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OUTGOING CHAIR OF COUNCIL

So, we're here to celebrate our school and our class of 2023. As I have mentioned previously, if you follow Herschel on Instagram, have regard to the Head's reports, attend sporting or cultural events, walk through the school, chat to the pupils, you will know, and see, that the school is thriving.

Herschel remains a leading institution in the educational space as we continue the transition to IEB and grow and ensure our relevance in the 21st century.

MRS TUMELO BALOYI

INCOMING CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Throughout the years I have witnessed the commitment of people coming together with a goal in mind that anyone entering Herschel should have a sense of belonging, feel safe, be heard and see themselves represented in the school. The picture is not perfect but I assure you things have not remained stagnant, we have seen a positive shift.



AD DEI GLORIAM

HERSCHEL COUNCIL



Front Row: Mrs H Goedeke, Ms S Mazibuko, Mrs T Baloyi (Chair), Mrs R Swartz, Prof. S Howie (Deputy Chair)
Second Row: Mr J van Wyk, Mr A Scott, Mr R Gordon, Rt. Rev. J Louw,
Back Row: Ms B Vintcent, Mr D Khan, Dr N Wellington, Mr A Bearne
Absent: Mrs N Mncwabe, Ms E Tshala

2023 ADIEUS



Adieu

TANNA BLUMBERG

Your youthful energy was tangible from the day you arrived at Herschel.

Your classes and tutees **felt assured from the onset**. Your **warmth** and **natural empathy** made you an **outstanding tutor**.

*"I have so much I could say about Ms. B and how amazing and **impactful she has been in my life**. But for now, all I'll say is Ms. Blumberg has truly been the best part of every day no matter what, she never failed to bring her **genuinely warm** and **loving energy** to every lesson and that is why her room is a safe space for so many of her students."*

Phelo Tima

*"Ms. Blumberg has made my last two years at Herschel so incredibly special. She has been nothing but **caring** and **helpful** toward our English class and our tutor group. She manages to make lessons so much more **enjoyable** and has the ability to make every person in her class **feel seen** and **included**, which means so much."*

Kenya Thamm

Scan to read more about Tanna Blumberg's Farewell



Adieu

PAMELA COLLIE

Pam we will miss you hugely as a colleague, as well as a friend.

Those of us who have got to know you more personally, have admired your **grit and tenacity**, coupled with your **very obvious empathy** and **humanity** which you wear very close to the surface, as you **carry a load, half of which most of us would never manage**. And so we say farewell with heavy hearts but wish you well as you head up Wickham's English department, which you will manage without blinking!

*"Ms Collie's friendly and comforting presence will be greatly missed, and I am extremely thankful for the year that I spent with such a **remarkable teacher.** Thank you for **ensuring each of us felt seen** during your lessons. Your **passion** and **joy** when teaching was evident and made our class a **fun-filled** and **supportive** environment."*

Kaitlyn Knight

Scan to read more about Pamela Collie's Farewell



Adieu

TAMSYN DAVIDS

Mrs Tamsyn Davids (Tammy) joined the Herschel family as part of the service staff before becoming a teacher's assistant in 2006 in the **Bouncing Bunnies class**. It was not long before she decided that she wanted to become a teacher herself. Between getting married and having two children, Tammy successfully managed to study and get her teaching degree.

Tammy was committed to always trying to provide the **best possible learning opportunities** for the children. She took **great pride in the decoration and layout of the classroom**. Tammy had a very **warm** and **caring approach** with the children, always **listening** to their needs and following through with situations. She will always be remembered as the "hairdresser" of the Pre-Prep – creating amazing and intricate hairstyles for the girls. Tammy was a fun and enthusiastic team player.

She was always willing to go the extra mile in everything she did. We wish Tammy well on her teaching journey. She is sorely missed in the Pre-Prep.



Adieu

WESLEY DEINTJE

Although Wesley's **prowess as an English teacher** at Herschel will be remembered **for years to come**, I think that his most vital impact will always be his **human connections** and the **impact** he has on the lives around him as that **fabulous human being** who is just as great as his dogs think he is.

Despite his profound talents, he is one of the **most humble** people I know. His ego is not at the centre of things. He **generously gives of himself**, no matter the situation. At Herschel he threw himself into the **Pride Club**, creating a whole wall of celebration and love in the Atrium in 2021 and making **so many pupils feel loved and seen**.

"Mr Deintje respects you for you. He doesn't put on that teacher voice for talking to students or condescend but talks to you as someone interesting."

Scan to read more about Wesley Deintje's Farewell

Farewell and thank you



Adieu

STEFFI DELMAGE-LOXTON

She was a kind, yet quiet presence amongst the staff, but those who got to know her enjoyed their chats and getting to know the **excitement and love she had for what she does**.

She took great pride in her work and always pushed herself to do better for her pupils.

Her **passion for teaching**, and teaching **French specifically**, shone through in all she undertook; and this was clearly evident in the interest stimulated in her pupils and their enjoyment of French.



Adieu

JAYNE EUVRARD

Jayne has always been one of my favourite people to talk to and hear talk: she is **highly intelligent**, **articulate, thoughtful** and **insightful**. She loves to talk about ideas and concepts, and **lives and breathes education** - effective pedagogy and teaching and learning are her **lifeblood**. I have loved hearing her reflections on things which either challenge or support me.

Jayne obviously **loves literature** and **English**, but more than that, she loves to **help others learn** and be empowered by what **strong imaginative** and **critical thinking skills** can give to a person. In both her role as a tutor and a teacher, she has **nurtured** and **cared** for the students she has in her classes, treating every student with **total fairness** and **attentiveness**.

Jayne, thank you for being the extraordinary teacher and person that you are. I hope the pages of your next chapter are filled with joy, success, and boundless possibilities.

Scan to read more about Jayne Euvrard's Farewell



Adieu

NICOLE HUGHES

In the **Maths department**, Nix will leave a void that is going to be hard to fill. She is one of our **best exam setters** by far. Nicole's **admin is amazing**, she **plans very well** and has an **exceptional eye for detail.** She **knew the girls she taught very well**, and always **fought for them**. We will miss you in our Maths meetings – your calm, confidence with a giggle every now and again.

Your footsteps will forever be in this school, up, and down the corridors (or between desks when invigilating).

A part of you will be left behind when you go, and that part has made a massive impact on our lives and on the lives of the girls you have taught over the years.

Just go read through your box of letters written by your girls from time to time... and remember.

Scan to read more about Nicole Hughes's Farewell



Adieu

CANDICE LACERDA

This year we said farewell to Candice Lacerda. This **multi-skilled, collegial, kind** and **empathetic** person made her mark at Herschel: a dear friend and colleague, a mentor, a teacher, a **Grade 8 Head** and **Head of Science** from 2020-2023.

Candice is a **true expert** in her field and an **innovator** who introduced creative and exciting ideas to Herschel such as ***"Science Week"*** or ***"Science cafes"*** which have made the subject even more exciting, relevant and accessible to her students.

Her service to the school and to those in her care - friends, colleagues and students - was certainly the way in which she expressed her love, and acts of service and quality time were definitely her love language.

We miss her greatly and are grateful for the time we have spent with her and for the gift of her time at Herschel.

We will miss you!



Adieu

PHELOKAZI MASANGO

As we bid farewell to Miss Phelokazi Masango, who became an integral part of our class in the latter part of this year, we reflect on the **profound impact** she has had.

Her presence filled our learning environment with **positivity** and **inspiration**. Her **quiet dedication** to assisting pupils and delivering **engaging lessons** has not only been **recognised** but **appreciated** by us all.

As you embark on new endeavours, please carry with you the knowledge that your legacy in the classes you spent time, will be cherished.

Your contributions will continue to **influence** and **inspire future pupils**. We wish to extend our warmest wishes for success and joy in your future pursuits.



Adieu

CHRIS MCEWEN

Being a mom of sporty boys, we can certainly understand how excited you must be about your move to SACS and being able to be there for this important phase of your sons' lives.

We know you will enjoy being involved in all the events and planning and hope that this will give you the opportunity to be present at all the sporting and other events that the boys are involved in, and which you feel like you've been missing out on, because of being a working mom.

We really do wish you well and hope that the new job is everything you want it to be.



Adieu

KELLY MUZZEL

Mrs Kelly Muzzell left a **lasting impact** on Herschel Prep School as she relocated to Namibia in August 2023.

From the Pre-Prep classroom to the Grade 2 classroom, to the sports field, Kelly's **energy** and **commitment** was felt by all. Kelly is a teacher and friend who **embodies the true meaning of loyalty**, **wise counsel, kindness, intuition,** and **connectedness**. Her **profound insights** and **nurturing nature** fostered an environment of learning that extended far beyond the academic space. Kelly instilled a **sense of confidence** and **self-belief** in her pupils and enabled them to **embrace challenges with courage** and determination.

Above all, Kelly could laugh! Her classroom was always filled with love, laughter and learning, a priceless combination.

Go well, Kelly.
You will be missed.



Adieu

JOY MWELA

Mrs Joy Mwela joined Herschel Prep in January 2020 as a teacher assistant in the Pre-Prep.

She began her studies and qualified as a Foundation Phase teacher at the start of 2023 and has enjoyed her remaining years in the Foundation Phase.

Her **kind** and **calm** demeanour created a **positive** and **inclusive learning environment** for all the girls in her care. Her introspective nature allowed her to **deeply understand** and **connect** with the emotions of others, making her an **excellent listener** and **supportive colleague** to many.

She displays a genuine love for children and their emotional well-being, and it truly shone through in her daily interactions within the classroom.

We know she is **ready for her very own classroom** and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

ADIEUS

Best of luck on your new journey



Adieu

VIKKI QUARMBY HAWKINS

Vikki Quarmby Hawkins, a member of our Prep Sports Department since November 2022, bids us farewell.

Her expertise in **swimming coaching** and her role as **Head of Water polo** showcased her **dedication**.

Vikki's **genuine connections** with the girls were evident in the sport's growth.

Beyond the pool, her contributions to **Physical Education teaching** enriched our students' experiences, creating engaging and challenging lessons.

Choosing to spend more time with her young family, she remains a valued presence around the pool in the afternoons.

Thank you, Vikki, for enriching our sports programme and building lasting connections. Best wishes for your new chapter.



Adieu

MEGAN SMITH

Megan played an important role at Herschel in her position as **Academic Support** and **Career Liaison**. She brought structure to this department and reviewed the support we had in place for pupils and how we could improve this, in order to ensure we could 'level the playing fields' for all pupils with regard to assessments.

Megan was always **willing to give of her time** to help pupils whether it be with tertiary applications, study skills, or any other reason and she was **creative** and **flexible** in her **problem solving**.

While at Herschel, Megan successfully **ran two wonderful Career Expos** and the 2023 Career Day involving many workshops and speakers, and the exhibition was a real highlight and a very worthwhile event for our pupils.

We are very grateful to Megan for her efforts and commitment to Herschel and wish her and her family all the best with their adventure down under in Australia.



Adieu

JASON STEGMANN

What really sets him apart, is that these things were so real and that he is so consistent: what you see is what you get, day in and day out.

When we look back and ask *"where did the years go?"* I don't think we need to point to a CV of impressive feats that we glory in. If we can say that it went into the lives of the people that we loved, we've done well. Jason, I do think that you can say that your **years at Herschel went into the lives of the students and your colleagues that you loved**.

As Mr. Stegmann embarks on the next chapter of his journey, he leaves behind a **legacy of laughter, passion**, and an **indelible impact** on those he taught. He will be sincerely missed, and we extend our heartfelt wishes for success and fulfilment in the years to come.

Scan to read more about Jason Stegmann's Farewell



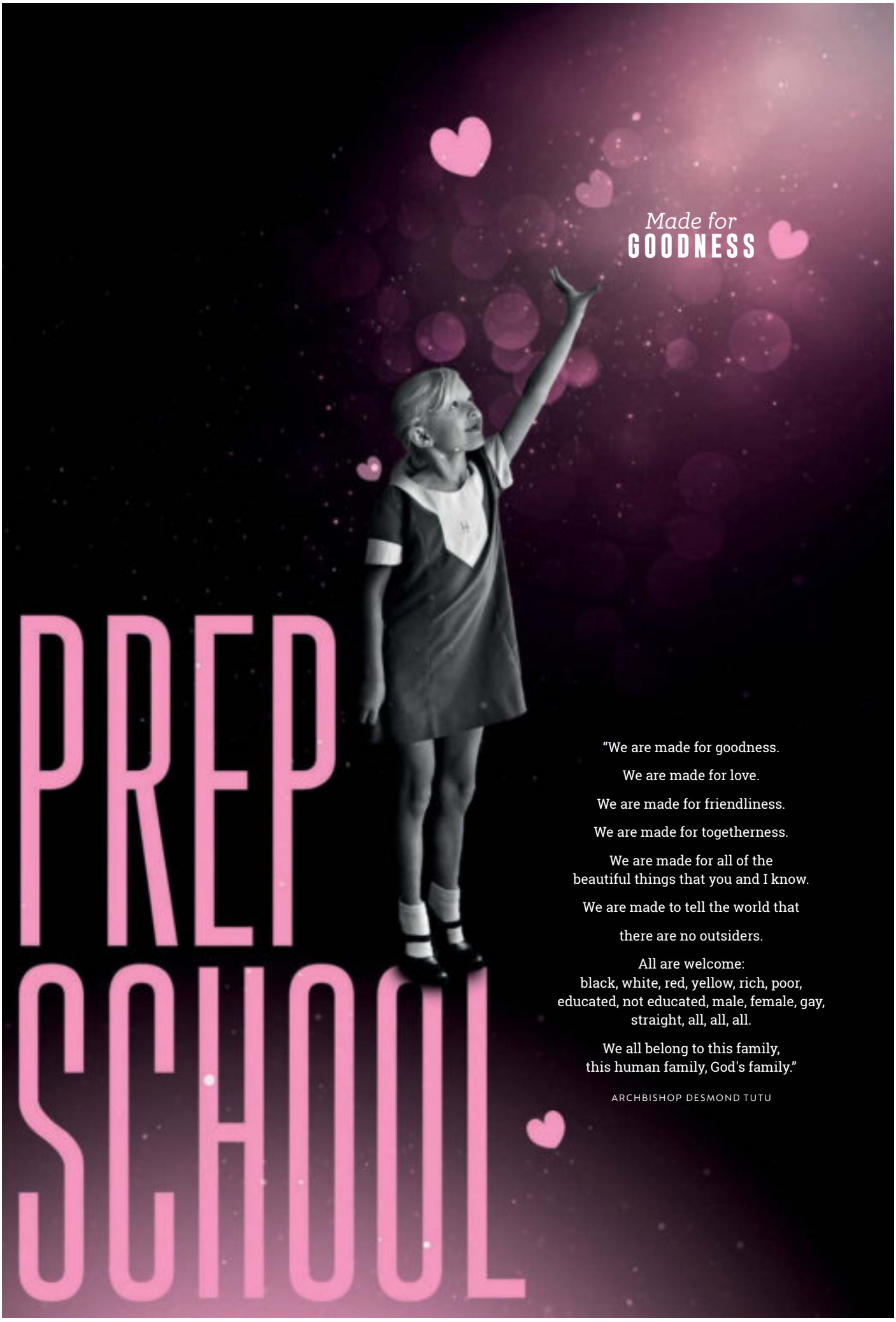
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Second row: Waheeda Pregnolato, Zwelakhe Mngqelana, Adeeb Laatoe, Lenet Jacobs-Louw, Crystal Davids, Tony Lukwe, Alfred Boko, Luyanda Ntuli, Faizel Pregnolato, Dina Malouw, Bevan Odendaal, Lydia Titus, Feroza Cerff, Lindsay Adams.

Front Row: Noel Daniels, Carol Sawyer, Colin Jacobs, Chris McEwen, Stuart Levey, Andrew Scott, Renee Swartz, Heather Goedeke, Heather Vaughan, Andrew Bearne, Zakeeyah Limbada, Cindy Guercio, Dean Hoffenberg, Lynn Lourens, Aileen Schippers.

Absent: Ivan Shorti, Chief Mde, Eric Phike Norman Solomons.



"We are made for goodness.

We are made for love.

We are made for friendliness.

We are made for togetherness.

We are made for all of the
beautiful things that you and I know.

We are made to tell the world that

there are no outsiders.

All are welcome:
black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor,
educated, not educated, male, female, gay,
straight, all, all, all.

We all belong to this family,
this human family, God's family."

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

Getting to know our NEW PREP Head

Mrs Reneé Swartz





"This is my rock that goes everywhere with me!"



I WANT TO BE A ROLE MODEL TO MY DAUGHTER AND HER DAUGHTER AND TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEIR MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER DIDN'T ALLOW DEFEAT.

CHALLENGE IS INEVITABLE BUT DEFEAT IS OPTIONAL. SHOW UP AND *"THRIVE IN STYLE"*.

What do you love about Herschel?

I value the challenge it brought of looking into my soul and seeing the little girl I once was, in the faces of many of our pupils. Through this I realise the **honour and immense responsibility** of leading a girls' school and being part of **empowering young ladies** to dream more, learn more and become more.

The **beauty of the surroundings** – gardens, view of the mountain, character and architecture of the buildings give it a sense of boldness and stature in our city but most of all strength- which one needs to face each day.

The **people of Herschel** – staff, parents, my pupils, make it worthwhile. I learn from you, I challenge you and you challenge me, I dream for you, and I see **HOPE** for our future in you.

The greatest lesson you have learnt so far.

Maya Angelou sums it up: *"I've learnt that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

My greatest lesson is to ensure that when people leave my company they have felt **heard, understood, challenged, loved** but above all **respected** for who they are.

The best thing about leading a girls' school is ...

I now can focus on **gender specific challenges** and relate my own experiences, failures and successes to people that get me too. I can now **promote issues relating to girls** more fervently and intentionally. We can stand together as a supportive community against gender stereotypes and **promote breaking down of barriers** so that our girls can pursue careers, opportunities in sport and culture in previously male dominated fields. What an honour to be **empowering the next generation of future female leaders** and maybe even one day a future Herschel Head of the Preparatory School.

Favourite book
"She's Still There – Rescuing the Girl in You" by Chrystal Evans Hurst forwarded by Priscilla Shirer.

Favourite movie
"Notting Hill"

Favourite colour
PINK!

Favourite place to visit
The Holy Land

Still to do on the bucket list:
Run a ½ marathon or even a 10km. I just want to run and run and run till I find my rhythm.

Who is your hero?
My mom and sister – through chronic illness they still feed my soul with strength and admiration. They fix my crown when it's skew and allow for me to shine brightly even when their lights are sometimes dimmed by the pain they endure. They speak words of kindness, strength, affirmation, courage, and challenge even though they live 1500 km from me.

Hobbies:
Reading, cooking, visiting vintage markets, playing with my granddaughter Riley, long walks on the beach with Hubby.
PS. Still finding my groove in the CAPE.

A short message for our girls in 2024...

Dream More. Learn More. Become More. Maya Angelou says: *"If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."* In order to become the best you – you need to look at things differently by changing your attitude towards it and then dream more, learn more to become more.



PREP ACADEMIC STAFF

Back Row: Janine Bearne, Terri Aubin, Alix Dawson-O'Connor, Linda van Eyssen, Karen Bosch, Sonja Brasler, Amanda Mozley, Verushca Johannes, Nicole Young.

Fourth Row: Phumla Vundla, Nicole Barends, Linda Cowie, Leanne Young, Lizette Alexander, Beth Gabriel, Anne Lewis, Mary Martin, Bernadine Julies, Sharondine Gobey.

Third Row: Jessica Holtzhausen, Samantha Centurier-Harris, Luyanda Ntuli, Zayaan Behardien, Marise Laubscher, Margot Roebert, Shelagh Blake, Christine Moritz, Karen Rutgers, Rachelle Pretorius, Nadia Robbertze.

Second Row: Angela Sass, Zanele Mrasi, Caren Furst, Ayesha Ally, Anne Foale-Price, Kirsty Meyer, Laeeqa Dollie, Abongile Matiya, Karen Meyer, Phelokazi Masango, Tessa Brogan, Jodi Evans.

Front Row: Annamarie van der Vyver, Liezl Juries, Petra Conrads, Robyn Stakemire, Carern Kieffer-Walker, Reneè Swartz, Linda Martin, Zazie Khan, Alison Baikoff, Liane Karsten, Cindy Guercio.

FOUNDER'S Day



Heritage Day was so special because we all joined with the Senior School girls and sung our school song with arms linked. The Senior School girls sang so loudly it made me feel really proud to be a Herschelian.
Jessica Boyes

The celebration of our 101 years of existence began with a Prep Assembly in the theatre. The girls were taken back in time to the year 1750 when

Caroline Herschel

was born in Germany.

They were told the remarkable story of a woman, born with many disabilities and without formal education,

who rose above her station in life

and went on to detect many new nebulae in the night sky and became the first woman to discover a comet.

She discovered eight comets in total and

won many awards for her contribution to astronomy.

It was her nephew, Sir John Herschel, who travelled to South Africa to explore the night skies of the Southern Hemisphere. Sir John Herschel bought the farm called 'Feldhausen' where

our school, Herschel, now stands.

I loved celebrating the school's birthday. 101 years is really old and it's amazing that the school is still going after such a long time. We made birthday crowns and had a big party!
Nina Pithey

I loved the birthday cupcake. The whole school gets a cupcake to celebrate and they are always delicious.
Mackenzie Abernethy





We were then introduced to Lèa Weimann, who was the 2022 recipient of the Caroline Herschel Award. This award recognises and celebrates the valued and lasting contributions of Herschel alumni in making a significant difference in a community. Miss Weimann received the award for her contribution to climate change and her eco-activism.









Our Prep and Senior School pupils all gathered around the fountain to link arms and sing the most beautifully heartfelt rendition of our School Song. We ended the celebrations with the ceremonial cutting of the birthday cake.

PRE-PREP SPECIAL Days

What was it like to have our dads, moms and grannies visit us at school?
"I liked that I could play outside in the garden with my mom." Olivia Robbins

Did you enjoy the day the chef came to school?
"Yes, I got to cook at school!" Zara Saloojee

What did you wonder about Egypt?
"Why did they put earrings on their cats?" Georgina Palm

Why is it important to learn about women in history?
"Because YOU could be a woman in history!" Charlotte Caldicott

Camps Bay Beach






Classic Cuisine







Dad and Daughter Day







Egypt Day





Grandparents' Day






Letterland Parade







Mini Mo Reptile Show







My Special VIP








Nursery Occupations




What did you enjoy about your playdate with Western Province Prep Boys?

"I liked how they had different stuff to us." Sophia Hughes

What did you find interesting about the visit to the beach?

"It was so cool and it was nice and refreshing in the water." Ingrid Bergenthuin

School of Magic






Spring Equinox






Teddy Bears' Picnic






Women in History



What did you do on the day of the Spring Equinox in Arderne Gardens?

"We looked for leaves and sticks." Sara Desai

What was the best part of your visit to the School of Magic?

"I liked it when the magician changed the colours. It was very funny when he made coins appear on people's heads." Unathi Waters

What did you do in the science lab at the senior school?

"We mixed milk and then it was purple." Amber Khan

WPPS playdate



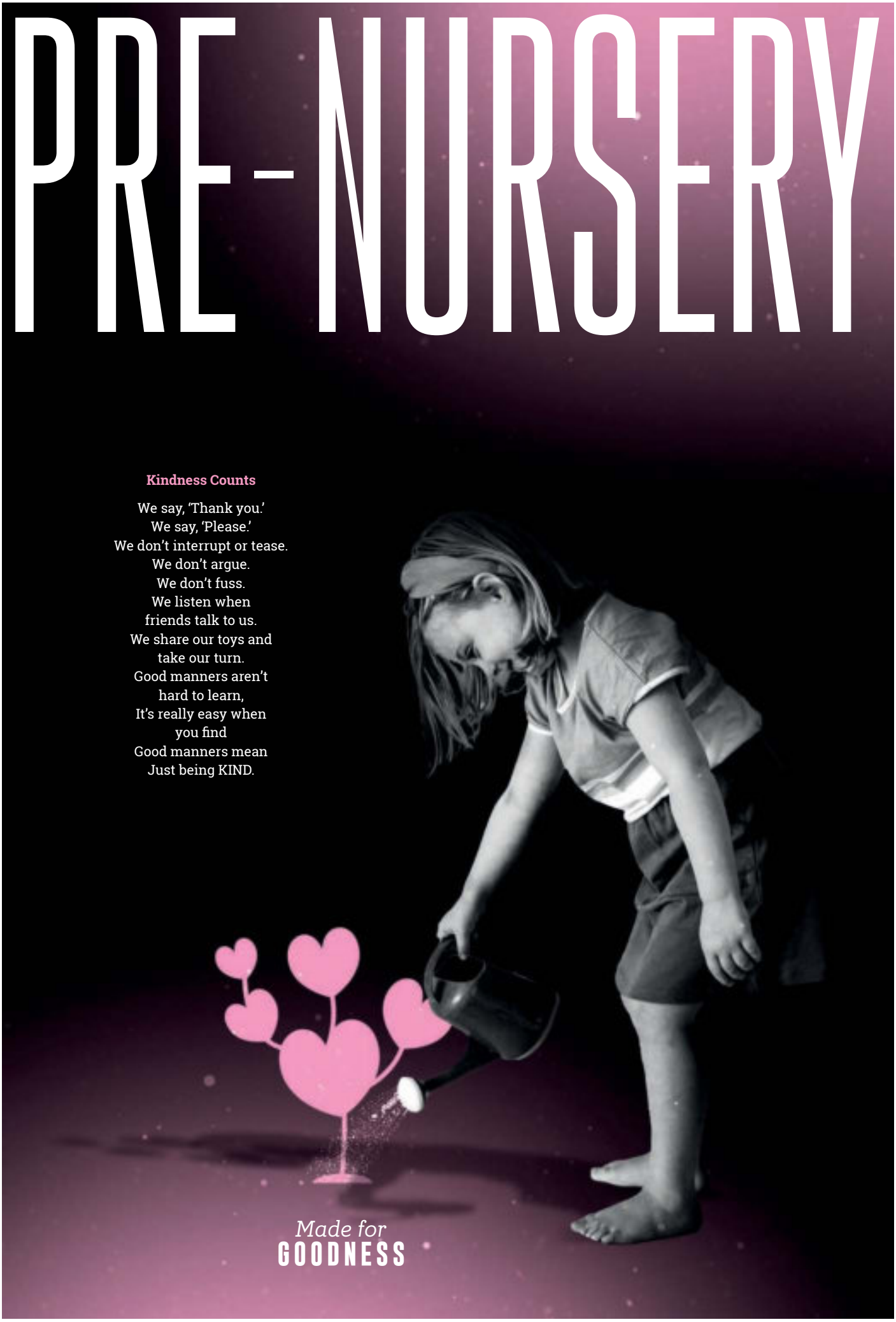




PRE-NURSERY

Kindness Counts

We say, 'Thank you.'
We say, 'Please.'
We don't interrupt or tease.
We don't argue.
We don't fuss.
We listen when
friends talk to us.
We share our toys and
take our turn.
Good manners aren't
hard to learn,
It's really easy when
you find
Good manners mean
Just being KIND.



CUDDLY Kittens





"The Cuddly Kittens are super heroes because we are super kind, super smart, super fast and most of all we can do super amazing things!"
Mrs Johannes



I want someone to buy me a pony
Jig jog jig jog jig -a-jog gee
Not too fat and not too bony
Jig jog jig jog jig -a-jog gee
Oh I want to go for a ride
all around the countryside
With a jig jog jig jog jig jog jig jog
Jig jog jig jog jig -a-jog gee
With a jig jog jig jog jig jog jig jog
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Hanaa Ally


Lily Alexander


Sofia Andrews


Jessica Böttger


Aiyla D'Assonville


Philippa Dowse


Freya Duncan


Katy Elliott


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Tyla King


Emily Lowe


Hannah May York


Annabella McGregor


Mmangaliso Pana


Luna Belle Rampf


Saarah Sadien


Inari Sattar-Mayman


Maxine Short


Charlotte Stewart


Lacey Taylor


Sophia Whale-Terblanche

















LITTLE Lambs









"According to the Little Lambs, a superhero is 'someone who helps you', 'someone with super powers' or 'a person that is super good at things like being fast' and if this is true, then my Little Lambs are all being superheroes!"
Mrs Young



Carrots for Lunch

Out in the garden,
Under the sun,
Grew lots of carrots,
So I picked some!


Anna Anderson


Rosa Barbieri


Sophie Cowan


Catherine Caldicott


Amelia Daffue


Emma Duck


Zanele Gqamana


Clare Henny


Noa Joubert


Amelia Louw


Polly McDavid


Bailey Neill


Nala Ntoi


Kananelo Ntoi


Vivien Ord


Taylor Parkhurst


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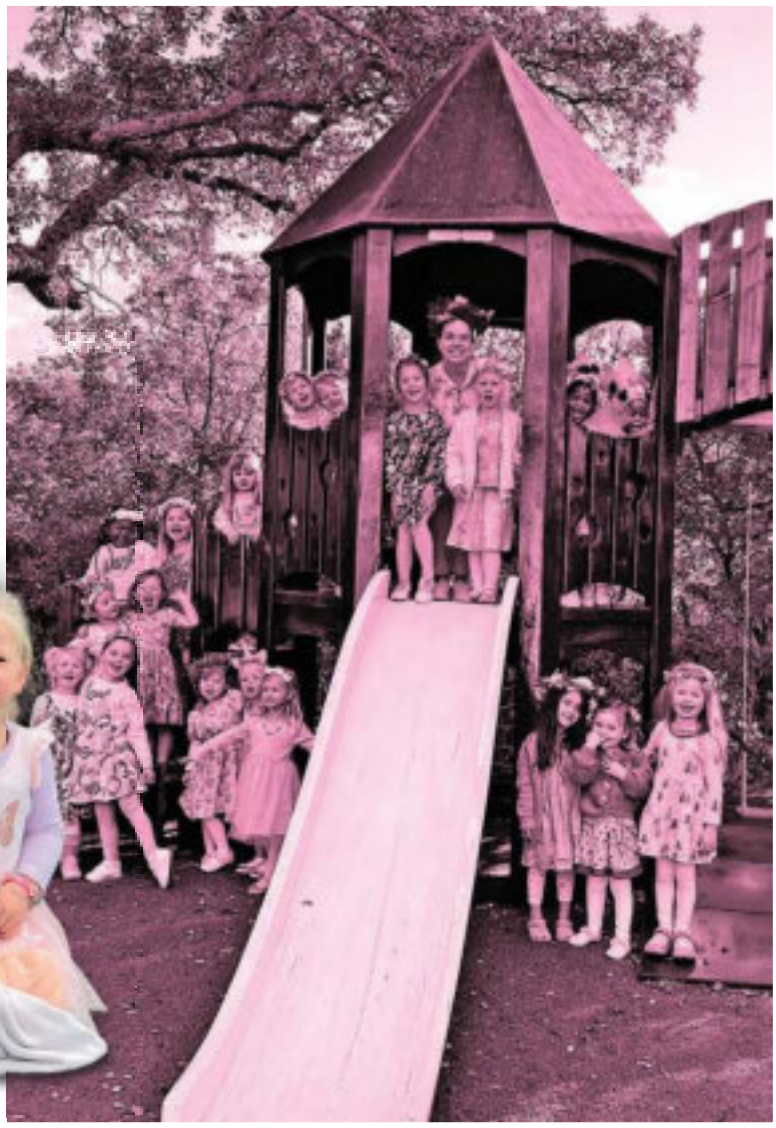



The
GRUFFALO



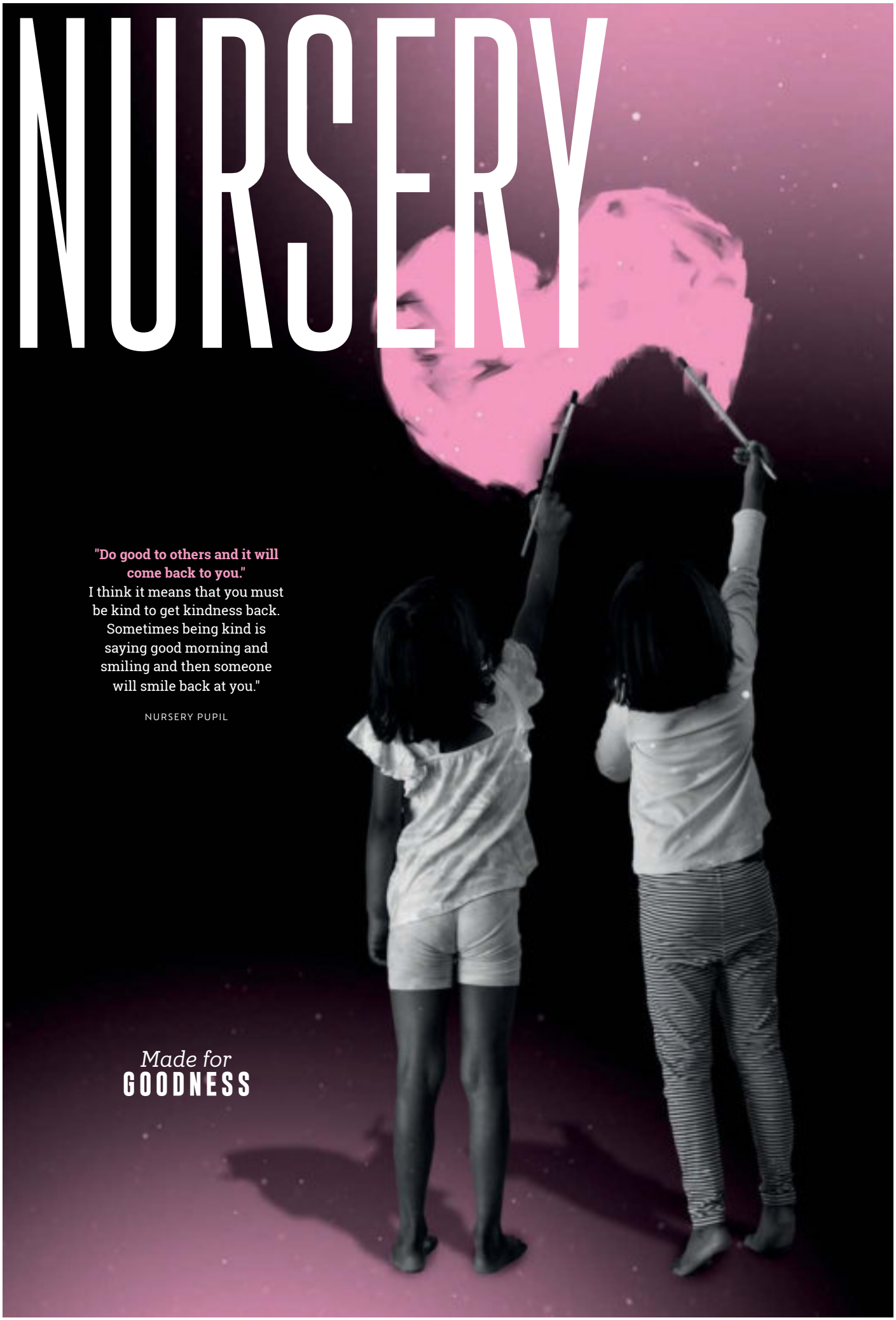







PRINCESS
NALA
THE GREAT

NURSERY



"Do good to others and it will come back to you."
I think it means that you must be kind to get kindness back. Sometimes being kind is saying good morning and smiling and then someone will smile back at you."

NURSERY PUPIL

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BOUNCING Bunnies





"Watching you grow and learn every day filled my heart with joy. Keep being curious, kind and brave. Never forget your magical powers of love and kindness."
Ms Evans

The best part about being a child is ...



Sophia Bloem
I get to bake cakes and cupcakes.



Charly Boyden-Pearson
going to the toy shop and buying lots of toys and having sleepovers.



Huda Dollie
building puzzles and reading books.



Aahana Dunsdon
drawing and colouring in with my crayons and kokies.





Ghanaan Davids
playing at home with my Elsa toy and dressing up.



Alice Daws
playing dress up with my friends and baking cupcakes.



Farren Gomes
playing games with Indi and crafting with my mom.



Amelia Grave
riding my bicycle when I want to and eating sweets in the pool.



Rania Harnekar
playing with my leopard and playing with my friends.



Xiyao Jiang
drawing and painting all day.



Amelia Khan

playing in the kitchen and baking brownies.



Amelia Jane Kühn

playing games with my toy dog.



Anna Lange

building with lego and baking cakes.



Ella Lyall

swimming with my mommy in the pool and swinging on the monkey bars.





Maheera Masud

playing with my baby brother and painting.



Aleeya Noorani

playing outside when its sunny and drawing hearts in the sand.



Stella Preston

I get to play with toys all day and swimming in my pool with my mommy.



Arabella McDonald

playing with my sister and baking cupcakes.



Agnes Salvaing de Boissieux

playing with playdough and building Lego.



Sienna van Staden

playing with my toy horses every day.



Sophie Wessels

playing with my best friend and I get to be a mermaid.



Sadie Turner

playing with my sister.

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NURSERY

















BUSY Bees





"Dear Busy Bees, you are now on a whole new level. You are bigger and stronger. Remember to always shine bright like the stars you are. Keep spreading love always."
Ms Mrasi

Living under the sea, I would like to be ...



Ella Cattell
a seahorse because it can hold onto seaweed.



Alice Duck
a seahorse because they have beautiful tails.



Sara Desai
a killer whale because they are bigger than a shark.



Hannah Ellison
a dolphin because it moves so gently.



Frankie Jo Gabriel
an octopus because it likes to jiggle.



Indie Gomes
a dolphin because I like the way it jumps.



Annabelle Griffiths
a mermaid because they are beautiful.



Amy Harcourt-Wood
a whale because they can spray water out of their back.



Rachel Hossack
a puffer fish because it can puff up big.



Lucy Hunt
a mermaid because they can look golden.



Yara Kambarami

a whale because all the other fish fear the whale.



Amber Khan

a mermaid because they swim all the time.



Raadhiya Osman

a mermaid because they are beautiful.



Charlotte Pohl

a unicorn seahorse because they only live in a magical world.



Elizabeth Power

a seahorse because they can breathe only with their nose.



Sarrinah Rahman

a fish because I can swim all the time.







Tahiya Rahman

a mermaid because they get to swim all day.



Asla Ritchie

a whale because I like everything about whales.



Olivia Robbins

a dolphin because they jump high.



Reign Rowan

a shark because other fish are scared of them.



Qhawekazi Rwexana

a zebra fish because of it stripes.



Anna Womersley

a mermaid because they have sparkly tails.





































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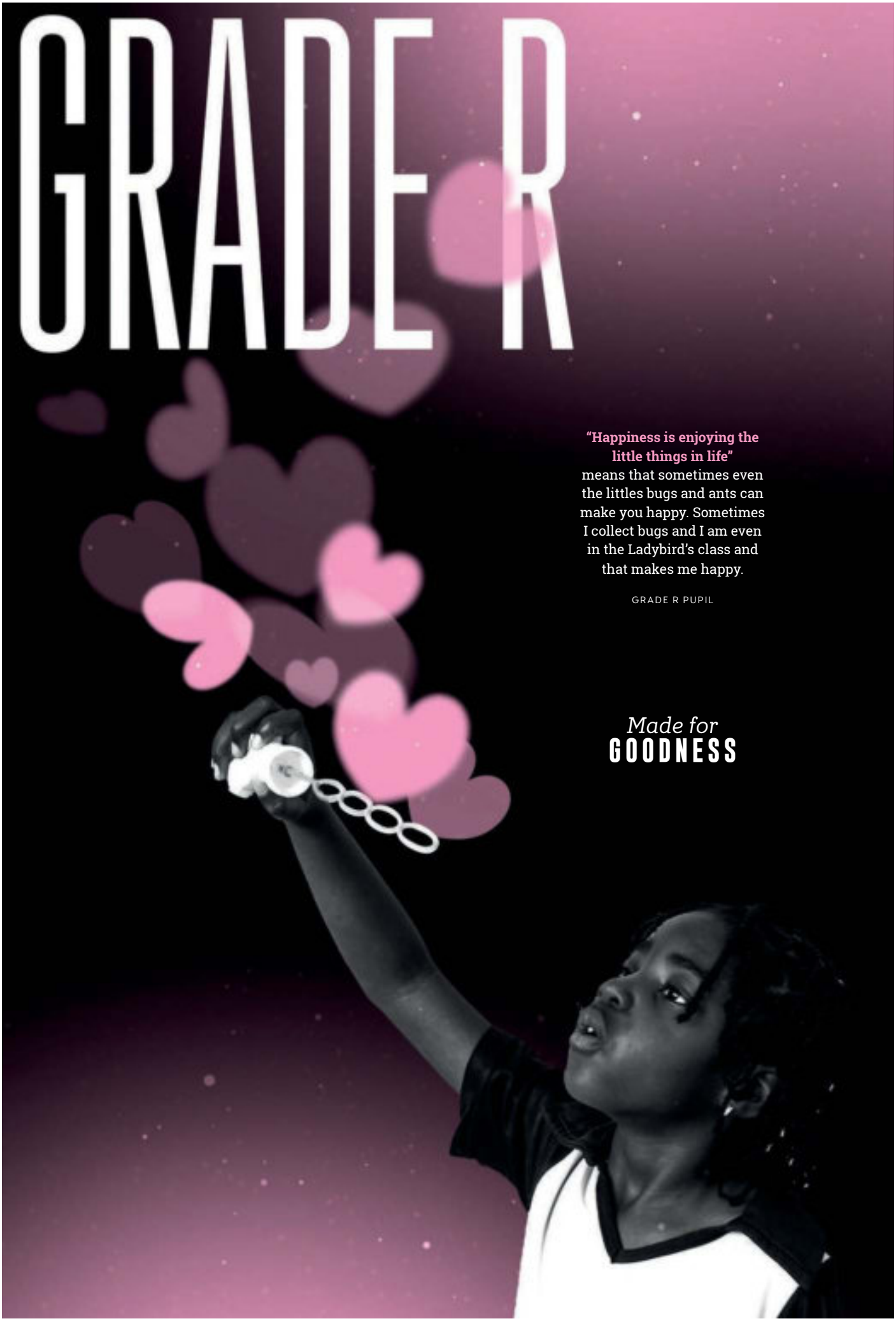
NURSERY

GRADE R

"Happiness is enjoying the little things in life" means that sometimes even the littles bugs and ants can make you happy. Sometimes I collect bugs and I am even in the Ladybird's class and that makes me happy.

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Butterflies





Always be the best YOU can be! We are extremely proud of how you have grown and all you have achieved during the year. You are true butterflies emerging from their chrysalises.

Mrs Bearne

If I were famous I would like to be known for ...



Haadiya Abass

being an astronaut because I want to be in Space.



Safaa Abdulla

helping people if they are crying or have fallen down.



Allegra Alston

ballet because I love it.



Jessica Baker

being an artist who paints. I would like to paint animals. I paint with my nanny.



Rizqah Bassadien

making teddies. I like cute teddies.



Aylar Darbandi

playing the piano. I can play and I only practice sometimes.





Samiha Ebrahim

being a ballerina. I like ballerinas.



Jemima Huber

gymnastics. People can see me going on the trampoline and doing a flip.



Sophia Hughes

being the first lady who goes on a rocket ship by myself to the moon.



Sophia Johnston

kindness. I would like to help sick people.



Emma Laub
being an artist who draws scenery and forests.



Amaal Manuel
tap dancing.
I dance with my mom.



Claire Marsal
tennis. I like playing tennis.
It is my favourite sport.



Kathryn McArthur
inventing teleporting.
I like engineering.



Malaikah Nienge
tennis. I am learning to be good at it.



Alisa Nqayi
helping people. When they have no money, I can give them money.



Suha Parker
gymnastics. I want to be famous for swinging and doing flips on the bars.



Elizabeth Pearce
running very fast because I am very fast.



Lily Powter
being a dancer but mostly ballet.



Asma Raja
ballerina. It is pretty and graceful.



Mila Sardo
singing. I would sing normal songs and a bit of jazz.



Grace Speres
helping the world. I want to help people who are struggling.



Emily van der Merwe
swimming. It is my favourite thing to do.



Pippa Walker
planting. I like roses.



Emma Whitfield
a good artist who paints cities and sunsets.



Elodie Yazdanpanahi
a singer and sing songs like *"Green Green Grass"*.

















"Ladybirds: I have loved watching you experience and explore the world with curiosity. Never stop questioning everything around you. And along the way remember that the best thing you can be is kind. Once a Ladybird, always a Ladybird! "

Mrs Brogan





Ladybirds





Portraits of Mandela


Amelia Bam


Isla-Faye Ben-Yosef


Ingrid Bergentuin


Bella Budden


Charlotte Caldicott


Saba Corry


Isabelle Daffue


Harley Daniels


Aurora Delson


Ayah Ebrahim


Lily Galpin


Maia Groenewald


Charlotte Hodgins


Emily Jackson


Julia Louw de Wet


Carniela Magazore


Anna Marshall


Sienna Murie


Zingce Njana


Georgina Palm


Aria Pillay


Josie Speres


Sophie van der Spek


Ana Vasiljevic


Unati Waters

PREP

GRADE R













If you were famous what would you like to be known for?

I would like to be a famous architect. **Aemelia Bam**

I would like to be known for singing. **Isla-Faye Ben-Yosef**

I would like to be known for drawing. In real life I actually love drawing. **Ingrid Bergenthuin**

I would like to be a singer because I like singing. **Bella Budden**

Being a good vet because I want to look after pets. **Charlotte Caldicott**

Tennis because it is my favourite sport. **Saba Corry**

I would like to be a famous vet. I would like to have lots of puppies. **Isabelle Daffue**

I'd like to be a famous singer or policewoman. I like to run around and catch people. **Harley Daniels**

Singing. **Aurora Delson**

Being a vet because I love animals. **Ayah Ebrahim**

Being a famous horse rider. I like horses. **Lily Galpin**

I would like to be a famous artist because I can sell pictures and get lots of money. **Maia Groenewald**

For being a horse rider. I like to do jumping on a horse. **Charlotte Hodgins**

I would like to be known for my drawing. **Emily Jackson**

A singer. I like to sing. **Julia Louw de Wet**

Singing, because I always sing. **Carniela Magozore**

I would like to be a singer. **Anna Marshall**

For being a nurse because then you could do lots of things like taking care of people. **Sienna Murie**

I want to be known for swimming. I like swimming. **Zingce Njana**

I want to be a famous artist because I am really good at drawing. **Georgina Palm**

Painting because I like doing art. **Aria Pillay**

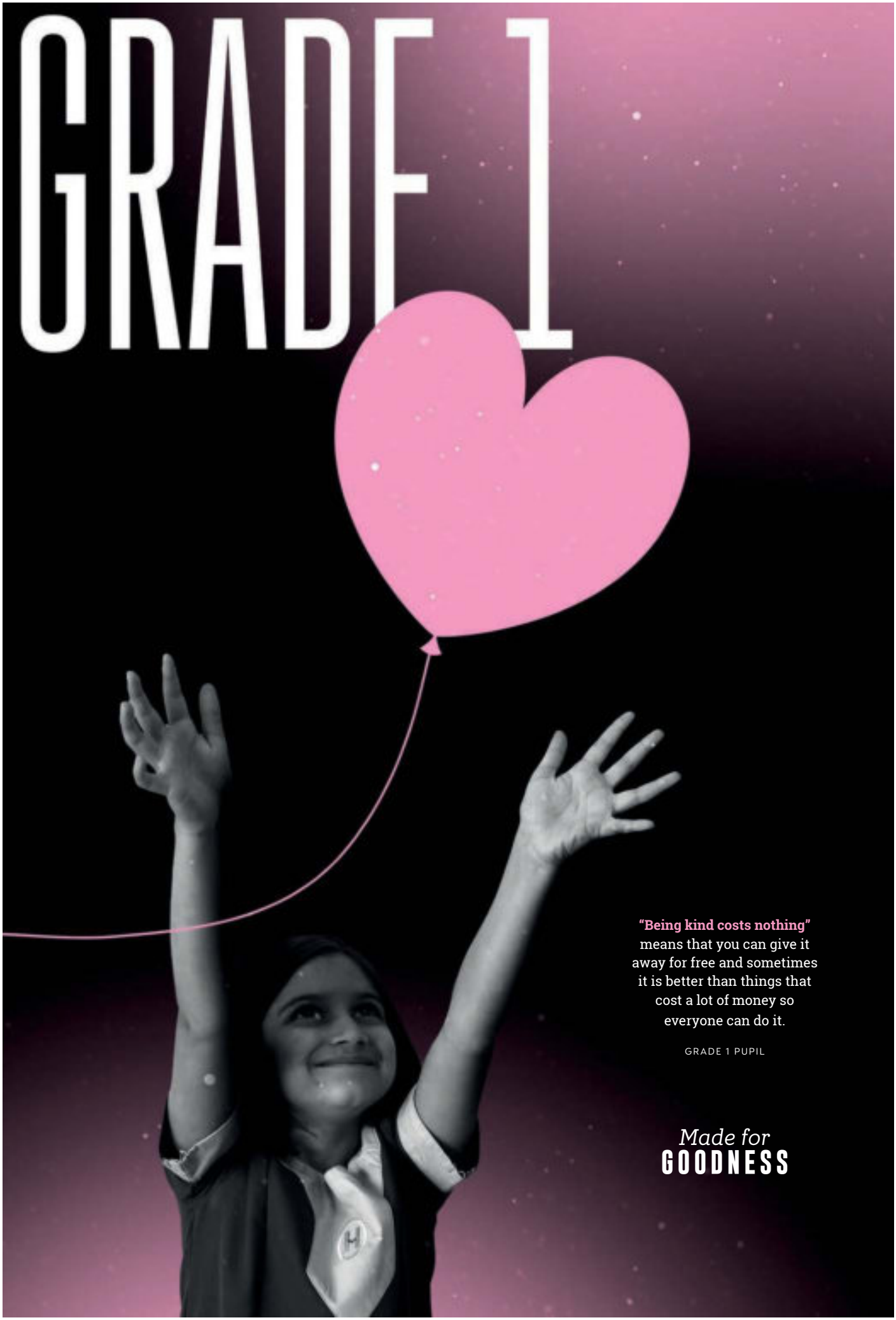
I would like to be known for being a great scientist or a dog rescuer or an emergency doctor. **Josie Speres**

Singing, because I like singing and if I'm bored it's my favourite thing to do. **Sophie van der Spek**

I want to be a famous singer because I want to write my own songs and people will hear it. I like making up my own songs. **Ana Vasiljevic**

I want to be a president so I can rule people. **Unathi Waters**

GRADE 1



"Being kind costs nothing" means that you can give it away for free and sometimes it is better than things that cost a lot of money so everyone can do it.

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GR1A

"To my Grade 1 Rainbows ... Our journey together this year has been like a magical story filled with laughter, learning, and endless adventures. Always remember, you're capable of achieving great things, and your bright spirits can light up the world. Keep shining, keep smiling, and keep dreaming big!"





I love Grade 1 because I have lots of friends. I liked it when we all did the Water Cycle projects.
Imaan Khan







My teacher is kind. When it was my birthday, my friends did the birthday song for me.
Lily Duncan



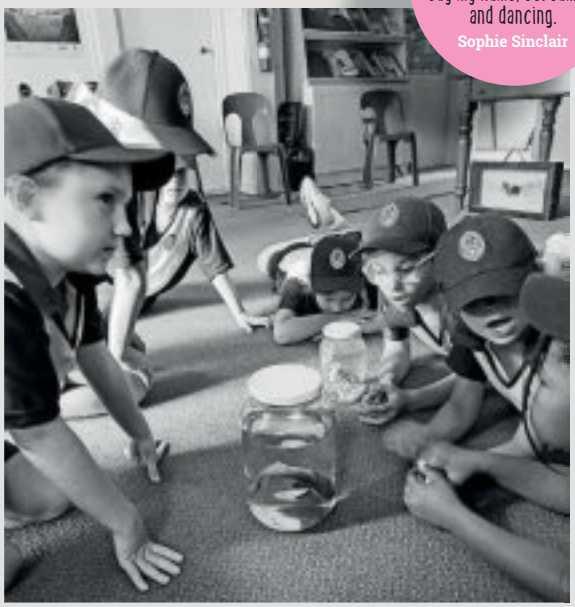






I have the best friends. When I come in from the gate, my friends say my name, screaming and dancing.
Sophie Sinclair

My favourite thing about Grade 1 is doing Number Sense because it is fun.
Zia Hendriks







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GR 1 Alpha

"Grade 1 Alpha is a bundle of fun! Some days we were deep in lessons, while on others, we were helping little teeth make their grand escape. These moments made our classroom special and unforgettable. May your future adventures be as bright as your smiles!"





