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Founder's Message
Lorraine Roth

As this quarter draws to a close, we would like to wish our parents, educators and learners a peaceful holiday. A special thank you to everyone who participated in College projects, tours and events.

Christopher Robin Pre-Primary proudly celebrated its 36th birthday on 11 March. In celebration of this milestone in our history, our learners spent the morning enjoying birthday cake and a funfilled Lilliput Show.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to the founding staff, parents and learners, who were brave enough to believe in our project and to promote its journey towards the success it is today. We have, over the years influenced the lives of so many young people and we are proud of the achievements of our past and present learners. We look forward to another 36 years of exceptional, early education.

This holiday is a particularly special one as it brings so many faiths together, the Jewish faith which celebrates Purim, the Hindu faith which celebrates the Festival of Colour, the Muslim faith which celebrates the birth of the Prophet Mohammed, and Easter celebrated by the Christians. May you find the time to relax and refresh while gathering wisdom in preparation for the autumn quarter ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you back on 6 April, refreshed and ready to tackle exciting new challenges.

Thank you for your continued support and ongoing commitment to the College.



Summer Quarter

January - March

SECONDARY FACULTY GRADES 7 - 12

From the Principal's Office
Sylvia Steyn

As the end of the Summer Quarter has reached us, it is a good time to reflect on the great experiences of the past 10 weeks and to plan for the remainder of the academic year. Well done to every learner who can proudly look back and say that he/ she has given it his/her all in whatever he/she attempted. May you enjoy a refreshing break and return inspired for the mid-year examination quarter.

As always, the Summer Quarter has been a busy one at Parklands College. Our sports teams have been performing better every week, we have seen many outstanding cultural performances, the exciting technological initiatives at the College keep making headlines – even overseas at international conferences and we have hosted a number of schools from all over South Africa wanting to see how we integrate the use of technology into teaching at the College.

During the upcoming holidays Ms Christel Weigelt will be getting married and will return as Mrs Harvey and Ms Hugo and Mr Biermann will be tying the knot with each other. We wish the three of them the very best on their nuptials!

There has been many individual outstanding performances, but we have to especially mention Laura Wolvaardt who, at the age of 16, represented South Africa as part of the Protea women's cricket team in a series against the West Indies and a series against England. This remarkable young lady is making a name for herself in women's cricket and we are most proud of her!

We end this quarter with our annual Freedom Bell ceremony on 17 March, to which all parents are invited. This year we will have as a guest speaker, Mr Moshe Apleni, Secretary at Gugulethu Youth Development Forum and Communications Officer- Independent Media Group.

Parents are reminded that we always welcome news about outstanding achievements outside of school. Please also read the weekly blog from the Secondary Faculty to keep up to date with everything happening.

Enjoy the Autumn break.

AFRIKAANS WEEK 2016

During the week of 14 - 18 February, Parklands College celebrated our annual Afrikaans Week. The celebrations kicked off with Grade 7, 8 and 9 learners watching contemporary Afrikaans films. Learners enjoyed the movie screenings tremendously, which helped to foster an appreciation for the spoken Afrikaans word.

On Tuesday, learners were able to swop their school shoes for their *"sokkie"* dancing shoes. Leerders het dit baie geniet. Mnr. Biermann en Mej. Hugo het ons geleer om behoorlik te sokkie. The *"sokkie in die saal"* is always a highlight for our learners.

Wednesday was filled with action, as learners participated in Boeresport, which included *"Aartappelresies", "Sakresies"* and *"Toutrek"*. Different age groups competed against each other in these events, with the following groups coming out victorious:

Aartappelresies (Potatoe Race)	Gr 7 A
	Gr 8 K
	Gr 9K
Sakresies (Sack Race)	Gr 10 R
	Gr 11 K
Toutrek (Tug-of-War)	Seniors: Gr 11
	Juniors: Gr 10

On Thursday, the Grade 11s departed for Paarl where they spent the day celebrating the South African heritage at the Afrikaans Taal Monument. Learners were shown around and informed about the symbolism behind this magnificent monument, after which they could explore the beautiful Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve, by going on a mini hike around the monument. The Grade 11s then enacted their own interpretations of various Afrikaans poems under the shadow of the monument, followed by a picnic lunch.



The week ended with our annual Afrikaans assembly, which was enjoyed by both the staff and learners. During this assembly, the Grade 11s were able to report back on their outing to the Taal Monument, in celebration of Mother Tongue Day, we watched a video which displayed the many diverse languages spoken in the Secondary Faculty. The assembly ended off with a bang as, the band, *Die Heuwels Fantasties,* paid us a surprise visit!

What an incredible ending to a fun-filled week. Ons kan nie wag vir volgende jaar nie!

S Swart

INTERNATIONAL KIDS' LIT QUIZ

The Western Cape Province heat of the International Kids Lit Quiz took place at the Grove school in Claremont on Tuesday, 9 February. This event forms part of an initiative to improve literary knowledge and cultivate a culture of reading amongst learners. The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature competition for learners aged 10 to 13 which affords students from different schools the opportunity to compete against each other in answering questions from different categories in children's literature.

Parklands College entered two teams and learners from grades six and seven were selected to take part. Our learners had a wonderful afternoon rubbing shoulders with teams from other schools in the province. The following grade seven learners represented the Secondary faculty: *Akhile Nontangana, Mujaahid Salie, Shreya Singh* and *Lelesibini Bikwani*.

