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SENIOR PREPARATORY FACULTY
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DATES FOR 2017*

SUMMER QUARTER
16 January – 30 March
AUTUMN QUARTER
19 April – 29 June
WINTER QUARTER
25 July – 28 September
SPRING QUARTER
10 October – 06 December

Spring Quarter



October - December

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PARKLANDS TIMES

Founder's Message
Lorraine Roth

Congratulations on another year of outstanding achievements. Well done to our learners, their Principals and teachers, who have once again given of their best and achieved so much during 2016.

As 2016 draws to a close we look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2017. To our Grade R's - our Pre-Primary has challenged, inspired and instilled in each one, a sense of wonder in the world in which they live and it is with confidence that we hand them over to the Junior Preparatory. Their boundaries of discovery will be extended as they embrace new technologies and inventions that will one day improve our lives and will hopefully make our planet cleaner and safer. We look forward to monitoring their progress as they move through the College over the next 12 years and all being well, should matriculate in 2028. To our Pre-Primary team, you are indeed special and are to be complimented on the love and dedication you shower upon our young learners, you make each one truly count.

As the Grade Twelve student body leave us, we would like to remind them that there is no strength without challenge or adversity. Striving for a goal constantly presents many challenges, but that is where one's strength will come from together with one's ability to stand up, face the challenges and walk through them. Whichever path they traverse, we hope that they will remember the lessons that they learnt from their time at Parklands College.

My final words of advice to them are, *'Be yourself, have the courage to follow the course that you believe to be right, make the most of your abilities, take your part where you have a contribution to make and give back to society as much as you take from it - in other words, continue on your journey of excellence and hold aloft your ideals and vision, and you shall justly reap the rewards of your labours.'*

Finally, thank you to every parent for entrusting us with your children. We are sure that you share in our pride as we delight in their achievements.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our educator body of 2016. They have held the vision fast in times of challenge and have celebrated in the glory of our many achievements. Their dedication can never be underestimated. With the continued support of such a committed team and the continuous backing of our parents and Board we will continue to grow from strength to strength. May the Holiday Season bring you its treasures in abundance: lasting friendships, family joys, health and prosperity.

Graduates of 2016



Back Row: Samantha Eagle (Educator), Matthew Smith, Rebecca Jacobs, Dylan Edworthy, Keira Chirnside, Priyanka Ramlakan, Alexander Van Rooyen, Jayden Lamb, Aiden Pheiffer-Meyer, Theo Kabuya, Tyler Sanassy, Anna Finn Nagtegaal, Noah Fick, Meredith Chirnside, Taziané Botha, Ruby Nieuwstadt, Joshua Kelly, Kris Du Rand, Adri-Anke Van Zyl (Educator)
Back Middle Row: Tali Maltz (Educator), Ioannis-Loukas Lambrou, Priyen Munsamy, Mia Joubert, Connor Ince, Christo Strydom, Taylor Myron, Emma Fourie, Ethan Wüst, Tawananyasha Chingarande, Luan Odendaal, Diane-Maé Jones, Kwezi Smith, Jazmine Swartz, Daniel Meader, Arcanjo Mwini, Hunter Van Schoor, Mphote Mokgele, Justine de Wet (Educator)
Front Middle Row: Chantel Lamb (Principal), Callum Leask, Kira Maltz Kuhn, Anastasia Ribeiro, Hodavia Kianda Kaboza, Milena Berowsky, Veer Atwaru, Kamau Lutaaya, Jesse Loxton, Tyler Frederiks, Ronia Minkoulou, Viraya Pillay, Kasey Wepener-MacLean, Zelda Deiner, Isabela Manickum, Lucie Belliardo Perbet, Yishira Moodley, Kathryn Ladewig, Bijou Nock, Riëtte Pieterse (Associate Principal)
Front Row: Alex Pijoos, Clara-Mari Vosloo, Israa Adam, Prunelle Kipuya, Isaac Martin, Sophie Lazare, Xiqian (Bobby) Chen, Heitor Gonçalves, Bongani Kgotso Phohlela, Piper Hamilton-Brister, Eli Hewett, Morena Kholong, Lara Smit
Absent: Khanya Makhooane, Ryan Okosun, Ha My Milena Tran

Matriculants of 2016



Front Row: Diana de Pão, Natia Lucas, Mihlali Tshumsila, Fatima Banyu, Leah de Reuck, Amey Meyer, Benjamin Ward, Noluthando Musewe, Robert Kucera, Emily McMahon, Monica McLaughlin, Karen Wu, Nadia Nordien, Marina Bastos Bezerra Pereira **Second Row:** Megan Doveton, Jenna-Lee Shearer, Oluomachukwu Obinwa, Lisakhanya Green, Nonikwa Nobhongoza, Savannah Dassé, Kirsten Eppel, Angelique Munyange, Jaime Coue, Chloë Saville, Sheila Wiggins, Amy Thomas, Sara Rosado **Third Row:** Claudia Schoeman, Jordan Jamieson, Keziah Claxton, Christine Livingston, Aiden Hughes, Gregory McDonald, Zaheer Mohommed Abbas, Christopher Lubbe, Matéo Morin, Micaela Dorman, Kirsty Herman, Dara Correia **Fourth Row:** Liam Mackay, Dylan Schultz, James Brandon, Nicolas Morin, Tim North, Aidan Roeters-Van Lennep, Ayabonga Makubalo, Mikhailan Naicker, Tom Courtnadge, Joshua Conradie, Chuma Mgolozeli, Chaz Antoncich, Darren Solomon **Fifth Row:** Guy Forster, Jason Roberts, Tyron Howes, Sebastian Holman-Raschen, Nicolas Cattelan, Nicholas van der Merwe, Michael Nesbitt, Valentin Mintchev, Joshua Jones, Andrew Cillie, Joseph Clews, Kyle Stebbing **Back Row:** Kealym Bromley, Sheldon Reay, Matt-Rene van Galen, Reece Green, Jingcheng Li, Kristy-Anne Milne, Jana Minnie, Scott Spencer-Hicken, Miguel de Barros Viana, Lauren Lee, Christine Hu, Ricardo Clementi, Tristan Oertel

SECONDARY FACULTY GRADES 7 - 12

From the Principal's Office
Sylvia Steyn

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la. Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la." Deck the Halls" or *"Deck the Hall"* (which is the 1877 title) is a traditional Christmas, yuletide, and New Years' carol. The melody is Welsh dating back to the sixteenth century, and belongs to a winter carol, *"Nos Galan"*, while the English lyrics date to 1862. (Wikipedia)

This time of the year one finds yourself humming tunes you have not heard for a year, being surrounded by bursts of colour, shopping for things you wouldn't normally buy – and all of this to celebrate the end of another year of blessings. At Parklands College we look back with pride and gratitude to what our learners and our staff members have achieved in 2016. The Parklands family celebrated many unique and outstanding achievements, enjoyed many exciting surprises and received wonderful accolades from far and wide. We can't wait to see what 2017 may bring.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to some staff members: Mr Du Preez, Mr Joubert, Mr Van Staden, Mrs Wesner, Ms Morris, Ms Halland, Dr Rossouw, Ms Lamprecht. We wish them all the best as they embark on new ventures and thank them for their individual contributions to the College. Thank you to all our educators for your hard work and care throughout the year. Your commitment and positive attitude contribute to the successes we are able to celebrate at the College.