All the girls in my class were very kind. Everyone fits in like a triangle.
Antoinette Stuart

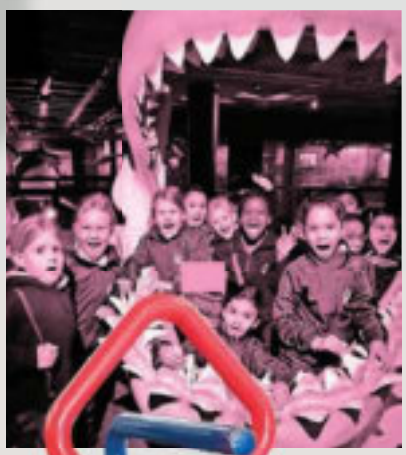




There was always laughter in our classroom in Grade 1.
Holly Billett

Handwriting was really fun and I loved doing experiments. I love how we all work together.
Elizabeth Murray









It was so much fun when we had a disco dance party for our teacher's birthday.
Zarah Chitate





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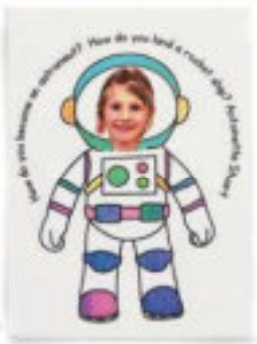






















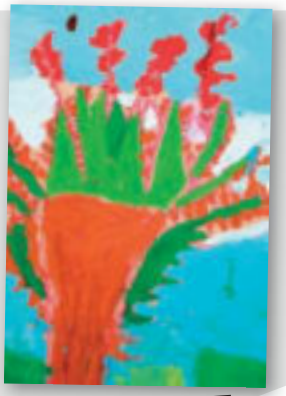
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Elenore Salvaing de Boissieux


Alina Essop


Francesca Elliott


Imaan Khan


Georgia Lewis


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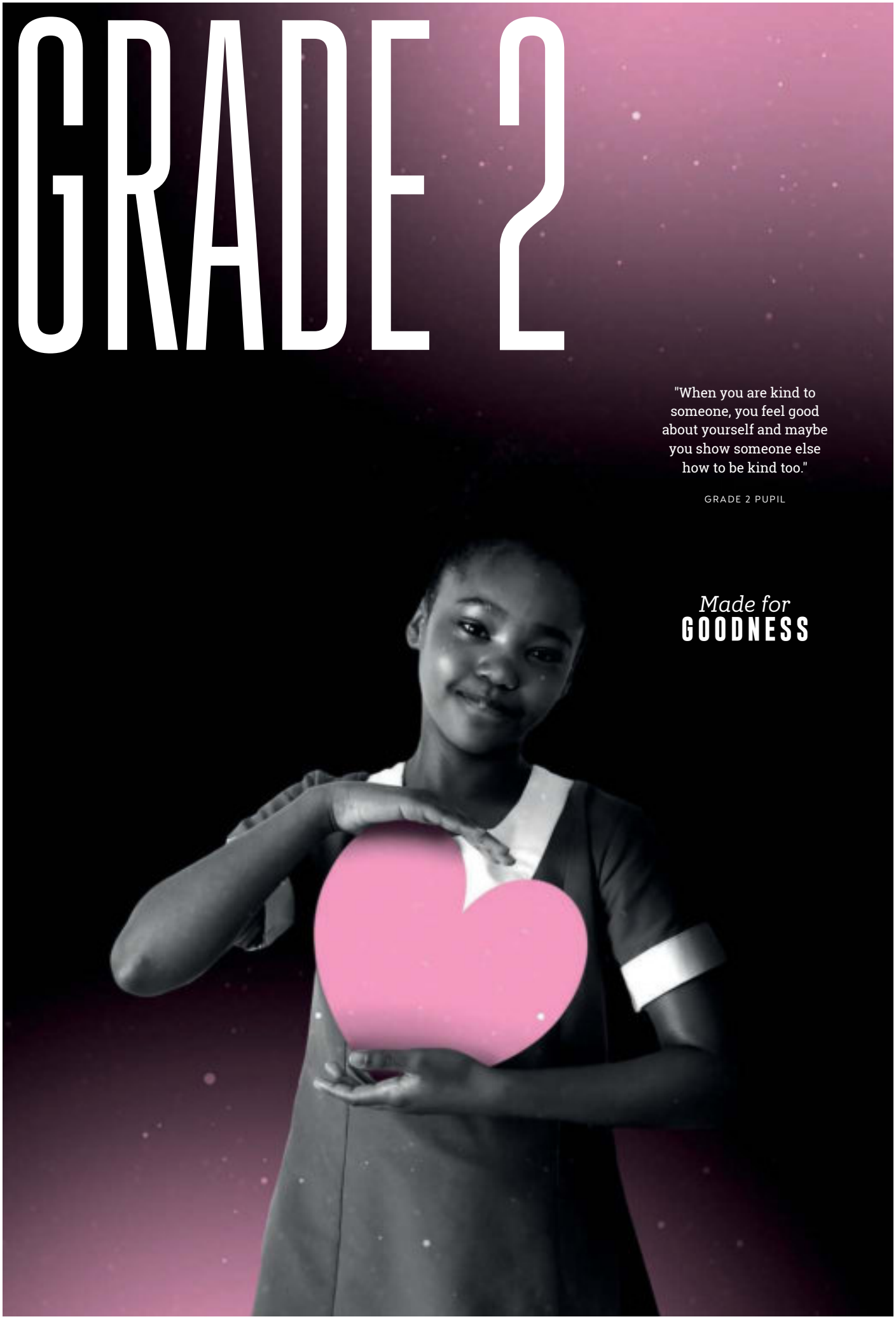

Holly Billett


Nina D'Assonville

GRADE 2

"When you are kind to someone, you feel good about yourself and maybe you show someone else how to be kind too."

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GR2A

"Unicorns hold your heads up high! So proud of you all. Love you loads x."







My sad memory was when Ms PM left us and my favourite memory is when Mrs Furst came and took care of us.
Mia Knight







I remember when Gia and I were helping Taiah and she fell in the trash bin and we were laughing so so much!
Lily Pienaar









Hurry up and slow down and REMEMBER GRADE 2A. I remember when I got my first rainbow run with Mrs Muzzell.
Mackenzie Abernethy

I loved the time I did my first gala and the Netball festival.
Aayah Khan


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Ayah Isaacs


Amelie Graef


Annabel Cowling


Annabelle Bam


Caitlin Buley


Elimyoli Cossie


Eloise Slingsby


Emily Duff


Emma Daniel


Frida-Märta Wilkinson


Gia Swartz


Hannah Hunt


Imogen Proudfoot


Juliette Turner


Lily Pienaar


Mackenzie Abernethy


Mia Knight


Nabila Gafoor


Saarah Joseph


Skylar Akampurira


Sophia Hall


Sophia Nel


Sophie Power


Sophie-Kate Thomalla


Taiah Jakoet

PREP

GRADE 2

GR 2 Alpha



"We have had the best year together. From laughter to learning, each moment was a treasure. Your smiles lit up my days as we grew as a class family. Girls, continue to be unapologetically yourselves and remember: you can do hard things! "







Miss Meyer is always there for me.
Ziya Hendricks







I loved going to Rosen Castle. We got to make cookies and learn bout lots of stuff..
Juliette White



Everybody wants to play with each other at break time and everyone invites one another. Nobody excludes anybody.
Jessica Miller

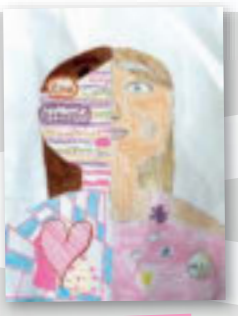




Our school day is always fun.
Eva Szabo


Ashna Baba


Ava Van Rensburg


Azura Puglia


Charlotte Groenewald


Charlotte Smit


Deeyana Kader


Elizabeth Edwards


Emilia-Marie Vanreusel


Eva Szabo

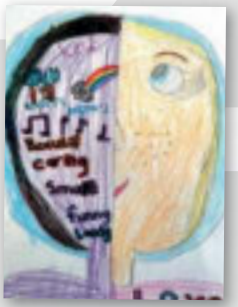

Hafsa Fakir


Helen Neethling


Isabella-Rainn Meyer


Isla Moore


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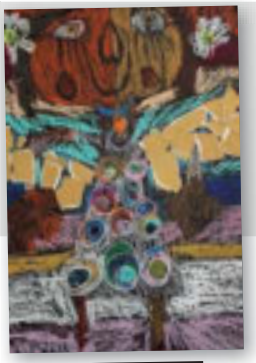

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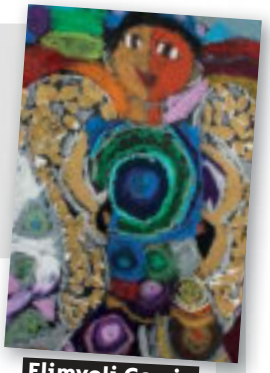

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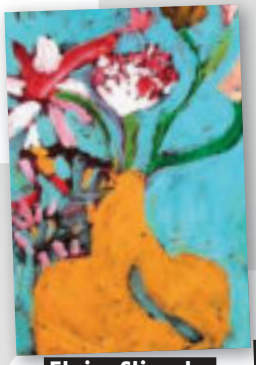

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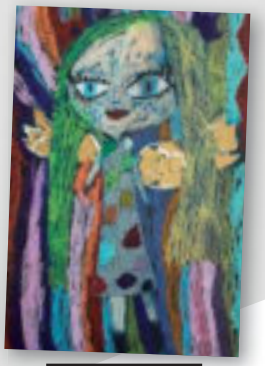

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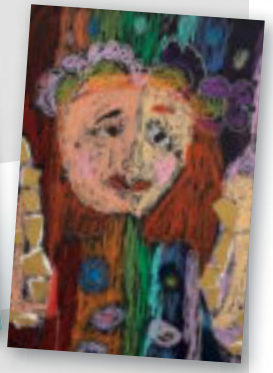

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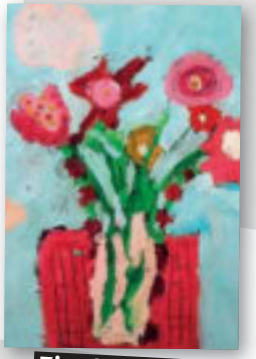

Nehara Moodley


Saarah Joseph

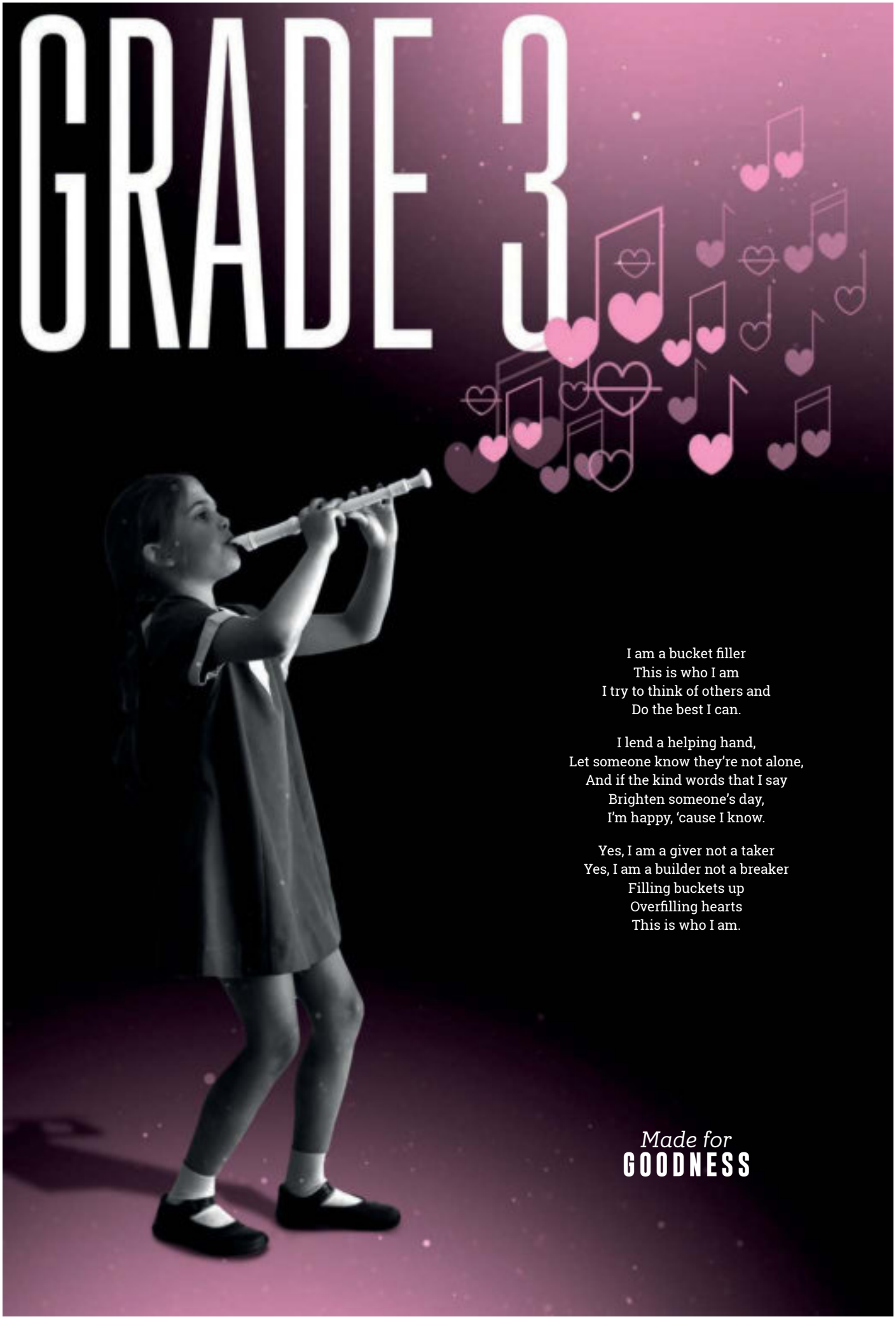

Selena Freddy


Sophie Power


Unjali Naidoo


Ziya Hendricks

GRADE 3



I am a bucket filler
This is who I am
I try to think of others and
Do the best I can.

I lend a helping hand,
Let someone know they're not alone,
And if the kind words that I say
Brighten someone's day,
I'm happy, 'cause I know.

Yes, I am a giver not a taker
Yes, I am a builder not a breaker
Filling buckets up
Overfilling hearts
This is who I am.

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GR3A

I will never forget racing for the beanbags when we had to come to the mat, you always wanted a beanbag for maximum comfort.
Sloane van Loggerenberg

I love that we have such a creative and kind class. Grade 3A is the best!
Hana Abdulla

"What a class and what a year! I have just loved being your teacher! I hope you never stop cheering for one another and never lose your spark ... Go forth and change the world with your kindness! "

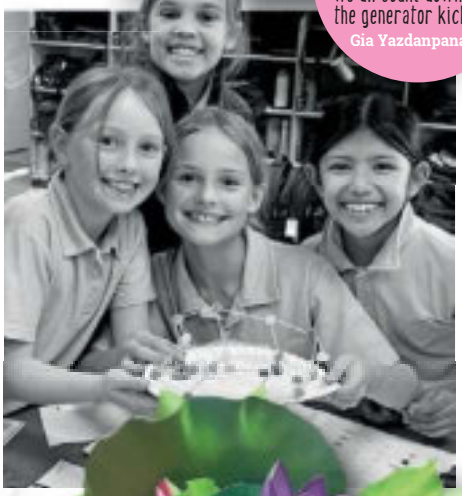






A memory I won't forget is when we have loadshedding and the power goes out, we all count down until the generator kicks in.
Gia Yazdanpanahi







My favourite outing was to the Victorian classroom where we all got to hear Abbey scream as she got caned.
Sarah Ebrahim



Every term we have different themes where we get to learn new facts. My favourite theme was Natural Disasters!
Reyna Daya-Feasey



When we were going over our phonics words and Miss Khan would share a funny story and then we would also share our funny stories and then we would go so far off topic, we would forget what word we were even discussing.
Jessica Ebbs





What I know for sure:

If your parents say, *"Stay together"* when you are at a shopping mall, do it! If you run ahead you will get lost and when you finally find your family, your sister will be in tears.
Brooke Harvey

Never trust people walking in Tokai Forest, a random lady wearing bright clothes may jump out from behind a tree and scare your horse. **Sienna Susman**

When visiting the Alpaca Farm, do not do the monkey bars. Do not get ahead of yourself because you will fall headfirst onto the hard ground. **Amaani Mohammed**

A glass bottom boat trip is not as relaxing as it may seem. Never put your hand in the water as a crayfish will brush past your hand and you will scream and a few minutes later a dolphin will jump onto the boat when hearing your screams. So, when you are on a boat never make a single sound because a dolphin can cause a lot of drama.
Sloane van Loggerenberg

Never trust your mom when she tells you it is absolutely fine to swim in the sea along with 10 000 blue bottles, because it's not fine. You will get stung! **Jessica Ebbs**

Never double bounce anyone on a trampoline, especially boys. They will get back at you and you will end up flying off the trampoline, have to go to hospital and hear your ankle is dislocated.
Abbey Naidoo

Never trust your brother when he tells you that there is a piece of raspberry stuck in your teeth because you will end up squeezing a giant cell granuloma and you will need surgery! **Gia Yazdanpanahi**



Never spin your friend around on a spinning chair as fast as you possibly can, after being told someone is going to end up in tears, because that is exactly how it will end.
Isabella Hughes

Never let your friend spin you on a spinning chair, because you will be the one in tears and on crutches. Trust me this happened to me. **Olivia De Souza**

Never go surfing with a surf instructor that isn't trained because you will almost break your arm, get pushed over by a giant wave, get hit in the head with your surfboard and dent your board! **Rosie Weldon**



Never drink hot chocolate in a rush, be patient and wait for it to cool down so you don't burn yourself. **Lucy MacKay**

Whenever you are down and need a boost, always go to your dad. He has dad jokes that are so bad that they are funny.
Reyna Daya-Feasey

Never risk your ankle to win a game of tag because you will end up on crutches.
Brooke Ross

When you are sitting in a trolley never lean too far over the handles because you will fall right over, headfirst onto the floor.
Hana Ebrahim

Never touch a hair straightener that has been left unattended because you will burn yourself. **Amelia MacDonald**

Never fight with your siblings because they will gang up and blame you and you will get into trouble. **Hannah Daniels**

Never ride your bike down a path covered in tree roots, you and your bike will do a somersault (not a good one) and you will land flat on your face and cut your knee.
Katherine Morrissey

Never give up on Maths when you get one bad mark. Keep working hard and you will realise it is so much fun and you will start doing so well. **Kate Neville**





Never ever forget your goggles when visiting the beach and swimming in the sea because you will get an eye infection!
Anabel Alexander

Practice a lot before a test if you want to get good marks. **Abigail Lange**

Never jump out of a window, I tried this once when I was three and I broke my arm.
Mia Maggott

Never stand too close to a large log, because it will wobble and fall onto our toe.
Ifrah Hassan

Never swim as often as you can for the whole of summer, because after a long summer your hair will feel like straw.
Hana Abdulla





Never attempt the monkey bars without an adult around because you will fall and you will be rushed to emergency and you will have broken your wrist. **Aaliya Dollie**

Never step on hot coal for some milk tart. You will burn your foot badly and the milk tart is not worth it. **Sarah Ebrahim**

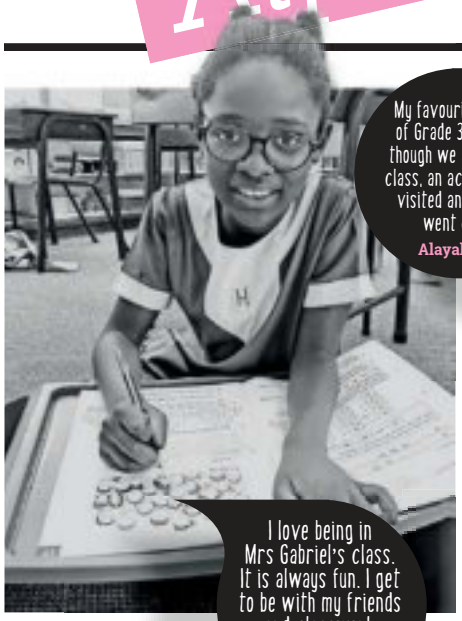
GR 3 Alpha

We 're the BEES
Having fun with ease
It's time to say goodbye
Next morning we
will say HI
So GOODBYE!



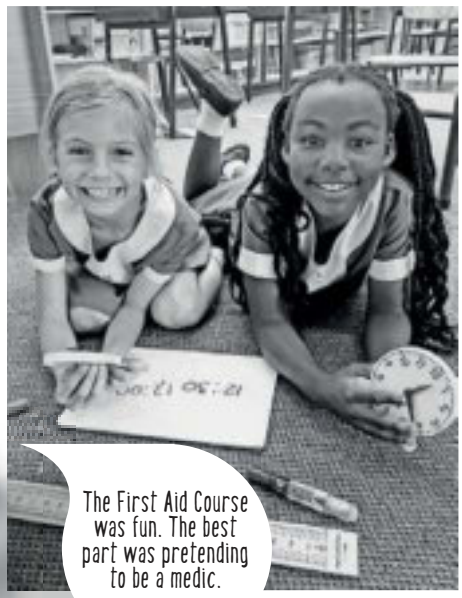


"It's with happy memories that I send you out the door. With great hope and expectations for what 2024 holds in store. I loved being your teacher."



My favourite memory of Grade 3 was even though we are the BEE class, an actual live bee visited and the girls went crazy!
Alayah Salie





I love being in Mrs Gabriel's class. It is always fun. I get to be with my friends and classwork is great too.
Molly van Zyl





The First Aid Course was fun. The best part was pretending to be a medic.
Nina West



The science experiment orals were awesome. The best one was when Zia magically made FIRE appear out of nowhere.
Zoe Lowan





Once in music, the lights went out and Hanaa jumped on Liyanda's back and shouted "LOOAAD SHEDDING!"
Jessica Boyes

What I know for sure:

If you have a knot and you do not brush your hair, it will only get bigger.
Annabelle Baines

Don't shower with your hair tied, you will get a knot in it. **Ameera Bassa**

You should not have untidy work because of laziness, you will get in trouble.
Raghma Bassadien

Swimming when it is cold is not a good idea because you will get sick.
Jessica Boyes





Always be kind and love one another and NEVER touch the fireplace!
Sophie Cattell

Never eat pizza and ice-cream at the same time. Two good meals are better than one that does not go together. **Lucia Fontana**

You must not eat raw egg!
Hanaa Hendrick

Staying up late on a school night is not a good idea.
Genevieve Lee

Do not eat lots of sweets in the car on your way to "*Rush*", you could throw up. Now that is a life lesson. **Zoe Lowan**

Eating a block of butter will make you sick.
Eva Maconachie

If you are stuck, ask yourself then your neighbour and any other person before asking your teacher. It always gets me by.
Liyanda Mafanya

Never play in the rain or you will get sick!
Annabelle Mandy-Woodcock

Lots of chocolates and sweets will give you a sugar rush.
Emily Melck

If you eat a naartjie after you brush your teeth, it will taste sour. It is not good. Trust me! **Tlotlisang Mototjane**

Never eat sweets before supper time.
Saudah Munga



Do not eat sweets with bread. They do not go together. It will taste disgusting.
Zia Rinquest

If you eat lots of naartjies you will not get sick. **Kundiso Runyawo**

Never let a snake bite you, some are poisonous. **Alayah Salie**



Don't eat after brushing your teeth, there is no point then.
Emily Stokes

Never put a squishy in the toilet! You don't want to know what happens.
Anna Taylor



Going to the tuckshop every day is not a good idea. Things at the tuckshop are not good for you. **Georgia Thom**

Dogfood should not be a flavour for ice-cream. **Molly van Zyl**



You should not eat and then swim straight after. **Olivia Watkins-Neethling**

Never drink ice water after brushing your teeth. It feels colder! **Nina West**

Nothing is Impossible. The word itself says I'm Possible, so don't give up!
Emma Wood


Aaliya Dollie

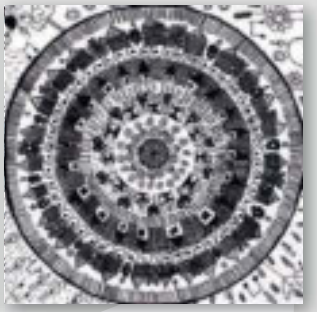

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Gia Yazdanpanahi


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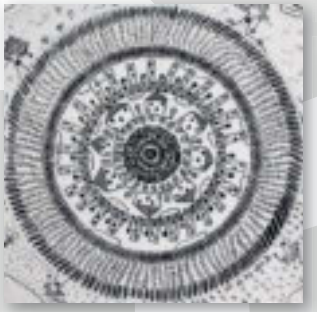

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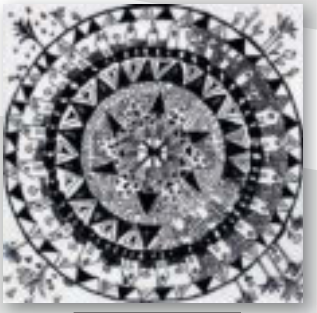

Nina West

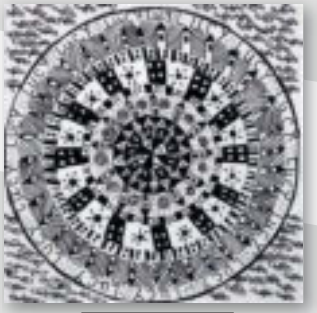

Katherine Morrissey

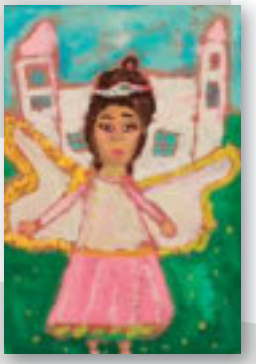

Brooke Ross


Hannah Daniels

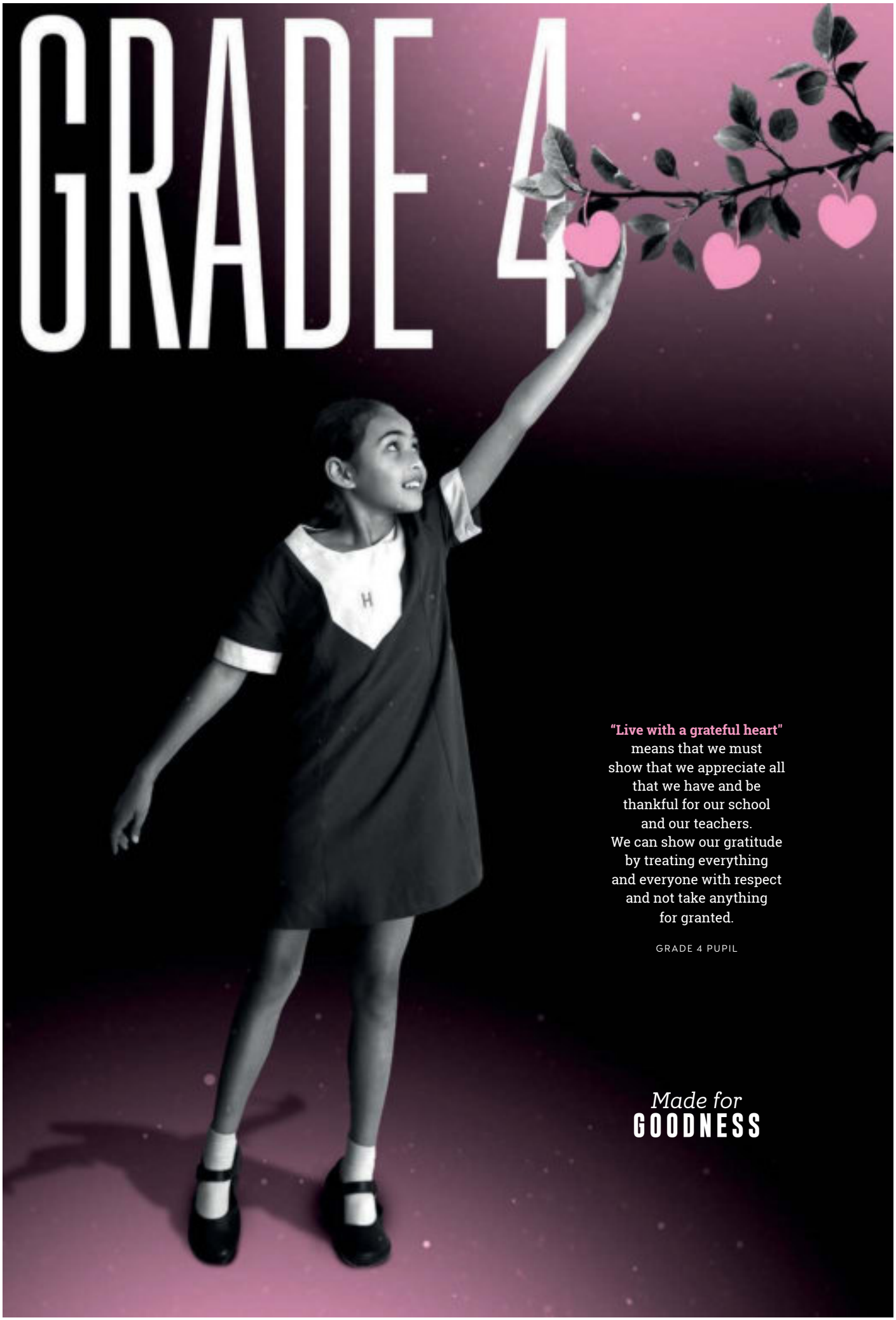

Hanaa Hendricks


Abbey Naidoo


Lucy MacKay


Sarah Ebrahim

GRADE 4



"Live with a grateful heart" means that we must show that we appreciate all that we have and be thankful for our school and our teachers. We can show our gratitude by treating everything and everyone with respect and not take anything for granted.

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GR4 writing





"Looking back on our busy, fun-filled year, we have shared so many memories. What a year 2023 has been! "



Dance, sing, twirl,
Bop, rock, gyrate.
Trolls love to dance.

By Nooreen Khan

Laughing, dancing, smiling,
Singing, living, hugging.
Trolls just wanna have fun.

By Sofia Khan

Beside the curtains,
Next to the stage,
Past the dressing room,
Towards backstage,
Amonst the smell of rain,
Underneath all the fog,
Along the aisle,
There is my brother Kyle.

By Mila Lobert

Troll
Happy and colourful
Singing, dancing, scrapbooking
Poppy and Branch, Bridget and
King Gristel Jnr.
Eating, moaning, gumbling
Sad and grey
Bergens

By Sabrina Slaviero

Glow, sing, flying
Joyful, happy, colourful.
I love flying as a firefly.

By Amelia Boyes

Trolls
Happy and kind
Laughing, giving, caring.
Poppy, Branch, King Gristle,
King Gristle Jnr
Boring, eating, dull
Unhappy and scary
Burgen

Zoe George

Sing, dance, play
Hugging, smiling, acting.
The show was so much fun.

By Rebecca Osler

Play, watch, laugh,
Smile, eat, drink.
We love the Trolls show at Herschel.

By Botho Lehloenya

Inside the room we sit and wait,
Within this room we play some games,
Outside the room we walk in the rain,
Upon my eyes I see the stage,
On the stage I wait for my queue,
On the stage we sing the song through,
Without hesitation we all sing loud,
In addition, I'm pretty proud.

By Letsatsi Termaak

Dancing, singing, laughing
Acting, speaking, smiling.
I loved the Trolls play.

By Kristin Hundermark

Poppy,
Happy, joyful,
Singing, dancing, hugging.
Always happy

By Sophia Hart

Bergens
Dark, unhappy
Boring, scary, eating.
King Gristle, Chef, Hair, Guy Diamond
Dancing, caring, cheering
Happy and friendly
Trolls

By Grace Charton

Hug, dance, sing
Colourful, happy, excited.
I am a Troll.

By Maddison-Rose McGregor

Branch
Sad, grumpy, guarded, resistant
Grandson of Grandma Rosiepuff,
Who loves Poppy, safety and silence,
Who fears the Bergens and getting eaten,
Who needs some happiness and freedom,
Who shows bravery when it is needed,
Who would like to see his grandma again,
Resident of Troll Village
Troll.

By Hannah Galatis

Sing, dance, flutter
Rejoice, move, flap.
In the Trolls play we like to participate.

By Giorgia McHarry

Complain, moan, groan,
Grumble, grouch, slouch.
The poor unhappy Bergens.

By Daniela Hadjidakis

On the stage I stand,
Among the different grades,
Before the crowd we dance and sing,
From inside the theatre there is cheering,
Outside you can hear the rain,
Near the theatre is the Ilex Room,
During the play you wait here
After we are done, we are tired.

By Olivia Duff

Poppy
Creative, kind, joyful, determined
Daughter of King Poppy,
Who loves hugs, cupcakes, and smiles,
Who fears Bergens and fighting,
Who needs happiness, smiles, and hugs,
Who gives smiles, kindness, and
excitement,
Who would like to see rainbows and
smiles every day,
Resident of Troll Village
Sparkles.

By Juliet Mundy

Dancing, singing, hugging,
Jumping, running, playing.
Poppy did very well in the play.

By Rosie Stokes



I have learnt all about the new ways of doing basic operation sums this year.
Lucy Rose Ben-Yosef



I learnt to use new studying techniques. I made bubble maps, lists and learnt to play games to study. After using these my tests went way better.
Maya Hansen



I learnt to stand up for myself this year.
Mila Lobert







I learnt a lot this year about South Africa and our Heritage, it was very interesting.
Zayb Moose





This year I have learnt kindness and to be responsible for everything I have.
Layaan Hendricks

GR 4 Alpha writing





"I have loved our crazy crew of special alphas and have enjoyed the laughs and joy and awe that each girl brought each day. "

Bergens
Sad, dull
Cruel, depressed, gloomy
Lonely, creepy; rainbows, awesome
Happy, glittery, cupcakes
Colourful, excited
Trolls.

By Bella Millar

Trolls
Joyful, kind
Dancing, singing, exciting
Fun, happy; Miserable, rude
Eating, maddening, unwelcoming
Sad, greedy
Bergens.

By Saffiyah Allie

Chef
Snappy, prickly
Lingering, cooking, shouting
Wanting to serve a Troll
Petit Fromage.

By Mbali Sidaki

In through the door
Around the curtains
On to the wooden stage
Up the stairs
Under the lights
In front of the audience
As we sang and danced
Until outside we went.

Phoebe Osburn

On the stage
Behind the curtains
Across the stage I see a Bergen
In my tummy I had butterflies
Since then I've never had it again
Instead I was feeling excellent.

By Maariyah Munga

Bergen
Miserable, glum
Creeping, rolling, crying
Waiting for happiness
King Gristle.

By Arya Petersen

At eight o'clock
About to go onstage
In the aisles
On stage is where we go
When we hear our cue we start to dance
Up we go to the top stairs
Where we react to King Gristle's woe
By all means it was fun!

By Rafa Milne

In the wings I wait to go on
On the stage I sing and dance
With my friends we like to laugh
Back to our holding rooms is loads of fun
On the chair fixing my bun
Back to the Theatre, we're on again
Upon the floor we're singing and dancing
In class I think, "Why did it have to end?"

By Erin Coffee

Cloud Guy
Annoying and funny
Son of Senior Cloud Guy
Who loves fist bumps and hugs
Who fears Bergens and sadness
Who needs clouds
Who gives hand signs and hugs
Who would like to see a Cloud Invasion
Resident of the sky
Puffy.

By Kate Thomson

Onto the stage we danced
Underneath the bright lights
Into the night we sang
Outside the rain came down
Inside it didn't matter
In the theatre they clapped wildly
Before we knew it, it ended.

By Ava Duff

With my friends backstage
From the wings
Towards the people
Under the bright lights
During 'Sounds of Silence' we had to creep
Across the stage, dancing and singing
Until Gr 7, no more sitting and waiting.

By Imrah Saban

Trolls
Happy, sparkly
Laughing, dancing, singing
Rainbows, colour; grey, Trollstice
Depressing, sulking, lying
Sad, lonely
Bergens.

By Rebecca Arnold

Trolls
Singing, dancing, exciting
Colourful, Troll World; Bergen City, darkness
Disappointing, upsetting, shoving
Sad, unhappy
Bergens.

By Cwenga Rwexana

Guy
Glittery, tuneful, sparkly, dancy
Son of auto-tuned Trolls
Who loves singing and dancing
Who fears being eaten
Who needs friends
Who gives hugs
Resident of Troll World
Diamond.

By Madison Wessels

Poppy
Kind, loving, happy, pink
Daughter of Troll king
Who loves glitter, family and friends
Who fears Bergens and getting eaten
Who needs hugs and positive energy
Who would like to see everyone living in harmony
Resident of Troll City
Sparkles.

By Farrah Maree

Across the stage
Behind the curtains
At the steps, I wait
Amongst my fellow Bergens
With a knife and a fork, I eat Trolls
Towards the end, Chef says, "Shoo!"
In fear I run past the director
Away from the show.

By Bomisile Masemola



I learnt about how bad bullying is for kids.
Salma Sonday



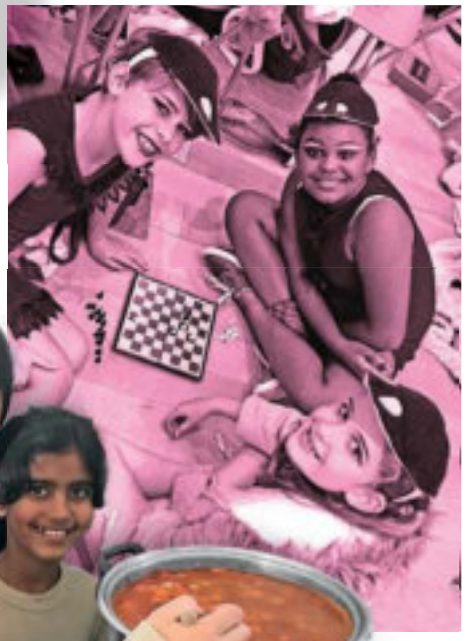




I have learnt how to write long Afrikaans paragraphs using STOMPI.
Rebecca Arnold









Something important this year that I learnt was how to solve different friendship situations
Isabella Briggs

I learnt how to solve Maths equations easily.
Madison Wessels



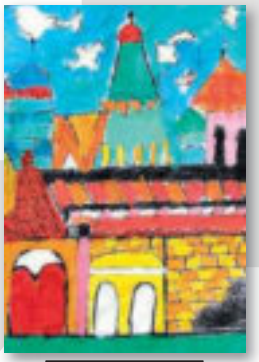
What I learnt is to be grateful for what you have and that you need to be yourself.
Rebecca Quin


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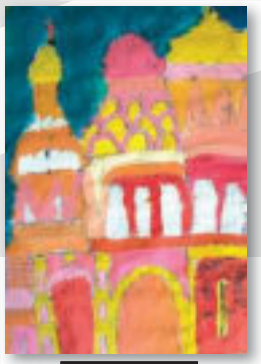

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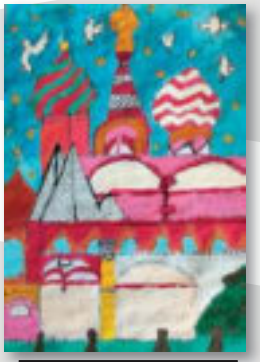

Christina Ratcliffe


Imrah Saban


Erin Coffee


Emma Logan


Justine Louw de Wet


Mbalenhle Sidakai


Olivia Duff


Rebecca Quin

GR4 Camp

ROCKLANDS



I really enjoyed when we went on the hike and all sat at the top of the mountain in silence and overlooked the amazing view.
Sophia Graef

If I could go back to camp, I would do it all over again.
Layaan Hendricks



Holding snakes took me out of my comfort zone and made me feel good and refreshed.
Christina Ratcliffe







Camp was fun as there was always a new adventure.
Gabriella de Vries

I loved the facilitators and the spacious rooms. The pool was so cold but it was nice and altogether it was a great camp.
Bella Millar



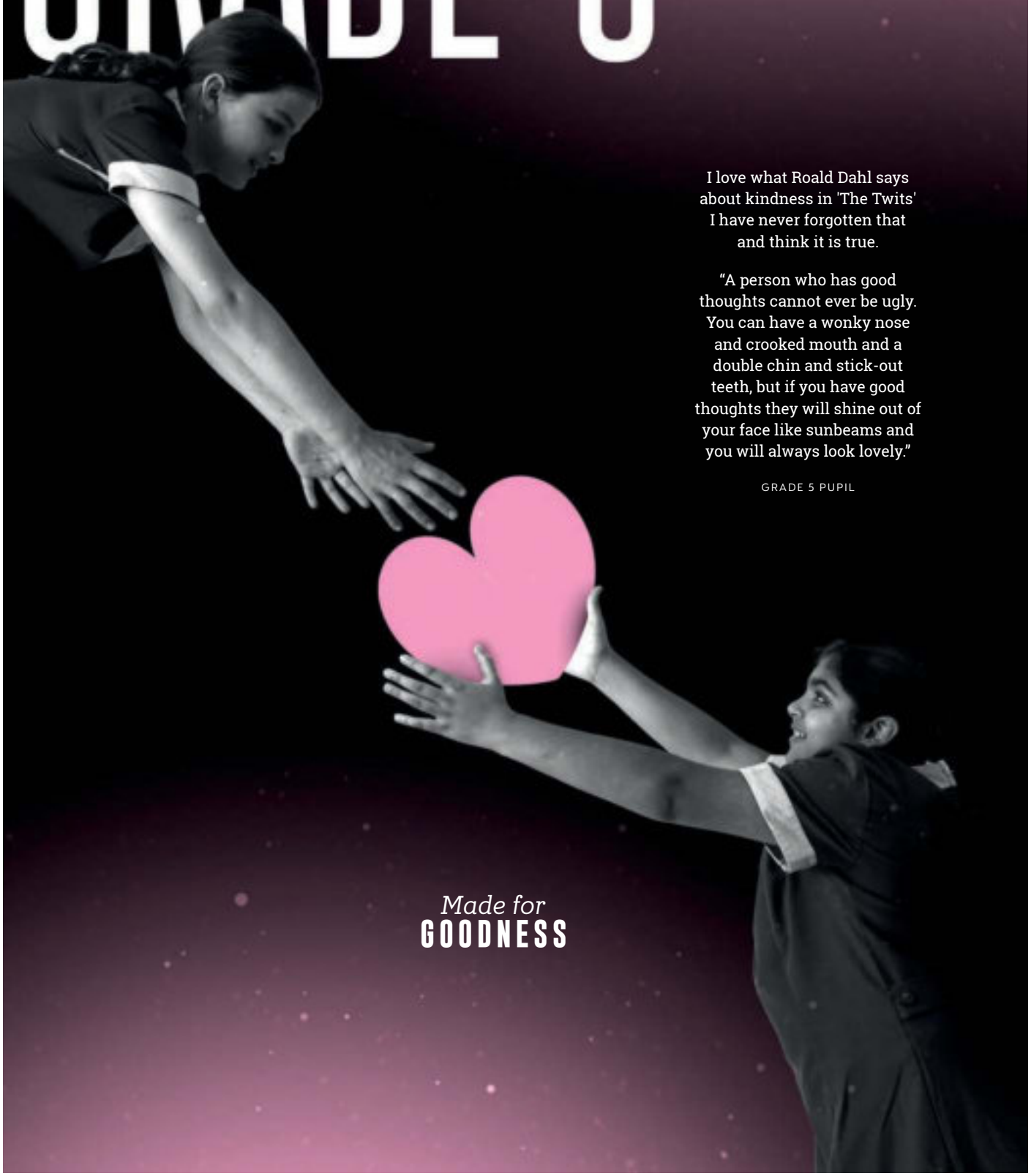


I loved all the activities. I especially enjoyed learning how to play picture parade.
Barakah Nienge



It was fun learning archery and I enjoyed all the fun activities.
Zariya Khan

GRADE 5



I love what Roald Dahl says about kindness in 'The Twits' I have never forgotten that and think it is true.

"A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

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GR 5A writing

I loved "The Trolls" production. We could come to school late. The grades were talking a lot and people were becoming friends. Everyone was having a lot of fun.
Tori Geyer





"This has been such a busy year – jam-packed with lots of fun and learning. I have loved doing 2023 with this class!"

The Man named Quiver
By Francesca Cowan

There once was a man named Quiver,
Who went to a dangerous river.
He tripped over bark,
And saw a huge shark,
It made him die with a shiver.

Jeff the Dragon
By Alexandra Maskew

Out of the cave
Near the trees
It awakens.

Through the clouds
Over the willow
It soars.

Into the village
On the roof
It lands.

The angry dragon.

The Candy that grew Legs
By Katinka Plenge-Mantell

The candy grew legs over night
They got out the cupboard
And ran out of sight.
They jumped over chairs
And sprinted up the stairs.

They leapt into my mouth
And marched down south.
They hid under my blanket
And my stomach sank it.

They left a few wrappers
They were labelled slappers.
There was no rem
I totally didn't take them!

The Genie named Boulder
By Hannah Harvey

There once was a genie named Boulder,
Who had a great sore on her shoulder.
Suddenly one night,
She got such a fright,
And realized it was just getting colder.

The Soccer Ball
By Zaynah Desai

In the goals
Over the fence
It bounces.

Through the legs
Past a player
It flies.

Across the field
Under the goalie
It rolls.

The amazing soccer ball.

The Boy Named Joi
By Ariana Salie

There once was a boy named Joi,
Who ate a bucket of koi.
They jumped out his mouth,
And quickly swam south,
And he was a hungry boy.

The Not-so-good Lemonade
By Taylor Ross

It was calling my name
It ran down my throat
At the pace of a boat.
It was tumbling and turning
When I was walking.
It tried to escape
While I was talking.
It swayed in my belly as smooth as silk,
But actually it tasted like rotten milk.

The Rat
By Emilia Fontana

Around the lounge
Through the bedroom
It goes.

Under the bed
Past the table
It scurries.

Out the house
Along the road
It runs.

The naughty rat.

The Elegant Ocean
By Electra Rose

Dancing under the sun
Sings as you pass by
With a voice louder than the wind.
Shares its energy
Greets you with a wave
And moves in elegance
Leaping over fish
That are as bright as the sun.

The Bunny
By Naledi Soko

Under the ground
In its hole
It sleeps.

Out of the burrow
Into the world
It peeps.

In the green grass
Over the hill
It leaps.

The cute bunny.

The Big Black Cat
By Ella Duffus

There once was a big black cat,
Who had a small blue hat.
He got a surprise,
Couldn't believe his eyes,
He found a matching blue mat.

Stop, Drop and Roll
By Abigail Turner

The fire would lurch towards the tree...
But the tree would shrink right back.
Afraid to learn the pain of the burn,
And of course the fire's wrath.

The grass coiled and slithered like a snake,
Oh how the fire was too much to take!
Flop forward and back
Try to flee or to fight
It panicked so much that the tree
caught alight!

But then someone arrived at the scene..
So with a splish and a hiss,
A splat and a slap!
The forest was saved
With one mighty act!







I really enjoyed making the board game. I learnt so much about Africa!
Zoë Hodge





"I loved all the laughs we had (like the kakalak)!"
Isra Abdulla



I loved learning about Ancient Egypt. My favourite thing was Tutankhamen.
Zaynah Desai





It was such fun learning to knit. I also loved doing the mummification posters.
Ariana Salie

GR 5 Alpha writing





"It has been an amazing year of growth and learning! Your hard work and creativity have been truly inspiring. Keep exploring, asking questions, and being kind! Cherish all our memories."

The Cheetah
By Taaliah

In the zoo,
Infront of the people,
It lives.
By its bowl,
Inside the cage,
It drinks.
On the log,
Behind the people,
It sleeps.
The big lazy cheetah.

The Lonely Bee
By Solange Akampurira

Once in a lonely fairy tree,
There lived a very lonely bee.
He had the whole big place,
Which had a lot of space,
It got taken by bad Jerry.

Night-time at the Beach
By India Todd

The seal sang to the ocean on the rocks.
The dolphins jumped in the water making a big splash,
The wind whispered to the seagull flocks.
The waves pushed the seaweed to the shore.
The seagulls talked noisily in the ocean.
The ocean danced around the rocks.
The waves dragged the sea snails into motion.
The waves crept onto the sand.
The ocean is like a vacuum cleaner taking all the sand.
As I sat on the beach getting tanned
SWOOSH.

Panda
By Samira

By the river,
In the water,
It hunts.
Up the tree,
Amongst the leaves,
It sleeps.
On the ground,
Till it's tired,
It walks.
The great lazy panda.

School is alive!
By Emily Groenewald

The book coughed up dust when I opened it.
The chalk screamed when it hit the chalkboard.
The desk moaned when it opened,
Like a whining child.
The pencil case ate my stationery.
The bell rang with excitement.
During the summer the class is an oven!
We're trapped inside this confinement.

The Tree on the Floor
By Lizzy Wessels

There once was a tree on the floor,
The tree was right next to the door.
The tree grew lots of grapes,
That were stolen by apes,
The grapes are not there anymore.

The Fair Fish Lady
By Amy L Rich

There was a fair lady from South,
Whom had a Clown fish in her mouth.
His giant face was mean,
Orange, yellow and green,
Now I am worried for her health.

The Teacher
By Lily-Mae Sickle

Behind the desk.
On the chair,
She types.
Next to the whiteboard,
With a Koki,
She writes.
Near the student,
Beside the mess,
She shouts.
The smart, loud teacher.

My Teacher Mrs Ally is Fun
By Becca Hime

My teacher Mrs Ally is fun,
She loves to sunbathe in the sun.
After she burnt badly,
She walked off quite sadly,
And she suddenly weighed a ton.

My Unhealthy Cravings
By Megan MacDonald

The chocolate called me to eat it.
The candy burst with flavour as I bite.
The popcorn jumped in the packet.
The spaghetti spilled on the jacket.
The peas played around my plate,
Like an energetic child.
The red-hot chili pepper acts spicy yet still mild.
The tea swirled and twirled in the cup.
I sounded like a pig as I munched on he pap.
The scent of the freshly baked cake crawled up my nose,
Like spring flowers and a beautiful red nose.
To all these foods I pledge my allegiance,
And I haven't eaten anything healthy since.

The Eagle
By Elizabeth Mason

Over the mountain,
In the clouds,
It flies.
In the tree,
On the branch,
It watches.
Across the wilderness,
Above a rock,
It stands.
The high mighty eagle.

The Food Affair
By Emily Batchelor

We sat down to eat while the forest whispered,
And boom the food started to shout.
The chocolate yelped, "Eat me!"
While the carrots taunted me
The pasta started to wriggle.
The plates stayed silent because they didn't talk.
But they started to fly.
The tea decided to stay at home.
It was nowhere to be found.
The knives and forks rolled down the hill.
The dogs thought it was a game.
It was like a game of catching food.
To get it in your mouth.



I love how Mrs Ally makes learning fun. I remember getting my pen license and I forgot to sign it.

Elizabeth Wessels



In Gr 5 Alpha we enjoy each other's company so much. I remember when someone made a funny joke, and everyone burst out laughing. Some people even fell on the floor laughing so hard!

Megan Macdonald



I like the calm corner because people bring cuddly toys and cushions to sit on and make the chairs more comfortable.

Amy Rich



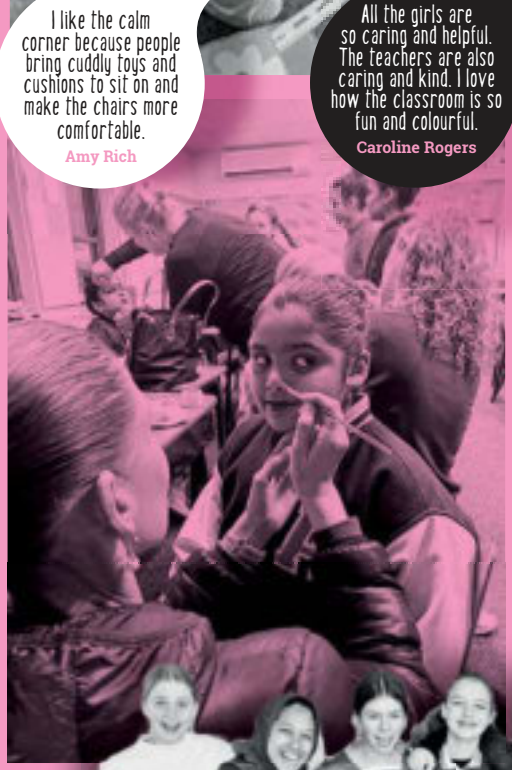
All the girls are so caring and helpful. The teachers are also caring and kind. I love how the classroom is so fun and colourful.

Caroline Rogers



"What I love about the class is that Mrs Ally is my favourite teacher, and it is so joyful and warm."