The afternoon proved to be an exciting time of learning for the participants and the team effort displayed by all learners was truly admirable. As usual, the quizmaster Wayne Mills, a former senior lecturer at the University of Auckland, provided our keen readers with an entertaining celebration of books. Wayne is passionate about children reading for leisure and works hard to ensure that young readers are challenged to read widely across a range of literary genre. For more information about this exciting event please visit this website: *www.kidslitquiz.com*.



DEBATING

Over the last several years, Parklands College debating has evolved into one of the most popular utilities we have at the College and our learners have developed the reputation for being highly competent and competitive individuals having performed extremely well in a plethora of competitions. Several prestigious examples of these include: FACETS Festival, Rotary League and Eskom's Nuclear Competition to name but a few. Our learners have demonstrated phenomenal results. The latter competition is a prime example of this, as we have won it for three consecutive years, a record only matched by one other school since the competition began more than ten years ago. With 2016 packed with an abundance of first places to be won, we have no intention of slowing down.

There has been a significant increase in the interest from the learners in both the junior and senior debating clubs this year. Junior Debating takes place during our popular utility slots on Mondays and Tuesdays is reserved for Seniors. It is within these fast-paced and practical sessions



where learners are taught the intricacies of this exciting discipline as dictated by the Rotary League in preparation for the Western Cape Rotary Competition. It is here that Parklands College competes against various schools in the surrounding areas and we continue to excel having made the final in previous years. Round One on 29 February 2016, saw both junior and senior debating teams win against Melkbosstrand with two of our learners, Ivana Schäfer and Meritxell Cilliers both receiving Best Speaker awards.

We wish our learners a very enjoyable and successful 2016.

BANANGO TRADERS

On March 1, our Grade 8 learners were lucky enough to experience the world of entrepreneurship through the Banango Traders business simulation game. Banango Traders is an excellent initiative from the Johannesburg School of Finance and uses gamification to teach learners important financial, planning and strategising skills in an entertaining and competitive environment.

The Grade was divided into groups who pitted their strategising skills against one another, making decisions and taking risks to gain the most profit from selling their "banangoes". The competition was fierce, but that did not stop the learners from thoroughly enjoying the day. Although the profit figures were close right to the end, there could, unfortunately, be only one team who won. Congratulations to Abigail Rolfe, Liezl Myburgh, Jarrod Maintz, Samuel Lochoff, and Brogan Barrett for making the most profit in Grade 8.

Parklands foresees budding new entrepreneurs making waves in the future.

P Smith







FIRST AID LEVEL 1 TRAINING



Our learners had the opportunity over the weekend of February 20 to obtain their Level 1 certificates in First Aid. We are very proud of our learners and teachers for so enthusiastically completing their Level 1 certificate and passing with flying colours. We congratulate all the participants on their excellent performance.

Our next training day will be for Advanced First Aid and will take place on April, 8. Learners must have a valid Level 1 certificate no older than 18 months to attend this training opportunity.



J Gibson

VALENTINE'S PICNIC

On Thursday evening, 11th February 2016, 80 enthusiastic young learners filled the Curie quad for a Valentine's Picnic. Seated at a colourful array of tables, the young valentines were serenaded by guest performer, Judy du Plessis, on the saxophone. As the sun set they enjoyed tasty snacks of wraps, mini quiches and biltong paté which had been prepared by the Grade 11 Hospitality learners! It certainly was a most enjoyable event!





robotics

ROBOSOCCER

We commenced our Robotics this year with a very exciting Robosoccer training session on the 5th and 6th February which left all participants feeling Wowed!



Learning how to program our Robots to use the HiTechnic seeker and compass sensors to determine where the HiTechnic electronic ball was located on the field was so much fun. We then had to manoeuvre the ball away from the opponent and towards the goal line. We certainly had entertainment when what was supposed to be Robosoccer almost looked like Robot Wars with Robots toppling over from interaction with its opponent.

We definitely will be entering a team into the Robosoccer category for World Robot Olympiad(WRO) challenge this year and look forward to learning more about this incredible sport.

outings

SANCCOB/ Rietvlei Outing

As part of the Science Department's overall offering, the grade 7 learners embarked on their annual excursion to SANCCOB (Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds) and the Rietvlei Wetland Reserve on the 24th of February. Here they engaged in a plethora of intriguing activities in order to exemplify the 'real world application' of scientific investigation. Activities included fish dissection and workshops on animal rescues as well as the hazards of oil spills within the oceans.

The day began at SANCCOB where our learners were taught about the anatomy of African penguins as well as the history of plastics and their contribution to space travel and medicinal discovery. This served as a brilliant lesson, compelling the learners to view plastic as not merely a material, but as a danger to bird and sea life that should be properly disposed of. One of the highlights of this lesson was meeting Princess, a real live African penguin that had been rescued twice by the foundation.

The learners then moved over to the Rietvlei section and partook in bird identification – the learners really enjoyed the use of their magnifying glasses – as well as an additional lesson on the depletion of resources. They then took part in a number of activities related to wetlands.



As always, educational excursions like this proved to be an invaluable experience having been exposed to both academic and hands-on education outside the classroom walls. The learners returned with a greater appreciation for our environment and a hunger to play a role in the fight against pollution. Reduce, re-use, recycle.

Thebe K Moloko



culture

Maynardville Outing 2016

2016 is the year that South Africa's Grade 12s finally say farewell to Shakespeare's Othello, and Maynardville did this in style with their spectacular performance at the open-air theatre in Wynberg. This production happens to fall on a very auspicious anniversary for the Bard of Stratford-upon-Avon as 2016 marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death in 1616.

The esteemed American actor, Pope Jerrod, played the lead-role of Othello. Melissa Haiden played Desdemona, Marcel Meyer as Iago, Lee-Ann van Rooi as Emilia and Stephen Jubber as Cassio. The play was produced and directed by the creative talents, Fred Abrahamse and Marcel Meyer.

