

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER



From the Headmaster

Mr R E Daly

Taking a particular stand can be unpopular but when it is a matter of principle and affects the values that we teach at this school, it is beholden upon us to do the right thing. We must as they say “walk the talk”. The support that the school received following our performance at the High School Jam was such a moment. It was very clear that the Settlers community knew the issues and what was right and as school we could walk tall and walk away with pride. This school has a proud tradition of spirit and pride and we know how to accept disappointment and so it was with the High School Jam.

Settlers you are a special school showing integrity in all you do. I salute each and every member of our school community for their support of this amazing school.

Pastoral Report

Mrs L Hall

The announcement of the prefect body for 2014 occurred on Wednesday 14 August 2013. The idea behind this early announcement is to allow the new prefects a longer period to shadow the present prefect body. The 2014 prefects together with Mrs Hall, Mr Haupt and Mrs de Kock went on a leadership camp at Ihlati Bushcamp over the first weekend in September. The camp created the ideal opportunity for us to get to know the prefects better and for them to interact informally with each other. The growth shown over the weekend was exciting and we look forward to a phenomenal year of leadership by this group of young adults. Further leadership training will be done on the 23rd and 24th of September 2013.

The 2013 term 3 pastoral campaign focused on the responsible use of social media. Mrs Abrahamse addressed various issues around the use of social media with particular attention to privacy settings, social media etiquette, cyberbullying, sexting and personal branding. The lessons done in Grade Head periods with the different grades were also loaded onto our school communicator for parents to see.

Ms Serahni Symington who is completing her PhD on “ Adolescents and internet technology” was the guest speaker at assembly as the highlight of our campaign. She certainly captured the interest of both the learners and the teachers, briefly explaining the damage and dangers of pornography to a young developing brain. She will be speaking to the grade 9 learners this coming week during their interdisciplinary programme on cyberbullying and online pornography in more detail.

Cyberbullying is definitely on the increase and we encourage you, as parents to discuss this matter with your children as the social media is not an acceptable forum for conflict resolution. The school will take serious action against any form of bullying. All children should feel safe at school at all times.

We have had 6 disciplinary hearings this term. All of them relating to dagga at school and maximum sentences were handed down in all cases. We have approached the SAPS regarding dog searches at school and these will be done in the near future.

Thursday night 12 September 2013 we had our Matric Celebration Service. Listening to the learners speak made me so proud of the product we as educators and parents together have produced. Our matrics are definitely ready for the world out there and we can rest assured that we have given them the roots to grow into successful productive citizens and the wings to fly to achieve their full potential.

General appearance of learners

We appeal to parents to assist us to ensure that the uniform is worn with pride at all times. Learners either wear uniform or sport kit or civvies. It is not acceptable for learners to be wearing their blazer with civvies or their black drama outfits.

Boy's hair regulations

Please make sure that you son abides by these rules as they appear in the code of conduct

- Hair must at all times be neat and presentable and not draw undue attention to it.
- Hair must be regulation length - no long fringes, long sideburns or tatty curls at the back of the head onto the collar. Hair length at the back must easily be clear of the collar when the head is held naturally upright.
- No "Mohawk" hairstyles - i.e. shaven sides and fuzzy top - or any other way-out creations - No “step” cuts. No headgear. No dreadlocks. No fades
- Hair may not have mousse or gel or hairspray on it or any other hair product, which will result in the hair having a “wet look” appearance. No bleaching or highlighting is permitted. No colour rinses or dyes. Hair may not be sculpted.
- No moustaches or facial hair. Sideburns in line with the middle of the ear.
- No haircut shorter than a no. 1 on the shaver. Hair must be ONE LENGTH all over the head.

Change over to Summer Uniform

The changeover to summer uniform is compulsory from 1 November 2013. Winter uniform must be worn for both prize giving events and the Matrics must wear winter uniform for Valedictory. Please check the summer uniform and make sure that the dresses still fit and are the correct length.

