

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



From the Headmaster

Mr R E Daly

“BRAND SETTLERS”: The school has been looking at its image and the different ways to raise the profile of the school. The Settlers Sails will become our identifying mark and new letterheads as well as banners will slowly be introduced. Our buses have been branded and are easily seen as our own. We are also looking at new clothing for all our sports teams in line with the brand we wish to achieve. I am also sure that the whole school admires the new matric clothing. Every pupil can't wait to be in matric to have the privilege to wear the matric uniform.

Please look carefully at this school report, the new curriculum, which is challenging, has been implemented in Grade 10 and 11 and will be implemented for all grades in 2014. This means greater attention to the detail for our junior grades and some introspection by our Grade 10's and 11's as they assess both their strengths and weaknesses in this exam. Make use of the grade and subject averages to determine whether you feel that your child is performing as you wish them to.

Term 3 will only have full examinations for our matrics and the rest of the school will have a single week of controlled tests.

I once again thank all parents for their support of this school and ask that we work as a team to achieve the best for your child but also for the school at large.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mr Wardle, a parent, who was nominated unopposed to the Governing Body due to a vacancy. We also wish to thank all parents involved on different committees for their support to The Settlers High School

Pastoral Report – Mrs L Hall

I recently attended a conference where it was said that our future lies with our children. The main thread of the conference was that we need to strive to be significant people and that successful people will not change the world but that it is significant people who will do so.

At The Settlers High School, we try to provide life experiences that mould the children in our care to be the best they can be and to make a positive difference in their world. The sandwich project for which we have been the best participating school for the past few years has been terminated as the children were only getting sandwiches on certain days and then there often was not enough for all the children. The Lunch Buddies project, has installed kitchens in the disadvantaged schools and has the unemployed moms in the community now cooking meals for the children every day. We now collect non-perishable foods on Fridays and these are then used by the moms to cook the meals. The response from the children has been excellent even better than the sandwiches and we wish to thank all parents for the assistance and to encourage those not participating yet to please send the foods on Fridays so that we can make a difference in these children's lives.

Our first group of peer counsellors completed their training and were inducted at the end of April. They are Melissa Londt, Alison Pieterse, Irving de Beer, Don Maisels, Zakiyyah Hoosain, Miche Jeffries, Karl Hendricks, Michelle Lottering, Lauren Raffels. Children are encouraged to make use of this service should they need someone to talk to.

The Grade 11s attended the annual leadership seminar on Wednesday 12 June 2013 in anticipation of their assumption of the mantle of leadership at The Settlers High School during the third term. A variety of team building exercises designed to teach co-operative and "servant" leadership were given to the group. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had ample opportunity to spot potential leaders in their midst as well as to hone their own skills.

The after-dinner speaker was Mr Tim Eburne, a former Deputy Headmaster of Uplands College and for the past 13 years the proprietor of a company which runs training courses in personal branding for large organizations. He likened the millennium youth to the skipper of a raft attempting to traverse rapids and overcome curved balls and challenges which life hurls at us in a fast changing and sometimes hostile environment. In order to beat the challenges, make a mark and leave a legacy, courage, confidence and determination are prerequisites. The Grade 11's were encouraged to soar like eagles rather than simply quack like ducks. They were implored to work at their strengths, be unique and make a difference. The comments made by the Grade 11s after the seminar were overwhelmingly positive and they clearly felt they had been given some food for thought.

The tendency of learners not meeting deadlines for handing in work is worrying. It is unacceptable considering that all learners have a program of assessment for the year and can therefore plan to ensure that all deadlines are met. It is often the case that a learner fails, not because of poor marks but because of work outstanding. Please assist us by being involved in your child's academic life and ensure that work is handed in timeously.

We strive to provide a balanced curriculum to all the children. Please make sure that your child is participating in the full program that the school offers. There is a clear correlation between our children who are discipline problems and their lack of involvement in the extra - mural program of the school.

A matter of great concern is the lack of commitment shown by many of the learners in various sport teams. It is unacceptable for any child to miss a practice, or a match without providing a letter to the teacher in charge timeously before the said event. If a child is injured, they are still expected to attend the practice or match as they are still part of the squad. The lack of respect shown to the fellow team members, the coach and the manager is disappointing. It is also important to remember that if a child signs up for any activity, they are expected to complete the season for that activity. Leagues are entered based on the number of children who sign up. It is also a vital life lesson to learn that what you start, you finish.

