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DATES FOR 2016

SUMMER QUARTER

13 January – 17 March

AUTUMN QUARTER

6 April – 24 June

WINTER QUARTER

19 July – 29 September

SPRING QUARTER

11 October – 1 December

DATES FOR 2017*

SUMMER QUARTER

13 January – 17 March

AUTUMN QUARTER

5 April – 24 June

WINTER QUARTER

19 July – 29 September

SPRING QUARTER

11 October – 2 December

* Dates to be confirmed

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Founder's Message

Lorraine Roth

A very warm welcome back to our parents, learners and new staff, and especially to the many new learners who joined our College family in January.

2016 promises to be another year filled with endless possibilities and especially so, as we celebrate our 18th year in Parklands.

Christopher Robin Pre-Primary will also celebrate another milestone on 11 March Christopher Robin turns 36. Events celebrating this special day have been planned for our little people including tons of fun and cake.

We would like to extend our congratulations once again to Mrs Steyn and the Secondary Faculty team for their impressive matric results of 2015, as we celebrate another year of academic excellence!

Our best wishes accompany the class of 2016. We are confident that they will dedicate themselves to their future studies and value the importance of top quality education.

We look forward to observing these young minds as they embark on their 2016 journey of discovery.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to new staff who joined the College family. We trust your journey with us will be happy and long.

With our first Open Day of 2016 coming up on the 20th of February we eagerly await your visit to see what Parklands College has to offer.

Thank you to the parents for their continuous support throughout the years and for making us your school of choice.

Summer Quarter



January - March

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TOP ACHIEVERS 2015

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100% PASS

Congratulations to our Matriculants of 2015 on their wonderful results. We celebrate another year of academic excellence!



Subject A: 243 Subject B: 193
103 Candidates: 92 Pass with entry to Bachelor Degree Studies and 11 to Diploma Studies



SECONDARY FACULTY GRADES 7 - 12

From the Principal's Office Sylvia Steyn

Welcome to new members of the Parklands family and welcome back to old friends and family. We trust that 2016 will be a memorable year.

This year I celebrate 30 years in Education and my 17th year at Parklands College. It has been a most rewarding journey, but what I find truly remarkable is that I have seen more changes in the last 5 years than in the 25 before them. What a privilege it is to work at a school where we are at the forefront of innovation and creativity in our curriculum delivery. You will read about some of our ventures in this newsletter, but we also urge you to visit our school on Open Day and to read our weekly blog to remain informed and amazed.

Our learners have just returned from their annual grade camps, enjoyed by learners and staff members alike. These camps at the start of the year serve as the ideal opportunity for new learners and staff to get to know everyone and for all the members in each grade to become a united group. Wonderful memories were created, friendships forged and strengthened, challenges faced and conquered, and new experiences enjoyed.

Let us never underestimate the value of a balanced, all-round education. Let us encourage our learners to make use of the myriad of opportunities afforded to them at Parklands College. Let us celebrate our achievements in academics, in sport and culture, in technology and leadership development and in our commitment to social responsibility and outreach. We are proud to send out into the world top class world citizens who can and will make a difference.

We look forward to the events and activities planned for the year and wish our learners all the best in all their endeavours. Parents are encouraged to keep us informed of their children's achievements outside of school as well.

Let's keep moving from good to great to even greater.



MATRIC RESULTS 2015

The Class of 2015 has exceeded all expectations and produced yet another set of excellent results in the National Senior

Certificate for Parklands College. Besides maintaining the 100% pass rate since 2000, every single candidate of the Class of 2015 has qualified for entrance into tertiary studies. 92 learners passed with entry to Bachelor Degree Studies and 11 with entry to Diploma Studies. The 103 matriculants managed to obtain 243 subject distinctions and 193 subjects with a 70% and above aggregate.

Eleanor Moriarty was our NSC Top Achiever with an aggregate of 89% and 8 subject distinctions. Her peers followed suit and the following 23 candidates also achieved an overall aggregate of 80% and above:

Kristin Abrahall, Jenna Border, Teagan Brümmer, Caroline Chikomba, Bobbi Den Bakker, Jessica Fisher, Abigail Hawthorn, Emily Hopkins, Madisun King, Taylah King, Justin Middleton, Thebe Moloko, Danae Moreau, David Noth, Sabrina Nunes, Karl Pferdekemper, Katherine Poluta, Natalie Pretorius, Boitumelo Ragoleka, You Yin Song, Jarrod Thomas and Daniel Vorster.

The announcement of the results was a day of joy and celebration, not only for our top achievers but also for all those individuals who managed to achieve and surpass their potential through systematic focused goal setting. The College also commends our outstanding individual subject performances with 6 subjects achieving an average over 80% and 9 subjects an average of over 70%. This is a truly outstanding effort.

Parklands College was invited to the WCED National Senior Certificate Awards Ceremony attended by the Minister of Education, Angie Motshekga, and Premier Helen Zille. At this prestigious event, the College was acknowledged as one of the top achieving schools and received a certificate of Academic Excellence. Amongst the criteria used to identify the top achieving schools was the pass rate, the percentage of Bachelor Degree passes and the Mathematics pass rate.

To further our celebrations, some of our candidates were ranked in the Top 10 in the 2015 National Senior Certificate. We are extremely proud of:

Kirstin Abrahall – 3rd position in Dance Studies
Bobbi den Bakker – 7th position in Dance Studies
Natalie Pretorius – 10th position in Dance Studies
Teagan Brümmer - 7th position in Mathematical Literacy
Emily Hopkins – 4th position in Hospitality
Derryn Williams – 9th position in Hospitality
Sarah Feza - 9th position in French Second Additional Language

We would like to extend our congratulations to the Class of 2015 and all their educators who have moulded them throughout their schooling career through team effort and continuous diligence, which culminated in this excellent set of results.

The final results particularly speak to the meticulous preparation the candidates have received from their dedicated Gr 12 educators who are passionate about their particular fields of study and about ensuring that each learner is afforded every opportunity to achieve his/her true

potential. All of the above would not have been possible without the support of the parents and their belief in the culture of striving for excellence at Parklands College.

Ancia Vosloo, Head of Academics



GRADE 7 ORIENTATION 2016

The Secondary Faculty was abuzz with activity for the first three days of the first quarter, with the new learners taking part in the Grade 7 Orientation Programme.

Every year, to assist our new grade 7s with the hustle and bustle that is the Secondary Faculty, the specially designed programme is a time for learners to meet their new teachers, participate in various fun, creative and exciting activities, and to receive all the important information pertinent to their survival in 'Big School'. Coming to a new school is always an exciting, yet sometimes scary, event in one's life, and our programme was well-suited for the learners to settle in and feel a bit more comfortable with the last big jump of their school careers.

The grade 7 learners met with their homeroom educators and grade heads first thing on Wednesday morning where they were placed in their homeroom classes and were able to see whom they would be spending their lessons with. As the days went on, all the grade 7 educator were able to go in and introduce themselves to the learners and take them through each lesson. Many interesting lessons took place, including Mr Peters' QR code treasure hunt, which had our learners racing around the various blocks searching for an assortment of clues and riddles that would take them on an adventure throughout the Secondary Faculty. This allowed them to find their way around the large campus and to familiarise themselves with their surroundings.

By the end of the week, the grade 7s were ready and raring to go, excited to begin lessons and move to and from the various venues. This time allowed for all of the learners to settle in comfortably, to make friends and to ease into life at Secondary School. We are really looking forward to a great year with our brand new grade 7s and we are sure that they are too!