Well done to the grade 7 to 11 learners on your final results. We eagerly await the matric results on 5 January 2017. May you enjoy a great holiday and return refreshed for the challenges of the new year. Thank you to the parents for your ongoing support to your children and to the College.

May I wish everyone of the Parklands family a joyful Festive Season, Fa la la la la, la la la la. I look forward to 2017.





academics

Spring Quarter Top Achievers

Congratulations to the follwing learners on their outstanding results in the Spring Quarter

Grade 11: : Achieving a 75% or above aggregate

Connor Fick, Jade Caplan, Lara Adkins, Jade Tucker, Caitlin Schultz, Calvin Clarke, Lilitha Jeremiah, Calvin Wiltshire, Jessica Woodhall,Nerisha Vollweiler, James Wallwork, Paul Newton, Stefan Vorster, Brittany Orlik, George Sparg, Tieg O'Sullivan, Romy Bogner, Connar Swart, Liyabona Tshuta, Kayla Tromp, Devon Crowther, Niamh Moriarty, Benjamin Fisher, Dylan Rees, Erin Matthews, Gregory Bosch, Robert Walton, Ashley Minshall, Lindsay Friday, Lauren Abrahall, Kristine Luke, Thandi Colley, Laura Wolvaardt

Grade 10: : Achieving a 75% or above aggregate

Retha Jordaan, Duncan Torbet, Zihan Jin, Seth Vögler, Sarika Naidoo, Melisa Mbero, Robyn Karsten, Lolita De Abreu, Liam Stoffberg, Scott Moreau, Nicayla de Villiers, Enzo Peres Afonso, Kelly Martin, Connor Jamieson, Tania Kianda Nkulu, Constantina Hadjidakis, Carla Streicher, Gabriella Nunes, Lee Esterhuizen, Lisa Courtnadge, Candace Boorman, Justin Coburn, Talia Botha, Caleigh Wehmeyer, Stephanus Cilliers, Jade Simoen, Nina Rossouw, Mia Laubenheimer, Mia Brown, Leila Bogner, Simeon September, Emile Tredoux, Megan Büttgen, Megan Bremner, Harley Moriarty, Jamie Turnbull, Phoebe Bogner, Cecilia van der Walt, Megan Conradie, Tara Pohl, Frank Smuts, Tara Grobbelaar

Grade 9: Achieving a 80% or above aggregate

Adam Colley, Tiffany Schrauwen, Kiara Meerburg, Michaela Bezer, Nthato Vilakazi, Ah Young Kim, Hannah Nolte, Hendrik Smuts, Sydney Smith, Ilse Thomas, Nadeem Jeewa, Leam Gerber, Ashlee Kovachi, Ivana Schäfer

Grade 8: Achieving a 80% or above aggregate

Georgia Bowles, Storm Elliott, Matthew Stein, Nora Meviane, Bathandwa May, Keagan Strydom, Kim Sendin,Sedef Sarialan, Dylan Loram, Kiara Pillay, Juaneque Human, Sithara Govender, Bianca Botha, Emily Van Wyk, Johann Strydom, Ryan Sparg, Kwena Mabotja, Ana Silva Nunes, Mia Zgerski, Liezl Myburgh, Zarah Linssen, Jade Bremner, Darian Naidoo

Grade 7: Achieving a 80% or above aggregate

Kara Simoen, Hayden Visser, Josue Kalombo Mwape, Omar Abousheer, Christine Greig, Tylá Fourie, Darushen Pillay, Shreya Singh, Thor Hambly-Nuss, Jana Grobbelaar

2016 Excellence in Education Awards

The 2016 Excellence in Education Awards were held this Wednesday in Johannesburg. This year's competition received a total of 429 entries from across all 9 provinces which were judged by international education experts. Parklands College once again achieved multiple awards in this prestigious competition.

Parklands College Junior Preparatory teachers and learners achieved the following positions in the Grade 0 - 3 Curriculum Challenge category:

2nd place: "My Shape Project" by Emma Lilienfeld. Teacher: Kiomi Yeoman

1st place: "South America" by Liam Loxton, Sam Lilienfeld, Amber Stein and Amy Kate Wood. Teacher: Bianca Edworthy

Our Senior Preparatory achieved in the Grade 4 - 7 Curriculum Challenge category:
2nd Place: "The Impact of Ancient Egypt on Modern Society" by Daniel Stewart, Nicholas Sendin, Lincoln Pillay and Jade Sedres. Teacher: Dianne Crowley.

Our Secondary Faculty achieved in both the Grade 8 and 9, and the Grade 10 - 12 Curriculum Challenge categories:

Mr Duffield's young scientists took all of the top 3 places with their Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe iBooks they made using iBooks Author.

3rd place: "Why is earth so special?" by Kaylee Musikanth and Abigail Rolfe

2nd place: "Our Cosmic Country" by Liezl Myburgh and Storm Elliot.

1st place: "Our Solar Suburb" by Jade Bremner and Bathandwa May

Our Grade 11 Life Orientation Media Awareness Campaign videos caught the judges' attention.

3rd place: "Connected" by Kyla Cranfield, Jade Tucker and Rebecca Crous
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLz8OlHM0QY

1st place: "Effect of Media on Relationships" by Isabella Inglese and Zintle Mayaphi
https://youtu.be/bbI2xLNCsCs

Both the Junior Preparatory and Secondary Faculties featured in the iTeacher 2016 category

2nd place: Mrs Barbara Brand, who teaches Grade 2.

1st place: Our very own teacher team of Ms Morris, Mr Pienaar and Mrs Wesner won the 2016 iTeacher Award with their 'Path to Panem: Transforming Education through Technology-enriched Project Based Learning' entry.

This is the third year in a row that Parklands educators have walked away with this award. It was won by Mr Peters in 2014 and Mrs Wesner in 2015.

Please find the work of the winning teams online at this link -> http://www.edexcellenceawards.co.za/winners-2016/

science

Science Expo

During the Spring Quarter break 4 "Parkies" competed in the International Science Fair held in Johannesburg. All four had already won Gold Medals at the Cape Town Regional Expo. The competition was of a very high standard, with teams from not only all round South Africa but also from as far a field as Mexico, Kenya, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. We are very proud of our 4 young scientists who received the following accolades:

- Chelsea Botha's project on "Resonance in Flames" won a silver medal and the National Institute of Theoretical Physics Best Physics Project. There is a strong possibility that Chelsea will be competing in another international science fair overseas in 2017.
- Enzo Peres Afonso's Astronomy Project: "Where are the stars?" won a silver medal.
- Seth Vogler and Adam Knoesen's "Solar Energy Project" won a gold award as well as the Terrapin Best Senior Energy Project. They will be participating in The Africa Energy Innovation Prize – an International event in Johannesburg in which adults also compete at the end of March 2017.





