fix the playgrounds. I will fix pips that are broken. I will make the world a bettr. ~ **Sithandile Mhlana**

A LETTER TO MS RICH

Dear Miss Rich

I like the tennis corts. I love the piano. I like the hockey field. I like the swimming pool. I would love it if there were sliperly slides. If we can do hours riding lessons. And a pet shop too.if there was a tree house for us. ~ **Cayla Newton**

Dear Miss Rich

I like the kind teachers at this school. I want to have a water park. I wish we could all have ice-cream everyday. I wish the school had cats for everyone. I want the school to have more books. Can the school have a garden? You are a nice teacher. Thank you for everything. ~ **Emma Watson**

THE WORLD CUP CRICKET

The world cup cricket is about cricket. I think cricket is best for boys. My brother loves cricket. Cricket must be fun. All boys like cricket. Cricket is nics. ~ **Zoe Mills**

EENDAG WAS DAAR N

Eendag was daar n dinosaurus waasn rapter en hy was baie ving. Hy het baia skerp tande. Hy eet vlys. Hy hou van weg kruyp. Sy wegkruyp plek is in die pos. Sy wegkruyp bos is lank ons huis. ~ **Quinn Naude**

I played a hockey match. We whon 4-1.

Then I had a lot of food to eat. I love hockey. My mom and dad came and woch me. I got hit with the ball. My siter was happy. It was so fun. ~ **Nadine Murray**

At Interschools I scored 3 goals. We won 0-7. I had pancake candyfloss. My sousin came to come watch play a hockey match. I love Interschools. Interschools is fun. I like Union. ~ **Zoe Mills**

I love the rugby it was fun. The hockey was imazing. I love the snow coan. And the slushees. Interschools is the best. I love the big tens. The sap chips were good. I love the tings in the tents. ~ **Kyla Putter**

My favotore part was Owen kiking the ball over the pols. My favatrite part was wen u scord. My favorite part was they kiked miss. The u/9 win we were happy. I was vert happy with my frindes. The parins were happy. I was prod of meself. I was very happy in me. ~ **Alchano Japhta**

My fav part was playing against Volkskool. I was happy. Volkskool had zero and we have seven. I was like Wohoo. I had a good time. The grade twos and ones tried there best. Yeah yeah yeah I was happy. ~ **Aaliyah Jaftha**





GRADE 4B

FRONT: Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg, Zoë Hobson, Emma Gibbons, Skye Meyers, Shanica Abrahams, Khazimla Mbulawa, Lulonke-Uthando Vumazonke, Liso Sobantu, Avuyile Nonkonyana, Unakho Siyongwana, Junior de Bruin.

BACK: Mrs Robyn Bellingan, Sinead Swartz, Liyabona Nkomo, Mpho-Emntle Booysen, Grace Kemp, Jennavieve Beldon, Emihle Mateza, Amber Slater, Lutholwethu Bottoman, Jade Slater, Benjamin Loots, Richard Murray, Nakekela Williams, Callum Jacobs.



GRADE 4V

ABSENT: Lindy-Lee Warneke

BACK: Hayden August, Mr. M van Rooyen, Dwayne Koeberg

MIDDLE: Sinoyolo Pantsi, Elizabeth Houseman, Aimee Short, Asavuya Nonkonyana, Sixolile Singeni, Delme Moos, Brogan Koeberg, Zanique Souter, Tara Piercey, Zach Verwey, Jacquin Smith, Liyabona Noveve

FRONT: Olwethu Koeberg, Kirsten Collet, Nasreen Foster, Kuhle Nqumashe, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Kwakhanya Buyiselo, Vincent Clarke, Warren Barlow, Leander Kraai, Declan Lewis

Grade 4 Creative Writing

MY TEACHERS

The numer of teachers I have is two
Hwoom both stick to their work like glue
They say their works a piece of cacke
But I think it's like trying to catcha snacke!

Mr van Royen has no girls
But misses Billergen has 1 hwo has a lot
of girls

Some times my teachers talk to me
But then you don't know how nauty the
class can be

But at the end of the day
Let's shout hray!

For our teachers
Deserv to live on tropical Beachus.

~ **Zoë Hobson**

SNAYL

S - small slender snails, eating grass

N - nothing to be botherd about

A - at a disstens a snak appears

Y - your gone eat us waching them

L - leap gos the snake, mmm!

~ **Skye Meyers**

PUPPY

P - Paw is soft anda bit rough and a

U - underground digging machine

P - puppys are realy sweet and a lovely

P - pets they are so cute

Y - yet very smart

~ **Nasreen Foster**

MY MOM

my mom is of the charts.

she loves to thow darts.

she paints all day.

probely fainting then she goes gardoof
onto da floor

when she wakes up she blames me

she says I pushed of da ball

~ **Zach Verwey Gr 4V**

I love my mom

My mom loves me too

She makes gravy called "soo"

She is beautiful

She is wonderful

Shes got lots of power like a flower.

~ **Amber Slater**

MY FRIEND...

My friend's name is Chocho

She is my chazen she stays in Cape-Town
She likes to play, help, friends. she is kinde
she loves people she is very tall. I love her
because she likes to help me and me and her
we love babies becuse they are quite. we
loves everyone thets haw are people kinde.

~ **Olwethu Koeberg**

EXCURSION

We saw losts of cars there and Games.
You coulbe play the games. We see the in
side of the car. It takes times to do a car.
You coulbe get in the race car. Next moning

we whent to breakfast we ate rush and
hot chocolate we had to shwer and went
to the beach and came back we whent to
bushpigadventureys. We whent back to
juffries bay and we play bolboll. We whent
to bed. We beakfast we whent to the
pingan circrern. ~ **Imivuyo Nondlazi**

The best excorshon in grade 4. Most
things I likt is the Beech, Booshpig,
pegwen setury and the Beech we sar all
cinds of shalls but it was windy and we stil
swam it was fun. at the Booshpig evencher
we playd all cinds of games end some
experiens. I likt all the games thay tot
us and Mr Bean was the funiest. He sead
some pepol must brake some boyled eggs
that we boyled.there was stil yoce in the
eggs and the green team wone. All thanks
to our theachers Miss Belinghen, Mr van
Royen, Mis May and Zankas dad.

~ **Junior de Bruin**

The excursion was bom. Who new a person
can experience so many feelings at such
a short time? We had so much fun. I also
learnt that the youngest beetle is called a
Matt. We saw how cars were made. When
we got to our cabins and had so much fun.
We all were so excited to go to the beach.

My favourite part of the excursion was
when we went to bush pig adventure.

Although we got cold, wet and muddy we
had so much fun. I also really enjoyed
Penguin Sanctuary where we got to learn
about the different penguins. My favourite
one was the macaroni. The excursion was
the best part of the year.

~ **Sixelile Singeni**

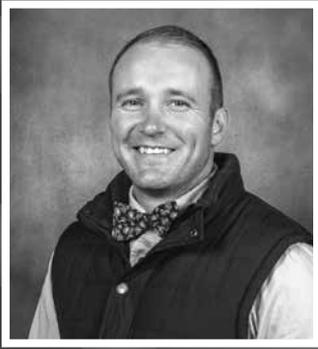
I saw penqins I saw the ather side of the
bored walk. I had lots of fun, but I missed
my mom and dad. When I read thire letters
I crid. I sometimes woke up in the middle
of the night. I lost my voice because I
was screaming.

When we where at bush Pig Adventuars
we made our own fier and mad egg's some
people broke the eggs on there heads. We
all played in mud but I didn't like it. I was
very mad at Nasreen because she throw
mut in my hair! and at me. I told her I didn't
like it but she did it anyway. We all slept on
bunk beds. I was very nice but I coudent
sleep because the boy's where noking on
our door. ~ **Skye Meyers**

ATHLETICS DAY

On athletics day witch is on friday it was
hot. I did hiy jump relay, 80m, 1200m,
100m. I eta pie and ice block. My mother
came and gave as cooldrink. I did shotput.
I was so hot I wanted to fate. I got a
icecream. I played with my friends.

~ **Khazilma Mbulawa**



Mr van Rooyen

What I like most about my teacher?
He makes us nice stuff to do
What makes my teacher angry?
Talking and interuping a percon
My teacher drives
walsvagin
Who is my teacher favourite
Springbok Rugby Player?
Siyo Kolisei



Mrs Bellingan

What I like most about my teacher?
I like her because she is kind and helpful
What is my teachers favourite
thing to say?
I think she likes to say we must
think out of the box
What makes my teacher angry?
Mrs Bellingan gets angry if we
make a noise in class
My teacher drives
She drives a sandro



I ran a race and came 3rd. Arnott won and we were fast. We ate to much but still. But I was about to fetch. I drank to much drinks. We chilled after running. The best part was teacher running. We went home.

The end. ~ **Lutholwethu Bottoman**

MY TEACHERS

her eyes are as blue as the ocean
her hair is as blond as the sun
her clothes are beautiful then ever her face
is as gorgeous as her gorgeous long hair.

~ **Brogan Koeberg**

Mrs Belingam is the best! Term 1 was a piece of cake. Term 2 not really, term 3 and 4 just got harder in her class. She is strikter than I thought (watch out grade 3s!) I love her. She is always funi in class she likes to chat to us in free time. The art is wonderful. We also chess on the mat, her reading books are funny. Grade 4 is the best. ~ **Richard Murray**

Mrs Bellingen you are the geat teacher I can get. You sow me the righ plath to go. You are More than a teacher to me. You are a mother to me now. You can feel like you are a stranger to me. But god will sow you the righ prat to go. You sow me the righ prath.

~ **Emhile Mateza**

Mrs. R. B and Mr M. R I was very scared for you us. Mrs R. B you was me best techerth ever. Mr. M. R you are me second best techethr but Mr. M.R you make us watch movies. Think you for everything you us done for me. ~ **Abongile Johnson**

Mr van Rooyen is a very good Teacher. He is strickt but nice and is good with sport.

He used to teach at gill in summerset east.

He also has a dog and it is a labrador.

He has two bycicycles one of them is a racing bicycle and the other a mountain bicycle. His wife also teachers at union. She teachers piano at the high school. She is very good at piano. Mr van Rooyen is very good with desoplin and children. He runs the parkrun every sataerday with his dog. I like Mr van Rooyen he is very good teacher.

~ **Callum Jacobs**

PLAYING WITH IDIOMS

Miss Belinhin will never give us the cold shoulder. And she thoute us that if it is greek to use we must ask her. I love Miss Bellinghein she is caring and kind. She is as fit as a fiddle. Some things she gives us are a peace of cake. I forgot, she is very beutyful. And she doe'sint shout at us a lot. She look's butyful and I love her outfits.

~ **Skye Meyers**

IN THE FUTURE

When I finish Grade 12, I will become a teacher. I think being a teacher is nice. Then I would like to teach Grade 3. I real like children. Do you think I will make a good teacher? ~ **Amber Slater**

When I finish Grade 12, I want to try getting into NMU. If I do, I want to get a degree in English. Finance and Fine Arts.

I want to become and artist or fashion designer, while writing books, you need to know your language and how to handle money. For art or fashion, you need to have style, while also being able to handle money.

~ **Tara Piercey**

MY GUNSTELING SPORT

My gunsteling sport is hokkie want ek is kompetierend. Is ek die bal kray sale k hardklop en die bal pas vir die and kind of My span en hopelik wen. ~ **Zanique Souter**

Krieket is my ginsteling sport. Ek is goed aan krieket. Een maal het ek al ses wicket gevad. En 22 runs maar ek het baie viere geslaan, 3 was oor die bowlersekop en 2 na ander plekke to geslaan.