Bianca Malan and Steven Nock

HONOURS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING

TECHNOLOGY HALF COLOURS

Grade 7: Keagan Strydom

Grade 8: Luke Bowles

Grade 9: Stephanus Cilliers, Sarika Naidoo

Grade 10: Jessica Woodhall

ACADEMICS HALF COLOURS

Grade 7: Darian Naidoo, Zarah Linssen, Liezl Myburgh, Sithara Govender, Kwen Maboitja, Ryan Sparg, Kiara Pillay, Johann Strydom, Emily Van Wyk, Bianca Botha, Ana Silva Nunes, Storm Elliott, Juaneque Human, Keagan Strydom, Kaylee Musikanth and Athena Papaioannou

Grade 8: Ivana Schäfer, Leam Gerber, Nadeem Jeewa, Nthato Vilakazi, Ashlee Kovachi, Hendrik Smuts, Ilse Thomas, Courtney Douglas, Ah Young Kim, Kiara Meerburg, Hannah Nolte and Robyn Kaiser

Grade 9: Frank Smuts, Tara Grobbelaar, Kye Jenkinson, Cecilia van der Walt, Tara Pohl, Kelly Martin, Seth Vögler, Phoebe Bogner, Leila Bogner, Emile Tredoux, Simeon September, Jamie Turnbull, Mia Brown, Nina Rossouw, Candace Boorman, Megan Büttgen, Findlay Smith, Liam Stoffberg, Stephanus Cilliers, Talia Botha, Lee Esterhuizen, Jade Simoen, Robyn Karsten and Mia Laubenheimer

Grade 10: Romy Bogner, Dylan Rees, George Sparg, Connor Swart, Calvin Wiltshire, Connor Fick, Paul Newton, Brittany Orlik, Stefan Vorster, Jessica Woodhall and Pascale Schoeman

Grade 11: Karen Wu, Jordan Jamieson, Emily McMahon, Keziah Claxton, Jaime Coue, Kirsty Herman, Liam Mackay, Oluomachukwu Obinwa, Mikhailan Naicker, Creed McKinnon and Jenna-Lee Shearer.

COLOURS

Grade 10: Lindsay Friday, Lauren Abrahall, Robert Walton, Ashley Minshall, Gregory Bosch, Kayla Tromp, Liyabona Tshuta, Devon Crowther and Benjamin Fisher.

Grade 11: Jana Minnie, Robert Kucera, Amey Meyer, Chloë Saville, Matt-Rene van Galen, Kealym Bromley, Scott Spencer-Hicken, Miguel De Barros Viana, Sheldon Reay, Kyle Stebbing and Diana De Pão.

HONOURS

Grade 10: Laura Wolvaardt, Thandi Colley and Kristine Luke

TOP ACHIEVERS

Grade 6: Shreya Singh

Grade 7: Darian Naidoo

Grade 8: Ivana Schäfer

Grade 9: Frank Smuts

Grade 10: Laura Wolvaardt

Grade 11: Jana Minnie

TROPHIES

Ancia Vosloo Junior Mathematics Trophy in Grade 7 - Zarah Linssen
Madame Bailly Trophy for the Top French GET Achiever - Leila Bogner
Steyn Junior Art Trophy - Kye Jenkinson
Grade 10 Dance Trophy - Niamh Moriarty
Grade 11 Dance Trophy - Kirsten Eppel
Grade 10 Hospitality Trophy - Benjamin Fisher
Grade 11 Hospitality Trophy - Diana Da Pão
O'Malley Award for Exceptional Progress in Physical Sciences - Nicolas Cattelan

Mathematics Trophy - Jenna-Lee Shearer
Vigeland Music Trophy - Amy Thomas
Sean Petty Trophy for Immense Perseverance in the GET Phase - Anthony Pazda
Miriam Denton Trophy for the Top Achiever in Grade 11 - Jana Minnie
Nathalie Bailly Award for Academic Excellence in the Final Matriculation Examination - Eleanor Moriarty

COLLEGE HONOURS

Grade 11: Robert Kucera

WCED Certificate of Academic Excellence awarded to Parklands College.



ELEVATE EDUCATION STUDY PROGRAMME FOR GRADE 11

On the 21 January the Grade 11 learners had the opportunity to attend an Elevate Education workshop. You may read more about them and the work they do by clicking on the link below: <http://us.elevateeducation.com>

The workshop was presented by a young and enthusiastic Nicholas Golding. Learners were introduced to various study methods that were stimulated through an informative and entertaining workshop.

The session explored the differences amongst three types of learners:

1. A learner who learns the material given to them.
2. One who masters the material.
3. A learner who understands; masters the material and then applies it creatively.

After the new study methods were explored, the learners left, feeling confident with their new acquired skills.

"The workshop was] very helpful. It's very eye opening to me how many of these methods I could use to better and improve my learning experience."

- Ricardo Pereira

"I would say that it was very helpful because I learnt what I was doing wrong with my study methods, knowing that I will now improve."

- Nikita Mavume

"I thought the program was very well presented. I really enjoyed all the information that was given. The presenter was very enthusiastic and well informative."

- Pascale Schoeman

We are excited for the follow up Elevate Education workshop that will be taking place on 3 May.

Jessica Ricco

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Outdoor Adventure Grade Camps 2016

As is our tradition, we start the year off by the entire school attending a variety of outdoor adventure camps. This year was no exception and the learners returned with wonderful memories and ready for the academic year.

The Grade 7s went to Witzenberg near Ceres, but stopped on the way at Ceres Zipline where they thoroughly enjoyed flying through the air.

At the campsite, the Lead 4 Life facilitators took them through an exciting programme of activities which included war cry and dance-off competitions, Stalk-the-Lantern, a game-viewing hike, and a photo-capturing competition.



They had a lot of fun, got to know each other better and managed to make all the new-comers feel part of the Parklands family.

Mizpah Youth Camp, the venue for the Grade 8 camp, is situated just outside Grabouw and is surrounded by a pristine river, some refreshing rock pools and wild rocky hills.

The camp started with a visit en-route to Strand Waterworld and Putt Putt as well as a beach-walk along the Strand. The group stopped to play a number of team-building exercises which included building sand monsters, running fun races and shouting war cries accompanied by much laughing and giggling.

The learners were divided into tribes, each giving themselves a creative name. The tribes participated in a rotation of team-building exercises managed by Lead 4 Life, our camp facilitators.

New friendships have been forged, memories were made, and midst copious fun and laughter, the group grew closer together.

This year's Grade 9 camp to Matroosberg was filled with a plethora of adrenaline-fuelled activities, which were designed to test them in terms of their ingenuity and bravery!

The reality of climbing up a three-story rock face, having to abseil off a five-story cliff or tightrope or even walking high above the forest floor on the high ropes can be incredibly intimidating. However, our learners fought through the challenges resulting in a screaming success!

The camp ended with the highly amusing (and competitive!) Potjiekos Competition where a number of the learners appeared to be culinary masters and would have done Master Chef SA proud! All in all, the 2016 Grade 9 Camp to Matroosberg was a resounding success!

After a short trip of just under two hours, the Grade 10s arrived at the Bonamanzi Camp Site where the camp instructors placed the learners in colour-coded groups.

The varied activities, which included river rafting, volleyball and other team-building exercises such as the "nuclear waste" challenge (where learners had to move a bucket of water using only 4 pieces of rope) were enjoyed with typical Parklands exuberance. A highlight of the camp was the night hike where they were informed about different constellations and managed to see scorpions under UV light.

The food was great, the activities were fun and they even had a small pool to cool off in the scorching heat. The grade 10s had a great time of bonding, making new friends and experiencing many new adventures.

The Grade 11 camp at Lebanon Citrus, Clanwilliam was fun-filled, with many physically demanding activities, such as hiking, paddling, tubing and mountain biking. It tested their abilities to work in a team, to trust and communicate with one another and to persevere. It also tested their cooking skills!

Despite the intense heat, dry lips and battle scars, they all agree that they had an incredible experience in the Cederberg. Having shared unforgettable memories, they left base camp not only as a team but also as a family.

The final camp of their school careers entailed the Grade 12s taking an 11 hour bus trip over the border into Namibia to complete a physical three-day canoeing trip in mid 40 degree temperatures, downstream, northwards on the Orange River.