With young minds like this in our classes we have no doubt that the challenges we presently face will be solved in the future.

Don Duffield

robotics

Science Essay

On Tuesday, 4 of October Ryan and Mr Greenland embarked on a Journey to Johannesburg for the Natural Science Awards ceremony. They were treated to the Jaguar Primary Schools Challenge workshop on arrival, after which they made their way back to the lovely St George Hotel. On the second they were taken on an exclusive tour around the Pretoria Zoological Gardens and watched the finals of the National Astro Quiz. On the final night was the long awaited awards ceremony, a gala dinner for all the winners and top participants. We are very proud of Ryan Sparg who placed 2nd in grade 8 and 2ndoverall in the GET phase.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Team Hyperion Bots won the First Lego League Western Cape Regional Competition competition from a total entry of 24 teams and was awarded the Champions Trophy. Team Eureka scooped the trophy for Core Values: Inspiration and the overall second place award. Our junior team PC Terabots must be complimented on their teamwork and presentation skills. They showed great potential in the competition and were placed 9th.



Teams Hyperion Bots and Eureka were then invited to participate in the First Lego League Nationals in Johannesburg at the Sci-Bono Centre on the 2nd and 3rd of December. Team Eureka won the Project Research Award. Team Hyperion Bots impressed the judges in all their presentations and were a favourite in the competition. Needless to say, they were crowned the South African Champions in the FLL National 2016 competition, from a total of 29 teams from South Africa and Swaziland. They will be representing South Africa in the First Lego League International Competition on 19-22 April 2017 in Texas.

WORLD ROBOT OLYMPIAD

Pride was running on an all time high when our two Robotics teams earned Gold medallist status at the South African World Robot Olympiad (WRO) held at Tshwane University of Technology in September, this year. Teams Robodogs and Infinity, were then invited to represent South Africa amongst 11 other National teams, in the much anticipated WRO International – New Delhi event from 25-27 November. Experiencing colourful saris, flavoursome curries, tuk tuks, and a 'symphony' of hooter signals was definitely the order of the day!

The WRO is an annual global Robotics event incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education.The overall themed competition for 2016 was "RAP THE SCRAP", which involved teams in each of the five specific categories, either building a robot according to specifications, and programming it to complete a specific task in a required amount of time or building a robot to solve an identified theme related problem.

Team Robodog participated in the well attended Regular Elementary Category. During their allocated building time, they were one of the two quickest teams to commence the testing and troubleshooting phase, before the actual competition round began. After the announcement of the "Surprise Rule", the team quickly tweaked their program to incorporate this point adjustment. Team Robodog after composure from previous rounds, were delighted to achieve a perfect score of 120 in 53 seconds.

Team Infinity, a competitor in the the Senior High Open Category, set up their 2mx2m booth to display their autonomous boat, collecting trash on the surface of the water and were soon ready to present their project to the their allocated judges.

Sunday's competition for the Regular Category involved knock-out rounds for the top 64 selected teams. Team Robodog qualified for the quarter finals, then moving on to the semi-finals and eventually the finals, definitely a first for South Africa! They finished a proud 15th in their category.





The judges were very impressed with Team Infinity's project and their proposal of waste Collection. Many coaches and participants came to view their project. Team Infinity also placed 15th, an amazing achievement for South Africa.

Well done to our teams, 'Robodogs' and 'Infinity', for being excellent Ambassadors for the College and their country! Congratulations to both teams for being awardees of South African National colours with Mindsports – an affiliate with South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC).

Well done teams!

Computer Olympiad

The annual Programming Olympiad is one of the hardest competitions in South Africa¬ and sees aspiring computer scientists testing their metal in an intense coding-war. Stephanus Cilliers, a self-taught programmer and technology enthusiast has made it all the way to the final round of this extraordinary competition. To provide some perspective:

Out of the nearly 7000 entrants that started the competition, only 17 made it to the final round. Simply making it to the final round is a tremendous achievement and just comes to show that hard work and dedication does pay off.

Marcel Erasmus

leadership

LEARNER LEADERSHIP: 2017

Prefects

Executive Prefects

Head Prefects: Laura Wolvaardt, Connor Gerber

Deputy Head Prefects:
Sijabuliso Maqeda, Thandi Colley

Prefect of Academics
Kayla Tromp

Prefects of Learner Affairs
Samuel Iduh, Yasmin Ebrahim, Katlego Lucas

Prefects of Culture
Aza Mbovane, Lindsay Friday, Zintle Mayaphi

Prefects of Clubs and Societies
Ashley Minshall, Benjamin Fisher

Prefects of Houses
Niamh Moriarty, Brittany Orlik

Prefects of Sport
Ian Kitwanga, Kristine Luke

Prefect of Technology
Lauren Abrahall

House Captains
Cambridge: *Melisa Mbero, Luke Cillie, Cayleigh Wehmeyer (Vice)*
Harvard: *Harley Moriarty, Nina Rossouw, Zoë Van Rooyen (Vice)*
Oxford: *Nicholas Nesbitt, Lolita De Abreu, Megan Büttgen (Vice)*
Yale: *Amy Van Wyk, Connor Jamieson, Simeon September (Vice)*





career at Parklands College







These matrics started and finished their school careers at Parklands College. They were each awarded with a special medal bearing the date they first entered the school by Mrs Roth. Mrs Lamb (Principal of CRPP) and Mrs Steynberg (Past Principal of CRPP) were also there to congratulate them.

Blood donation clinic

This quarter's blood clinic was very well supported, thanks to special efforts by the peer promoters to create awareness. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Attendance: 58
Full units: 41
New donors: 24
Old donors: 17



alumni

CLASS OF 2006 REUNION

On 19 November we welcomed back the Class of 2006 for light refreshments and a tour of the new campus. It was great to see all the faces again. Please see some of the comments below:

"Great tour of the school. Amazing vision…" – Simone

"Beautiful school. Proud to be an alumni." – Janel

"Amazing campus. Great to be back." – Jenny

"Thank you for the amazing foundation to life." – Bradley

"Thanks for the trip down memory lane. Great school!" – Adrian

"Lekker seeing everyone. School looks epic!" – PJ

"Great seeing everyone. Lovely seeing this amazing school!" – Megan

"I'm really impressed with the new digs. I'm super proud to be a Parklands College Alumni! Thank you for being an integral part of my academic life!" – Maddy

"Thank you for being the foundation to our amazing schooling careers that helped fashion us into the successful human beings that we are. I will be eternally grateful." – Cayleigh



tours

Cederberg Journey

On Thursday 29 September a group of 16 intrepid explorers embarked on the inaugural Parklands College Journey, set in the specularly immense Cederberg Mountain Range. Most were blissfully unaware of the challenges that lay in wait. On arrival at Algeria Camp, the origin of our first day's hike, excitement was coursing through the veins as the group gave their newly acquired cooking equipment a test run. It was only as our nourishment and tents were being divvied up, with the crest of our imminent, near-vertical climb looming above, that a sense of uneasiness started creeping into each explorer's consciousness.