The general appearance of our learners remains satisfactory but please use the holidays to sew on all buttons on blazers, fix hems on pants and dresses etc. Theft can be a problem so please label all pieces of clothing. Many items supposedly stolen turn up in lost property.

Please do not allow your children to dye their hair or put highlights in their hair in the holiday as three weeks is not enough time for the colour to grow out or be washed out.

Mrs Abrahamse co-ordinates all counselling and we encourage all learners to make use of our counselling services which includes guidance with subject choice etc. Mrs Abrahamse can be contacted via email on al@settlers.org.za or 021 9486116.

Academic Report

From the Headmaster

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

Grade 8: 257 candidates,
3 A Aggregates (1,2 %),
18 Not passed (7,0%)
Pass Rate: 93,0%

Grade 9: 265 candidates,
7 A Aggregates (2,6%),
21 Not passed (7,9%),
Pass Rate 92,1 %

Grade 10: 262 candidates,
8 A Aggregate (3,1%),
177 University Requirements (67,6%)
9 Not Passed (3,4%),
Pass Rate: 96,6%

Grade 11: 218 Candidates,
10 A Aggregates (4,6%),
147 University Requirements (67,7%)
4 Not passed (1,8 %),
Pass Rate: 98,2 %

Grade 12: 228 Candidates,
2 A Aggregates (0,9 %),
160 University Requirements (70,2%)
4 Not passed (1,8 %),
Pass Rate: 98,2 %

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

Grade 8: Josh Amos, Charne Arendse, Lauren Fortuin, *Meggan Schouw, Zoe Joshua, Hlonelwa Lutuli, Aaqeelah de Kock, Britani Kahn, Keizah de Vos, Kaylen Heuvel.*

Grade 9: Chad Damons, Ruth Jantjies, Mohini Anand, Carme Wardle, Ivanka Noble, Vivek Abraham, Kayla Barendse, *Kelly-Ann Benjamin, Jessica Granger, Alexis Arendse, Erin Lyners, Delaney le Riche.*

Grade 10: Allison Arendse, Christine Ile, Stephanie Less, Ambre Carolissen, Sandrine Mpazayabo, Keenan Jacobs, Daanish Jacobs, Zoe Meiring, *Ingeborg Maisels, Amber Maneveldt.*

Grade 11: Don Maisels, Chad Leukes, Dango Mwambene. Nadine Moore, Melissa de Lilly, Tauriq Latief, Zaakirah Davids, Ishrat Undre, Andrew James, Chelsea Roux.

Grade 12: Farhanah Latief, Tracy-Lee Mentor, *Lisa Erasmus, Tayla George, Bradleigh Marks, Orlando van Schalkwyk, Celeste Leggett, Kaylin Levendal, Eun-Jeong Kang, Chelsea Williams.*

Academics

Miss W Horn

This has been a busy term with the mid-year exam providing the final evaluation of the learners' academic progress thus far.

These results are must be used by the grade 9 learners to assist in the all-important subject choice that must be made later this year. As has been communicated earlier this year, as a Math and Science focus school, we will not be offering Mathematical Literacy in grade 10 in 2014.

Subject changes:

Only Grade 10 learners are able to request subject changes in the senior phase this term. Grade 11 and Grade 12 learners may not change subjects. The forms must be collected by the learner wishing to make the subject change from Ms Horn. The subject change is then discussed and the learner is counselled about the change in terms of feasibility (space availability and timetable subject groupings) as well as the effects it has on career and tertiary education choices. The form is then completed by the parent/guardian and a letter is also written by the parent explaining the reason for the requested change. These are then handed to Ms Horn. The request is then assessed and the learner should receive a letter either confirming or denying the request by the end of the term.

There are extremely limited subject changes that can take place in grade 8 and grade 9. Please contact Ms Horn and discuss the options available if you wish to make a subject change in these grades.

The final date for subject change requests is the end of this term.