They were guided by Bundi Adventures, an accredited river-rafting company with trained and experienced river-guides. Their experiences included negotiating exciting rapids, sleeping along the river bank under the Richtersveldt moon and under the brightest stars ever seen, fishing for barbel in the dark, making new friends and sharing it all with old ones during a once-in-a-lifetime experience. They returned to Cape Town eager to tell the story but sad to leave the beauty of it all.

Contributors to this report: Mr Nock, Mr Flanagan, Mr D Duffield, Mr Bredell, Pascale Schoeman, Aza Mbovane, Kayla George and Mr Lewis.



PARKLANDS TO LONDON

After having sent several representatives to visit Parklands College in 2015, Apple invited us to present at the 2016 Apple Leadership Summit in London, from the 18th to the 23rd of January. Lindsay Wesner presented our school's story in a Keynote in the 'Best Practices' segment of the program and Lee-ann Steynberg, Richard Knaggs and three of our learners, Luke Bowles, Stephanus Cilliers and Sarika Naidoo presented a workshop on Computational Thinking using Robotics.

Many, many hours of preparation and rehearsal went into perfecting the keynotes and workshops. Over 1200 leaders in education, decision-makers and government officials from around the world attended the Apple event. Lindsay presented to all of them and our 'Think like a Coder' workshop attracted just over 300 delegates.

In Lindsay Wesner's keynote she outlined the Parklands vision and gave the audience examples of innovative teaching and learning that happens at the College such as our cross-curricular projects, utility offerings and our app development. She provided audiences with insight into our progressive approach to the professional development of our staff and the culture of creativity and innovation we consciously nurture at the College. Many delegates commented on the high quality, holistic approach, not only to the development of our students, but also to the development of our educators. It became evident from the delegate's reactions to our story, that we truly are at the forefront of the implementation of educational technology, not just in South Africa but across the world.

The 'Think like a Coder' workshop, introduced delegates to programming and computational thinking as they were involved in the hands-on programming of Lego EV3 robots to complete the simulation task of saving Parkie the Penguin from an oil slick in Table Bay. Our learners Luke, Stephan and Sarika, confidently and clearly gave the delegates instructions and information on the working of the robot hardware and the iPad programming software before allowing them time to complete the challenge set before them. They then became facilitators of the learning process, guiding delegates from all around the world. The workshop was concluded with a discussion of computational thinking skills and their relevance and application across all areas of the curriculum. Our students then shared how they had applied these skills to win the project prize in a recent robotics competition.

In the Summit app, attendees could leave comments or messages. Here are just a few of the many complimentary reactions to the workshop.



"Thanks for a really giving and inspiring session. I've never tried programming before and I learned a lot and had lots of fun! In Sweden, programming is not yet in the curriculum but it will be and this session gave me lots of great ideas." - Yiva Bergstedt (Sweden)



"Awesome! And such cool teachers." - Kristina Velser (Denmark)

"Fun and eye-opening session. Special thanks to the students who presented professionally." - Anna-Maija Katajisto (Finland)

"Great session. Good hands-on experience I can see working in my classroom. It will definitely engage my learners and get them thinking like coders. Well done to all." - Nicola Rudge (UK)

And a few reactions to the keynote...

"Visiting South Africa in August. Would love to come and visit Parklands College. So inspiring!" - Anders Duvkär (Sweden)

"Thank you for real and honest stories and inputs to reflection and action when I get back home." - Lena Walters (Germany)

"I love the idea of giving students time and space for creation and innovation." - Nasser Al Memari (UAE)

We were very proud, not only of the learners and staff who so excellently represented the College at such a prestigious international event but of the Parklands College family as a whole. Were it not for the learners, parents, educators, directors and management consistently investing in the College and being part of our journey, story and team, we would not have a school to showcase on such a platform. Parklands College is an incredible place of teaching and learning and it would not be so without the entire community. Sharing our story has given us the opportunity to inspire and affect positive change in schools and other educational institutions around the world. This is an achievement of which we all can feel truly proud.

Class Representatives elected

Congratulations to the newly elected class representatives of 2016. These students were elected by their peers, after being nominated by their classmates, and after presenting a speech to their respective homerooms. Our class representatives serve a six-month term, under the guidance of the Prefects in charge of Learner Affairs. The class representative processes form an integral part of the College's learner leadership programme.

The newly elected class representatives attended a leadership workshop on the evening of Tuesday, 2 February. The new, young leaders spent time growing their leadership skills under the watchful eyes of the Learner Affairs Prefects: Karen Wu, Fatima Banyu and Michael Nesbitt. During the evening, the class representatives discussed the roles and responsibilities of being a leader at the College. Mr Biermann, the staff member in charge of the class representatives, was also there to make sure everything ran according to plan and that the new class representatives were well equipped.

We wish our newly elected class representatives well for their time in office.

Congratulations to the following learners:

Learner	Grade	Class
Anika van der Walt	7	P
Darushen Pillay	7	P
Omar Abousheer	7	A
Tyla Fourie	7	A
Thor Hambly-Nuss	7	R
Josue K. Mwape	7	R
Bianca Botha	8	P
Bathandwa May	8	A
Keagan Strydom	8	R
Darian Naidoo	8	K
Samantha Muller	9	P
Courtney Douglas	9	A
Tiyana Naicker	9	R
Eden Van Den Watt	9	K
Justin Coburn	10	P
Nina Rossouw	10	A
Sarah Stewart	10	R
Megan Buttgen	10	K
Aza Mbovane	11	P
Pascale Schoeman	11	A
Conner Fick	11	R
George Sparg	11	K
Tyrone Howes	12	P
Nicholas Cattelan	12	A
Miguel de Barros Viana	12	R
Diana de Pão	12	K

LEARNER LEADERSHIP 2016 Prefect Camp - Wortelgat, Stanford

On 8 January, the 2016 prefect body embarked on a camp to Wortelgat just outside Stanford accompanied by Mr Joubert, Mr Melliar and Mrs Dodders. The drive was filled with a brilliant vibe, awesome people and a hearty

breakfast from the N2 Wimpy. On arrival we got straight into some icebreakers and activities that promoted team building. On the second day we began our planning for the year ahead - from theme weeks to articulating our goals.

The prefect body has come up with the acronym G.R.I.T that stands for Growth, Respect, Initiative and Trust. We as a prefect body believe that to go further in life you need GRIT.

Over the years you mature, not only in physical growth but mental and personal growth. This prepares you for the world ahead. Respect is an important part of society and the 2016 matric group will constantly strive to earn the respect of the school in whatever activity we take on. We want to be the group that takes the initiative in leading the school to new heights and we want to inspire the learners to take the initiative in their own lives. As the elders of the school we want to create that sense of trust with the learners and teachers, giving them the opportunity to accept Parklands College as a unit.

The matrics of 2016 are a close grade and we will strive to solidify that family feeling at Parklands College while making sure everyone has enough GRIT to achieve their full potential. Thank you for giving the prefects the opportunity to serve you in 2016.

Mikhailan Naicker – 2016 IT prefect



2016 Prefect Blazer Ceremony

Becoming a prefect is a monumental honour that carries deep responsibility. It is an honour that is represented in the wearing of a navy blue honours blazer. This blazer is a symbol for the commitment and initiative 18 elected students have shown in their school lives. It is a symbol for the process of laying one's own needs and desires aside to serve the College. It is a symbol that shows every member of Parklands College that whoever wears it is a living, breathing representation of the Parklands core values.

On Tuesday, 12 January all the prefects and their parents were invited to a Prefect Blazer Ceremony in the Minor Hall. Mr Corne Krige, former Springbok rugby captain, addressed the 2016 prefects and their parents on effective leadership, followed by affording each parent the opportunity to put the prefect blazer on their son or daughter. This gave each prefect a renewed sense of responsibility and commitment as a prefect.

Some quotes from the talk by Corne Krige:

- Lead from the heart
- Lead a balanced life
- Be an example: live by what you preach
- Lead a spiritual and ethical life: stand for something
- "The secret to success in life lies in the success of your secret life."