There is absolutely no doubt that a multi-day hike in the relatively untouched expanse of the Cederberg presents a massive challenge to the modern teenager. No technology, no takeaways, no BFFs. Nothing but daunting, undulating terrain for miles and miles in every direction. Nothing comfortable about this zone. An experience such as this one is truly unique and is essential for personal growth and every single member of this hiking group experienced that growth to some degree - that is a certainty.

Upon reflection, the Parklands Journey group of 2016 will look back on this experience with a sense of fulfillment. They will remember the sheer bravery - three audacious young men launching themselves off an eight-metre high cliff into the refreshing rockpool below. They will remember the unusual - sleeping in a cave like a nomadic Khoisan tribe. They will remember the hardships - hiking with heavy packs in the dark in search of a thirst-quenching water source. They will remember the triumph over adversity - conquering a debilitating fear of heights to clamber up a vertical rock face using a chain rope in an effort to summit the magnificent Tafelberg peak. They will remember the absolute beauty and tranquility of their surroundings. They will remember that they were the first; they were the trailblazers, and no one can ever take that away from them.

Patrick Smith



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Ten learners, accompanied by Mrs Jolandi Gibson and Ms Joni Halland, had the opportunity to attend the Kruger Park tour during the September break. The learners began their tour learning about the latest research in Palaeontology at the Maropeng Visitors Centre in Krugersdorp and the Cradle of Humankind, and spent six nights in the Kruger Park vicinity thereafter. The learners enjoyed spotting the Big Five and learning about the animals' habitats and unique characteristics from experienced tour guides. They thoroughly enjoyed the unique experiences afforded to them at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Swadini where they were able to touch and interact with wild animals and learn about the steps that are being taken to spread awareness and conserve endangered species. The tour provided both learners and teachers, alike, with lasting memories and a wealth of knowledge about our furry, feathered and scaly friends!





culture

External Cultural Examinations

Congratulations to our learners on your outstanding achievements.

Trinity Music results

- Shreea Naidu (Initial Piano) Distinction
- Nicole Sedres (Piano Grade 1) Distinction
- Juaneque Human (Grade 5 in Clarinet, Saxophone and Piano) Merit and two Distinctions
- Hendrik Smuts (Grade 6 Piano) Merit
- Lindsay Friday (Grade 8 Flute) Distinction
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Trinity College London
Speech and Drama Results 2016.

Candidates awarded Merit (75% - 84%) are as follows:

- Arabella Powell – Grade 4 Speech and Drama
- Sebastian Swart – Grade 5 Speech and Drama
- Oluhle Zisile – Grade7 Speech and Drama
- Meritxell Cilliers - Grade 7 Speech and Drama
- Zintle Mayaphi - Grade 8 Speech and Drama

Candidates awarded Distinction (85% +)

- Mathew Mizrachi - Grade 5 Speech and Drama
- Ané Murray – Grade 6 Speech and Drama
- Michaela Bezer - Grade 6 Speech and Drama

Candidates awarded Distinction over 90%

- Murray Fogg - Grade 7 Speech and Drama

Candidate awarded Distinction over 95%

- Daniella Mizrachi - Grade 8 Speech and Drama
- Aza Mbovane - Grade 8 Speech and Drama

Daniella Mizrachi and Aza Mbovane have been awarded Silver medals for their Speech & Drama grade 8 exams this year. (A silver medal is given to the candidate achieving the highest mark in the grade 6 – 8 exams)

SPRING FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Traditionally Spring is celebrated as the season of the renewal of nature and as a time of love and it was in this spirit that the Spring Arts Festival took place this week. This delightful celebration began with the opening of the Grade 12 Art and Design Exhibition on Friday evening. Throughout the week the campus was alive with small pockets of pop up activity that heralded in the new season. Monday, at first break, the hilarious antics of the Commedia Dell'Arte lovers, Columbina and Arlecchino, masterfully displayed by the Grade 10 Drama learners, had the audience in the Hospitality Gardens in stitches.

This was followed by the Grade 11 Choreography in the Bell quad and the Junior Trinity learners who performed poetry and monologues. On Tuesday the Senior Trinity learners performed extracts from their examinations selections in the Gardens. The Grade 10 Choreography followed the Parklands One Voice choir performance accompanied by Mr. Swanepoel on the accordion. The week draws to a conclusion with the Grade 10 and 11 Art and Design learners' exhibition in the Recreation Room.

In the exquisite surroundings of the College it is impossible to overlook the natural Springtime beauty all around us. Spring has most definitely sprung. Special thanks to Casandra de Vos for the beautiful posters and banners, which helped publicize the event, and to all the participants, audience and staff members who lent a hand in making the event a success.

Cathy Dodders



matrics

ART AND DESIGN









outreach

Interact 2017 Committee

Congratulations to the new committee members. We look forward to a great year of service above self under your capable guidance.

President: Caleigh Wehmeyer
Vice-President: Phoebe Bogner
Secretary: Nicayla De Villiers
Treasurer: Leila Bogner
Board Member: Megan Conradie



Blouberg Rotary Christmas Party

On the 3rd of December our Interact club volunteered at the Blouberg Rotary Christmas Party for the underprivileged children of Ysterplaat, Milnerton and Table View. The members were put to work organising Christmas presents for 350 children, running a photo booth as well as ensuring other aspects of the party ran without a hitch. At the end of the day we celebrated the beginning of the holiday as well as a year of good work with some pizza at the Italian Club.





culture

Grade 10 Dance

The Grade 10 Dance was one of the most memorable events of the grade 10 year. The Nantes Estate set the perfect scene for the perfect evening. The enchanted forest themed dining hall was absolutely mesmerizing.

We enjoyed a great meal, starting with a bread and cheese platter and salads, followed by a hot buffet and ending with a delicious sugar cone ice cream for dessert. Our DJ, Daniel Vorster, provided a very energetic atmosphere that kept the learners and teachers dancing all night long. All the Grade 10s looked dashing in their smart suits and dresses. Everyone had a sociable evening, complimenting each other, laughing and dancing together and enjoying the experience of the whole grade spending time together all dressed up and looking formal!

We had a brilliant, hardworking dance committee and we would like to thank every member for her contribution in making the dance as special as it was. The night would not have been such a success if we didn't have such a passionate committee.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Esterhuizen and Miss Lamprecht for your dedication and hard work towards organising such a wonderful evening. Thank you to Mrs Steyn and the College for making this event possible. It was a night to remember and we surely will!



sport

Co - Ed Water Polo Tour East London

Parklands College for the first time ever participated at the National Co-ed Water polo tournament during the October holidays, taking both a Boys and a Girls team. What an exciting experience for all these young Parkies! This year the event was hosted by Stirling High School in East London. All our learners enjoyed the tournament in general. They had some very exciting matches, with both the girls and the boys playing out with a penalty shoot out against Merrifield and Fourways respectively.