It is always amazing to watch teenagers become engrossed in a centuries old play, see them connect to it and, most importantly, enjoy it. We definitely exceeded in our mission this year and our Grade 12s walked out just that little bit more excited about Shakespeare. This year's visit to Maynardville was particularly important, as our Grade 12s will be putting on their very own class mini-production of Othello, focusing on specific themes. The English Department cannot wait to see the Grade 12's interpretations of this historical play.

J Hugo

Response from Grade 12 learners:

"The play was not as difficult to understand as I had expected. It was intriguing and kept the people's attention. It was well directed; everything flowed well and made sense."

-Christopher Lubbe



"It was a very different experience. It was my first time at Maynardville and I don't go to watch plays often, yet I thoroughly enjoyed it."

-Sebastian Holman-Raschen

Mr D Flanagan, Mr D Duffield, Mr Bredell, Pascale Schoeman, Aza Mbovane, Kayla George and Mr Lewis.

Natalia Burri and Friends in Concert

The 2016 Parklands College Festival of Music (PCFM) kicked off on 10 February with the magnificent Natalia Burri and Friends concert.

The concert featured acclaimed concert pianist (and parent at Parklands), Natalia Burri. Natalia was joined onstage by our very own music teachers, Beverly du Plessis (Voice) and Ash-Lee Louwskieter (Trombone). Together they performed a programme including Beethoven, Chopin, Prokofiev and a few Opera favourites.

The concert was attended by many friends and family from the Parklands community and we thank you for your support! To quote one Parklands parent's response: *"Wow Wow Wow, what an amazing evening! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to experience such a wonderful event."*



Western Cape Schools Festival of Arts and Creativity Report Back

On the 1st and 2nd March the Grade 10 and 11 Drama learners, accompanied by Ms. Dodders, attended the festival at the Artscape Theatre Complex.



Learners were exposed to professional theatre productions and hands-on workshop experiences with teaching artists. After attending four workshops, two lectures and three performances, the learners returned to school inspired and ready to apply what they had learned to their practical work. Grateful thanks are extended to the Artscape and the Grahamstown Foundation for producing a memorable and entertaining experience for the learners.



PCFM Music Festival

On 12 March 2016, schools from the broader Cape Town, gathered at the Parklands College Secondary Faculty for the first ever Parklands College Festival of Music.

The Festival was spread over one day, comprised of three breathtaking concerts, involved over one hundred fifty learners from seven different schools and represented the musical genres Classical, Jazz and Rock.

This variety allowed the learners from the various schools the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded learners and teachers with one goal in mind: to connect and share through music.

The College Classics Concert set the tone for the event with the Festival Orchestra and Choir who performed to an appreciative audience in the Curie Hall. The learners all performed in their respective school uniforms and the schools represented were Edgemead High School, Inkwenkwezi, Melkbosstrand High School, Somerset College, Wynberg Girls Junior and Parklands College.

The learners from these schools had only been together for a morning but were able to integrate and perform together in a manner that made it seem like they had been working together for weeks.

The Festival then moved outside for the Jazz and Rock sessions in the Quad, where Jazz Bands from Somerset College and Elkanah House and the Rock Band from Parklands turned up the volume and entertained the crowd with their respective programmes. The young musicians in these bands are clearly motivated and gave their best performances on the day.

The Festival ended with a concert by well-known Cape Town based Ska band, Grassy Spark. The Curie Hall was transformed into Madison Square Garden and learners who were in attendance were spoiled with a sensory overload of smoke machines, lasers and incredible sound. Grassy Spark connected with the audience and gave a high energy and passionate performance.

A huge thank you goes out to the participating schools and teachers who made this concert possible. The Music Department are also very grateful to their fellow educators, the ground and cleaning staff at Parklands as well as the chefs who contributed to the enormous success of the day.

We hope to see you all at the next Festival!

Anjulie Nock









sport

Chukka Water Polo Festival Knysna 2016

The annual Water Polo Chukka Festival in Knysna has become a tradition with all water polo boys and girls regarding this festival as a highlight of the water polo season. This year has been no exception. Despite the water being close to zero degrees, the tour was a huge success because we have grown from strength to strength in the last three years. This festival is the only open water water polo event played by school boys and girls on the continent of Africa, making it an extremely unique event and for Parklands College to be part of this makes it even more special.



This year Oakhill School hosted 26 schools from all over South Africa, so we played matches against teams we had never played before. At the Knysna Waterfront (where the tournament was held) as well as at the opening ceremony and social, new friendships were formed with players from different schools. The first team boys and girls each played seven matches over the tournament duration of four days. Each one was a challenge but we did Parklands proud.



By the end of the tour, both the boys and girls' teams emerged much stronger than when we started and it equipped us with invaluable skills for the rest of the season.



Strong teams like Camps Bay, Oakhill and Woodridge were taken aback by the vast improvement the boys and girls have shown over the last year. The highlight was of course beating Kingswood College 9-4 in an exciting game. Special mention must go to Kyla Cranfield and Nina Rossouw, who shared the MVP for the girls, and to captain Michael Nesbitt, for winning the MVP award for the boys.