The 2016 Executive prefect body.

culture

Duke Orsino:

*If music be the food of love, play on,
Give me excess of it; that surfeiting,
The appetite may sicken, and so die.*

Twelfth Night Act1, Scene1, 1-13,
William Shakespeare

Few quotes are as appropriate for the month of love and few quotes could point as accurately to the exciting year that lies ahead for the Culture department here at the Secondary Faculty.

Music News

At the Cultural assembly on Friday, 5 February, Parklands College's Year of Music will be officially launched and what an exciting year it promises to be. The first event is to be held in the Minor Hall on Wednesday, 10 February where the accomplished Italian pianist, and Parklands parent, Natalia Burri will perform a programme of Beethoven, Chopin and Prokofiev. Natalia Burri was born in Verona, Italy, where she studied and graduated in Piano and Composition. In 1995, she started working with the world famous tenor Danilo Castari and their collaboration lasted for ten years. During this time, they toured and performed in many different countries around Europe. Natalia has a passion for teaching children to play piano and she loves performing. She will be joined on stage by two of Parklands College's own Music teachers, Mrs Beverley du Plessis (voice) and Mr Ash-Lee Louwskietter (trombone). The concert starts at 18:30 and it is a compulsory event for all FET music learners. It is a great privilege to be afforded the opportunity to see an artist of this caliber perform and we extend a warm invitation to interested parents and members of the Parklands community. Next month, the Secondary Faculty will be hosting the inaugural Parklands College Music Festival on March, 12. Music learners from other schools will be invited to participate in a day full of collaboration with Parklands Musicians and there will be a highly anticipated performance by the Grassy Sparks in the evening on the Sandown campus. Read the blog to keep updated on this exciting event and other planned Music events for 2016.



Drama

This year we welcome Mr Joshua Wyngaard into the Drama department. Mr Wyngaard, although relatively new to teaching, is no stranger to the stage and screen. He is teaching the GET phase and is involved in the recently introduced Film and Media course offered to the Grade 8s. This year, the FET Drama learners will be participating in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The 25 learners will be performing in Shakespeare's great tragedy Macbeth on April, 21 2016 at the Baxter Theatre. Visit the SSFSA website for more information and to view some images from our past production of Othello staged in 2013. <http://www.ssfsa.co.za/> Trinity Drama has had a healthy intake of new learners and details regarding Eisteddfods will be made available via the blog at a later stage of the quarter.

Dance

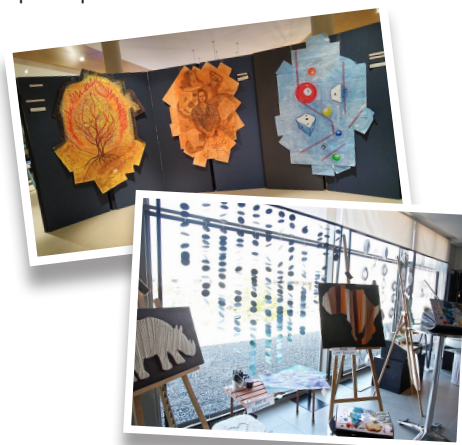
Congratulations to all of the dancers who participated in the RAD and ISTD examinations at the end of 2015. The ballet dancers were examined by Ms Joyce Myroff and the modern and tap dancers by Ms Trish McKenna. Ms Anna Botha examined the dancers, who participated in the Medal tests. Across the three different faculties, we accumulated 4 Bronze, 11 Silver, 9 Gold Medals as well as 4 Merits and 31 Distinctions for the ISTD examinations. We were awarded 2 Merits, 41 Distinctions and 6 Higher Grade Presentations for the RAD Ballet Examinations. We are very pleased and proud of their achievements. Well done to the following dancers:

Isabella Rivera, Leah Deetlefs, Abigail Neisius, Dristhi Ramkelawan, Sujata Naidoo, Teneale Moodley, Kiana Prinsloo, Farah Isaacs, Elinor Naidoo, Saliswa Mkwanzani, Sarah Saidi, Pearl Mabula, Jordan Black, Cheye Strydom, Khanyisile Njobe, Julia Ligthelm, Hannah Rogers, Kara Fourie, Lia Benny, Olivia Draper, Gabriella Andrews, Sabrina Davids, Kira Farrakhova, Taylor Gerstle, Amy Wood, Morghan Mateus, Sibabalwe. Bebelele, Angelique Minkoulou, Eden Ashendorf-Cox, Uchechukwu Obinwa, Marion Minkoulou, Zimi Sodlongwana, Carla Bochnig, Ashleé Pretorius, Mikayla Van der Merwe, Lauren Williams, Daniel MacLagan, Isabella Fourie, Leah Miller, Gemma Daries, Isabella Schroder, Chantel Myburgh, Lila Barker, McKenna Nel, Katelyn Pienaar, Thaliya Moodley, Maapi Molomo, Kyla Dinkelmann, Makayla Dobson, Michaela Greyvensteyn, Tamlyn Greyvensteyn, Keira Shelton, Kaira Naidoo, Nicola Simpson, Moonjing Liang, Alexandra Draper, Amy Ligthelm, Kiara Florentino, Tallulah Duvenage, Nishtha Ramjee, Raquel de Castro, Anika van der Walt, Bianca Botha, Laura MacLagan, Zarah Linssen, Kaylee Musikanth, Kim Sendin, Bathandwa May, Courtney Douglas, Milena Fieggen, Megan Deghaye, Adrienne Tonkin, Tiffany Schrauwen, Nora Meviane, Daniella Mizrachi, Taylor Savage, Erin Matthews, Niamh Moriarty, Demi van Rooi, Cecilia van der Walt, Zoë Van Rooyen, Zintle Mayaphi, Tania Kianda Nkulu, Arminda Lima Gonçalves, Melisa Mbero, Mertixell Cilliers, Kirsten Eppel, Kristy-Anne Milne, Christine Livingston, Claudia Schoeman, Kwena Charlene Mabotja and Tamaryn Taylor. Dance photographs courtesy of Aletta Nijland.



Visual Arts

After outstanding Matric results in 2015, the Visual Arts and Design department continues to grow in its pursuit of excellence. Chloë Saville, one of our Culture prefects for 2016, has embraced the challenge of making the Visual Arts more visible on our campus and will be presenting the first slideshow of our talented visual artists at assembly on Friday, 5 February. The Culture prefects have also embarked on an Artist of the Month initiative which will see learners' work exhibited on the digital notice boards around the school making art a part of our everyday life here at the college. Artists from the College will be entering pieces into the Eisteddfod competition for the first time in 2016 and we eagerly anticipate their success on this public platform.



Cultural Tours

The Culture tour to Europe and the Jazz tour to the Grahamstown festival are scheduled for later in the year. Mrs Cass and Mr Flanagan will be part of the staff accompanying learners to the former and Mr Flanagan, Mrs Nock and Mr Clayton to the latter.

We encourage everyone to explore some facet of the huge variety of Cultural activities happening at the College. 2016 may not be a 'production year' but we, as a department, are always in production and we would love you to join us as audience.

Catherine Didders

INTERACT REPORT

The Interact Club, our society focussing on social awareness and outreach at the Secondary faculty, has started off with a bang as learners have already started bringing in chocolates for our annual Easter Egg drive. These Easter Eggs are then given to some old age and children's homes. Our annual

collections will carry on as usual. Please peruse the weekly blog for specific reminders regarding upcoming projects.

The Interact Committee members for 2015-2016 are extremely focused on making outreach a beneficial part of College life and aim to encourage as many students as possible to get involved. This drive resulted in a record-breaking 93 students attending our first Interact meeting of the quarter, thus requiring us to move our meetings to a bigger venue for the rest of the year. With a team this strong we can expect some great ideas being implemented.

We will kick start our year by taking the learners on our Interact Camp at Wortelgat from 19 – 21 February. This will be a platform for the learners to share their community outreach ideas as well as build friendships with each other. Some of our major projects for the rest of the year include the One-2-One fun day for the mentally disabled, the Santa Shoe box collections, our visits to the Fallen Angels Animal Shelter, our annual August Awareness month and a few combined projects with Blouberg Rotary (Our Interact Charter Club).