On Saturday 15 October Parklands College hosted their first Open Day Water Polo Festival. We had 14 teams attending this festival which included 6 girls' teams and 8 boys' teams. The Parklands' U19 Girls team ending by narrowly losing to Fish Hoek High in the finals. Our boys team did extremely well; they played a total of five matches and won two of them against Fairbairn College and Fish Hoek High School. Their dedication was admirable and they gave it their all when it came to the nail-biting final moments.

The U13 boys also participated at the Cannons Creek Tournament and had some very encouraging results.

Parklands College had a very exciting start to the league Water polo season playing some very exciting matches with all our teams, juniors and seniors, producing some really good results. The Junior Girls Water polo team started with a 13-1 win against Fairbairn College that opened up the matches for the quarter. The boys won their first game against Fairbairn convincingly and worked hard to fight against a strong Bridge House team, narrowly losing but showing some of the best Water polo they have played so far.

We are so proud of how far Water polo has come along at Parklands and are extremely thankful to the school for allowing this sport to thrive on the West Coast.

Swimming

The Swimming squad fared well this year. We started off with two big events, the inter-house Swimming gala and Parklands College hosting a league gala at our school. Our girls team came 2nd and our boys came 4th Later on in the first quarter Parklands hosted another gala, where our swimming squad was placed 1st overall (boys and girls). Another highlight of the year was the St Cyprian's gala where the girls placed 2nd and the boys 3rd.

A big thank you to the coaches Mrs Swart, Mr Nock and Mr Biermann.

Cricket

Our young College Boys 1st team had some tough games to contend with, playing in the Premier 1A league. Teams like SACS, Stellenberg and Bellville High are to name just a few. The boys gained valuable experience and ended off on a high by defeating a very tough Tygerberg Cricket Hub team by 8 wickets. Highlights of that game was our Grade 8 batsman, Sheldon Stanley, who became the first learner at the College to score a century in the Premier League and lead the way to a fantastic victory.

Laura Wolvaardt put the College name in the spotlight, when she represented the women's Protea team on their tour to Ireland and also represented Western Province in the inter-Provincial Cricket tournament during the year. Well done, once again, Laura!

Our U15A Cricket boys went on a 9 game unbeaten run, only to fall in the last game of the season. Despite the loss the boys showed some good sportsmanship as well as good Cricket along the way. Well done, boys!

Our U13 & U14 Cricketers had tough seasons, but never gave up and continued to learn about the game of cricket. We look forward to these boys maturing into good sportsman for the future.

Softball

Softball started the season with a tournament at Elkanah House where the first and second teams participated. Our numbers are growing steadily and we have entered five teams into the leagues this year. The girls played with great enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to entering six teams into the league next year with the new intake of the Grade 7's. Our 1st Team will be playing in the A-league next year after great successes in the B-league. We are looking forward to a great season next year. Many thanks to our managers and coaches for their support and commitment.

Tennis

The Tennis season kicked off with competitive trials and the boys team as well as the girls team has started the season with a couple of matches. In general the learners are enthusiastic and are enjoying the sport. Social Tennis has also gone well with learners having the opportunity to enjoy Tennis, keep fit and socialise all at the same time.

Cross Country

With no more league races, the Cross country runners focussed their attention on public events this quarter. We saw several of our learners achieve wonderful results despite competing against adults!

- Kyla Tromp completed her first 10km race at the annual KFM Gun Run!
- Ntando Brummer came 5th in the 5 km race at the same event with Storm Elliot also clocking a great time for the 5 km race.
- Tara Pohl had a podium finish at the 10 km Voet van Afrika race in Bredasdorp and proved to be one of the top junior athletes at the event.
- Tara, along with some of our staff members also completed the Ysterplaat Silver Queen 10 km race. Tara finished the race in a most impressive time of 45 minutes!
- Jade Bremner impressed everyone by being the first lady to cross the finish line at the very challenging 8 km La Capra Fairview Goat Run.

We hope to continue to grow the running culture at Parklands and look forward to seeing more blue and white vests out on the roads and trails.

First Aid

This year we have seen the First Aid team go from strength to strength. Not only do our first aiders gain recognition for their hours counting towards their service awards but also are brought into recognition for service above and beyond the call of duty being awarded with quarterly certificates. Yet again our team has shown tremendous dedication, this quarter specific recognition is given to the following first aiders; Samuel Iduh completing 7.5 hours, Ivana Schäfer with 10 hours, Bianca Botha with 8 hours, Laura Maclagan with 17 hours and Ané Murray with 9 hours.

We are very proud of all of you and thank you for your commitment shown at each and every event.

Finally…Thank you to all the Parklands College staff that have contributed to a solid year on the sports fields and in the pool and helped us produce all round good performances across all sporting codes.

Ian Melliar





competition winners

Whispers from the Heart

NAME OF STUDENT:	NAME OF SCHOOL:	TYPE OF ENTRY:	TITLE OF ENTRY:	PRIZE WON:
1ST PRIZE WINNERS: Will each receive a cash prize and 1 BOOK/DVD depending on the category entered.				
Nerisha Vollweiler	Parklands College	Art	Old Hollywood Dream	R 600 and 1 DVD
Makenna Coleman	Parklands College	Photo	Free Flight	R 600 and 1 DVD
4TH PRIZE WINNERS: Will each receive 1 BOOK/DVD depending on the type of entry				
Caitlin Schultz	Parklands College	Poem	A woman's liberation message	1 book
Aza Mbovane	Parklands College	Poem	Love's Faces	1 book
Sarah Stewart	Parklands College	Poem	Other	1 book
Monica McLaughlin	Parklands College	Poem	Dear Friend – For Matilda	1 book

PREPARATORY FACULTY GRADES 1 - 6

From the Principal's Office
Tanya Dean

We give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to our care.
We give them back months wiser, more responsible, and more mature.
It has been our pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold day by day
And marvel at their splendid miracle of development.
We give them back reluctantly, for having spent the year together, we have grown close.
We have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.
We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together.
Our memories are entwined and the impact of our shared path will live on.
-Unknown

As the year draws to a close, it is with an enormous sense of pride that I am able to pen a 2016 success story, one of untold creative potential and infinite possibility. Our recent Awards Mornings highlighted the achievements of our talented children and we are immensely proud of the progress of each and every learner throughout the year. I have been privileged to work alongside a team of educators in the Preparatory who are creative in thought, dedicated in approach, and courageous in imagination.

I have been a proud onlooker in the multi-faceted classroom environments of the faculty, and have been constantly struck by a sense of wonder at our young learners grappling with new concepts and learning material, responding critically and collaboratively to real life contexts and problems, and exploring digital worlds within their comfort zone of technology.