The school has provided various opportunities to our learners to expand the academic horizons. All these extra events fulfil objectives of the educational philosophy of our school, to expose the learners to a broad, varied and stimulating educational experience. Club 21, the top academic achievers ranging from grade eight to twelve, experienced Breakfast behind bars on Thursday, 9 May 2013. This event was organised by Lapa Publishers as part of the book launch of *Man or Monster – The Psyche of a Criminal*.

Academic enrichment

On 18 May 2013 Allison Arendse, Zakiyyah Hoosain, Don Maisels, Sandrine Mpazayabo and Dango Mwabane competed in the provincial round of the annual SAASTA Science Debate with five other selected schools. This year's topic was Nanotechnology in water purification. The Settlers were able to propose and at the end of this challenging debate were awarded with the second place trophy.



Christine Ile, Amber Maneveldt, Carla Meyer and Zoe Meiring participated in the SAIIA Newspaper Quiz and found the exposure to international and local current affairs an enriching experience. They did well for first-timers and are adamant to win next year.

Tiffany Agulhas, Arlin Bantam and Hlengiwe Qwesa participated in the Youth@SAIIA Mini-Model United Nations Conference. They represented Nicaragua on the topic: United Nations general assembly: sub-committee on millennium development goal 3 - promote gender equality and empower women. The team performed very well and came second.

Lisa Erasmus, Bradleigh Marks and Cindy McFarlane took part in the Mintek quiz, a science competition, on Wednesday 8 May 2013. There were 140 learners from 48 of the top Western Cape schools taking part. We were placed second in our category winning R850 for the school. Lisa Erasmus and Bradleigh Marks were placed in the top 21 learners taking part in the competition and are awarded a merit certificate. Bradleigh Marks was selected as one of a team of 4 learners who will represent the Western Cape in the National Competition in Johannesburg in the June vacation.



On Monday 13 May 2013, The Settlers sent two teams of four grade 10 learners to participate in the HIP2B2 challenge at Spine Road High School. Learners were expected to apply their mathematical, scientific and analytical skills to solve numerous problems in restricted time periods. Both teams were tough contenders against the approximately 40 schools which participated. The team consisting of Allison Arendse, Daniel Frier, Vonschell Adams and Kyle Taylor went on to win the challenge and were awarded with a range of prizes to enjoy.

Both teams represented The Settlers exceptionally well and we all rejoiced in their victories!

Eun Hye Kang in grade 11 obtained the best results at the school in the UCT Math Olympiad and she received a book prize for her efforts.

The teachers will also be honing their skills over the June vacation by attending training in the new syllabus for grade 8 and grade 9, CAPS, to be implemented next year. We would like to thank the teachers for their dedication to the learning and teaching taking place in the school.

CONTACT MANCO REPORT – Miss T Magson

This term has been a full term with numerous functions organized by the Contact Manco.

Founders Day was once again a very special ceremony with our guest speaker, Mr Mark Carmichael-Green, past Head Boy, who gave a lively account of The Settlers High School back in the day when he was a pupil in the 80's. He reminded the present learners about just how many opportunities they have and how to grab them with both hands and make the most of them. Mrs Allie, Mrs Lomnitz, both Governing Body members of longstanding and Mrs Desai, World ranked Starter for Athletics received Fide et Opera Awards in recognition of the outstanding contribution they have made to The Settlers High Schools over many years.

The staff continued with their Personal Mastery training facilitated by a company employed by the Epoch Trust who are funding this staff training. This has been most worthwhile and has certainly enriched the staff.



Our pupils prepare food for many functions

The Contact Manco and Waitrons Unlimited were responsible for the organization of the Gala Evening of the very successful Musical Extravaganza produced and directed by Mr Smuts. This year the Black Tie Gala Evening took the form of a sit down finger meal, served by the Waitrons Unlimited, whilst being entertained by the amazing talent of the Musical Extravaganza cast. Mrs Theunissen and the Catering society were responsible for the superb snacks provided. The show which combined all entertained genres was sold out on all nights and obtained rave reviews from all who attended.

A group of learners from The Settlers High School and Hector Petersen High travelled to their Afritwin counterpart school in Chester, England for a week during the April holidays. A wonderful time was had by all at Helsby High after which the group spent a week touring the sites in London. Mrs Ingpen, Mrs v Schoor and Mr Haupt accompanied the learners.