We hope to continue creating awareness for those less privileged than us and to bless them in our true Parklands spirit of generosity.

Shaun Oberholzer

sport

We have had a fantastic start to the Summer Quarter on the sporting front with learners enthusiastically signing up for the various sporting codes on offer. The College boasts a wide range of summer sports such as Cricket, Water Polo, Swimming, Tennis, Softball and Cross Country. We are excited about the level of commitment we have witnessed from the start of the season, which bodes well for the development and future achievements in Sport here at the College.

Cricket

Laura Wolvaardt has been part of the SA u/19 women's cricket team for many years. She has also captained the u/19 WP team to victory. Last year she was invited to play for the South African Ladies Senior Cricket team. However, this year she has finally been selected by Cricket South Africa to become a Protea player, representing South Africa at the highest level in an ODI series against England. We are indeed very proud of our super star.

All our teams have started the season off



well, but mention needs to be made of our u/15 Boys who beat Tableview by 9 wickets, with Dumiso Maqeda taking 7 wickets for four runs.

The Cricketing Old Boys came back to school and entertained us with two exciting matches against the 1st XI and some of the school staff. Chairman of the Board, Mr Barry Tilney, joined in the festivities for lunch after he shared some cricket stories with all of us. The Old Boys won one match and the Parklands 1st XI won the other. It was a most entertaining day.

Swimming

We are proudly building on our swimming culture at the College. We started the season with time trials to select our strongest swimmers to represent Parklands at the inter-schools galas. Our swimmers have excelled, with some particularly good results from Luke Parker and Luke and Lindi Cillie. We also had encouraging swims from Olivia Bastick and Zander Venter. We are delighted to have Jeffrey Crouse back in the pool and look forward to more outstanding performances from him. Parklands will be hosting an Individual Gala in our pool on 4 February 2016 with 5 participating schools.

Water Polo

This is a growing sport with 107 learners signing up this quarter. We had a very successful clinic for the 1st team boys and girls and many different drills and skills were practised and acquired. We are all looking forward to the Oakhill Chukka Festival in Knysna where both our boys and girls teams will be flying the Parklands College flag.



Softball

This great game is very popular amongst the girls. Approximately 119 girls have signed up which is the equivalent of 5 teams - all competing in various leagues. The season started on a high note with our first team winning their opening game 8-3 against Edgemead High and our second team were narrowly defeated by The Settlers 12-11. Softball is growing from strength to strength at the College.

Tennis

A committed group of tennis players are working hard towards making Parklands College a strong tennis playing school. Both the Boys' and Girls' first teams compete in the WP Northern 1st league. With junior players like Ryan Baines and Storm Elliott taking part in the WP U15 trials, the future of tennis also looks bright.

Cross Country

Our first trail run, the Spur Cape Summer series, was held at Tygerberg Nature Reserve. Ntando Brümmer and Cayley Hefer - both in Grade 8 - completed the 8km race in very windy conditions. Well done to them for hitting the ground running this year. The Big Bay Parkrun was a great success with many of our learners participating.

We invite all interested runners to join us on our early morning runs along the boundaries of the College.

Vision

Our vision for Sport at Parklands College is to nurture and encourage the learners to realise their passion and full potential by striving to achieve their highest goals in their particular sporting discipline. In this way we try to assist and guide learners on their life long learning journey, while upholding the Parklands College values and ethos of good sportsmanship, integrity and fair play.

Ian Melliart, Secondary Head of Sport

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

On Friday 22 January we held our annual Inter-House Gala. This was the first event this year and the newly appointed House Captains scrambled to get their swimmers organized and their houses prepared for the war cries. And what a job they did!

The war cries were original with interesting new ideas related to their chosen theme for the year. After much discussion, the judges felt that Oxford had the best war cries for the day. Harvard, Cambridge and Yale came second, third and fourth respectively.

The swimming was superb on a perfect summer's afternoon with all four houses gunning for top spot and 50 house points. Whilst the seasoned swimmers showed their form, there were some unexpected surprises from some other learners who did their best to upset the favourites. We hope to see them participate as regular College squad swimmers in the near future. The popular teachers' race was fiercely contested with Mr. Nock narrowly taking first place. In the end, Cambridge House was victorious in the races with some help from the Cillie siblings. Harvard, Oxford and Yale made up the minor places.

The gala was a brilliant introduction to our Inter-House events for 2016. The spirit displayed by the houses and the healthy rivalry between the swimmers was heart warming.

I am convinced that this is the start of amazing house events to follow.

T. Pillay



SENIOR PREPARATORY FACULTY GRADES 4 - 6

From the Principal's Office Stephen Le Feuvre

January 2016 will probably be remembered for an unprecedented heatwave. While temperatures soared into the mid-thirties, school got underway. And despite the potential for lethargy, our learners got going with enthusiasm.

The year started with the identification of House Captains for the Inter-house Swimming Gala. These Grade Six captains stepped it up a notch by dressing up and canvassing votes at the school gates in the morning. This showed the gees needed to motivate one's House to compete with enthusiasm.

The same spirit was demonstrated at the Open ICT Morning. The age gap narrowed as learners and parents experienced class together and even used technology together in their learning. The parent-child teams ran around the school gathering and processing information using the technological tools at their disposal.

On the sport front, one usually takes a little while to prepare the learners to compete. However, we have got off to a flyer with trials in Tennis, Swimming and Water Polo. In the last week the Senior Preparatory Water Polo got to play in their first fixture ever. All of this was met with much excitement from the learners and parents concerned.

Our U11 cricketers also started early preparing for the upcoming tour of Kwazulu-Natal schools. They have competed mid-week and have been invited to play in our Saturday U12 Invitational side all in the spirit of intense preparation. We wish them well at the end of the month.

The atmospheric temperature may have soared but so did the boys and girls in the Senior Preparatory. They have thrown themselves into the activities of the quarter with much enthusiasm.

GRADE FOUR REPORT

A warm welcome to all Grade 4 learners and parents who have now joined our Senior Preparatory faculty. The Grade 4 learners have already embraced the adaption into the Senior Preparatory with great fervour! They have been introduced to new subjects, new teachers and new experiences.

A highlight of the first month was the Open ICT morning. We shared a wonderful morning with the parents



who took on the challenge of learning about the history of Parklands College by using various iPad applications. The children became the teachers and the parents became the students! It was so much fun to see the children telling the parents what to do for a change.

Another exciting day on the Grade Four calendar was the visit to The Castle of Good Hope. The children were fascinated as they were told about shipwrecks, wars, forts with cannons for protection and prison cells. They watched with pure amazement as "ye olde" soldiers of the Cape marched in unison to lock the huge, green spiked gates at the front of The Castle. However, the highlight of the day was the firing of the cannon!

We are sure that all the learners are going to enjoy this next part of their educational journey with us and hope they glean as much as possible from the experience by getting involved in the many varied activities the College has on offer.

Miss Drawbridge

GRADE FIVE REPORT

Welcome back to the Grade Fives of 2016! A new year brings with it many exciting learning opportunities. The learners have shown a good sense of responsibility with their first year of subject teaching.

The first month of Grade Five has been filled with activities that delighted the learners. In English,

they uncovered the exciting life of Bradley Chalkers and followed his story in 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. They have worked diligently on their mental mathematics skills through using the Number Sense books and have gone on a journey into South Africa's history by learning about the San hunter-gatherers.



The Grade Fives continued their adventure into the lives of the San at !Khwa ttu. Our San guides took us around a variety of stations that explained different aspects of the San life. We were shown a medicinal garden traditionally known to remedy anything from the common cold to asthma, how to make a fire without matches, a variety of weapons used by the San hunters and even a replica of a San village with a San woman who told us stories in her native language. Fun was had by all and just in time for the History test! We look forward to many more enjoyable learning experiences in the months to come.