Following a beacon of literary delight, learners have enjoyed inspiring events, dress up days, interacting with visiting authors, and vibrant book clubs. A variety of literary adventures have laid the foundation for educational excellence, and a reading frenzy abounds within our media centres.

We have watched in awe as skill and belief have interwoven, unleashing a power of possibilities in the numerous sporting codes and individual achievements of children. Throughout the sporting season our teams heralded victorious at sports festivals and fixtures, and at home we welcomed other schools to interschool galas. Water polo has become an increasingly popular sport, and the construction of our state of the art water polo pool will undoubtedly contribute to further interest and success in this sporting code.

In the Performing Arts, participation in external competitions and eisteddfods in dance, music and drama have showcased our artistic flair, with accolades of distinctions and Gold Diplomas.

As our Grade Three learners prepare to enter a new phase in their Preparatory journey, I encourage them to seize all opportunities and create new possibilities, ask questions and seek answers to the puzzles of life.

Our Grade Six learners have reached the end of their journey with us. They have climbed with steadfast determination and unrelenting persistence towards their goals, and reached the summit of their Preparatory mountain. They have grown wings and are ready to soar triumphantly in the face of new challenges. My final wish to you as you prepare to scale the peaks of high school, is to remember the following:

Dedicate yourself to making the next year even better.

Remember that you don't have to follow the crowd.

Do the right thing, even if no one is looking. Study hard and remember that you're investing in yourself with every book you read.

And finally, don't be in too big of a hurry to grow up. These are some of the greatest times in your life. Don't rush past them. We all have the power of choice, whether academic progress, sporting excellence or life itself. Choose wisely, learn from your mistakes, and let your dreams take flight.

We extend our gratitude to our parents for the valued partnership that has been shared, and for actively promoting our vision and supporting us in our numerous initiatives. Thank you for being a proud Parklands Parent!

The Preparatory Faculty would like to take this opportunity of wishing our families a restful holiday and a successful year ahead.

prep adventures

A GRADE ONE LEARNING ADVENTURE...

The world of science was opened to our Grade One learners who were captivated by the wonder of the Science Centre's Mobile Classroom. Visiting scientists donned red lab coats and dazzled the learners with experiments that fizzed and changed colours! 'Coke' was turned into 'Fanta' and water bottles were shot through the air by the power of water. There were many tables with experiments and problem solving puzzles available to the grade. They collaborated in exploring and solving at these tables and worked well as a team. Upon arriving back in the classrooms, the Grade Ones eagerly recorded their Science adventure in their journals.



Tremendous fun was had at our Junior Preparatory Swimming Gala and feelings of anticipation and excitement filled the air, as the Grade Ones took part in their fun noodle and ball relays.



Once again we entered the magical world of literature. The Grade Ones looked fantastic as they dressed up as a character from a classic tale for a day. They enjoyed listening to stories and completing classic tale related activities.

The Grade One learners have come to the end of their first year of big school. They have grown into enthusiastic readers and writers, and are now ready to embrace the exciting new challenges which Grade Two has to offer.

A GRADE TWO LEARNING ADVENTURE...

This quarter has flown by and the last few weeks have been jam packed with exciting activities.

Our budding Grade Two scientists have been learning all about insects in Life Skills and they visited Butterfly World. The experience was an unforgettable one as they learnt some very interesting facts about our six-legged friends and various other creatures.



We celebrated reading classic tales by dressing up as our favourite character from a book and partaking in many classic tale related activities. We even had our very own Tin Tin and Snowy visit the Junior Preparatory!

Our Grade Twos took time to reflect upon their journey over the past year and they wrote letters to the Grade Ones telling them about their own personal experience…

Dear First Grader

Next year you will have a kind and clever teacher.
You will learn to do step sums and halving diamonds.
You will make pompoms, you will do orals and you will go on outings.
In Grade Two you will get to know new friends and learn new things. Next year your jungle gym days will be on Tuesday and Thursday.
Have fun!

From
Angela Hannan

A GRADE THREE LEARNING ADVENTURE…

The final quarter has been a busy and fun filled voyage that has served as a bittersweet reminder that the Grade Three learners are now ready to set sail from our Junior Preparatory harbour.

A certain highlight for the quarter was our visit to the quaint Hout Bay Museum. The learners enjoyed an insightful talk about Cape Town's water sources and how best we can help to conserve the city's water supply. The outing concluded with a delightful wade through a nearby stream in search of water bugs and other aquatic life.

Our Classic Book Dress Up Day was another such interlude and rekindled in us all the love of books that we share. The Grade Threes also had great fun keeping their peers guessing in figuring out their favourite literary character for their descriptive orals. Such characters included Hercules, Flat Stanley and the ever-inventive George with his marvelous medicines.

Included in our Spring voyage we sailed through time to explore the inventions of centuries past and learnt a great deal from the determination of inventors such as Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell. Of course we had to test these inventions out for ourselves and made mini telephone receiver models using tin cans and string. No doubt we are certain to have our very own future inventors amongst our creative thinking Grade Threes.

Our Grade Three Entrepreneurs' Day bore testament to this creativity. The classrooms were truly transformed into mini pop up markets dotted throughout the Grade Three passage. From rainbow cupcakes to Minecraft cookies, and an assortment of homemade crafts too vast to count, Preparatory customers really were spoilt for choice!

How fitting it was that we ended the year on such a sweet note. As the Grade Threes set sail across the Wood Drive Ocean, we look forward to observing their successes as they continue their journey in the Preparatory.

A GRADE FOUR LEARNING ADVENTURE…





It has been a year of new experiences, academic excellence, and personal growth for the Grade Four learners of 2016.

Our very special group of learners should be extremely proud of their many achievements they have accomplished over the year. From creating their outstanding All-About-Me Museum Displays, to crafting their ebooks on Book Creator about what makes a good leader, their hard work and perseverance has truly paid off and has been a delight to watch. Learning within the classroom has also been quite the adventure, where we spent many hours getting lost between the pages of our fourth quarter class reader, discovering the secrets of life, friendship and family in Winn Dixie.

Much fun was had on our various outings this year too, where each learner had the nerve-wracking experience of sitting on an ostrich during our visit to the Ostrich Ranch, and feeling what it was like to be locked up in a jail cell in the 1800s during our visit to The Castle of Good Hope.

Wonderful memories have been made this year, and we can be certain that our exceptional group of Grade Four learners will carry the many life lessons they have learned with them into Grade Five.

A GRADE FIVE LEARNING ADVENTURE…

As the year draws to a close, we are able to look back at all that the Grade Fives have achieved. From pen licences to camps, the new adventures were in abundance. The Grade Five learners have grown in independence and confidence and have shown their determination during the November Test Week.

Despite the short quarter there were many highlights. The Classic Adventure Dress Up Day, Interhouse Sports Day and our end of year class party were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Grade Five teachers would like to wish all the learners a well deserved rest, before they tackle their next exciting learning adventure in Grade Six. We look forward to witnessing all the success that the Grade Six year brings.

