

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

From the Headmaster

Mr R E Daly

The 3rd term is a strange term. It is the conclusion of 12 years of schooling for our matriculants, it is a catch-up (wake-up) time academically for those struggling and it is the start of the changeover to the new leaders of the school. As this happens, we all need to ask ourselves, what have we achieved? How have we performed in the classroom, on the sports field or culturally. Have we made our mark at the school? Are we that sport's hero in that game? Will you go down as that brilliant actor on the stage. I hope that as the matriculants leave they can reflect on a fun-filled yet rewarding period of time at this school. That they have achieved their goals and will walk tall as they exit the Hobbs Hall and ring the Freedom Bell as a symbol of the completion of their school career.

Can I also thank the school for according me the honour of having the walkway down to the Loevenstein Centre named after me. It is in such naming that heritage is established and I feel humbled by that

Pastoral Report – Miss W Horn

We ran a know your status campaign, which was spearheaded by Mr Greyling, as part of the National Aids Awareness campaign that took place at the end of September. The campaign was fully supported by the WCED and Metro North Education District.

The Know Your Status Campaign that comprised a week-long programme at the school that involved creating awareness about HIV/AIDS, provided the opportunity for HIV testing, and included a service to a community affected by HIV/AIDS.

In particular, awareness was created through a launch in a school assembly which utilised multi-media to inform the school about HIV/AIDS in South Africa, about HIV testing, and about Sothemba Aids Action group

HIV testing was available for staff, learners and parents after school in the afternoons on the school premises. It was run by qualified and experienced nursing staff who conducted the pre- and post-counselling as well as the test itself.

As a service to the community affected by HIV/AIDS, the school collected and donated non-perishable foods to Sothemba Aids Action group, as well as toddler clothing and toys to a crèche managed under the auspices of Sothemba Aids Action, but set up by ACSA, and situated in Freedom Farm informal settlement.

In the fourth term the RCL and Prefects of the school will also be travelling to the crèche to decorate and paint it as it is currently very stark and bare.

The crèche needs a fridge, so if you have a second hand fridge to donate please contact me.

The Prefects are also visited an orphanage in the area to donate some of their time.

Change over to Summer Uniform

The change-over to summer uniform is compulsory as at the end of October. Winter uniform must be worn for both prize giving events and the Matrics must wear Winter uniform for Valedictory

A reminder of the Policy on Electronic devices.

Please take note of the following

The Settlers High School recognises the fact that cell phones and other electronic devices (for example, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MP3 players, IPOD's, other music players and cameras) have become an important means of communication and use in recreational activities.

The school, however, is equally aware of the use and abuse of these products. It is the belief of the school that there is no educational value for these items at school and, as such, **it is not permitted for learners to bring such items to school during the school day.**

Any of the above-mentioned items found on a learner will be **confiscated, with the SIM card in the case of a cell phone, for an *initial* period of five (5) school days and a detention will be issued.** Repetition of this offence will be dealt with according to the School Code of Conduct and the confiscation time will be extended.

Academic Report

Mr R Daly

I wish to congratulate all pupils who have succeeded in these exams.
The results are as follows.

Grade 8: 268 candidates,
7 A Aggregates (2,6 %),
16 Not passed (6,0%)
Pass Rate: 94,0%

Grade 9: 259 candidates,
8 A Aggregates (3,1%),
75 Not passed (29,0%),
Pass Rate 71,0 %

Grade 10: 244 candidates,
6 A Aggregate (2,5%),
137 University Requirements (56,2%)
20 Not Passed (8,2%),
Pass Rate: 91,8%

Grade 11: 231 Candidates,
5 A Aggregates (2,2%),
152 University Requirements (65,8%)
17 Not passed (7,4 %),
Pass Rate: 92,6 %

Grade 12: 212 Candidates,
2 A Aggregates (0,9 %),
139 University Requirements (65,6%)
7 Not passed (3,3 %),
Pass Rate: 96,7 %

A Aggregates (in order) including Top 10 Candidates (non A Aggregates in italics)

Grade 8: Allison Arendse, Keenan Jacobs, Christine Ile, , Zoe Meiring, Amber Maneveldt, Carla Meyer, Joshua Carolus, *Kyle Taylor, Geriann du Toit, Amber Carolissen,*