~ **Leander Kraai**

My gunsteling sport is rugby. Ek hou baie van rugby. Ek hou van rugby van dit is lekker om te speel. ~ **Declan Lewis**

GEDIGTE

Tien klein paddetjies kom sit in 'n kring.
Bring julle bookies en laat ons sing.
Maak julle bekkies wawyd oop
en sing vir my so soet soos stroop.

kwak, kwak, kwaak!
kwek, kwek, kwek!

Tien klein paddetjies maak my gek.

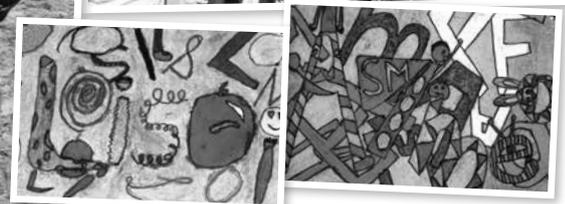
~ **Nasreen Foster**

Ure, dae maande lank
hoor jy net die paddaklank
kierie, kiere, kiere kiere
kwaak, kwaak, kwaak
kierie, kiere, kiere, kiere
kwaak, kwaak, kwaak, kwaak!

~ **Kirsten Collett**



SPRING HATS: Union celebrated spring by wearing different types of hats decorated with flowers, insects and all things spring! Some Grade 4 learners even made their hats out of recycled items such as paper, cardboard, bottle tops and even by crocheting plastic bags! It was such a colourful and welcome to Spring!





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Grade 4 excursion

Our Grade 4 learners went on an excursion to Jeffreys Bay from Monday 21 October to Wednesday 23 October. On Monday the learners visited the Volkswagen Factory in Uitenhage. The learners went on a tour through the factory and went to play in the interactive area. The learners started their day on Tuesday by reading the love letters from their parents on the beach. The learners spent the day at Bushpig Adventures. The day was filled with a variety of team building activities, for example the golf ball challenge, zebra swamp puzzle, bush cooking and construction water helmet relay. On Wednesday the learners visited the Penguin Sanctuary in Port Elizabeth. The learners learnt interesting facts about penguins and what they do at the Penguin Sanctuary. The learners had the opportunity to look at the penguins at the sanctuary. The learners did a beach clean up to end their visit at the sanctuary. The learners enjoyed the excursion.





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Athletics

Interhouse Athletics

Union Preparatory school enjoyed their annual athletics day in lovely sunny weather. The event was held on the Puggy Munnik field which provided ample shade for both participants and parents. For the first time the Union Preparatory School events were in accordance with ASA schools regulations. These changes included new distances for the sprint events and the implementation of field events for the u/9 age group. The athletics day was well supported by parents and mass participation was the focus. Each pupil competed to the best of his/her ability the spectators were entertained by wonderful displays of athletic ability. The highlight of the day came when Arnott and Daly house had the opportunity to perform the march in front of the spectators. The competition between the two houses was fierce with Arnott winning with a total of 501 points. A special thanks to everyone who assisted in making this day so successful.



ATHLETICS

BACK: Warren Barlow, Richard Murray, Mr Steenkamp, Callum Jacobs, Dwayne Koeberg, Owen Paxton, Lulonke Vumazonke
2ND ROW: Amber Slater, Mia Botha, Khule Nqumashe, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Grace Kemp, Elizabeth Houseman, Brogan Koeberg, Zanique Souter, Abonani Matushe, Onika Jantjies, Sonwabiso Kula
3RD ROW: Samantha Gilfillan, Alexandra Short, Zoe Hobson, Keisha Seva, Sinead Swartz, Emma Gibbons, Khazimla Jantjies, Leander Kraai, Joubert Vorster, Jordan Maritz
4TH ROW: Shante Simpson, Hayley Krige, Hermon Wolde, Kari Stern, Lukhona Bulembu, Nathanael Phillips, Philip Kayster, Kabamba Ngoie, Ethan Raath, Lusizo Ngqoba



Cricket

This year our preparatory school cricketers enjoyed a fun filled season with numerous fixtures for all age groups, emphasis was placed on participation throughout the year with all our young super stars getting an opportunity to display their talents.

A fruitful relationship with local businesses like Matchpoint and the home schooling society has led to countless internal matches while our weekend derby' against the Port Elizabeth schools proved to be greatly beneficial for the development of our young cricketers.



U7 CRICKET

BACK: Joshua Kingwill, Keith Hudson, Dante Mills, Cayden Thompson, Mr Koeberg, Ryonn Naude, Mahruf Hawladar, Ryan Collett, Lukhona Bulembu, Clark Labuschagne
FRONT: Noel Shakane, Nathanael Phillips, Kendel Kruger, Lusizo Ngqoba, Sive Mahlangu, Lechem Lamont, Chivargo Stoffels, Rhyno Homveld, Claude Marais, Onaye Cetumane, Caron Goliath



U8 CRICKET

BACK: Joubert Vorster, Jordan Maritz, Kabamba Ngoie, Mr August, Murray Hope, Connor te Water Naudé, Jake Hobson
FRONT: Jae Fillis, Leagan Katzen, Zimongphakade Matiwane, Curen Willemse, Carlin Pieterse, Khazimla Jantjies, Josh Seis, Muhammed Steele, Caleb Reid



U9A CRICKET

BACK: Carl Verheul, Quinn Naudé, Mr M van Rooyen, Tristan Hudson, Eric Wallis

FRONT: Evan Van Der Westhuizen, Alchano Jaftha, Aidan Jaftha, Asakula Nkomo, Brett Kenmuir, Ethan Raath, James Stocks, Philip Kayster, Qhama Jacobs



U11A CRICKET

BACK: Bradley Davenport, Yonela Wana, Mr Koeberg, Daniel Short, Richard Murray

FRONT: Callum Jacobs, Sibabalwe Mbutye, Jade Lothering, Owen Paxton, Leander Kraai, Muhammed Kazi



U11B CRICKET

BACK: Peter-Daniel Clegg, Iviwe, Maqhawe Norman, Christopher-John Moos, Liso Booi, Tristan Hope, Mr August, Joshua Arends, Unakho Siyongwana, Lulonke Vumazonke, Warren Barlow, Liyabona Noveve, Similo Mvandaba,

FRONT: Zach Verwey, Leynton Nhlabathi, Junior de Bruin, Declan Lewis, Alexander Anthony, Khazimla Mbulawa, Vincent Clarke, Benjamin Loots, Lebogang Booysen, Liso Sobantu, Jacquin Smith, Dwayne Koeberg

Union's U9s shine at cricket fest

On Saturday, 2 November, Union's u/9 cricket team, consisting of Qhama Jacobs, Janco du Plessis, Joubert Voster, Aidan Jaftha, Tristan Hudson, Evan van der Westhuizen, Philip Kayster, Jake Hobson and Carl Verheul, participated in the Herbert Hurd Primary School's Mini Cricket Festival in Port Elizabeth.

In addition to receiving a certificate for their participation, the Union cricketers were acknowledged as the 'Team of the Day' and received a medal for this achievement.

Special mention must be made of Evan van der Westhuizen, who made the most runs during the tournament and was therefore chosen as the 'Batsman of the Tournament'!



He received another medal and a trophy for his stellar performance. Well done to all the cricketers concerned! Union is exceptionally proud of all of you!

Cross Country

Union Preparatory School's annual cross-country took place on Friday, 6 September. This event allows the learners to engage in friendly competition while also encouraging an interest in cross country and track. The learners have to complete a long-distance course over various terrains, and while it is no easy task for these little learners to run such a demanding course, they successfully accomplished it with pride, grinning from ear to ear while crossing the finish line. The learners encouraged each other by cheering as they came down the home run. It was a successful day.

Positions

Junior Cross-country girls:

- 1st - Samantha Gilfillan
- 2nd - Abonani Matushe
- 3rd - Siyolise Mateza

Junior Cross-country boys:

- 1st - Jordan Maritz
- 2nd - Joubert Vorster

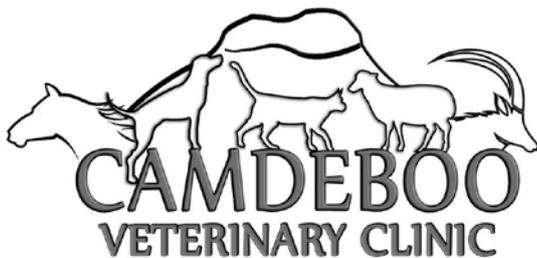
3rd - Tyrique Baartman

Senior Cross-country girls:

- 1st - Mia Botha
- 2nd - Zoë Hobson
- 3rd - Cu-Shan Hoffman

Senior Cross-country boys:

- 1st - Warren Barlow
- 2nd - Owen Paxton
- 3rd - Bernard Raath



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Hockey

Union Preparatory School held its annual internal hockey day on Friday, 26 April.

This fun-filled afternoon saw the hockey girls in each age group divided into mixed teams who, all in good spirit, then had the opportunity to play against one another.

UPS would like to thank all the parents who came to support their

children and all the staff who were involved in making the afternoon a success.

Although the emphasis is primarily on fun, events such as this one, are essential in the acquisition of new hockey skills and, probably more imperative the social development of the children.





U7 HOCKEY

BACK: Miss van Heerden, Zainab Akram, Jayline Swartz, Kwande Sobantu, Hermon Wolde, Abigail Loots, Izzibell Bosch, Miss van der Merwe
FRONT: Shanté Simpson, Hayley Krige, Kari Stern, Mellissa Marais, Sarah Hampton, Luchaé Thomas, Emily Raath



U8A HOCKEY

BACK: Miss Mey; Mrs Bellingan
FRONT: Annabelle Nel; Chante Bezuidenhout; Abonani Matushe; Samantha Gilfillan; Helen van den Heever; Maribel-Martisha April



U8B & C HOCKEY

BACK: Miss Mey; Mrs Bellingan
MIDDLE: Kelsey Horn; Alison Jacobs; Samiah Naidoo; Nicola Scriven; Kate Charles
FRONT: Rachel Wenham; Lukhanyo Mngongwiwe; Halyn Wessels; Taelynn Manley; Ava Sweigers; Kira Hector; Micha Murray; Tabina Wajid
ABSENT: Iqrra Fraz



U9A HOCKEY

BACK ROW: Miss Kreuzsch
FRONT ROW: Nadine Murray;
 Alexandra Short; Mia Botha;
 Emma Watson; Onika Jantjies;
 Cayla Newton.



U9B HOCKEY

BACK ROW: Miss Kreuzsch
FRONT ROW: Aaliyah Jaftha; Antonia
 Adams; Zoe Mills; Alyssa Trollip;
 Mieke-Leigh Blom.



U9C HOCKEY

BACK ROW: Claire De Klerk; Kyla
 Putter; Miss Kreuzsch; Alexis Elliott-
 Gentry; Emihle Vuthuza; Zunaida
 Deyssel.
FRONT ROW: Megan Gibbons;
 Cate Cochrane; Sithandile Mhlana;
 Chloe-Ann Fourie; Gerda Clarke;
 Carlen Prinsloo; Cu-Shan Hoffman;
 Sinalo Blaaw.