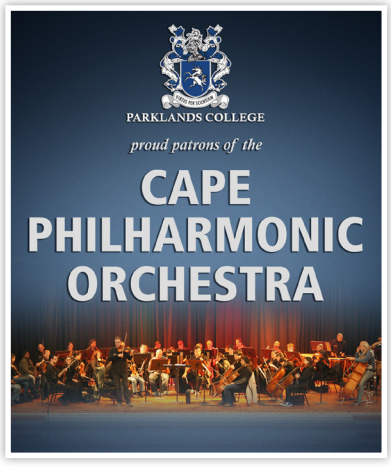
We are already looking forward to next year's festival. Thank you very much to Mr Biermann, Miss Hugo and Mrs Esterhuizen who accompanied the boys and girls and all contributed to a hugely successful Chukka Festival in Knysna.

Ian Melliar









SENIOR PREPARATORY FACULTY GRADES 4 - 6

From the Principal's Office
Stephen Le Feuvre

This month has been a month of very exciting changes in the Senior Preparatory. For the first time at Parklands College our Water Polo Boys have enjoyed a season of fixtures. Swimming has also increased in the Faculty with weekly Swimming Meets. All of this is great preparation for our new Water Polo Pool. Building of this site begins in a few week's time.

On the subject of sport, this month also saw our U11 Cricketers touring Kwazulu-Natal and returning with three wins out of four games. Well done to them for waving the Parklands flag proudly.

In the academic arena, the preparation of the new Senior Preparatory library is nearing completion. We look forward to officially opening it early next quarter. This will be an exciting opportunity for promoting reading, research and writing; activities that are close to our hearts as Parklands educators.

While I have just touched on new things, excellence has continued to be practiced in all the activities that you see displayed across these pages. We are excited to be able to offer many avenues for the development of the complete Parklands learner: one who can think critically and creatively; communicate their thoughts boldly and act collaboratively and in a manner that displays understanding of their place in the world.

GRADE FOUR REPORT

The Grade Four learners have had an interesting first quarter as they have explored new subjects and have especially had great fun doing different experiments in Science lessons.





Apart from exciting Science lessons, the learners have been taught the valuable skill of writing a good paragraph during English lessons and have applied this new skill to a History project about *The Castle of Good Hope*. A visit to *The Castle* broadened their knowledge of the topic, which enabled them to write very interesting paragraphs.

The quarter has also introduced the learners to assessments and tests. This is the first time that they have had to prepare at home for tests about the various topics that we have learnt so far. Although this is yet another new skill, the Grade Fours have shown great enthusiasm and dedication to their first set of tests. They are to be commended for their efforts.

We look forward to the Winter Quarter where further skills and knowledge are introduced and honed.

Miss Drawbridge

GRADE FIVE REPORT

As we draw near to the end of the quarter, the Grade Fives can be proud of their hard work and commitment. The learners have enjoyed a variety of activities in all spheres of College life.

The Grade Fives have discovered Africa through their informative Keynotes in Geography this quarter. They have been diligently working on their map skills during lessons and have used these skills to develop presentations based on a variety of different African countries. Many *'oohs'* and *'aahs'* can be heard coming from the Grade Five classrooms as the learners uncover the many majestic physical features seen in our beautiful continent.



Read all about it! The Grade Fives have used their knowledge from *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* to become journalists for the Red Hill School Newspaper. From writing about bullies to birthday parties, they have honed their newspaper writing skills diligently. The learners were fascinated with the interesting articles on the *Time for Kids* online newspaper and are eager to keep abreast of current affairs.

We look forward to many more exciting learning opportunities as we head into the final few weeks of the quarter.

Miss Palmer

GRADE SIX REPORT

The Grade Sixes have settled well into the quarter. We are certain that the majority of our learners have come to terms with the routine and the demands of Grade Six. We encourage our learners to take on more responsibility, especially in managing their academics, sport and extra mural commitments.

During the month of February, the Grade Sixes participated in the *Lead4Life Orientation Programme*, here on the Senior Preparatory campus. This was a day filled with activities designed to challenge our learners both physically and mentally. There was a blend of outdoor activities coupled with indoor group sessions. Our learners had to apply themselves in solving problems, in working with others and in demonstrating leadership skills when needed.

This invaluable experience gave us, the educators, an insight into what our learners are like outside of the classroom and I am indeed impressed by so many of them.

The Grade Sixes were also visited by the Prefects of Parklands Secondary Faculty. These amazing leaders spent the morning with us and conducted a question session with our school monitors. Some carefully thought-out questions were posed to the prefects. This was followed by a prefect talk with all the Grade Sixes. Everything from high school, to homework, to tests and leadership were discussed. The prefects also answered a few questions before they spent the break with the whole school. The visit was an extremely valuable experience as many of the learners got to engage with the prefects in a relaxed setting.

As we draw closer to the end of the quarter, I am pleased to report that most of the Grade Sixes are actively involved in all areas of schooling. Many continue to impress us with all that they have to offer. We would however like to see a lot more effort and drive from those who have not, as yet, given of their best.

Mr Manickum

outreach

The Summer Quarter is coming to an end and the Outreach Society would like to start by saying thank you to all the parents and children in the Senior Preparatory for their support and enthusiasm towards all the charity drives that have taken place. Without all of you, we would not be able to give to others less fortunate than ourselves.



Our most recent collection was for the Home of Hope. We held a grocery drive and collected a large amount of food items for this special home that helps abandoned and abused children in our community.

They were so grateful for the donation and they were quite astounded by the abundance and generosity shown by everyone in the Senior Preparatory.

Our third and final charity drive of the quarter is the collection of marshmallow eggs. We have collected over 2000 marshmallow eggs so far. We cannot wait to go to Huis Zonnekus, Huis Ysterplaat and Huis Andrew Murray to give them their special treats at the end of the quarter!