Mrs Engelbrecht, Mrs Hendricks and Mr Willis all participated in the Comrades Marathon this year. Miss Bruintjies and her dance partner have been ranked highly in South Africa in Ballroom Dancing in various competitions.

We congratulate Mrs Magdalena Esau on celebrating 29 years of service at The Settlers High School.

To the parents, thank you for your continued support of our functions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fairmont Contact which is hosted by us this year.

SPORT: Mr B Neethling

The amount of casual sport at our school has been reduced as it has a detrimental effect on the quality of our sport and it also allowed us to move teachers to other sport codes where there was a shortage of teachers.

The Yoga and Walk for Life programmes are up and running. It is great to see something different being done especially for those learners who are not competitively inclined. There was a drop in the number of learners for the Walk for Life, but this was due to the fact that the learners first wanted to ascertain whether they would make it for the netball teams.

There are still a considerable number of learners not participating in sport, but Sport Manco is working on the matter to rectify it. Teachers and coaches need to be strict when learners make enquiries about their sport participation marks for Life Orientation.

We have made contact with other schools who are taking part in soccer to consider the pros and cons of taking up this popular sport. We know that at our school there is a huge interest in playing soccer, but we have to make sure that everything is managed properly. Some schools in our area are participating in a league structure but the WCED has initiated a movement for schools to play soccer over a wider area. The Head of Sport has attended a meeting at the Metropole North Educational District where it was decided to start a soccer league in the Greater Tygerberg Region. Regular contact will be made with the relevant parties to determine the progress made in this regard.

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen an increase in the number of injuries on the practice field and during matches and the school has deemed it necessary that each player of all sport codes now requires parents to complete a medical information form as well as a photocopy of the medical aid card of the family.

Chess

Tiffany Agulhas, besides being honoured as Western Cape Sportsperson of the Year, was awarded Protea/ Senior South African Colours and has been selected to represent South Africa in the 2013 African Zonal Chess Championship in Gaborone, Botswana. This is a huge honour for Tiffany as she is only the 3rd junior in South Africa and the 2nd junior in Cape Town to have been awarded Senior Protea colours in the last five years.

On behalf of the Sport Manco as well as the school, we would like to congratulate Tiffany on this prestigious award and would like to wish her well for the upcoming events.

Netball

The school would also like to congratulate Maegan Ryan and Jodee Johannes on making the U/16 Western Cape Netball team that will be participating in a tournament in Kwazulu-Natal.

Basketball

Three players were chosen to practice with the Western Province squad, namely, Orlando van Schalkwyk for the U/18 and Dane Ebden and Chadley Jordaan for the U/16's. The Western Province team will be chosen after the completion of the practices.

Karate

Yasr Mallie competed in the National Karate Championships in Kwazulu-Natal and obtained a Bronze Medal in his weight division. Well done to Yasr for this outstanding achievement.

Finally we would like to thank all the teachers, coaches and learners for their dedication and hard work in ensuring that sport remains, in spite of the hardships being encountered, one of the pillars of our holistic approach to education.

CULTURAL REPORT – Mr H Smuts

The highlight of any second term at The Settlers is the musical production. This year the production was in the form of a Musical Extravaganza titled **The Fifth Element**. Audiences were entertained by a very talented and hard-working cast performing hit songs inspired by the elements.



The Fifth Element

The production received standing ovations after each performance and this was testimony to the hard work put in by the vocalists, orchestra, dancers, crew and backstage team. This live theatre production is a life changing experience for all involved at The Settlers. We are proud that our learners are so enthusiastic about and committed to this activity.

A dancer from the musical, Nuske George, has been invited to New York for 6 weeks as part of a ballet company. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement and we wish Nuske well as she travels to the USA at the start of the holiday.

A group of learners went on a **Cultural Exchange to the UK** during the April school holidays as part of our exchange with Helsby High School. This was indeed a fantastic opportunity, and we also congratulate our learners on being great ambassadors for the school and their country.



Our pupils in the UK

Our **Drama Department** was selected for the *YES Environmental Drama Festival* at the Artscape Theatre and this talented group is hard at work on their original production to showcase at this competition next term.