Academic Report

From the Headmaster

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

Grade 8: 255 candidates,
4 A Aggregates (1,6 %),
19 Not passed (7,5%)
Pass Rate: 92,5%

Grade 9: 264 candidates,
12 A Aggregates (4,6%),
41 Not passed (15,5%),
Pass Rate 84,5 %

Grade 10: 259 candidates,
9 A Aggregate (3,5%),
172 University Requirements (66,4%)
18 Not Passed (7,0%),
Pass Rate: 93,0%

Grade 11: 220 Candidates,
8 A Aggregates (3,6%),
159 University Requirements (72,3%)
21 Not passed (9,6 %),
Pass Rate: 90,4 %

Grade 12: 228 Candidates,
6 A Aggregates (2,6 %),
164 University Requirements (71,9%)
8 Not passed (3,5 %),
Pass Rate: 96,5 %

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

Grade 8: Josh Amos, Charne Arendse, Celena Pieters, Lauren Fortuin, *Sharnelle Paulse, Kaylen Heuvel, Hlonelwa Lutuli, Zoe Joshua, Nikita Mabota, Mathew Davids.*

Grade 9: Chad Damons, Carme Wardle, Mohini Anand, Vivek Abraham, Ruth Jantjies, Ghete Klaasen, Ivanka Noble, Tyler Lakey, Alexis Arendse, Charnelle Khoza, Rushke Pedro, Kayla Barendse.

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

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

Grade 12: Tiffany Agulhas, Farhanah Latief, Tayla George, Tracy-Lee Mentor, Lisa Erasmus, Bradleigh Marks, *Mikayla Morris, Eun-Jeong Kang, Orlando van Schalkwyk, Chelsea Williams.*

Academics

Miss W Horn

This has been a frenetic academic term with the matrices doing their final preparation for the NSC exams at the end of the year and the rest of the learners completing the tasks needed for the school based assessment for the year.

The grade 9 learners have also written the Annual National Assessments (ANA) in Mathematics and English this term. This gives us an opportunity to measure the progress of our grade 9 learners in relation to the province and nationally. We will report on the results in term 4.

The grade 9's have completed their subject choice for next year. Changes to the original choice of subject can be made at the start of term 4. No further changes will be accepted after the Friday 4 October 2013.

Grade 10 learners may change a maximum of two subjects after the final exams in November 2013. Please note that the forms are available from Mrs Horn and must be returned before Friday 29 November 2013.

The following important information in the NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR ASSESSMENT GRADES R – 12 was highlighted at a WCED meeting:

A learner (grade 10 to 12) who does not complete the school based assessment (projects, orals and/or practical) and does not have a valid excuse (doctors' certificate or the like) will not be allowed to write the final November examination for that subject. This means the learner will NOT BE RESULTED for the subject. The learner will need to repeat the subject and redo the School-Based Assessment component for the subject

Simplified, this means if a learner does not hand in a project, an oral or complete a task for the school based assessment and they do not have a valid excuse, they will not simply just be given zero for the incomplete assessment but will not be able to write the final exam in the subject and thus would not have a result in the subject for final promotion requirements. Please take note of this especially in subjects that have a practical component.

The academic manco has also launched a peer tutoring system. Learners volunteered to be peer tutors in the core subjects in each grade. They are being supported by the educators in the different subject areas. A learner makes an appointment with a peer tutor who then helps them with the work. We hope that learners learning from each other will have a positive impact on the academic results.

Our learners have been taking part in varied academic competitions which support the vision of our school to extend the learner and expose them to as many opportunities for cognitive development as possible.

Three of the top Physical Science projects were entered into the Eskom Science Expo. Dango Mwabene received a silver medal for her project titled “Sugar, Sweets and Snell’s science”. Allison Arendse received a silver medal for her project titled “Aqua Acquisition” which was also selected as the best project in the category chemical engineering. Charlene and Christine Ile’s project titled “Water....do it yourself” also received a silver medal and was chosen as the best project in the category of sport science and health care.

Alison Arendse, Charlene and Christine Ile’s projects were chosen to be entered into the National Science Expo which takes place over the September holidays in Johannesburg. Mrs Hall also added her vast expertise to the expo acting as judge.

The Afrikaans Olympiad was also written with Z Bosman obtaining 84% and achieving 8th place in this competition. Seven learners achieved a silver certificate (70%-79%) and a further seven learners achieved a bronze certificate (60% -69%) All the learners that wrote the Accounting Olympiad were chosen to go through to the second round of the competition. Learners also wrote the Consumer Studies Olympiad and we await those results.