Darya Daya






Taaliah Abdulla


Samira Ebrahim


Emily Batchelor


Hannah Marshall


Alexandra Maskew


Megan MacDonald


Sophia Gullan


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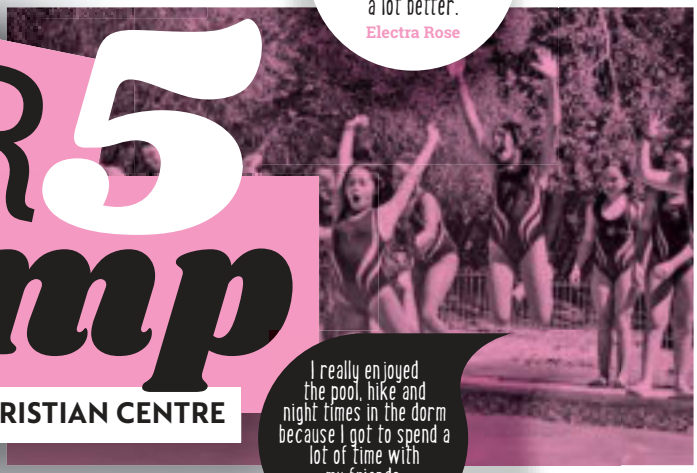


The camp was awesome! We had many fun adventures and I got to know my friends a lot better.
Electra Rose

GR5 Camp

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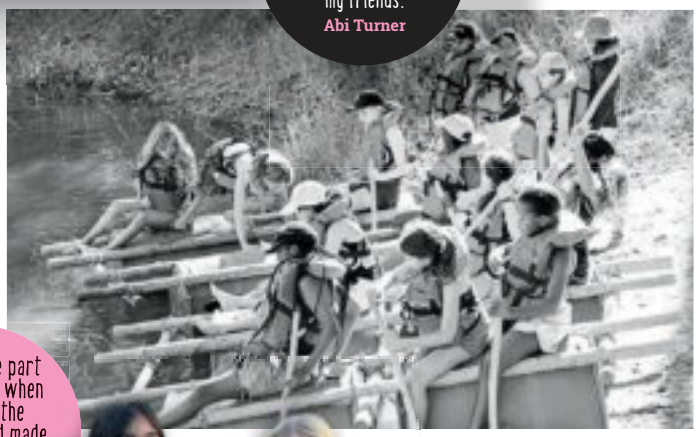
I enjoyed all the fun activities. I liked that we were in random groups because I got to talk to people I did not know very well.
Megan Macdonald



I really enjoyed the pool, hike and night times in the dorm because I got to spend a lot of time with my friends.
Abi Turner



I loved my cabin, and who I was with. I loved the mud pit and all the delicious food! I cannot wait until we go on camp again.
Lilah Gonsenhauser







My favourite part of camp was when we sat by the camp fire and made our own plays.
Ibavile Mpetshwa





GRADE 6

"The most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched, they are felt with the heart."

HELEN KELLER



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GR 6A writing





"Life is like a maths equation. In order to gain the most, you have to convert negatives to positives. 2023 has been an amazing year with Grade 6A! Keep converting Grade 6A 2023!"

My Favourite Things
by Satara Govender

The shining smile on people's faces;
The sweet taste of chocolate.
Mum's perfume like a field of daisies;
Nature's body touching me.
The splash of water coming down in a fall;
Scrumptious jam tarts in my tummy.
Seeing my family and friends once again;
The unnatural smell of petrol.
And the feeling of warm water;
But what I like most is the sound of silence.

These are my Favourite Things
by Charlotte Koen

The sound of ocean waves as they crash ashore,
The touch of the sun as it beams o the floor,
The taste of a cookie that's fresh and warm,
The sound of bees as they swarm,
The smell of jasmine so pretty and sweet,
The sight of my bed made super neat,
The feeling of a blanket wrapped around me,
The taste of hot Earl Grey tea,
The scent of mango, so fresh and fruity,
Taylor Swift showing off her beauty.

My Favourite Things
by Michela Pharo

Pitter-patter goes the rain,
Speeding down like a charging train.
A duvet hugging me the whole night,
A lonely tree in the morning's first light.
The sun is fun and warm all day,
You never see it go away.
Poof! Bags of feathers rip apart,
It touches my body and my heart.
The morning smell of forest logs,
When it's been raining cats and dogs.
The taste of sushi in my mouth,
Smells of perfume and mist in the south.
Tasting cheese is my best,
I couldn't love it any less.

The Things I love
by Lilah Devlin

When I come home and feel warm air,
I see the pictures that have always been there.
The sunny sky lights up the room,
Like a calm forest without any gloom.
I hear the presence of the construction next door,
And the hum of the mower that cuts like a saw.
I smell the baked cakes that taste delicious,
As I take a piece my brother is vicious.
He grabs it away in a swish and a flash,
And adds it to his secret stash.
I take another and finish in one bite,
Now that was a scrumptious, great delight!

My Favourite Things
by Kristina Kalil

The striking blue sky,
The sun making me sleepy with her warm lullaby.
The sound of silence coming from the land,
The minute waves slapping against the sand.
The sugary humid air,
Scorching my tangled, wet hair.
The salty marine water,
And the sound of lazy laidback laughter.
The soft warm crumbly sand,
Running like hundreds of tiny feet through my hand.

The Tale of Mrs Owl
by Amélie Hardres-Williams

Every year, in a happy forest, two animals are chosen to compete against each other in an unknown challenge for the ruling of the land. Granted, it is not the greatest system, but this was before presidential elections were a thing, and in any case, the animals knew no better.

This year's two animals were wise old Mrs Owl, who everyone adored for she is by far the most intelligent creature in all the land, and strong but arrogant Mr Fox who everyone despised. Naturally, everyone wanted Mrs Owl to win but sadly they feared this could never happen. Although Mr Fox was not the brightest star in the sky, he was strong and fit and Mrs Owl was small and weak.

Mr Fox boasted unbearably and the whole forest was beside itself with worry for they knew what a terrible ruler Fox would make. Finally, the day of the challenge arrived.

Feeling nervous, yet calm, Mrs Owl stepped onto the battlefield. The competitors were told they were to race to the other side of the forest and back and whoever finished first would be the new ruler. Mr Fox boasted that he could do this in his sleep and that his long legs would surely win him the challenge. However, Mrs Owl had another idea.

"Three... Two... One... GO!" yelled the judges. Mr Fox took off immediately but Mrs Owl stayed in her place flapping her wings vigorously. As she soared into the sky, she created so much wind it knocked Mr Fox back to the beginning of the race.

The whole forest danced with joy for they knew they had the most intelligent ruler in all the world. And that is truly a most wonderful thing.

GR 6Alpha writing





"Dear Grade 6alpha girls, as you go through life always remember to be the best YOU, YOU can be. And start every day, the right way, with a smile on your dial and love in your heart."

Water Walk
by Sophia-Rose Sickle

Walking, Walking, Walking ...
That is all I know of.
The nightmare of my life.
Walking miles and miles.
Just to get dirty, filthy water

My feet start to ache.
My legs can take no more.
I sit down to take a breath.
I picture in my head.
Water, clean and pure.
Trickling into my mouth.

Then reality clicks back in.
There I let out a long sigh.
This Water Walk.
Takes so much from my life.

School is a no.
There is no time.
I'm too busy walking.
For water that could take my life.

Back up I get.
To carry on walking.
Still feeling slightly sore.
Everyday I wish...
That my Water Walk would end.

My Favourite Things
by Claudia A Böttger

The sight of my protective japing puppy
The sound of a story being told through song
The smell of fresh fish at the salty harbour
The teased of chocolate melting down your throat
The touch of hot, hot sand, massaging your feet as you dig them in it
The sight of the sea tumbling above you
The sound of a chorus of birds like singing children
The smell of a new book as fresh as a daze
The teased of thick juicy tasteful ribs
The touch of the warm sun calming you down like a blanket of warmth wrapped around you

Water Walk
by Megan van der Spuy

Muddy, hot, long, spikey path.
When I look down my feet are bare,
my legs are sore.
At one kilometre, my back starts to ache.
At three kilometres my shoulders
feel as if they will fall off.
My neck starts to feel the heavy weight
of my busy head.
Six kilometres it is finally over,
Time to collect the dirty water I have to drink,
I only then realise the distance,
I still have to go.

As I start to walk back to the place,
I call home
I think about you,
What are you up to?
Brushing your pearly white teeth?
Washing your clean clothes?
Then I silently realise,
that I will never live the life you do.
I must focus on my own.

Water Walk
by Ruby Boyes

Long, hot, humid days
The long dusty road ahead is all a bit of a haze
The sun shines down on my body and mind
This unfair life for humankind
Not a drop of water nearby to be seen
A six hour long walk makes me want to scream
I need to keep my friends and family alive
Without water we will just not survive

I finally reach the dirty lake
And fill my bucket with as much as it will take
The water is polluted, dirty and green
Not crystal clear like it should've been
My heart is sad but I must keep going
My only wish is for fresh water flowing
Maybe one day there will be an answer to my prayer
Without clean running water we are all in despair.

When you are a child
Fear stares at you I the eyes
On a windy night.
Olivia van Sittert

When you are a child
Loneliness feels so painful
You just want to cry
Annabel Grey

The Unfair Life, The Water Walk
by Iona Slingsby

I am Guilty
While I reach for my water in front of me
She's walking 4 miles for dirty water

Ashamed, sad, upset, sorry
I get home from school every day and have a shower
She's just getting dirty water
She walks along the rocky, dusky, hot road
Dirty water is all she gets
Her time and effort wasted, once again
While I don't even walk half a mile!

Spoilt, lucky and very privileged
I ask myself why?
Why do I get clean water so easily?
No hard work nor effort put in
She's doing it all herself and still
No clean water.

I'm so sorry
Why didn't I realise how hard her life is?
4 miles, still not a drop of fresh water
Sore feet, tired bodies, thirsty and sick
Still walking, hoping to find clean water that day.

How is this fair?
I take things for granted
Things I don't even realise others don't GET!

When you are a child
Happiness comes out to play
Every single day.
by Nura Fakir



I love our class teachers. They are such a vibe. I also think Grade 6 has made me improve myself in many ways and I will always be grateful.
Katinka Lowther

When our moms came into the hall I was so excited. We made them tea or coffee. My mom loved that. It was a phenomenal experience and I hope to do it again.
Imogen Brogan

Grade 6 is definitely a year I will look back on and think about all the amazing memories.
Arya Chagan

Grade 6 Events

Beach clean up
The Grade 6 classes outing to Hout Bay began with their '67 Mandela minutes of kindness' by cleaning up the beach of plastic rubbish. The pupils, in their groups then focused on creating a video about Ocean Plastic Waste in which they explain the dangers our oceans are facing.

Grade 6 bullying protest
The Grade 6 classes started the *"Upstander"* theme by staging a protest as learners came into the school.

Women in Colour
Women in Colour was an amazing day to celebrate with my mother. From setting up in the morning, to cleaning up was fun. I can't wait to do this next year.

"I enjoyed Grade 6 more than I thought. I learnt so much and made so many memories. This was such a special year and I want to thank everyone who made it so unforgettable."

Emma Warner





Grade 6 was an overwhelming year that I got through easier than I thought I would. I love you all and hope that next year is just as good!.
Lilah Devlin





I was shocked when we got to the beach. How could people do this to the earth?
Mehreen Noorani



I loved our enthusiasm and cheering. I think it was inspiring and a great way to spread the news that it is better to be a buddy not a bully.
Arya Chagan









It was sad to see how much plastic was on the beach and in the rocks.
Amy Kalis





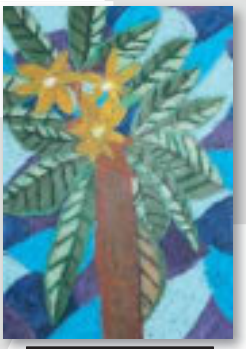

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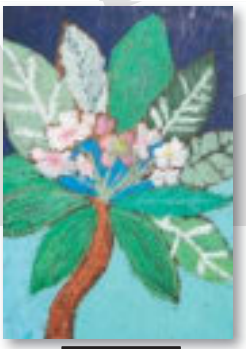

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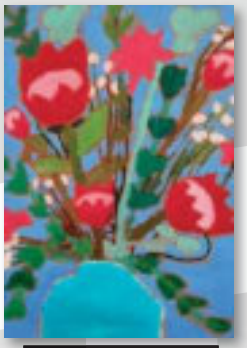

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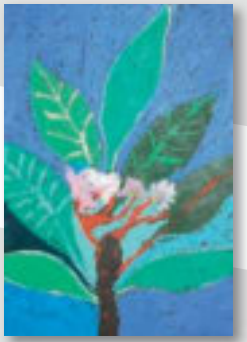

Nsovo Baloyi


Olivia Mundy


Satara Govender


Sophie van Zyl


Anna Blake


Amy Kalis


Ariana Daniels


Zara Govender

Camp was an amazing experience. I loved being with my friends and making new friends. I will never forget it.

Arya Chagan



GR6 Camp

BONAMANZI ADVENTURE CAMP

I loved all the fun games, like the blindfolded colour matching and the tube game. I enjoyed building the filtering system.

Kareena Daya-Feasy





I love the ball and tube game. Acting in groups was the best. Camp was anamazing experience.

Mehreen Noorani



I really enjoyed the night walk and learning about nature. I loved having warm roasted marshmallows and Milo in the morning.

Jessica Durant



It was a great team building experience. I bonded with a lot of people and made new friends.

Lilah Devlin





I enjoyed the camp fire songs that we all sang.

Kate Millar



I loved camp, especially the team building activities. Overall, it was a great experience.

Inara Hersov

GR6 On-the-Go

























GRADE 7

"If you have to choose between being kind or being right, choose being kind and you will always be right."



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"I am filled with pride for all you have achieved this year. Your dedication and hard work have shone brightly. Remember, learning is a lifelong journey. Embrace challenges, stay curious and continue to make a difference."

A Beautiful Planet Named Earth
by Olivia Maskew

You and I live on a beautiful planet,
A beautiful planet named Earth.
With trees, birds, rivers and sky,
A lot, this planet is worth.

In the jungle you will see
The dark green colour of the leaves.
The chirping of a bird,
Or monkey can be heard,
As it's cooled by the summer breeze.

One day the ocean is calm,
But untamed and wild the next.
It moves in peaceful motions,
But never will she rest.
The wish-washing of the waves,
The chaos that she craves,
The crystal waters of the sea,
What a wonderful place to be.

Dark clouds bringing lots of rain,
Roll across the sky again.
As the wind begins to beat,
Someone else escapes the heat.
The pitter-patter of rain so soft,
Then in winter comes the frost.
A gentle breeze passing by,
The loud booming of thunder
As lightning flashes across the sky.

This world is inconsistent and full of change.
To throw it all away – how strange.
The animals, sun, sky and sea,
Have been given to you and me.
Why someone would harm it, I cannot say,
Our children not knowing the world we see today,
If we keep putting plastic in our waters,
There will be no future for our sons and daughters.

Mother
by Ayana Nqayi

Most have mothers,
Who care for us.
But this mother is being destroyed
By her children – us.
Mother does so much
By providing each day,
But she keeps getting hurt,
And we're not helping in any way.

Earth is our home
With all that we need.
But people pollute
And cut down the trees.
Some are selfish,
Not caring for mother.
But some do help and look after each other.

When the sea sways
And flowers bloom,
Know that Mother cares for you.
But when the ground shakes
And lava flies,
Mother is upset,
And we all know why.

She lets the birds fly
And the fish swim.

Does more than just the minimum.
So take care of Mother,
As she cares for you,
Because she hears and feels
Everything you do.

Always Racing
by Rana Rinquest

Racing, always racing,
Rushing under, over and through.
It's a race that never ends,
The thoughts always chasing you.

Writing lists of what you must do.
Ticking each off as you go,
But it never becomes less.
It never becomes slow.

Wake up with a million tasks to do.
School, sport, schedules consuming you.
Never a minute to rest,
Always rushing and racing ahead.

Then the sun says goodbye,
And the moon and stars sigh.
Your head hits the pillow on your bed,
Your mind ponders the next day ahead.

But then you begin to fall asleep,
Your mind becomes empty and complete.
You don't have to worry about a thing,
Until the sun rises and the next busy day begins.

The Mind's Garden
by Layla Ofsowitz

A garden full of flowers and thorns,
The edges gently torn.
A flower's beautiful face,
Hides the truth with its grace.

Although it can be hard,
It creates a true work of art.
Where trees of hope gently sway,
And petals of peace quietly play.

But when panic starts to stir,
A great big storm will occur.
With the cold, the garden shivers,
And darkness begins to slither.

And the only way to reverse the curse,
Is to stop.
To breathe.
And to feel the Earth.

And the most important step,
Is to forgive,
And to give yourself time to heal,
And maybe have a nice, warm meal.

A Magical Place
by Lyndsey Philipps

Our home planet, Earth so blue.
A place of magic and wonder for me and you.
From the highest mountain peak,
To the bottom of the ocean floor,
Our planet's beauty you can't ignore.

A world of life, both near and far.
From the tiniest bug to the biggest star.
The sky above, with its clouds so white,
And a shining sun, oh so bright.
With the wind's whistle
And the clouds holding drizzle.

A home for all, a place to grow,
Where every creature can come and go.
From the freezing Arctic ice,
To the Savannah's scorching heat,
Our planet's beauty is hard to beat.

The Earth is like a canvas,
A masterpiece fragile and divine.
It is a mother who takes care of us.
So let's take care of this world so dear.
Let's make it clear.

Our Earth shall then roar with pride galore,
For our home planet,
Earth so blue,
A place of magic for me and for you.

GR 7 Alpha writing





"What a crazy, beautiful year! We have learnt, laughed, cried, had many meaningful chats and far too many snack breaks. It has been incredible watching you all grow and a privilege to be a part of your Grade 7 journey."

Bittersweet
By Ruby Lumb

The sad feeling
saying goodbye.
The tough thought of
living without them.
The rough road you
now have
To ride without them
by your side.
But glad knowing they
had to go.

The bitter sweetness of
saying goodbye.
But the terrible
traumatic tears
Trickling down my
cheek, playing
With my mind.

The final hug was as cold as
The frost peaks of
Mount Everest,
That I will eventually have
to summit.
It felt like there was a
vicious cat
Scratching away at
my heart.

I forget their
reassuring voice
I regret all the bad things
I spoke
I was upset to have
awoken with
The guilt of not enjoying
the last moments I had
with them.

But it was a happy,
sad moment.
But not as bad as seeing
them again,
Knowing it won't be forever.

The Escape
By Dylan Land

All is not well this
Day of the week,
So to my escape I'll go.
Full of wood-grained shelves;
And old book smells,
These great young imaginators.
A story I'll open,
My imagination will fly;
Until it seems I'm next to
The starts in the sky.
In this world, I am held
By no restrictions.
I am fast. I am strong.
I have determination.

In this world,
I can climb a green beanstalk,
To the cotton candy clouds.
And through a forest alk;
And hear many sounds,
Like phoenixes, unicorns,
Griffins galore!
These creatures all know me
It's them I adore.

To a village I walk;
Where I hear a hiss and a spit,
A thump and screams,
And fires being lit.
A dragon is here;
Save us, Oh Knight!
These townspeople call,
In terror and fright.

And the dragon is huge;
Its scales are red,
Its horns curve like a wave,
And fire it spreads.
I draw my sword with a 'shring!'
The sliver glinting in the light.
I slay it with a swipe, the
townspeople cheer,
And thus ends the fight.

But eventually,
After what feels like a minute,
I will have to leave.
The library will close, the story will
end.
I feel like I've just lost my best
friend.
I will have to return to this real
world,
Harsh and cruel as it is.
I will have to remember that life,
Is a sharp knife,
Like that I used to slay the dragon.

These are the stories,
My means of escape.
Written by the hands of time.
They are my friends,
My comrades at arms,
Even when life is a lime.

It's All From My Phone
By Eva Hacking

I wish I could run,
Like a horse in a field.
But I feel I'm held back
By an invisible shield.

I wake up each morning,
It always casts me in.
As fast as a bowling ball
Bangs down a pin.

It wouldn't hurt to pick it up,
It's sitting right there.
It acts like a violent drug,
Yet nobody cares.

I could be studying,
Writing out notes.
Sitting by the seaside,
Watching the boats.

Instead I'm sitting here,
Like a dog with a bone.
Addicted to one "harmless" thing,
It's all from my phone.

Behind That Door
By Jessica Collins

When you look inside my mind,
A huge busy town you will find.
Full of little people with plenty
to do,
Places to go and thoughts to shoo.

I walk through this town,
And feel as if I want to drown.
So many things to figure out,
All these little people up, down
and about!

Then I see a door ahead,
It's titled 'A Clear Head!"
Oh I wonder, how it would be,
To open that door and set my
mind free!

I open the door and step inside,
Put my feet on the floor and open
my eyes.

All I see is an empty room,
Hollow and grey, big and sad.

Like a boring day, filled with bad.

There's one little person, all alone,
Sobbing in the corner,
Writing a sad poem.

It's a Test!
By Annabelle Leith

Silence...papers in hand
Pen is going over the speed
limit
Mind can't breathe
Lungs can't think
Clock goes tick, tick, tick

The answers are wrong
I think
Or are they
I don't know
Mind can't breathe
Lungs can't think
Clock goes tick, tick, tick

1,2,3,4...10,11,12
I count as my pupils complete
their tests
The pen is slipping
Mind can't breathe
Lungs can't think
Clock goes tick, tick, tick

Racing. Quicker, Faster.
Almost there, last stretch
Answers, now, please!
Mind can't breathe
Lungs can't think
Clock goes tick, tick, tick

Five minutes left
5 questions to fill in
Can I succeed?
Will I pass?
Now I'm on my last
Mind cant breathe
Lungs can't think
Clock goes tick, tick, tick

Finished!
Finished! Finished...finished
Done.
Fought off each question like
knights with swords
Escaped the strong grip of
those papers with words
Mind can think
Lungs can breathe
Clock goes click, click...click.



Grade 7 Events

Leadership Day
A wonderful day spent taking part in many different leadership activities. We discussed what leadership means and looked at different leadership styles and ways of leading.

Valentine's Day
The Grade 7s shared the love by welcoming both pupils and their parents at the start of the school day with signs and chants of love!

Line Dancing
This was a fun social where we showed off our line dancing moves along with the Grade 7 boys of WPPS.

Grade 7 Dance
We were made to feel very special at an evening function where each one of us was celebrated as we reminisced and looked back at our journey at the Prep. We got to share this special occasion with our parents.

Leaver's Day
This was spent at *'Rollercade'* where we boogied to 80's tunes on our roller-skates. What a great end of year party!













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VALENTINES DAY

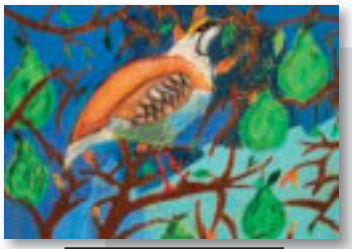
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Emelia Slatter



"Group work is one of the most important skills to learn. It can be tricky at first but after a while you learn about each person more and it becomes easier." Ayesha Moolla

You must be able to listen to other people's ideas and work together to achieve the goal.
Isabella Saville

"In order to lead a team, you have to make everyone feel included otherwise the team won't function properly."
Olivia Maskew



GR7 Camp

HIGH AFRICA

I learnt that meeting and talking to new people is a great thing. I had a lot of bonding experiences on camp.
Jasmiya Naidoo









My favourite part about camp was when we went on the high ropes because it made me face my fear of heights.
Hannah Ebrahim







My best memory from camp was making a pot jie with my friends and eating it under the stars.
Iman Gafoor



I loved seeing how excited everyone was to buy my group's products. It made all the hard work worth.
Rana Rinquest



I learnt that teamwork really does make the dream work!
Rebecca Liddell







GR7 Fair

I learnt many things in this event, but the most important thing was how much planning and time it takes to create a business and how to create a profit.
Jasmiya Naidoo







I learnt the valuable lesson of time management and how the whole team needs to work together to work coherently.
Olivia Maskew





Sometimes choosing the easy route may be the better option. It is good to be original but it is more important to be smart about your ifinancial decisions.
Eva Hacking



GR7 Leaders



Rachel Batchelor

Head of Sustainability

"We need Earth more than Earth needs us, so let us not abuse her and reuse, reduce and recycle!."

Rachel Batchelor

Layla Ofsowitz

Head of Sustainability

"Perfection is overrated! Just be yourself!"

Layla Ofsowitz

Ayesha Moolla

Head of Community Engagement

"I felt so good each week knowing a child will get our sandwiches every Tuesday and not go hungry."

Ayesha Moolla

Layla Slatter

Head of PR

"Being PR head was an amazing experience. It was so cool to work with my friends and showcase the beauty of Herschel."

Layla Slatter

Cara-Grace Henriques

Head of PR

"Always keep your smile as bright as the sun!"

CARA-GRACE

Ruby Watson

Head of Monitors

"It brings me such joy to work with little kids. I am so grateful and honoured to get to have been head of monitors this year."

Ruby Watson

Jasmiya Naidoo

Head of Community Engagement

"Never stop working together to fill an empty tummy! "

Jasmiya Naidoo

Ava Tresfon

Head of Monitors

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."

WINNE THE POOH

Ava Tresfon

GR 7 Awards

Special Awards

- **Lux Luceat Trophy**
  Awarded to a pupil who through and by her daily life 'illuminates' and brings light to our community at Herschel Preparatory School. Qualities such as love, peace, joy, kindness, patience, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control are evident in her daily life.
  Rachel Batchelor
- **Summer Peace Trophy**
  Awarded to a pupil who displays the qualities of kindness and empathy. Furthermore she is instrumental in building bridges through the peaceful resolution of problems.
  Olivia Maskew
- **Bounce Back Trophy**
  Awarded for resilience and optimism
  Chloe Heinamann
- **Good Fellowship Trophy**
  Awarded to a pupil who has shown consistent good will and generosity of spirit.
  Scout Ferguson
- **Irma Roth Award**
  Voted for by the girls and staff and awarded to a girl who is cheerful, willing and friendly. In other words, a girl who is charming in all respects.
  Emily Raubenheimer
- **Brownell Trophy**
  Caitlin Campbell
- **Sabrina Chisin Trophy**
  Dylan Land and Jasmiya Naidoo



DUX OF THE SCHOOL

Dylan Land

Second in the Grade
Olivia Maskew (far right)

Third in the Grade
Annabelle Leith (far left)

HEADMISTRESS' AWARD

Rachel Batchelor (left)
and Lily Jacobs (right)



Academic Awards

- **Academic Commendation**
  Hannah Ebrahim, Jasmiya Naidoo , Rana Rinquest , Iman Gafoor , Eva Hacking, Ashlee Hundermark , Amelia Weir, Lily Jacobs
- **Academic Excellence**
  Rachel Batchelor, Olivia Maskew , Dylan Land Annabelle Leith
- **Natural Sciences and Technology Prize**
  Annabelle Leith
- **Afrikaans Prize**
  Annabelle Leith
- **Mathematics Prize**
  Dylan Land
- **Life Orientation Prize**
  Ashlee Hundermark
- **Academic Progress Award**
  Stella Keers
- **isiXhosa Prize**
  Sibulele Pinyana
- **English Prize**
  Olivia Maskew
- **Integrated Studies Prize**
  Annabelle Leith

Cultural Awards

- **Music Commendation**
  Cara-Grace Henriques, Dylan Land, Hania Hendricks, Nurah Kerbelker, Lily Jacobs
- **Excellence in Music**
  Annabelle Leith , Ayana Nqayi, Eva Hacking, Georgia Böttger, Daniela McIvor
- **Art Prize**
  Layla Ofsowitz and Isabella Saville
- **Annette Woolley Drama Trophy**
  Rana Rinquest
- **Clegg Music Trophy**
  Eva Hacking
- **Tyson Music Trophy**
  Georgia Böttger and Dylan Land
- **Eco Trophy**
  Rachel Batchelor
- **Public Speaking Award**
  Olivia Maskew
- **Cultural Trophy**
  Eva Hacking
- **Julie Ward Trophy**
  Eva Hacking

Sport Awards

- **Sporting Commendation**
  Lyndsey Philipps, Annabelle Leith, Emily Raubenheimer, Ella Floquet, Georgia Böttger
- **Excellence in Sport**
  Lily Jacobs, Stella Keers, Aryana Cloete-Hopkins, Ashlee Hundermark, Rana Rinquest, Eva Hacking, Ruby Lumb, Emelia Slatter, Layla Slatter, Summer Duchenne
- **The Herschel Sport All-Rounder Trophy**
  Stella Keers
- **Anne Jaeger Sportswoman of the Year Trophy**
  Lily Jacobs
- **Hänim Abrahams Sportsmanship Trophy**
  Aryana Cloete-Hopkins


Academic Commendation


Academic Excellence


Music Commendation


Music Excellence


Sport Commendation


Sport Excellence


NS & Technolgy Prize


Afrikaans Prize


Mathematics Prize


Life Orientation Prize


Academic Progress Prize


Art Prize


Annette Woolley Drama Trophy


Clegg Music Trophy


Tyson Music Trophy


Eco Trophy


Public Speaking Award


Cultural Trophy


Sport All-Rounder Award


Anne Jaeger Trophy


Hänim Abrahams Trophy


Lux Luceat Trophy


Summer Peace Trophy


Bounce Back Award


Brownell Trophy


Good Fellowship Trophy


Sabrina Chisin Trophy


Bounce Back Award

Well done Grade 7s for all your hard work!

GR7 Farewell











Friends Forever

ARTIST – "*VITAMIN C*" | ALBUM – "*FRIENDS FOREVER*"

And so we talked all night about the rest of our lives,
Where we gonna be when we turn 25,
I keep thinking times will never change,
Keep on thinking things will always be the same,
But when we leave this year we won't be coming back.

No more hanging out 'cos we're on a different track,
And if you got something that you need to say,
You better say it right now 'cos you don't have another day ....

CHORUS

As we go on - we remember,
All the times we had together,
And as our lives change,
Come whatever,
We will still be friends forever.

So when we leave the Prep and go to Senior School,
When we look back will our jokes still be cool?
Will we still remember everything we learned at school,
Still be tryin' to break every rule?

Who will be the brainy Dux of the school?
Will we work hard and not play the fool?
I keep thinking that it's not goodbye,
Keep on thinking that it's time to fly.











INSPIRE, CREATE, IMAGINE


Eva Hacking



Caitlin Campbell


Iman Gafoor


Dylan Land


Georgia Wessels



Daniela McIvor


Georgia Böttger

Afrikaans

Learning a new language requires patience and practice. At the Preparatory, we understand this and strive to create a supportive learning environment for our students. To fully grasp and appreciate the Afrikaans language, it is crucial to engage in continuous exposure, such as listening, reading and ideally, conversing in Afrikaans.

Our teachers go the extra mile to make learning enjoyable and effective by incorporating engaging word games, short exercises, rhymes, poems, stories, and songs into our lessons. Our focus is to make learning fun while bringing the language to life.

GR 6

SA Board Game Project

Our theme for Term 3 was **South Africa**, and the Grade 6s embraced it with enthusiasm. They worked in pairs to research, plan and design a **board game** that would **teach others about our country**. During their **oral presentation**, they had to **explain the game and demonstrate its mechanics in Afrikaans**, showcasing their v**ocabulary and language skills**.







Ek sê dankie vir...

deur Zara Govender

Ek sê dankie vir God,
want hy het vir my 'n lewe gegee.
Vir my ma en pa vir
alles wat hulle vir my doen.

Ek sê dankie vir my
onderwysers wat vir my
baie goed leer.
Vir die reën wat huil uit
die wolke met hartseer oë.

Ek sê dankie vir water hê
om elke dag te drink.
Dat ek die voorreg kry
om by die mooiste skool
te kan bly.

Ek sê dankie dat ek
in die oggend kan
wakker word met 'n
glimlag op my gesig.
Vir al die vriende wat
ek kan maak.

Ek sê dankie soos 'n rob
met my hande vas teen mekaar,
vir al die mooi goed
in my lewe.

Dankbaar

deur Iona Slingsby

Ek is dankbaar vir my mond vir vrae.
Dankbaar vir my ma en pa.
Dankbaar vir die son en reën
en vir my kos om te eet.

Ek is dankbaar vir die koelte van die boom.
Dankbaar ek gaan na skool.
Dankbar vir my mal perd.
Dankbaar vir my warm serp.

Ek is dankbaar vir die pragtige poue
en vir my hond, sy is oud!
Die rivier wat swerm soos bye.
Die helder lig van die dag.

Ek is dankbaar vir die wind wat skreeu.
My oulike katte is so woes soos 'n leeu.
Ek is dankbaar vir my vriendelike maats.
Dankbaar vir my gewone naam.

Ek is dankbaar vir my klein suster.
Dankbaar vir al my dinge!

Ek is dankbaar vir...

deur Alana Wareham

Dankie vir my familie.
My ma en my pa is altyd gelukkig,
maar my sussie bly in ons huis
en sy is skaam soos 'n muis.

Dankie vir my troeteldiere.
My hond is my vriend,
my kat is my maat
en met my hasie, kan ek mee praat.

Dankie vir kos en klere.
My skool is vriendelik en my juffrou
is wonderlik, maar sy is kwaad
wanneer al die kinders praat.

My beste vriendin, Ariana.
Sy is mooi soos 'n ster
en ek is dankbaar vir haar.
Dit is die einde en ek is klaar.

Ek is dankbaar vir...

deur Sophie van Zyl

Ek is dankbaar vir my goeie vriende.
Ek is lief vir my oulike honde.
My ma en pa is vriendelik en mooi.
Ek is dankbaar vir die tennisbal wat ek kan gooi.

Ek is dankbaar vir my wonderlike onderwys.
Ek is dankbaar vir die dak op my huis.
Sjokolade behoort aan my hart.
Ek is dankbaar vir my verjaarsdagkaart.

My hart voel soos die varke se magies.
Ek is dankbaar vir my potblou ogies.
Ek is baie dankbaar vir Lana del Rey se musiek.
Ons wêreld is baie uniek.

Graad 6 Spellingby

The Grade 6 and 7s completed a Spelling Bee competition and worked in their Houses. Each house received an activity booklet that they had to complete. They received points according to the order they have finished and then also for how many words they got correct.



6A Winners: Merriman



6 Alpha Winners: Rolt

GR 7 An Upstander

The Grade 7s explored the theme of **being an upstander**. They were encouraged to think about the **message they wanted to share with the world**. As part of their **oral project**, they were tasked with **creating a piece of art** that spread their chosen message. This allowed them to showcase their creativity and express themselves in a visual manner.



My Boodskap
deur Iman Gafoor

Vandag sal ek die belangrikheid van eenheid en gelykheid beklemtoon. Ek glo dat eenheid is noodsaaklik vir elke mens.

In hierdie prentjie het al die mense hande vasgehou, maar een mens sal die ritssluiter trek. Dit beteken dat 'n goeie leier of mens sal die mense verenig, eerder as verdeel. Jy kan sien die mense lyk verskillend. Die ander boodskap is dat ons gelyk is ten spyte van die kleur van ons vel, kultuur en geslag. As ons saam bly kan ons 'n sterkter gemeenskap bou en in harmonie bly.

Ek sal eindig met die skoolliedjie: *"Elke mens is 'n vonk, maar in die nag saam kan ons 'n lig maak."*



My Boodskap
deur Layla Slatter

Geslaggelykheid is vandag een van die grootste probleme in ons wêreld. Veral in sport. Vrouens word vergeet in sport, maar hulle werk net so hard soos mans.

My kunswerk vertoon 'n meisie en 'n seun, hulle staan langs mekaar op die hokkieveld. Die kollig is op die seun en almal ondersteun hom. Die meisie staan in die skaduwee van die seun en niemand ondersteun haar nie. My boodskap is dat seuns onregverdige aandag en ondersteuning kry in sport. Dit is belangrik vir my om geslaggelykheid in sport te bevorder.

Ek sal aanhou veg vir geslaggelykheid en aanhou vrouens in sport ondersteun.

Bokkie en Sebra
deur Annabelle Leith

Bokkie het hierdie jaar met 'n nuwe skool begin. Sy is bang, want sy weet nie of sy gaan inpas nie. By die skool is sy te bang om met iemand te praat, maar gelukkig kom praat Sebra met haar.

Hulle word vinnig vriende, maar niemand anders sien vir Bokkie raak nie, so sy maak 'n plan om soos Sebra te word. Na haar eerste week van skool gaan sy winkel toe om nuwe klere te koop. Die volgende Maandag lyk sy baie anders. Sy dra pragtige klere en grimering, net soos Sebra. Baie koppe draai toe sy instap. Sebra is bly dat sy iets nuuts probeer, maar sy weet hoekom Bokkie dit doen.

Die volgende week verander sy meer, haar persoonlikheid verander. Sebra kom agter dat Bokkie lelik begin word met die ander diere. Sy besluit om vir Bokkie 'n les te leer, Sebra skryf vir Bokkie 'n brief wat sê:

Liewe Bokkie, ek voel nie so goed oor my hare se kleur nie, so ek

gaan my hare blou kleur. Ek hoop jy sien my nog as dieselfde Sebra. Liefde Sebra.

Bokkie weet as sy populêr wil bly, moet sy ook haar stert blou kleur. Sy vra vir haar ma om haar te help. Toe haar ma klaar was, was sy 'n bietjie onseker oor haar blou stert.

Toe sy by die skool aankom was sy verras om te sien dat Sebra se stert nie blou is nie. Sebra glimlag en sê: "Ek is jammer, maar ek moes vir jou 'n les leer. Jy is perfek net soos wat jy is. Dis hoekom ek met jou vriende gemaak het. Belowe vir my dat jy nooit weer soos iemand anders sal probeer wees nie." Bokkie belowe en sê hoe jammer sy is. Sebra glimlag en gee vir Bokkie 'n groot druk.



My Boodskap
deur Ella Floquet

My kunswerk is om te wys dat alle vroue pragtig is, elke vorm en grootte en die kleure is om die verskillende kulture te wys.

Dapper en die jagters
deur Dylan Land

Eenmaal op 'n tyd, in die middel van die oerwoud, was daar 'n leeu met die naam Dapper. Dapper is 'n leeu en hy weet hy moet braaf wees, maar hy is die bangste leeu in die hele oerwoud! Sy broers en susters terg hom altyd. Op hierdie dag slaap Dapper in sy grot.

Wanneer Dapper wakker is, sien hy dat sy familie nie in die grot is nie. Dis baie vreemd. Daar is altyd een van hulle in die grot. Dalk moet hy gaan en soek vir hulle? Nee, die oerwoud maak hom bang wanneer hy alleen is. Hulle sal gou-gou terug kom.

Dapper wag en wag, en wag en wag, maar sy familie kom nie terug nie. Wat as iets met hulle gebeur het? Dapper trek in 'n diep asem. Hy moet sy familie vind.

Dapper hardloop deur die oerwoud. Aan die rand van die oerwoud sien Dapper sy familie! Hulle is in 'n hok en daar is jagters langs hulle! Ag, nee! Dapper weet hy moet sy familie red, maar hy is te bang.

Terwyl Dapper kyk na die jagters en sy familie, bring een jagter 'n mes uit en gaan na Dapper se suster! Sonder om te dink, gooi Dapper homself voor die jagters. Hy gee 'n groot brul. Al die jagters skreeu en hardloop bang weg.

Dapper se familie is so trots op hom. Hy het sy braafheid gevind! Nou weet Dapper dat hy altyd in homself moet glo. Hy en sy familie gaan na hulle grot en almal bly gelukkig verder.

Graad 7 Spellingby



7A Winners: Merriman



7 Alpha Winners: Carter

isiXhosa

Learning to speak isiXhosa is more than just learning a spoken language. It is learning about a culture of people whose traditions and heritage form a rich tapestry of customs shared between all those who know and are learning the language. Learning another language is about creating connections. *"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."* RITA MAE BROWN

Inja Yam
Kristin Hundermark Grade 5

Namhlanje ndiza kunibalisela ngenja yam. Igama lenja yam nguLexi. Inja yam imnyama namhlophe ngombala.

ULexi uphakathi ngesiqu kwaye inomsila ofuku- fuku ULexi uthanda ukutya iipelets.

Inja yam ilala ebhedini yam ayifuni ukulala kwindlu yayo. Inja yam yihusky cross. Ndiyayithanda Inja kakhulu.

I love my black and white dog, Lexi. She is a fluffy husky-cross. She loves eating pellets.

Isikolo Sam
Mbali Sidaki Grade 4

Igama lam nguMbali (beautiful flower) ifani yam nguSidaki. Ndifunda eHerschel kwisikolo samantombazana. Ndikwigreyidi 4. Utitshalakazi wam wesiXhosa nguNkosazana Vundla yena utitshalakazi wam weklasi nguNkosikazi Blake. Uprinsipali wam nguNkosikasi Swartz ofike kulo nyaka kwikota yesibini. Esikolweni ndidlala le midlalo ukubaleka, ibhaleyi nokuqubha. Into endiyithandayo ngesikolo sam ngabahlolo bam nootitshalakazi abanobubele kakhulu nokuba sisebenzisa iPads eziklasini senza nemidlalo yeseqongeni.

My name is Mbali which means beautiful flower and I love isiXhosa lessons with Mrs Vundla. My favourite things about school are my friends, the teachers who care for us and sports.

Intwasahlobo eKapa
Elizabeth Wessels Grade 5

Elona xesha lonyaka ndilithandayo yintwasahlobo eKapa.

Entwasahlobo kupholile kamnandi kanti ngelinye ixesha kuba shushu abanye abantu baya elwandle bayo kuqubha. Zininzi neziqhamo ezityiwayo ehlotyeni iipesika, iimengo, iitsheri kunye nevatala. Entwasahlobo abantu batya ukutya okupholileyo njenge saladi nenyama eyojiwewo. Abanye abantu bathanda ukuya kwi pikniki baye nakumnyadala wokubabhabhisa iikayiti. Iintyatyambo ziyadubula ngelixesha lonyaka. Intwasahlobo lixesha elimnandi lokudlala imidlalo kuba kupholile kamnandi. Ndazalwa entwashlobo yiyo lonto ndiyithanda kakhulu.

Spring in Cape Town is cooler, although there are hot days too where you could visit the beach. It's a time filled with flowers, fruits and eating salads. It's a great time for picnics and fun.

Ifemeli Yam
Ibavile Mpetshwa Grade 5

Igama lam ngulbavile, ifani yam nguMpetshwa. Isiduko sam nguNtshangase Msuthu Nomathebe. Ndineminyaka elishumi elinanye.Ndifunda eHerschel Prep kugreyidi 5. Ndihlala eClaremont eHerschel close kwanamba 308. Ikhaya lam likufuphi nesikolo sam kwaye ndiya kwazi ukuya esikolweni ngeenyawo. Ndihlala nobhuti wam nomama wam. Umnakwethu uFunda eWetpups kugreyi R kwaye uyayithanda isoka kakhulu.Utata yena uhlala eRhawutini ngenxa yempangelo kodwa uyasityelo ngalo lonke ixesha efumana ithuba emsebenzini. Siyathanda ukuya elwandle xa kushushu kuba sithanda ukuqubha kakhulu. Ngempela veki mna nomnakwethu sithanda ukuqhuba iibhayisekile zethu sijikeleze eblokhweni. Ndiya yithanda ifemeli yam kakhulu.

My name is Ibavile. My clan name is Ntshangase. I am in Grade 5 at Herschel. My home is close to school, so I can walk every day. My dad works in Johannesburg. My mom, brother and I like to go and visit him.

isiXhosa FACTS

1. isiXhosa is the second most spoken language in South Africa after isiZulu. That means close to **8 million** South Africans speak **isiXhosa as their home language**.

2. The **Bible** was first translated into isiXhosa in 1859.

3. 

NKOSI SIKELIL' IAFRIKA (God Bless Africa) was a hymn composed by Xhosa preacher, **Enoch Sontonga** in 1897!

It has since become the anthem of **Tanzania** and **Zambia**, and is the former anthem of **Zimbabwe** and **Namibia**.

4. In music, isiXhosa was first introduced to international audiences by



MAMA MIRIAM MAKEBA with her 1957 hit song, **"Pata Pata"**.

Isithuthi Sam Endisithandayo

Sophia-Rose Sickle Grade 6

Isithuthi sam endisithandayo yiKharaveni. Ndihamba ngekharaveni ukuhamba hamba kwilizwe jikelele, Ndiyakuthanda ukuhamba ngekharaveni kuba iyafana nekhaya kuba kukho iibhedi zokulala, ikhitshi, iindawo zokuhlala negumbi lokuhlambela. Enye yenzinto endenza ukuba ndiyithande kukuba uyakwazi ukulala kuyo.Ikhwelisa abantu abathandathu. Kuxhomekeke kubungakanani kwayo. Kuduru ukuyiqesha nokuyithenga kwaye ikhuselekile.Yenziwa eWolfsburg ngo 1947. Ndiyayithanda ifana nekhaya kum elincinane elinamavili.

My favourite mode of transport is the Caravan. It is a lovely way to travel and if you are tired you can easily take a nap. It can fit a lot of people. The first caravan was made in Wolfsburg in 1947. I love traveling by caravan.

Ibhayisekile Yam Endiyithandayo

Catalina Quin Grade 6

Igama lebhayisekile yi-avalanche. Ngumama notata abandithengele yona. Ndiyifumene kwibanga lesithathu kodwa ndayilungisa kancinci ukusuka ngoko. Ndiyisebenzisela imisebenzi kunye nokukhwela kwindawo endihlala kuyo okanye ngeeholide okanye xa ndiphuma nomhlobo wam. Iibhayisekile zibiza kakhulu ngoko ke ndiyayikhathalela kwaye ndinombulelo kakhulu ngayo kubazali bam. Ndiyakonwabela ukuyikhwela kuba ndonwabe kakhulu kwaye indithatha indise kwiindawo ngeendawo ezikude. Ndiya konwabela kakhulu ukuyikhwela kwiindawo ezisezantsi kodwa hayi ezinyaukayo. Ndiyonwabele kakhulu ibhayisekile yam kwaye ndiyavuya ukuba nayo.

I love my Avalanche bicycle my parents bought for me. I ride it around my neighbourhood or take it on holidays to ride with my friends. I take good care of it because bikes are expensive and I am so grateful that I have this bike.

Konke Ngam

Lily Jabobs Grade 7

Igama lam ngu Lily ifani yam ngu Jacobs.

Ndifunda eHerschel prep kugreyidi 7. Ndazalelwa eKapa ndihlala eKenilworth. Ndineminyaka Elishumi elinesithathu.Esikolweni ndidlala ihoki nomdlalo wasemanzini.Ndithanda ifemeli yam kakhulu.Ndithanda ukutya ishushi ndisele ismoothie. Izinto endithanda ukuzenza kukunitha nokuqubha. Xa ndimdala ndifuna ukuba ngumdlali wehoki. Lo ngunyaka wam wokugqibela eprep ndiza kukhumbhula abahlobo bam neenkumbhulo ezintle ngayo.

My name is Lily. I was born in Cape Town and live in Kenilworth. My favourite sports are swimming and hockey. I love sushi and knitting. This is my last year at the Prep School, but I have made such good memories.

Ndingubani Mna

Sibulele Pinyana Grade 7

Igama lam nguSibulele, ifani yam nguPinyana.

IsiDuko sam nguMankabane,Ndluntsha,Majeke, Mthi wee mbotyi.Ndithanda ukucula nokuzoba.Ngeeholide ndithanda ukugoduka ndiyobona utatomkhulu,udabawo nabazala bam abahlala eNtshona eCofimvaba kwilali yaseSidutyini.Ndiya konwabela ukucitha ixesha nabo kwaye nditya nemifuno evuniweyo nenyama esando kuxhelwa emnandi. NgoDisemba kubakhoimisitho emininzi, imigidi, imitshato kunye namatheko apho siye sinxibe iimpahla zethu zesintu sichokoze.Ndihlala notata, umama ,oobuthi ,usisi nomzala wam. Ifemeli yam iyathandana kwaye siyavana kwaye siyaxhasana kakhulu. Ndinabo nabahlobo bam abandonwabisa kakhulu kwaye kumnandi kakhulu ukuba bona. Umnqweno wam ngowo kuba xa ndimdala ndibe ngugqirha wezempilo.

My name is Sibulele. My clan name is Majeke. I love music. I love going to the Eastern Cape to visit my grandparents and cousin. I love to spend time in the rural areas as we get to eat healthy foods grown there. We love to dress in traditional outfits. I love spending this quality time with my family they make me so happy. One day I want to be a doctor.

isiXhosa FACTS

5 isiXhosa has **15 click sounds** borrowed from the **Khoi Khoi and San languages**: three of the main clicks being the letters **Q, C** and **X**



6 **Storytelling** plays a big part in the culture, and even the **music** is a form of storytelling.

Xhosa dance is something of a wonder, especially the dance form called **Umtyityimbo**, which requires dancers to make their upper bodies tremble and vibrate while dancing.



7 **In the Xhosa culture, people are always expected to greet one another. It makes no difference if the person or group are strangers.** THE GREETING IS A WAY OF SHOWING RESPECT AND REFLECTS ON YOUR FAMILY AND UPBRINGING.

MUSIC

Highlights from 2023 included our Evenings of Music, Music Soirée; and numerous workshops and performances along the way. The Music Department continually strives to be a place of belonging and joy and I want to thank my Music staff for being so invested in this vision and the pupils.

"My hope for the future, not just in music, but in every young girl I meet, is that they realise their worth and ask for it." TAYLOR SWIFT

Senior Choir
by Georgia Böttger

The Friday Choir mornings are some of my favourite mornings. Singing and being together with friends creates such a good atmosphere. The songs that we've sung range from upbeat, to somber, to festive. It is so rewarding when the hard work pays off and everyone comes together to form a perfect harmony and you get such a great sense of togetherness when we all sing together.

Thank you Mrs Pretorius for making choir so fun and enjoyable.

Junior Choir

We were really honoured to be asked to sing for the National Chaplains' Conference Dinner that was held at the Mary Jagger this year. We also enjoyed singing at the Evening of Music, various school services, Grandparents' Day and taking part in two exciting outings to retirement homes!

Skylar Akampurira: I like it when we all had different voice parts and then we sang it together.

Elimyoli Cossie: I like it when we sing the canon in Choir and then we go to harmony.

Grade 4 - 7 Orchestra
by Eva Hacking and Christina Hund

Eva: I have loved playing in the school Orchestra ever since Grade 3, in StringAlong back then, up until now. We competed in various eisteddfods and performed at every school event. Sometimes we really struggled with intonation and fast passages, but Ms van der Vyver drilled us so that we got it!. By the time we reached the Carol Service, we were almost sounding like a brand-new orchestra, full of confidence, despite some missing black holes and slipping pegs.

Christina: I have loved learning technically challenging pieces and developing my vibrato. Leading the Oorchestra with Eva and Georgie built our confidence and allowed us to make a difference and help the teachers with various tasks like discipline, setting up for rehearsals and helping girls with intonation. I enjoyed being a soloist in the Orchestra for pieces such as "*Carolan's Air*" and the "*Disney Medley*". Eva, Georgie and I will miss the Prep Music Department.



I liked it when we sang at the old age home. My best part is our wonderful teachers.

Olivia de Souza
Gr 3





I participated in Mrs Kristiansen's Grade 4 and 5 String Ensemble. It was so much fun and she taught me a lot. She showed me things I did not know how to do.

Zara Scholtz
Gr 5

"I really enjoy music whether it is in class or in Choir. I really enjoyed the music poster research project as I learnt many things that I didn't know before about the history and origin of Music.

The Evening of Music was such fun too and I loved all the jokes during the evening.

Choir mornings are enjoyable too as everyone who enjoys singing can come together and create beautiful songs together. I have really enjoyed Music this year."

Sinead O'Connor Grade 7









"I enjoyed every single choir rehearsal we had this year. It was absolute fun to be able to take part in my passion for music while being surrounded by my friends.

The rehearsals for our 'Trolls' production were very special to me. I have a deep love for music, entertaining others, and acting, and this experience allowed me to combine all three. Practicing and perfecting the songs was incredibly special to me and spending so much extra time with friends and teachers is something I will never forget."

Liah van Zyl Grade 7





I really enjoy Music because we get up and we sing together!

Ayah Isaacs
Gr 2

I loved learning about the guitar. It was so cool. I also love the cello.

Lucia Fontana
Gr 3

I love music because I love to play the violin and to sing my heart out. I also love it when the teachers play all the instruments.

Lucy MacKay
Gr 3

Grade 6 and 7 Marimba Ensemble

by Rachel Batchelor

I really enjoyed Marimbas this year, it was awesome to spend quality time with my friends, while making music. I love Marimbas because they are such happy instruments, and everyone must work as a team to make it sound amazing.

Grade 4 and 5 Marimba Ensemble

by Emily Batchelor and Solange Akampurira

Rachel: I really enjoyed this year's Marimba. I love the instrument and it sounds amazing when all the parts are put together. My favourite song that we played was *"Jingle Bells"* and *"Joy to the World"*.

Solange: I have really enjoyed playing with my friends and interacting with the other girls from different grades. I had so much fun learning songs like *"Let it Go"* and some Christmas carols like *"Jingle Bells"* and *"Joy to the World"*. Along the way some of the songs were hard, but with hard work, we all managed, and the songs turned out wonderful.