Miss Palmer

GRADE SIX REPORT

The beginning of the school year is a big event in the lives of our learners as well as the staff. The Grade Six learners of 2016 are tasked with making this year one to remember in all areas of school. We encourage them

to explore all the opportunities afforded to them in academics, sport, culture as well as extra murals. We task these capable learners with taking on the added responsibility, and in so doing, make their final year in Senior Preparatory one to remember.

Quarter one always seems to be one that sees our learners come to terms with the new grade routine. Several new challenges, teachers, apps, sporting codes and classmates, all mean that the Grade Sixes will have to manage their activities, time and social lives a bit more carefully.

We challenged both our learners and parents at the Senior Preparatory Open ICT

Morning where we exposed our parents to some of the day-to-day encounters that face our learners when it comes to ICT in the classroom.

This event was a lot of fun and many parents loved exploring the apps, assessments and the hands-on experience that was shared with them.



During the quarter we will introduce our learners to our Apprentice Tasks where the staff of Grade Six will mentor the learners on everything from teamwork to budgets to advertising, before we actually do our first Apprentice Task in the second quarter.

We also have a fun and exciting day planned with the "Leaders in Action" Orientation scheduled for the 9th February 2016. This will allow our learners to show off their abilities in a more relaxed group setting. With a busy few weeks to come, we challenge our Grade Sixes to remain focused and put in the added effort as this stance can only bring positive rewards.

Mr Manickum

outreach

At the beginning of 2016, the Senior Preparatory Outreach Committee officially commenced their duties to lead the school in helping others and showing concern for the general community in which we find ourselves. The committee has been hard at work ensuring that the charity drives are successful and enjoyable for all the children at the Senior Preparatory.

The first charity drive of the year was held on the 22 January 2016. There was much excitement as the children came to school without shoes. The idea behind this initiative was to collect old school shoes and stationery to donate to those children who do not have these items. The children at Ysterplaat Primary School were delighted with the school shoes and stationery that they received. The next charity drive is on the 12 February 2016. The Senior Preparatory will be celebrating Friendship Day. The children will be donating a variety of groceries, which will be given to the

Home of Hope in Tableview. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to "share the love" on a special day such as Friendship Day.

Miss Trollip

culture

Music

Our musicians have settled well into their music lessons and ensemble groups. We are looking forward to many exciting performances from our various groups such as the Orchestra, Marimba bands, Brass Ensemble and Choir. Our Senior Preparatory Choir will be taking part in this year's Tygerberg Eisteddfod as well the West Coast Song Festival.



Drama

The Grade 5 and 6 Drama elective learners have started working on an exciting play entitled 'Daring Delinquents', which will be performed in front of the school at the end of the quarter.

Dance

The Dance Department is in full swing and preparations have started with getting the dancers ready for the Cape Town Eisteddfod, which will be held in May. Many hours of fun, hard work, concentration and effort go into getting the dancers to work together as a team. We would also like to congratulate all of the dancers who participated in the RAD and ISTD examinations at the end of 2015. Ms. Joyce Myroff examined the ballet dancers and Ms. Trish McKenna examined the tap and modern dancers. Some of our dancers also participated in the Medal Tests and across the three different faculties we accumulated 4 Bronze, 11 Silver, and 9 Gold Medals. We were also awarded 4 Merits and 31 Distinctions for the ISTD examinations and in the RAD Ballet we were awarded 2 Merits, 41 Distinctions and 6 Higher Grade Presentations. We are very pleased and proud of all the dancers achievements.

Art

The Grade 4 Art classes have been busy with their Colour Theory project. They are currently making individual fish, which will be put together to create a massive colour wheel. In the Grade 5 classes they have been looking at Russian architecture, in particular St Basil's Cathedral in The Red Square. The learners have had a great deal of fun using 360 Cities to explore The Red Square on their iPads. The Grade 6 classes have begun work on their 'Under the Sea' Whale project, which will incorporate all the theory that they have covered up until now.

Mrs Du Pisanie

isixhosa

Uxolo. Namaste. Shalom.

A must-have Xhosa word for the quarter is 'uxolo'. This term may appear as just one word, but in isiXhosa it can be a sentence and it has five meanings. Uxolo is such a useful word to have in the collection of your isiXhosa vocabulary. All the students learned to appreciate this word and it became part of their interaction with others.

Here are the five meanings uxolo carries:

1. *Sorry - to apologise (uxolo)*
2. *Excuse me - to get someone's attention (uxolo)*
3. *I'm sorry for you - to show sympathy (oh, shame torho uxolo)*
4. *Peace - eg uxolo is important to me (ndaluthanda uxolo)*
5. *Forgiveness - to request forgiveness (indicela uxolo)*

Many Xhosa names are derived from this meaningful word and they carry the same sentiment, such as *Noxolo, Xolelwa, Xola, Xolile, Xolani, Xoliswa, Xolandile, Noxolile* and so on. So remember to use 'uxolo' in your interactions everyday. You always need this word, this phrase and this sentence.

Mr Magini

robotics

Lego is therapy, right?!

The Robotics lab received interesting 'presents' at the beginning of February in the form of Lego sets. There are two different sets. The one is a small pneumatics kit and the other a solar and wind energy kit. These Lego kits work in conjunction with our existing kits. It arrived only this week, thus if you visit me in the next while, you might see me testing it out. Really, just testing, I will not be having fun at all... play date anyone? I already had a mom eyeing out the kits and asking about a play date for parents... we could all use a little play therapy, right?

These new kits will have to wait their turn though, as for now the learners have been enjoying the robot challenges that they are given each week to solve. The aim of each challenge is to explore the abilities of the NXT robot. We had a 'Woodbridge Island' challenge, as well as a 'Stop and Go' and 'Power up!' challenge. These tasks stimulate thinking and problem solving, which keeps the learners attentive.

Most learners are getting into the routine of taking a video of their robot executing the task, which is then submitted onto our Google Classroom. Do have a look; I think you will most likely be impressed with your children!

Miss Smith

sport

The start of the Summer Quarter delivered an eventful sports schedule which created numerous opportunities for all Grade 4 – 6 Parklands learners. This period guided the large number of sports fanatics at Parklands Senior Preparatory School into choosing their various sporting codes and teams. Great preparation was offered, incorporating maximum participation and fun-filled training sessions to ensure that our sports teams are well drilled for their first round of inter schools matches.

The year has also started off with a number of Parklands learners achieving outstanding sporting success in their external sporting involvements. We are very proud of Jack Buchanan who was recently selected for the Western Province Schools U/11 tennis team. Well done to Jack on this top achievement and we look forward to following his progress in this field.

The Senior Preparatory Inter House Swimming Gala was held on Friday 5 February 2016. The Inter House build up period promoted great spirit as the houses gathered for their daily house meetings. The captains ably planned their swimmers' event allocations and lead their houses in great spirit with war cries on the day. The build up to the gala certainly contributed immensely towards the success and the warm atmosphere of this event. Well done to all the Parklands learners who participated and gave their best for their houses. We look forward to the top six finals of each event, which will be held on 11 March 2016 as Parklands will be hosting it's first Ladder 6 internal Swimming Gala.

Our Cricket, Softball, Running Club and Tennis Teams produced respectable results during the first week of inter school sports fixtures. Our weekly Softball fixtures include the hosting of two or sometimes three schools at Parklands on one afternoon. With great Softball coaches involved in this code, the popularity levels of this sport continue to grow amongst Parklands girls as well as learners from surrounding schools in the area.

Our 2016 U/12 Water Polo squad really enjoyed the privilege to be the first Parklands Water Polo group to enjoy, experience and learn from the competitive Water Polo fixtures that they have engaged with while visiting the traditional Water Polo schools from the Southern Suburbs. These schools have an established Water Polo tradition and it certainly holds exciting future ventures for Parklands in this arena.

The Saturday morning Premier League Cricket fixtures are also well underway as our Grade 5 & 6 invitational Cricket side played in a fun-filled Cricket fixture at St Joseph's Marist Brothers in Rondebosch. It was also pleasing to witness the warm spirit and great support from the Parklands parent group on the side of the field during this fixture.