Miss Trollip

culture

Music

Our Senior Preparatory Music Department has grown with the addition of the Woodwind Ensemble and we are looking forward to hearing them take to the stage. Our musical learners continue to participate and entertain us during our Friday Assemblies and Open Days. Members of our three Marimba bands joined

together for a collaborative performance that entertained parents and visitors at our first Open Day of the year.









Art

In our Art Department the Grade Fours have been experimenting with colour theory this quarter. They have had a wonderful time creating their gigantic under the sea colour wheel. They extended their knowledge of colour theory by getting to grips with tints and shades of specific colours. They have also experimented with sketching techniques and had a wonderful time trying their hand at sketching rhino's. The Grade Five learners have been introduced to a few more technical aspects of colour theory such as complimentary colours. They are currently busy with their interpretation of St Basil's Cathedral.



Our Grade Six learners have been learning about different Art elements and principles of design such as colour theory, emphasis and movement. They have used this gained knowledge to try their hand at creating an image of a swimming whale under the sea.

Xhosa idiom of the year encouraging diligence and independence

Miss Anderson and Miss du Pisanie

isixhosa

Xhosa Idiom: Imbila yaswela umsila ngokuyaleza

Translation: The rabbit failed to get a tail because he asked others to bring it for him.

Message: If you want something done well, don't leave it to someone else. Do it yourself.

Story: The idiom is based on a fable — One day there was a big meeting where animals would be given tails. The rabbit did not go to the meeting and asked the monkey to bring the tail for him. The monkey forgot to bring the tail so the rabbit remained without a tail.

Mr Magini

robotics

You think – Me thinks

Learners building and creating side by side is what has been happening in the Robotics classes. Often, the learners ask, *"Are we working in groups, oh please?"* I have found that in my classes, the learners often grasp the building concepts better when they each use their own hands to build the model, instead of building with a partner. Thus we do a lot of side-by-side building and thinking and talking and sharing. The learners still feel as if they have a partner and enjoy helping one another (oh, us adults can always learn from kids) and sharing ideas and tips.





I have introduced a statement that I am trying out on the learners and am enjoying the results that this line of thought is cultivating. "Okay guys, now create a thought or opinion about this model/activity". And boom! They start thinking. The learners know it is not about judging the person who built the model, but rather looking inquisitively and analytically at a person's creation. They learn to take advice, and not be offended by it, as that is not the point, and in return how to share their own thoughts. My learners know that I value thinking. Cultivating a thinking mind takes time. Then again, many good things take time.

Miss Smith

sport

The Parklands Senior Preparatory School sports programme was once again filled with numerous fixtures, festivals, sporting events and top achievements by our learners during the second half of the Summer Quarter. It is pleasing to experience the continuous growth of our sports participants as all the hard work and perseverance has certainly produced the goods. Our Softball, Cricket, Tennis, Running Club, Chess, Water polo and Swimming teams have excelled throughout the season as the Parklands sports tradition continues to grow, keeping the Parklands flag flying high!

Our U/11 A Cricket team enjoyed the privilege of travelling to the Midlands and Pietermaritzburg area in Kwazulu Natal from 22 – 26 February. These 12 Cricketers were exposed to Cricket at a higher level as they visited the following traditional cricketing schools for matches: Clifton Nottingham Road, St Charles College, Highbury Preparatory and Thomas More College. The families of these schools also showed great generosity as they accommodated and hosted our boys in their homes. We hope to build on this tour hosting tradition at Parklands as our families could in return host the players from these schools in the near future. Our boys certainly learnt a great deal from their visits to these well respected Cricketing schools and experienced a different intensity in which the game is played, but more importantly the values and Cricket etiquette elements of this wonderful game. It proved to be a very productive cricket outing as our boys competed extremely well by winning three out of their four matches.

On Friday 19 February, the Swimming Squad participated in the Bridgehouse Sprint gala in Franschhoek. The age groups ranged from U/9 to U/13.The focus for this gala was on individual performance, but every swimmer in the squad made Parklands proud.

Congratulations to the following swimmers for receiving medals:

Kaylynn Shelton (U/12)	Gold for 25m Breaststroke, Gold for 50m Breaststroke, Gold for 50m Freestyle.
Connor van der Hoven (U/12)	Silver for 25m Breaststroke, Bronze for 25m Butterfly, Bronze for 25m Freestyle.
Joshua Medcalf (U/12)	Gold for 50m Breaststroke, Silver for 25m Backstroke.
Jack Pauw (U/11)	Silver 25m Freestyle

On Wednesday 24 February, Parklands College participated along with 5 other schools in the Storzner Cup gala at Milnerton Primary. Our competition included*: Elkanah House, DSK, Table View Primary and Milnerton Primary. Parklands* achieved a very close second place. Our squad swimmers have worked very hard this quarter, and spent hours in the cold water training for these galas. We are very proud of their results, as well as their dedication and commitment shown to the sport.

Yours in Sport,
Mr Badenhorst



JUNIOR PREPARATORY FACULTY GRADES 1 - 3

From the Principal's Office
Tanya Dean

As the quarter draws to a close, we are able to boast at the achievements of our Junior Preparatory learners in the academic, sporting and cultural arenas of the College. Our educators' unfailing dedication and commitment are mirrored in the first quarter success stories of each one of the children in their care.

"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one who'll decide
where to go..."

- Dr Seuss

In the world of the Junior Preparatory everything is possible, including the creation of our very own Dr Seuss inspired alphabet. Our learners recently explored the world of Dr Seuss, and spent quality time reading from the popular books and enjoying related literacy activities. The love for reading inspired by this author is clearly evident in the artistic character interpretations on display boards throughout the faculty. Happy birthday, Dr Seuss!