Guitar Ensemble

by Alana Wareham and Ariana Daniels

Alana: The Guitar Ensemble has been such a great experience and, even though you do have to wake up early, it is so worth it because we do have a very passionate teacher that teaches us amazing pieces. Even though we all do lessons one-on-one, it is so fun to do guitar all together, everyone loves ensemble and it is just such a vibe!

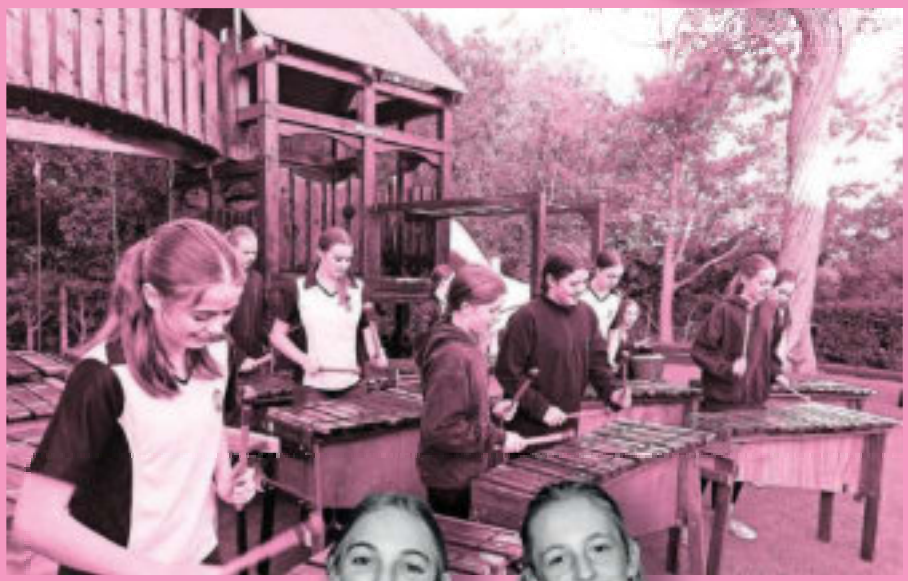
Ariana: I really, really enjoy Guitar Ensemble, especially all the opportunities like the Eisteddfod we took part in, and the Evening of Music, which was fun. Everyone is good at different things and that is definitely put into the ensemble. I really enjoy doing it with everyone else because we all have different strengths and it is just fun to work with people!

Percussion Ensemble

by Dylan Land and Georgia Böttger

Dylan: Percussion Ensemble was loads of fun and really helped me improve my basic rudiments, drum rolls and wrist movement.

Michela: Percussion Ensemble was great fun and I had some amazing memories. Thank you for everything, Mr N!





Prep School Carol Service

The Prep Carol Service focussed on the theme of light, which brought a different dimension to the celebration. The Nativity Scene performed by the Pre-Prep pupils was delightful, highlighting the symbolism of light as a representation of hope, guidance, and love.

Each flicker of light cast upon the characters in the Nativity scene seemed to embody the warmth of our community. The young readers retold the authentic story of the Nativity and the simplicity of their delivery served as a powerful reminder of the core message of Christmas – the miraculous and humble beginning of a journey that would ultimately inspire and transform lives.

In that moment, the spirit of the season was truly alive, fostering a collective sense of joy, reflection, and unity among those gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus.





















Library

"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them."
LEMONY SNICKET

The Prep Library is quite arguably the heart of the school. The place where every pupil can find treasures upon its shelves. But always be careful, always enter at your own risk as you might find yourself trapped in a room filled with new adventures and possibilities that you may never want to escape.



CAUTION

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK

STAY AWAY FROM THE LIBRARY!
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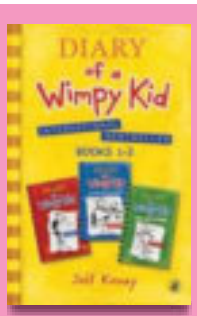
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- Reading may make you smarter
- Reading may be enjoyable
- Reading may cause laughter
- Reading may improve your imagination
- Reading may lead to relaxation
- Reading may increase your vocabulary
- Reading may lead to success
- Reading may lead to more reading

If you are suffering from any of these symptoms, DO NOT pick up another book!



PREP SCHOOL RATED GOOD READS



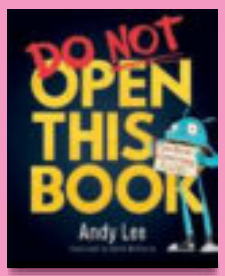
"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"
by Jeff Kinney
The BEST books ever? Of course! What a funny family!
Bella Millar
(Grade 4)



"Room on the Broom"
by Julia Donaldson
An old favourite on my bookshelf.
Mbali Sidaki
(Grade 4)



"Ratburger"
by David Walliams
"This book just gets better and better!"
Justine Louw De Wet
(Grade 4)



"Do not open this Book"
by Julia Donaldson
"My all-time favourite picture book – hilarious!"
Ibavile Mpetshwa
(Grade 5)



How many ways can you say goodbye?
by Julia Donaldson
"This book makes me feel warm all over."
Zime Pana
(Grade 5)

DRAMA

Drama is a space for self-discovery and reinvention. It nourishes the imagination and bolsters confidence. It nurtures spontaneity, helps you think on your feet and use your imagination.

You learn to identify emotions and how to express them, as such you learn empathy and to understand how others feel.

Drama class is for everyone, regardless of talent or interest, because it's about the human experience.













"We must all do theatre, to find out who we are, and discover who we could become."

Augusto Boal

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being."

Oscar Wilde

"Drama is exposure; it is confrontation; it is contradiction and it leads to analysis, construction, recognition and eventually to an awakening of understanding."

Peter Brook

"I believe in the immortality of the theatre, it is a most joyous place to hide, for all those who have secretly put their childhood in their pockets and run off and away with it, to play on to the end of their days."

Max Reinhardt

Good teaching is ¼ preparation and ¾s pure theatre."

Gail Godwin













BON Appetit!

THE PRODUCTION

Bon Appetit! is a hair-raising adventure about happiness, loyalty, and love. We discovered that true happiness cannot be stolen and served up on a platter but is grown from the seeds of friendship and kindness.

"It was wonderful to see the production come to life. We personified what Herschel stands for: together we make a light, a fire burning bright."

by Mrs Alix Dawson-O'Connor (Producer)





ABOUT

Chef and Petit Fromage

This duo is out for fame and glory. They found a lack of cheerfulness in Bergen Town and used that desperation to gain control, but can their devious plans overcome true happiness and the power of friendship?



ABOUT

Poppy and Branch

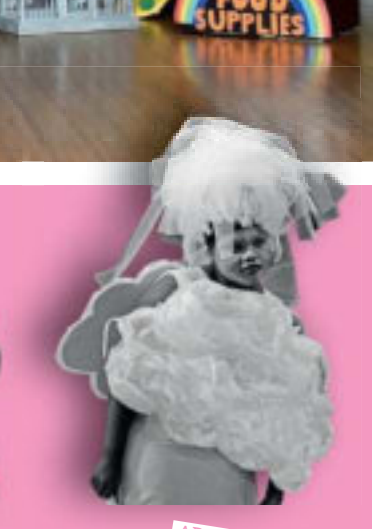
This unlikely pair know that love, loyalty and friendship is stronger than all obstacles. When knocked down, they keep getting back up. Teamwork makes the dream work!



ABOUT

King Gristle Jnr and Bridget

These love birds found their happiness in a roller arcade while eating pizza and have never looked back. Not even the gloom of Bergen Town could dull their spark. Grissie and Briggie 4EVA!



ABOUT

Cloud Guy

An anthropomorphic cloud with a love of mischief and hi-5s. With stylish socks and no shoes, this fluffy bundle of laughs can sometimes darken your mood but will always show you the light at the end of the tunnel.

Cast List

The Trolls

Poppy – **Hania Hendricks**
Branch – **Annabel Grey**
Young Poppy – **Indiana Joannou**
Young Branch – **Emma Buckham**
King Peppy – **Inara Hersov**
Grandma Rosepuff – **Ruby Watson**
Baby Troll – **Mehreen Noorani**
Creek – **Chloe Heinamann**
Biggie – **Emelia Slatter**
Guy Diamond – **Michela Pharo**
DJ Sukie – **Emma Warner**
Satin - **Ella Floquet**
Chanelle – **Nsovo Baloyi**
Copper – **Rana Rinquest**
Aspen – **Liah van Zyl**
Smidge – **Katinka Lowther**
Fuzzbert – **Lucy Cotterell**
Harper – **Jamie-Lee Horn**
Cookie Sugarloaf – **Lily Jacobs**
Moxie Dewdrop – **Calia Ratheb**
Mandy Sparkledust – **Sophie van Zyl**
Cloud Guy – **Owetu Gqamana**

The Bergens

Chef – **Amélie Hardres-Williams**
Petit Fromage – **Amy Rich**
King Gristle Jnr – **Jade O'Brien**
King Gristle Snr – **Ruby Lumb**
Bridget – **Cara-Grace Henriques**
Bergen Shopkeeper – **Arya Chagan**
Bergen Salesman – **Alana Wareham**
Bergen Socialite – **Layla Slatter**
Bergen Guard (Chad) – **Ibavile Mpetshwa**
Bergen Guard (Todd) – **Satara Govender**

What do the actresses say?

"I enjoyed being a main character and coming to practices at night. I loved the laughter and chatter backstage and in the aisles, the excitement before the shows is a feeling I will never forget. This was truly a lifetime experience that I will never forget."

Arya Chagan – Bergen Shopkeeper

"I really enjoyed the theme and all the dances, it's pretty hard being grumpy when you see something funny and wanna laugh out loud but I had tons and tons of fun and I made so many new friends from different grades and it was such a fun experience."

Catalina Quin

"I really, REALLY enjoyed this production, I had a blast!! This production really brought the actors, singers and dancers out. Between the Bergens and Trolls... this grudge against each other slowly came together in unity."

Zoë Hodge







My favourite part of the production were the backstage conversations, dancing, music, costume fitting, painting the shoes and maybe missing a little bit of school.
Iman Gafoor

I enjoyed being in the show, performing for others and watching the leads perform because I wish to become an actress one day.
Solange Akampurira





I enjoyed painting our shoes, doing dress rehearsals, putting our make-up on and our parents watching us perform in the play.
Ruby Boyes

I enjoyed collaborating with all the grades and learning all the dances. I also loved how colourful the settings were and how the costumes were super bright and bold.

Ruby Watson – Grandma Rosepuff







I enjoyed being able to work with the older and younger grades and getting to know more people.
Zara Govender

I loved the chatter backstage, the high fives after performing, the friendships we made and endless hugs and memories we will all cherish forever! This was a lifetime of fun that I am so grateful to be part of! Bon Appetit is a play I will always love!

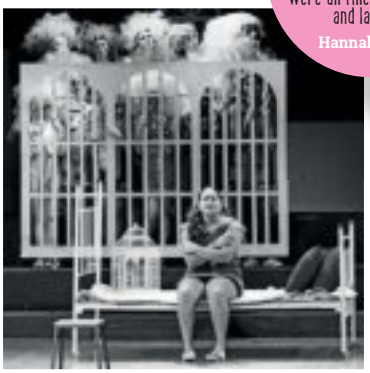
Alana Wareham – Bergen Salesman



I really enjoyed doing the play as a Bergen. Their character was completely different from my real self, so it was weird to act as something completely different.
Scout Ferguson



I loved rehearsals and when we all messed up and fell on the ground laughing. I loved the opening night when we were all filled with nerves and laughter.
Hannah Galatis







Natural SCIENCES and TECHNOLOGY

Natural Sciences and Technology has the scientific method or design process as its backbone. Our pupils are encouraged to persevere, reflect and adapt their thinking and experimental work as they gain knowledge and insights into a particular study area. As far as possible, the girls acquire new skills by hands-on learning.

GRADE 3

Gr3s made:

- Beautiful necklaces made from home-made magazine beads mixed with plastic beads
- Finger puppets





GRADE 4

Gr4s made:

- Messy, sticky chocolate mud cakes
- Lavender-infused scones
- Lavender-infused happy huggers





GRADE 5

Gr5s:

- Mom and Daughter Evening where they made beaded creations, and cards while enjoying smores and hot chocolate
- Studied about Egypt which included making-up their faces specifically their eyes in an Egyptian style





GRADE 6

Gr6s:

- Constructed survivor shelters on a Dad and Daughter Evening
- Learnt how to use an electric sewing machine and made baby clothes
- Learnt how to make pancakes





GRADE 7

Gr7s:

- Followed the scientific method to conduct an original investigation which required experiments and data gathering
- Design and made lanterns for their Grade 7 lantern procession






Computers

Computer lessons are always exciting! Technology is evolving every day, so there is always something new to learn. It is like diving into a world where creativity meets problem-solving. Whether it is coding, graphic design, robotics, or understanding how computers work, every day we can explore, create, and innovate. Plus, the satisfaction of figuring out a complex problem or creating something entirely new is simply loads of fun!

"Computers is like **Phys Ed** for your mind."

Lucy-Rose Ben-Yosef Grade 4

"Every time it is Wednesday, I **jump up and down with joy** because we have **IT**."

Sofia Khan Grade 4

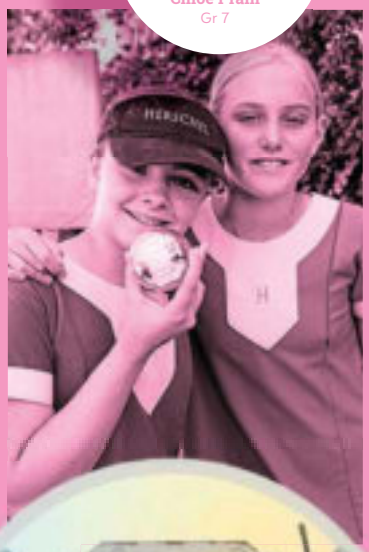


Sphero balls have unlimited creativity wrapped up in a hand-sized ball.

Chloe Prain Gr 7







Sphero Balls make me feel young and fun.

Katie Ward Gr 7



The best part of computers is coding.

Daniela Hadjidakis Gr 4

Sphero Balls are like your own little robotic pets. What fun coding them!

Ashlee Hundermark Gr 7

Community Engagement

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among us that will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."
ALBERT SCHWEITZER

Giving back helps children develop deeper connections to where they are from and strengthens their sense of belonging.

To honour our 101 years of existence, each grade performed 101 minutes of kindness, donating their time to a worthy cause.





Acts of Kindness from each Grade:

Pre-Nursery made bags of love for Victoria Hospital children.

Grade R made sandwiches for Ladles of Love.

Grade 1 made sandwiches for Kewtown Primary.

Grade 2 went to an old age home to sing and play board games with the aged.

Grade 3 went to sing and entertain the aged at a home.

Grade 4 made sandwiches as soup for the Hoven night shelter.

Grade 5 knitted squares with moms and grannies and sent it off to a nearby church to be stitched together for those in need of blankets in the cold months.

Grade 6 did a beach clean up.

Grade 7 had a bake sale and the funds raised went to the Baby Box Project.









Why is it important to support those in need?

"It fills the world with love, and it is important to help others because one day you might need help. It makes us and others feel better."

Community Engagement member





Why do we bring sandwiches For Kewtown Primary on a Tuesday?

"So that the other children can have something to eat and maybe something different on their sandwiches."

Isla Titus

GENERAL Knowledge



"I have really enjoyed getting to know my GK team and competing with other schools. I also really enjoyed learning new things and information."

Georgie Böttger Grade 7



"I enjoyed trying to figure out the answers for questions and if we couldn't figure it out, we would try as much as we could. The whole team gave their full effort and I really liked that, as well as the funny jokes we told each other."

Satara Govender Grade 6

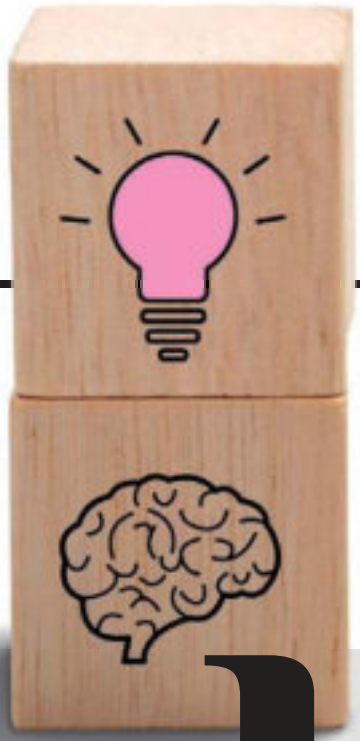


"I really enjoyed the inter-school GK quizzes this year, I found them fun and challenging. I loved engaging with my teammates and was fond of making friends in Grade 7. This new experience was awesome and I really appreciate that I got the opportunity to be a part of the Herschel General Knowledge team!"

Daria Naidoo Grade 6



General Knowledge Quiz team



So how does it work?

Grades 4 to 7

complete a General Knowledge Quiz each week and General Knowledge Champs in each class are announced at the end of each term in assembly.

Questions in these weekly quizzes cover a variety of topics including Current Affairs, History, Geography, Biology, Sport, Literature etc.

This year we have also included quizzes to cover topical themes like Africa Day, Influential Women and the Rugby World Cup.

Grades 6 and 7

volunteer to be a part of the General Knowledge team. They write a short General Knowledge test and are selected based on their results for this test. This team participates in the Interschool General Knowledge Quiz.

Our team this year was made up of the following girls
Georgie Böttger,
Chloe Prain
Satara Govender,
Daria Naidoo,
Charlotte Plummer
Amèlie Hardres-Williams

Our team acquitted themselves very well in the challenging first two rounds of the quiz, but unfortunately did not finish in the top eight schools and, therefore, missed out on participating in the final.

ECO Club

With our theme this year of *"Made for Goodness"* we got to explore the goodness each one of us possesses. That goodness impacts on the people around us, our communities and also our environment.

The fate of the planet is in our hands. It is crucial for us to learn how to use resources wisely and do our bit in the battle against climate change from an early age. Eco Club participates in environmentally relevant experiences to help our pupils to understand how to take care of the Earth. It is also a great way to instil character traits like kindness and love for our planet.

"I really enjoyed all of the eco outings this year, from seeing the Leopard Toads to the beautiful 13 Peak hikes.

NATURE JUST BLOWS YOUR BREATH AWAY!

It was awesome to be outdoors having fun, laughing, and creating memories with my friends and family."

Rachel Batchelor



2023 Eco Club HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 Peak Challenge: Started in July 2022 and completed November 2023 where 10 pupils managed to complete all 13. Some hikes were easier than others, nonetheless a massive achievement by the Herschel families as the largest group to complete the challenge were Grade 3's – 8/9 year olds.
- Snorkelling in St James: organised by Cape Town Freediving exposed pupils to a fun educational adventure.
- Beach Clean-ups held once a term at Muizenberg Beach.
- Spring Day celebrated at Arderne Gardens with Ms Liz Webster as the guide.
- World Wetland Day saw the Eco Pupils doing an assessment of the Liesbeek River with Ms Kate Snaddon, a well-known naturalist and freshwater specialist.
- Mr John Duncan spoke to the pupils about how each person can make a difference by modifying their behaviour.
- Mike Buckham addressed the Herschel family about his passion for birding and had everyone spellbound with his stories.
- Birding outings with the Cape Bird Club at both Rondevlei and Intaka Island.
- International Day for Biodiversity was celebrated by a Kirstenbosch Meander.
- A family birding outing was held under the leadership of Mr Rob Elliott at Kirstenbosch in October.
- International Day for biodiversity was celebrated by a Kirstenbosch meander.
- Can collections are held each term and the proceeds generated by the recycling goes to Outreach.



Leopard Toads are AMAZING.
Rafa Milne

"Leopard Toads are AMAZING. I wish their mating season was every season. When I went with Mrs Roebert and a few friends on a Leopard Toad outing, I was blown away by how brilliant the species is. We set off to find some toads at Clovelly Golf Course. We saw one or two swimming, it was getting dark and we couldn't hear them call. We decided to call it a day and head back to the cars. But as we were walking back, one of the Leopard Toads decided he wanted some spotlight! And so it turned into a "I want to hold him!" fiesta. Eventually I got to hold him. He jumped out of my hands. We measured him, and then left him alone. We started walking back again, but to our surprise, another one decided he was jealous of the other and wanted a share of the limelight too!" Rafa Milne

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO THE HERSCHEL FAMILY

This year we adopted both an African Penguin from SANCCOB and a Loggerhead Turtle from the Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation.

The school paid for the Waddles.

HERSCHEL PUPILS RAISED THE R3200 OF THE R6000 FOR HERSCHEY.



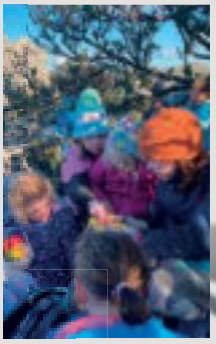
ECO CLUB AIMS:

- To make everyone more aware and conscious of environmental problems.
- To boost everyone's interest in caring for and improving the environment.
- To enhance everybody's ability to learn about their surroundings.
- To broaden the ecological knowledge in subjects such as energy, landscapes, air, water, natural resources and wildlife.



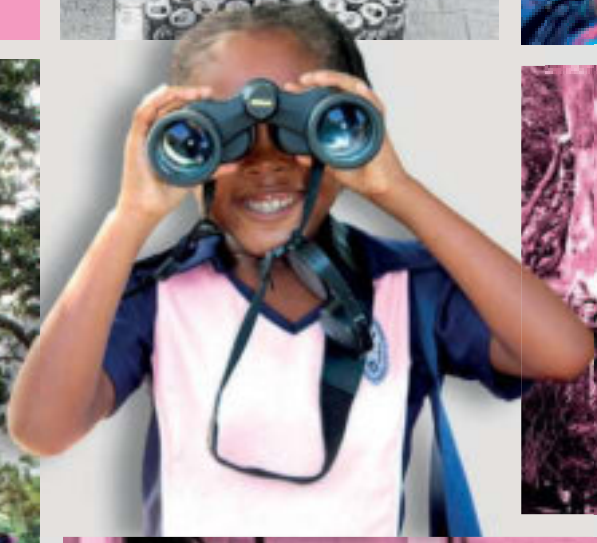




















"I am an Eco Warrior!"

"My favourite thing was helping animals within the wild sea. I also loved helping the toads cross the road."

Abbey Naidoo



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Kate Thompson
winner of the May/June Birding Buzz Competition

PANORAMA Day

The Grade 6 and 7 learners enjoyed Panorama Day in the last week of Term 3. This is a very special day for the pupils as normal school lessons are suspended and they are able to choose and participate in a wide range of enriching activities. The electives vary from year to year but are always popular and stimulating. Some of the activities this year were flower pot desserts, biscuit making, felting, decoupage, calligraphy, bees wax candles, mosaic and gaming.





Panorama Day was a fun creative learning experience. We learnt different life skills in an enjoyable way.
Chloe Heinemann



"I enjoyed Panorama Day because it gave us a day off from normal school and allowed us to learn in a different way. We were allowed the freedom to choose our activities. I loved spending the day with my friends and being able to come in civvies."
Rana Rinquest



I loved the flowerpot desserts which tasted deliciios. I had such an amazing time with all of my friends.
Olivia Maskew



"Panorama Day was so much fun! I enjoyed getting messy and learning new things that you don't usually learn at school, whilst still having fun with my friends. It really brought out my creative side!" Rachel Batchelor



Heritage DAY

We celebrated this important South African holiday with a picnic – sharing our picnic blankets, stories and food. We ended our morning learning and playing traditional and cultural games on the field to many shrieks of delight and much excitement!













In the heart of a land where dreams intertwine,

Where cultures unite in a tapestry fine,

On Heritage Day, let us all proclaim,

The beauty of diversity, our nation's true aim.

Ubuntu, the spirit that binds us as one,

In kindness and love, our journey's begun,

For I am because you are, and you are in me,

Together we flourish, like leaves on a tree.

From isiZulu to isiXhosa, Afrikaans to Sesotho,

The languages spoken, a rich, vibrant flow,

Each tongue a story, a piece of the past,

In our shared history, we're eternally cast.

So let us rejoice in the richness we share,

The cultures, the customs, the love in the air,

In this rainbow nation, we'll always remain,

Connected by heritage, love, and the same.

As we honour our past and the future we chart,

On this Heritage Day, let us open our heart!


I loved Carnival so much. All the rides were even better than last year.
Anna Blake
Gr 6
Carn
We pretended to be teenagers and have our drivers licenses when we were on the teacups and the bumper cars.
Giorgiana McGregor
Gr 1
This year's Carnival was the best with the cutest stalls and the best games. I loved it!
Ella Floquet
Gr 7
I loved the disco so much because we had to wait many years to get the chance to go! Carnival is the best fun!
Emma Buckham
Gr 6

2023

I like the rocket because you could go with your friends and you would just suddenly drop from the sky and as you dropped, you'd laugh uncontrollably.
Sarah Gordon
Gr 5

The best thing about Carnival was that Midge and I got matching tattoos.
Eloise Slingsby
Gr 2

I loved the swings. You could feel the wind in your hair and it was a moment away from your parents telling you you've had too many sweets.
Abbey Naidoo
Gr 3

"My favourite memory was being with all my friends and being able to run around seeing everyone and just having fun. Herschel Carnival is the best because of all the fun rides and games. I love how we saw all the teachers at every ride."

Lilah Gonsenhauser Grade 5

I ate way too many sweets and ran out of money.
Gia Yazdanpanahi
Gr 3

The sweet apples were my favourite thing at Carnival because I liked licking them.
Emma Duck
Pre-Nursey

GRANDPARENTS' Day

Grandparents' Day was celebrated as part of our Heritage Month Theme. Our grandparents and special VIPS are an important link to our culture, religion, history and traditions. Their stores weave a rich tapestry of knowledge and wisdom passed down from generations that have gone before. We began the day with songs, poems and dances performed by our Foundation Phase pupils to display our love and appreciation for their role in our lives. This was followed by a special reading picnic. What a glorious celebration!





















"I love my granny because if she did not make my mom, I would not be alive."
Amber Fels

What Herschel Prep pupils have to say about their grandparents ...

"My granny used to be a teacher when she was young, so I do my homework in the car with her on the way home from school. I like to knit with my grandma and we like to do Diamond Dots together." **Layaan Rahim**

"Me and my granny like to go to restaurants together and drink coffee and have hot chocolate." **Antoinette Stuart**

"My gran's hobbies are having sleepovers with me, going on short morning walks, reading, phoning me on Sundays and spending time with me." **Sloane van Loggerenberg**

"When we call my Uja on Zoom all we ever see is his ear as he does not know it's a video call."
Reyna Daya-Feasey

"My nana taught me how to do my first stitch."
Imogen Proudfoot

"My umakhulu has hair just like me!"
Elimyoli Cossie

"My grandma is so good at sewing, she makes door stoppers, gnomes and dresses for me."
Juliette White

"I never feel lonely when my grandma is around because she gives me so much attention."
Ashna Baba

"It is almost my gran's 50th wedding anniversary and I am so happy for her. I love my granny as she does so much for me. I could not list all the things she does for me as we don't have enough time." **Brooke Ross**

"I call one, Granny and one, Lanny. The special things they do for me is that Lanny does things like Scratch Patch, plays Monopoly and we watch movies together. Both grannies bring us toys." **Amber Fels**

"I love my granny because she spoils me and I call her Ma. I love her cooking. She is very kind. She is beautiful and loving. I like to cook with her. She lives with me and she can sew."
Zia Hendricks

"Last year for my 8th birthday my ma made me a cake. The first cake fell apart, but she didn't give up, she made me another cake. She even put dolls on it. The cake looked lovely even though it was inedible."
Nabhia Ebrahim

WOMEN *in* COLOUR

"The thing that stood out for me the most at this event was all in its name: COLOUR. I am so used to seeing students in the same uniform day after day, the same blues, pinks and blacks but the minute I walked into the hall on the day of this Women in Colour event, I was shocked in the best way.

All the different, vibrant colours were so overwhelming and beautiful, I had to rub my eyes and blink once or twice to get used to it. The way all the Grade 6s and 7s came together and made this amazing rainbow of colours made me so proud to be a part of this event."

Chloe Prain

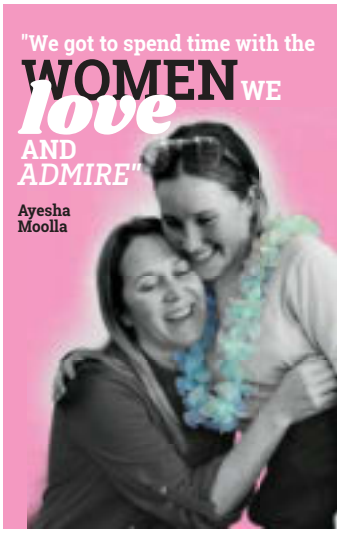






Women in Colour was an amazing day to celebrate with my mother. From setting up in the morning, to cleaning up was fun. I cannot wait to do this next year.
Imogen Brogan

"We got to spend time with the WOMEN WE *love* AND *ADMIRE*"
Ayesha Moolla





Women in Colour was a wonderful experience because it made me acknowledge that women aren't forced to be different. They just are and that should be celebrated.
Summer Duchenne

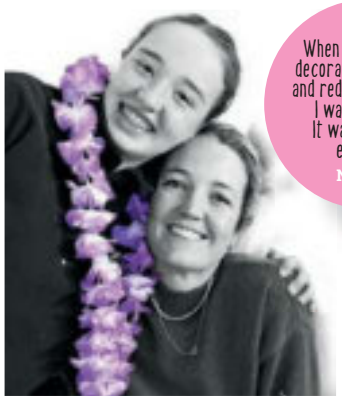


We made our moms tea or coffee and my mom loved that. It was a phenomenal experience and I hope to do it again.
Mehreen Noorani



"We got to show support to and celebrate the women we look up to."





When I saw our table, decorated with flowers and red velvet cupcakes I was blown away. It was a wonderful experience.
Nura Fakir

"I enjoyed how everybody contributed towards the final product and I got to know people I had never spoken to before. I got to treat my mom and do something special for her; she always does special things for me, so it was nice being able to return the favour. Everyone was happier being surrounded by bright colours and I made good memories with all my friends. It was one of my favourite days with my friends and my mom". **Ava Tresfon**





Family GROUPS

Family Groups consist of a few pupils from each Grade, from Grades 1 – 7, who also happen to be in the same house. Each family comprises of 20 girls and two staff members. These groups get to meet up twice a term to enjoy a variety of activities together. The pupils in each group are encouraged to get to know each family member and look out for them in and around the school. The Grade 7 members are the group leaders often organising tasks for the group to take part in.

What we got up to this year together as a family:

- We played *"Get to Know You"* games
- Founder's Day and the ingredients that make Herschel special
- Kahoot Quiz on positive affirmations
- Making *"Be an Upstander"* bunting
- Mindfulness minutes
- Communication games such as *"Pictionary"* and *"Broken Telephone"*
- Made for Goodness and what good character comprises of
- Colouring-in Therapy
- A fun Family Group picnic

What we learnt:

- ☑ How to work together
- ☑ How to look after one another
- ☑ How to support each other
- ☑ How to have fun no matter your age or grade
- ☑ Taking time out just to be!

We love our Family Groups

"Family Groups are cool and fun and very funny." **Fatima** Grade 1

"My favourite thing in Family Groups is when we get to colour in." **Elimyoli** Grade 2

"The thing I loved about Family Groups this year was drawing. I love drawing. It is the best. I also love writing." **Liyanda** Grade 3

"We love our Family Group time because it brings us closer together. We are able to mix and connect across grades." **Lyndsey and Rana** Grade 7

"I've enjoyed the mindfulness activities the most. I really enjoyed my Family Group this year." **Layla** Grade 5

"I love how when we first ot to meet our Family group members, it was a bit tense and awkward but now we are all friends and it has been great getting to know girls in other grades." **Emma** Grade 6

"I enjoyed making new friends and learning a 'plethora' of new stuff." **Mila** Grade 6

"I've loved all the different activities and singing Disney songs." **Rafaella** Grade 4

"I've loved getting to know the younger girls and I've felt very responsible. It's been great to help lead my group this year." **Lily** Grade 7









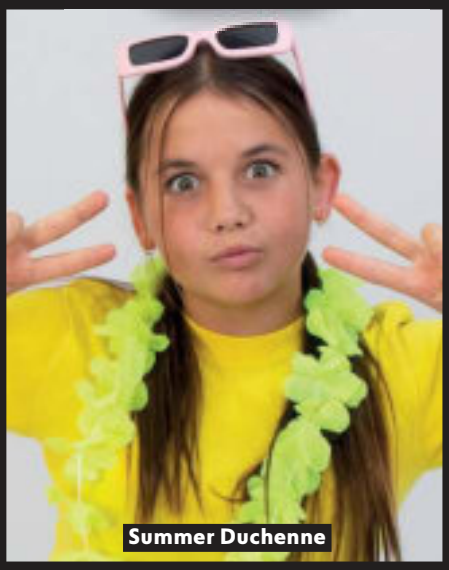


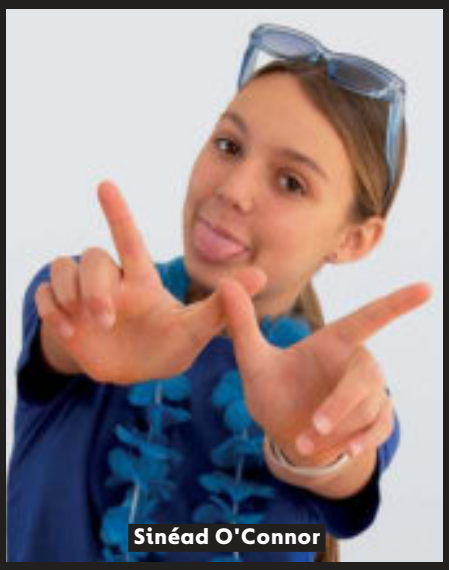
HOUSES

2023 *House Captains*















Carter





















We have had the privilege of being Carter Heads and of course, we are the best House! We have enjoyed getting to know the pupils in our House better and mixing with other Grades. We loved dressing up as Elsa and creating and performing the House Head dance. We will miss being Carter Heads but hope that the new leaders keep up the "gees!" Stay blue!

By Sinéad O'Connor and Liah van Zyl

Interhouse Results

2nd Place: Interhouse Gala
2nd Place: Interhouse Athletics
1st Place: Interhouse Afrikaans Survivor
1st Place: Interhouse Spelling
2nd Place: Interhouse Mathematics
1stPlace: Interhouse Netball
3rd Place: Interhouse Hockey
2nd Place: Interhouse Cross Country
1st Place: Interhouse Tennis
1st Place: Interhouse Water polo



Jagger





We have appreciated the entire House for their dedication and passion this year. We are so proud of you for winning the Interhouse Gala but most importantly, for not giving up in other House events. You all really outdid yourselves and it was a true pleasure to be your Captains. We shall miss you all so much next year. Remember to keep that Jagger spirit up!

By Ashlee Hundermark and Olivia Maskew

Interhouse Results

1st Place: Interhouse Gala
2nd Place: Interhouse Athletics
2nd Place: Interhouse Afrikaans Survivor
2nd Place: Interhouse Spelling
4th Place: Interhouse Mathematics
3rd Place: Interhouse Netball
4th Place: Interhouse Hockey
3rd Place: Interhouse Cross country
2nd Place: Interhouse Tennis
3rd Place: Interhouse Water polo

Merriman









As House Heads, we have had an incredible year. Our favourite moments were: our House Head dance in our *"Little Mermaid"* costumes. Winning both the Gala and Sports Day spirit trophies. We have enjoyed working with the other Heads. We are so proud of how hard our Merriman girls worked this year and never gave up. Keep up the great spirit and work!

By Amelia Weir and Scout Ferguson

Interhouse Results

Spirit Cup: Interhouse Gala
Spirit Cup: Interhouse Athletics
3rd Place: Interhouse Afrikaans Survivor
2nd Place: Interhouse Spelling
3rd Place: Interhouse Mathematics
4th Place: Interhouse Netball
1st Place: Interhouse Hockey
4th Place: Interhouse Cross Country
4th Place: Interhouse Tennis
4th Place: Interhouse Water polo

Rolt

















We are so proud of our team for doing so well and always trying their best. We will always remember giving our House new songs at the last minute but that didn't stop us as a team from winning the Spirit Cup at the Gala. A highlight for us was when Rolt won Sports Day. What an awesome moment that was! We love you, Rolties!

By Summer Duchenne and Hania Hendricks

Interhouse Results

3rd Place:	Interhouse Gala
1st Place:	Interhouse Athletics
4th Place:	Interhouse Afrikaans Survivor
4th Place:	Interhouse Spelling
1st Place:	Interhouse Mathematics
2nd Place:	Interhouse Netball
2nd Place:	Interhouse Hockey
1st Place:	Interhouse Cross Country
3rd Place:	Interhouse Tennis
2nd Place:	Interhouse Water polo

SPORT

2023 *Sport Captains*


Annabelle Leith


Lily Jacobs


Aryana Cloete-Hopkins


Emilia Slatter


Lyndsey Philipps

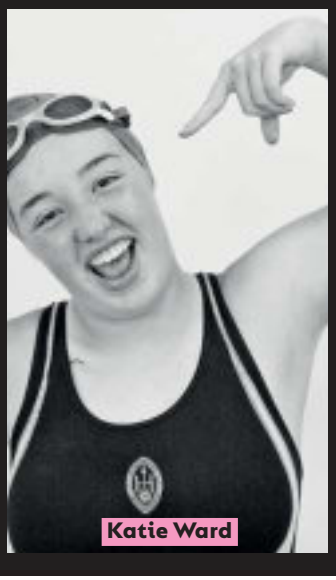

Ella Floquet


Ruby Lumb



Rana RInquest


Emily Raubenheimer


Katie Ward


Stella Keers

Cross Country

Cross Country has been so much fun challenging yourself to move up one place every race.
Stella Keers
U13



We all supported each other when running. We were happy for each other and were proud to win the trophy.
Annabel Grey
U12





Wow, the nerves! The build-up to the end of the year race was very good. Loved it!
Katinka Lowther
U12



Ella Floquet
U13 Captain

"It was an amazing experience to be Cross Country Captain and to see everyone grow in their running throughout the year."

The Herschel Prep Cross Country team had an outstanding season, with over 30 runners from U8 to U13 participating weekly. Their dedication and talent resulted in eight runners representing the South Zone at the WP Cape Metro Cross Country Championships.

Herschel Prep celebrates the team's achievements, emphasising not only athletic success but also the values of perseverance and sportsmanship that the athletes exhibited throughout the season. Congratulations to the entire Cross Country team for their remarkable accomplishments.











Race and Tournament Results

PGSGU INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RACE
Overall: 1st Place
Age Groups
1st Place: U10, U12
2nd Place: U13
Individuals
1st Place: Michela Pharo
2nd Place: Annabel Grey and Layla Slatter
3rd Place: Justine Louw de Wet

INTERHOUSE GR 4 – 7 CROSS COUNTRY RACE
1st Place: Rolt

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

SOUTH ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

U10
Emma Logan and Christina Ratcliff

U11
Mila-Belle Slatter

U12
Jaime Smit and Zara O'Connor

U13
Lily Jacobs , Ella Floquet and Stella Keers

"Pain is temporary. Pride lasts forever. A quote from my Hockey coach."

Sophia-Rose Sickle Open E team



Lily Jacobs
Open A Captain

Hockey

Tournaments Results

OPEN A

LEAGUE: 1st Place

DSG U13 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT: 3rd Place

PGSGU INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT: 1st Place

OPEN B

PGSGU INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT: 1st Place

KENRIDGE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT: 2nd Place

Festivals and Tournaments

- Grade 2 Internal Hockey Festival
- U9A Kirstenhof Festival
- U9 B, C, D Kenridge Festival
- U9A, B, C Herschel Festival
- U10A Rustenburg and Herschel Festival
- U10B, C, D, E Kenridge Festival
- U11A Herschel Twilight Tournament
- U11B, C Kenridge Festival
- U12A Bishops Day/Night Tournament
- Open C Springfield Hockey Tournament
- Open D and E Cannons Creek Festival



Layla Slatter
Open A

Ella Floquet
Open A

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

U13A
Layla Slatter

U13B
Emelia Slatter and Lily Jacobs

ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES

U12A
Emma Warner and Claudia Böttger

U12A
Annabel Grey, Zara Govender and Gem Ferguson



Emily Raubenheimer
Open A Captain

I was so blessed to be one of the captains of such a great Hockey team. I am/will be forever grateful for the opportunities that we got playing Hockey.
EmilyRaubenheimer
Captain Open A



Emelia Slatter
Open A

Imaan Manuel
Open A

It was another exciting and rewarding Hockey season with 160 players from 19 different teams participating each week.

We are most proud of the fact that every team had the opportunity of taking part in either a festival or tournament, which is a wonderful experience and allows the players to further develop their skills whilst having fun. The Hockey teams played a total of 159 matches, winning 102, drawing 27 and only losing 30.

I learnt that it is not always about winning, but team building, and you must always play your hardest.
Imogen Brogan
Open D

I enjoyed it when the team made funny jokes and had fun trying to score goals against me as every goal made me stronger.
Satara Govender
Open C

My Grade 7 Hockey journey was an unforgettable experience. I made so many amazing memories and learnt so many things.
Layla Slatter
Open A

I love how fun and creative my coach was. She gave me tips and I always looked forward to Hockey.
Jamie-Lee Horn
Open B



Open A team







"Netball was very fun and exciting. Before this year I was an awful Netball player, but now I am a champion."

Olivia van Sittert U12C



Netball

With over 170 Netball players and more than 20 teams across the age groups we had a busy Netball season

Players practiced hard and participated in several Festivals and Tournaments.

One of the many highlights was the inaugural festival under lights on the new netball courts on the astro.



Festivals and Tournaments

- U9A Kirstenhof Festival
- U9A – D Reddam Netball Festival
- U10A, U11A, U12A, U13A Herschel Day/Night Netball Fest
- U8A – U13A Fish Hoek Netball Festival
- U11A and B Reddam Netball Festival
- DSG Netball Tournament
- PGSGU Interschool Netball Tournament
- Grade 2 Internal Netball Festival
- U9 – Open Fun Netball Festivals

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

DSG WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT
Gold

U12A PGSGU INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TOURNAMENT
2nd Place



Iona Slingsby
U12A



Annabelle Leith
U13A Captain

I really enjoyed playing Netball and being Captain. I made so many memories with my team, especially on tour.
Annabelle Leith



Amy Kalis
U12A/B

Eva Hacking
U13A

Netball makes me feel alive. I absolutely love the sport and playing with my friends is so much fun.
Lucy Cotterell
U12B

Netball taught me so many new things. Even though I was in the C team I didn't care, I loved my team and was happy to be playing.
Catalina Quin
U12C

Netball really taught me to be a team player. Thanks to my amazing coaches. I progressed a lot this year.
Daria Naidoo
U12B

Netball taught me to be a better team player. It challenged me to find creative ways to get the ball.
Kareena Daya-Feasey
U12A/B

Thanks to Coach Ase and Mrs Lewis for teaching me determination and new skills and teamwork.
Calia Ratheb
U12B













Herschel's Swimmers shine in a year of triumphs!

Our Swimming program offers three avenues:

- Team swimming with A and B teams, boasting 88 swimmers from U8 – Open. The teams showcased their skills in Friday afternoon galas.
- Our Training Squad Swimming, open to all girls, and the Beginner/Learn to Swim program ensure inclusivity and skill development and has over 70 participants.

Herschel's swimmers are making waves, promising a bright future for our aquatic enthusiasts!



Swimming

Gala Results

HERSCHEL TWILIGHT GALA:
1st Place

REDDAM NITE GALA
Overall: 1st Place

PGSGU INTERSCHOOL GALA
1st Place
Age Groups
1st Place: U10, U11, U12
2nd Place: Open

INTERHOUSE GALA GR 4 – 7
1st Place: Jagger
Spirit Trophy: Merriman and Rolt

U10
1st Place: Kristin Hundermark
2nd Place: Zayb Moose
3rd Place: Rebecca Quin

U11
1st Place: Mila-Belle Slatter
2nd Place: Hannah Harvey
3rd Place: Rebecca Hime

U12
1st Place: Annabel Grey
2nd Place: Jaime Smit
3rd Place: Iman Levy

Open
1st Place: Aryana Cloete-Hopkins
2nd Place: Lily Jacobs
3rd Place: Ashlee Hundermark





Letatsi Termark



Jessica Collins

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

MOST IMPROVED SENIOR SWIMMER
Jessica Collins

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR SWIMMER
Letatsi Termark

WP HALF COLOURS
Aryana Cloete-Hopkins

LEVEL 3
Mila-Belle Slatter



Captains: Aryana Cloete-Hopkins and Katie Ward

"Swimming for Herschel has been such a great experience and I have learnt how to be a better person. I have loved my team and I am sad it has to end. They have been a big part of my life and I will miss them. I am also so grateful to our coaches because I wouldn't have got this far without them."

Aryana Cloete-Hopkins
Captain Open A team

I enjoyed the galas this year. Being Captain allowed me to practice my leadership skills and get to bond with all the age groups.
Katie Ward
Captain
Open B team

I will always love the team spirit and the feeling of doing well in your race.
Megan van der Spuy

I love how our coach, Perry, always makes practices fun with all the handstand competitions.
Jessica Collins
Open A team

Bonding with my friends in the team during galas was exciting and enjoyable.
Georgia Böttger
Open B team







U10 Champions



U11 Champions



U12 Champions



Open Champions

"I love Polo.

Ever since Grade 3, it has been everything to me. Every practice and tournament has given me such happiness and the team is like my second family."

Eva Hacking U13A



Ruby Lumb
Captain U13A

Water polo

Herschel Prep School's Water polo season has been a resounding success, marked by enthusiasm and achievement. The Splash Water polo program engaged over 30 Grade 3 players in active participation. With more than 80 players from U10 to U13 across seven teams, the school competed on Wednesdays, emphasizing skill improvement.

All teams had a successful season, focusing on skill development. In summary, Herschel Prep School celebrates a Water polo season marked by achievements, teamwork, and individual growth.



Lily Jacobs
U13A



Ashlee Hundermark
U13A



Cara- Grace Henriques
U13A GK





Festivals and Tournaments

U13 LEAGUE
1st Place

WP U13 SERFONTEIN CUP
2nd Place

U13 REDDAM ACTION POLO TOURNAMENT
2nd Place

SAINTS JUNIOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
3rd Place

WYNBERG U11 & U12 WATER POLO FESTIVAL

INTERHOUSE WATER POLO
1st Place: Carter

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

HERSCHEL'S WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

U13A
Rana Rinquest
Eva Hacking
Ruby Lumb
Aryana Cloete-Hopkins

U13B
Ashlee Hundermark
Lily Jacobs

WP Non-Travelling Reserve:
Summer Duchenne



U13 team

Rana Rinquest
Captain U13A

Aryana Cloete-Hopkins
U13A

"Words can't express how much I love the sport. From the competitiveness to the coaches, but most of all my teammates. I have made such amazing friends and memories because of Polo and I hope to make more."

Rana Rinquest
Captain U13A team

I love Polo and it is super fun to play matches.
Jessica Durrant
U12

I can't believe I didn't do Water polo sooner! I love Water polo, it has become one of my favourite summer sports.
Lilah Devlin
U12

I really enjoy Polo. I love all the tournaments we do and really love training in our teams and love playing matches.
Faye Clark
U12

Thanks to our wonderful coaches, we were able to grow as a team, learn more about Water polo.
Amelie Hardres-Williams
U12



Eva Hacking
U13A

Summer Duchenne
U13A









Tennis

Herschel has had a very successful Tennis season this year with five Open teams and four U11 teams entering the Tennis League.

The Open A team was one of the top two schools in our zone and was invited to participate in the Cape Town Top Schools Tennis Tournament.

Grateful thanks to the chaperones who accompanied the players to their various fixtures.

Match and Tournament Results

SOUTH ZONE:
Open A team:
One of the the top two schools

PGSGU INTERSCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT
1st Place; A and B couple

HERSCHEL SUMMER SPORT FESTIVAL
1st Place

TOP SCHOOLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
5th Place

HERSCHEL TENNIS CHAMPS
Open Champion: Lyndsey Philipps
U11 Champion: Caroline Rogers

INTERHOUSE TENNIS
1st Place: Carter



Emelia Slatter
Captain Open B team



Emily Groenewald
U11A team



Taylor Ross
U11A team

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

WESTERN PROVINCE A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE
Lyndsey Philipps

U11 CENTRAL ZONE REPRESENTATIVE
Emily Groenewald



Caroline Rogers
U11 Champion



Emily Batchelor
U11A team



Rafaella Milne
U11C team

"I'm not very good at Tennis, but it so much fun. I came across many obstacles but I got through them and improved a lot by never giving up. I made many new friends from different grades."

Catalina Quin Open E team

Sports Festivals Hosted by Herschel



SUMMER SPORT FESTIVAL TWILIGHT GALA

Herschel hosted ten schools in the Prep Summer Sports Gala.

Age Group Results:

U9: **2nd Place**
U10: **1st Place**
U11: **1st Place**
U12: **2nd Place**
Open: **1st Place**

Overall results:

1st Place:
Herschel (406 points)
2nd Place:
St Cyprian's (307 points)
3rd Place:
Springfield (292 points)



SUMMER SPORT FESTIVAL TENNIS

Tennis Results:

2nd Place: Herschel's B couple represented by Stella Keers and Emelia Slatter, who placed 2nd after Springfield.

1st Place: Lyndsey Philipps and Faye Clark, Herschel's A couple, won their section.





SUMMER SPORT FESTIVAL WATER POLO

We hosted over 30 Water polo teams from U10 to U13 from ten different schools.





U9 & U10 HOCKEY FESTIVAL & U11 TWILIGHT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Our grounds buzzed with activity as we had the pleasure of hosting 20 U9 and U10 Hockey teams and ten U11 teams from nine different schools.

DAY/NIGHT NETBALL FEST

Our new astro courts saw action for the first time, setting the stage for a fantastic atmosphere with four thrilling games happening simultaneously with 24 teams and over 200 talented players gracing the courts.





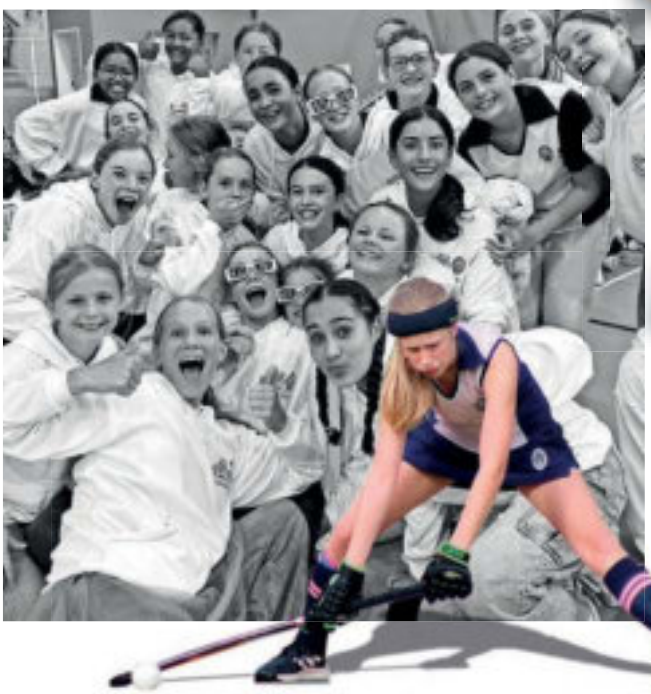
"There is something quite special about your annual gala. While I appreciate the logistics involved in anything of this nature, there is something extra here... Interschool sportsmanship at its very best! Warm, competitive, gentle, safe! Thank you for including us as swimmers and parents. It was fantastic." **Parent**



All Girls Festival

Herschel Girls School played host to the prestigious All Girls Festival 2023, a remarkable event that brought together 15 schools and over 500 girls and staff from across South Africa. The festival featured fierce competition in six sporting codes: Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Squash, Water polo, and Chess, providing a platform for young, energetic, and passionate girls to showcase their talents, compete, and revel in the spirit of sportsmanship.

The All Girls Festival 2023, hosted by Herschel Girls' School, will undoubtedly be remembered as a vibrant celebration of female athleticism and sportsmanship.

























SENIOR SCHOOL

At Herschel we are wanting to make **KINDNESS VISIBLE**.

We **placed a jar in our reception** so that anyone who experiences an **ACT OF KINDNESS** can be intentional in recognising this through **placing a pebble in the jar**.

Seeing kindness, also reminds us that it does not cost us to be kind; it **REWARDS US** through the repsonses of those to whom we are kind.



"No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted."

AESOP

"Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love."