The National Science Olympiad had over 30 000 entries this year. The following learners are to be congratulated on their achievements in this competition. Micaela Morris was placed in the top ten (joint 8th position) and Melissa De Lilly was placed joint 18th in the Life Science section. Bradleigh Marks was placed joint 25th in the Physical Science section.

The annual National teachers’ awards are taking place at the moment. Mr Niewoudt was nominated in the regional section, in the category Excellence in Information Technology teaching and Mrs W Horn in the category Excellence in Science teaching. They attended the district awards ceremony where Mrs Horn won her category and will now go through to the provincial round on the 8th November 2013.

The Academic awards also took place at the end of the term. Congratulations to the following learners:

General Academic Awards

Name	Award	Reason
B Marks	Honours	Represent W Cape at the National Mintek Quiz - won gold medal.
B Marks	Special Merit	National Science Olympiad - joint 25th position(top 14% - 12000 entries)
A Arendse	Honours	Represent WP at National ESKOM Science Expo
Charlene Ile	Honours	Represent WP at National ESKOM Science Expo
Christine Ile	Honours	Represent WP at National ESKOM Science Expo
D Mwabene	Merit	Silver at Regional ESKOM Science Expo
M Morris	Honours	National Science Olympiad - joint 8th (18000 entries)
M De Lilly	Special Merit	National Science Olympiad - joint 18th (18000 entries)
Z Bosman	Tie	Afrikaans Olympiad – 8 th in regional competition

CONTACT

Miss T Magson

This term started off with the Annual Fairmont- Settlers Staff Contact hosted by The Settlers this year. After a “build your own boerewors roll” lunch together, the staff played table tennis and darts whilst the others chatted to their counterparts from Fairmont. The contact was very closely contested and all games were played in a spirit of good sportsmanship.

The turnout for the Past Pupils sports day was not as good as in the past but we hope next year to rectify this when we can play all our sports on our own campus. Despite this setback all the teams were full and many even had a number of substitutes. Instead of the traditional rugby match, the past pupils took on a very good soccer side from school. Whilst all the games were played in a very competitive manner, the Past Pupils showed the school players that they are still competing at a high level of sport by winning the majority of the matches.

The 20 year reunion of the 1993 Matric Class will take place on Saturday 12 October in the Gilbert Room. The 2003 (Ulricke Spangenberg) reunion is planned and will take place on in November in the Gilbert Room. 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 this event.

Mrs Kleinsmith and her husband welcomed a new addition to their family. We congratulate them on the birth of little Benjamin Kleinsmith- both mother and child are well. Mrs van Schoor has been off this term to be with her daughter in Canada who has just had a baby. Mr Sogoni has been her replacement this term. We thank him for his contribution in the short time he was with us. We also congratulate Miss de Villiers on being given a permanent position in the Art Department at The Settlers.

The men on the staff spoiled the women on Women’s Day by inviting them to a special tea in their honour. The men donned bow ties and served the ladies tea and Jan Ellis pudding and then also cleaned up afterwards. A real treat.

The Administrative staff went out for lunch to celebrate Secretaries Day. We thank all the administrative staff for their hard work, often behind the scenes, to ensure the smooth running of the school. You are all invaluable,

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 Prefects – Carla Titus, Devon Turner, Leigh Frantz, Roscoe Hendrikse, Aidan Lourens and RCL representatives, Don Maisels and Karl Hendricks thank you for your time and effort especially with Teachers day and the Children’s Christmas Party.

To Mrs Basheer, Mrs Less and Mrs Theunissen thank you too, for your endless hours in ensuring the smooth running of many school functions and for making the staff feel special. It is much appreciated. A special thank you to Mrs van der Merwe for always being willing to assist the manco with the catering functions.



Chess developing sharp minds

SPORT

Mr B Neethling

One of the major changes that will be implemented next term is that all of our outside coaches have to be affiliated to a coaching company. The Governing Body of the school decided that in future all our outside coaches must work through the company that was chosen, namely, Coaching Dynamics. This was done so as to streamline the coaches' payment so that one payment can be made by the Bursar, instead of the multitude of payments to the individual coaches. Another important aspect is that our coaches will be managed professionally by the company. Coaches will have to reach levels of competencies in order to move upwards so as to be remunerated appropriately. During the last week of the term, the school will award certificates to those learners who excelled in their particular code.

The following are some of the learners who received our top awards.