Mr Badenhorst

JUNIOR PREPARATORY FACULTY GRADES 1 - 3

From the Principal's Office Tanya Dean

The Junior Preparatory has been a whirlwind of activity this quarter. On 13 January we welcomed our 2016 Grade One learners to the faculty. With school bags in tow, they entered their new classrooms with shy smiles and enquiring minds. Their blazers with cuffs too long, shiny new shoes and pristine uniforms signaled the start of an exciting journey into formal education.

As we look back over the past weeks, we are consumed with pride at the rapidity with which these young learners have settled into their daily routines. They are actively engaged in all areas of school life, and uncertainty has been replaced with sighs of contentment. Similarly, our Grade Two and Three learners have embraced their new environments, and the classrooms are filled with creative energy and an air of excited anticipation. It is heartwarming to observe the new friendships forged amongst classmates and peers, and the joy of sharing special moments and break time chatter.

Our Amphitheatre has provided a beautiful summer backdrop for our Monday assemblies. The first assembly messages have focused on the core values of our school. A number of learners have also been presented with their birthday books, and the library is swelling with exciting reading material.

Our summer sporting and cultural activities are in full swing, and we are privileged to observe our talented sportsmen, dancers and musicians participating in a varied programme where they are spoilt for choice.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our parents and learners for their generous response to the weekly Bread Buddy drive and collection of second hand stationery and school shoes, piled boxes of which were delivered to Dunoon Primary. We are always humbled by the smiles of delight on the faces of these young children, and the very real impact of this outreach partnership.

The partnership we share with parents in guiding young minds towards their potential, is one of enormous responsibility and unimaginable reward. A 2016 educational journey of curiosity and wonder awaits!



Whose Child is This?

*"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should."*

*"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school."*

*"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."*

library

A Library Adventure... Librarian: Elise Crouse

The beginning of a new year heralds exciting times as we are getting ready to open a new library on the Senior Preparatory campus. We welcomed the new librarian, Ms Faye Little, who is already working hard to prepare books, while our outstanding artisans are building the most beautiful shelves.

In the meantime, classes are all still coming to the Junior Preparatory library, and as always, there is much to discuss and new books to enjoy. The Book Club is reading avidly, and two teams are eagerly awaiting their chance to participate in the regional finals of the International Lit Quiz competition.

So welcome once again to Bookworm Heaven!



A Grade One Learning Adventure...

*"A child can ask a thousand questions
that the wisest man cannot answer."*

- Jacob Abbott

During the first weeks of Grade One we have been hard at work consolidating all the concepts learnt in Grade R. With smiley faces all eagerly awaiting their adventure of learning and exploring, their new world of letters and numbers has come alive. The children have also adapted to new school rules and routines. When asked what one of our rules in Grade One are Chulumanco Mdudu said, "In Grade One we must be quiet so we can make our brain relax."

First Weeks in Grade One

*'It is fun! I like it when we make sentences
and I can even read them.'*

- Mikateko Msibi

*'I didn't have to make new friends, because
everyone knew me in Gr R. I am a good friend
because I ask people to play with me.'*

- Angelo Papavasiliopoulos

*'I have learnt about important letters, a, e, i, o
and u and we call them vowels.'*

- Darshan Sooful

*'I have learnt how to do my sentences and
read them.'*

- Chrysanthé Theodoropoulos

*'I have learnt how to read Kipper and Floppy.
They are cool characters.'*

- Daniel de Vos

*'I have learnt to wear my hat properly so I don't
get sunburnt.'*

- Khushelo May

'No hat, no play is very important.'

- Ruvimbo Mtize

*'You must remember not to swim without a
swimming teacher.'*

- Syan Ramchander

A Grade Two Learning Adventure...

*'Grade Two is fun because I have suddenly
realised I can do everything!'*

- Amelia Bishop

*'I like Grade Two and I like working. I have
enjoyed seeing all of my friends too.'*

- Hannah Van Zyl

*The first day of school was very exciting,
The Grade Twos couldn't wait to get thinking
and writing.*

*With their bags on their backs,
and smiles on their faces,
They climbed up the stairs and
found their new places.*

*Feeling grown up they unpacked
all their things,
And shared their news,
in morning rings.*

*They listened carefully,
as their teachers explained,
About numbers, and reading, and stretching
their brain!*

*They learnt about Six Bricks,
and Google Classroom,
And about other things they
would be learning about soon.*

*At the end of the day each could agree,
They would try to be the best,
they could possibly be!*

I Am In Grade Two by Michael Steynberg

I am in Grade Two
I wonder how big my ship is going to be.
I hear a rocket.
I see a castle.
I want a ship.
I think I have a dog.
I am in Grade Two.

I Am In Grade Two by Tyler Heyns

I am in Grade Two.
I wonder what I am going to do when
I grow up.
I hear someone talking.
I see my friends working.
I want to be a professional soccer player.
I think about what my mom is doing.

I am in Grade Two.
I pretend that I am sixteen years old.
I feel my skin.
I touch Connor's ball.
I worry about nothing.
I hope that I catch big fish at the river.

I am in Grade Two.
I understand that $6+6=12$
I say that I can hula hoop.
I dream about my birthday.
I try my best at work.
I will swim when I get home.
I am in Grade Two.

I Am In Grade Two by Jai Gounden

I am in Grade Two.
I wonder if I can fly.
I hear my friend.
I see a car and a dog.
I want Lego for Christmas.
I think that $24+24=48$

I pretend I am at a show.
I feel excited about my birthday.

I touch fire and a dragon.
I worry about my Lego.

I hope to be rich and very good at Maths.
I understand that $7000+7000=14\ 000$
I say that I can count to a million.
I dream about my friend.
I try to do my best.
I will enjoy school.
I am in Grade Two.

A Grade Three Learning Adventure...

The Grade Three learners really impressed their teachers in the first few weeks of school. They proved that they are ready to be a part of this exciting journey that will take them on to new heights next year. The Grade Three group has a lot to look forward to this year.

We started the year off with the learners having their first experience of using Six Bricks in the classroom. Six Bricks has been developed by the Lego Foundation to help enrich language, problem solving and collaborative skills. The use of the bricks in the classroom has added a level of learning that revolves around having fun. The learners have been engrossed in these activities since day one.

We look forward to our first outing of the year to the MTN Science Centre. The Grade Threes will be learning more about their bodies and how systems work. To encourage our budding scientists, we will be building our own set of "lungs" which will give our learners insight into how the breathing system functions.

The learners are doing a good job as role models to the Grade One and Two learners, and working hard to achieve their goals of becoming Grade Three Monitors. Many of our learners have been busy enjoying the co-curriculars on offer and it is encouraging to witness their enthusiastic participation in all that they do. They continue to produce work of a good quality and seem to be enjoying learning all the new concepts.

They have truly shown their dedication and determination to achieve good results inside and outside of the classroom. We look forward to a year filled with exploration, innovation and the further development of a skill set for life long learning.

culture

A Cultural Adventure... Head of Culture: Dalene du Pisanie

Music

Our young musicians have settled well into their music lessons and ensemble groups. We are looking forward to many exciting performances from our various groups. Our Junior Preparatory Choir will be taking part in this year's Tygerberg Eisteddfod, the West Coast Song Festival as well as the ATKV Applous Competition. The Junior Orchestra has

been working on a composition by Mr Ernstzen called 'Marching Madness', which will be performed in Assembly soon.

Art and Drama

The Junior Preparatory Art Department has started the year with loads of creativity and various colour theories and techniques.

The children are enthusiastic and very committed towards their creative sessions, whereby they are encouraged to experiment and express themselves freely, within the safe space of our Art classroom. Our Art and Drama Societies have welcomed many enthusiastic learners and we are looking forward to showcasing their work later in the year.



Dance

The Dance Department is in full swing and preparations have begun to prepare our dancers for the Cape Town Eisteddfod, which will be held in May. Many hours of fun, hard work, concentration and effort are required to ensure the dancers work together as a team.