Our **Music Department** has been selected as one of the Top 10 schools for the prestigious High School Jam competition and will be performing in the Grand Arena at Grand West on Saturday, 24 August. This performance will include 200 performers consisting of the Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Bands, dancers and soloists. The Music Department also held their annual Music Evening at the end of the term. This evening is organized and presented by the matric music learners as part of their continuous assessment mark. This was a relaxing and inspiring evening – congratulations to all involved.

The **Choir** competed in the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod's choir festival and achieved 93,1%. They have been selected to perform at the Eisteddfod's Gala Concert on 30 August at the UWC Auditorium. The choir also participated in the Monument Park High School Choir Festival.

The **Orchestra** and Jazz Band, **the Dynamix**, performed at the Cape Town Eisteddfod and both these groups achieved Highest Honours for their performances.

The Dynamix participated in workshops presented by saxophonist, Daniel Shout, who was assisted by Frank Paco (drums) and Shaun Johannes (bass) as well as a workshop conducted by the trumpeter, Dr Ian Darrington (director of the Wigan Jazz Orchestra) and vocalist and saxophonist, AJ Brown from the UK.

The Dynamix also performed at the Chisa Community Outreach Project Concert at the Baxter Theatre as part of the Cape Town Big Band Festival.

Members of both bands, the **Chromatix** and **Dynamix**, will be attending the Grahamstown Schools' Jazz Festival during the July holiday. These 8 learners participated in the regional auditions for the SA Schools' Jazz Band and we congratulate Aqeel Moosa (guitar), Brathew van Schalkwyk (piano) and Keenan Jacobs (piano) on being selected for the final round of auditions in Grahamstown.

The heart of our school, the **Interact Society**, had a very successful and busy term. Their first major project was the charity performance of the musical. More than 300 guests from old age homes, institutions and schools were invited and entertained by the Interact members.

The **Food Drive** is still one of Interact's main achievements and we thank our learners, staff and parents for their contributions. As a school and community, we are making a difference in the lives of those not as privileged as we are and these children look forward to their "Settlers meal".

The **Waitrons Unlimited Society** is proving to be a very committed and well-run group. They have done superb work for the Gala Evening of the Musical as well as at the Grade 11 evening.

The **Culinary Society** prepared all the food and snacks for the gala evening of the Musical. The guests were amazed at the exceptional standard and presentation of the snacks.

Our **Debating Society** has performed well in the Rotary Senior Competition. Tiffany Agulhas, Arlin Bantam and Hlengiwe Qwesa participated in the Youth@SAIIA Mini-Model United Nations Conference. This group had to represent Nicaragua on the topic: *United Nations General Assembly Sub-Committee on Millennium Development Goal 3 – promote gender equality and empower women*. Well done to this team on their achievement.

Our **Afrikaans Debaters** participated in the **Dink of Sink** competition at DF Malan High. One of the junior speakers, Ashleigh Dreyer, won best speaker of her team's debate.

Next term will kick off at a fast pace with the High School Jam, YES Environmental Festival, Tygerberg International Eisteddfod, Fairmont Cultural Contact and Open Night. Details about these functions will follow at the start of next term.

We thank our learners, staff and parents for their special contribution to another successful cultural term. Enjoy the well-deserved break.



DATES FOR TERM 3

15 July 2013	1 st Day of Term 3
18 July 2013	Fairmont Contact Cultural Evening 19:30 at Settlers
20 July 2013	Fairmont Contact at Settlers 8:00 – 13:00 (Compulsory for all Pupils)
22 July 2013	Parent interviews (by appointment)
25 July 2013	Grade 9 Parent Evening for Subject Choice 2014
3 August 2013	Fairbairn Sports Day at Fairbairn
9 August 2013	Women's Day Holiday
13 August 2013	Open Night 17:30 – 19:30 Concert 20:00 (Tickets required)
15 August 2013	Achievers Dinner
16 August 2013	Grade 10 Function (Social)
24/25 August 2013	High School Jam at Grand West Arena
26 August 2013	Exams commence Grade 12
2 – 6 September 2013	Controlled Tests: Grade 8 - 11
7 September 2013	Past Pupils Sports Day
11 September 2013	Exams end Grade 12
20 September 2013	Last day of term 3
21 September 2013	Matric Farewell Dance
28 September 2013	PTA Dance
1 October 2013	First day of Term 4