Special Merit:

Chess – Jarred Carelse

Boys Hockey – Kyle Esau

Girls Hockey – Lerato May, Lisa Erasmus and Zoe Ziegler

Junior Honours:

Netball – Jodee Johannes and Maegan Ryan

Chess – Justin Lynch

Honours:

Chess – Tiffany Agulhas and Chad Willenberg

Hockey – Shannon Naude, Lisa Rhodes and Tamlin Ruiters.

Our guest for the occasion will be Mr Robert Tubby, who has served our school for the past twenty-five years as the person responsible for providing First Aid on the sport fields. Together with Mrs September, the two of them were always seen running onto the field during matches, caring and nursing the injured. First Aid has developed over the years, from its humble beginnings where water was the only known treatment, to where it is now, very technical, and as such the First Aid personnel need to be knowledgeable on the different methods and treatments. Mr Tubby has given the school excellent service, always very punctual, very dedicated and committed, and for this we salute him for doing a job that is not always acknowledged.



Our junior teams in action

Soccer

The school is awaiting the progress, if any, that was made with the advent of league games in the northern suburbs. We can expect some teething problems, but the overall impression coming from one of the top officials, is that things did not go very well. Some of the reasons given were that matches were unilaterally cancelled and fields were in a dreadful condition. In the meantime, Sport Manco would pursue the matter, obtaining all the relevant information to ensure that the proper structures are put in place. This is still an ongoing investigation even though no decision with regard to the implementation of soccer has been taken.

Netball

The U19A and the U19B girls did us proud, the U19B losing in the semi-final 18 -16, and the U19A winning the league.

The team played extremely well, their attitude and sportsmanship, according to your coach was highly commendable and you did the school proud.

Finally we would like to thank all the teachers for sacrificing their precious time, sometimes working under stressful conditions, to offer their services, so that ultimately the children can benefit, enriching their lives in such a way so that they can experience and appreciate our school's holistic approach to sport.

CULTURAL REPORT

Mr H Smuts

WOW! What an incredible cultural term this has been!

The term started off on a high note with the annual **Fairmont and Settlers Cultural Contact**. Our learners once again produced professional and quality performances. The programme included performances by our Choir, The Dynamix, Orchestra and Dance Society. Our debaters performed excellently in the fun parachute debate.

A group of matric learners attended the **Grahamstown Schools' Festival** during the July holiday. This was once again an enriching experience and we encourage our current grade 11 learners to grab this opportunity to attend this festival next year. A group of music learners also attended the **Standard Bank Jazz Festival** in Grahamstown and this festival proved to be very inspiring and enriching for our musicians. Keenan Jacobs (grade 10) was selected as the pianist for the SA Schools' B-band at this festival.

A group of 212 learners, consisting of the choir, orchestra, bands, soloists and dancers, competed in the **High School Jam** at the Grand Arena. After an exciting weekend of competition and fantastic spirit, The Settlers came out as the runner-up and won a cash prize of R10 000. Congratulations to all learners involved and a special thank you to the more than 2000 parents, learners and spectators who supported the school at the event.

The Drama Department performed at the **Artscape YES! Environmental Festival** and was announced the overall winners of this festival. Matthew Stuurman (grade 12) won the award as Best Actor at this festival.



Settlers-Fairmont Contact

The **choir** was selected to perform at the gala choir concert of the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod and achieved 92% at this function. They were the overall winners of the contemporary category for the 9th consecutive year.

The Recorder Ensemble entered a number of categories at the **Tygerberg International Eisteddfod** and these groups won all categories entered. Congratulations to our recorder players on this remarkable achievement.

The **Orchestra and Jazz Bands** gave back to the community by staging a Musical Kaleidoscope as a fundraiser for the Bellville Congregational Church.

The Dynamix had a very busy, but enriching term. Unisa launched their Jazz Curriculum in 2012 and conducted jazz workshops at 10 schools in the Western Cape. Our jazz bands were privileged to have been afforded the opportunity to participate in the workshops in July. The Dynamix was invited to perform at the Unisa Jazz Gala Concert at Hugo Lambrecht Music Centre. They also performed at The Palms Decor and Lifestyle Centre.

Open Night was a special evening and this year we were pleased to see more parents visit the classrooms and sign portfolios. The Variety Concert displayed the incredible talents of all our performance groups and soloists and this concert have become one of the showpieces of our school.