U10A HOCKEY

BACK: Miss Heunis
FRONT: Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg;
 Elizabeth Houseman; Amber Slater;
 Jade Slater; Grace Kemp;
 Kwakhanya Buyiselo; Kirsten Collett



U10B HOCKEY

BACK: Miss Heunis
FRONT: Mpho-Emntle Booysen;
 Jennavieve Beldon; Sixolile Singeni;
 Brogan Koeberg; Amiee Short;
 Liyabona Nkomo; Zoë Hobson



U10C HOCKEY

BACK: Tara Piercey; Miss Heunis;
 Sinoyolo Pansi
FRONT: Imivuyo Nondlazi;
 Kuhle Nqumashe; Zanique Souter;
 Lutholwethu Bottoman; Emma
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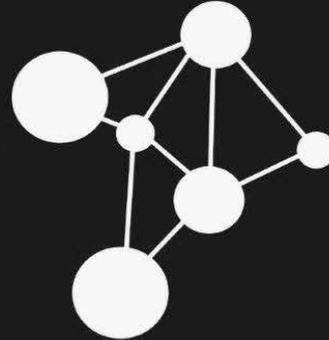
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Interschools

Union Preparatory School held their traditional Interschools Assembly in the early morning of Friday, 9 August. The UPS Dome was packed with guests attending this very special event which produced no shortage of heartwarming moments. From the entrance made by the high school's 1st rugby and hockey teams, the presentation of the scarves, a welcoming address by principal Ms. Leona Rich and the special messages delivered by the UHS Head Prefects, to the addresses made by the 1st team captains and the little teams' war cries, it could easily be seen why this is one of the most anticipated events of the year. A highlight of the gathering was, most definitely, Edwardine Abader's rendition of the song 'Union's Call' - truly a "goosebumps" moment. Union Preparatory School extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended this event.

CHESS

Union Prep School's little chess aficionados played a friendly set of games against some of Union High School's junior players on Tuesday afternoon, 6 August. This was organised in the spirit of Interschools, as, unfortunately Volkskool didn't have a team for these little ones to compete against. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of chess and one that

allowed the little chess players to experience a competitive atmosphere. Using the skills and knowledge that they've acquired throughout the year, the preppies pitted their talents against those of the older players. Although it was a nerve-racking experience to play against the older learners, the preppies enjoyed it tremendously and gained some valuable experience.

TENNIS

Union's u/10 boys and girls tennis teams played some great tennis today in their Interschools encounter against Laer Volkskool. The boys lost 0 - 9 and the girls won 6 - 3. Well done to all the players on a stellar effort!

Scores: (Union scores first)

Hockey	U7A	U8B	U8A	U9B	U9A	U10A
	0-2	1-2	3-5	7-0	4-1	5-2
Rugby	U7B	U7A	U9B	U9A		
	20-35	5-5	30-20	19-17		
Tennis	U10 girls	U10 boys				
	6-3	0-9				



Rugby

This year our Preparatory school enjoyed a busy rugby season with numerous festivals, fixtures and a special u11 tour to Port Elizabeth. During the season each rugby match was played with huge excitement and commitment, throughout the season it was evident that our players enjoyed each second on the rugby field with all our boys developing into passionate young players.

Challenging fixtures through the year brought out the best in all our teams with the highlight of our season being narrow victories over Laer Volksskool and Westering Primary by our u9 and u11 teams respectively.

U9A – Played 16 won 3 lost 13

U11A – Played 19 won 8 lost 10



U7 RUGBY

BACK: Lechem Lamont, Noel Shakane, Inam April, Mahruf Hawladar, Matthew Christoffels, Lukhona Bulembu, Mr Koeberg, Luminathi Mroro, Dante Mills, Ryonn Naude, Ryan Collett, Keith Hudson, Chivargo Stoffels, Joshua Kingwill
FRONT: Nathanael Phillips, Alzano Japhta, Onaye Cetumane, Sive Mahlangu, Cayden Thompson, Clark Labuschagne, Caron Goliath, Rhyno Homveld, Mphumzi Runeyi



U9A RUGBY

BACK: Khazimla Jantjies, Jordan Maritz, Evan Van Der Westhuizen, James Stocks, Mr. M van Rooyen, Owen Paxton, Quinn Naudé, Tristan Hudson, Carl Verheul
FRONT: Asakhula Nkomo, Brett Kenmuir, Amjoli Sizala, Joubert Vorster, Sonwabiso Kula, Ethan Raath, Aidan Jaftha, Philip Kayster



U9B RUGBY

BACK: Alchano Japhta, Jake Hobson, Murray Hope, Leagan Katze, Qhama Jacobs, Mr. M van Rooyen, Eric Wallis, Kabamba Ngoie, Josh Sies, Caleb Reid, Zimi Matiwhana
FRONT: Jae Fillies, Mnombo Kula, Janco Du Plessis, Keenan Warner, Tyrique Baartman, Curen Willemse, Muhammed Steele, Carlin Pieterse



U11A RUGBY

BACK: Daniel Short, Jade Lothering, Maqhawe Norman, Josh Arends, Mr Koeberg, Yonela Wana, Peter-Daniel Clegg, Sibabalwe Mbutye, Liso Booï
FRONT: Dwayne Koeberg, Bradley Davenport, Similo Mvandaba, Lulonke Vumazonke, Muhammed Kazi, Neelon Fourie



U11B RUGBY

BACK: Jacquin Smith, Vincent Clarke, Junior de Bruin, Khazimla Mbulawa, Callum Jacobs, Mr Koeberg, Hayden August, Zach Verwey, Benjamin Loots, Nakekela Williams, Unakho Siyongwana, Richard Murray
FRONT: Leynton Nhlabathi, Alexander Anthony, Liso Sobantu, Iviwe Mzizi, Warren Barlow, Leander Kraai, Declan Lewis

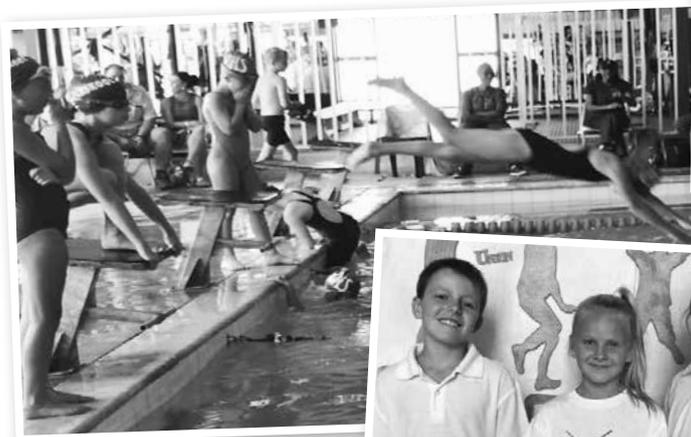
Swimming

Swimmers earn medals

UPS swimmers Mia Botha and Grace Kemp were awarded their medals they won at the Inter-District Gala held in East London in March.

Grace received a bronze medal for breaststroke and Mia received silver for freestyle and breaststroke and a bronze for backstroke.

All the races were contested over a distance of 50m which makes this quite a remarkable achievement for these young swimmers.



SWIMMING A GROUP

COACH: Miss A. Tarr, Mrs N. Davenport (Absent)
FRONT: Cayla Newton, Helen van den Heever, Samantha Gilfillan, Mia Botha, Grace Kemp, Callum Jacobs, Owen Paxton, Quinn Naude, Tristan Hudson.



SWIMMING B GROUP

COACH: Miss A. Tarr, Mrs N. Davenport (Absent)
BACK: Leela Marais, Zunaida Deysel, Cate Cochrane, Brogan Koeberg, Alexis Elliot-Gentry, Zoe Mills, Miss Amie Tarr, Benjamin Loots, Dwayne Koeberg, Vincent Clarke, Jordan Maritz, James Stocks.
FRONT: Nadine Murray, Alexandra Short, Jourdan Koeberg, Skye Meyers, Aimee Short, Emma Watson, Elizabeth Houseman, Alyssa Trollip, Keenan Warner, Carl Verheul, Evan van der Westhuizen.



SWIMMING C GROUP

BACK: Miss Heunis, Miss Mey
MIDDLE: Chante Bezuidenhout, Kirsten Collett, Shanica Abrahams, Sixolile Singeni, Liyabona Nkomo, Jennavieve Beldon, Hayden August, Eric Wallis, Murray Hope, Joubert Vorster
FRONT: Kate Charles, Megan Gibbons, Micha Murray, Rachel Wenham, Jake Hobson, Brett Kenmuir, Janco du Plessis, Connor te Water Naudé, Muhammed Steele



INTERSCHOOLS GALA TEAM

BACK: Brogan Koeberg, Grace Kemp, Miss A. Tarr, Callum Jacobs, Dwayne Koeberg, Quinn Naude
FRONT: Cayla Newton, Helen van den Heever, Samantha Gilfillan, Mia Botha, Jourdan Koeberg, Alyssa Trollip, Owen Paxton, James Stocks, Jordan Maritz, Tristan Hudson.

Tennis

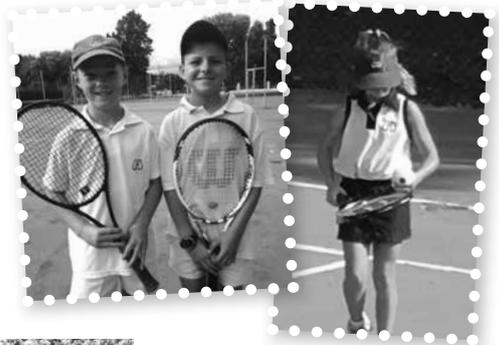
At Union Prep we focus on developing the love of the game of tennis – a sport that can be played for many years after school!

Tennis at our school is not only about winning and being the best. We focus on enjoyment, good sportsmanship and creating friendships.

Pupils are divided into ability groups where they are with others of more or less the same standard. Our coaches strive to do their best for the players.

We are very proud of the development of tennis this year and the players growth as a whole.

Our A teams were fortunate to play several matches during 2019 and as usual they showed true Union spirit while playing. No matter whether we won or lost, TENNIS was the winner!



A GROUP GIRLS & BOYS

BACK: Amber Slater, Jade Slater, Miss M. Kreuzsch, Richard Murray, Callum Jacobs
FRONT: Nadine Murray, Cayla Newton, Mia Botha, Emma Watson, Vincent Clarke, Owen Paxton, Leander Kraai, Brett Kenmuir



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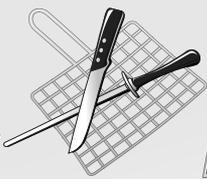
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A & B GIRLS & BOYS

BACK: Alyssa Trollip, Aimee Short, Zoe Mills, Emma Watson, Amber Slater, Jade Slater, Miss Kreuzsch, Miss Mey, Richard Murray, Callum Jacobs, Vincent Clarke, Owen Paxton, Leander Kraai, Tristan Hudson, Quinn Naude
FRONT: Kirsten Collett, Leela Marais, Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Mia Botha, Nadine Murray, Cayla Newton, Brett Kenmuir, Ethan Raath, Liso Sobantu, Janco du Plessis, James Stocks



C & D GROUP TENNIS

BACK: Aaliyah Japhta, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Alison Jacobs, Kira Hector, Shanica Abrahams, Mrs N Burger, Samiah Naidoo, Eric Wallis, Carl Verheul, Murray Hope, Ryan Collett
FRONT: Emily Raath, Rachel Wenham, Kelsey Horn, Abonani Matushe, Nasreen Forster, Samantha Gilfillan, Jordan Maritz, Joubert Voster, Danté Mills, Jake Hobson, Ryonn Naude



E GROUP TENNIS

COACH: Mrs Bronwynne Kingwill
BACK: Angelique Kyanda Kaboza; Sinalo Blaaw; Nicola Scriven; Cayden Thompson; Reginal Oosthuizen; Jade Ngole; Lusizo Ncqoba.
FRONT: Emily Raath; Hayley Krige; Monalisa Jika-Jika; Caren Bantom; Shante Simpson; Kwande Sobantu; Keith Hudson; Joshua Kingwill; Clark Labuschagne; Kendel Kruger; Claude Marais.