LAO TAO

Made for
GOODNESS

FROM THE HEAD'S desk

By Mrs Heather Goedeke



It is indeed a privilege working alongside dynamic young adults and gaining some insight into how they view the world. In the complex and conflicted world in which we live, the jaded cynicism of adults (a generalisation I know!) is refreshingly diluted and we are able to move into spaces of **possibility, promise and hope**.

THE GIRLS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF HERSCHEL AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR COLLECTIVE PURPOSE IS TO EXPAND THEIR VIEWS OF WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF AND TO LEAD THEM TOWARDS DISCOVERING THEIR PASSION AND THEIR PURPOSE.

"Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are."

BERTOLT BRECHT

AI IS NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO TAKE OUR JOBS, BUT PEOPLE WHO USE AI MIGHT!

THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SUPPORTS CONCEPTUAL GROWTH AND LEARNING, BUT THE HUMAN CURRICULUM – UNDERSTANDING DEEPLY WHAT OUR HUMANITY MEANS, IS EVEN MORE SO.

Scan this QR code to read Mrs Goedeke's full report



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Third Row: Alison Bodenstein, Nicola Jordan, Annemie Klopper, Jane Horsfield, Karen Van Der Merwe, Jayne Euvrard, Lindsay Wills, Hanneke Basson, Nicole Hughes, Tillie Venter, Pamela Collie, Elsabe Cairncross, Candice du Toit, Heather Oosthuizen, Pamela Bowren.

Second Row: Thandekile Kamushinda, Zikhona Bovana, Debbie Main, Heste Oelofse, Brigitte Cass, Wendy Paterson, Rochelle Klassen, Bongani Sopam, Louise van Wyk, Sharmila Gordon, Paula Sellmeyer, Carmelita Prins, Alexandra Himunchul, Carmen Wilsh.

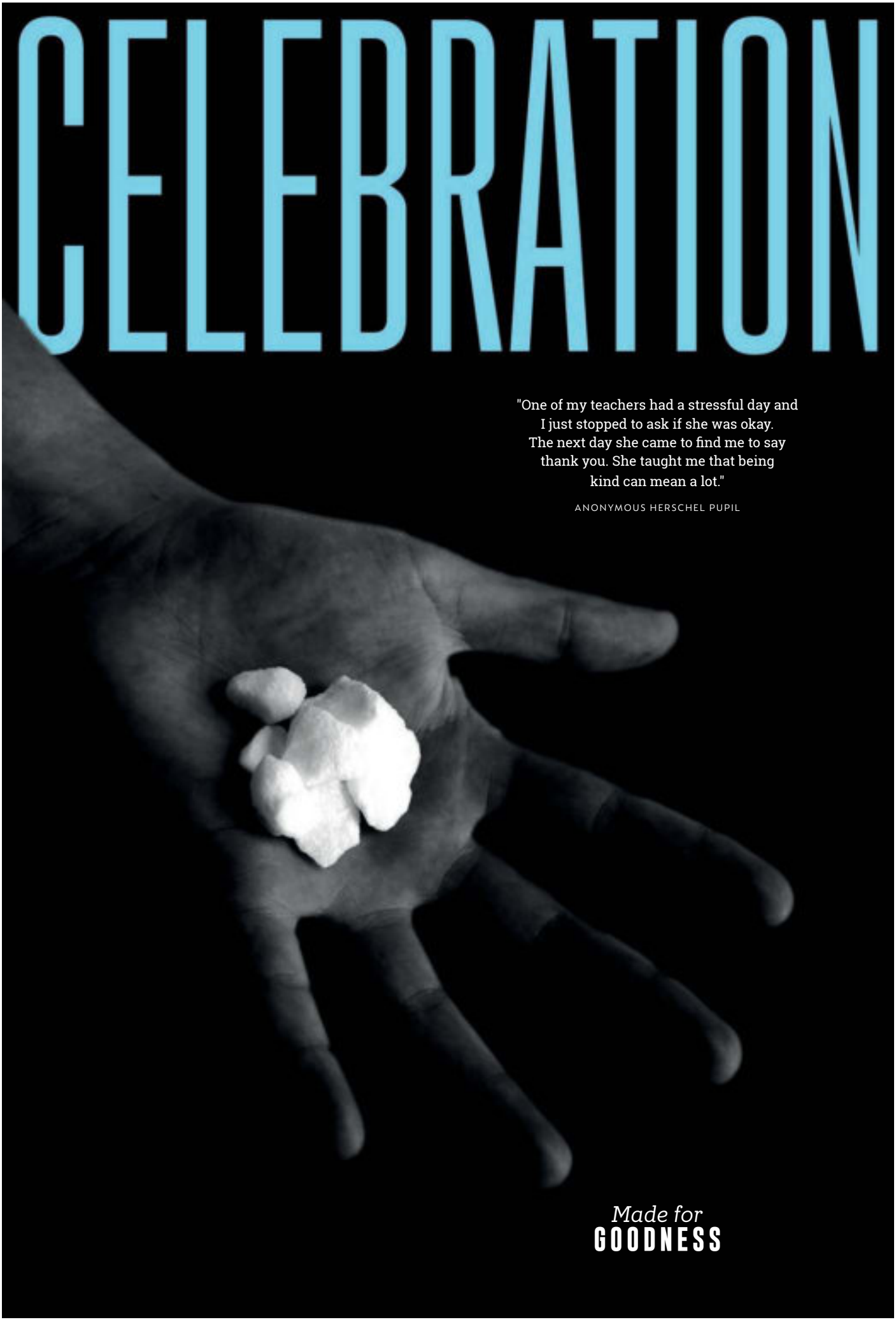
Front Row: Naseema Parker, Hanneke de Bruijn, Yaasien Kerbelker, Nuraan Barendse, Carol Alpert, Andrew Scott, Kerri-Lyn East, Heather Goedeke, Tracy Rousseau, Sarah McArthur, Petra Conrads, Maryke Eloff, Revd Lorna Lavarello-Smith, Ncita Koopman, Sandy Rule.

Absent: Jenny Wesson, Edwin Charikinya, Jan Gouws, Monica Robertson.

CELEBRATION

"One of my teachers had a stressful day and I just stopped to ask if she was okay. The next day she came to find me to say thank you. She taught me that being kind can mean a lot."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL



Founder's Day



Inspiring words from Léa Weimann

2023 RECIPIENT OF THE CAROLINE HERSCHEL AWARD

INSPIRING AWARD-WINNING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

"I feel very grateful that many of the teachers that taught and inspired me in various ways during my time at high school were still there and I was able to also share this moment with them and with both my parents and my brother.

I loved being back at school, walking along the corridors that were my home for so many years, the place where my activism blossomed' seeing many of my teachers again, exploring what has changed and improved and also talking with the Herschel community about the future and the road towards a sustainable school and society ..."

"THIS AWARD IS NOT JUST A RECOGNITION OF MY WORK BUT RATHER IT IS A RECOGNITION OF THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ACTION, AND A DEEP SENSE OF LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR PLANET. MY JOURNEY WORKING FOR A FUTURE ON A HABITABLE PLANET CONTINUES, REALLY IT IS JUST THE BEGINNING, AND I BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS WE ACT, AND WE USE OUR VOICES, AND OUR PASSIONS, OUR TALENTS, OUR BRAINS, AND OUR HEARTS – THERE IS HOPE FOR OUR WORLD AND OUR FUTURE."



FOUNDERS DAY IS STEEPED IN TRADITIONS AT THE SENIOR SCHOOL:

1 SCHOOL SONG AND THE CAKE

Singing the school song around the fountain and cutting the Herschel birthday cake. This year we altered this tradition to a new one where we gathered as a whole school (from Pre-Prep to Matric) to sing the school song and cut the birthday cake.



Any pupils who have a birthday on the same day as Founder's Day, cut the cake.



"WE ARE ASSEMBLED HERE IN LOVE, WE ARE UNITED, WE CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER."





2 A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A special assembly where we **acknowledge change, growth or significant moments** for our school and its pupils. We honour a Herschelian who has lived the tagline **"Learning to make a Difference"** through the **Caroline Herschel Award**. The recipient this year, the youngest thus far at only 24, is **Léa Weimann**, an **inspiring environmental activist**.





3 FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

Founders Day service at **St Saviours Church** attended by pupils and staff of the Senior school as well as old Herschelians.

4 HAU LUNCH

HAU host a lunch for various reunion years. This year we had representation from **2013, 2003, 1993, 1973, and 1963**. Here members get to share memories from their year group, reconnect with peers, and fill the room with laughter and reminisces.

The HAU reunion lunch serves as a reminder of the importance of friendship and connection and brings us back to the school song:

"IF WE COME BACK AFTER MANY YEARS, WE WILL THINK FONDLY OF THE THINGS THAT WE REMEMBER, AND THE FRIENDS THAT WE MADE THEN, THESE WILL BE FRIENDS FOREVER, FOREVER."





HEAD'S VALEDICTORY and PRIZE-GIVING address



By Mrs Heather Goedeke

HORIZONS & BOUNDARIES



THE KNOWN WORLD SEEMS SMALLER NOW THAT IT IS CONNECTED VIA THE WORLD WIDE WEB; AND IN THIS ERA OF INFORMATION AND INSTANT ACCESS, IT IS VERY EASY TO STOP SCANNING THE HORIZON, TO LOOK DOWN AND INTO – NOT 'OUT', 'UPWARDS' AND 'BEYOND'.

WHAT WILL WE LOSE IF WE STOP SCANNING THE HORIZON AND LOOKING BEYOND WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE AND KNOW?

While there are still challenges with respect to gender equity and attitudes towards women in leadership, and while there are diverse opinions rooted in religion, culture, ethnicity, race and generation, you CAN scan the horizon; not only that; today you can SAIL IT and BE PART OF IT too! Previous boundaries are now horizons and WOMEN ARE REPRESENTING; they will be MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS to future frontiers in science, technology, business and the humanities. I have no doubt that seated here today are young women who will be part of exciting discoveries and futuristic organisations; entrepreneurs who will have major social and environmental IMPACT; LEADERS who will have the creativity, skill and vision to SOLVE PROBLEMS, collaborate towards the GREATER GOOD and who will MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Self-awareness is critical for self-growth because it positions you to enter conversations and spaces in a way that is empowering and at the same time, considerate, being conscious of who else is in the space with you. Healthy self-awareness is your armour – your protection. It also protects others. In our complex South African society, self-awareness goes a long way towards fostering understanding, building connection and establishing trust, friendship and respect.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO RECREATE YOURSELF; YOU NEED TO BE YOURSELF.

Scan this QR code to read Heather Goedeke's full Valedictory Address

MATRIC RESULTS

2023

THE 2023 RESULTS ARE AWE-INSPIRING AND EXCELLENT

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Of the Class of 2023, which wrote the NSC examinations, **100% PASSED** and they achieved a **100% BACHELOR DEGREE PASS**.
- The **95 CANDIDATES** achieved **388 SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS** (including Further Studies Mathematics (Standard) and Further Studies English). **THIS EQUATES TO AN AVERAGE OF 4,1 SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS PER CANDIDATE.**
- **15 PUPILS** attained an **AGGREGATE OVER 90%**. (16%) *
- **48 PUPILS** attained an **A AGGREGATE OVER 80%**. (51%) *
- In total, **81 PUPILS** attained an **A OR B AGGREGATE (OVER 70%)**. (85%) *
- **34 PUPILS** achieved **6 OR MORE SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS** and **51 PUPILS ACHIEVED 4 OR MORE SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS**.
- **10 SUBJECTS** achieved a subject average of **OVER 80%**. These are English, Mathematical Literacy, Accounting, Business Studies, Dramatic Arts, French, Geography, History, Music and Visual Arts. Further Studies Mathematics Standard had an average of **84%**.
- We must particularly congratulate the Dramatic Arts and Visual Arts departments for achieving a **FULL HOUSE OF DISTINCTIONS**; French department celebrating **94%** distinctions and the Mathematical Literacy, Accounting, History and Geography departments are celebrating achieving **70%** or more distinctions.
- Additionally, 15 pupils completed the Further Studies Mathematics Elective of which **5** achieved a distinction. Jodie Sharp obtained **90%**. The Further Studies Mathematics Elective average was **72%**.

* These averages are calculated according to the WCED calculations

According to how the WCED calculates the Aggregates...

THE DUX FOR 2023 IS EMMA LEWIS (96%)

FOLLOWED BY MEGAN HARRISON AND SALMA MOOSA TIED IN SECOND POSITION (94%).



Megan Harrison – 2nd place (left)
Emma Lewis – DUX (centre),
Salma Moosa – 2nd place (right)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLA PARKER-FORSYTH FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF 100% FOR BUSINESS STUDIES.



PRIZE List



GRADE 12 SUBJECT AWARDS

- **Accounting:**
  Jemma Van Stolk and Salma Moosa
- **Afrikaans Home Language:**
  Keryn Van der Westhuizen
- **Afrikaans First Additional Language:**
  Salma Moosa
- **Business Studies:**
  Emma Lewis and Salma Moosa
- **Consumer Studies:**
  Montana Manas
- **Dramatic Arts:**
  Jessica Miller
- **English Home Language (Lady Woolley Prize):**
  Salma Moosa
- **Further Studies English:**
  Esther Couves
- **French Second Additional Language:**
  Kayleigh Campbell
- **Geography:**
  Chelsea Thompson and Jodie Sharp
- **History:**
  Megan Harrison
- **Information Technology:**
  Sienna O'Shea
- **Life Orientation:**
  Emma Lewis
- **Life Sciences:**
  Salma Moosa, Megan Harrison and Julia Wellington
- **Mathematics (Liz Gibbons Prize):**
  Megan Harrison, Kelsie Lawrenson
- **Further Studies Mathematics:**
  Megan Harrison
- **Mathematical Literacy:**
  Ella Dix
- **Music:**
  Esther Couves
- **Physical Sciences:**
  Megan Harrison and Jodie Sharp
- **Visual Arts:**
  Lucy Edelstein
- **Visual Arts – Practical:**
  Lucy Edelstein

GRADE 12 AWARDS FOR GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Certificates Of Academic Excellence

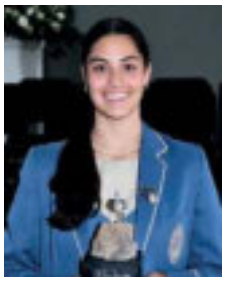
Camilla Campbell, Kayleigh Campbell, Esther Couves, Lucy Edelstein, Samantha Gutsche, Megan Harrison, Jessica Jensen, Kelsie Lawrenson, Emma Lewis, Jessica Miller, Salma Moosa, Claire Murphy, Sienna O'Shea, Ella Sales, Ella Parker-Forsyth, Leya Patel, Tyra Penney, Yumnaa Rawoot, Jodie Sharp, Lilitha Siwisa, Keryn Van der Westhuizen, Jemma Van Stolk, Julia Wellington, Suzannah Whall







































SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Arderne House Fellowship Prize:**
  Makanaka Magazo
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers Book Award for Accounting and Mathematics:**
  Jemma Van Stolk
- **Prize for Enthusiasm in Afrikaans Home Language:**
  Anni Dall
- **Ethel Hill Cup for Spoken English:**
  Lucy Edelstein
- **Bilingual Oral Proficiency at Home Language level:**
  Keryn Van der Westhuizen
- **Mrs McCormick's Prize for Spoken French:**
  Kayleigh Campbell
- **Janet Steyn Prize for Interest in the Humanities:**
  Jordi Paine and Ray Olmesdahl
- **Award for Interest shown in the Natural Sciences:**
  Julia Wellington
- **Daphne Beames Aequa Mente Cup:**
  Esther Couves and Megan Harrison
- **The Alicia Wilkinson Silwood Prize for Practical Cookery:**
  Chelsea Thompson
- **Mary Muller Picture of the Year:**
  Ray Olmesdahl
- **Stobie Musicianship Prize:**
  Esther Couves
- **Choral Prize:**
  Peta Duckitt
- **Inkwenkwezi Music Award:**
  Jemima Houwing
- **Jennifer Sale Drama Trophy for Outstanding Performance:**
  Jordi Paine
- **Annette Hartmann Trophy for the Dramatic Arts:**
  Rhodah Martin and Romy Myers
- **McClurg Trophy for the Theatre Arts:**
  Jesse Rodrigues
- **Waterfield Prize for Commitment, Initiative and Fellowship in the Creative Arts:**
  Rebecca Viljoen
- **Jenny Torr Prize for Service to the Library:**
  Camilla Campbell and Kayleigh Campbell
- **Erasmus Community Service Trophy:**
  Jessica Jensen
- **Claremont Rotary Club Prize:**
  Emma Lewis
- **Kirsten Locke Fellowship Award:**
  Caroline Baynham
- **Sandra Wingfield Fellowship Prize:**
  Lilitha Siwisa
- **The Jenna Lowe Trophy:**
  Tyra Penney
- **Schönborn Trophy for Exceptional Achievement:**
  Suzannah Whall
- **Pietas Trophy presented by the Labia Family:**
  Esther Couves and Julia Wellington
- **Pamela Duff Award for an Enquiring Mind:**
  Keryn Van der Westhuizen
- **The Di van Zyl Award:**
  Kerry Buissinne
- **The Head's Award for Focused and Authentic Servant Leadership:**
  Lilitha Siwisa
- **The Head's Award for Compassionate and Intuitive Leadership:**
  Caroline Baynham
- **The Head's Award for Dedicated Servant Leadership:**
  Suzannah Whall
- **The Old Herschelian Trophy for Service, Loyalty and Leadership:**
  Suzannah Whall



PREMIER ACADEMIC AWARDS

THE DESMOND LOCH DAVIS AWARD FOR DUX OF THE SCHOOL:
SALMA MOOSA

SECOND PLACE (PROXIME ACCESSIT):
MEGAN HARRISON

THIRD PLACE:
EMMA LEWIS



SPORT Awards



BASKETBALL

CERTIFICATE

U14A Top Schools representation
Ophelia Loggenberg – Grade 8
Chloë Mills – Grade 8
Kiara McLean – Grade 8
Camryn Fürst – Grade 8
Ashley Kropman – Grade 8
Coco Lobert – Grade 8
Sophie Padoa – Grade 8
Isla MacNaughton – Grade 8
Liqhamile Adonis – Grade 8
Jada Martin – Grade 8
Zahra Khan – Grade 8
Onathi Peter – Grade 8

U16A Top Schools representation
Lara Schrieder – Grade 8
Leabona Sixoto – Grade 9
Simone de la Harpe – Grade 9
Sarah Ashbolt – Grade 9
Pei Ying Huang – Grade 9
Abigail Böttger – Grade 9
Daniella Böttger – Grade 10
Gabriella Overstone – Grade 10
Chloë Taylor – Grade 10
Katherine Gutsche – Grade 10
Zeah Douglas – Grade 10
Jordan Gossman – Grade 10
Eryn van Vollenhoven – Grade 10
Lusinda Dumekude – Grade 10
Christina Lorenzen – Grade 10

1st team Top Schools representation
Montana Manas – Grade 11
Matilda Loggenberg – Grade 11
Leah Faurholm – Grade 11
Intando Taitai – Grade 11
Cate Lea – Grade 11
Erin Meyer – Grade 11
Kiera Howard – Grade 11
Victoria van der Watt – Grade 11
Peta Duckitt – Grade 12
Suzannah Whall – Grade 12
Chelsea Park – Grade12
Nina Kabalin – Grade 12

BLUE CERTIFICATE

Played in 85% of 1st team matches
Victoria van der Watt – Grade 11
Kiera Howard – Grade 11
Matilda Loggenberg – Grade 11
Cate Lea – Grade 11
Intando Taitai – Grade 11
Leah Faurholm – Grade 11
Kerry Buissinne – Grade 11
Erin Meyer – Grade 11

CHESS

COLOURS

Representing Western Province
Ameera Yacoob – Grade 11

HOCKEY

CERTIFICATE

U14 Zonal representation
Georgia Clarence – Grade 8
Anna Sherren – Grade 8
Heather Kane – Grade 8
Jaime Paxton – Grade 8
Tamika Nair – Grade 8
Aisha Hendricks – Grade 8

Represented U14 Western Cape team
Sophie Luger – Grade 8
Manilla Trantraal – Grade 8

U16 Zonal representation
Sophie Maurel – Grade 10
Katherine Featherstone – Grade 9

U18 Zonal representation
Carmen Whittaker – Grade 11
Elen Vermaak – Grade 11

BLUE CERTIFICATE

Represented WP U16B
Kelly Cadiz – Grade 10

COLOURS - SILVER CERTIFICATE

Represented WP U18B
Sofia Dearnaley – Grade 11
Gabrielle du Toit – Grade 11

Represented WP U18A
Emily van Heerden – Grade 11

Three years in Herschel 1st team
Suzannah Whall – Grade 12

HONOURS

Selection to South African U17 Squad in 2022 and selection to South African U18 Squad in 2023
Mbali Antony – Grade 12

CROSS COUNTRY

BLUE CERTIFICATE

Qualified for Zonals and participated in 85% of XC League Races
Alice Bailey – Grade 9
Emma Coenen – Grade 9
Kirsty Buissinne – Grade 10
Nicole Downard – Grade 10
Jemma van Stolk – Grade 12
Jessica Miller – Grade 12
Charlize Karimi-Tabesh – Grade 10
Leah Faurholm – Grade 11

COLOURS - SILVER CERTIFICATE

Qualified for WP Championships
Anna van Aarde – Grade 9

NETBALL

BLUE CERTIFICATE

Played 85% of 1st team matches
Nina Kabalin – Grade 11
Erin Meyer – Grade 12
Rebecca Joshua – Grade 11
Carmen Whittaker – Grade 11

COLOURS

Three years in the Herschel 1st team
Danielle Gie – Grade 12
Tayla Kreymborg – Grade 12
Morgan Christian – Grade 12

SWIMMING

CERTIFICATE

Swam in 85% of the local league galas and showed commitment to training sessions
Rebecca White – Grade 8
Samantha Nimb – Grade 9
Eve Abrahams – Grade 9
Jemma Pearse – Grade 9
Madison Franks – Grade 10
Nicole Macey – Grade 11

CERTIFICATES X 2

Qualified for and participated in Regional Level 3 Gala | Swam in 85% of the local league galas and showed commitment to training sessions
Sophia Trout – Grade 8
Samantha Nimb – Grade 9
Bianca Ribeiro – Grade 11
Kerryn Benade – Grade 12

CERTIFICATE AND COLOURS - SILVER CERTIFICATE

Swam in 85% of the local league galas and showed commitment to training sessions | Participated in SANJ Age Group Champs
Cassidy Burgess – Grade 9
Gemma Jones – Grade 9
Amy Combrink – Grade 8
Sophie Vickers – Grade 10
Ava Rathner – Grade 12

HONOURS

Represented South Africa at Commonwealth Youth Games and World Junior Champs in 2023
Cassidy Burgess – Grade 9

SQUASH

COLOURS - SILVER CERTIFICATE

Represented WP U16A
Georgia Morkel – Grade 9

TENNIS

COLOURS - SILVER CERTIFICATE

Three years in the Herschel 1st team
Zara-Leigh Oliphant – Grade 11
Mia Andrew – Grade 11

Represented WP U19
Jessica Schilz – Grade 10
Gemma MacGregor – Grade 10

HONOURS - GOLD CERTIFICATE

Represented SA U17 Tennis Team
Jessica Schilz – Grade 10

WATER POLO

CERTIFICATE

Represented WP U14B
Molly Parry – Grade 9
Emily Dickinson – Grade 9
Gabrielle Meyer – Grade 9

Represented WP U15B
Carla Lampe – Grade 10
Eryn Van Vollehoven – Grade 10

BLUE CERTIFICATE

Played in 85% of 1st team matches
Grace Sales – Grade 10
Isabella Tooley – Grade 11

Represented WP U14A
Nina Wides – Grade 9
Sarah Surgeoner – Grade 9
Jemma Pearse – Grade 9
Samantha Nimb – Grade 9
Tess Anderson – Grade 9
Charlotte Wiltshire – Grade 9

Represented WP U15A
Grace Sales – Grade 10
Sophie Vickers – Grade 10
Kirsten Böttger – Grade 10
Samantha Dore – Grade 10
Kelly Cadiz – Grade 10
Gabriela Stuart-Reckling – Grade 10

Represented WP U16B
Gabriella Wright – Grade 11
Bianca Stewart – Grade 11

COLOURS - SILVER CERTIFICATE

Represented WP U16A
Isabella Tooley – Grade 11

Represented WP U19B
Mia de Graaf – Grade 12
Neave Maloney – Grade 12
Jessica Miller – Grade 12
Jodie Sharp – Grade 12

Represented WP U19A
Tyra Penney – Grade 12
Holly Brickles – Grade 12
Abbey Morrow – Grade 12

THE LEADERSHIP TROPHY

This trophy was presented by the 2005 Sports Captains. It is awarded to a pupil in any grade who in a position of leadership and has shown an ability to inspire, motivate and engender team spirit.

KERRY BUISSINNE
Beyond Kerry's dedication to attending practice sessions, she has emerged as an inspirational force within the team. Kerry's presence has been nothing short of uplifting, instilling confidence and fostering camaraderie among our team members.



HANNATH TROPHY

Caro Hannath was our Swimming Captain in 1996. She also participated in Netball and Hockey. Caro's older sister Erica was the Netball Captain in 1994. The Hannath family contributed an enormous amount to Herschel Sport during their time at Herschel. This trophy is to be awarded to any pupil in the school who has achieved honours in a school sport through dedication amounting to the most outstanding achievement of the year.

MORGAN CHRISTIAN AND CASSIDY BURGESS



HELEN BOTHA TROPHY FOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

1ST WATER POLO TEAM
Herschel 1st Water polo team's past season has been nothing short of exceptional. Herschel 1st Water polo team's commitment, talent, and resilience make them a true contender for Team of the Year.



THE CHAMBERS TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Kate Chambers matriculated in 2001. She was the Sports Prefect that year. This trophy is awarded to a Matric pupil who has displayed good sportsmanship and upheld the name of the school both on and off the playing fields throughout her career at Herschel.

SUZANNAH WHALL

BRIDGMAN TROPHY FOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Theresa was a big part of our Herschel coaching team for 14 years. She played in every 1st team on offer when she was in Matric in 1990. This trophy is awarded to a Matric pupil who has excelled in school sport throughout her school career. The winner is calculated using a point system. This system acknowledges participation in school teams, Provincial and National teams (school sports) in the pupil's Matric year.

MORGAN CHRISTIAN





1-12

Back Row: Indiah Weldon, Megan Harrison, Kerry Buissinne, Jordi Paine, Raabi'ah Ebrahim, Sarah Gonsenhauser, Sonia Danpoulo-Baba, Emily Floquet, Sienna O'Shea.

Middle Row: Mia-Dominique De Graaf, Nehal Dahya, Ella Sales, Julia Wellington, Ella Dix, Georgina Neethling, Jessica Jensen, Peta Duckitt, Leah Burns, Kelsie Lawrenson.

Front Row: Emma Clarke, Yumnaa Rawoot, Lucy MacFarlaine, Ella Parker-Forsyth, Chelsea Park, Sophia Searll, Lucy Edelstein, Kerryn Benade, Jemima Houwing.

Absent: Megan Sonnenberg.

Herschel ALUMNAE UNION

HERSCHEL ALUMNAE UNION

By Kris Miller
Chairman of the HAU

2023 kicked off with a **rebranding exercise** where the Old Herschelians Association (OHA) was **renamed the Herschel Alumnae Union (HAU)** much to the joy of those who had taken umbrage at the word 'old' in our name.

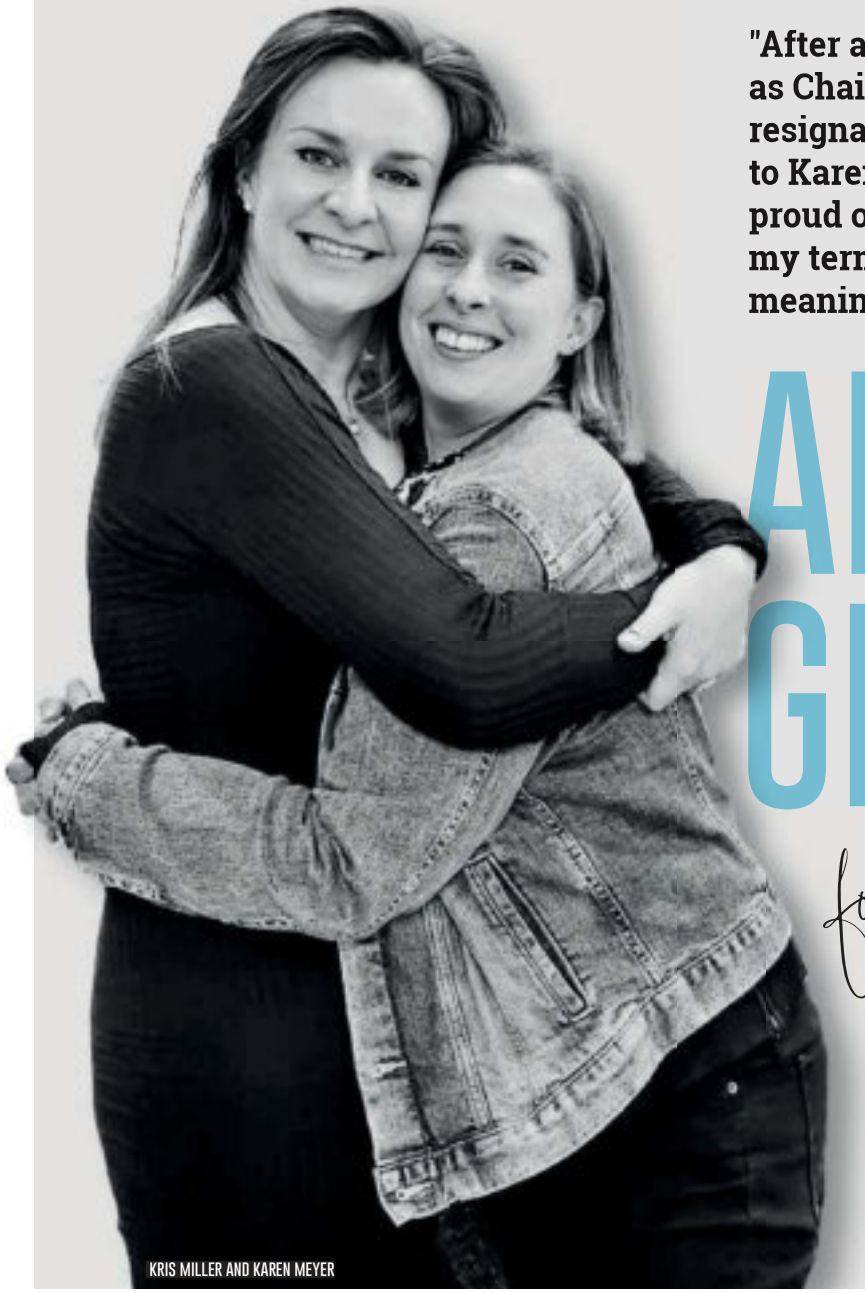
Several logo options were put to a vote and over 400 Herschel Alumnae voted to select our new logo and branding.

We continue to sell our **HAU merchandise** in the hopes of establishing the **HAU Bursary** in the future.
Items can be purchased on our website:

WWW.OHA100.CO.ZA

The school has also updated their website in the past year, which features the **new and improved** HAU area.

This year has seen delivery of many projects and initiatives that have been in the pipeline for years. The **Digital Archive project** continues into 2024, where we hope to be able to officially launch the platform and make our **collective history available to the Herschel family**.



KRIS MILLER AND KAREN MEYER

"After a very rewarding, but tiring term as Chair of the HAU, I have tendered my resignation, and will be handing over to Karen Meyer at the end of 2023. I am proud of what we have achieved during my term, not least of which is a more meaningful connection with the school.

AD DEI GLORIAM

for the last time.

Kris Miller

LADY HERSCHEL COCKTAIL CLUB

By Daphne Beames

The Lady Herschel Cocktail Club **celebrated its 22nd birthday** in December with, among other events, a glittering gathering at the Mount Nelson – with Matrics ranging from **1959 to 2003.** Friends from across the world sent greetings!



BEV BROCKMAN, NANCY TODD, DAPHNE BEAMES

HERITAGE CENTRE

By Kathy Wheeler

This year saw the finalisation of many Heritage Centre projects, including the **restoration of Jagger's bust** and the **inaugural clock**, as well as the production of a bespoke **display cabinet suited to the needs of our display items and records**. Working with the same team who supported the recovery of the Jagger and other UCT library collections following the devastating fire in 2021, was a privilege, and ensured our Herschel collection items were in good hands!

Donations included sports trophies and Helen Botha's collection of sports memorabilia, photographs, and memories.

The HHC hosted a meeting of the Forum for School Museums and Archives in May placing **Herschel back on the map of school archives**.



CAROLINE HERSCHEL AWARD WINNER LÉA WEIMANN

This year's Caroline Herschel Award winner, Léa Weimann was in South Africa for Founder's Day. She received her award in person at the High School assembly and gave a short speech both at the assembly and at the Founder's Day lunch.

Léa, **a climate activist**, studied International Relations and Sustainable Development at the University of St Andrews. She helped organise several global climate strikes, most notably the **'Line in the Sand'**, where over 1,200 people gathered along West Sand Beach.



At her graduation, she received the **Principal's Medal for academic excellence, community service, and exceptional endeavor and achievement during her time at St Andrews**.

She is a **Greenpeace Youth Speaker** delivering online talks about environmentalism to school children from across the UK.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

WINTER DINNER

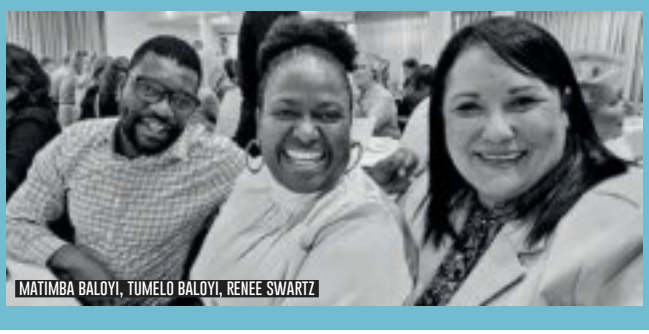
By Nikki Turner

The Winter Dinner was an enjoyable evening of good food and happy catch ups. Our **guest speaker, Melanie Rice**, **national news anchor of eTV News at 8**, had the room enthralled with her reminiscences, which took us behind the scenes of some of the biggest news stories of the past 20 years.

This year's dinner used Quicket as a booking platform, which resulted in a fantastic turn out. **We set ourselves a fundraising target in support of the Bursary Relief Fund of R5000 and managed to raise over R11 000!**



NICHOLAS DALLING, KATE DALLING, MELANIE RICE, HEATHER GOEDEKE, PAUL MURRAY

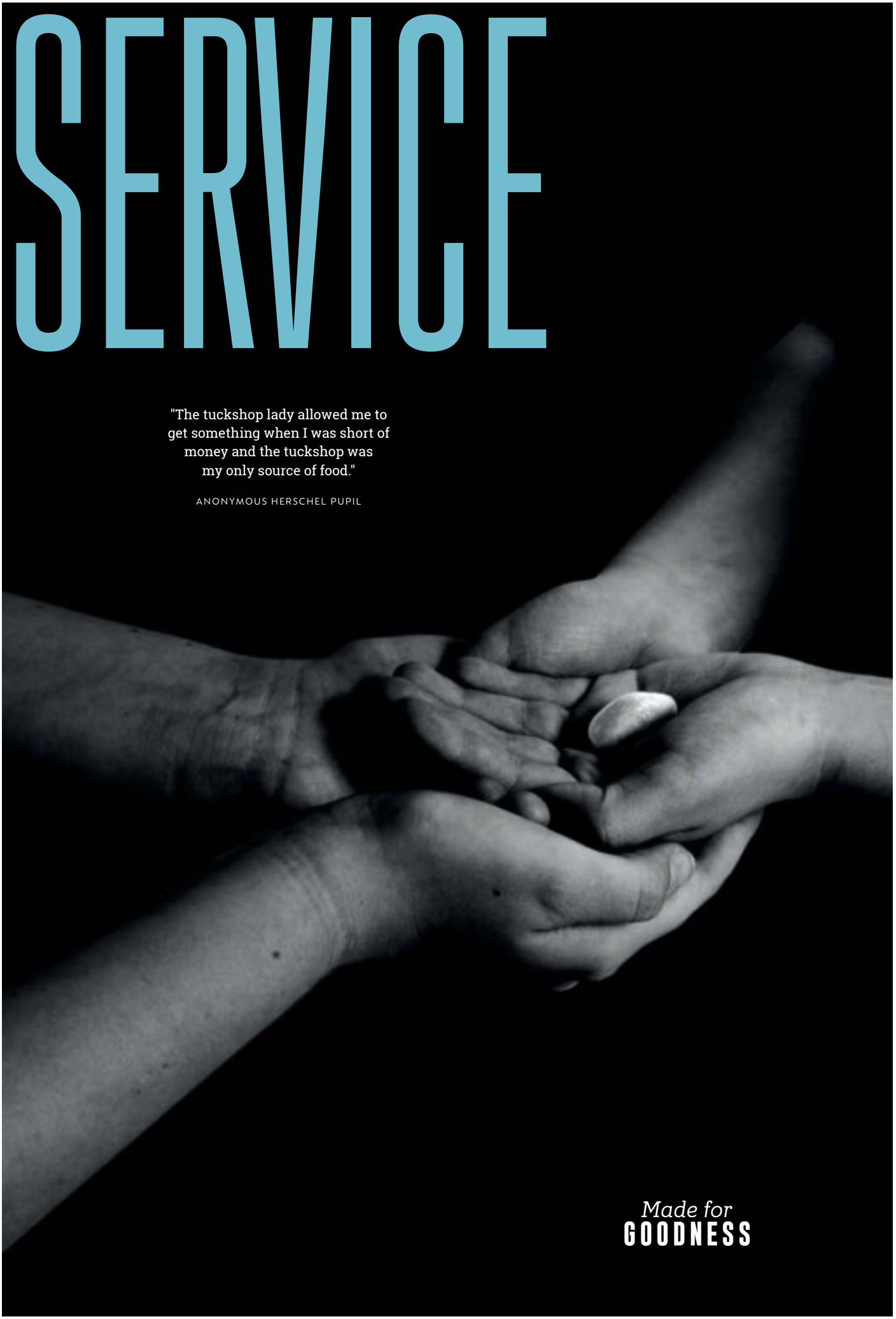


MATIMBA BALOYI, TUMELO BALOYI, RENEE SWARTZ

SERVICE

"The tuckshop lady allowed me to get something when I was short of money and the tuckshop was my only source of food."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL



Made for
GOODNESS

CHAPLAIN'S *Report*



God is all mercy and grace – not quick to anger, is rich in love. God is good to one and all; everything he does is soaked through with grace.

Psalm 145 :8-9

IN 2023 IT FEELS AS IF WE HAVE BEEN SOAKED THROUGH WITH GOD'S GRACE AND EVEN IN THE HARDEST MOMENTS GOD'S PRESENCE HAS BEEN TANGIBLE.

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE DEDICATED PARENTS' PRAYER GROUPS WHO CONSISTENTLY LIFT US UP IN PRAYER. YOUR PRAYERS ARE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND COMFORT, AND WE ARE TRULY BLESSED. YOUR PRAYERS ARE A GIFT THAT TOUCHES OUR HEARTS AND SOULS IN THE MOST PROFOUND WAYS AND HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY HERE.

2022/23

Events and memories

CAROL SERVICES

We ended 2022 with a Carol Service in St George's Cathedral in Cape Town. The Cathedral's magnificent architecture provided the perfect backdrop for this celebration of God coming to earth. We were graced with the presence of The Bishop of Table Bay, The Right Reverend Joshua Louw who was our guest preacher. In 2023 we moved our Carol Service back into our Spiritual home of St Saviour's Church. At both services the music was outstanding and symbolised the school's unity and diversity.

In the spirit of community and togetherness, we also marked the end of 2022 with an open-air Whole School Service on the astro turf, but in 2023 the Prep School held our annual Carol Service in the sports hall which was transformed by light, art and music into a vibrant and inclusive space for the entire Prep community to come together for a time of reflection, celebration, and gratitude. Once again our sincere thanks go to our Music Department and all of the school musicians who made this event so special.

WELCOME BABY KAI

On the 10th of March, Ms Liesel Juries, Assistant Chaplain welcomed her baby boy, Kai, to the world. Even though he came early and had a bit of a rough start, Kai has grown into a beautiful bouncing baby boy and we give thanks to God for his safe arrival.
We wish Ms Juries, Mr Hintsa, Joel, Lily and Kai God's blessings for the future and say a huge thank you to Mrs Fürst for stepping in to cover for Ms Juries.

ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CONFIRMATION

In September we welcomed His Grace The Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Chaplains from St Cyprian's and Bishops and 30 students from St Cyprian's and Bishops to Herschel for our joint annual Anglican Schools Confirmation.
The Herschel Students who were confirmed were **Amy Van Breda, Carmen Whittaker, Daniella Böttger, Enqi Du, Eve Abrahams, Georgia Finlayson, Kate Formby, Mia Sainsbury and Rebecca Joshua**. They were wonderful ambassadors for Herschel.





Giving thanks

The Chapel at Herschel holds a special place in the hearts of staff and students and we often have requests for baptisms. We have never had a proper baptismal font but thanks to the generosity of Mr Macfarlane and Mr Smith and the wonderful skill and craftsmanship of Mr Macfarlane we have a beautiful wooden font in our chapel.



A thank you must also go to Mrs Cass for stitching a wonderful new altar cover in time for our Confirmation service.

As Jesus said in Luke 6: 38: (ESV) *"Give to others, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you."*

As we leave 2023 behind, I am grateful to my team of Grade 12s who have been so supportive and helpful to me and the the whole school, not only in the way they lead up front but also quietly behind the scenes making sure everything is in place for the school worship.

To **Ongamela Peter, Zintle Lujabe** and **Phelo Tima** you will be missed.

And a huge welcome to **Daniella Mwoyosvi, Head of Chapel** and **Bianca Ribeiro, Deputy Head of Chapel**, I look forward to working with you and your team. Already you have demonstrated a wonderful work ethic and commitment.



Lastly and by no means least, we are living through challenging times with much of the world in turmoil. Sometimes it all seems overwhelming and we don't know where to start. Archbishop Thabo said, *"God loves the whole of humanity, as well as God's whole creation. May we fulfill God's desire that we preserve and protect all God's children, and all God's creation, for our children and grandchildren to come."*



WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD.

Every blessing.
Reverend Lorna

Pastoral Care

OVERVIEW By Ms Tracy Rousseau

May we continue to grow in the beauty of knowledge and love, listening to others and ourselves so that we can find greatness in giving.

At Herschel, we are striving towards a focus on HOLISTIC EDUCATION, developing pupils into KIND, THINKING FEELING HUMAN BEINGS.

WE NEED TO LEARN TO LIVE LIVES OF LOVE – LOVE FOR OURSELVES AND LOVE FOR OTHERS ...THAT WILL BRING TRUE BEAUTY TO LIFE.

LISTENING TO OTHERS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING IS KEY TO CREATING REAL BELONGING.

At school all we need to do is REACH OUT and there is always a HAND WILLING TO HOLD US through whatever we are going through.

SO, FOR THE YEAR 2023:

- For those who gave their all, however much that was on a given day, despite anything they were facing...thank you for being great!
- For those who took the time to learn about others and the world around them...thank you for being great!
- For those who listened, without need for response or to solve, but just to listen...thank you for being great!
- For those who gave of themselves, despite their own struggles...thank you for being great!
- For those who used this year to learn to make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others...thank you for being great!



Your greatness is not what you have, but what you give.

"A persons most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others."

BHOLA DAS

COMMUNITY Engagement

OVERVIEW By The Reverend Lorna Lavarello-Smith

Community Engagement is about so much more than doing. It's a profound commitment to understanding, empathising, and uplifting. It's a shared journey towards empowerment, mutual growth, and lasting impact. It thrives on genuine connections, fostering a sense of belonging and co-creating positive change within diverse communities. It is important for us to form relationships with various organisations so that we understand their needs. Community Engagement is so much more than just doing, it is about being alongside. We hope to build on this in 2024.

EVENTS

1 MANDELA DAY

WE HONOUR THE LEGACY OF MADIBA. 67 MINUTES OF OUR DAY WAS SPENT IN ACTS OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION.

Thank you, **Carter House**, for the playdough that will be donated to the St Joseph Home in Montana.
Thank you, **Jagger House**, for your Jars of Hope going to *Where Rainbows Meet* in Vrygrond and *Living Hope* in Masipumelele.
Thank you, **Merriman House**, for making blankets and beds that will be donated to *DARG*.
Thank you, **Rolt House**, for making the sleeping bags that will be donated to *The Service Dining Room* in Cape Town.







"Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."
NELSON MANDELA



2 EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rev. Lorna and Mr Kanzi accompanied ten Matrics and ten Grade 8s to St Michael's Primary School in Khayelitsha, where Emma Lewis (Grade 12), Head of Community Engagement, organised an Easter Egg Hunt for the students.



3 FUNDRAISING ORGANISED BY HERSCHEL SUPPORT UNIT

A *"shades of green"* civvies day and bake sale held in October to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Month and raise funds for Cape Mental Health Youth Matters program.



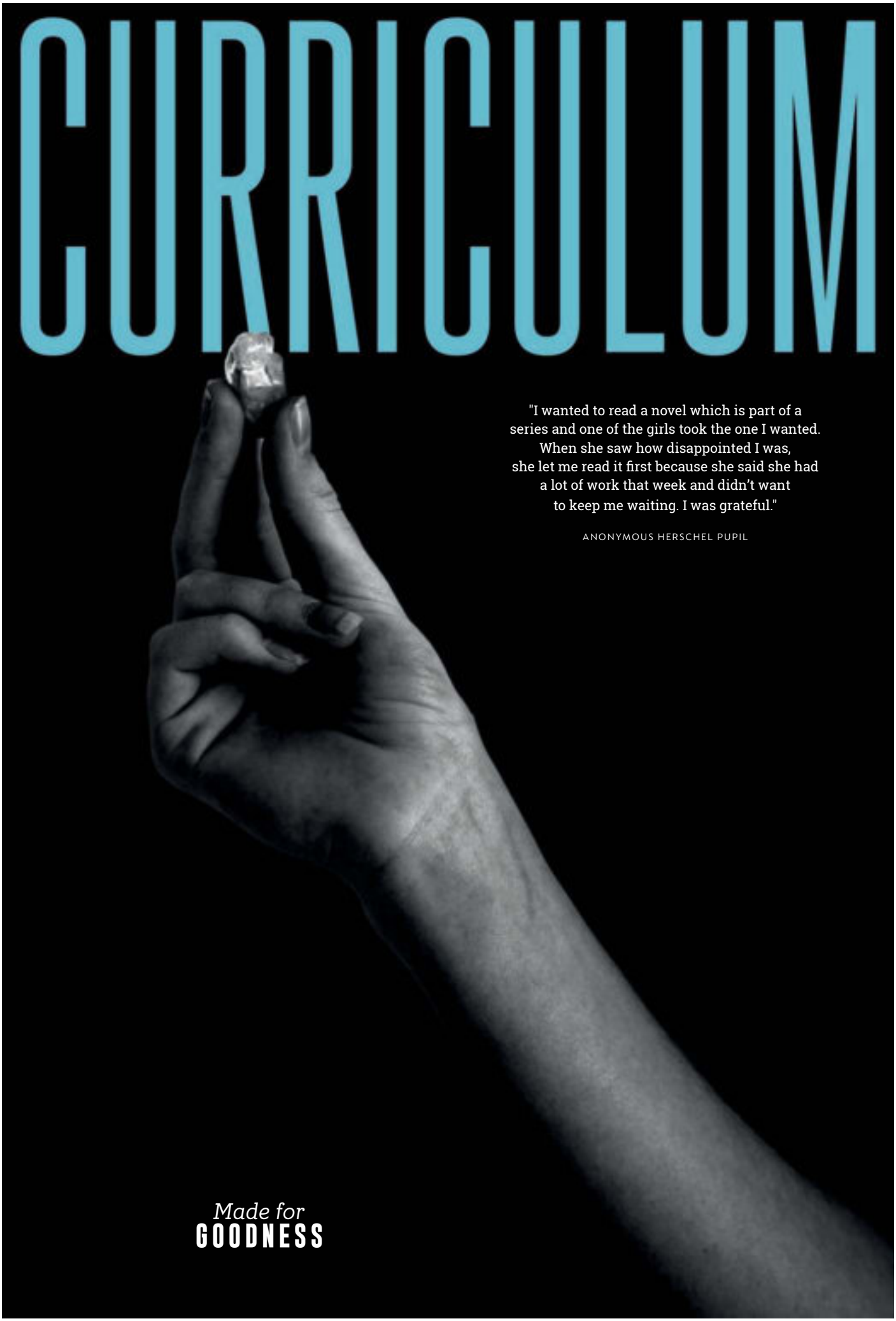




4 IFTAAR AT HERSCHEL

The Herschel MSA in conjunction with SACS MSA celebrated the first day of Ramadaan 2023 by breaking our fast together. Our special guests were the children from Vision Childcare Centre.

CURRICULUM



"I wanted to read a novel which is part of a series and one of the girls took the one I wanted. When she saw how disappointed I was, she let me read it first because she said she had a lot of work that week and didn't want to keep me waiting. I was grateful."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL

Made for
GOODNESS

AFRIKAANS

OVERVIEW By Ms Hanneke Basson

Afrikaans lessons were spent developing crucial skills for life after school: communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, character and citizenship. Verbal activities at the start of most lessons developed vocabulary and confidence to speak Afrikaans. Studying poems, short stories and novels fostered empathy for characters who have struggles different from our own.

GR 8

DIE DAG TOE DIE KOMBUIS AMPER AFGEBRAND HET

Deur Aisha Mia

"Ek is doodmoeg!" het Ma gesê. "En nou moet ek werk toe gaan én 'n heerlike aandete vir julle kook. Blou Maandag!"

"Ag, liefie, ek sal kook. Julle sal die borde skoon lek."

Pa was 'n goeie dokter, tuinier en leermeester, maar hy was nie beroemd vir sy kos nie! Die vorige keer toe hy spaghetti bolognaise gekook het, was die maalvleis nog rou!

Ek was besig met my huiswerk en Pa was besig met Netflix. Hy het na The Witcher gekyk toe hy besef dat Ma oor 'n uur huis toe kom. Pa het blitsvinnig na die kombuis gehardloop terwyl hy senuweeagtig uitgeroep het: "Vanaand is dit Thai-kos!"

Toe Pa begin kook, was daar beurtkrag. Gelukkig het ons 'n gasstoof gehad.

Pa het die bevrore hoender uit die yskas gehaal en dit in die warm olie gegooi. Die olie het in sy oë gespat en hom verblind. Hy stamp toe die kerse met sy elmboog om en die rol kombuispapier slaan aan die brand.

Skielik was daar 'n groot ontploffing wat die kombuis amper afgebrand het!

Ek het Pa en die kombuis met die brandblusser gespuit. Daarna het ons die kombuis getakel totdat dit silwerskoon was.

Pa het toe gou vir Ma 'n WhatsApp-boodskap gestuur: "Sien jou oor 'n halfuur by McDonald's."

GR 8 LITERATURE

"Vis & Tjips"
deur Jaco Jacobse



FACIAL EXPRESSION DRAWINGS

SO TROTS HET EK NOG NOOIT GEVOEL NIE

Deur Carla Plenge-Mantell

Eendag is my oupa hospitaal toe omdat hy vroeër in die dag geval het. Daar het hy uitgevind dit is veroorsaak deur 'n aortadisseksie. My oupa is op 30 Mei skielik en tragies dood.

My grootouers woon in Denemarke, so sodra ons die nuus gehoor het en dat hy waarskynlik binne die volgende 24 uur sou sterf, het ek, my ma en my sussie na die lughawe gehaas en wonderbaarlik kaartjies na Kopenhagen gekry. Die reis was so moeilik en dit het onwerklik gevoel dat hy nie meer met ons sou wees nie.

Drie dae later het ons 'n pragtige gedenkdiens vir hom gehad, en ek het na al die toesprake geluister. Dit was fassinerend om te hoor van al die avonture wat my oupa meegemaak het, en die ondeunde dinge wat hy saam met sy vriende gedoen het toe hulle kinders was, en ook hoe lief al die mense hom gehad het. Hy was 'n wonderlike broer, vriend, pa en seun.

Ek was op daardie oomblik so trots dat ek die eer gehad het om hom my oupa te noem. Ek het my hele lewe lank nog nooit so trots gevoel nie.

Ek sal altyd my herinneringe aan hom koester en my liefde vir hom is vir ewig.