Our pathways into school were transformed into red carpets as we welcomed our royal Kings and Queens of Hearts in a celebration of Friendship Day on 12 February. Learners enjoyed a picnic with their peers and delicious treats were shared in the royal feast.

"Our Blood Runs Blue" is certainly true as we survey the faculty, and the newly resurfaced tennis courts which have also taken on a royal blue, and are fit for kings and queens.

Outings and shows have provided added opportunities for learners to explore the animal kingdom, view exhibitions and explosively entertaining science demonstrations, and appreciate the world of theatre.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our parents for their continued support of our outreach initiatives. We have collected a bounty of marshmallow eggs, which will be donated to Dunoon Primary School and various retirement homes.

Our Mini Olympics Sports Day concluded the summer sporting programme in a spirit of celebratory cheer and sportsmanship. We acknowledge the development and achievements of our learners in the various sporting and cultural arenas. We look forward to observing their growth and innate potential as they embrace the autumn quarter programme.



library

A Library Adventure...
Librarian: Elise Crouse

February is the month in which the International Kids' Lit Quiz comes to South Africa to find the national team which will take part in the international final, which this year will take place in Auckland. Parklands College entered two teams in the regional final and team members enjoyed an entertaining, inspiring afternoon, facilitated by New Zealand lecturer, Wayne Mills. Mr Mills challenged the participants to read 52 books until he returns in February next year. For more information on this exciting event, you can visit the website at *www.kidslitquiz.com.*



The birthday of Dr Seuss on 2 March was celebrated with much enthusiasm. Displays popped up all over the Junior Preparatory building and Dr Seuss classics were read in all the classrooms. Library patrons took part in a *"Dr Seuss Characters"* competition, and the Art department joined in the fun with the creation of a unique Dr Seuss alphabet.

A Grade One Learning Adventure…

In the words of Dr Seuss….

"Oh, the things you can do
that are good for you."

This quarter has been an exciting adventure for our Grade Ones who have been exploring all the healthy things to do that are good for them. They were also encouraged by Lloyd Bristow and his 'Incredible Dog Show' which taught us that, just as there is great potential in every small animal, so too every child has the potential to do great and wonderful things with their lives.

Our Kings and Queens of Hearts Dress Up Day provided an opportunity to view our royal family members in unique creations from shades of pink to hues of black and white. Learners enjoyed a picnic with their peers and celebrated the day by showing kindness and friendship to each other. The Grade One learners have been introduced to a new digital world and are proudly displaying their newly acquired skills and creative talents.



The Grade Ones went on their first outing of the year to Giraffe House Wildlife Awareness Centre. They learnt about cold blooded reptiles and the difference between various snakes. Mrs Freeman was the bravest teacher there, and she held a rather large tarantula! Each class was then able to explore the grounds of Giraffe House and learn interesting facts about all the other animals on site. They were fortunate to see giraffes, springboks, ostriches, meerkats, various foxes and even zebras. Once back at school, the learners recorded their experiences and special memories of the day.



Grade One has been an action packed rollercoaster of fun and we are look forward to the exhilirating journey ahead.

"The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places that you will go."

– Dr Seuss

A Grade Two Learning Adventure…

"You're off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting so get on your way."

– Dr. Seuss

There have been a number of highlights for the Grade Twos over the past few weeks. It is so difficult to decide which one was our favourite!



Lloyd and his loyal companions visited our school once again and put on another, even more incredible dog show. We were dazzled by the amazing tricks the dogs performed. We were reminded that we all have the potential to be brilliant and how important it is to be kind to our four-legged friends, after all *'A person's a person, no matter how small.'* I can guarantee that most of us went home and tried out the 'magic lead' to see if it really did work on our own pets!

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not…"

– The Lorax by Dr. Seuss.

We have been learning about one of our most precious resources, water. Bearing in mind the water shortage that our country is experiencing, we have brainstormed why water is so important to us and how we can do a better job of saving it. We have also explored the water cycle and written our own stories, from a water droplet's point of view of course…

The Water Droplet
by Jordan Sing

Hello, I am Sam the droplet. I live in a puddle. It is very cold. One day the sun decided to suck me up. I was very scared. I turned into a cloud. I got heavier and heavier until I fell down. When I fell down, I fell into the sea.

A few days ago we paid a visit to the Baxter Theatre. We watched the 'Three Little Pigs' (and we highly recommend that you do too). Upon our arrival back to school, our teachers got us thinking creatively again:

What would the Big Bad Wolf say if he had to say sorry to the Three Little Pigs?

Letter of Apology to the Three Little Pigs from the Big Bad Wolf by Olivia Timson

Dear Little Pigs,

I'm sorry for trying to trick you and for blowing down your houses. It really wasn't very nice of me to try and blow up your house with dynamite. I am also sorry for scaring you. I promise not to do it again. I will rebuild your houses and I will try to become a vegetarian. I will blow the windmill until my face is red all over. I will also return the book to P.N.A… I promise!

I will also try to teach Patrick how to be an opera singer and teach Percy how to be a ballroom dancer. I will give Peter insurance for his house and it won't be a trick!

Please forgive me, I beg you. In fact we can have a big party at my house if you like. We will have lots of vegetables and a swim, so bring your swimming costumes and a change of clothes. We can sit around the fire and talk. You can even stay overnight if you want to. For breakfast, we can have fruit. We can play lots of board games. I have got Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders and Monopoly. We could make a book called 'Best Friends.' Then afterwards you can go home and relax in your houses.

Whatever you do, please don't hurt me again because it was VERY painful. I hope that you accept my apology letter.