Academic Enrichment

The goal of academic enrichment is to expand the learner's knowledge above and beyond the knowledge which they gain in the classroom. This year our Grade 4 academic achievers enjoyed various outings for academic enrichment. In term 1 we had the privilege of having Mr Laszlo Maya from the Maya Deaf Foundation to do a presentation on sign language. The highlight of this event was when Mr Maya taught the learners some basic signs (for example the alphabet) and the learners had the opportunity to sign their own names. In term 2 Dr Roaul Strydom from Camdeboo Veterinary visited our Grade 4 learners and he did a presentation about snakes. The highlight of this visit was the boa constrictor which Dr Strydom brought along to his presentation. In term 3 our learners visited the Military History Museum which mainly focuses on the Anglo Boer War and the Second World War. The highlight of the visit was walking through the museum and viewing the exhibitions.

Elizabeth Houseman: "To me it was amazing to learn sign language and to see how hard life would be to be deaf. Leslo maya is awesome and a good roll model."

Tara Piercey: "Yesterday Laszlo Maya taught us some SASL words and the SASL alphabet. I can cross 'Hugging a famous person' of my bucket list because I hugged Mr Maya."

Sixolile Singeni: "We learnt about Cobras, Spitting Cobras, boom slangs and all facts about snake. My favourite part was when we got to feel an alive snake. I

am very thankful to comdeboo for taking the time to teach us."

Grace Kemp: "I learnt yesterday that some snakes don't have fangs. I was very surprised when I heard that some snakes like puffadders are different colours."

Leander Kraai: "The Military Museum was very fun. We watched videos and a movie about the war and we also walked around and looked around."

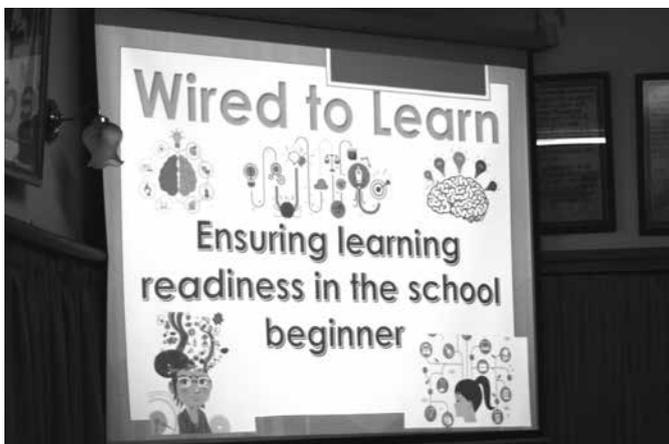
Khazimla Mbulawa: "It was nice to learn about world war one and 2 it was interesting and very sad with a lot of action. I enjoyed it very much."



Ms Mey:
 What I like most about my teacher?
 I ijk ner bcss hse is good
 What is my teachers favourite thing to say?
 sssshhhh
 What makes my teacher angry?
 wen we leen
 Who is my teacher favourite Springbok Rugby Player?
 Seeylieesee



Preparing for Grade 1



The anxiety that parents and children may feel about Grade 1 is mainly caused by the fear of the unknown.

To help alleviate these fears, Union Preparatory School hosted an information evening for all parents of prospective 2020 UPS Grade 1s on Thursday evening, 30 May.

The evening's purpose was to share advice with parents about how they could prepare their children for the big move from the playful games of pre-school to the more serious business of big school.

The parents also had an opportunity to meet some of the school's teachers.

After the evening's speakers had shared their words of wisdom, the evening was concluded with delicious soup and bread.

Union Preparatory School extends a word of thanks to all the parents who attended.

A to 10 Dinner

Celebrating 12 years of togetherness

In 2008, a group of 32 Grade 1s started their school careers at Union Preparatory School.

For the following twelve years - as they went from prep school, to middle school, to high school - they learned together, laughed together, played sport together and had a lot of fun together, sharing life's ups and downs as they went along.

To celebrate this memorable 12-year journey, the UPS Grade 4 class hosted the annual A to 10 Dinner on Thursday evening, 10 October.

The A to 10 Dinner, held especially in honour of learners who have

spent their entire school careers at Union, is one of the great traditions at Union, and always a very special occasion.

To start the evening, the Grade 4 learners welcomed the matrics and their parents and escorted them into the UPS Dome, after which all were entertained with song and dance, with the main event certainly being the different versions of the dozi-do dance.

As always, the A to 10 Dinner was filled with fun, lots of laughter and to end the evening, a beautifully prepared dinner in the Tony Burrell Union.



ONE	
THELMA VERA	MICHELLE JEFFES
BERNICE BHEBE	NIKEE JEFFES
MICHELLE MOGAPI	CHANELLE AFRICA
MOHANTHANGANDA MOGAPI	SANDILE CARLIS
ZIPHOCA NIBALE	ALDOX CARLIS
SANDY MCHUGHSTON	JAMIE CARLIS
RONALD MCHUGHSTON	JANNA MCHUGHSTON
CHANELLE NABABE	NICOLA DOCK
DOHNA NABABE	LIBELLE DOCK
DEAN NABABE	RUPPE DOCK

A-10 dinner report

The A-10 dinner was one of reflection and emotion as memories from school years passed flowed back to the 32 A-10 pupils (a record number!)

We started in the prep school dome with the 'do si do', a tradition which is long standing and resulted in much laughter as we witnessed our parents putting on their dancing shoes for the first time in a while.

We were escorted by the grade 4s with great manners and conversation skills to the union where the grade 4 parents presented us with a beautiful venue and scrumptious dinner. Mrs Kingwill spoke of many fond memories and reminded us of our prep school days and a few memories we hoped she had forgotten.

This evening was the perfect way to end of 12 years of exceptional schooling at Union and the A-10 class expresses their gratitude to all who made this wonderful evening possible.

~ Jenna Mc Naughton



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Aftercare

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I experience Aftercare as a colourful bouquet of unique little characters. We endeavour to help one another and attempt to make each child a happy child, through mutual respect and consideration. It has become somewhat of a 'home away from home'.

By now they have learned that it's always best to do your homework first, then enjoy sport and playing outside. By working together we can, and do, enjoy every day at Aftercare!

The following conversation made me smile: 'Aaah Mom, why are you here so early? Can I please still stay?' 'O... kkkkay, then I'll come back later!'

Our Aftercare pupils are an amazing bunch!

~ Marjorie du Preez



Aunty Marjorie

What makes my teacher angry?
When she gives us the anserws and
we get a dinfrent anserws
How old is my teacher
In her sixtys
Who is my teacher favourite
Springbok Rugby Player?
The player number 1



AFTERCARE

BACK: Caron Goliath, Nasreen Foster, Shanica Abrahams, Jacquin Smith, Unakho Siyonwana, Reginald Oosthuizen, Abongile Johnson, Jenna Beldon, Mpho Booyesen, Samiah Naidoo
FRONT: Maribel-Martisha April, Kwande Sobantu, Caleb Reid, Harmon Wolde, Luke Nhlabathi, Jade Ngoie, Chante Bezuidenhout, Luminathi Mroro, Ava Swiegers, Mrs M. du Preez

Chess

Chess is a strategic game that is offered to all grades. It was well attended by all grades. The foundation for chess was laid down and the learners learnt many skills and strategies. Throughout the year they challenged each other individually and in groups on the outside set at the school. As chess is the ultimate game of strategizing there was some excellent teamwork and critical thinking going on during these fun challenges. In the spirit of Interschools, the preppies played against some of Union

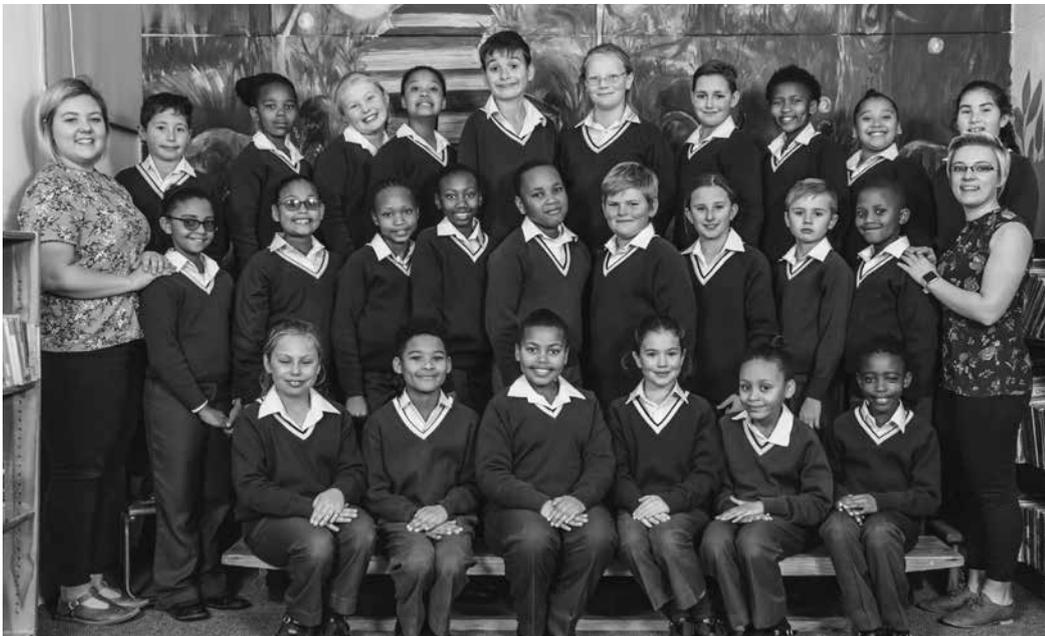
High School's junior players, as Volkskool unfortunately didn't have a team. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of chess and one that allowed the little chess players to experience a competitive atmosphere. Using the skills and knowledge that they've acquired throughout the year; the preppies pitted their talents against those of the older players. Although it was a nerve wracking experience to play against the older learners, the preppies enjoyed it tremendously and gained some valuable experience.





JUNIOR CHESS

BACK: Mrs Bellingan, Lukhanyo Mngqongiwe, Alison Jacobs, Jordan Maritz, Dante Mills, Kabamba Ngoie, Kira Hector, Jake Hobson, Mr Kruger
THIRD: Miss van der Merwe, Lukhona Bulembu, Angelique Kyandakaboza, Mahruf Hawladar, Jae Fillis, Keith Hudson, Clark Labuschagne, Rachel Wenham, Caleb Reid, Rynn Naudé, Ryan Collett, Miss Heunis
SECOND: Caron Goliath, Kari Stern, Kendel Kruger, Noël Shakane, Onaye Cetumane, Robyn Grootboom, Nathaneal Philips, Luminathi Mroro
FRONT: Joshua Kingwill, Alzano Japhta, Halyn Wessels, Sarah Hampton, Shante Simpson, Mphumzi Runeyi, Chivargo Stoffels



SENIOR CHESS

BACK: Carl Verheul, Liyabona Nkomo, Alexis Elliott-Gentry, Brogan Koeberg, Reginald Oosthuizen, Tara Piercey, Benjamin Loots, Sixolile Singeni, Nasreen Foster, Jennavieve Beldon
MIDDLE: Miss van der Merwe, Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg, Skye Meyers, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Mpho-Emntle Booysen, Khazimla Mbulawa, Tristan Hudson, Emma Gibbons, Keenan Warner, Qhamasande Jacobs, Miss C. Heunis
FRONT: Mieceke-Leigh Blom, Declan Lewis, Chloe-Ann Fourie, Cate Cochrane, Sinalo Blaaw, Makayla Menos



INTERSCHOLS CHESS

BACK: Miss van der Merwe, Skye Meyers, Sixolile Singeni, Tara Piercey, Liyabona Nkomo, Nasreen Foster, Miss C. Heunis
FRONT: Jake Hobson, Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg, Rachel Wenham

Rugby World Cup Civvies Day

The learners and staff of Union Preparatory School are totally behind the Springboks.