A GRADE SIX LEARNING ADVENTURE…

Our Grade Six Farewell was indeed a very special time for the learners and staff. We enjoyed a memorable evening together, a fitting celebration in culmination of an unforgettable journey in the Preparatory.

We have watched with pride as our Grade Six learners have embraced the leadership opportunities on offer. The programme has focused on developing entrepreneurial and leadership skills, as well as the learners' ability to work collaboratively in a team. Through the three Apprentice Tasks, the learners displayed growth in all theses areas and learned many valuable lessons, while also making substantial donations to the various charities they elected to support.

As our Grade Six learners progress to the Secondary Faculty we reflect fondly on their personal growth and achievements, and look forward to sharing in their future successes.

"The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create. " - Barack Obama



library

A LIBRARY ADVENTURE...

"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend." - Paul Sweeney

For as long as humans have walked this earth, stories have played a part in our identity and how we interact with each other. Wherever families gathered, stories were told: to teach, to share, to instil cultural and moral values, and of course, to entertain. From time to time a story comes along that has such an enduring, enriching quality that you just couldn't miss out on it. And so, every year during the fourth quarter, we visit the Classics, old and modern, to introduce children to some of the best stories ever written. This literary adventure culminates in a festive day of dressing up as classrooms and passages come alive with colourful classic story characters.

Wimpy Kid Double Down, Book 11 in this popular series, was released worldwide on the 1st of November. Learners had the opportunity to place their orders in the libraries beforehand and were delighted to receive some of the first copies in Cape Town. Everywhere in the passages and on the playground you could see eager fans poring over their signature red novels.

We hosted The Book People who displayed an impressive array of popular colouring and craft books, as well as some fascinating non-fiction books. A festive atmosphere prevailed as children and parents shopped to their hearts' content.

Vibrant Book Clubs, exciting literary events and inspiring library encounters provide a firm foundation for a love for reading that sets Parklands College students apart and provides a firm foundation for lifelong studying and learning.

robotics

ROBOTICS

Colourful saris and flavoursome curries, traffic and hooters and tuk tuks…These were some of the sights seen by our two Parklands College teams, Team Robodog and Team Infinity, when they travelled to New Delhi, India, to participate in the World Robot Olympiad.

Our Team Robodog, consisting of Noah Kemp, Liam Leask and Graedon Hawthorn from our Senior Preparatory, qualified for the quarterfinals, then semi-finals and eventually, a first for South Africa in this category, the finals! We are extremely proud of our talented boys who placed 15th in the world and have earned their national colours.

outreach

OUTREACH

Our SPCA friends were celebrated in true style as the Preparatory wore casual clothes in aid of this wonderful charity. Our food collection for the SPCA was also successful and we thank everyone who contributed so generously. We have concluded this busy year with a collection for the elderly in our community. Care packages have been lovingly compiled to help those in need during the festive season.

This year has been filled with a myriad of activities and the EarlyAct Committee can be particularly proud of their commitment and dedication to helping others and always completing their tasks with a smile. We look forward to another year of generosity, kind acts and truly demonstrating our school's values of humanity, commitment and compassion.

culture

A CULTURAL ADVENTURE…

Art

Another year has come to an end in the Art Department and has brought with it so many different creations, imaginations and emotions.

Learners have amazed themselves by realising just what they are capable of.

This last quarter of the year has produced some of the most outstanding work yet. Out of this world space creations, medieval projects, animal portraits, breathtaking pencil drawings and digital artworks were amongst some of the masterpieces created.

In the words of Charlie Peacock, "It's not just about creativity, it's about the person you are becoming while you're creating". Our wish is for all our Preparatory artists to continue to grow and believe in their abilities so that they may realise their true potential.

Dance Exams and Medal Tests

The ISTD Modern and Tap Exams and the Medal Tests were held in November. The examiners were Ms. Kim Scott from New Zealand, and Ms. Belinda Mesecke, a local Capetonian. Congratulations to the following dancers on their participation:

Hannah Vachaudez, Sophia Frielinghaus, Eden Ashendorf-Cox, Kara Fourie, Khazimla Maguga, Lize Murray, Cheye Strydom, Talia Papadakos, Alexandra Bester, Julia Fourie, Chantel Myburgh, Lila Barker, Keira Shelton, McKenna Nel, Katelyn Pienaar, Kyla Dinkelmann, Amy Ligthelm, Kaira Naidoo, Jean-Michelle de Blanche, Uminathi May, Kiara Florentino, Isabella Fourie, Emily-Grace Prince, Carla Bochnig, Jemma Daries, Taya Johnston, Leah Miller, Isabella Schroder, Kate Hughes, Kristin Jennings, Chloe Ho Sing, Jessica Howes, Mikayla Van der Merwe, Lauren Williams, Sonia Atwaru, Daniel Maclagan, Marion Minkoulou, Zimi Sodlongwana, Ashleé Pretorius and Tiara Cantika.

sport

A SPORTING ADVENTURE…

The Spring Quarter delivered another exciting and eventful sports schedule which offered numerous sporting opportunities and memorable growing experiences for all Preparatory learners. The sports programme delivered a successful and proud timeline of performances, results and achievements as our learners and teams impressed against opposition on the playing enclosure, while maintaining high standards with appearance, discipline and team work. A special thanks must be extended to our committed coaching team for their passion, perseverance and dedication.

The Junior Preparatory Fun Gala and Senior Preparatory Fun Athletics Day were spirited events, offering our learners opportunities to participate in both the competitive heats and fun relays. The parent races had our learners enthusiastically cheering from the sidelines. What a truly wonderful way to end the year with this spirit of collegiality and sportsmanship.





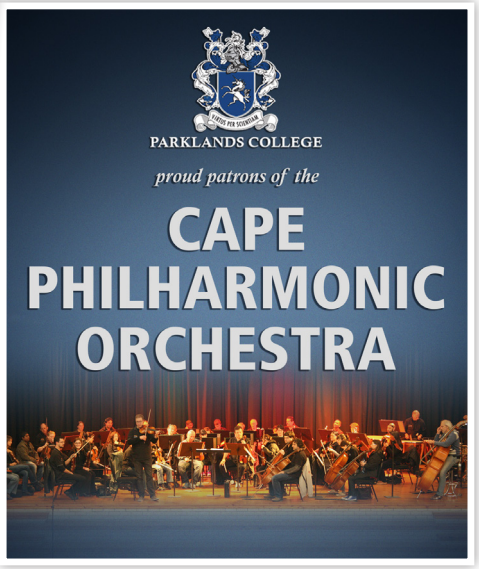













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PRE-PRIMARY FACULTY GRADES 0000 - R

From the Principal's Office
Chantel Lamb

Concert and Graduation were special occasions. Our little ones were fabulous and we are very proud of them! Special thanks to Riëtte for directing the concert and to the individual class teachers and assistants, who put a great deal of effort into the preparation.

It is hard to believe that we are saying farewell to another group of Grade R learners. We wish them well in Grade 1 next year and look forward to seeing them in their smart new uniforms.