We would like to congratulate all of the dancers who participated in the RAD and ISTD examinations at the end of 2015. Ms Joyce Myroff examined the ballet dancers and Ms Trish McKenna examined the tap and modern dancers. Some of our dancers also participated in the Medal Tests and across the three different faculties we accumulated 4 Bronze, 11 Silver, and 9 Gold Medals. We were also awarded 4 Merits and 31 Distinctions for the ISTD examinations, for the RAD Ballet we were awarded 2 Merits, 41 Distinctions and 6 Higher Grade Presentations. We are very proud of all the dancers' achievements.

sport

A Sporting Adventure... Sports Co-ordinator: Matthew Watson

"The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit."

- Ken Doherty

The Junior Preparatory fields, courts and pool are once again alive with the excited chatter and team spirit of our learners who have eagerly approached the sport and extramural activities on offer. Our Grade Ones have joined the programme with tremendous enthusiasm and energy. We look forward to an exciting summer season with opportunities for our young sportsmen and women to develop newfound skills, and to participate in galas, festivals and match fixtures.



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PRE-PRIMARY FACULTY GRADES 0000 - R

From the Principal's Office Chantel Lamb

On behalf of the staff at Christopher Robin Pre-Primary, we are delighted to welcome all the new children to Christopher Robin Pre-Primary. The children are settling into their new classes and are eagerly learning their class rules and routines. We enjoy greeting our parents in the morning and hope that you feel welcome and happy if you have just joined the Christopher Robin Pre-Primary Family. I look forward to continuing to work together with our "old" families and acquaint myself with those who have recently joined us.

We have had a busy and energetic few weeks and the little ones have been very brave and absolute super stars! I would like to thank the parents for their support in following our guidelines in order to settle each little one as quickly as possible.

Our staff have indeed been amazing and I would like to acknowledge their effort and hard work in ensuring that each parent as well as little one, is happy and feels secure in their new environment! We constantly seek to provide an environment, which is irresistible to children, through its elements of adventure and play.

The CRPP team are passionate about the power of play and exploration as we are well aware of the critical role it plays in a child's development. We know that our children are born with an innate desire to create, move and discover and so all activities are designed with this in mind. Decades of research clearly demonstrate that play is more than just fun and games. Play boosts healthy development across a broad spectrum of critical areas: intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our children's futures are shaped by these types of enriching learning experiences in the early years.

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." – O. Fred Donaldson

Please diarise the Summer Quarter Important dates listed below. To celebrate Christopher Robin Pre-Primary's 36th birthday, we invite you to join us at Green Point Park from 9:00-11:00 on Saturday 12 March 2016. Bring a picnic basket and don't miss out on this relaxed and fun opportunity to meet other Christopher Robin Pre-Primary Families.

Grade R

Owl, Pooh Bear, Edward Bear and Rabbit's House

Anke Van Zyl, Justine de Wet, Samantha Eagle and Tali Maltz

The new school year began with great excitement as many brave little ones entered their new classes. The new learners in Owl's House, Edward Bear's House, Pooh Bear's House and Rabbit's House have settled beautifully and seem eager to participate in all activities.

This year marks the introduction of Robotics to the Grade R curriculum and school day. Each class has their own Robotics lesson, in which the learners are familiarized with the different components in the Robotics set, from the Building Bricks, to axles. The learners participated in their first lesson with great eagerness and determination. They learnt to create towers and challenged each other to build the tallest towers. They have also been designing and creating things that move. As the year progresses, their skills in designing and programming in Robotics will continue to amaze.

The Grade R learners are learning some words and songs in their Xhosa lessons. They are learning vocabulary relating to body parts and



have enjoyed learning the "Jikeleza" song with their Xhosa teacher, Utitshalakazi.

Each Grade R learner received a recorder in their stationery pack and these have already been used with great enthusiasm. The learners have begun to learn where to position their fingers along the recorder and create sounds with their instruments. Many learners are already showing great musical promise.

Friday 29th January was dress up day to raise money for the firefighters who serve our communities so dutifully. The learners looked so courageous, dressed in red, yellow and many kindly made a donation to the Volunteer Wildfire Service. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Grade 00

Kanga, Roo and Christopher Robin's House

Megan Fick, Carla Bailey and Karyn Howes

It's good to be back after the summer holiday and it has been exciting to see the new faces of Grade 00. A happy welcome back to our little ones and to the new children that have joined our pre-primary family. The children have had lots of fun exploring their new classrooms and the 'big' jungle gyms. We started the year learning about the school rules and the little ones have been trying their best to be kind and loving and to look after their belongings. The children have enjoyed learning about colours and recognizing the various colours that are in our environment.

Our summer days have been filled with beautiful weather and this has given us the opportunity to play outdoors. We have had fun playing on the jungle gyms, as well as with the equipment such as the hula-hoops, soccer balls and skipping ropes. Inside the classroom we have enjoyed making our self-portraits and displaying them for all to admire. The classroom has been filled with excited chatter as the little ones play with the construction toys, play dough, water play, in the home corner and much more.

It has been delightful getting to know your little ones and seeing the children make new friends, as well as rekindling their relationships from last year. It is going to be a fun-filled year and we are so happy to be a part of your little one's new adventure.



Grade 000

Honey Bee and Tigger's House

Dominique van der Westhuizen and Anine Jubelius

It has been a great start to the New Year with our little ones settling into their classes so well.

The first few weeks have been filled with a lot of fun games and the little ones have loved exploring their new environment! They have especially enjoyed being able to play in the big Pirate garden. We have had so much fun learning about our school and the school rules.

We have enjoyed plenty of water and sand play. It has been a delight to watch our little ones enjoying their extra-murals. Inside the class we are learning to look after our own things and be kind to one another.

The classes have been filled with excitement as the little ones are forging new friendships and exploring their new environment. They love playing dress up, building with the big blocks, playing with the play dough and dressing up all day long.

It has been a pleasure to watch each little one settle into their new classes. We look forward to a fun filled, exciting year in 000. We are incredibly happy to be a part of your little one's year.



Crackerjacks

Ladybirds, Butterflies and Caterpillars

Lauren Parnham, Ingrid Lubbe, Candice Meyer and Michelle Hattingh

2016 – and a very happy welcome to all our little Crackerjacks. We have had a wonderful start to our new year and are so pleased with how well they have all settled in. Seeing all our little ones from last year has been so wonderful.

Lots of new friendships are being made and they are happy to see each other each morning. The children have enjoyed exploring their classroom, from building big towers with the Soft Bricks to having their hands and feet painted.

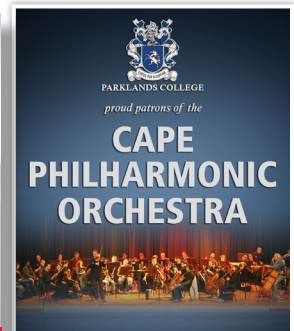
Outside play has been the highlight of their days, discovering the hidden treasures in the sand pit and building sand castles. The boys are enjoying racing around on the black motorbikes, having races and the girls rocking on the wooden play horses. Water play has been so much fun on the very hot days, measuring and seeing what floats and what does not. Fireman Friday was such fun – seeing all our friends dressed in red in support of the volunteer fire fighters. We look forward to the months ahead with lots of discovering to be done.

“Play is our favourite way of learning” – Dianne Ackerman



Quarter 1 Dates to Diarise

Puppet World (Grade 000, 00 and R)	19 Feb
Crackerjacks and Roo's House Cake Sale	19 Feb
Open Day	20 Feb
Kanga and Edward Bear's House Cake Sale	26 Feb
Class Photographs	1 Mar
Pooh bear's and Christopher Robin's House Cake Sale	4 Mar
Progress Feedback meetings begin	10 Mar
Happy Birthday CRPP 36 Years and Lilliput Show	11 Mar
CRPP Green Point Park Picnic	12 Mar
Last Day of Quarter	17 Mar



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