Gr 8 favourite words

GEES
"It is my favorite word to use outside of Afrikaans lessons and it is the perfect word to sum up Herschel sport matches."
Frances Leinberger

VERKLEURMANNETJIE
"The whimsical word perfectly embodies the awesome character traits of a bright chameleon."
Leila Billimore

ASSEBLIEF
"I like to be polite and say please a lot and 'asseblief' just sounds better than 'please'."
Logan Lamb

GOGGA
"Because it sounds funny."
Zohra Khan

MORSDOOD
"Because in Afrikaans you get to be more than dead."
Siyanda Khoza

SPOOKASEM
"It means candy floss, but broken apart it means: ghost breath. This is a great description of cotton candy."
Rebecca Tresfon

BOKKE
"My favourite Afrikaans word is 'Bokke', because you better watch out: 'Hier kom die Bokke!'"
Isabella Kalam

GR 9

MY MA, DIE HART VAN DIE HUIS

Deur Diya Rajoo

"Word wakker!"

Ek spring uit my bed en maak my oë gou-gou oop. Ai, my ma. Sy maak my altyd wakker en dit is altyd vroeg in die oggend.

Vandag is die dag van ons partytjie met al die familie. My ma is al besig om die huis skoon te maak. Ek hou nie daarvan wanneer ons partytjies het nie, want my ma word baie gemeen. Sy laat my met alles in die huis help.

My ma vra altyd vir my hulp, maar sy kan dit self doen. Ek dink sy is net lui soos 'n donkie.

Toe die partytjie begin, het sy vir my gevra of ek die glase kan uitdeel. Nadat ek al die glase gegee het, het ek weer na my ma gegaan om te vra wat ek moet doen.

"Moenie bekommer nie, my liefie. Geniet die res van die aand en ek sal oukei wees," het sy gesê.

My mond het oopgeval en ek het vir vyf minute na my ma gekyk. Hoekom was my ma so gaaf gewees? Het sy sleg vir my gevoel?

Toe ek saam met die res van die familie was, het ek iets besef. My ma het eintlik alles gedoen. Sy het al die kos en drankies gemaak en sy het besluit watter musiek, kos en mense om te hê.

My ma is nie die hoof van die huis nie, maar die hart van die huis.

GR 9 LITERATURE

"Leeus met letsels"
deur Fanie Viljoen



ROLEPLAY IN THE GARDEN

MY JONGER SUSSIE: DIE HART VAN DIE HUIS

Deur Paige Clarence

Jou suster is dalk irriterend, maar my suster is die hart van die huis.

Almal dink jonger sussies maak ouer sussies baie kwaad. In my gesin dit is onwaar! Phoebe is my jonger sussie se naam en sy is drie. Sy is so oulik soos 'n klein hondjie! My sussie laat my gesin glimlag wanneer sy glimlag. Phoebe se glimlag is aansteeklik!

"Sjoe! Paige, die water is pret."

Phoebe is opgewonde oor die klein dinge. Piepklein Phoebe is die onderwyser in my huis.

"My naam is mevrou Phoebe."

Al my familielede noem Phoebe 'n grapjas!

My ouers is geskei, so as ons vir Phoebe moet groet, is dit baie hartseer, want ek is lief vir Phoebe, maar sy is positief en maak my en my gesin gelukkig! Phoebe woon in Switzerland, so dis 'n lang tyd voor ons Phoebe sien. Ek sien haar in die skoolvakansie en sy maak my hart vol.

Ek is lief vir my jonger sussie. Sy is daar vir my wanneer ek 'n slegte dag het. Sy sê die oulikste dinge. Wanneer sy huil, voel ek baie hartseer en wanneer sy gelukkig is, ek het 'n glimlag op my gesig.

So ja, Phoebe, my jonger sussie is die hart van die huis.

Gr 9 favourite books

EKSIEPERFEKSIE

"It shows that bulimia is a proper disorder caused by society needing everyone to be skinny and perfect and acceptable for people to like you. It is a good poem that raises awareness about bulimia.

Jenna Botha

LEEUS MET LETSELS

"I think the moral of the story is nice because as teenagers, many people feel the need to belong.

Pei-ying (Zoe) Huang

'N PA VIR SATERDAG

"It was a nice short story that proves that not every story has a happy ending."

Arisha Khan

WERKENDE VROU

"It shows that you should take time out of your hectic schedule to spend time with the people you love because time flies by, and only then you may realise you spent your time on unimportant things. I feel like this is a message everyone should hear because we often do not take note of the important things in life."

Azra Janoodien



ROLEPLAYS IN THE GARDEN

GR 10

OP REIS

Deur Daniella Böttger

"Alle passasiers op die blitstrein na Vienna!"

Matilda staar deur die venster. Haar asem laat die venster opwasem. Dit is die laaste keer wat sy haar familie sal sien – nou alleen vir die eerste keer. Deur die gevriesde venster waai sy vaarwel.

Die trein ry vinniger en vinniger op die spoorbaan. Die ritme laat haar kalm voel. Sy leun haar kop teen die koue venster terwyl sy haar trane afvee. Stadig raak sy aan die slaap, maar die geratel van die koffietrollie maak haar wakker. Die stoom van die ketel vul die koets. Matilda gryp haar geld en sy koop 'n warmsjokolade. Die koppie is vuurwarm en die soet, skuimagtige vloeistof maak haar liggaam warm.

Matilda kyk na die horlosie ... vier uur oor. Sy draai haar kop en sien die poeieragtige sneeu deur die venster. Die wit kristalle dans na die grond terwyl die son skyn. Tussen die berge is daar 'n potblou, vloeiende rivier. Aan die bome sien sy yskeëls wat soos dolke lyk en klein waterdruppels wat versmelt. Dit lyk soos 'n sprokiesverhaal.

Skielik dryf die stroopsoet reuk van amandels, kaneel, sjokolade en vrugte na haar neus. Matilda besef dat sy so honger soos 'n wolf is. Op die suikertrollie sien sy 'n vars sjokolade en amandel croissant. Die botteragtige deeg krummel in haar hande. Die sjokolade is warm en sag in haar mond. Die amandelroom is soos 'n wolk op haar tong.

Die ritme van die trein gaan stadiger. Matilda kyk na die horlosie. Sy is hier, in Vienna, haar nuwe huis. Sy tel haar bagasie op en staan na die deur. Die ysige lug maak haar koud. Sy haal diep asem en klim op die perron af.

"Dalk is dit nie so sleg om alleen te wees nie," dink sy.

MY BAGASIE

Deur Syriana Mohamed

Sneesdoekies, lipstiffie, my foon, handontsmettingsmiddel en my beursie. Alledaagse noodsaaklikhede wat in my handsak is, reg?

As jy egter 'n bietjie dieper kyk, sal jy 'n item vind wat vir die afgelope vier jaar in my bloedrooi handsak begrawe is.

Dis 'n blink, goue halsketting wat in die vorm van 'n hart is. As jy blitsvinnig daarna kyk, lyk die halsketting asof dit in my handsak pas, maar as jy 'n baie nuuskierige mens is, sal jy iets oplet ...

Daar is 'n piepklein voorletter "N" op die agterkant van die halsketting.

My naam is Syriana. Ek het nie 'n kêrel wie se naam met 'n "N" begin nie. Hoekom het ek 'n halsketting met 'n vreemde letter daarop?

Op 17 Februarie 2019 is my ma met die "minste aggressiewe" kanker diagnoseer. Kolonkanker. My hele gesin was geskok, maar ek het vertraagde skok gevoel.

My ma het nie baie tyd in die warm son spandeer nie.

Sy was 'n atleet wat seker gemaak het om fiks te wees.

Sy het gesonde vrugte en groente geëet.

Sy het nooit gerook nie.

Sy was die perfekste en gesondste vrou in my oë, maar die kanker het haar hele lyf aangeval.

Ek glo dat die inhoud van 'n mens se handsak baie oor daardie mens kan vertel. Ja, sommige van die items is essensieel, maar ek dink almal het ten minste een item wat sentimenteel vir hulle is. Miskien is dit briewe van ou vriende, 'n foto van jou kinders in jou beursie of 'n ringetjie van jou troue.

Vir my is dit die pragtige halsketting.

"N" is vir Nadia – my ma. Mag sy in vrede rus.



BOERESPORT

GR 10 LITERATURE

"Zita"

deur Anzil Kulsen



OLIVIA SUTCLIFFE: WINNER OF BOERESPORT







GR 10
FAVOURITE MOVIES

1. *"Arendsvlei"*
2. *"Donkerbos"*
3. *"Ellen Pakkies"*
4. *"Hoofmeisie"*
5. *"Leon Schuster's Mad Buddies"*
6. *"Fiela se kind"*
7. *"Klein Karoo"*
8. *"The Gods must be Crazy"*
9. *"Die Beskermer"*

GR 11

GR 11 LITERATURE
"Die Perfekte Brander"
deur Marieta Nel

DEUR MY VENSTER SIEN EK ...
Deur Hanaan Saith

Deur my venster sien ek insekte wat kos soek, ek hoor die harde getjirp van ganse, die slim manier waarop die piepklein spinnekoppe hul webbe gespin het, hoe die bye hul lojaliteit aan hul koningin betoon. Ek sien diere en lewe. Ek kan nie help om te wonder wat op aarde Aristoteles gedink het toe hy ons, van alle wesens, as rasionele diere gedefinieer het nie.

Om rasioneel te wees, is om besluite te neem gebaseer op rede en logika. Om te dink dat sommige mense eintlik hierdie eienskappe met die menslike manier van dink assosieer, is vir my een van die lewe se grootste raaisels.

Ons? Mense! Ons is die skepsels wat ons eie probleme en kwessies geskep het. Ons het 'n wêreld ontwerp waarin daar oorlog en misdaad en moord is.

Ons het die sosiale konstruksie van geld geskep wat ons broers en susters in armoede laat. Ons sê dat tyd die grootste dief is, maar dit was ons wat die horlosie uitgevind het, en dit word in elke kamer en op elke pols vertoon. Ons huil oor ons voorkoms nadat ons die skoonheidstandaarde geskep het waarop dit gebaseer is en ons wonder hoekom ons aarde warm word nadat ons die "briljante" uitvinding van plastiek en ontbossing uitgedink het.

'n Selfs meer skrikwekkende gedagte is dat sommige van ons dit as redelik en logies klassifiseer. Onder die pragtige diere wat ek deur my venster sien, wat net 'n bestaan van eenvoud ken, is dit ons wat in staat is tot presiese oordeel
en besluitneming?

DIE DOGTER IN VERSLETE KLERE
Deur Maggie Mallinson

"Knars ... knars ..."

Ek luister na die sagte geluid van my voetstappe op die herfsblare. Hierdie woud is my tuiste; my veilige hawe. Ek gee nie om om alleen hier te woon nie.

In elke rigting sien ek iets wat ek koester: die oggendson wat deur die bome stroom, rooiborsies wat deur takke dartel, en my eie voete – vaal en gekneus van my avonture.

Ek is op pad na die appelkoosboom.
'n Vars appelkoos sal 'n heerlike
ontbyt maak!

My ouma het die beste appelkooskonfyt gemaak voor sy oorlede is. Alhoewel dit moeilik was om die soet geur bo die stank van sigaretrook wat uit die sitkamer gekom het, te ruik.

Uiteindelik kom ek by die boom aan. Die takke waaier soos 'n spinnerak uit, en oranje kolle loer deur die blare.

Ek begin om die goue vrugte te pluk. Ek prop hulle in my broeksak, maar die ou materiaal sukkel met die ekstra gewig. Ek wens my ouma het my naaldwerk geleer, maar dis oukei.
Verslete klere het
meer karakter!

Ek klim in die boom om die varsste, sappigste appelkose aan die hoogste takke te bereik. Maar dan gly my voet op 'n stukkie los bas!

Skielik vlieg blare en takkies in alle
rigtings soos ek val. Onder toe, onder toe, onder toe.

Grond toe.

Ek onthou die oomblik voor ek van die huis af weggeloop het. Ek het in die sitkamer gestaan, my skooltas nog op my rug. My gesig was bloederig en gekneus. Die kinders by my skool was nie vriendelik nie.

My pa het op sy stoel gesit. Hy het na my gesig gekyk en die kyk in sy oë was onmiskenbaar: teleurstelling.

"As jy probeer om minder vreemd te wees, sal dit miskien nie gebeur nie," het hy gesê.

Ek onthou die reuk van sigarette en alkohol op sy asem.

In die woud voel die grond sag teen my kop. 'n Skoenlapper fladder tussen my en die blaredak. Vars lug vul my longe. My bene is seer en my klere is selfs meer verslete, maar ek voel lewendiger
as ooit.

GR 11
FAVOURITE SHORT STORIES

1. ***"Eendag is Eendag"***
deur Marlene Smit
2. ***"Delilah"***
deur Nathan Trantraal
3. ***"Varing"***
deur Jaco Jacobs
4. ***"Vere"***
deur Anzil Kulsen
5. ***"Kadawers"***
deur Tanya van Buuren Botma
6. ***"Judasbroer"***
deur Santie Nel
7. ***"Sonstilstand"***
deur Jan van Tonder
8. ***"Die perfekte brander"***
deur Elizabeth Wasserman

GR 12

EK WAS DAARDIE DAG VERSKRIKLIK HARTSEER

Deur Salma Moosa

"Ses-en-twintig Palestiniërs dood na polisiebrutaliteit buite die Al-Quds Moskee."

My sonverrimpelde hande bewe terwyl ek deur die eerste artikel op die Nuus 24-toep lees.

Ek het vyftig jaar gelede na Kaapstad verhuis, maar ek kan steeds die verskroeide rooibruin sand onder my voete voel.

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Ek en my dogter, Farah, het in díé rooibruin strate geloop. Ons was op pad moskee toe toe ons by Bibi Aisha se winkeltjie gekom het.

"Farah! Farah, kom hier."

Farah het na Bibi gespring en die vrou het 'n pakkie lekkers in haar handjies gevou.

"Baie dankie, Bibi!"

Ons het verder gestap tot ons by die moskeedeure gekom het. Ek het my skoene en Farah se sandale in die hoek geplaas en ons het 'n leë plekkie op die tapyt gevind. Die tapyt was so sag soos Bibi se brood en díe vier lapisblou mure het my altyd getroos.

Dit was nog nie gebedtyd nie. Net 'n paar mense het langs ons gesit.

Met my voorkop op die grond en Farah wat op my rug geklim het, het ek my hart in 'n smeekgebed aan die Here uitgewas.

"O Here, beskerm my dogtertjie. Laat haar nooit haar blyheid en sterkte verloor nie. Here, help my om ..."

"Nee! Los haar! Sy het niks gedoen nie!"

Die gille het van die moskeetrappe gekom. Op daardie oomblik het ek die leë plek langs my opgemerk.

Farah!

Ek het soos 'n leeu buitentoe gehardloop.

Die polisiemanne het soos haaie om prooi 'n sirkel om iemand gevorm. Bibi Aisha het op die vloer gelê en om haar soos'n kombers gevou was ...

Farah!

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Ek onthou die rooibruin sand ... en ek onthou ook die reuk van bloed.

OP PAD "HUIS" TOE

deur Makanaka Magazo

Op hierdie pad "huis" toe, sien ek net lang en dik bome. Behalwe vir die bome, sien ek net 'n pad wat ver gaan, maar geen huis of mense nie. Ek weet nie waarheen ons gaan nie, maar hulle sê dit is huis toe.

My hele lewe lank het ek gedink dat Suid-Afrika my huis was. Ek het nie van Zimbabwe vergeet nie; dit is die land waar ek gebore is, maar dis nie my huis nie. My huis is hier en ek wil nie weggaan nie.

Op die pad "huis" toe onthou ek al my vriende wat ek hier los. Al die dinge wat ons gedoen het en al die dinge wat ons nog moes gedoen het. Ek dink aan al die mense wat my gelukkig gemaak het en nou moet ek hulle vergeet. Dis nie so maklik nie. Hulle was my vriende, maar nou is hulle familie en ek kan nie net familie vergeet nie.

Op die pad "huis" toe dink ek aan al die beurtkrag wat ek agter my los. Die beurtkrag wat net twee uur was en hoe ek dit sal onthou. Ek dink nou aan die beurtkrag wat die hele dag sal wees.
Ek kan huil wanneer ek daaraan dink. Hoe sal ek dit hanteer?

Op pad "huis" toe dink ek aan die kombuis wat ons agtergelos het. Ek dink aan die nuwe kombuis waar ons nou sal kook: die vuur. Ek dink aan hoe almal vir my sal lag wanneer ek nie weet hoe om op 'n vuur te kook nie.

Op die pad "huis" toe dink ek aan alles wat ek hier sal mis, maar aan alles wat vir my in Zimbabwe wag. Op die pad "huis" toe is ek dankbaar vir alles wat ek hier in Suid-Afrika ervaar het, maar ook vir wat ek in Zimbabwe sal leer.

Op die pad huis toe gee ek my nuwe huis 'n kans.



"Some of my favourite memories from my Afrikaans class includes our single focus day outings when we went to Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck and Paul Roos. It was an amazing experience to go and visit other schools where Afrikaans was spoken as a home language. It allowed us to be in an environment where we could practice our Afrikaans and experience another school life for just a day."

Kaley Coetzee

I loved the group of people in my class. They made every triple lesson bearable and I also enjoyed the music we would sometimes play (in Afrikaans of course).
Makanaka Magazo

Because we had such a small class, everyone could feel very comfortable together and we had so much fun working together. It definitely made me enjoy Afrikaans more because we struggled together rather than on our own!
Claire Murphy

MY ONVERDIENDE LOON

Deur Anni Dall (Home Language)

Onregverdig! Die lente bring vir ander mense nuwe liefdes en vir my? Hooikoors.

Daar is nogal baie onregverdige goed in die wêreld, soos min vroueregte in Amerika of die feit dat my generasie die klimaatprobleem moet regmaak, maar op die oomblik is dit nie my fokus nie. Die feit dat ek al weer my neus moet blaas, is.

My pa sê hy het ook erg hooikoors gehad toe hy my ouderdom was. Hy het in Oudtshoorn grootgeword, so ek glo hom, want dis net stof daar. Die enigste probleem is: sy hooikoors het weggegaan teen die tyd dat hy sewentien was en hier sit ek, vier maande na my agtiende verjaardag, en my neus jeuk nog steeds.

My hooikoors sou nie 'n probleem gewees het as hooikoorspille gewerk het nie. Dit gaan nou erg klink, maar ek het al Texa, Allergex, Claretine, Loratedine, Fexo-180 en Fexo-360 probeer, maar die goed werk nie. Ek wens daar was 'n Fexo-1000. Miskien sou dit werk.

Die ander probleem is dat my broer vir ure op die foon sit en praat ... sonder 'n tamatierooi gesig of 'n neus wat loop. Ek het geen idee met wie hy praat nie, seker die nuutste graad nege St. Cyprians-meisie wat sy oog gevang het, of dalk het hy al 'n meisie?!

Maar nou wil ek weet: hoekom het ek hooikoors en hy kan sonder 'n rol toiletpapier rondloop. Daar was al baie onregverdige goed wat tussen ons gebeur het. Ek het eers 'n foon in graad sewe gekry, terwyl hy een in graad vyf gekry het. Ons het ook dieselfde slaaptyd, al is ek drie jaar ouer, maar hierdie hooikoorssituasie maak my mal.

Is dit die feit dat ek nie kan kaas rasper nie en hy kan 'n bollemakiesie doen? Is dit al die proteïenpoeier wat hy in elke bord kos meng of die sand wat hy as 'n baba geëet het? Stort ek te veel of hy te min? Is dit omdat hy gewigte optel en meer tyd in die son spandeer? Het die slakke wat hy as 'n driejarige gelek het, hom immuniteit gegee? Ek vra vir jou met trane in my oë (trane, want my oë jeuk, ek is nie hartseer nie).

Op die oomblik is daar geen maklike oplossing vir onregverdige regte in Amerika, die klimaatprobleem en my hooikoors nie. Behalwe as iemand 'n Fexo-1000 maak – dan sal ek reg wees. Die lewe is onregverdig, al het dit te doen met groot probleme soos vroueregte of klein probleme soos slaaptyd. Die feit dat ons dit kan erken, is goed.

Nou moet ons net 'n oplossing vind, maar eers moet ek gou weer my neus gaan blaas. Dit (hard)loop soos iemand wat 'n marathon voltooi.

GR 12 LITERATURE

"Fiela, die Drama "
deur Dalene Mathee

I loved going to my Afrikaans class every day, it was always such a comforting and enjoyable environment.
Rhodah Martin

I loved our random discussions! Afrikaans became a safe space where students were allowed to branch beyond the curriculum and relate the material to our everyday lives.
Rachel Howie

Visual ARTS

OVERVIEW By Ms Nicola Jordan

The Visual Arts Studio is always a hive of activity counterbalanced by quiet contemplation. It is a place where individuals develop their own ideas and find innovative and exciting ways to express what they are experiencing. It is a place where mistakes are encouraged as part of the creative journey and where the confidence to explore bravely is nurtured.

"I don't think any subject could compare to the moment of finally finishing a piece of art and taking a step back to look at it and thinking

'WOW! I MADE THAT'

and the feeling of pride that fills you."

Victoria van der Watt





Art is such a safe space for me. A space where you are able to create where mistakes do not exist. The subject has taught me to be patient and to give myself freedom.
Georgina Beauchamp



Try new things even if you are scared because the outcome will always be a great learning expirience. Learn to get comfortable with the uncomfortable.
Rebeeca Wolhuter



Art is a subject that expands my mind in a way that I feel no other subject can do. It allows me to think of the world in different lights and to push the boundaries that are put in place.
Taybah Isaacs



The art class has become my safe place within the school; a place where I can't wait to be; a place where I unwind and feel most like myself.
Ra'eesa Napier













DANIELLE GIE



ELLA PARKER-FORSYTH



JULIA WELLINGTON

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ANNI DALL



ABBEY MORROW





SOPHIA SEARLL



LUCY EDELSTEIN

LEAH BURNS





MEGAN SONNENBERG

BAXTER Resource Centre

OVERVIEW

2023 had been a busy year fuelled by many special initiatives aimed at helping those in our communities. We started off the year by collecting as many second-hand reading books from our homes as we could and the library monitors quickly covered and labelled each of them. As a team, our aim was to help those who are less fortunate to gain access to books so that they too can enjoy or explore the joys and benefits of reading as we do.

During October, we launched a Bra Drive in support of breast cancer awareness month. The Bra Drive is still running and we can't wait to deliver the donated bras (which have been washed and are in good condition) to a Women's Safehouse in Cape Town.

By Taskya Pillay – Library Head

This year in Term 2 the Library team decided to perform some fun skits for the rest of the school. We practiced and rehearsed short extracts from different novels and then asked the students to guess the book that these extracts came from. We performed during assembly and gave out fun prizes for the different winners. We performed short pieces from *"Harry Potter"*, *"Matilda"*, the *"Hunger Games"*, and the *"Twilight Series"*.

This year we also had our Library meetings every second week where we discussed our event planning, and monthly displays, shared snacks, and spoke about our love for books.

By Ruth Madonko– Library Head

2023 MOST POPULAR FICTION BOOKS

1. ***"The Covenant of Water"*** by Abraham Verghese
2. ***"The Book of Form and Emptiness"*** by Ruth Ozeki
3. ***"A Spell of Good Things"*** by Ayobami Adebayo
4. ***"Lessons in Chemistry"*** by Bonnie Garmus
5. ***"Violeta"*** by Isabel Allende

EVENTS FOR THE YEAR









WORLD BOOK DAY

The Library celebrated World Book Day on the 23rd of April with the theme 'Invest in your Planet" as it aligned with Earth Day celebrated on the 22nd of April. Students were inspired to showcase their creativity by dressing up within the theme of endangered animals, marine life, mountains and rivers.



BAKE SALE

To further enhance our Bra Drive, the BRC team held a Heritage Day Bake Sale which combined celebrating our heritage and culture and raising funds to purchase new underwear for donation to the Women's Shelter to add to the gently used bras we've already collected.

BRA DRIVE

During October, which is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the library team organised a bra collection drive at the school to collect bras for donation to the Women's Shelter that lack the financial resources and access to these essential items.

BOOK DRIVE

We also launched our Book Drive to collect funds for purchasing books and invited students to contribute gently used books in good condition to benefit a school.





COMMERCE

OVERVIEW By Mrs Nuraan Barendse

Business Studies and Accounting prepares pupils to thrive in a competitive and socially responsible business environment. We focus on current trends affecting markets and look at new ways to solve problems. We reflect on traditional methods of management as well as explore more modern approaches that are prevalent today. The aim of Commerce subjects is to equip pupils with the skills, knowledge and values needed by entrepreneurs of the future.

"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Raabi'ah Ebrahim

A word from the Matrics of 2023: What did you love most about the subject?

"I really enjoyed studying business because it allowed me to gain insight into what to expect in the corporate world, from strategic decision-making to financial analysis. I loved the different topics we covered in class and with each section I felt myself falling more in love with the subject. I will miss the laughs and the comfortable atmosphere of the classroom and people." **Morgan Christian**

"Business Studies has provided me with the knowledge and tools that I needed to successfully launch and manage my own charity business. I'll miss the incredible sense of passion we shared and the meaningful and inspiring conversations we had that extended beyond the classroom and the curriculum." **Jessica Jensen**

"My favourite thing was all the interesting conversations we would share in class about current business news during Tuesday News-Days. I will miss everything about our class because we always have such fun together and there is constant laughter." **Chloe Bisschop**

Accounting has equipped me with the knowledge to effectively manage both my personal and future professional financial decisions.
Emma Lewis

A VISIT FROM ENTREPRENEUR, JULIA BUCHANAN

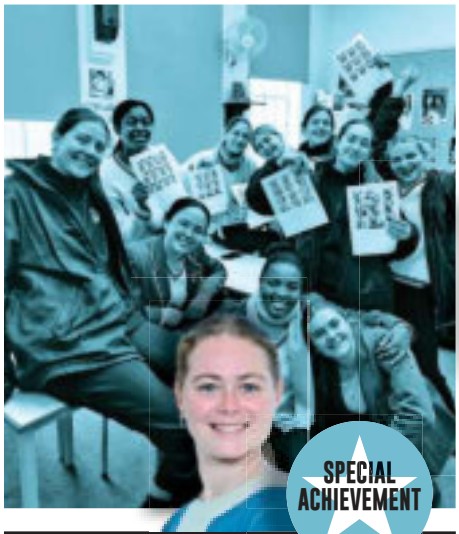


Our teacher has nurtured a positive environment in which we are all able to learn and grow alongside one another.
Yumnaa Rawoot

A TALK ABOUT STRATEGIC MARKETING BY ALROY OLIPHANT



I loved that I found a subject where I enjoyed all the content, which definitely helped me to find my passion for business and law!
Gabriella Balkin



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Emma Lewis
ALLAN GRAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE
Placed 8th in a gamified entrepreneurial quest where pupils from around the country compete to solve business problems.

Accounting is one of my favourite subjects that I look forward to everyday. It has taught me how to problem-solve and read in detail.
Kelsie Lawrenson

CORONATION WOMEN'S MONTH EVENT

Business Studies and Accounting pupils attended the Coronation Women's Month Event. The event celebrated women in finance, gave pupils a chance to learn about investment strategies and finance management, as well as to network and engage in meaningful discussions with pupils from other schools.



CONSUMER Studies

OVERVIEW By Ms Brigitte Cass

A very hands-on subject, Consumer Studies covers many issues and situations that consumers deal with in their day-to-day lives, making it a life lesson subject preparing students for real-life situations.
This year we had the great privilege of having our Consumer Studies laboratory renovated into a modern, user-friendly space with state of the art audio-visual technology; and we are relishing every moment in this space.

GR 10 FAVOURITE MEMORIES

- Cooking something I could eat at break.
- Making hot chocolate on cold days.
- Making a consumer video about consumers.
- Making cupcakes after school.
- Cooking and baking foods and desserts that I haven't made before.
- Making and decorating cupcakes and then selling them at Market Day.
- Seeing the new kitchen for the first time.
- The whole class supporting and encouraging our group when something went wrong in our dish.

GR 11 FAVOURITE MEMORIES

- Listening to music during practicals which always made them super fun.
- Seeing what everyone made for their exams and getting to try all kinds of foods as well as making things I usually would not attempt.
- The MasterChef SFD where we just had fun and got to experiment and use the knowledge we have learnt.
- Eating all of the food. From savoury to sweet, I always have the best snacks at break.
- Through thick and thin, our Consumer Studies class is like a family and will always support one another. We also love a good laugh.

GR 12 FAVOURITE MEMORIES

"My favourite memory was going to the Buns Bakery Market during our Grade 11 SFD. We had the most amazing focaccia bread and we got to explore the store and the way in which cakes were decorated."
Kaley Coetzee

"My memories include all the amazing outings, eating delicious foods, cooking and baking in triple periods, making mistakes and learning from them. All the laughs and singing away to "Mamma Mia" during practical lessons. I will never forget our lunch dates as a class after baking – I will forever cherish these moments!"
Indiah Weldon

"Consumer Studies is a classroom and subject I thoroughly enjoy and get excited for every time I enter the special kitchen. It's home away from home and Ms Cass is the bestest cook!"
Ella Dix

Why Consumers is such a great subject ...

"We have covered so many topics and learnt so many skills over the years that are very beneficial to know for life in general, like buying and selling houses, costing, learning about nutrition and lifestyle diseases and sustainability. Consumers is a subject that offers much more than I originally expected and it has taught me so many useful things. It was a great subject choice!"
Montana Manas

"I have not only learnt practical skills but I have also learnt a lot that will be beneficial in my future years after school such as learning about how to budget effectively, what to look out for when purchasing goods and also all about the importance of nutrition to sustain a healthy diet."
Emma Clarke

















The best thing I've learned is knife skills when cutting different fruits and vegetables.







I've learnt a million things from Consumer Studies but the most valuable lesson I learnt was how to work well under pressure.

COLLAB: Design + Drama

"Seeing Anna in the costume and the first time she did a spin in the costume was the best feeling! Anna brought this perfect persona to the costume – her attitude and her facial expressions fitted so well. You could see that the dress was made for her."

Maggie Mallinson, Finnley Kleingeld and Kate Hodgson

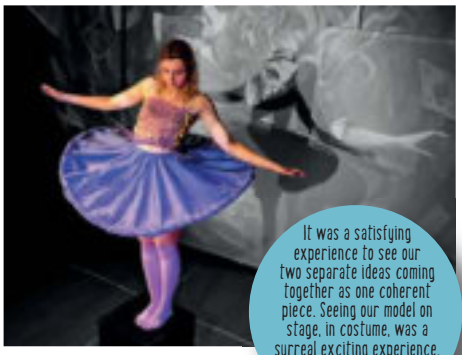
The GRADE 11 DESIGN AND DRAMATIC ARTS STUDENTS worked on a collaborative project to explore the visually exciting 'isms' of Surrealism, Dada and Symbolism; bringing them to life through theatre costumes and performances.

Through this project they learnt invaluable **real-life skills** cultivated through **collaboration, creativity** and **problem-solving**. The show was titled *"The Things we Left Behind"*, and saw the **Design students creating theatre costumes and head-pieces** inspired by these three *'isms'*.

Their ideas were taken up by the **Grade 11 Drama students** who found and reimagined pieces that spoke to the ideas in the costume, **performing in the anti-Realist theatre styles that the *'isms'* demanded**.

The production was an immersive theatrical experience with the audience seated on stage, while the performers worked in front of, around and behind them and performed an evening of exciting drama, visual theatre, poetry and movement.





It was a satisfying experience to see our two separate ideas coming together as one coherent piece. Seeing our model on stage, in costume, was a surreal exciting experience.

Alexa de Villers & Annabel Slabber







Our designers deconstructed the animalistic nature of the costumes so well and created visual symbols in a way that was clear to us and to the audience.

Zahra Gouda





Wearing my costume made me feel like a Barbie space princess! I was so impressed at how my designers put this costume together. I felt so privileged to wear something that felt like it came out of a movie.

Jessica Ratcliffe

COLLAB: Design + Consumer Studies

In a dynamic collaboration, GRADE 10 DESIGN STUDENTS PARTNERED WITH THE CONSUMER STUDIES DEPARTMENT, conceptualizing and producing innovative flatpack packaging for cupcake boxes.

Themes spanned from weddings, children's parties, rock 'n roll, and nature. Design students meticulously brought their ideas to life, while Consumer Studies students not only designed but also baked cupcakes, resulting in a vibrant Pop-Up sale.

Proceeds from the sale, donated to CANSA, highlighted the project's dual impact—showcasing design and culinary skills while giving back to the community.











DESIGN

OVERVIEW By Mrs Candice du Toit

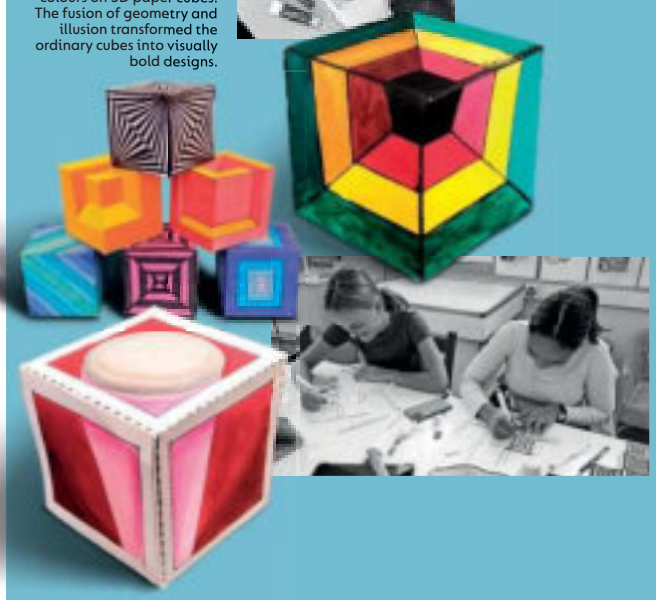
The Herschel Design Department has been on an exhilarating journey through vibrant collaborative projects with the Drama and Consumer Studies departments, infusing the skill of sewing, stage costume designs, flatpack cupcake box designs, repeat pattern making, textile designs, imaginative architectural ground plans and scale models, all while igniting our creative spirits with design opportunities for the future.

EVENTS

GRADE 9 CUBE IT SFD

Dynamic geometric patterns were painted with vibrant colours on 3D paper cubes. The fusion of geometry and illusion transformed the ordinary cubes into visually bold designs.





GRADE 10 SFD HOT WIRED AND ZEITZ MOCAA OUTING

We visited the Hot-Wired Studio for the students to experience the process of CNC routing, large scale 3D printing and polystyrene cutting techniques. Then onto the Zeitz Mocaa for an architectural tour.











GRADE 10 COLLAB WITH DESIGN AND CONSUMER STUDIES: CUPCAKE SALE

An innovative synergy between Consumer Studies and Design saw design students ideating and creating flatpack cupcake boxes themed around various concepts, culminating in a pop-up cake sale event.





GRADE 11 COLLAB WITH DESIGN AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT: *"THE THINGS WE LEFT BEHIND"* – PERFORMANCE

A unique collaboration where costumes were influenced and inspired by Surrealism, Dada, and Symbolism. They were conceived and meticulously crafted by the Design students, breathing life into the stage performances.



















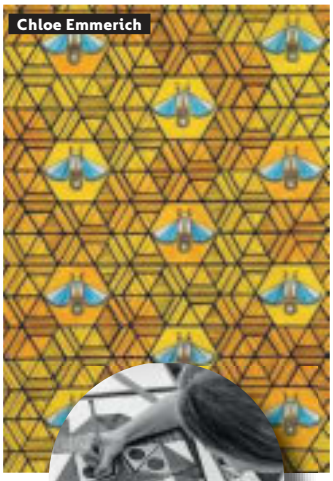
GR 8 DESIGN

ART DECO INSPIRED WRAPPING PAPER DESIGNS

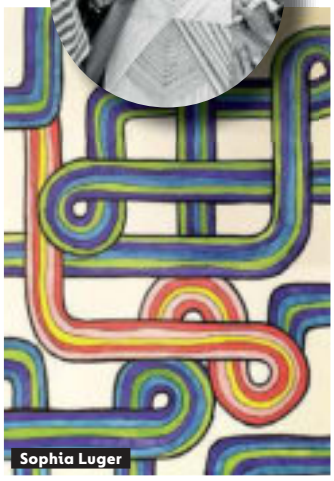
Designs inspired by Art Deco geometric patterns, shapes and colours were initially conceptualised using digital apps. They were then meticulously hand-traced and painted for their unique gift-wrapping designs. This fusion of modern technology and traditional craftsmanship resulted in these unique designs.


Amy Combrink


Camryn Furst


Chloe Emmerich


Leila Billimore


Sophia Luger


Sophia Pooley

GR 9 DESIGN

TEENAGE BED AND BATHROOM INTERIOR DESIGNS FLOOR PLANS AND SCALE MODELS

An introduction into Interior Design. Drawing and rendering floor plans to scale, model building and understanding materials and their properties were all part of this immersive project which equipped aspiring designers with essential skills to transform their interior spaces.


Emily Dickinson


Skye-Leigh Esterhuizen


Emily Wilson


Jamie Thompson


Eve Abrahams


Rayna Wolhuter


Simone De La Harpe


Morgan Munting


Katie Featherstone

GR10 DESIGN

FLATPACK CUPCAKE BOXES

Hand crafted packaging designs for weddings, rock 'n roll, nature and children's parties. These hand-rendered and assembled boxes were tailored for cupcake packaging and are a unique blend of flatpack design and functionality.



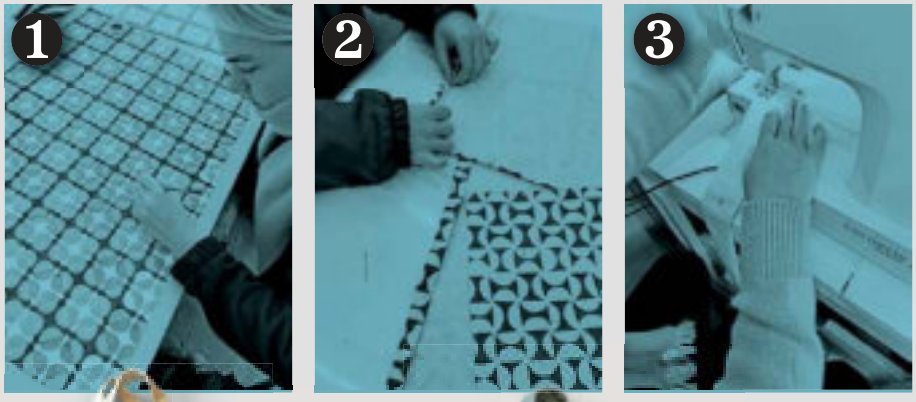
Gemma Furst

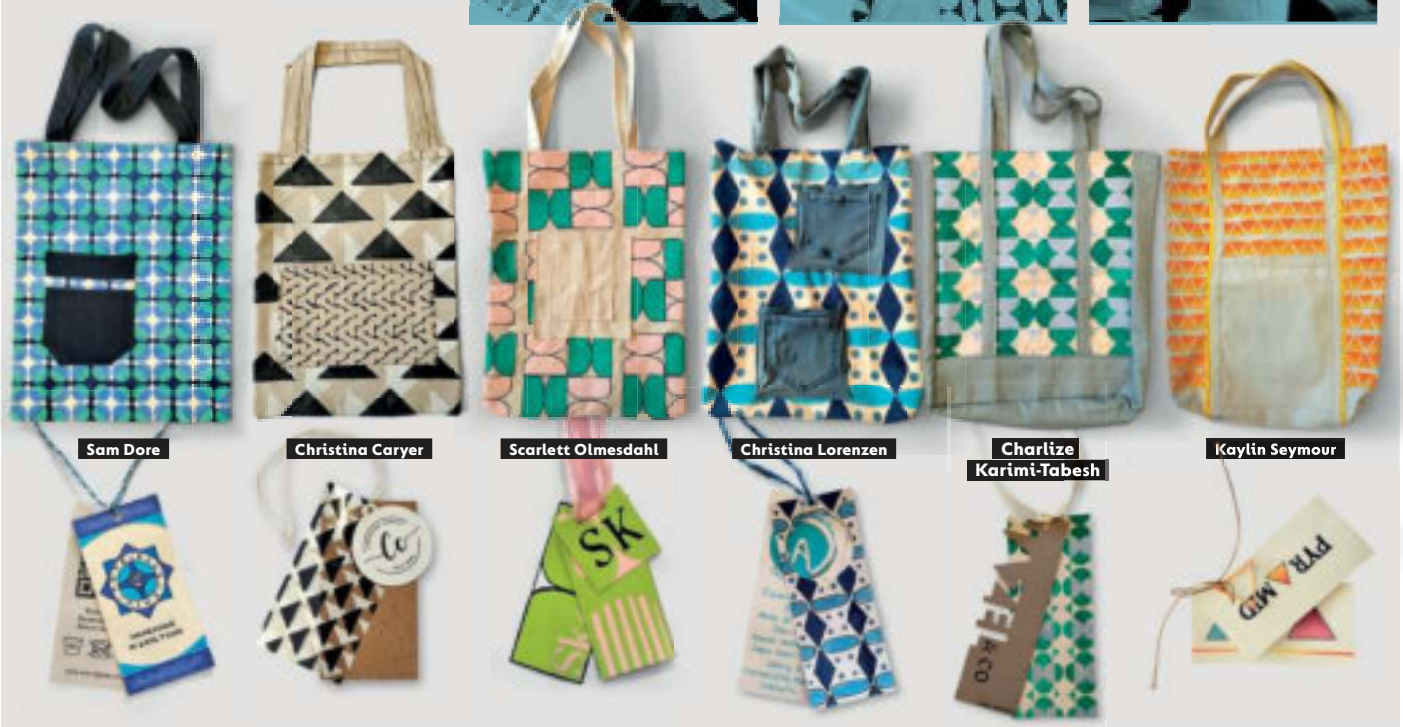
Christina Lorenzen

Kaylin Seymour

TOTE BAGS AND SWING TAGS

1. **STEP ONE**
   Paint your repeat pattern on the correct measured size of calico fabric.
2. **STEP 2**
   Cut and prepare all pieces of the tote bag pattern.
3. **STEP 3**
   After hemming each side, start to sew all the pieces together.
4. **STEP 4**
   Pack all your personals into your bag and go out.





Sam Dore

Christina Caryer

Scarlett Olmesdahl

Christina Lorenzen

Charlize Karimi-Tabesh

Kaylin Seymour

TINY HOMES: FLOOR PLANS AND SCALE MODELS

An architectural interior and exterior project showcasing a Tiny Home design. Floor plans were rendered in marker and pencil crayon, showing sustainable technologies like solar power and water tanks for off-grid living, prioritising environmental sustainability. The scale model involved precision cutting and assembly of materials, along with laser-cut elements and 3D printed objects to enhance and contextualise the model.











Sam Dore



Charlize Karimi-Tabesh









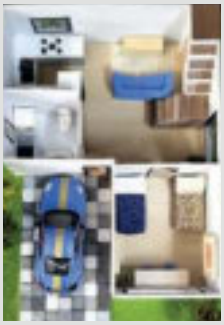








Isabella Maltz





SENIOR

CURRICULUM

GR 11 DESIGN

FASHION DESIGN:
COSTUME COLLABORATION WITH DRAMA DEPARTMENT
"THE THINGS WE LEFT BEHIND"

THE PROCESS:

1. **STEP ONE:** Our creations started with research on themes derived from Surrealism, Dada and Symbolism.
2. **STEP TWO:** After learning about the movements we would look for costume design inspiration to help form our ideas which we would then begin documenting in our workbooks.
3. **STEP THREE:** Next we explored and experimented with ideas around form, function, fabrics and colour palettes. We drew various thumbnail sketches of possible costume ideas.
4. **STEP FOUR:** After finalising our final costume design drawing we started experimenting with construction techniques till we finally arrived at completing the final garment for the Drama students to perform in.





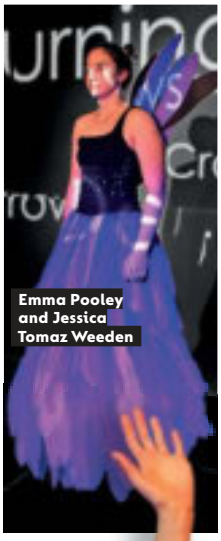
















LET THERE BE LIGHT

In response to the theme *"Let There Be Light"*, the Design students explored practical and innovative expressions of light through museums of light, costumes of light and shadow boxes.



Jessica Tomaz Weeden



Georgia Finlayson



Ruth Madonko



Mia Sainsbury



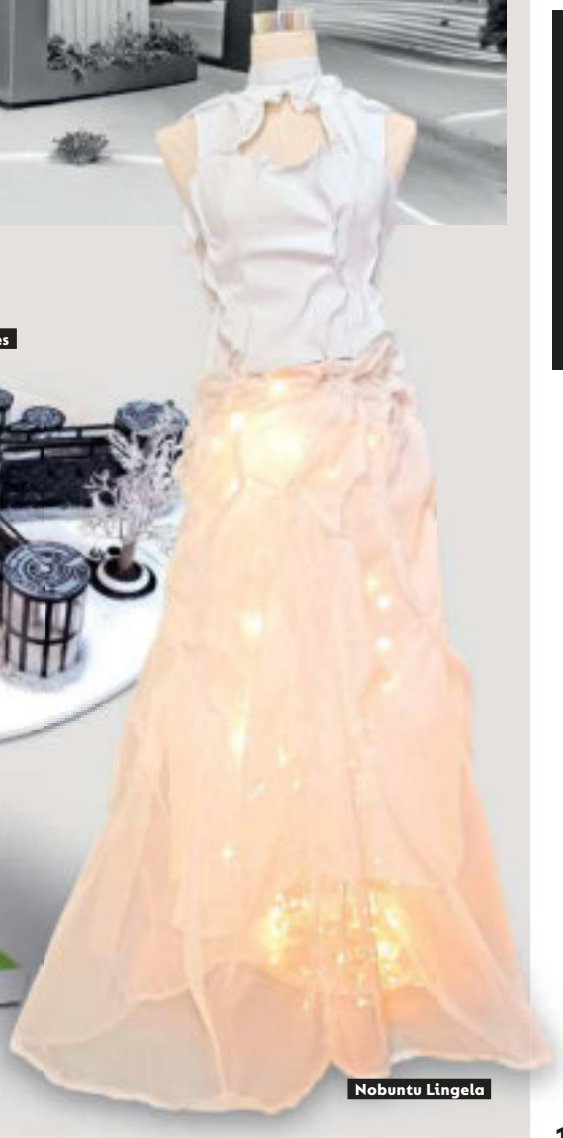
Rebecca Wolhurter



Olivia Davies



Olivia Sherren



Nobuntu Lingela

SENIOR

CURRICULUM

DRAMA

OVERVIEW By Mrs Sarah McArthur

Dramatic Arts is a rare and essential subject that marries academic rigour with the freedom of individual expression. Humanity, creativity and confidence building are at the centre of everything we do. Drama is a subject and a space that develops the whole individual and equips students with the skills and tools that will be useful in all spheres of learning and life. In Drama, we nurture students' abilities to collaborate, to listen with empathy, to resolve conflict and to problem solve. Our students leave the classroom as the best version of themselves, equipped to meet the challenges of the world beyond the classroom.

MATRIC PRACTICALS

COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY




WHAT'S IN THE BOX?





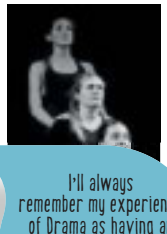
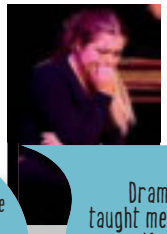



NOT AT THE TABLE



PILLOW TALK



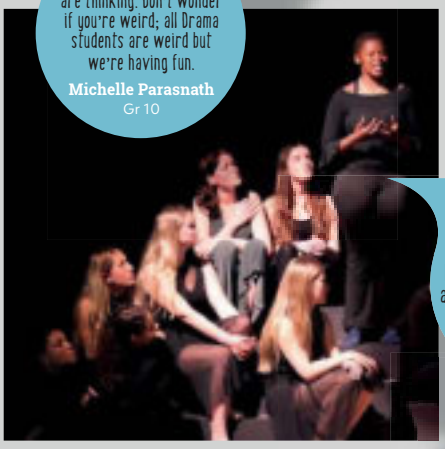

I'll always remember my experience of Drama as having an existential crisis in almost every single lesson.
Rhodah Martin
Gr 12

Drama has taught me to believe in myself even when I feel like I can't do it.
Jessica Miller
Gr 12

Drama has allowed me to tell parts of my own story through various characters and what they experience. Drama makes me feel seen and heard.
Peta Duckitt
Gr 12

CLASS WORK

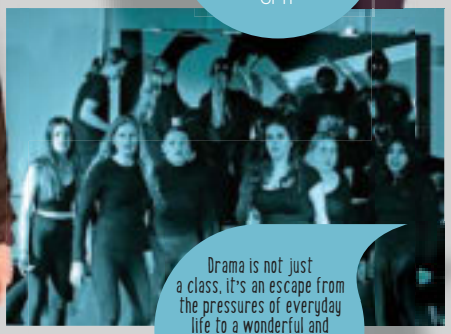
Just let go, be free. Don't care what others are thinking. Don't wonder if you're weird; all Drama students are weird but we're having fun.
Michelle Parasnath
Gr 10



I LOVE my drama teacher and class. I am always excited for lessons. We are very close and support one another and learn from one another.
Julia Turck
Gr 10



Drama teaches you things that most History books can't. Come to class with tons of passion and dedication.
Jessica Ratcliffe
Gr 11



Drama is not just a class, it's an escape from the pressures of everyday life to a wonderful and weird dimension.
Lily-Rose Tomlinson
Gr 11








SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

JENNIFER SALE TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE
Jordi Paine
Awarded to the highest achievement in the Practical Preliminary examination.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Jessica Miller
Top in subject for Dramatic Arts 2023

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

ANNETTE HARTMAN TROPHY FOR DRAMATIC ARTS
Rhodah Martin and Romy Myers
Since Grade 8, these two students committed themselves to productions, House Plays and other events and showed true passion and enthusiasm for the subject and for their peers.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

THE MCLURG THEATRE ARTS TROPHY
Jesse Rodrigues
Awarded for her commitment to Drama Backstage in our Centenary production of *"Shrek The Musical"* and for stage managing *"The Wolves"* this year.

HOUSE PLAYS

Our annual House Play competition is one of the **most important events in the Drama programme** as it tasks the **Grade 11 students** with the enormous responsibility of producing their **own original play** within each of the four Houses.

This year, the **theme of the plays was "*Netflix Originals*"**. The students **take ownership of every stage of the production**: they assign responsibilities, write scripts, cast, direct, design, act, market and run all aspects of theatre tech from lighting and projections to sound.

Aside from the enormous creative demands of this task, they must engage with their interpersonal skills as they learn to **work collaboratively, resolve conflict as a team** and grow their **communal leadership skills**.

It is also a very important part of our outreach as the class donates the proceeds of ticket sales to a worthy organisation of their choosing.



Francis Hathorn



Georgia Makin

MERRIMAN BEST PLAY

Directed by Emma Gordon, Georgia Makin, Jessica Ratcliffe and Jasmine Hatherill

CARTER BEST SCRIPT

Michaela Edwards, Zahra Gouda and Nadhira Khan

CARTER







JAGGER





MERRIMAN







ROLT









THE WOLVES

LEFT QUAD. RIGHT QUAD. LUNGE. A GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER TEAM WARMS UP. FROM THE SAFETY OF THEIR SUBURBAN STRETCH CIRCLE, THE TEAM NAVIGATES BIG QUESTIONS AND WAGES TINY BATTLES WITH ALL THE VIM AND VIGOUR OF A PACK OF ADOLESCENT WARRIORS. A PORTRAIT OF LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS FOR NINE AMERICAN GIRLS WHO JUST WANT TO SCORE SOME GOALS.

(https://www.pulitzer.org/finalists/sarah-delappe)



On 14-16 March, the Senior School staged its annual production. This year, we chose to put on **Sarah DeLappe's pulitzer-nominated Drama The Wolves which featured a tight-knit cast of ten of our senior students, Grade 10-12's**. The play is set across six consecutive Saturdays in the life of a competitive girls' soccer team somewhere in central America, and follows the conversations, concerns and conflicts of nine girls who often have little in common but who learn to come together as a team – and perhaps even as sisters. The cast worked tirelessly and courageously to bring these real, complex characters to life and while the process was not easy, the warm and genuine reception of the audiences made for three enormously fulfilling performances. **It has been an honour to work with this incredible, unparalleled cast and to create something of which we are all incredibly proud.**



Zintle Lujabe | **Tessa Bottomley** | **Peta Duckit** | **Isabella Lindsay** | **Romy Myers**



Lathitha Sicweby | **Michaela Edwards** | **Jordi Paine** | **Lilitha Siwisa** | **Tyra Penney**


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SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



On 24 May, Herschel Girls (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*) shared the stage with Queens Park High School (*Macbeth*) and Victoria Park Primary (*King Lear*) at the 13th Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Star Theatre in District Six.