Grade 9: Chad Leukes, Nadine Moore, Tauriq Latief, Zakiyyah Hoosain, Don Maisels, Andrew James, Chelsey Arries, Zaakirah Davids, *Ishrat Undre, Jayline Levendal*

Grade 10: Tayla George, Mikayla Morris. Farhanah Latief, Tracy-Lee Mentor, Kaylin Levendal, Lisa Erasmus, *Cindy McFarlane, Tom Lertsatit, Kaylynnne Voges, Andrea Visagie*

Grade 11: Megan Matthews. Ridhwaan Basa, Vernon Hanslo, Callan Riddles, Jordan Nightingale, *Mihlali Majikela, Hayley October, Kenitia Sauls, Tarryn Bailey, Kesia*

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Grade 12: Adrian Goliath, Curtis White, *Nabeela Gaffoor, Courtney Johnson, Francesca Villette, Lazlo Adams, Marian Gordon, Ho Sung Kwag, Kirsten Hans, Prince Baloyi.*

CONTACT MANCO REPORT – Miss T Magson

The Annual Fairmont- Settlers Staff Contact, hosted by Settlers this year, was once again a great success. All the staff enjoyed a relaxed afternoon with their Fairmont counterparts before the Saturday's matches. On Saturday the staff enjoyed fresh breakfast fare made by Mrs Theunissen and the culinary society learners followed by a fantastic lunch made by the Contact manco staff.

The Past Pupils sports day was an enjoyable day with many familiar faces popping out of the woodwork for the first time since they left school. All teams were fully represented and all got into the spirit of the game and played their hearts out. Despite their age, the past Pupil teams still showed the Settlers teams up and won nearly every game. A very exciting Past Pupil Boys Hockey match was played at the Bellville astro on Friday evening under floodlights. The game was a draw after full time and both teams elected to play an extra 10 minutes after which the game was still 2-2. In a nail biting sudden death one on one with the goalkeeper, the Settlers First team lost 3-2.

The cheese and wine function after the match was very well attended. The Past pupils committee remains unchanged except for Melissa Caroline who has had to resign due to work commitments. We thank her for her great contribution over the years. Kelly Alcock was co-opted onto the committee in her place.

The 2001(Ebi Inglis and Monique van Rensburg)- 7 October in the Gilbert Room, 1991 (Morne Munz)- 8 October at the Parow Golf Club and 1971(Willie Watson) reunions are all planned and will take place within the next month. If you are aware of any past pupils that Matriculated in these years please refer them to the schools web page for details and contact numbers of these events.

The Secretaries and Administration staff celebrated Secretaries Day by being taken out to lunch by the Headmaster and Deputies. We thank them for the enormous job they do to ensure the smooth running of the school in so many ways.

On the staff front, we congratulate Mrs and Mrs Abrahamse on the birth of little Tyler Abrahams on 24 September. We know he will bring both of them much joy. We wish Miss Appolis and her fiancée all the best as they take their wedding vows this holiday and trust they will be very happy.

To the parents, thank you once again for your continued support of all our functions. Both the learners and the teachers appreciate your attendance at our many functions.

To my committee, especially the Matrics Lisa Ziegler, Bianca Titus, Linford Hans, Leon Mettler ,Lance van Rooy and Wade Aspeling, thank you for your time and contribution to make this committee run affectively. To Mrs vd Merwe, Mrs Basheer, Mrs du Toit, Mrs

Less, Mrs van Schoor and Mr Greyling thank you too, for your endless hours. It is much appreciated.

SPORT: Mr M Blanchard

The sportsmen, sportswoman and educators of The Settlers High School have done us proud this term. They have shown excellent commitment and have reaped the rewards of their hard work.

The term kicked off with the Fairmont Derby. The day was well supported with a 97% attendance. Each team showed their commitment to sportsmanship and friendship by shaking hands at the start of each match.

The following teams have had excellent results this term:

Chess enjoyed excellent results this season winning 100% of their matches and also being crowned Top Schools Champions for the third year running. The Boys Basketball team also finished the season top of their league. Both girls and boys hockey teams had fairly good results.

The rugby teams have had an excellent season. The first team played good constructive rugby in a very tough division, but the most noteworthy performances came from the two most junior sides. The u14A team was outstanding this year and had many runaway victories, winning 9 of their 12 matches. The u15A team was also virtually peerless in their division, winning most of their matches by large margins. We will be watching this exciting group of players with keen interest

The following learners represented Western Province during the winter season:

Tiffany Agulhas - SA colours – chess under 16.