I would like to pay tribute to the teachers who have enthusiastically nurtured and guided the little ones throughout the year.

As we prepare our little people for life, it is important to instill the value of caring for our community and giving to those with much less than ourselves. As young as our learners are, they understand their role in giving to others. We are most grateful to our families for their warmth, generosity and their eagerness to support our charity projects this year. These included helping many less fortunate children, the elderly as well as abused and abandoned animals. The assistance received means a great deal to organisations that rely heavily on donations in order to perform a much needed community service. In addition to this, it is teaching our little ones a vital lesson in generosity, appreciation and the value of giving: "Reaching Outwards, Growing Minds, Building Futures."

Congratulations to all our little ones on their hard work and progress over the past year. I wish all our parents and learners a very blessed Festive Season and a wonderful holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 16 January 2017.



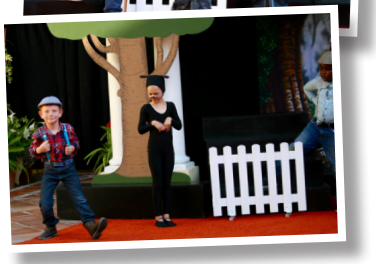
Grade R
Owl, Pooh Bear, Edward Bear and Rabbit's House
Samantha Eagle, Tali Maltz, Justine de Wet, Adri-Anke Van Zyl

We have enjoyed a busy end to the academic year in Grade R, with the learners excitedly preparing for concert, the Living Maths Olympiad and Graduation.

We learnt about lovely themes this quarter, including reptiles, dinosaurs and wild animals. The little ones loved sharing a million amazing facts and completing beautiful theme related artwork.

In November we participated in the annual Living Maths Olympiad, which allowed our learners the opportunity to display their excellent knowledge of mathematical concepts.





One of the highlights thus far has been our delightful concert, "Clever Peter". The little ones thoroughly enjoyed taking on the roles of the diverse and interesting characters and spent many hours practising to ensure the show ran smoothly. Our little actors were so proud to dance and act, astounding their families and teachers with their courage and talent.

A highly significant event in the Grade R calendar is our annual Graduation Ceremony. The Grade R learners proudly donned their beautiful graduation outfits, uniforms and cloaks, to receive their prestigious certificates and medals. All eyes were on the graduates as they sang their repertoire of songs, including the newly introduced Olympic theme song, translated from numerous languages. The parents beamed with pride and a few tears were seen being wiped away.

After a wonderful final quarter, we are sad to say goodbye to our little people, but proud of the wonderful accomplishments each little one has achieved throughout the Grade R year. We wish all our special children and their families a peaceful and relaxing holiday and a wonderful Festive Season. We cannot wait to see them in their Grade 1 uniforms in January!

"Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye, Cheerio, here I go, on my way."

Grade 00
Kanga, Roo and Christopher Robin's House
Kim Truebody Megan Venturas and Carla Bailey

Our little ones sang their concert songs beautifully and with great enthusiasm. We are very proud of the children and all of their hard work and preparation for concert.





The Grade 00's thoroughly enjoyed learning about South Africa and especially the city of Cape Town. The children loved exploring and finding out about Robben Island and Table Mountain. Much discussion filled the classrooms and the children delighted in sharing their stories about their adventures in and around Cape Town.

We have also explored different continents, celebrations and cultures around the world. The children loved dressing up from their "chosen" country and sharing their delicious food with everyone on World Food Day.

It has been a wonderful year filled with many memories and special moments. Our classrooms have been filled with laughter, stories and many new friendships have developed. We have observed our little ones flourish and grow in many areas. It is not only with sadness, but also with a great deal of pride that we wish the children all the best for 2017.

"Farewell to all our superstars!"

Grade 000
Honey Bee and Tigger's House
Dominique van der Westhuizen and Anine Jubelius

As we look back over the past year we have experienced lots of fun together. One that has definitely stood out for us was our concert. Our

little ones had so much fun singing their hearts out to all the people in the audience. We are exceptionally proud of the Tigger's and Honey Bee's House children. Well done boys and girls!



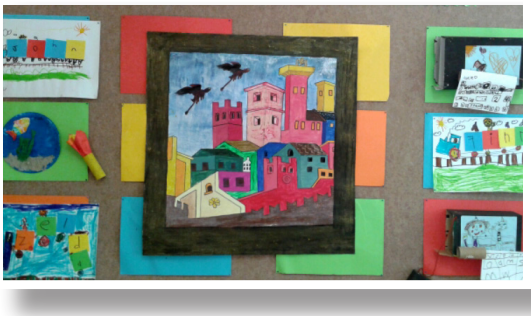


This quarter we have enjoyed learning about people who help us, and opposites. We also enjoyed learning about all the unique things our country has to offer. Learning about space and the planets was definitely a highlight.

We wish our Grade 000's all the very best as they progress to Grade 00 next year. We will always remember the fun and laughter we had together. We are confident that they will thrive in their new grade.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 2016 Rabbit's House children and Tali Maltz who won First Prize in the Fila Art School Contest "Who Was Giotto". The prize is R100 000 worth of art supplies, some of which will be donated to Sophakama Primary School.



Crackerjacks

Crickets, Ladybirds, Butterflies and Caterpillars

Ingrid Lubbe, Lauren Parnham, Karyn Howes, Candice Meyer and Lauren Medcalf

The children have been engaged in many wonderful activities this quarter including finding animals in shredded paper, drawing, marble painting and making their own books. During outdoor play, climbing, swinging, whizzing on the bikes, and blowing bubbles in the water are popular amongst the little ones.

The Books and Fantasy theme was a hit and the children loved listening to "Goldilocks and The Three Bears", "The Gingerbread Man", "Going on a Bear Hunt" and "Jack and the Beanstalk", especially the repetitive verses when the children would join in with the story! Some of them also enjoyed making Jack's beanstalk, the tower for Rapunzel and the three little pigs' houses.

We have some wonderful athletes in the Butterflies and Ladybirds group and they thoroughly enjoyed running races on the tennis courts and the long walks to the big fields. The Crickets and Caterpillars have also kept busy on the field, and especially delighted in playing games of chase!

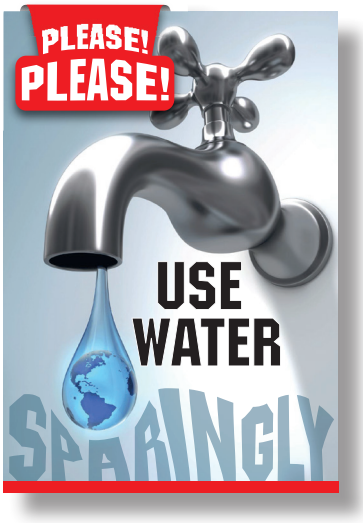
It has been wonderful to observe our little Crackerjacks' growth throughout the year and we are very proud of each one of them. Wishing all our children and parents a wonderful and relaxing Festive Season!













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