It's great to see such patriotism among these little South Africans!
GO BOKKE!



INTERHOUSE QUIZ

On 7 June Daly went on stage to battle Arnott in our annual general knowledge contest for grade 4 learners. Daly was represented by Zach Verwey, Jade Slater, Amber Slater and Liso Sobantu and Arnott by Richard Murray, Tara Piercey, Callum Jacobs and Warren Barlow.

There were questions for the audience as well. Learners from Grade 1-4 joined in to support their houses.

Tensions ran high and the adrenaline rushed as the teams pushed each other to faster and faster reactions. In the end Daly emerged as the winner with Arnott as a close runner-up. The learners can pride themselves on a most impressive general knowledge.

~ Leona Rich

General Knowledge Quiz questions and answers:

What is the state president of SA airplane called?

- CR airlines
- the black panther

What is the name of the Royal baby

- baby Jesus
- harry nr 2

What is my fear if i have arithmaphobia

- a fear of pawn (porn?)
- the fear of worry

In what sport do you do butterfly?

- in rugby
- high jump

In which part of your body do you find the funny bone

- kidney

What do you call people who live in Moscow?

- Mosquitoes

Nasreen Foster wrote:
this is greek to me



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

BACK ROW: Amber Slater, Jade Slater, Mrs A. Kingwill, Richard Murray, Callum Jacobs
FRONT ROW: Liso Sobantu, Zach Verwey, Tara Piercey, Warren Barlow



A really grand tea party

There was plenty of tea, finger foods and love to go around at Union Preparatory School's annual Grandparents' Tea held on Wednesday morning, 21 August.

This year, the school was delighted to welcome 200 grandparents to the event, which was themed "Land of Far, Far Away".

In honour of the occasion, the UPS Dome was transformed into everybody's favourite green ogre's swamp. Many of the visiting grandparents also dressed accordingly.

After everyone had taken their seats and principal Ms Leona Rich extended a word of welcome, the learners performed little snippets

inspired by the movie "Shrek" which went down extremely well. A group of wonderful prep school moms then served the event's special guests with a delicious plate of finger eats and tea.

The morning was greatly enjoyed by the grandparents as well as the learners and Union Preparatory School thanks everyone who attended this special occasion.

A lot of hard work went into the preparation for the event and the school extends a grateful word of thanks to all the moms who contributed to the tea's success, by either assisting with the décor or hosting.



Music



Mrs Alet Kingwill

What I like most about my teacher?
She is very kind and sweet like a rose
What is my teachers favourite
thing to say?
Siry nicely not funny
What makes my teacher angry?
When you be a drama king
How old is my teacher
Sinething in the 80s
Who is my teacher favourite
Springbok Rugby Player?
Fuf de klerk

Why Music?

1. Music is a Science
2. Music is Mathematical
3. Music is a Foreign Language
4. Music is History
5. Music is Physical Education
6. Music develops Insight and demands Research
7. Music is all of these things, but most of all, ... MUSIC IS ART!

This is why we teach Music:

- Not because we expect you to major in music ...
- Not because we expect you to play or sing all your life ...
- But so you will be human ...
- So you will recognize beauty ...
- So you will be closer to an infinite beyond this world ...
- So you will have something to cling to ...
- So you will have more love, more compassion...
- More gentleness, more good ...
- In short ... MORE LIFE!



GRADE 2 RECORDER

BACK: Annabelle Nel, Salmaan Steele, Kelsey Horn, Samantha Gilfillan, Kira Hector, Chante Bezuidenhout, Micha Murray, Rachel Wenham
FRONT: Ava Swiegers, Maribel-Martisha April, Murray Hope, Joubert Vorster, Kate Charles, Caleb Reid, Helen van den Heever, Mrs Alet Kingwill



GRADE 3 RECORDER

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs Alet Kingwill, Mieke-Leigh Blom, Alexis Elliot-Gentry, Gerda Clarke



GRADE 4 RECORDER

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg, Nasreen Foster, Aimee Short, Liyabona Nkomo, Mrs Alet Kingwill, Kirsten Collett



Barn Dance

On Tuesday evening, 30 April, Union Preparatory School came alive with vibrant music and enthusiastic line dancing.

The UPS Centenary Barn Dance was well-attended by the school's learners and teachers and was heralded as a tremendous success. Everyone came dressed for the occasion in their boots and Cowboy hats and after being schooled in line dancing by Mrs Avrille Putter, took to the energetic dance with great enthusiasm.

After exerting all their energy on the dance floor, the learners were treated to delicious boewwors rolls whereafter they went home, tired but with a great memory to treasure.



Father / Child Camp

Look how it's grown people. And what a fabulous thing to have involved fathers and fires and fun! At Union it's all about maintaining healthy family relationships. Studies have shown that an involved father leads to: • Strong, confident children • Better Self-Esteem • Greater sense of safety and security • More respect and love • Better academic achievements • better relationship choices • Better work ethics • Sound leadership experiences.

Fathers are the symbol of wisdom and central to a child's emotional well being. Who does not want this for their children? Well done Mr Van Rooyen (Mr FUN Rooyen)





Celebrating a close daddy-daughter bond

Daddy's Little Girl

Those three words convey feelings of protection and a very special bond that often exists between fathers and daughters.

A dad is the first and most important man in his daughter's life, and with her father's attention, guidance and instruction, a girl can grow into a confident woman with a strong sense of self-worth.

This year, we decided that Valentine's Day is the perfect time for fathers to reflect on the role they play – physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually – in their daughter's life.

So, on Thursday 14 February, UPS held their very first Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Picnic on the school's grounds.

With picnic baskets packed to the brim with delicious treats, the dads and their daughters spent the morning enjoying the fun event, which turned out to be the perfect way for them to casually connect, giving the dads the time to check in with their daughters and to have conversations that don't usually happen at the breakfast table.



Picnicking fun at Union Prep School

Yesterday morning, Thursday, 30 May, following the Ascension Day service, Union Prep School hosted a special picnic for the learners and their moms.

The school's little learners were all very excited about the event and eager to spend some quality time with their moms. In beautiful weather and the casual setting of the school's grounds, the kids and their moms spread their blankets and enjoyed their packed picnic lunches together.

"Picnics at the school are always some of our most fun events because it always centres around the importance of family. It's all about spending quality time with special family members, the school, excitement and love - bonding as a school community," said Mrs Alet Kingwill.





GRADE 3 AND 4 PIANISTS

BACK: Eric Wallis, Liyabona Nkomo, Emma Watson, Tara Piercey, Alexis Elliot-Gentry, Grace Kemp, Aimee Short, Alyssa Trollip
MIDDLE: Mieceke-Leigh Blom, Alexandra Short, Tristan Hudson, Kyla Putter, Liso Sobantu, Gerda Clarke, Kirsten Collett, Elizabeth Houseman
FRONT: Aaliyah Jaftha, Megan Gibbons, Cate Cochrane, Cayla Newton, Jordon-Bethany Koeberg, Philip Kayster, Nadine Murray, Mrs Alet Kingwill.
INSET: Leela Marais



JUNIOR CHOIR

BACK: Annabelle Nel, Salmaan Steele, Kelsey Horn, Kazimla Jantjies, Simiah Naidoo, Samantha Gilfillan, Kira Hector, Micha Murray, Curen Willemse
MIDDLE: Caleb Reid, Marabel-Martisha April, Kate Charles, Alison Jacobs, Helen van den Heever, Chante Bezuidenhout, Rachel Wenham
FRONT: Asiphe Tshibika, Halyn Wessels, Ava Swiegers, Taelynn Manley, Carlin Pieterse, Leagan Katzen



SENIOR CHOIR

4TH ROW: Emma Watson, Emma Gibbons, Grace Kemp, Sixolile Singeni, Luthowethu Bottoman, Tara Piercey, Jade Slater, Amber Slater, Liyabona Nkomo, Zoe Mills, Tristan Hudson
3RD ROW: Nasreen Foster, Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg, Mieceke-Leigh Blom, Alexandra Short, Kirsten Collett, Kuhle Nqumashe, Liso Sobantu, Sinoyolo Pantsi, Zoe Hobson, Elizabeth Houseman
2ND ROW: Zanique Souter, Declan Lewis, Asakhula Nkomo, Aidan Jaftha, Carl Verheul, Brett Kenmuir, Gerda Clarke, Antonio Adams, Mpho Booysen
1ST ROW: Megan Gibbons, Aaliyah Jaftha, Carlen Prinsloo, Mrs Alet Kingwill, Cate Cochrane, Cu-Shan Hoffman, Nadine Murray
INSET: Leela Marais

Music Hour

From large inclusive choirs to individual musicians, all the learners of Union Preparatory School are encouraged to explore and respond to music.

The annual Music Hour was held on Thursday evening, 6 June.

The evening's entertainment included recorder ensembles, piano duets, individual piano pieces and performances by both the senior and junior choirs.

What was evident among these Grade 1 to 4 learners, was the rapt attention, discipline and absolute love of music that each of them displayed.

The school extends its grateful thanks to the amazing performers as well as to Mrs Alet Kingwill for accompanying the learners on the piano (and her expert tutelage and commitment throughout the year).

The school also appreciates the efforts of all the dedicated members of staff who, as always, ensured that this event was a great success.

The evening, however, wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the learners' family members who consistently support them in their musical endeavours, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to them in this respect.



SCA

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3: 5 – 6

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." Proverbs 22:6

"If you are wondering, SCA stands for Student Christian Association. It is a place where we learn a lot about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. At SCA we pray and support each other. Mrs Portgieter always makes us feel welcome at SCA. I encourage other kids to learn more about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit." ~ *Sixelile Singeni*

"I like to praise the Lord, that's why I go. I like to meet old and new friends, to spend time with one another. I tell the Lord and my friends about my problems." ~ *Jourdon Koeberg*

"I love SCA because we learn about God and we learn new stuff. We learn to not fight and to not hurt God and to love each other and to love God." ~ *Chloe-Ann Fourie*

"SCA is about God things, and things you did not now about. It is fun God games. It is fun to learn new things about God." ~ *Liyabona Nkomo*

"I learnt that it is good to sometimes be scared or if you are sad, Mrs P makes you happy. She teaches you not to be scared anymore. I am so happy there is a teacher like her." ~ *Mpho Booyesen*

"SCA teaches you more about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I have learnt that there is no one greater or bigger than God. God is always with us no matter what and He loves us and He always will. What I like the

most is the lessons that we learn. I love SCA. It is fun and I love to learn about God and Jesus and the bible." ~ *Nasreen Forster*

"What a privilege and honour it is to meet with these children on a weekly basis. I love how they just jump in and love God no matter what. They ask all sorts of questions, sometimes challenging ones. They have grown so much in their faith, and in themselves this year. I love how they support and encourage each other and how they lift one another up in prayer. Liyabona, Mpho, Nasreen, Jourdon, Chloe-Ann and Sixelile – I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing God with you this year." ~ *Mrs Corrie Potgieter*



SCA

BACK: Jourdon Koeberg, Nasreen Foster, Chloe-Ann Fourie, Mrs Corrie Potgieter
FRONT: Mpho-Emntle Booyesen, Liyabona Nkomo, Sixelile Singeni



Carols by Candlelight



Union Prep School held its annual Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 20 November in the Prep School Dome. One little angel, who got left behind, was very curious to find out what Christmas is really all about. Is it about the beautiful Snowflakes, or is it about the Christmas decorations? Well then maybe it's about Santa Claus. NOT?! When then it's certainly about the food. "No!!!!" the UPS pupils said to the little angel, and they encouraged him to keep on looking while following the star, which was much bigger and brighter than the other stars. This has led the little angel right to the manger, where Jesus was lying on some hay in a manger, surrounded by His parents, Joseph and Mary and some animals. Only then did the little angel realise what Christmas is actually about. The Grade 4 Speech Choir played the role as the narrator, while the different Grades and some individuals entertained in song and dance. Special mentioning must be made of Elizabeth Houseman and Sixolile Singeni, for an outstanding performance of "O Holy Night".