Lisa Rhodes – WP under 16A – hockey

Rosie Lomnitz – SA colours – Drummies.

Lauren van Niekerk – SA under 18 – chess.

Christopher Londt – WC schools under 18 – chess.

Shane Willenberg – WC schools under 18 – chess.

Hayley Pietersen – WP under 18B – hockey.

Dalene Rhode – WP under 18A – hockey.

Nicole Petersen – WP under 18A and SA under 17A – hockey.

We closed off the season on a high note with our annual Sportsman dinner where we honoured our first team players and also selected the Sportsman of the year (Lance van Rooy), and Sportswoman of the year (Nicole Muller).

The forthcoming summer season will undoubtedly again prove to be exciting and we look forward to it with positive anticipation.

I reiterate to parents to please take careful note of the Sport participation record indicated on each learner's report. An omission in this area means, either that your child has not participated, or has attended less than 75% of practices and matches. Please help us obtain our goal of maximum learner participation.

All these achievements would not be possible without a dedicated and committed staff. I would like to thank all those educators who have contributed to this sporting season. I would also like to thank the parents for their support.

FINANCE: Mr B Neethling

This term's highlight was undoubtedly the Parents Budget Meeting, which was held on Monday, the 5th of September. Thirty-six parents were present at the meeting which was opened by the Chairman of the Governing Body, Dr Muller. He specifically talked about the legacy that today's parents need to leave for the parents of the future. What we inherited, in terms of our school buildings and fields, from the past parents is a shining example of the good legacy that was left for the present parents.

The budget at the Workshop in June had a fee increase of 9,2%, but with the salary negotiations that took place during August, the budget was adjusted to 10,8% to accommodate for the 6,8 plus 1% salary increase for the educators which was agreed upon by the Education Department and the Unions.

The Budget was presented to the parents by the Head of Finance and after a few concerns and questions, the budget was accepted by 33 votes to 3. The last two budgets have been well received by the parents. This testifies to the fact that the school and the parents have a good and healthy relationship. There is an understanding of trust and appreciation between the two parties. The concerns and considerations of the parents at the Budget Workshop were addressed, taken care of and were reported on.

The school infrastructure and the fields are in an excellent condition. The new palisade fencing enhances the front section of our school and in this regard we want to thank the parents for their contributions to our Big Walk fundraising event which contributed 75% of the cost of the fence.

CULTURAL REPORT – Mr H Smuts

This term will be remembered as a jam-packed cultural programme filled with amazing achievements.

The term kicked off with The Settlers hosting the annual ***Fairmont and The Settlers Cultural Contact Evening***. Both schools presented a varied programme of choirs,

bands, singers, debating and skits. We are very proud of the way this evening has been lifted to one of our prestige events.

At the end of July, the school competed in the Top 10 of the prestigious **High School Jam** competition in the Grand Arena at Grand West. The Settlers presented a programme with over 150 performers including the choir, orchestra, jazz band, solo singers and dancers. We were selected as one of the Top 3 schools for the final as well as being awarded the Spirit Prize of R20 000 from Foschini Group's Club X.

During the final round The Settlers achieved an overall second place and Tylin van der Ross received the prize as the best drummer in the competition. The school won R10 000 and Tylin won a percussion set of R1000 from Paul Bothner Music.

Congratulations to all involved with this professional and spectacular production. A special thank you to the thousands of supporters who spent the two days with us at the Grand Arena.

Open Night 2011 was a great success. The evening started with a physical education demonstration by all our grade 8 learners, followed by classroom visits where parents and friends of the school could visit classrooms and view each learner's work. A festive atmosphere was created by our clarinet, saxophone and recorder ensembles that provided live music at the cafeteria run by the PTA. The evening ended with a variety concert displaying the talent and amazing opportunities available in all our performance activities, including the choir, orchestra, jazz bands, dance society, drama and solo performances.