Lots of Love From
B.B. Wolf (Big Bad Wolf)

And as if all that excitement wasn't enough, one Friday in March we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and all of his wonderful stories have entered our classrooms and surprised us in some of our lessons…even Maths!

"Think left and think right and think
low and think high. Oh the places you
can think up if you only try"

– Dr Seuss.

A Grade Three Learning Adventure…

"Amazing", "fantastic", "fun", "awesome" and "entertaining" were amongst the adjectives that the Grade Three learners used to describe the 'Incredible Dog Show'. The Junior Preparatory was treated to a thoroughly magical morning as they watched Lloyd and his four-legged friends perform a number of impressive tricks.



The energy of the hounds was equally matched by our very captivated and delighted audience.



Leading up to our Kings and Queens of Hearts Day the same energy and enthusiasm could be sensed in our Grade Three passage. On the arrival of this special day one could certainly feel a regal air amongst our very own Grade Three kings and queens. Adorned with crowns, swords and ruby red hearts aplenty, our learners enjoyed celebrating with a picnic and decorating heart-shaped cards for their friends and family.

We set aside the royal attire to explore hearts of different nature in our theme of the human body. Our learners investigated the bones, heart, lungs and brain. An unmistakable favourite of the theme included an experiment investigating how the lungs function. The budding Grade Three scientists eagerly gathered their supplies of balloons, straws and bottles and began to assemble the lung model. The experiment proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience and a much loved theme to explore in the future.



In keeping with our theme, we decided to visit the Cape Town Science Centre, where we learnt all about our five senses. The learners were able to experience each sense by experimenting with different sounds, textures, foods, pictures and scents. They were given an opportunity to explore all the different scientific stations, which allowed our learners to learn new things through play. The boys and girls were very excited when they were pitted against each other in a competition to build the most stable wall. It was an outing filled with lots of intellectual stimulation and we could definitely see some budding scientists in our midst.

"The lung experience was great! My mom, who is a doctor, took it to her practice to show the other doctors." – Karla Joubert



"It was so much fun and I found it very interesting to see how our lungs work." – Mbali Nhuku

"I loved the experiment. I couldn't believe how the diaphragm worked and made the lungs move in and out." – Matthew Earle

culture

A CULTURAL ADVENTURE…

Head of Culture: Dalene du Pisanie

Our Junior Preparatory learners continue to show dedication and commitment to the Creative Arts curriculum.

All of our Grade Three learners had the opportunity to audition for our Grade Three marimba band. The company 'Woodworx Marimbas', who host the annual marimba festival at the Baxter Theatre, held the auditions. We are very proud of the learners that were chosen and look forward to their performances in the near future.

Our first Open Day included many musical highlights. Our Junior Orchestra and Recorder Ensemble entertained visitors and parents during their sessions. Our Orff group also enjoyed a fun-filled, extended workshop of music, making use of the traditional Orff instruments such as xylophones, drums, shakers and wood blocks.

The Art Department has had a wonderfully colourful start to the year. Our Grade One learners have explored various colour mixing artworks, as well as a portraiture module and the approach of mixed media in Art.

The Grade Twos and Threes have explored various mediums such as gouache, pastel and pencil.

sport

A SPORTING ADVENTURE…

Sports Co-ordinator: Matthew Watson

Our Junior Preparatory sportsmen and women have been very busy throughout the quarter developing their sporting and game skills. They have represented the College with pride at various match fixtures, galas and festivals.

Our Under 9 girls' softball team participated in the playoffs of the regional tournament and won their game, a testament to their growing confidence and hard work.

Our squad swimmers took part in the Bridge House Sprint and Relay galas, putting on a wonderful display of their talent. They also provided a strong performance at the Storzner Cup, claiming second place overall.

With five mini cricket teams in the Under 9 age group, we have observed these young cricketers take to the field with determination and commitment. The mini cricket season closed in style with the performance of our Under 8 and Under 9 teams at the Bridge House Festival. The boys represented the school with obvious passion and delighted in their favourable results.

Congratulations to our teams on their impressive performances in the various sporting codes. We look forward to the excitement and opportunity which the winter season will bring.



PRE-PRIMARY FACULTY GRADES 0000 - R

From the Principal's Office
Chantel Lamb







On Friday 11 March, Christopher Robin Pre-Primary celebrated our 36th birthday. On this day in 1980, Lorraine Roth, opened the doors of Christopher Robin Pre-Primary School to the residents of Cape Town's Atlantic Seaboard. The quality of education provided brought about a well-patronized and respected establishment, which offered care and early learning to young children, aged from six months to six years.

The College continues to grow as a result of the outstanding education and foundation our learners receive in our Pre-Primary and we are proud of what has been made available in order to enrich their academic, cultural and sporting interests. We look forward to providing many more years of outstanding innovative education beginning in the early years. The success could not have been achieved without the outstanding support we have received from our parents.

The Christopher Robin Pre-Primary team and I would like to congratulate Lorraine Roth on Christopher Robin Pre-Primary's 36th birthday. The children enjoyed a special birthday show and delicious cake. The celebrations continued on Saturday 12 March 2016, with a family picnic at the Green Point Park.

It is with much anticipation that we have waited and observed, with little faces pressed up to the glass as our garden has been transformed into the most magical area for adventure and play. Who could possibly resist the sheer delight of playing in this wonderful world of exploration and climbing our impressive lighthouse jungle gym.



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

February has been a busy month for our Grade R's . They are learning their jolly phonics letters and numbers each week, and are continuing to explore and discover with the six bricks and Robotics programme.