UPS has been supporting the Laszlo Maya Foundation for the deaf for the last 3 years, in which the Collection taken at the Carols by Candlelight are being donated towards the NOT DEAFEATED project.

Watering young minds

On Wednesday morning, 28 August, the learners at Union Preparatory School were treated to a children's theatre piece, entitled 'Galela' by the Well Worn Theatre Company.

This eco-theatre production gives commentary on not only the very obvious water crisis that the country is facing, but also on the terrible habits that lead to that.

Galela features the energetic physical theatre talents of Lerato Sefoloshe, Mlindeli Zondi and Tebogo Machaba, who tell the story of three best friends, bravely embarking on a project to make their town's drinking water safe again.

They soon discover, however, that they have waded into hot water and that the problems affecting the town dam are deeper and murkier than at first glance. Still determined to make a difference and to secure the future of their friends and family, the trio dive in to fix the mess, proving in spectacular fashion that children with the biggest imaginations will save the world.

The Galela team managed to create strong images of young children taking a stand against irresponsible adults and holding them accountable.

Union Prep School's children were definitely enlightened and thoroughly entertained!



Xtreme Cyclists For Kids

These extraordinary men are cycling all the way from Johannesburg to Cape Town to raise awareness of child abuse. On their day-off they visited Union Prep and joined Monique Strydom and Smiley as they performed a show with tips for children to protect themselves against abuse. Our kids were educated on bullying, the dangers of keeping secrets and recognizing tricksters and their tricks. Our visitors complimented the children on their excellent discipline and good manners. Go UNION!



PHOTOS: Ms Natasha Warner

SPORTS AWARDS

TENNIS

Boys' Doubles Tennis Championships:

3rd Place: **Richard Murray & Callum Jacobs**
 2nd Place: **Daniel Short & Tristan Hope**
 Robin Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Doubles: **Peter-Daniel Clegg & Owen Paxton**

Boys' Singles Tennis Championships:

3rd Place: **Tristan Hope**
 2nd Place: **Owen Paxton**
 Richard Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Singles: **Peter-Daniel Clegg**

Girls' Doubles Tennis Championships:

3rd Place: **Katelyn Trollip & Melissa Naudé**
 2nd Place: **Mecoli Vorster & Leigh-Ann Murray**
 Gary Sullivan Floating Trophy – Girls' Doubles: **Grace Kemp & Misha Newton**

Girls' Singles Tennis Championships:

3rd Place: **Leigh-Ann Murray**
 2nd Place: **Misha Newton**
 B.P. Floating Trophy – Girls' Singles: **Grace Kemp**

Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships:

3rd Place : **Tristan Hope & Leigh-Ann Murray**
 2nd Place: **Owen Paxton & Misha Newton**
 Dassie Fontein Floating Trophy – Mixed Doubles: **Peter-Daniel Clegg & Grace Kemp**

Special award to Prep School boy/girl/both who achieved above his/her age group in tennis: **Grace Kemp**

CRICKET

Lutho Pohlongo Floating Trophy – Most Promising Junior Cricketer: **Muhammad Kazi**

Brian Bands Floating Trophy – All Round Mini-Cricketer: **Leander Kraai**

Merit Certificate for batting U/9: **Leander Kraai**
 Merit Certificate for bowling U/9: **Richard Murray**

Merit Certificate for Progress in cricket – U/9: **Owen Paxton**
 Lee Joseph Floating Trophy – Most Promising U/11 B Cricketer: **Bradley Davenport**

Quinton Family Floating Trophy – Achievement in Bowling: **Peter Daniel Clegg**

Dennis McEwan Floating Trophy – Achievement in Batting: **Muhammad Kazi**

Donald Kingwill Floating Trophy for Cricket – Achievement in Fielding: **Muhammad Kazi**

Merit Certificate for batting U/11: **Sibabalwe Mbutye**

Merit Certificate for bowling U/11: **Yonele Wana**

Merit Certificate for Progress in cricket U/11: **Tristan Hope**

SPORTSMAN

Stern family Floating Trophy – Sportswoman of the Year: **Misha Newton**
 Carl Bezuidenhout Floating Trophy – Sportsman of the Year: **Daniel Short**

CULTURAL AWARDS

MUSIC PRIZES

RECORDER:

Grade 2: **Emma Watson & Alexandra Short**
 Grade 3: **Aimee Short & Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg**
 Grade 4: **Xarah Hoffman & Jemma Grootboom**

PIANO:

Grade 3 Merit for Piano:

Grade 4 Merit in Piano:

Aimee Short & Elizabeth Houseman
Xarah Hoffman & Tristan Hope & Samantha Charles

Grade 4: Achievement in Piano: **Katelyn Trollip & Taegen Hamid**
 Alet Kingwill Floating Trophy – for the most outstanding Piano pupil: **Katelyn Trollip**

Marlene Rubidge Floating Trophy for achievement and progress in Cultural Activities: **Xarah Hoffman**

CHESS

JP Kruger Floating Trophy for most improved Junior Chess Player:

Jake Hobson

Tossie Minnaar Floating Trophy for Junior Chess Champion:

Cate Cochrane

Merit Certificate for : Achievement in Chess: **Lindy-Lee Warneke**

Cedric Hayward Floating Trophy for Individual Chess Champion:

Josh Arends

Horace Stanton Floating Trophy: General Knowledge Champion:

Daniel Short & Morgan McNaughton

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

GRADE 1:	
1 YEAR	Maribel April, Samantha Gilfilian, Halyn Wessels
GRADE 2:	
1 YEAR	Qhamasande Jacobs Bernard Raath, Erin Rudlin, Zoe Mills
GRADE 3:	
1 YEAR	Warren Barlow, Liso Sobantu, Lulonke Vumazonke
GRADE 4:	
1 YEAR	Neelon Fourie, Kimberly Menos, Josh Arends, Rebecca Copeman, Chavene Lamont, Sibabalwe Mbutye, Jesse Taylor-Freeme, Mecoli Vorster
2 YEARS	Lisa Vutula
4 YEARS	Maqhawe Norman, Nina Japhta



ACADEMIC AWARDS

GRADE 1

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Sumaya Akther	
Chanté Bexuidenhout	
Jae Fillis	
Kira Hector	
Jake Hobson	
Alison Jacobs	
Micha Murray	
Samiah Naidoo	
Maribel-Martisha April	
Richere Cudjoe	
Khazimla Jantjies	
Taelynn Manley	
Jordan Maritz	
Annabelle Nel	
Helen van den Heever	
Halyn Wessels	

Merit Certificate - over 80%	
Kate Charles	Maths
Lihlombe Dali	Maths
Murray Hope	Maths
Leagan Katzen	Maths
Abonani Matushe	Maths
Ava Sweigers	Maths
Connor te Water Naudé	Maths
Carl Verheul	Maths
Samantha Gilfillan	Maths
Kelsey Horn	Maths
Zimingtonaphakade Matiwane	Maths
Lukhanyo Mngqongiwe	Maths
Caleb Reid	Maths
Nicola Scriven	Maths
Ozoma Vaster	Maths
Curen Willemse	Maths

DILIGENCE	
Lynca Donian	
Onika-Uthando Futshane	
Kabamba Ngoie	
Muhammed Steele	
Joubert Vorster	

Certificate for Outstanding Progress:
Grade 1 – Sonwabiso Kula & Josh Seis

GRADE 2

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Antonia Adams	
Cate Cochrane	
Aidan Jaftha	
Onika Jantjies	
Philip Kayster	

Leela Marais
Erin Rudlin
Miecke Leigh Blom
Cayla Newton
Alyssa Trollip
Emma Watson

Merit Certificate - over 80%	
Gerda Clarke	Afr (fal) Maths
Aaliyah Jaftha	Afr (fal) Maths
Owen Paxton	Afr (fal) Maths
Bernard Raath	Afr (fal) Maths
James Stocks	Afr (fal) Maths
Chole-Ann Fourie	Afr (fal) Maths
Kay-Leigh Hartney	Afr (fal) Maths
Quinn Naudé	Afr (fal) Maths
Clair de Klerk	Afr (fal)
Carlen Prinsloo	Afr (fal)
Emihle Vuthuza	Afr (fal)
Keenan Warner	Afr (fal)
Tristan Hudson	Afr (fal)
Zoë Mills	Afr (fal)
Evan Van Der Westhuizen	Afr (fal)
Ayabukwa Vani	Maths
Zunaida Deysel	Maths
Brett Kenmuir	Maths
Makayla Menos	English (HL)

Certificate for Outstanding Progress:
Grade 2 – Qhamasande Jacobs & Amyoli Sizila

GRADE 3

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Jennavieve Beldon	
Elizabeth Houseman	
Brogan Koeberg	
Leander Kraai	
Richard Murray	
Sisona Naki	
Aimee Short	
Sixolile Singeni	
Liso Sobantu	
Kwakhanya Buyiselo	
Ryan Cairns	
Kirsten Collett	
Nasreen Foster	
Grace Kemp	
Declan Lewis	
Khazimla Mbulawa	
Tara Piercey	
Amber Slater	
Jade Slater	

Merit Certificate - over 80%	
Delmè Moos	Eng (HL) Afr (fal)
Sinoyolo Pantsi	Eng (HL)

Skye Meyers	Afr (fal)
Lindy-Lee Warneke	Afr (fal)
Benjamin Loots	Afr (fal)
Zoë Hobson	Maths
Zach Verwey	Maths
Callum Jacobs	Maths
Mpho-Emntle Booysen	Maths
Dwayne Koeberg	Maths
Unakho Siyongwana	Maths

GRADE 4

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Samantha Charles	
Peter- Daniel Clegg	
Sisathi Duka	
Jemma Grootboom	
Sakeenah Hajie	
Xarah Hoffman	
Tristan Hope	
Morgan McNaughton	
Mellisa Naudé	
Daniel Short	
Katelyn Trollip	
Lisa Vutula	
Josh Arends	
Amber Bezuidenhout	
Lebogang Booysen	
Anna Bouwer	
Rebecca Copeman	
Bradley Davenport	
Taegen Hamid	
Muhammed Kazi	
Luca Kinghorn	
Ciara Kivedo	
Similo Mvandaba	
Misha Newton	
Jade Palmer	
Ashleigh Shell	
Juan-Emile Smit	
Jesse Taylor-Freeme	
Mecoli Vorster	



Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Chavene Lamont	Social Science & Natural Sciences and Technology
Leigh-Ann Murray	Social Science & Natural Sciences and Technology
Kimberly Menos	Social Science & Natural Sciences and Technology
Amy Waddelow	Social Science & Natural Sciences and Technology
Liyabona Ndamase	Natural Sciences and Technology
Liso Booii	Natural Sciences and Technology
Bernian Klaasen	Natural Sciences and Technology
Sinelizwi Mcilongo	Natural Sciences and Technology
Maghawe Norman	Natural Sciences and Technology
Zuhaib Wajid	Maths & Natural Sciences and Technology
Nina Japhta	Social Science
Christopher-John Moos	Maths

Certificate for Outstanding Progress: **Grade 4 – Bernian Klaasen**
 Brendan Minnaar Memorial Trophy donated by the A-10 class of 2003 for
 Top Mathematician: **Bradley Davenport**
 Old Unionite Floating Shield for Top Academic Achievement in Grade 4:
Bradley Davenport

SPECIAL AWARDS

Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Trophy: for the Grade 3 pupil/s who demonstrates the most praiseworthy social skills:

Sixolile Singeni & Kwakhanya Buyiselo

The Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Bursary: is awarded to a scholar in Grade 2 going to Grade 3 next year. Such a scholar is not necessarily top in her/his grade, but all things considered has brought credit to herself/himself and her/his school in the following areas:

Academic, Cultural, Sport Social

Such a child is deemed to be deserving of, and seen as one who would benefit by a bursary.