More than 400 learners' cultural achievements were recognized during the **Cultural Awards assembly**. All parents of recipients were invited to attend this assembly. Congratulations to all the recipients on their various achievements. The following learners were awarded Honours:

JUNIOR HONOURS:

- *Arlin Bantam* *Choir*
- *Dean Cleophas* *Service: Media Team*
- *Kaylin Levendal* *Musical*
- *Leo Royne* *Service: Media Team*
- *Carine September* *Choir*
- *Andrea Visagie* *Choir*

SENIOR HONOURS:

- *Michael De Wet* *Service: Media Team*
- *Brandon Fester* *Drama*
- *Nathan Lewis* *Musical & Service: Music Department*
- *Kurt Lochner* *Service: Media Team*
- *Renecia Matthys* *Drama*
- *Callan Riddles* *Drama*
- *Anzio September* *Musical & Drama*
- *Liezel Swartz* *Musical and Drama*
- *Danielle van Wyk* *Musical*

The Top cultural achievers as well as all chairpersons of societies were invited to attend the **Cultural and Academic Dinner** to recognize excellence in these areas. Learners were inspired by our guest speaker and past teacher, Mrs Kirschbaum.

A large group of learners participated in the various categories offered at the **Tygerberg International Eisteddfod**. Various learners achieved honours and highest honours for their entries. The following learners achieved highest honours (above 90%) and were also the trophy winners in their category:

- *Marlene Watkins* *Recorder Trio and Recorder Quartet*
- *Andrea Voges* *Recorder Trio*
- *Marian Gordon* *Recorder Trio*
- *Leighton Meyer* *Recorder Quartet*
- *Geneve Rodriques* *Recorder Quartet*
- *Carin Thompson* *Recorder Quartet*

The **choir** was invited to perform at the Gala concert of the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod at the Endler Hall in Stellenbosch. They won the contemporary section at the Eisteddfod for the 7th consecutive year with a final mark of 91,3%.

The **orchestra** and the jazz band, the **Dynamix**, competed in the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod's orchestra festival. The orchestra won the trophy in their section after they were awarded highest honours (90%) and The Dynamix received 85%.

Both our Jazz bands are making remarkable progress. The Dynamix were invited to perform at the District Six Museum as part of the Heritage Day celebrations.

The school was invited as one of only five schools to participate in the **Rock the Runway** fashiontainment production at Canal Walk. A large group of models, singers, dancers and drum majorettes produced a spectacular show and the Music Department raised R14 000 with this event. Once again a sincere thank you to all our loyal Settlers supporters at these events.

At the end of the term, the matric **Music** learners presented a public performance examination concert as part of their final practical exam. These learners gave professional performances of a very high standard and have once again proved that hard work pays off in the end. Well done to all these matrics.

Anzio September is currently one of only six national finalists for the **DALRO Drama scholarship**. He will be attending his final audition in Johannesburg during the school holiday at the beginning of October.

The drama learners who participated in the YES! Environmental Festival will be attending the **Outeniqua Eisteddfod** in George during the holiday. We wish them well for this competition.

Next term will start with the selection of the new cultural leaders as well as all the auditions for next year's performance groups and productions. We wish our learners a good break that they can once again be ready to entertain the Western Cape like no other school can!

DATES FOR TERM 4

Monday 10 October 2011	Term 4 commences
Thursday 14 October 2011	Senior Prize-Giving 19:30 (Compulsory Grades 11 & 12)
Friday 15 October 2011	Valedictory 11:30
Thursday 20 October 2011	Junior Prize Giving 19:30 (Compulsory Grades 8 & 9)
Friday 21 October 2011	Grade 8 Function
Monday 24 October 2011	Matric Exams Commence
Thursday 27 October 2011	Grade 7 Orientation Evening 19:30
Friday 4 November 2011	Thank You Function 18:00
Wednesday 9 November 2011	Remembrance Day Service 13:30
Monday 14 November 2011	Exams commence Grade 8—11
Wednesday 30 November 2011	Exams end Grade 8—11
Thursday 1 December 2011	Carol Service 19:30
Wednesday 7 December 2011	Matric Exams finish
Friday 9 December 2011	Last day (Pupils)

The school has a vacancy for a new post
of Personal Assistant
to the Headmaster.

The incumbent will work closely with the Headmaster
and the person should be highly computer literate,
have excellent management and operation skills, manage all HR matters
of the school including knowledge of contracts and related issues.

A tertiary qualification will be advantageous.

Commencement date of post 1 January 2012 (or earlier if negotiated)

Applications containing a letter of application, a curriculum vitae as well as certified
copies of qualifications must be submitted. At least two recent contactable references
must be provided.