Herschel has been an active member of the festival, having staged productions every year since its inception in 2012. The festival **encourages our students and teachers to engage with conceptual thinking around how the ideas of the play can be translated into fresh and exciting choices** around costume, set and theatre tech.

This year, we focussed on bringing the fairy magic and fantasy of the play to life with **glittering fairy lights, the use of colour and texture to identify the human and fairy worlds, wirework, physical theatre and dance** to the music of Billie Eilish, Lorde, Boo and the Nomads.

Using a cast of **Grade 8 and 9 students only**, our vision was to create spaces of connection and belonging within our junior Herschel community and to **grow their confidence and skill** through putting them front and centre on stage.

















FRENCH

OVERVIEW By Ms Susy Macfarlane aka Madame

It has been aptly expressed that *"You live a new life for every language you speak."* The study of French at Herschel has ushered our students into a captivating voyage encompassing linguistic, geographical, cultural, and culinary exploration. Furthermore, it has provided them with the invaluable proficiency of conversing in the French language, thus bestowing upon them an important life skill.

GR 8

I have loved the immersion into French culture through not only learning the language but also looking at different regions and the French way of life.

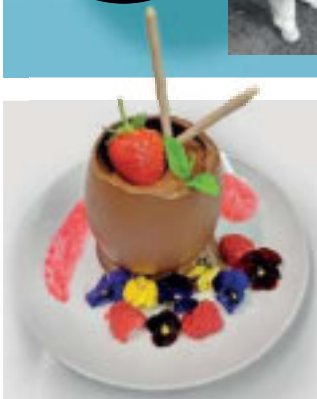




My absolute favourite memories must be our SFD! We played boules and had munchies and watched a show based in Paris (and did some work).



GR 9



"I WAS SO EXCITED FOR OUR FRENCH SFD! MADAME ALWAYS MAKES THE DAY FUN!
I made my first chocolate mousse for a chocolate mousse competition. Another favourite memory of mine was at the start of the year when we played boules in teams."





GR 10

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?

Going to the "Swan Cafe" and ordering in French. Our pancakes were so awesome! The waitress ONLY spoke French to us.



GR 11

Reading very different stories from different countries around the world – especially other African countries that are French-speaking

I've loved the puppet shows we did for role plays! **They make French a lot more interactive and fun.**



"In French, we don't say
'I miss you',
but rather
'tu me manques',
which directly translates to:
'you are missing from me' -
HOW CUTE! I LOVE THIS!"

GR 12

Learning a new language is such an EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE and gives you an advantage for your future. It also allows you to experience a different culture from that of your own.You learn more about the world and different cultures in a totally new way.

I appreciated how prepared my French teacher was for each lesson and the funny, interesting stories she would share with the class.

"EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY FIND SOME PARTS OF FRENCH CHALLENGING AT FIRST (ESPECIALLY THE COMPLICATED GRAMMAR WITH ALL THE PRONOUNS FOR OBJECTS AND NUMEROUS CONJUGATIONS), HAVING FUN AND ENGAGING IN CLASS WILL HELP YOU LEARN. MADAME WILL ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO MAKE LEARNING MORE ENJOYABLE AND EASIER."

Madame's reminder for exam: "When in doubt leave it out!"



ENGLISH

OVERVIEW By Ms Jayne Euvrard

The Herschel English Department strives to be a dynamic, enthusiastic space. In 2023 we have encouraged bold academic risks as pupils step out of their comfort zones and confront new ideas and ways of exploring the world through writing, reading and listening and speaking.

INSOMNIA

Olivia Egerer (Grade 10)

Icy winds pounded furiously against the rattling window panes, as Ameera lay awake in a sticky pool of sweat. Red numbers glared at her from across her bedside table: 04:21. This had become her routine as of late. Every night was the same, tossing and turning in vain attempts at rest. She couldn't shake the feeling that she wasn't alone. This evening had been particularly bad. With wrists pounding, she stared blankly at the stark white ceiling, conjuring phantom figures from the shadows. She contemplated what the root of this recent plague of insomnia could be. Late nights at the office? Or perhaps the excessive amounts of coffee she indulged in?

With work at the front of her mind, as per usual, she gave up on all pipe dreams of sleep and got out her laptop to check her emails. She blinked as her dry eyes adjusted to the new source of light. She refreshed her inbox for the second time that night and saw a new assignment to review some financial statements. Sitting in her stark apartment, she thought not of the phone call she'd been promising her mom since Christmas, nor did she consider cleaning up the stacks of neglected dishes and crinkled clothes that lay strewn around the floor. Instead, she had her daily hit of caffeine, reanimated her face with a splash of water, and got to work.

She typed up drafts while eating a fulfilling breakfast of chewing gum. She consulted with clients on rigid business calls while driving along puddle-ridden roads to get to the office. She didn't stop to eat when it was her lunch break, nor did she blink when she skidded and almost ran into a pigeon on the highway. Even once the office lights had been dimmed and her colleagues had left their respective cubicles, eager to get home to hearty meals and warm hugs, Ameera sat typing in the dark. She had been like this since she was a little girl. As the only child, she had been providing for her family since she was a teenager, by waiting tables and babysitting. Even now that she was independent, the "hard worker" attitude had stuck. Starving and exhausted, she hobbled back into her apartment that night, but her mind was too engaged in her current business proposal to worry about fixing up dinner. Ameera was suddenly snapped out of her trance by a sharp crunch underfoot, closely followed by the sickening stench of warm blood seeping into the wooden floors. Looking down she was shocked to see hundreds of porcelain shards beaming at her from every corner of the room. Momentarily frozen in awe, she stared at what appeared to be the smashed remains of her coffee mugs. She violently shivered as a sense of panic rose in her chest. She dodged glass and hobbled on her aching feet to lock the doors and windows, fearful that the culprit of this incident couldn't be far away.

After another sleepless night and some excessive sweeping, she got back to work. When she got to work she was surprised to find her laptop missing from its usual place in her bag. At home that night, in a wild frenzy, she searched her whole apartment and scanned her car for it, but it was nowhere to be found. These two recent occurrences seemed to her to be linked somehow. Ameera was pondering this very idea when a dark shadow whooshed past her. She whirled around in fear, only to find it was merely her curtain swaying from the open window. She closed it with a shudder.

These recent incidents had put Ameera on edge, and disrupted her life at the office. Sitting at her desk, she was utterly unable to focus on work. A loud knock on the door snapped her out of her thoughts. She reached for her lamp for protection. The doorknob turned slowly as she felt her heart pound in anticipation. A dark shadow filled the room as the door cracked open a notch. She took a jittery step forward, holding the lamp high above her head in defence.

"Good Gosh Meera, what's gone and gotten into you?" cried Mary as she entered, stunned.

Releasing her grip on the lamp with a relieved exhale, Ameera muttered something about how she hadn't been sleeping well lately.

"I'll tell the boss to give you a break. You are always working too hard. Try to get some rest. Your subconscious can have a funny way of telling you stuff."

And so Ameera took a well-deserved break. Her first break in years. Without the impending stress of meetings and deadlines, she slept for the first time in weeks. As she slept, her subconscious revelled in its success. The shards of glass seemed to shimmer in the moonlight, and her computer winked from within its hiding place, freed at last from the usual frantic typing. The room held the unspoken whispers of her dreams. The shadows were cast by a masterful hand—her own subconscious's efforts to guide her onto a better path.

Inspired by the painting by Daniela Yohannes: *"Black Bodies Floating in the Dead of Night"*, 2021 Acrylic on canvas 100 x 81 cm.

"I THINK ENGLISH IS A SUBJECT WHERE YOU **DEVELOP SKILLS** AS OPPOSED TO MEMORISING NOTES AND EXACT WORDS. THIS **CAN BE FRUSTRATING** BECAUSE IT **TAKES TIME** TO DEVELOP THESE SKILLS AND THE STRUGGLE IS OFTEN REFLECTED IN YOUR MARKS, BUT I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO **KEEP WORKING THROUGH THE STRUGGLES AS IT PAYS OFF AND IS WORTH IT IN THE END!**" **Hala Boomgaard** (Grade 10)



Esther Couves (Grade 12)
Achieved Gold in the English Olympiad for the third year in a row and came 38th out of 4400 students around South Africa.



Salma Moosa (Grade 12)
Her poem, *"No Longer Standing"* was published in *"English Alive"*.



Alexa Ashaba (Grade 8)
Her Short Story, *"The Aquarium"* was published in *"English Alive"*.
Alexa was invited to read her poem at the launch of the Anthology.

THE BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Charlize Karimi-Tabesh (Grade 10)

I bounce up and down at the back of Mphos's truck, squished next to Zinzi with a cake balanced precariously between my legs. A fizzy rush of giddiness rolls over me in waves as we near William's workplace. I feel my perfectionist side kick in and begin to ponder over the plan for the fifth time, trying to free it of its imperfections. I try to justify this in my mind by saying that William deserves only the best of birthday celebrations as he has done so much for me over the years; that I feel perfection is the least I owe him.

Jealousy looms over me as our rusty old Chevrolet pulls into the sea of rich, clean cars. My jealousy is soon replaced by pride as I remember how 'our William', who grew up in the township in a tin shack, has been able to reach this life amongst the lavish.

Mpho grabs the over-filled bag of goods – containing our collection of gifts, candles, a lighter, a bottle of champagne (it was on sale at Checkers) and red plastic cups (the original 'flutes') – and slings it over his shoulder. I pick the cake up from between my knees and Cindy holds together the bunch of green spotted balloons.

Once we're all set, we begin the trek through the never-ending sea of shiny cars and head towards the reception building.

We barge in through the tall glass doors and make a beeline for the receptionist, whose face is painted a pasty white, with thick-rimmed glasses balancing on the tip of her nose. Helen with a short blonde bob.

"Helen! Great to see you agai–"

Helen lifts a thin bony finger to her lips as she picks up the phone.

I stand behind the counter, listening to her help the person on the other end of the line for almost five minutes when she finally puts down the phone.

"Hi. I'm so sorry. It was a very important phone call."

"Agh, no worries."

My lips form a shape resembling a smile, as my insides twist with annoyance.

"Are you all set for the plan to take place?"

"Oh, um... yes. I'll call him down."

I quickly walk away from the counter before I let my thoughts get the best of me and begin setting up the waiting room for the surprise to take place. The waiting room is mid-sized with light grey walls and tall windows which are framed by silky green curtains. Although this is only a waiting room, it provides a far more attractive party scene than any of our homes could.

I get to work assembling all the gifts into an appealing arrangement on the slab of polished granite (posing as what I assume is a coffee table) in the centre of the room. Zinzi organises the balloons and Mpho sticks the candles into the cake.

After everything is organised, we position ourselves into secret hiding places amongst the lush waiting room. Zinzi crouches down behind the couch, Mpho lies down next to the coffee table and I slide behind the lush curtains. The ornate beaded silk sends belittling comments floating around my ears, making me fearful of rubbing my sweat-shined skin against them. These lush curtains cannot be tainted with my cheap sweat.

As soon as we are in position I hear Helen put down the phone.

"He's on his way", she drawls out from behind the desk.

The giddiness of earlier returns as we wait together. The only sound I can hear is the thudding of my heart mixed with the faint ticking of a clock. with the only sound in the room with only a little light provided from the setting sun shining through the windows.

After a few minutes of silent waiting, I begin to hear the familiar thump of footsteps that I know so well. The footsteps grow louder and louder until he eventually reaches the corner of the steps, where I can just make out his figure in the darkness.

"Helen!" he calls in a panic.

"Helen! Where are you? What's happened?"

After a few more seconds of his panic, we all jump out of our hiding places.
"Happy Birthday!"

"Aaaaaah!", he screams frighteningly as his body flinches slightly.

We all burst out laughing.

"Yayingahlekisi loo nto!", he says in an irritated manner, as he begins to catch his breath.

Once his initial shock has subdued, Zinzi lights the oddly placed candles of his homemade cake as we begin to sing.

"Min'e mnandi kuwe. Min'e mnandi..."

William awkwardly rubs his elbow as he listens.

After the song ends, William bends down to blow out his candles

"Wait!", Mpho cries.

"We must take a group photo first, cake candles included."

"Alright, fine."

William picks up the cake and stands up. I wave Helen over and ask if she can take a photo of us. We all gather into a bunch. I place my arm on William's shoulder and hang on to him with a toothy grin. I stare absentmindedly into the cake, thinking about the long hours Zinzi and I spent preparing it, while enclosed in the rotten old walls of my kitchen. Smoothing out the vanilla icing as best as we could with a plastic butter knife...
I wonder why William still chooses to have me, a low-class, plastic butter-knife baker, as a friend instead of the many others on his level, who have no need to be a baker and could simply just buy one.

Just as I'm about to look back up, Helen clicks the button on the camera, and the camera flash floods the room. Great. Now the photo is going to capture me looking like a greedy fool.

We all gather back around William and watch as he blows out his candles, which are slowly starting to drip their multicoloured wax all over the cake. We all cheer and smile once they're all blown out and William smiles goofily as he thanks us for the surprise.

I carefully pick the melted candles out of the cake and hand him the knife to begin slicing and serving his cake. Once I receive my slice, I take my fork and dive it deep into its pillowy sponge, and scoop it up into my mouth. Only a few minutes later I'm left with a few little crumbs decorating my plate. I guess my butter knife baker skills aren't too shabby after all.

"Thank you so much for such a special birthday, guys."

"Hang on, it's not over yet ... You still need to open your presents. And we have to have a birthday toast."

"Oh. Of course! How could I forget?", William says sarcastically.

We spend the rest of the evening laughing, drinking, and reminiscing on old happy memories, as we enjoy celebrating another year of our special friend's life.

OUTINGS:

Grade 10 Single Focus Day visit to the Zeitz MOCAA

The Grade 10s spent a day immersed in the art of the Zeitz Mocaa. Their challenge was to find the stories in the art and in the space itself and bring narratives and characters to life. The incredible artworks and the buildings themselves inspired stories of courage, introspection, resilience and drama, of dystopian nightmares and future hope.



Our outing to the Museum was definitely my highlight, taking in all the beautiful artworks and being allowed to express our own creativity through our writing.
Saushan Rinquest

Very beautiful and inspirational especially allowing us to be diverse and choose what our writing would be on instead of forcing a specific topic on us.
Zakiya Bhorey



NOSTALGIA CAFÉ

Cate Lea (Grade 11)

Sometimes when the evening comes, the light hits the window in a way that reminds me of that other life. I'll think about him. The stubble gracing his jaw, the feeling of his weight in my arms. I'll see him sitting in the chair in the corner, the orange of dusk outlining his frame, as he turns the pages of his book.

He's not gone, I tell myself. Right?

Right.

Then I get up and walk to the café across the street, moving away from my life, into the lives of others.

He catches my eye. The usual order: Black, hot, no milk. The usual table: A corner by the window, circular, freshly wiped. The usual agenda: Living the imaginary lives of other people. To forget.

She's beautiful. Even more so as the autumn wind plays with her hair. She adjusts her tweed coat. Shuffles. Straightens her posture and clears her throat as she leans forward to request a ...

... new hand of cards. She's an imposing aristocrat dabbling in the festivities offered at Versailles. Léa Moulin, Duchess of Bourbon. Flushed powdered faces frolic and laugh as cards are exchanged. The room is faintly rose-scented. Léa squeals as she unveils her cards, and a roar goes up from the chairs surrounding the circular mahogany table. Léa's voice is like an icy stream running down the spines of her admirers. All at once, people around the room shiver. She giggles and curls a fiery strand tightly around her finger. Glasses clink as yet another set of cards is passed around. Her smirking lips hold many eyes. A vice-like grip. They can't look away. She leans in ...

... I lean back. Content. I sip my coffee. Cold. I spoon in more sugar anyway. The bell rings as more customers enter the café. I gaze around the room and then out the window, searching.

Two men scrutinise the potatoes before them. One too small, one too brown, one not quite what he was looking for - a praise-worthy gratin needs praise-worthy potatoes. The elderly man pokes his friend in disdain, wrinkled eyes punishing the friend's naivety as the stall owner grows increasingly agitated. The friend turns, and his cashmere sweater's hairs dance in the breeze. He looks at the man. Endearingly. Kisses him ...

... for the first time. By a lake hidden in the countryside. While Henry's palms are soft and slightly damp from a recent rain shower, Elias's hands are calloused from working on the trains, shovelling endless coal piles.

That's where Elias first caught a glimpse of him - Henry Dalton, son of a well-respected businessman - walking timidly behind his imposing father at the train station. Henry had golden curls framing a soft, ethereal complexion. Elias shouted to Henry as the train moved on. Henry's eyes widened, then his face lifted, and he laughed out loud. Genuine happiness enveloped his demeanour. Elias forever wondered why Henry caught his eye. Perhaps because he was a man of refreshing candour. Elias never forgot Henry; neither did Henry forget Elias. And now they spend their days together, picnicking, dancing, and loving - in secret.

Henry's mouth is as soft as it looks from afar. Elias's stubble pierces Henry's skin like a sharp needle through a fine piece of cotton. Other than the petrichor emanating from the grass beneath them, there is no evidence that it had rained at all. But dew-specked grass clings to their shirts like Henry clings to ...

... my stained cup. "You done with this? Need another? Should do. Been here long enough. Ought to pay the rent," a tired figure mumbles dejectedly. I don't reply. Instead, I notice a boy and his mother slip into two far-corner seats. She helps him out of his wheelchair. Limp legs dangle beneath a toned torso. He opens his mouth in protest as his mother gets up to place their order...

... "You never leave a soldier behind." Jamar charges forward, long, athletic legs barely grazing the sand beneath him. He crumples down and clutches the frayed fingers of an injured soldier - his brother Ronnell. Tears of blood trickle down from Ronnell's gash, and he wails lamentedly. Distress clouds Jamar's reactions as planes rumble overhead. Gunfire - the gut-wrenching sound of gunfire. He hates it more than anything. A solid object bumps precariously against Jamar's outstretched leg, and then it happens; the moment he will never forget but for the life of him cannot remember. Jamar's legs are torn from his body as the compact bomb ends its own life. Muscles, ligaments and tendons that have carried Jamar all his life are ripped and strewn into the air amongst all the others. To be buried beneath the soil and trod on by soldiers to come. The very tendons, muscles and ligaments that brought him to where he is now ...

... A café. In the city centre. Coffee machines woosh. Friends gossip. Love is confessed. Hot coffee scalds the mouth. Flakes of pastry grace the tongue.

I stand up. Pay the bill he'd always pay. Leave the table we'd always sat at. Leave that other life. But tomorrow, I will return, yet again, to Nostalgia Café.









TIPS FOR STUDYING ENGLISH

"Always read. Keep yourself updated. Learn grammar."
Zahra Gouda *(Grade 11)*

"Focus on how to analyse a question so that you can answer the questions precisely." **Mia Andrew** *(Grade 11)*

"Reading novels will help you to write for yourself."
Ana Vaughn-Scott *(Grade 11)*

"Learning to truly enjoy reading will benefit you immensely, being able to enjoy a key part of English studying is the best thing you can do for yourself. It's never too early to start developing your skills! Even if you are in Grade 8 or 9, begin now, it is the greatest favour you can do for your future self!" **Stella Golby** *(Grade 11)*

"Read more! And know that English isn't 'general knowledge' *it takes a lot of focus to understand the topics and genres we do."*
Julia Komninos *(Grade 10)*

"Find something about the subject you enjoy, be it literature, poetry, orals, etc. Finding something you can enjoy is a good way to hook into a subject and gain motivation to study and thrive."
Olivia Egerer *(Grade 10)*

THE AQUARIUM

Alexa Ashaba (Grade 8)

She was walking through a corridor. She was thinking that more people should be at aquariums at night. She tied her hair with a hair tie her mother gave her on the first day at school a few days ago. It was a red scrunchie, and already worn out from the amount of times she had played with it while bored.

Her mother always told her to stay in one place if they got separated, but she was moving. Not far: she was walking up and down the corridor she had lost her parents in. The corridor was wide, glass where there would have been a wall of cement. There was a small dent on the floor which she insisted on kicking every time she passed it.

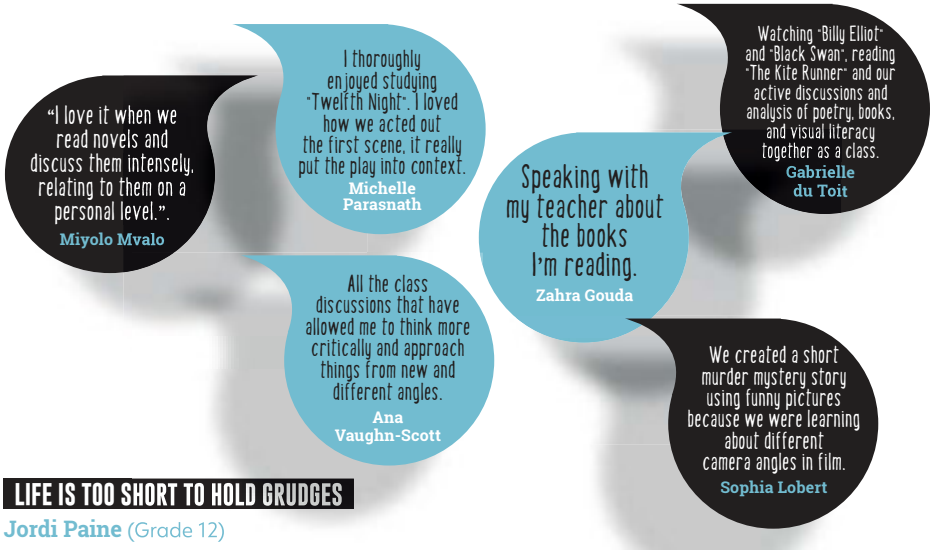
She turned and looked at the jellyfish she was following. Something about jellyfish always interested her. They didn't have any faces. They could sting. In her mind, they were an enigma. She had named the jellyfish Mark. Mark had caught her attention when she was looking at a school of Betta Fish. They had long flappy fins and were swimming slowly. But the light was blue and it hit Mark perfectly and she insisted on following him. She had slipped her hand out of her mother's grip and followed him.

That was also the last time she saw her mother. She had been in this aquarium for almost an hour longer than she should have, and knew that it was probably dark. In her boredom, she decided to memorise every detail of the corridor. The cameras at its edge and near the lights. The coldness of the glass. The way certain fish swam fast and others slow. Her mother once told her that fish had to keep swimming or else they would die. She didn't like that fact. She closed her eyes. She had a headache.

She leaned against the glass, turned and pressed her forehead on the glass and opened her eyes. Mark was in front of her. She then heard a loud shout and stood up straight.

Her mother hugged her tightly. She could feel her bones cracking. Her mother broke away and softly grabbed her face: she had been crying. They both had been crying. Her mother held her hand tightly and walked her to the car. It was dark, as expected. The moon was a thin crescent and the stars were blocked by clouds she could barely see but knew were there.

When they reached home, they watched a movie. She couldn't remember much in terms of plot. The movie was a bad rom com but was saved from being utterly boring by a few interesting lines. They didn't say anything. She murmured a soft apology when the credits started rolling.



LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO HOLD GRUDGES

Jordi Paine (Grade 12)

I don't want to believe in the perfect wedding. I know weddings are about celebrating love, but if tonight is the indicator of how our marriage will go, Gabe and I are screwed.

Everything that could possibly go wrong, has gone wrong. The flowers on the reception tables are poppies, not peonies. What did the florist think I wanted? To give my guests opium poisoning?

The cake is all wrong too. I specifically asked for Tahitian vanilla - not regular - and the barman is clearly serving Chenin Blanc, not Chardonnay!

I wanted to yell at them all - the florist, the caterers, and the barman. I wanted to go full Bridezilla. I'd use my vail to strangle them and my tiara as a deadly boomerang.

Gabe talked me down of course. "Life is too short to hold grudges", he said - his famous catchphrase. He's always been so good at calming me down. That is why I love him. That is why, when he lets his bloody, medium rare steak fall onto my silk, white gown - staining it red, I just smile and say:

"It's alright, dear."

But of course, it isn't alright, because five seconds later, I am eating ice cream from the stand that cost a fortune and I can feel something happening in my stomach. Something gurgles, some burps, and I feel like I might explode!

"Is this lactose-free ice cream, like I asked for?" I hiss at the server.

The young boy - probably on his first day on the job - hesitates,

"No?"

I growl in frustration. The vein above my right temple begins to throb. I look to find Gabe but he is not here to calm me or my stomach down. This is something I have to deal with alone.

I half-run-half-stomp to the bathroom, discreetly clutching my rear end. Once on the toilet, I want to cry. My stomach lurches in agony, whilst I will for the pain to end, will for this night to end - a night I planned so precisely and dreamed of for days. This is supposed to be our night. Mine and Gabe's perfect night.

Mine and Gabe's.

Oh, Gabe. The mere thought of him and I together loosens my clenched fists. My stomach stops growling like a ferocious beast and the pain in my abdomen subsides.

I smile to myself as I stand up from the loo and take a deep breath through the open bathroom window, reminding myself to enjoy tonight - two-ply toilet paper and all - because tonight I married Gabe. The best man...

NO, THE WORST MAN!

My eyes grow like tennis balls as I watch Gabe, my Gabe, and Jessica - my maid of honor - kissing how giraffes eat - with way too much tongue. My hands begin to shake, my vision goes red, and Bridezilla finally emerges.

I storm out of the bathroom and head straight for the table. I grip two knives in my hand - Gabe's and Jessica's. I notice both are fake silver but I'm not mad. I think it is rather fitting. Fake silver knives to plunge into their fake hearts - which is what I do.

Blood spills onto my dress but it blends right in with the meat stain. I stage the bodies to make it look like a tragic lover's suicide. I fittingly place the lover letter Gabe wrote for me this morning - an extract from Romeo and Juliet - in between them. When everything is just right, I scream.

The story is believed. Everyone believes I was in the bathroom the whole time - knowing about my lactose allergy. Everyone knew they were having an affair and were probably delirious from the opium in the poppies. The honeymoon is canceled and the wedding gifts are sold. The money from both goes toward the funeral where I play the weeping widow. The life insurance is used to pay for my therapy sessions which I spend on the beach with a cocktail in hand.

When the waiter serving my cocktail spills the drink onto my white sundress, he apologises. I look at him through the tops of my sunglasses and with an innocent smile, I say:

"It's alright, dear. Life is too short to hold grudges.

GEOgraphy

OVERVIEW By Mrs Naseema Parker

In Geography our learning experience goes beyond traditional classroom boundaries. We take pride in our commitment to fieldwork, encouraging hands-on exploration and the development of critical thinking skills. Our department is a place where curiosity is celebrated, and the world is your classroom.
Join us in the pursuit of knowledge and the exploration of our ever-changing world.

"My favourite thing I learned was a story about a captain that managed to be in 2 HEMISPHERES on 2 DIFFERENT DAYS in 2 DIFFERENT MONTHS in 2 DIFFERENT YEARS and in 2 DIFFERENT CENTURIES."

Neve Brogan Gr 8

Favoutrite things we learnt in Geography ...

"How to draw a climate graph was fun and really interesting."
Abigail van Sittert Grade 8

"About the mid-latitude cyclones because we can see them being experienced in winter." **Jodie Sharp** Grade 12

"Settlement geography; it was super interesting." **Indiah Weldon** Grade 12

"Population growth and factors. By looking at population numbers, as a class, we talked about how we are affecting the environment and possible solutions to regulate population growth. e.g.- child policies."
Kaylin Seymour Grade 10

"Equinoxes and solstices and the dates on which they occur." **Chloe Oldham** Grade 8

"Maps. The different types you get and what they are used for."
Zayaan Sirkot Grade 8

"How rocks form and the way the earth works." **Alice Kuhn** Grade 11

"Learning about the mining in the Karoo."
Gabrielle du Toit Grade 11

"Where most of the countries are and a bit about the different cultures and communities of the countries."
Lily Watson Grade 8

I think that taking Geography is vital for your life because it is connected and intertwined with a lot of things in everyday life.
Scarlett Turck Gr 8

Geography helps you build navigational skills and gain a wide variety of knowledge that encompasses different subject areas.
Sophie Vickers Gr 10

GRADE 8

AQUARIUM VISIT

The outing was to witness the important role of the oceans on climate and fishing, as well as understanding why we need to use and protect them.



Geography helps people to recognise the big differences in cultures, economies, landscapes and even political systems by exploring the links between them.
Hannah Wright Gr 11

GRADE 12

OUTING TO GROOT CONSTANTIA

A visit to Groot Constantia to observe the terrain, vineyards and physical features to answer their research essay question: CRITICALLY EVALUATE AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: *"What is more important in the making of a good bottle of wine: The physical factors of the vineyard or the skills of the wine maker?"*





GRADE 10

AROUND THE PENINSULA FROM SEA POINT TO HOUT BAY

The focus was on observing the following:

- Settlement types, importance of the oceans and shore-line – we stopped at the shipwreck below the Twelve Apostles Hotel.
- Rock types and landforms – we studied Table Mountain, Signal Hill, Lions Head, The Twelve Apostles and Chapman's Peak and vegetation type (Fynbos).

The students needed to photograph images on route which they used to create a magazine promoting the region.





Topics covered

- Climatology
- Geomorphology
- Population Geography
- Economic and Development Geography
- Human Geography

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT



Sienna Rossiter

Sienna made it through to round two and was placed **14th** in the **2023 Senior South African National Geography Olympiad** so receiving a Platinum Certificate for being in the **top 1%.**

HISTORY

OVERVIEW By Ms Lindsay Wills

It has been a privilege to teach our wonderful History students this year. They are curious about the people of the past, and seek answers to big questions about social ills, politics and human behaviour. Our students have worked hard at honing their historical thinking and writing skills, and it has been such a delight to facilitate their engaging, lively discussions in class. My sincere thanks also go to my fellow teachers for making this year a wonderful, rambunctious, transformative journey through the past.

"BE WARNED! HISTORY IS LETHAL!

You won't want to study anything else. You will become incredibly knowledgeable. You may blow everyone away with your vast knowledge of the world."

Jordi Paine

"History helps you better understand why the world is the way it is today. It's just like a **HUGE PUZZLE** that you piece together; you are always learning something new."

Elysia Aspinal

"HISTORY IS THE **BEST SUBJECT** TO TAKE IF YOU'RE TRYING TO **UNDERSTAND INJUSTICES** THAT OCCURRED IN OUR PAST AND THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE **INFLUENCED POLITICS AND SOCIAL MATTERS IN OUR PRESENT TIME.**"

Lathitha Siwceby

Best things we learnt in History ...

"The American and French Revolutions." **Rebecca Hewat**

"How to improve essay technique. It's something I've struggled with for a long time but History is helping me improve this." **Olivia Sutcliff**

"The Aztec Empire. I loved learning how advanced their mechanics were and their complex society before colonisation." **Selah van Rooyen**

"The Cold War, and looking at life in Nazi Germany." **Matilda Loggenberg**

"Russian Revolution, Rasputin, and how to effectively answer a source-based test." **Zahra Gouda**

"How irrational and self-serving the West actually was during The Cold War, Colonialism and American History." **Zaynah Darsot**

"Malcom X and The Black Panther Party and their works with the Black Power Movement in Black American communities in the 1960's." **Lathitha Sicweby**

"Black Power and Civil Rights movement. It was interesting learning about amnesty, the TRC and all the reforms during Apartheid." **Ongamela Peter**

"The Cu Chi tunnels utilised by the VietCong Guerilla group during the Vietnam War." **Jessica Jensen**

Why we love our History teachers ...

"My History teacher puts so much thought and attention into each lesson. I feel that my History skills have grown immensely this year." **Rebecca Hewat**

"Ms Wesson is always very empathetic and notices when we are feeling down." **Romy Myers**

"Ms Wills' positive energy and deep historical knowledge is so inspiring. I love coming to History." **Jessica Jensen**

"Ms Wesson always has the interests of each individual student at heart - she makes sure that every student is on the same page." **Anja Bräsler**

"Thank you for making History my favourite subject. I am always excited when I see it on my timetable." **Jordi Paine**

"Our class is like one big family and we all joke about stuff together." **Bianca Ribeiro**

"I love how invested my History teacher is on my journey towards achieving my goals in History." **Zara Palmer**

"Ms Wills is such a knowledgeable teacher. Her passion for the subject makes her easily approachable." **Alexa de Villiers**

"Thank you so much for always being there to help me whenever I need it!" **Michela Benettolo**





SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Gabriella Querido (Grade 9)

FIRST PLACE IN THE JUNIOR WRITING CATEGORY OF THE ANNUAL CREATIVE PROJECT AWARDS COMPETITION

Run by the Cape Town Holocaust Centre, the topic was *"Holocaust memorials as a lens for remembrance in South Africa"*. Gabriella poignantly explored our country's past and the need for a renewed look at how our Apartheid History has been memorialised.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Zahra Gouda (Grade 10), **Layla Abrahams** (Grade 11), **Hala Boomgaard** (Grade 10) and **Eryn Van Vollenhoven** (Grade 11)

21ST OUT OF 52 TEAMS AT THE SAIIA (SA INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE AFFAIRS) CURRENT AFFAIRS AND NEWS CHALLENGE



IT

OVERVIEW By Mr Edwin Charikinya

Information Technology (IT) is all about logical problem-solving, information management, and effective communication. Our students delve into the world of computer applications, current development tools, and their social and economic implications.

I realise how important digital literacy is today.
Kera-Lee Ball

I learned how clever AI can be.
Justine Lucke

Learning to code in html has helped me feel empowered in the digital world.
Zoë West

Purposeful Learning

IN OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CLASSES, LEARNERS UNDERSTAND HOW COMPUTING PRINCIPLES, PROGRAMMING, HARDWARE, AND SOFTWARE APPLY TO THEIR LIVES, WORK, AND COMMUNITIES. THEY CRITICALLY ANALYSE THE ETHICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COMPUTERS WHILE HONING ESSENTIAL SKILLS LIKE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK.

AT HERSCHEL WE ARE NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF IT EXPERTS, PROBLEM SOLVERS, AND INNOVATORS.

Bridging the Gap

In Grades 8 and 9, our students embark on an exciting journey into **web design**, harnessing the power of **JavaScript, HTML**, and **CSS**. They acquire the skills to **craft interactive websites** and **master the art of programming, creating captivating animations** and **intricate drawings**. This self-paced course serves as a robust foundation for those who wish to explore Information Technology in Grade 10. Throughout the year, we delve into these comprehensive courses:

- **Understanding AI and Database**
- **Mobile Application**
- **Game Development**
- **Introduction to Programming**
- **Python Basics**
- **Data Visualisation in Excel**

STEAM for Success

In Grade 8, our **STEAM** journey begins, fostering collaboration and critical thinking through hands-on activities. **Robotics** plays a crucial role in making STEAM learning intuitive and inclusive, equipping students with **vital 21st century skills.**











Programming Olympiad

Recently, we introduced a **Programming Olympiad**, and we're proud to share that **eight of our talented students advanced to the second round**. This experience not only sharpened their coding abilities but also showcased how IT skills can address real-world challenges. It's an inspiring journey for our students, turning them into **practical problem solvers and global change-makers**.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Here are the exceptional students who participated:

Aasiyah Bailey, Christy Braune, Georgia Currie, Lusinda Dumekude, Rebecca Edwards, Olivia Egerer, Gemma Fürst, Cyanne Kleye, Fatima Mohamed, Saushan Rinquest, Anna Ashbolt, Adelaide Barnard, Amy Davis ,Ahlam Dharsey, Hlubikazi Dibakoane, Nandi Dlamini, Amy Gordon, Finnley Kleingeld, Ruth Madonko, Taskya Pillay, Tai Ravat, Georgina Withers and Ameera Yacoob

Physical Sciences

OVERVIEW By Mrs Philippa Broadhurst

This year Physical Sciences has been an exciting year filled with many fun practicals, interesting single focus days and a lot of hard work on the part of our students.

We said goodbye to our Head of Science, Candice Lacerda, in June as she headed off with her family to Canada. We will miss her and her amazing contribution to Physical Sciences at Herschel.

What we learn in Physical Sciences

- Mechanics
- Acids and bases
- Redox
- Stoichiometry
- Circuits
- Electrostatics
- Organic chemistry
- Chemical equilibrium
- Rates
- Electromagnetism
- Electrochemistry

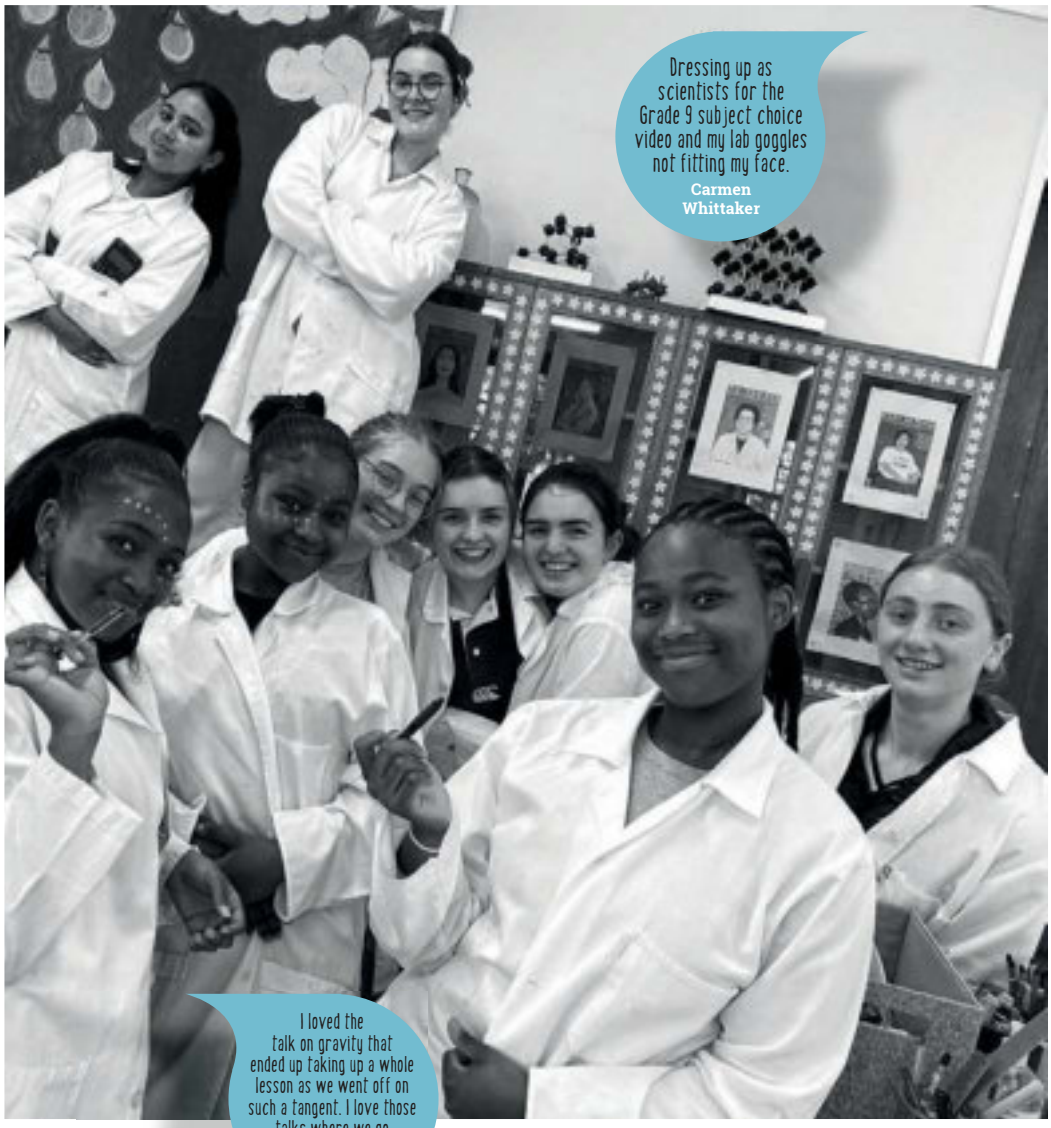
TOP TIPS FOR SURVIVING PHYSICAL SCIENCES

"Chow Physics. Don't let it chow you."
Intando Taitai

"Prepare to be humbled."
Michaela Edwards

"Have a good work ethic."
Leah Josi

"Perseverance is key to success in this subject. Asking good questions is the first step."
Daniella Mwoyosvi



Dressing up as scientists for the Grade 9 subject choice video and my lab goggles not fitting my face.
Carmen Whittaker

I loved the talk on gravity that ended up taking up a whole lesson as we went off on such a tangent. I love those talks where we go completely off topic.
Tia Deliperi

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The hideous smells in the Ester Practical!
Carmen Whittaker

This isn't very scientific but ...
Mrs Broadhurst

LIFE Sciences

OVERVIEW By Mrs Sandy Rule

We have a thriving department with passionate teachers: Sandy Rule, Yaasien Kerbelker, Silvana Scarola, Karen van der Merwe and laboratory assistant, Luyanda Centani. Our students have explored many facets of the subject, learnt vital skills, been on inspiring outings and enjoyed practical experiences.

GRADE 8

Our year introduces these students to biological drawing skills, use of a light microscope, the cell, photosynthesis, cellular respiration, gaseous exchange and reproduction. They have developed practical skills and learnt to analyse information. A highlight was visiting the Two Oceans Aquarium where organisms were closely experienced, and the exhibits were enjoyed.

GRADE 9

We are mindful that some students will continue with this wonderful subject and some will not. The course is designed to equip students with important life skills and to build on those important scientific skills that will be further developed in the senior phase. In Grade 9 we have explored water in living organisms, the transport and support systems in humans.

GRADE 10

This is an exciting year as it's the start of the FET phase. The subject becomes 'meaty' as important foundations are set. Students get to grips with the four themes: environmental studies, biodiversity, life processes in plants and animals, and life at the molecular level. One of the highlights was our annual visit to the rocky shores at Kommetjie where we did authentic field work, collecting quantitative data to analyse.

GRADE 11

Students in Grade 11 are in full academic mode as they prepare for the final assessment at the end of 2024. On the SFD, they practised their scientific essay writing skills after attending a short talk on the topic from Ms East. Another highlight was two of our students, Erin and Cate, winning Gold at EXPO for their experiment on Malaria.

GRADE 12

The Grade 12 Life Sciences curriculum is packed with a variety of exciting topics:
- Introducing genetics
- Inheritance and reproduction
- Developments in biotechnology
- Understanding evolution

The Grade 12 year is filled with many assessments and practicals. A particularly fun activity is creating our genetics babies using a gene pool of heterozygous characteristics: we call them our "*Reebob Babies*".

Favourite things the pupils learnt?

"I found studying animal and plant cells incredibly fascinating. Exploring their different components and learning about magnification added a layer of interest to learning more about Life Sciences."
Georgia Nicklin

"I found learning about how cellular respiration and photosynthesis were connected to gaseous exchange really interesting. The fact that we need plants for oxygen, and they need us for carbon dioxide was fascinating to actually realise."
Siyanda Khoza

"Learning about how to work with microscopes, which eventually led to making our own onion epidermis slides. It was really interesting to see the different components needed to form an onion."
Lihlombe Mandindi and Isabella Kalam

"It was so interesting learning about antibiotic resistance in bacterial infections, and how in the future they might be treated with small doses of a virus for more efficiency."
Tia Deliperi







It was very interesting to learn at the aquarium about biodiversity within our marine ecosystems and all the unique qualities they possess.
Lihlombe Mandindi



My favourite thing was cutting open the pig and dissecting its brain.
Tia Deliperi

I loved blowing up a sheep's lungs at UCT Open Day.
Erin Meyer

Our favourite memory is when we got bacteria samples off of the toilet seat.
Nicole Macey





LO *Life* ORIENTATION

OVERVIEW By Mrs Sharmila Gordon

We were pleased to welcome Dr Alexa February to our department this year and together with Mrs Megan Smith and Mr Sheldon Cross, we are a dynamic department of teachers who each bring our own unique skills to the melting pot of a subject in which the main focus is on the holistic well-being of all our students.

Favourite memories

"My favourite memory from LO this year was making a video about cyber bullying for a project because it taught me more about the topic. It was fun to film and edit the video."
Lihlombe Mandindi

"When we had a mindfulness session when everyone in the class tangled themselves and then had to undo it."
Eve Abrahams

"My favourite memory was when we had the sex talk and it was such a safe space for all of us."
Nicole Downard

"Listening to the different opinions of the people in my class, especially on controversial topics."
Sofia Dearnaley

"When we split off into groups and created posters on Canva. My group's topic was morals and values. It was a fun way to discuss this topic while also learning."
Christy Braune

"Creating our own group roleplay to dive into deeper topics"
Saushan Rinquest

The best thing we learnt

"Learning about self-esteem and body image was very valuable."
Ophelia Loggenberg

"How to navigate social teen life and learn how to persevere and stand against peer pressure."
Tess Rycroft

"Learning about the UN and our rights and responsibility."
Sophie Maurel

"The most valuable thing I learnt in LO this year was about how to make a brand of and for myself."
Reece Corker

"It is important to look at both sides when debating something and developing a proper counter argument is important."
Tessa Bottomley

"I found our two sessions centred around identity and sexual orientation to be the most valuable information learnt as it debunked many myths regarding hormones and equipped me with information that I can use later in life."
Hala Boomgaard

Thanks to our teachers

"I love how my teacher educates us but doesn't force her opinion on us. When talking about awkward topics, she's very to the point."
Lucy Mulder

"The LO teachers were very helpful in answering questions about Grade 10 subjects."
Sophia Lobert

"I like Mr Cross. He's very funny, yet calm and very motivating."
Kelello Dube

"We have a very safe and comfortable environment in our LO class. We share and listen with respect."
Julia Turck

"Mrs Gordon is very approachable and I am able to ask her anything."
Gabriela Stuart-Reckling

"I respect that all my classmates can share their thoughts with confidence during the lessons and that everyone participates in our class discussions. I respect Dr February for always planning our lessons and teaching us in a logical way."
Kelly Cadiz

Tips for taking LO

"To pay attention because this is one of the only subjects that can help you understand our world better and prepare you for later scenarios in life."
Jada Martin

"Many people think LO is general knowledge but it's actually not and you should study and listen in class."
Gemma Jones

"Read widely and develop critical thinking skills."
Sophie Vickers

"LO is not a common knowledge subject. You genuinely do have to put as much work in as you do with your other subjects."
Bianca Ribeiro

"When you are doing assignments, always speak from your heart and your life experiences."
Sophie Maurel

Make a conscious effort to hear everyone's opinion when discussions are taking place as it opens your mind to different perspectives which may be useful later."
Eryn van Vollenhoven

Interesting experiences

"Learning how to fix a tyre."
IsabellaThompson

"Planning an event that could bring South Africa or Cape Town together."
Zayaan Sirkot

"When we created our own constitution for our fictitious country and had a debate in Mr Cross's class."
Alice Bailey

"I enjoyed working in groups to discuss world problems that interest us, such as poverty, gender inequality, etc."
Katherine Gutsche

"Learning about class members and their beliefs via their various stances in conversation – even when nothing is said you can still learn a lot about a person."
Micah Engel

"During our community service task I ended up finishing all of my hours in one week since I fell in love with going to the Woof Project."
Keri Purchase

"I loved the sex ed talk, the lady we had was so nice and funny and relatable."
Emma McGaw

EVENTS

GRADE 9 SFD
Focus on grooming and recognising predatory behaviour.

GRADE 10 SEX ED WORKSHOP
A Women's Wellness counsellor provided a sex education workshop which focused on female physical, emotional and mental health.

GRADE 11 JOB SHADOWING
Went job shadowing allowing them first-hand experience of the world of work.

GRADE 8 – 12 CAREERS DAY
All students attended Careers Day sessions of personal interest offered by women who are experts in their own respective career fields.

PREP SCHOOL COLLABORATION
A first for us – a collaboration with our Prep school during which our Grade 7s were taught sex education by the Senior school's teachers. This was very beneficial for our students as it lessens anxiety levels when the transition occurs to the Senior school.



"Although many people believe it's common knowledge, LO is a very important subject and source of help/resource for tools to help you cope with the rest of your life."
Nina Wides

IsiXHOSA

OVERVIEW By Ms Zikhona Bovana

This year has been a thrilling ride in my teaching career. I have taught students in all grades, but the real magic lies in the incredible diversity of backgrounds and cultures in my class. It is a daily adventure of learning and growth, a vibrant tapestry of shared experiences.



ISIXHOSA FAL SINGLE FOCUS DAY – GRADE 8
The focus of the event was to introduce our non-mother tongue speakers of isiXhosa to the culture and experience of speaking isiXhosa outside the classroom.

"Normalise making mistakes because if you don't, you won't be able to learn and move forward. Have fun, enjoy it. Don't take IsiXhosa too seriously. Think of it as a skill you are going to gain rather than a mark on your report".

Kelello Dube Grade 9



Read books. IsiXhosa books!
Letsatsi Moerane

It is a lot of fun when you have a positive attitude towards it. Don't forget to try your best, make mistakes, because that is the only way you will progress.
Kwakhanya Ntikinca



Lily Watson
100% IN A TEST
This was a really special moment for everyone in class because as Lily was writing the test, she was so frustrated that she cried.

Stella Boschoff
BEST COOK
Stella baked *"amagwinya"* (vetkoeks) for the first time and brought them for everyone to enjoy.

MATHematics

"BEING A MATHEMATICIAN IS A BIT LIKE BEING A MANIC DEPRESSIVE: **YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE ALTERNATING BETWEEN GIDDY ELATION AND BLACK DESPAIR.**"

STEVEN G. KRANTZ

This quote, which I encountered during my Abstract Algebra course at university some 20 years ago, has had a lasting impact on me. It resonates not only with my Mathematical journey but also serves as a universal reminder applicable to life in general. **It underscores the demanding nature of Mathematics, highlighting the challenges we must endure in our quest to solve complex problems, as well as the profound joy that comes with achieving solutions**.

In our educational endeavours, we continually instill in our students the value of **perseverance** when they encounter Mathematical diculties. We emphasize the importance of cultivating a **strong determination** and an **unwavering commitment to tackling challenging problems**. These qualities, which include determination and resilience, are not only essential for success in Mathematics but are also **critical in the broader context of life**.

TO ME, THIS QUOTE SERVES AS A WELLSPRING OF MOTIVATION, REMINDING US THAT WHEN LIFE PRESENTS ITS TOUGHEST CHALLENGES AND UNEXPECTED OBSTACLES, WE CAN EXPERIENCE TRIUMPHANT JOY BY PERSISTING AND PUSHING THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE.

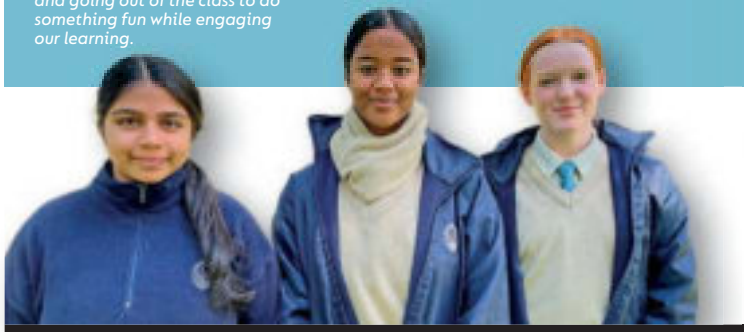
By Mr Jason Stegmann

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY ABOUT YOUR MATHS SFD THIS YEAR?

- *The group work.*
- *We could work at our own pace.*
- *I enjoyed working with my peers to figure out and solve problems and equations.*
- *Being able to cover more topics and having extra study time.*
- *I got into the rhythm of Maths and worked with a nice flow.*
- *I enjoyed doing something as a grade and going out of the class to do something fun while engaging our learning.*
- *I enjoyed how the Mathematics department took the time to create an interactive and fun scavenger hunt where we worked as a team outside. It made learning more fun and felt refreshing as opposed to sitting in a classroom for the entire day.*
- *Learning a new module in the form of a booklet and figuring it out together in a group is fun and different from how we normally learn in class."*

What has Maths taught you about yourself this year?

- ☑ *"I can achieve greater than I think."*
- ☑ *"That I can tackle any problem."*
- ☑ *"Hard work and dedication."*
- ☑ *"It has taught me that even if something is difficult, practising and hard work can beat difficulty."*
- ☑ *"Remaining focused and working diligently in class makes revising for tests a lot easier."*
- ☑ *"That practice is important and there is nothing wrong with requesting help when you don't understand something."*



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



UCT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Farah Parker and Aasiyah Bailey who entered the competition as a Grade 10 pair and came 10th overall.
Lisa Browne who entered the competition as an individual for Grade 8 and came 3rd overall.
Herschel School came 7th overall amongst the 170 schools that entered within the Western Cape, this is a remarkable achievement.

SAMO MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Keryn van der Westhuizen** who reached the 3rd round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad and received an honourable mention and bronze medal in the Grade 12 Category.