Rebecca Kingwill Bursary

Emma Watson

Harlin Lepotha Memorial Shield: donated by the 2007 A-10 class for the pupil who demonstrates strength of character and shows personal growth while maintaining a positive disposition:

Tristan Hope

Bruce Cumming Award: This Honours Trophy is awarded to the pupil who is an all rounder. This pupil achieves as a scholar, participates in cultural activities and on the sports field. He/she displays leadership qualities and sportsmanship:

Daniel Short & Misha Newton

PRIZE LIST – 1ST Term 2019

ATHLETICS

GIRLS U/7		
Hermon Wolde	1st 2nd	60m 80m
Kari Stern	1st 2nd	80m 60m
Shante Simpson	3rd	60m
Hayley Krige	3rd	80m
BOYS U/7		
Lusizo Ngqoba	1st 3rd	60m 80m
Nathaneal Phillips	2nd 2nd	80m 60m
Lukhona Bulembu	1st 3rd	80m 60m
GIRLS U/8		
Abonani Matushe	1st 1st	60m 80m
Samantha Gilfilian	2nd 2nd	60m 80m
Siyolise Mateza	3rd 3rd	60m 80m
BOYS U/8		
Khazimla Jantjies	1st 1st	60m 80m
Jordan Maritz	2nd 2nd	60m 80m
Kabamba Ngoie	3rd	60m
Joubert Vorster	3rd	80m
GIRLS U/9		
Mia Botha	1st 1st 1st 2nd 3rd	80m 100m 400m Shot Put High Jump
Alexandra Short	2nd	80m
Keisha Seva	1st 2nd 3rd	High Jump 100m 80m

Onika Jantjies	2nd 3rd	400m 100m
Cayla Newton	2nd 2nd 3rd	High Jump Long Jump 400m
Alyssa Trollip	1st	Long Jump
Emma Watson	3rd	Long Jump
Claire de Klerk	1st	Shot Put
Alexis Elliot Gentry	3rd	Shot Put
BOYS U/9		
Bernard Raath	1st 1st 3rd	80m 100m 400m
Owen Paxton	1st 1st 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd	400m High Jump Shot Put 80m Long Jump 100m
Philip Kayster	3rd 3rd	80m High Jump
Sonwabiso Kula	2nd	100m
Quinn Naude	1st 2nd 2nd 2nd	Long Jump 400m High Jump Shot Put
Evan van der Westhuizen	3rd 3rd	Long Jump Shot Put
GIRLS U/10		
Grace Kemp	1st 1st 1st 2nd 3rd	80m 100m High Jump 1200m Long Jump
Elizabeth Houseman	3rd	1200m
Imivuyo Nondlazi	1st 2nd 2nd 3rd	Long Jump 80m 100m High Jump
Kuhle Nqumashe	3rd	80m
Sinead Swartz	3rd	100m

Amber Slater	2nd	Long Jump
Emma Gibbons	2nd	Shot Put
Brogan Koeberg	1st	Shot Put
Zoe Hopson	1st 2nd	1200m High Jump
Zanique Souter	3rd	Shot put
BOYS U/10		
Dwayne Koeberg	1st 2nd 2nd	High Jump 80m 100m
Lulonke Vumazonke	1st 1st 3rd	80m 100m Long Jump
Richard Murray	1st 3rd 3rd	Shot Put 100m 1200m
Callum Jacobs	1st 2nd 3rd	1200m Long Jump (Tie) Shot Put
Warren Barlow	2nd 3rd 3rd	1200m 80m High Jump
Leander Kraai	1st 2nd 2nd	Long Jump High Jump Shot Put
Unakho Siyongwana	3rd	Long Jump (Tie)

TROPHIES INTERHOUSE

Barclays Insurance Brokers Trophy for Athletics - Collected by Leander Kraai for:

ARNOTT ATHLETICS

Skietkuil Floating Trophy – Victrix Ludorum:

Grace Kemp

Neville Willows Floating Trophy – Victor

Ludorum:

Dwayne Koeberg

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – 3RD TERM 2019 – 19 Sep 2019

INTERHOUSE TROPHIES

Zoetvlei Floating Trophy for Rugby:

**Collected for ARNOTT
by Junior de Bruin
Collected for DALY
by Jade Slater**

Tiny Middleton Floating Trophy for Hockey:

HOCKEY:

U/9

Certificate for most improved player/s:

**Antonia Adams
Emma Watson**

Certificate for showing positive sportsmanship:

Sulette Damons Floating Trophy donated by the UHS 2005 First XI for most promising U/9 player:

Mia Botha U/8

Carol Lee Floating Trophy – Most promising Junior Hockey Player:

Chantè Bezuidenhout

Corrie Potgieter Floating Trophy – Most improved Junior Hockey Player/s:

Kelsey Horn

U/10

Certificate for Most Improved Player:

Mpho-Emntle Booyesen

Certificate for showing positive sportsmanship Player:

Kwakhanya Buyiselo

Haloise Middleton Floating Trophy – Most Promising U/10 Player:

Amber Slater & Grace Kemp

RUGBY:

The Van Wyk Floating Trophy for most improved rugby player- Gr 1-4:

Lulonke Vumazonke

U/9

Graaff-Reinet Hardware and Building Supplies Trophy – Most Promising U/9 Rugby Players:

Owen Paxton

U/11 Certificate:

Performed with merit:

Richard Murray

Bennett Floating Trophy – Player of the Year:

Lulonke Vumazonke

CROSS COUNTRY:

Junior Cross Country: Girls

3rd Place:

Siyolise Mateza

2nd Place:

Abonani Matushe

1st Place and the Andrew Bates Floating Trophy – Junior Girls:

Samantha Gilfillan

Junior Cross Country: Boys

3rd Place:

Tyrique Baartman

2nd Place:

Joubert vorster

1st Place and the André Naudé Floating Trophy – Junior Boys:

Jordan Maritz

Senior Cross Country: Girls

3rd Place:

Cu-Shan Hoffman

2nd Place:

Zoë Hobson

1st Place and the Lizle Smit Floating Trophy – Senior Cross Country Girls:

Mia Botha

Senior Cross Country: Boys

3rd Place:

Bernard Raath

2nd Place:

Owen Paxton

1st Place and the George Mundell Floating Trophy – Senior Cross

Country Boys:

Warren Barlow

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 2019

SPORTS AWARDS:

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES 2019

Girls u7		
Angelique Kyanda Kaboza	1st 1st	Backstroke Freestyle
Boys u7		
Ryonn Naude	1st 1st	Backstroke Freestyle
Girls u8		
Helen van den Heever	1st 2nd 2nd	Backstroke Breaststroke Freestyle
Samantha Gilfillan	1st 1st 2nd	Breaststroke Freestyle Backstroke
Boys u8		
Murray Hope	1st 3rd	Backstroke Freestyle
Jordan Maritz	1st 2nd	Freestyle Backstroke
Joubert Vorster	2nd 3rd	Freestyle Backstroke
Girls u9		
Mia Botha	1st 1st 1st 1st	Backstroke Breaststroke Butterfly Freestyle
Cayla Newton	2nd 3rd	Backstroke Freestyle
Alex Short	3rd	Backstroke
Emma Watson	2nd	Breaststroke
Alyssa Trollip	3rd 2nd	Breaststroke Freestyle

Boys u9		
Owen Paxton	1st 1st 1st	Backstroke Breaststroke Freestyle
Evan van der Westhuizen	2nd	Backstroke
James Stocks	3rd 3rd	Backstroke Breaststroke
Quinn Naude	2nd 3rd	Breaststroke Freestyle
Carl Verheul	2nd	Freestyle
Girls Open		
Grace Kemp	1st 1st 1st 1st	Backstroke Breaststroke Freestyle Butterfly
Jourdon Koeberg	2nd 3rd 3rd	Backstroke Breaststroke Freestyle
Elizabeth Houseman	2nd 3rd	Freestyle Backstroke
Skye Meyers	2nd	Breaststroke
Boys Open		
Callum Jacobs	1st 1st 1st 1st	Backstroke Breaststroke Butterfly Freestyle
Dwayne Koeberg	2nd 2nd 3rd	Backstroke Freestyle Breaststroke
Vincent Clarke	3rd	Backstroke
Benjiman Loots	2nd 3rd	Breaststroke Freestyle

Most improved Swimmer: **Owen Paxton**

Perseverance in swimming:

**Jourdon Koeberg
Elizabeth Houseman
No award this year**

Inter-house:

Pearson Floating Trophy – Victor Ludorum:

Callum Jacobs

Pohl Brothers Floating Trophy – Victrix

Ludorum:

Grace Kemp

TENNIS:

Boys' Doubles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Vincent Clark & Brett Kenmuir**

2nd Place: **Richard Murray & Leander Kraai**

Robin Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Doubles:

Owen Paxton & Callum Jacobs

Boys' Singles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Richard Murray**

2nd Place: **Callum Jacobs**

Richard Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Singles:

Owen Paxton

Girls' Doubles Tennis Championships

3rd Place Jade Slater & Mia Botha

2nd Place: **Cayla Newton & Amber Slater**

Gary Sullivan Floating Trophy – Girls' Doubles:

Grace Kemp & Emma Watson

Girls' Singles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Emma Watson**

2nd Place: **Mia Botha**

B.P. Floating Trophy – Girls' Singles:

Grace Kemp

Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Amber Slater & Leander Kraai**

2nd Place: **Emma Watson & Callum Jacobs**

Dassie Fontein Floating Trophy – Mixed Doubles:
Kemp & Owen Paxton

Grace

Special award to Prep School boy/girl/both who achieved above his/her age group in tennis: **Owen Paxton**

CRICKET:

Lutho Pohlango Floating Trophy – Most Promising Junior Cricketer:

Owen Paxton

Brian Bands Floating Trophy – All Round Mini-Cricketer:

Evan van der Westhuizen

Merit Certificate for batting U/9:

Tristan Hudson

Merit Certificate for bowling U/9:

James Sticks

Merit Certificate for Progress in cricket – U/9:

Joubert Vorster / Jordan Maritz

Lee Joseph Floating Trophy - Most Promising U/11 B Cricketer:

Callum Jacobs

Quinton Family Floating Trophy – Achievement in Bowling:

Richard Murray

Dennis McEwan Floating Trophy – Achievement in Batting:

Owen Paxton

Donald Kingwill Floating Trophy for Cricket – Achievement in Fielding:

Leander Kraai

Merit Certificate for batting U/11:

Owen Paxton

Merit Certificate for bowling U/11:

Richard Murray

Merit Certificate for Progress in cricket – U/11:

Owen Paxton

SPORTSMAN:

Stern family Floating Trophy – Sportswoman of the Year:

Grace Kemp

Carl Bezuidenhout Floating Trophy – Sportsman of the Year:

Owen Paxton

CULTURAL AWARDS

MUSIC PRIZES

RECORDER:

Grade 2:

**Kira Hector; Kelsey Horn; Annabelle Nel;
Helen van den Heever**

Grade 3:

Miecke-Leigh Blom ; Alexis Elliott-Gentry

Grade 4:

Nasreen Foster; Aimee Short

PIANO:

Grade 3 Merit for Piano:

**Gerda Clarke; Cate Cochrane; Alyssa
Trollip; Emma Watson**

Grade 3 Progress in Piano:

Tristan Hudson; Aaliyah Japhta;

Philip Kayster; Eric Wallis; Leela Marais

Grade 4: Merit for Piano:

Aimee Short; Liso Sobantu

Grade 4: Achievement in Piano:

Tara Piercey

Alet Kingwill Floating Trophy – for the most outstanding Piano pupil:

Tara Piercey

CHESS:

JP Kruger Floating Trophy for most improved Junior Chess: **Player Dantè**

Mills; Rachel Wenham

Tossie Minnaar Floating Trophy for Junior Chess Champion: **Jake Hobson**

Chanzelle Heunis Floating Trophy for Achievement in Chess:

Sixolile Singeni

Cedric Hayward Floating Trophy for Individual Chess Champion:

Jake Hobson

Horace Stanton Floating Trophy: General Knowledge Champion:

Tara Piercey

Achievement in Acting:

Kirsten Collett; Leander Kraai;

Richard Murray; Sixolile Singeni,

Aimee Short; Zack Verwey

Belinda Botha Floating Trophy for Excellence in Acting:

Zoë Hobson; Elizabeth Houseman;

Khazimla Mbulawa;

Marlene Rubidge Floating Trophy for achievement and progress in

Cultural Activities: **Elizabeth Houseman;**

Tara Piercey

ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

GRADE 1:	
1 YEAR	Onaye Cetumane, Kwande Sobantu, Robyn Grootboom, Dante Mills, Hermon Wolde
GRADE 2:	
1 YEAR	Chanté Bezuidenhout, Abonani Matushe, Kira Hector, Lukhanyo Mngqongwiwe, Kabamba Ngoie, Josh Seis, Joubert Vorster, Curen Willemse
GRADE 3:	
1 YEAR	Makayla Menos, Alyssa Trollip, Miecke-Leigh Blom, Mnombo Kula
2 YEARS	Zoë Mills
GRADE 4	
1 YEAR	Emihle Mateza, Liyabona Nkomo, Kwakhanya Buyiselo, Dwayne Koeberg, Declan Lewis, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Sinoyolo Pantsi

ACADEMIC AWARDS

GRADE 1

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%
Zainab Akram
Hayley Krige
Luminathi Mroro
Ryonn Naudé
Ivanka Nel
Noël Shakane
Kari Stern
Onaye Cetumane
Ryan Collett
Zuraicha Deyssel
Joshua Kingwill
Claude Marais

Tinae Pretorius
Chivargo Stoffels
Luchae Thomas

Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Mahruf Hawladar	Maths
Rhyno Homveld	Maths
Alzano Japhta	Maths
Angeliqe Kyanda Kaboza	Maths
Mellissa Marais	Maths
Dante Mills	Maths
Nathaneal Phillips	Maths
Emily Raath	Maths
Cayden Thompson	Maths
Hermon Wolde	Maths

Caren Bantom	Maths
Matthew Christoffels	Maths
Caron Goliath	Maths
Sarah Hampton	Maths
Keith Hudson	Maths
Monalisa Jika Jika	Maths
Kendel Kruger	Maths
Jordan Lamont	Maths
Abigail Loots	Maths
Lusizo Ngqoba	Maths
Ira Qureshi	Maths
Shanté Simpson	Maths
Kwande Sobantu	Maths
Jayline Swartz	Maths

Certificate for Outstanding Progress: Grade 1

Clark Labuschagne

Certificate for Progress in Maths: **Inam April/Olothando Desha**

Certificate for Progress in English & Maths:
Bubukho Jack / Lechem Lamont

GRADE 2

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Maribel-Martisha April	
Richere Cudjoe	
Kira Hector	
Jake Hobson	
Alison Jacobs	
Jordan Maritz	
Leagan Katzen	
Halyn Wessels	
Chanté Bezuidenhout	
Samantha Gilfillan	
Kelsey Horn	
Khazimla Jantjies	
Helen van den Heever	
Rachel Wenham	

Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Annabelle Nel	English & Afrikaans
Taelynn Manley	English & Afrikaans
Ava Sweigers	English & Afrikaans
Zimingtonaphakade Matiwane	Afrikaans & Maths
Micha Murray	Afrikaans & Maths
Curen Willemsse	Afrikaans & Maths
Murray Hope	Maths
Connor te Water Naudé	English & Maths
Samiah Naidoo	Maths
Lukhanyo Mngqongiwe	Maths
Sumaya Akther	Maths
Lihlombe Dali	Maths
Jae Fillis	Maths
Nicola Scriven	Maths

Certificate for Outstanding Progress:
Grade 2: **Josh Seis**

GRADE 3

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Miecke-Leigh Blom	
Cayla Newton	
Owen Paxton	
Emma Watson	
Antonia Adams	
Cate Cochrane	
Philip Kayster	
Leela Marais	
James Stocks	
Alyssa Trollip	

Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Onika Jantjies	English & Maths
Janco Du Plessis	Afrikaans & Maths
Bernard Raath	Afrikaans & Maths
Keenan Warner	Afrikaans & Maths
Carlen Prinsloo	English & Afrikaans
Makayla Menos	English & Afrikaans
Emihle Vuthuza	English & Afrikaans
Zunaida Deysel	English
Aaliyah Jaftha	English
Aidan Jaftha	English
Alexandra Short	English
Zoë Mills	Afrikaans
Mia Botha	Afrikaans
Chloe-Ann Fourie	Afrikaans
Cu-Shan Hoffman	Afrikaans
Gerda Clarke	Maths
Quinn Naudé	Maths
Asakhula Nkomo	Maths
Sinalo Blaaw	Maths
Tristan Hudson	Maths
Leynton Nhlabathi	Maths

Certificate for Outstanding Progress:

Grade 3

**Sithandile Mhlana, Nadine Murray,
Leynton Nhlabathi &
Qhamasande Jacobs**

GRADE 4

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Jennavieve Beldon	
Kirsten Collett	
Nasreen Foster	
Emma Gibbons	
Zoë Hobson	
Elizabeth Houseman	
Callum Jacobs	
Grace Kemp	
Brogan Koeberg	
Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg	
Leander Kraai	
Declan Lewis	
Benjamin Loots	
Khazimla Mbulawa	
Delme Moos	
Richard Murray	
Tara Piercey	
Aimee Short	
Sixelile Singeni	
Amber Slater	
Jade Slater	
Liso Sobantu	
Zach Verwey	

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%	
Dwayne Koeberg	Maths - Social Sciences - NS & Tech
Warren Barlow	Maths NS & Tech
Zanique Souter	Maths NS & Tech
Unakho Siyongwana	Social Sciences - NS & Tech
Jacquin Smith	Social Sciences - NS & Tech
Shanica Abrahams	Afrikaans 1st additional
Lutholwethu Bottoman	Afrikaans 1st additional
Sinoyolo Pantsi	Afrikaans 1st additional
Skye Meyers	Afrikaans 1st additional - Social Sciences
Kwakhanya Buyiselo	Maths
Hayden August	Social Sciences
Lulonke Vumazonke	Social Sciences

Certificate for Outstanding Progress: **Grade 4 -**

Brendan Minnaar Memorial Trophy

donated by the A-10 class of 2003 for
Top Mathematician: **Tara Piercey**

Old Unionite Floating Shield for Top Academic
Achievement in Grade 4: **Aimee Short**

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Trophy –
for the Grade 3 pupil/s who demonstrates
the most praiseworthy social skills:
Amyoli Sizila & Zoë Mills

The Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Bursary is
awarded to a scholar in Grade 2 going to Grade
3 next year. Such a scholar is not necessary top
in her/his grade, but all things considered has
brought credit to herself/himself and her/his
school in the following areas:

- Academic
- Cultural Sport
- Social

Such a child is deemed to be deserving of, and
seen as one who would benefit by a bursary.

Rebecca Kingwill Bursary:

Rachel Wenham & Kira Hector

Harlin Lepotha Memorial Shield

donated by the 2007 A-10 class for the pupil
who demonstrates strength of character and
shows personal growth while maintaining a
positive disposition:

Junior de Bruin

Bruce Cumming Award:

This Honours Trophy is awarded to the pupil
who is an all rounder. This pupil achieves as a
scholar, participates in cultural activities and
on the sports field. He/she displays leadership
qualities and sportsmanship.:

Liso Sobantu & Amber Slater

Special Awards



PARKRUN PROS!

Jenna Beldon (Grade 4), and Cate Cochrane (Grade 3) enjoy participating in the weekly parkruns in Graaff-Reinet. These youngsters completed their 10th 5km Mountain Drive parkrun, an achievement for which they were rewarded with a special certificate.

ELITE YOUNG ATHLETE

Union Preparatory School is extremely proud of Mia Botha who has been selected represent the Eastern Province Biathlon team at the South African Champs in the near future. She was also awarded with the trophy for Most Promising u/9 Female Athlete for the 2018/19 biathlon season at the annual Eastern Province Biathlon awards ceremony held in Port Elizabeth. Congratulations Mia!



LEARNER EXCELS AT EISTEDDFOD

Gerda Clarke, a Grade 3 learner, participated in her first ever Karoo Eisteddfod in De Aar. The Karoo Eisteddfod is an art initiative to encourage the children of the Central Karoo to explore and express themselves artistically. Gerda, who was tutored and entered by her mom, Mrs. Anna Clarke, did exceptionally well, and was awarded with a gold and silver award respectively for her two piano solos. Gerda enjoyed the experience tremendously and hopes to enter other categories as well next year.

BUDDING POET

Kyla Putter, 4th generation at Union Schools, (on the maternal side) turns out to be a budding poet. She has recently had her poem, Dinosaurs, published in a young writer's book called "Poetry Wonderland - Devon and Dorset. Megan and Kyla Putter joined us from England towards the end of last year, and are assets to the school.



TENNIS CHAMP

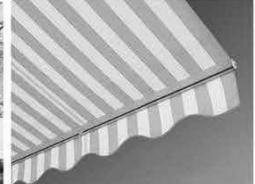
Congratulations to Grace Kemp, a Grade 4 learner, on being selected for the u/10 EP Inter-District tennis team. Grace also won the u/10 section in a ranking tournament hosted by the South African Tennis Association (SATA).



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