The **Interact Society** challenged the school to take part in the Chaeli campaign's Mandela Day Project. With this project they collected Early Childhood Development boxes filled with stationery to be used in their workshops for parents and pre-school teachers. Our school won R5000 for collecting a total of 71 boxes.

A total of R2740 was also raised as part of the reach for A Dream's Slipper Day campaign and another 100kg of bread tags were collected for another wheelchair donation. R1530 was also raised for persons with disabilities on Casual Day.

The groceries collection on Fridays is a very successful campaign. Learners are encouraged to bring non-perishable goods on Fridays as part of the feeding scheme for schools in poverty stricken areas.

The Interact club of the Pioneer School for the Blind spent a day at our school this term and taught our learners about their everyday challenges

A number of learners participated in the various categories of the **Tygerberg International Eisteddfod**. Our learners once again achieved excellent results.

The following learners achieved highest honours in the various categories:

- Joshua Carolus for *Piano solo 15 years in the Romantic / Modern category*
- Nastassja Pretorius, Mihle Mleni, Joshua Carolus and Jodene Daniels for *Recorder Quartet 16 years.*
- Carinne September, Carlyn Marais and Andrea Visagie for *Recorder Trio 18 years.*

- Arlin Bantam, Chantal Wilmot and Mikayla Morris for *Recorder trio 18 years*. Toni Abrahams for *Descant solo 18 years in both the Baroque and Modern categories*
- Sonwabisa Mbiza for *Public Speaking*.
- The Senior Recorder Ensemble for *18 years Large Ensemble*
- The Grade 10 Recorder Ensemble for *17 years Large Ensemble*

Excellence in culture participation was recognized at the **Cultural and Service Awards** assembly this term. A large group of learners received a total of 449 awards: 72 *Cultural Ties*, 290 *Merits*, 70 *Special Merits*, 2 *Junior Honours* and 15 *Honours*. This is testimony to the success of our cultural activities. The following learners received Honours awards at this assembly:

Keenan Jacobs	Performance (<i>Junior Honours</i>)
Damian Kamineth	Musical: Cast & Orchestra (<i>Junior Honours</i>)
Tyrone Roode	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Henry Esau	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Jesse Frankson	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Jodi Fredericks	Musical: Cast
Karl Hendricks	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Chad Jacobs	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Jessica Josephs	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Yolanda Mayman	Musical: Cast
Mary Ndabarushimana	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals
Clyde Parenzee	Drama: YES! Festival
Matthew Stuurman	Drama: YES! Festival
Arlin Bantam	Musical: Cast
Arlin Bantam	Performance
Michaela Moses	Performance
Michaela Moses	Drama: YES! and Film Festivals

Michaela Moses and Arlin Bantam were selected as the two finalists from the Western Cape to compete for the prestigious **DALRO scholarship** during the September holiday. After auditions across the country, only 6 learners in South-Africa were selected for this final round.

Our cultural leaders were also recognized at the annual **Achievers' dinner**. Our guest speaker, past head boy and current radio personality, Ebrahim Inglis, inspired our learners for future successes.

We congratulate all our learners on their contribution to the success of our cultural activities. The new committees and chairpersons will be announced at the start of next term as well as attend a seminar to prepare for 2014.

DATES FOR TERM 4

Tuesday 1 October 2013	Term 4 commences
Friday 4 October 2013	Grade 8 Function
Thursday 10 October 2013	Junior Prize Giving 19:30 (Compulsory Grades 8 &9)
Thursday 17 October 2013	Senior Prize-Giving 19:30 (Compulsory Grades 11 & 12)
Friday 18 October 2013	Valedictory 11:30
Friday 18 October 2013	Grade 9 Function
Tuesday 22 October 2013	Grade 7 Orientation Evening 19:30
Friday 25 October 2013	Thank You Function 18:00
Monday 28 October 2013	Matric Exams Commence
Monday 4 November 2013	Remembrance Day Service 13:30
Wednesday 6 November 2013	Exams commence Grade 8—11
Monday 25 November 2013	Exams end Grade 8—11
Thursday 28 November 2013	Carol Service 19:30 Matric Exams finish
Wednesday 4 December 2013	Last day (Pupils) reports and magazines issued.