This month, we have focussed on developing gross motor skills. Every day the children are involved in ball games, balancing beanbags,obstacle courses and traditional outdoor games, such as *"stuck-in-the mud"* and *"duck, duck goose"*.

Valentine's day was filled with friendship and discussions about those we love. The Grade R learners dressed in red, pink and white and many children brought in their favourite fluffy toys.



The Grade R's welcomed Puppet World who shared a wonderful adventure and collection
of stories, songs and rhymes. The learners had the opportunity to take part in action songs as well as individually on stage, enacting a variety of traditional rhymes such as *"Three Blind Mice"* and counting songs such as *"Five Little Speckled Frogs"*.

They were delighted by the beautiful puppets and magnificent scenery changes.



Grade 00
Kanga, Roo and Christopher Robin's House
Megan Fick, Carla Bailey and Karyn Howes

This quarter has been filled with lots of activities and celebrations. We showed our support to the brave firefighters by dressing in yellow, red and orange or as a fireman. Thank you to those who joined in the fun and donated to the Volunteer Wild Fire Services. We love dressing up and had another opportunity to wear pink, red or white for Valentine's Day. Some of our children had a few very interesting things to say about what they thought Valentine's Day was all about:



Kanga's House:
Willem Snyman - *I think it is all a dream*
Olivia Sanders - *It is about love*
June Black - *A day to give nice things to mommy and daddy*
Tiaan v.d.Watt - *When you give heart cookies to mommy and daddy*

Christopher Robin's House:
Angelina Nock - *We have to dress up and take flowers to mommy*
Grace Dey - *Celebrate with hugs and kisses - be kind to your friends*
Max Fenster - *We need to bake heart biscuits*
Christian de Vos - *a day to dress up.*



Roo's House:
Katelyn le Feuvre - *when you give mom and dad a picture of yourself*
Sarah-Ann James - *give mom and dad Valentine's Day heart biscuits*
Isabella Paino - *give mom and dad breakfast in bed*
Emma McMurtrie - *for love we give people presents*
Hannah Haydn - *Because it is kind and loving*
Bella Thomas - *to give mom and dad special things.*

There is nothing better than arriving at school and knowing there is a special show planned. This quarter, we not only enjoyed a puppet show from Puppet World but also a special show to celebrate our 36th birthday from the Lilliput Players.

We hope the children have a good holiday and look forward to welcoming them back to school next quarter.

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

We have learnt about various themes this quarter and in particular enjoyed learning about the different colours. Our little ones delighted in playing with the gigantic colour parachute, and dressing up in different colours on different days of the week. We hope our moms and dads liked the bright colour-wheels the children made and that they will be used to play some colour games at home.



Our theme on *"my clothes"* was great fun and the children loved coming to school dressed as a mommy or daddy. Puppet World visited the Grade 000's and we had a great time acting as the "*Speckled Frogs", "Three Blind Mice"* and *"Baa-Baa Black Sheep"*. Music, movement and singing are very important for our little people's development and it was such a delight to watch the children singing and dancing with such joy.

As we have become more comfortable in our new classes we have made lots of new friends. We are all looking forward to exploring our exciting new garden. Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time during their busy days to come in and read a story or help out with cake sale.





Crackerjacks

Ladybirds, Butterflies and Caterpillars

Ingrid Lubbe, Lauren Parnham, Candice Meyer and Michelle Hattingh

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first quarter of 2016. Our little Crackerjacks have so enjoyed their time at school and are always very busy singing, drawing, painting, building, playing in the classroom and venturing out to the tennis courts and gardens. The boys love zooming up and down on their motorbikes and the girls particularly enjoy making tea and having picnics. One of the most popular activities this quarter has been sensory/messy play and of course Fridays, as there is always a delicious treat to enjoy from the cake sales.

We are very proud of how well our little one's have settled in their little groups and how much they love being at school. They are all such individuals and it has been very interesting getting to know them a little better throughout the quarter. We are looking forward to next quarter and in particular enjoying our brand new garden.





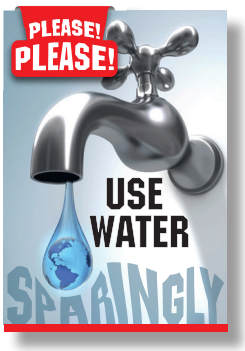




Learners Return	6 April
Extra murals start	18 April
Rabbit's and Tigger's Cake Sale	15 April
World Book Day: Storytelling by Gilly South-wood	22 April
Owl's and Honey Bee's Cake Sale	22 April
Freedom Day - Public Holiday	27 April
School Holiday	28 April
School Holiday	29 April
Worker's Day - Public Holiday	2 May
May Play Photographs	3 May
Crackerjacks and Roo's House Cake Sale	6 May
Mother's Day	8 May
Kanga's and Edward Bear's Cake Sale	13 May
Pooh Bear's and Christopher Robin's Cake Sale	20 May
Reptile Show - Grade 000, 00 and R	20 May
Open Day	21 May
May Play (Pooh Bear's and Edward Bear's) 09h00- 10h00	24 May
May Play (Owl's and Rabbit's House) 10h00 -11h00	24 May
May Play (Grade 00) 09h00 - 10h00	25 May
May Play (Grade 00) 10h00 - 11h00	25 May
Rabbit's and Tigger's Cake Sale	27 May
Owl's and Honey Bee's Cake Sale	3 June
Crackerjacks and Roo's Cake Sale	10 June
Report Feedback Meetings Begin	15 June
Youth Day - Public Holiday	16 June
School Holiday	17 June
Father's Day	19 June
Last Day of the Quarter	24 June









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