MUSIC

OVERVIEW By Ms Petra Conrads

The Inkwenkwezi Music Department continues to grow and become a place of true belonging and joy. I am continually amazed, not only by the talent, but by the passion, confidence and courage of our Music students. It is a privilege to nurture these young women and allow them to find their own musical voice.

"A Music Department is a place to discover the wonders of music. It's also a place to seek refuge, to be comfortable, to be creative, to be unique, to be silly, to be safe, to be yourself, to be together, to be apart, to be whatever you want. Music Departments are for everybody." VAUGHAN FLEISCHFRESSER, MUSIC EDUCATOR AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

HERSCHEL GUITAR ENSEMBLE
by Anna Ashbolt

The Herschel Guitar Ensemble of 2023 had an eventful year led by their dedicated teacher Gary Craig. The Guitar Ensemble meets weekly to practice a range of pieces such as the flamenco *"Farruca"*, the iconic *"Billie Jean"* and the energetic crowd favourite *"Africa"* by Toto. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Music Tour to Knysna and George, a first for the Herschel Music Department!

HERSCHEL ENSEMBLE TOUR
by Jemima Houwing

The Herschel String Ensemble, Wind Band, Jazz Band, and Guitar Ensemble went on Herschel's first-ever instrumental music tour in July 2023. The tour consisted of two very successful concerts, Oakhill College Music Department and George Town Hall. The rest of our time was filled with lasting memories such as forming deep bonds through the continuous packing and unpacking of the buses with our four ensembles worth of equipment and adventuring around the Knysna Waterfront.

STRING ENSEMBLE
by Jemima Houwing

2023 was filled with fun and excitement for the Herschel String Ensemble and we covered a wide variety of repertoire. It was evident this year how close everyone in the ensemble became as we bonded together through challenging pieces and weekend rehearsals. Of course, we could not have done any of this without the inspirational and compassionate leadership of Mrs Van Wyk.

"The Music Department is a secret safe haven tucked away for anyone to visit. The people are angels and I always leave with a skip in my step and 'chopsticks' stuck in my head." Jordi Paine

WIND BAND
by Diya Rajoo

This year the Wind Band had the opportunity to go away on tour to Knysna along with the Orchestra and Guitar Ensemble and it was such an amazing experience. I felt that the tour was where I could truly spend time with my friends and get to interact and has helped me a lot with becoming a more sociable person within school. Overall, being part of Wind Band has helped me grow as a musician.

MARIMBA BANDS
by Lathitha Sicweby

For the past two years, I've found marimba to be my happy place especially in times that I've felt like school was overwhelming. The simple scent of the Percussion room would always make Lilitha and me content, bringing back all the laughs we've shared as Amawhololo in that room. Sarah, Lilitha, Georgie, Maka, Olivia, Zintle, Jordi, Jemima and more especially our teacher, Sky Dladla, have truly made my love for music grow fonder. I am so grateful that I played Marimba with these amazing people.

JAZZ BAND
by Juliette Borain

Jazz Band over the last year has been the most amazing and valuable experience. We have learnt about collaboration, improvisation and how to appreciate all types of music. It is a break from our otherwise quiet routine-like school lives, and it is here that we are encouraged to make mistakes and try new things. It's definitely the highlight of my week.





I enjoyed being a part of the Music tours this year. I got to perform in front of new people and spend time with my Music friends.
Grace Mulder







I have been fortunate enough to be in the Marimba Band. I have been taught to play the most amazing music and we became a family. I sit there every day at break. It is my safe space.
Sarah Gonsenhauser



Being a part of the String Ensemble has been an incredibly fulfilling experience. From the very first rehearsal, it was amazing being in a room with such electrifying energy.
Devanya Naidoo



Getting to be part of the Orchestra and going on Orchestra tour was an incredible experience that has really helped me grow as a musician.
Emma Lewis

CHOIR

by Zarna Douglas

I joined the Choir at the start of Term 3 and although I have not been there for long, I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Choir. The Music Department and all Choir participants are so welcoming, and it is open to anyone who is wanting to spend time singing songs in a group. I've enjoyed all the songs we have done but my favourite has been *"Its Easier"* an original composition by our Drama Teacher, Mrs McArthur. It was a meaningful and harmonious song and I really enjoyed singing it.



CHORALE TOUR

by Nobuntu Lingela

Since Primary school, I would come to see my sister's Chorale performances and wanted nothing more than to be a part of it. One of the most remarkable experiences was our Chorale tour. We travelled to the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School and joined many other choirs from around the country to participate in the Music in the Mountains Festival. Not only could I witness how music would touch the hearts of people among the audience but receiving priceless opportunities like listening to the Drakensberg Boys' Choir during our tour and singing with my fellow Alto 2s, I feel I've taken something utterly irreplaceable with me. Chorale gave me a chance to showcase and express my love for music and has been an incredible part of my high school journey.



"My musical highlight of the year was the Chorale's tour to Drakensberg. We heard the most beautiful music and it was an amazing and inspiring experience. "

Anja Bräsler





Chorale tour to the Drakensberg was an amazing musical experience this year!

Zoë West







Chorale tour was so lovely to bond with other members of the Chorale and become closer as a group. It was such a great opportunity for us to hear other choirs sing too!

Daniella Böttger





FUSION
by Tyra Penney

I was lucky enough to join Fusion in my first year of High School and I have spent every Friday for the last five years singing with this amazing group. One of my highlights was going to Hermanus on tour, where we showcased our hard work, had a blast, and made unforgettable memories. Not only has Fusion and singing been an outlet for me on stressful days, but it has also allowed me to form unique friendships with like-minded people, which I will cherish forever.

DINALEDI
by Lilitha Siwisa

Dinaledi created a new space for singers to explore music of different languages, styles and cultures. Dinaledi, unapologetically occupied a space that needed to be filled and brought joy and life to singing with our choreographed moves and catchy melodies. Collaboration was promoted and celebrated and EVERYONE despite their grade, view or language had an equal voice and we all learnt and made mistakes together. In that way many felt at home there and many, including myself, nourished and grew their love for music.

HIGH MAINTENANCE
by Rebecca Viljoen

Our very own band, High Maintenance, had a wonderful 2023. We performed at our annual concerts Herschfest and Unplugged as well as pop-up concerts throughout the year. Highlights were jamming with the Springfield Band at the Herschfield Concert, as well as hosting the inaugural Battle of the Bands-which was a huge success!

Repertoire this year:
"Cold as Ice" – Foreigner
"Put Your Records On" -Corinne Bailey Rae
"Still Into You" – Paramore

"From early morning Music study sessions to break-time ensembles, flute lessons, Music single focus days and pracs - the memories created in the Music Department will always be so special to me. Definite highlights that stand out from this year would be Chorale tour and Ensemble tour which we went on too!"

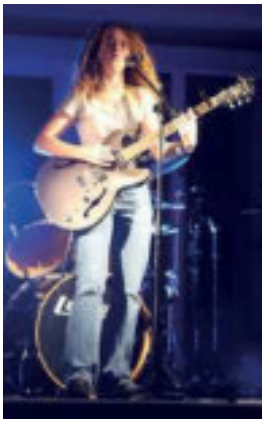
Esther Couves















INTERHOUSE SINGING

by Esther Couves

Out of many Interhouse events I've been a part of at Herschel, I don't think I've enjoyed any as much as this year's Interhouse Singing evening! With our 'Celebrating Women through Music' theme, after singing *"Fire is low"* by Zolani as our set song, each House brought so much joy and an amazing atmosphere through their renditions of songs by women artists. The songs inspired the audience to dance in their seats as each House really shone through their singing, student bands and dance moves. It was an unforgettable evening - and congrats to Carter for taking the win this year!

Chosen Songs:
Carter - *"Valerie"*
Jagger - *"It's Raining Men"*
Rolt - *"I Wanna Dance with Somebody"*
Merriman - *"Waka Waka"*





















CAROL SERVICE

by Reverend Lorna Lavarello-Smith

The theme of the Senior School Carol Service centred on Jesus being the Word and the Light from John 1:1-14

The use of monologues added a personal touch to the story, allowing the congregation to empathise with the various characters and experience Mary's quiet contemplation, Joseph's steadfastness, the Shepherds' amazement, the Wise Men's journey, and the Angels' proclamation; all bringing to life the Christmas story.

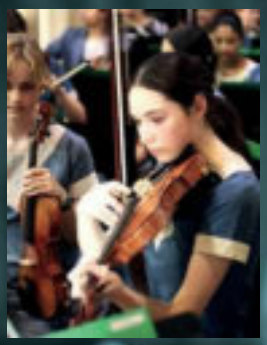
The richness and depth of the Christmas story was evident and created a memorable and spiritually uplifting experience for everyone in attendance. As the congregation sang timeless carols, the season's essence resonated, fostering a sense of unity and gratitude for the message of love and salvation brought forth by the birth of Jesus Christ.





















CURRICULUM Matters

OVERVIEW By Ms Kerri-Lyn East

Global to Local: What has been happening at Herschel? Our Academic subjects are ALIVE, REAL, and RELEVANT to assist our pupils in developing these necessary skills. In lessons pupils engage in meaningful debates, problem-solving and solution-finding for the challenges they are facing.
This then also empowers them and builds a positive outlook and a feeling of possibility as they navigate a post-pandemic world.

Here are some of the opportunities offered for skills development this year:

References:
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CREATIVE THINKING

Consumer Studies and Design students collaborated to design packaging for uniquely themed and decorated cupcakes.



ANALYTICAL AND CRITICAL THINKING

Business Studies pupils watched *"Dragons Den"* and *Shark Tank* and chose their favourite pitch by assessing the pitch in relation to the marketing, finance and management processes.

FLEXIBILITY

Grade 8 HSS electives used the LACE (Look, Ask questions, Conclude, Expand/Evidence) technique to study visual material flexibly and form a number of different views.

DIGITAL SKILLS

Computer Applications and Programming Olympiad: Developing digital skills and experimenting with code and its possibilities.

Prof. J Simpson (in Cell Biology) and Prof. E Mangina (in Computer Science), who is an expert in AI and VR, both from the University College of Dublin, presented to the pupils about their research with some of the biggest tech companies in the world.

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE

Jean Tresfon, a marine conservation photographer, addressed the pupils on Earth Day on how he leads in the environmental sector.

Grade 11 Historians arranged a primary source interview with someone in the Ukraine to capture the human experience of the war.



The French Department arranged a Market Day to expose the pupils to the rich tapestry of the Francophonie and to explore its historical foundations. Pupils gained an appreciation for different identities and heritage.



ANALYTICAL THINKING AND CURIOSITY

Grade 10 scientists used a virtual laboratory to investigate Ohm's Law and its effect on various resistors.

BEING CURIOUS, IDENTIFYING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS

Grade 10 Life Scientists visited the Soetwater Environmental Education Centre to take part in the Youth Citizen Science Limpet Marine Monitoring Programme.



Grade 12 Mathematicians used the method of Linear Programming to solve real-life problems.

CREATIVE THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING, FLEXIBILIY

The Grade 11 Design pupils created theatre costumes and headpieces inspired by Surrealism, Dada and Symbolism. Their ideas were taken up by the Grade 11 Drama pupils who found and adapted pieces that spoke to the ideas in the costumes.



RESILIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, LEADERSHIP

Shirley Gunn addressed the school and Grade 12 Historians. She is the director of the Human Rights Media Centre, an advocate for social justice and an Apartheid activist. She is also a struggle veteran and fought for freedom in South Africa. She continues to work at conscientising citizens on their rights and our failings to uphold the rights of others.



LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE, MOTIVATION AND SELF AWARENESS

Grade 12 artists met Julia Buchanan Swart, who is very active in Art School Africa. She is passionate about creating access for emerging artists; inspiring art professionals to refine their practice and taking African Art to the rest of the world through technology.



COLLABORATIVE SPACES



"When I was struggling with my design project, my friend dropped what she was doing and jumped to help me without a second thought about how far she was with her own project."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL

Made for **GOODNESS**

Arderne House

"Arderne house is a house away from home where sisterhoods are formed for a long time."

Ms Carol Sawyer

KEY People

HOUSE MOTHER
Ms Carol Sawyer

ASSISTANT HOUSE MOTHER
Ms Luyanda Ntuli

HEAD OF HOUSE
Makanaka Magazo

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE
Indiphile Nyanga

Giving thanks

"Thank you to everyone in the boarding house who contributed to me putting pebbles in the kindness jar."
Naledi Lenko

"To the entire house, thanks for an amazing year and for being the best house (and only) boarding house I've ever been in."
Makanaka Magazo

"To my boarding house family, I will always be eternally grateful for the special memories that we all made together. I could not have done this journey without you all. See you later alligators."
Cameron Van Wyk

"Special thanks to Ra'eesa for always helping and showing me around."
Stephanie Gräfin von Ballestrem

"Thanks to everyone for being patient with me and bringing me breakfast, lunch and supper in bed when I hurt my leg."
Makanaka Magazo

OUTINGS

BEACH DAY

We went to Muizenberg Beach together as a house where some people went for a walk, some for a swim and we eventually all got some ice cream.



TEN PIN BOWLING

We went to the Ten Pin Bowling place in Claremont and Ms Luyanda Ntuli came in first place.



HINTHUNT

The matrics went on an outing to HintHunt (Escape Room) with Ms Sawyer as a way to celebrate coming close to the end of our journey.



SPRING DAY BREAKFAST

Our second last Spring Day Breakfast where we have desserts such as ice cream for breakfast and breakfast for supper.

GRADE 8 WALK

Down time and chilled fun in the sun on a walk along the Sea Point Promenade.



IN-HOUSE Jokes

"You are not hungry, you are just bored" **Entle Mlanjeni**

"Bay leaves" **Ms. Luyanda Ntuli**

"Tsuzuz" **Ms. Luanda Ntuli**

"Do you guys want to see Kobe" **Ms. Luyanda Ntuli**

"Did you save me any sushi?" **Ms Carol Sawyer**

"So, how was your day – give me a word or a score out of ten? **Ms Carol Sawyer**

Ms Luyanda Ntuli and her surprisingly funny and never-ending dad jokes.

When we played laser tag outside and got to interact with lots of other people and create closer bonds with one another.
Ra'eesa Napier

Some of my favourite memories in the boarding house this year have been the lively family nights of games, karaoke and rap battles.
Indiphile Nyanga

My favourite memory of the boarding house was my storytelling of the monkey during the boarders' family braai.
Amy Aheebwa



I truly enjoyed playing 'Capture the Flag' with my homies in the dark even though someone broke their toe in the process.
Nobuntu Lingela

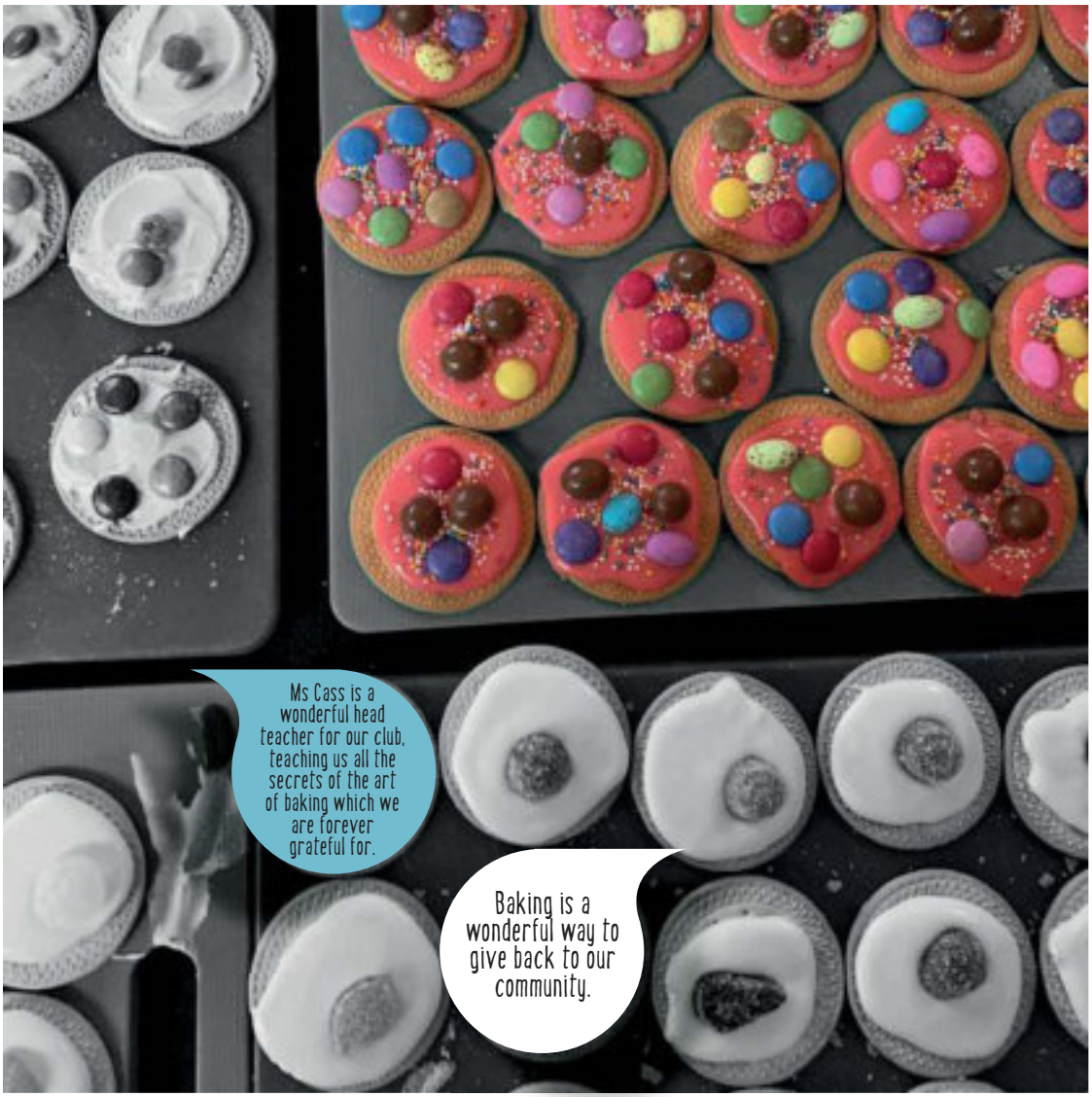
My favourite memory in the boarding house was when we had the rap battle because it proved that I am the best rapper in the house.
Naledi Lenko

THE BAKING Business

OVERVIEW By Ms Brigitte Cass

A small but enthusiastic group of students gather once a week in the Consumer Studies Laboratory to experiment with new recipes and bake up a storm of delicious goodies to sell or to donate. Bake sales usually take place once a term and all proceeds earned are donated to help improve communities around Cape Town. Traditional South African goodies including milk tart and Hertzog cookies were up for sale on Africa Day.

"It's a place to have fun and form connections with others, with baking being the perfect way to bond with each other."



TOP TIPS FOR FUTURE BAKERS

1. Always partner up with somebody and share ingredients. This saves a lot of money and being able to bake with someone is also a fun experience.
2. If unable to buy ingredients, don't be afraid to message the group chat. Others will be able to provide the missing ingredients.
3. Try to measure out your ingredients the night before, it will save a lot of time when you bake!



Favourite memories

- *"Our club is always filled with a fun and friendly environment."*
- *"Throughout our club, laughter fills the room as we watch Katherine mess with her measurements. It's okay as long as it tastes good...we suppose."*
- "'Bickering' *with each other is our secret ingredient."*
- *"And we aren't a baking 'business' without our heads manipulating, I mean "advertising" our baked goods to buyers."*
- *"When our meringues flopped and we had to make macaroons instead. It was so much fun and tasted delicious!"*
- *"Being able to make a delicious treat to take home and share!"*
- *"Being able to donate our goods to a charity and making their day!"*



CRAFT CLUB

OVERVIEW By Chelsea Thompson

Craft Club provides a safe space for students to explore their creative talents and foster new friendships, while sharing their skills with others. This year we enjoyed learning new crafts such as creating our own journals. Many of the students enjoy Craft Club as it allows them to find time to relax and be creative in their busy school day.

What we get up to in Craft Club ...

- *"We learnt how to knit squares using the purl stitch as well as how to cast on and cast off."*
- *"We learnt some basic origami such as origami butterflies and hearts as well as some more complex origami such as dragons. We also spent a lesson doing origami of our own choice."*
- *"We spent some time relaxing and unwinding while colouring in."*
- *"We spent a few lessons making our own journals. We then used these journals for creative journaling".*
- *"We used paper clips to make heart-shaped bookmarks for our journals."*

I've loved being able to take a break from my busy school schedule and spend time exploring my creative side.
Salma Moosa

Craft club is perfect to unwind and be creative!
Kayleigh Campbell

Making origami hearts and dragons, learning how to knit and colouring in while listening to Harry Styles.
Nehal Dahya

I loved making our own diaries. We got to decorate them however we wanted! I love my diary because I now use it to write down all my homework and things that I have to do!
Lauren van der Spuy

DEBATING

OVERVIEW By Ms Lindsay Wills

Our members have had rigorous training in pursuit of carefully honing their argumentative skills, speaking techniques, personal debating styles, and have expanded their horizons through engaging discussions. The debaters have had weekly sessions of coaching and competed gamely in various debating leagues. Furthermore, our teams participated in the WC School's Debating League at UCT, showcasing their dedication to the craft. We thank our coach, Johann Kok, for his fantastic work with our debaters, contributing to a year of learning, excellence, and personal growth within our club.

What we learnt this year in Debating

"Fake it until you make it. (“Expose your jugular”).*"* Zoë West

"I learnt how to waffle my way through life and how to manipulate people into thinking I'm an intellectual." Katherine Slingers

"I really learnt how to speak confidently, not just learning technique, but also useful content on topics ranging from economics to politics and the environment." Charlotte Jacobs

"That it's okay to stand up for yourself and take risks." Chella Petrie

"Humility." Ayanda Bordiss

"Think smart and not hard." Nobuntu Lingela

"It's taught me to view things objectively and pragmatically which I think very much helps with understanding multiple perspectives and views.

The key act of listening. Listening is very important regardless of who you're listening to. I've learned to dive into other people's opinions and understand WHY certain people support certain outlooks." Morgan Munting

Shout-outs to our coach and team-mates

"I really appreciate the way our coach encouraged us to learn and be better." Alexa Ashaba

"Ayanda, Alexa, Morgan - thanks for being the best junior team this year!" Zoë West

"My coach, Johann, always goes into great depth when we cover any topic whether in a context session or when teaching us debating strategies. My teammates were amazingly supportive during the Provincials tournament and I am so grateful for the team's spirit." Charlotte Jacobs

"I love the people that do debating, it's like a family of laughter and support but also dedication and listening to one another with meaning." Chella Petrie

"The trust that comes from building arguments together and the way our coach and team members learn this and debating together." Ayanda Bordiss

"Thank you for making debating a place that makes political discussions so easy and fun." Nobuntu Lingela

"Thanks to my coach, I've learned a lot of useful skills for and outside of debate which I know will help me greatly in both debating and the real world." Morgan Munting

There are too many fun experiences to keep track of this year. Every session holds something new - whether humorous or downright weird.
Morgan Munting

Arguing for burger rights “My burger body, my burger choice.”
Ayanda Bordiss

When Johann started playing classical piano music to help us focus and it turned into playing Taylor Swift and singing and dancing with each other.
Chella Petrie

I loved it when our coach bought all of us pizza just like he promised if we broke in the Western Cape Provincial trials.
Nobuntu Lingela

SENIORS



JUNIORS





SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Nobuntu Lingela
- Selected for the WC Senior Provincial trials
- Ranked 9th speaker by making it to the semi-finals of the Cape Town Open
- Ranked 4th speaker at the High School British Parliamentary tournament



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Chella Petrie
- Selected for Junior Provincial Trials
- Selected for WC Debating team
- Best speaker at 2022 Nationals
- Best speaker at the 2023 BP tournament
- SA half colors



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Katherine Slingers
- Selected for Junior Provincial Trials
- Selected for WC Debating team



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

SELECTED FOR JUNIOR PROVINCIAL TRIALS
Charlotte Jacobs
Ayanda Bordiss
Alexa Ashaba

Earth Matters

OVERVIEW By Ella Sales

In Earth Matters, we aim to create a fun space where passionate students learn about environmental issues and help solve problems in our school in order to create a more sustainable Herschel. The club is mostly student-run as students are encouraged to brainstorm environmental projects and work to implement them. The sustainability committee is a small group of very passionate individuals that organise and run different aspects of sustainability at the school, with the help of Earth Matters.

SAVING OUR PLANET ONE STEP AT A TIME









And this is how we do it at Earth Matters ...

THRIFT SALE
The Earth Matters Club organised a thrift sale where all students were able to sell used clothes to other students. We aimed to raise awareness about the effects of fast fashion and consumerism while still being fun and exciting.

PLASTIC WAVE MURAL
Students from the club collected and sorted blue and white plastic to create a beautiful mural in the middle of the atrium. The mural has the title, *"Save our Seas"* and aims to remind students of the effect of their plastics use on sea-life.

BEACH CLEANUPS
Earth Matters encourages our students to partake in numerous community outreach projects. We participate in both community beach cleanups and organise our own cleanups.

GARDEN CLEANUP
The Earth Matters Club collabed with the Herschel and Bishops Interact Club to participate in a garden cleanup. The Earth Matters members enjoyed helping restore the garden and planted many new beautiful flowers and trees.

BREAD TAG COMPETITION
The interhouse bread tag competition was created to encourage students to collect bread tags which are used to provide wheelchairs for those in need. All the bread tags collected were given to the Bread Tags for Wheelchairs Organisation.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Reece Corker

ASPIRING ENIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

Reece wrote an inspiring petition against the Willow project which is an oil-drilling project in Alaska. Well done Reece for gathering signatures and educating the school community about this important issue!

It creates a positive impact on the Herschel community. Joining this club is a great way to make a difference and contribute to a greener future.
Reece Corker

Earth Matters is truly amazing because it actively promotes environmental awareness and takes action to protect our planet.

EQ CLUB

OVERVIEW By Mrs Alison Bodenstein

The Emotional Intelligence Club has been running for nearly 20 years at Herschel. This year we have had five active students in the club. We work informally through material which includes, among other topics: self-esteem and self-image, relationships, stress management and identification of feelings.



Kaitlyn Knight

Favourite memories

"Throughout this year I have enjoyed connecting with my peers while discussing important intrapersonal topics. The feeling of knowing that others can relate to me, and my experiences thus far have been a great comfort and one that I have continuously found within this amazing club."

Best things learnt

"I have learnt about the importance of acknowledging and understanding our varying emotions, in order to improve relationships within ourselves, and thus others."

Motivational thoughts

"This is a wonderful club to join should individuals want to learn about the complexity of our emotions and how to enhance our ability to communicate what we are feeling."



Leah Josi

Favourite memories

"I really enjoyed when we were all able to express our worries and concerns about exams and we were given advice. It was really nice to be able to hear about everyone else's stresses and it made me feel a lot more supported."

Best things learnt

"I learned how important it is to accurately describe your emotions, so instead of just saying 'angry' you should be more specific in order to be better understood, so for example – 'betrayed'."

Motivational thoughts

"EQ Club really teaches you so much about your feelings and emotions and how important it is to accurately describe them in order to be better understood."



FISH Faithful IN SERVING HIM

OVERVIEW By Mrs Heste Oelofse and Miss Heather Oosthuizen

Herschel's Christian Union, FISH, is a group of girls who have a passion to serve the Lord. Although we all meet from different walks of life we have really come to be a family who meet and encourage and grow in our faith together.

FISH Facts

HEAD STUDENTS
Esther Couves
Julia Wellington
Kerry Buissinne

HEAD TEACHERS
Mrs Oelofse
Miss Oosthuizen

BROAD TOPICS TAUGHT
- Being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus and doing what Jesus did
- Speakers came in and spoke about diverse topics
- Worry/anxiety
- Power of word
- Prayer
- What is worship?
- Free justification
- Personal testimony by Kirsty Buissinne
- Testimony by journalist and author, Jemimah Wright

Best things we learnt in FISH

"In her testimony, Jemimah Wright, inspired me to submit every decision and plan to God, no matter how small. This will ultimately help us lead lives which fully glorify God." **Esther Couves**

"Learning more about God and that He is always with us and plays such a big role in our lives."
Lauren van der Spuy

"Learning about what 'justification' means and getting a better understanding about how the trinity works". **Scarlett Turck**

"Learning about Jesus from week to week and coming to know how great God is." **Ruth Madonko**

"Learning about complex topics like justification, glorification and sanctification – very informative and eye-opening."
Gabrielle Meyer

"I enjoyed how every talk was different and the message was well thought out, which led to memorable discussions that provoked deep thought."
Kera-Lee Ball



All the head students and teachers made the FISH activities unique, fun and memorable. I have learned so much
Lauren van der Spuy



Playing fun games like the "chocolate game" where you have to dress up and eat a slab of chocolate with a knife and fork.
Justine Lucke

Favourite memories

"Exciting Easter hunt and picnic in the Arderne Gardens during lunch break." **Teagan Mozley**

"I was able to be a leader at the CU camp where I had fun with many people from different schools."
Christy Braune

"The FISH committee sleepover at school on the beanbags in the library was loads of fun."
Ruth Madonko

"All the fun games, like "minute-to-win-it", chats with like-minded friends and listening to people's stories." **Lauren van der Spuy**

EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT
A definite highlight from FISH this year would be the Quiz Night we hosted at Herschel. We invited other schools in the area and with a group of about 80 learners - it was a highly competitive and fun evening.



CHRISTIAN UNION CAMP
A few of us attended this year at Rocklands. With some crazy games, sokkie-ing and special times discussing our faith with friends, it was definitely a weekend to remember.

JEMIMAH WRIGHT TESTIMONY
Hearing the testimony of Jemima Wright, author and journalist, during assembly was so inspiring as God is so present in her personal life and career.



It was very special when Kirsty Buissinne shared her testimony. It was very deep, eye-opening, and relatable. Thank you for being so brave.
Gabrielle Meyer

Gaming CLUB

OVERVIEW By Mrs Alexandra Himunchul

The Herschel Girls Senior Gaming Club is an inclusive, stress-free environment for students seeking a break from academics. It welcomes all games and friendly competition, whether it's the thrill of placing a +4 card in "*Uno*" or achieving combat victories in "*Dungeons and Dragons*". It's a space for relaxation and shared gaming enjoyment among peers.

JUST HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOURSELF

What we love best about Gaming Club ...

- *"Playing 'Roblox' when I was supposed to study."*
- *"The countless rounds of 'Uno'."*
- *"Being able to make friends from different grades because we all like playing the same games."*
- *"Having amazing playlists to jol to whenever we have Gaming Club on a Wednesday."*

Thank you for providing us with a safe space to have fun and escape from the stress of everyday life at Herschel.

It is always a really positive place where we can all laugh a lot and enjoy ourselves.

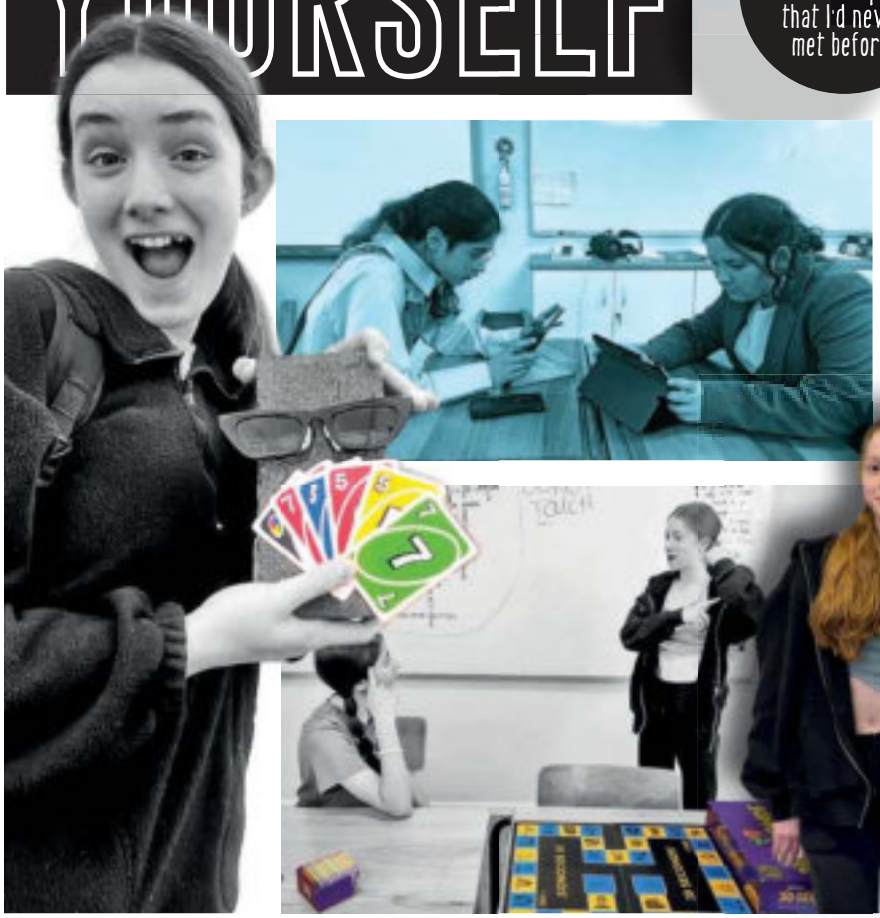
I loved learning how to work in teams with people that I'd never met before.

THE STORY OF "BRICK"

"*Brick*" is the Gaming Club Mascot who was created at the end of 2022 and is always rocking the signature ***"tired because of life"*** look.

"*BRICK*" CAN BE FOUND (IF YOU WISH TO VISIT) IN MS HIMUNCHUL'S CLASS,IN THE MATHS CORRIDOR.









HAPPY Hands

OVERVIEW Ms Elsabe Cairncross

Being head of Happy Hands this year was an absolute pleasure. To see the faces on the children light up as we enter, is an absolutely heartwarming experience. The pupils always look forward to our next visit and don't want us to leave. Time spent with one child is totally different to the next and each experience is different. It's the overall experience of all the special moments that you create with the children that is the biggest takeaway from the entire club and why we encourage everyone to join.

"I really enjoy spending my time with them and they bring me nothing but happiness and joy. They have carved a very special place in my heart.



THESE GIRLS ARE A BUNCH OF THE SWEETEST GIRLS YOU'LL EVER MEET!"

Ruqaya Bassadien





"I wanted to share about the incredible club I have had the privilege of being a part of: Happy Hands.

Being part of Happy Hands has been such an awesome experience! On Tuesdays the club gathers with the amazing children from the Saint Georges Home for Girls.

After school we spend time playing games and have some truly meaningful conversations.

It's moments like these that remind me of the power of human connection and the joy that comes from spending time with others.

It is so much fun to see their faces light up as we play together, and it is even more special to hear their stories and get to know them on a deeper level. We chat about their interests, their dreams, and their favourite things.

It is so cool to see how games can bring people closer and create a space for open and genuine conversations.

I truly cherish the connections we have made and the memories we have created together."

Fatima Davids

HEAT REVOLUTION DANCE

BE CREATIVE AND LET LOOSE



"HEAT REVOLUTION'S ATMOSPHERE AND MUSIC SELECTION ARE CRUCIAL FOR CREATING AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE, FOSTERING A VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS CAN EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH DANCE."

Zenazi Nkonkie

Favourite memories

- Bishops cultural evening
- Almost every dance session
- Herschel Cultural Evening

Dances we learn

- Different dances, new steps
- Amapiano dance routines
- Hip hop dances
- How to "*kilimanjaro*"

Why we LOVE to dance

- "There's always a good vibe; always so fun and energetic. Thank you to everyone in the team." **Riley Hoskin**
- "Our crew are amazing people to work with. Their cooperation makes things so much easier. Their infectious smiles warm up my heart at every practice." **Zenazi Nkonkie**
- "I love how everyone just makes a fool of themselves – its a very care-free zone and it makes being the head quite nice and not stressful." **Okuhle Sopam**
- "You get to know more people and new things. It's a comfortable and free place to be in and the space gives me a place to express myself and have fun." **Courtney Louw**

MSA

OVERVIEW By Salma Moosa

The Herschel Muslim Students' Association (MSA) offers a safe space for Muslim students and allows for Muslim and non-Muslim students to engage in educational and enlightening conversations. During these meetings we discuss how to better practice and appreciate our faith and we plan outreach projects with the resources that we are able to contribute. This club mirrors Herschel's aim to create a sense of community and inclusion within the school.

"One can learn a lot through conversations with people who are very similar to oneself in some ways, but completely different in others, allowing for better knowledge and greater perspectives when understanding one's religion." Ameera Yacoob

What the MSA means to many members

"It means that as a Muslim, I now have a place at an Anglican School, a place where my faith is seen and I can practise it openly with other Muslim students."
Zaynah Darsot

"I love the people in MSA. I always felt so welcomed and seen which really made it easy for me to enjoy learning about Islam and obviously the food I tried was some of the best I've ever had."
Suzannah Whall

"When I first arrived at the school, I discovered the Crescent Club (now the MSA Club). Initially, I believed that this club was exclusively for the Muslim community in our school. However, I later realised that it was open to individuals from diverse backgrounds who were interested in learning about Islam. To me, the Herschel MSA serves as a safe space where anyone and everyone can participate in our events."
Tazkia van Heerden

"This membership is an important learning experience for me, especially because I am a Christian student learning about the beauty of Islam."
Kaitlyn Knight

"Being part of the MSA allows me to engage in meaningful discussions, participate in charitable activities, and foster connections with like-minded individuals who understand the challenges and joys of being a Muslim student." **Nusrat Chokdar**

"When a student from another faith was afraid to come to an MSA meeting because she thought she would be judged, so we had a whole conversation with her about Islam and we managed to answer all her questions."
Zakiya Bhorey

"I learnt that so much is possible when people come together with a shared goal. For the MSA that included providing those in need with food, water, clothes and more."
Saara Moosa

Events

IFTAAR EVENING

On the first night of the holy month of Ramadan, 24 March, Herschel's MSA held an Iftaar Evening in collaboration with SACS. We hosted 40 children and staff from Vision Child Care Centre and approximately 110 guests in total. Together everyone shared in the blessings of breaking the fast at sunset with those who are in a less fortunate position than us.



The Iftaar with Vision Child and Youth Care Centre allowed me to appreciate how privileged I am to have both my parents and a stable family unit.
Ameera Yacoob





The Iftaar evening during Ramadan was an amazing experience that I look forward to next year.
Raania Bhagoo

Iftaar was an event for us to break our fast with friends and to meet new people. It was heartwarming to see how our hardworking MSA members came together to organise such a memorable event.
Saara Moosa

I love that the teachers are so invested in our well being and the students are so open and inviting and inclusive.
Maaryah Brey

I am very grateful for the hard work and continuous efforts that are made to plan, organise and see through every event that the MSA hosts.
Azraa Solomons

It means a lot to me and it makes me feel welcomed into the school.
Amarah Mohamed



You don't have to be Muslim to join MSA.
Zohra Khan

FUNDRAISING FOR EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

On 15 February, the MSA organised a civvies day to raise funds for the victims of the devastating earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. We collected a total of just over R7000 from students. This money was donated to Gift of the Givers towards their emergency aid efforts in these countries.

SPIRIT OF GIVING

Continuing in the spirit of giving, through donations from MSA members, we were able to buy, package and deliver outfits for four orphans from Hout Bay. The outfits were handed over to the children in the week before Eid, for them to wear on this special day, which took place on 24 April.

NEW PRAYER ROOM

To end on an exciting note, the prayer room, previously located in the Art block, has now been moved to a more spacious, serene and conveniently located room in the Maths corridor. Completion of midday prayers is now much easier with the bathroom being situated right next door. We are very grateful to the school for making this change possible, and hope that this encourages more students and guests to make use of the prayer room at break and after school.

BISHOPS HERSCHEL *Dance Society*

There is nothing quite like the POWER OF DANCE to exhilarate, overcome inhibitions and generate joy and spontaneity!

OVERVIEW By Mrs Monica Robertson

At the start of the year, under the guidance of Bishops teacher Mr Phil Court, 20 nervous Herschel Grade 11 students joined 20 nervous Grade 12 Bishops students on the dancefloor, where they **stepped out of their comfort zone** and **into the arms of their dance partners**.

After just a few minutes of arms colliding, legs going in different directions and toes getting stepped on, the ice was broken! Over the year, these incredible students learnt the basics of a range of ballroom dances, from the **waltz to the jive** and **everything in between**. No dance experience was necessary; just the willingness to **be brave, make new friends** and **learn some simple but impressive dance moves**.

The dance students met three times per term, alternating hosting the venue between the Herschel and Bishops campuses. After an hour of dancing, there was time to catch one's breath, enjoy some refreshments and socialise.

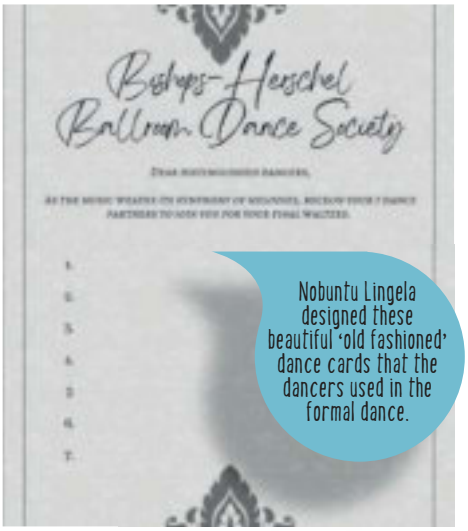
The final event for the year was a **formal dance** at Bishops where the accomplished dancers got to practice and show off their moves with different dance partners. By this time, many friendships had been forged and it was **a night of elegance** and **excitement**.











Nobuntu Lingela designed these beautiful 'old fashioned' dance cards that the dancers used in the formal dance.



The best part had to be the formal. It was a good excuse to wear a pretty dress, but besides that, the social aspect, as well as me being out of my comfort zone, on many levels, was a highlight.
Kate Hodgson

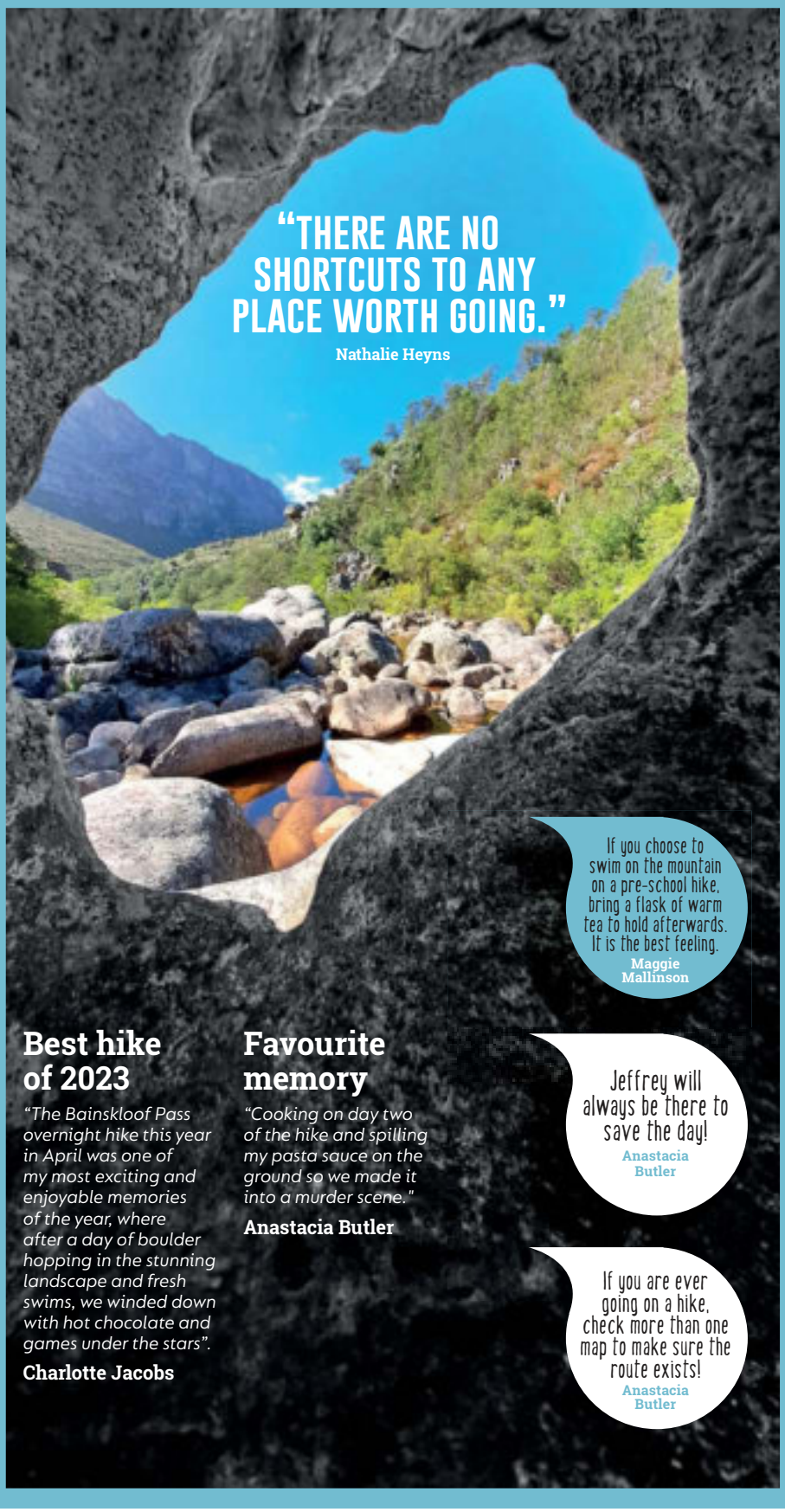




HIKING CLUB

OVERVIEW By Mrs Wendy Paterson

The Hiking Club has had a fairly quiet year, but we still managed our annual Table Mountain Hike to see the Disas blooming in February, the Breakfast Sunrise Hike and freezing dip in the dam to welcome Spring and a three-day trip to Bainskloof, hiking in the fynbos and boulder hopping down the river.











If you choose to swim on the mountain on a pre-school hike, bring a flask of warm tea to hold afterwards. It is the best feeling.
Maggie Mallinson

Jeffrey will always be there to save the day!
Anastacia Butler

If you are ever going on a hike, check more than one map to make sure the route exists!
Anastacia Butler

Best hike of 2023

"The Bainskloof Pass overnight hike this year in April was one of my most exciting and enjoyable memories of the year, where after a day of boulder hopping in the stunning landscape and fresh swims, we winded down with hot chocolate and games under the stars".

Charlotte Jacobs

Favourite memory

"Cooking on day two of the hike and spilling my pasta sauce on the ground so we made it into a murder scene."

Anastacia Butler

INTERact

OVERVIEW By Mrs Karen van der Merwe

The Herschel Interact club is made up of 22 passionate students dedicated to serving the community. The club is supported by Rotary, Claremont as well as Rotaract (Rotary's youth component) and we take part in events and projects run by these groups. We also organise and complete our own projects within the school in our weekly Wednesday meetings.

"The best thing I have learnt from Interact is that even a small kind deed of service can have a big and lasting impact on someone else's life."
Emma Lewis

Always maintain an open mind and be able to interact with people from different backgrounds. Learning to understand and empathise with what others might be feeling is vital.
Raania Bhagoo

Kindness has exponential growth!
Kayleigh Campbell

The best thing I have learnt at Interact is compassion and empathy for others.
Christy Braune

Keep doing good things because something that might be small to you could be huge for someone else and could put a smile on their face for the rest of the day.
Raania Bhagoo

Commitment and selflessness is essential to be able to help others.
Kate Hodgson

My favourite memory had to be seeing the children smiling and having fun when we played games and painted their faces at this year's Fun Frenzy event.
Kate Hodgson

Activities and Projects

- Making Maths aids
- Making colouring-in packs
- Making play-dough
- Icing cupcakes for old age homes



Events

FUN FRENZY

Fun Frenzy is a Rotary run event aimed at giving underprivileged children a day filled with fun and laughter that is all about them. This year Herschel invited 20 students aged 7-9 from Kewtown Primary School and spent the day playing games. At the end, a small gift was given to each of the children.

UNCLE WILLY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Uncle Willy's Christmas Party is a Rotary run event that is hosted annually. Along with Interactors from various other schools, students assist the Rotaracters at the event by ensuring guests' safety on the tractors and dressing up as elves, Tessie Bear and various other characters, to create a magical evening for the young participants.

PAPA PAUL'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Papa Paul's Halloween Party is a Rotary run event. Herschel students volunteer by running spooky games in conjunction with other schools, and this year the club members ran a slime stand.

CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR

A group of students volunteered at the Cape Town Cycle Tour and helped with marshalling and directing all the riders into their start groups; checked their numbers and helmets; logged drop downs and managed the ropes leading the cyclists down to the start.











Makers CLUB

OVERVIEW By Mrs Candice du Toit

In 2022, the Makers Club was established with the arrival of the laser cutter and the 3D printer in the Design classroom. Tuesdays became a vibrant hub of creativity as we huddled together, crafting Maker projects amidst much laughter and lively conversation. Using the precision of the laser cutter and the innovation of the 3D printer, we fashioned intricate products and banners which contributed to school projects and initiatives.

"All you need is A LITTLE BIT OF **RIGHT BRAIN**, A LITTLE BIT OF **LEFT BRAIN**, AND A **DESIRE TO MAKE**."

Maggie Mallinson







It is really fun to collaborate with friends over an informal collective project.
Francis Hathorn



Maggie and Mrs du Toit always help us and guide us with how to use the materials and come up with cool things to make.
Ruth Madonko





SKILLS TAUGHT

- 3D printing
- Laser cutting
- Logo design
- Filming promotional videos
- Sewing and stitching
- Set and prop building

Our best memories

"*My favourite memory was making the promotion video for the club earlier this year.*"
Kate Hodgson

"I loved making a set of 2D urinals for the House Plays. We all stood in a circle fanning the freshly painted urinals down with cutting mats, in beat to music playing in the background. It was sort of 'culty'."
Maggie Mallinson

"3D-printing multiple mini toilets of different colours and constantly discussing the logo of the club."
Francis Hathorn

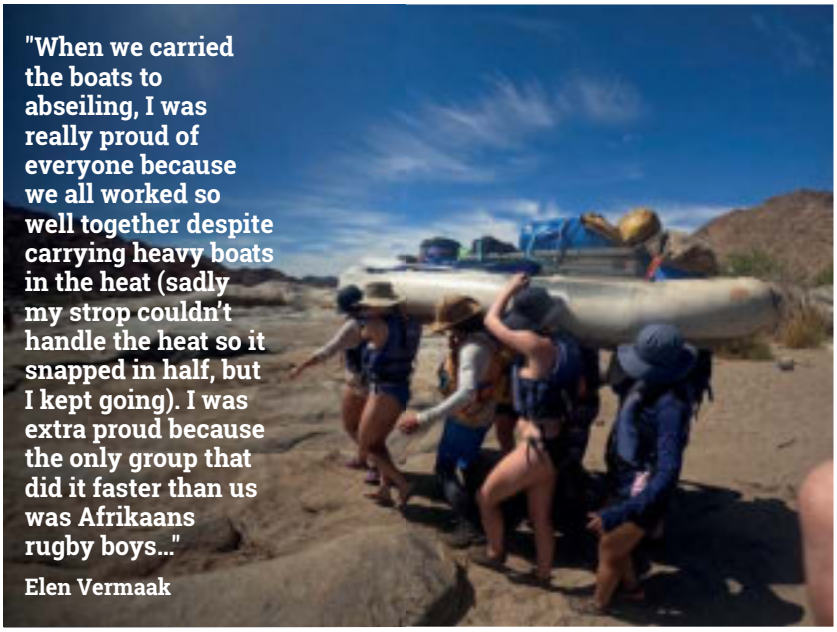
"Operating the laser cutter, drawing our own designs and experimenting cutting on different materials including fabric, leaves and even naartjie peels!"
Anna Ashbolt

ORANGE River Adventure

OVERVIEW by Ms Tracy Rousseau

- ✔ Around 22 hours on a bus from Cape Town to Onseepkans and back
- ✔ 35km of the Orange River travelled
- ✔ 5 Nights and 4 Days camping under the stars
- ✔ 44 Grade 11 pupils, Herschel staff members and Gravity river guides
- ✔ 28 inflatable boats that are supposedly easy to paddle/steer
- ✔ Paddling or just floating along were the order of the day, as well as a couple of rapids – *'Mini Falls'* and *'Big Bunny'* the biggest of them all
- ✔ 1 waterfall, *'Richie Falls'*, the second highest waterfall on the river, which necessitated a strenuous portage of all our gear

... MADE FOR AN AWESOME ADVENTURE!



"When we carried the boats to abseiling, I was really proud of everyone because we all worked so well together despite carrying heavy boats in the heat (sadly my strop couldn't handle the heat so it snapped in half, but I kept going). I was extra proud because the only group that did it faster than us was Afrikaans rugby boys..."

Elen Vermaak

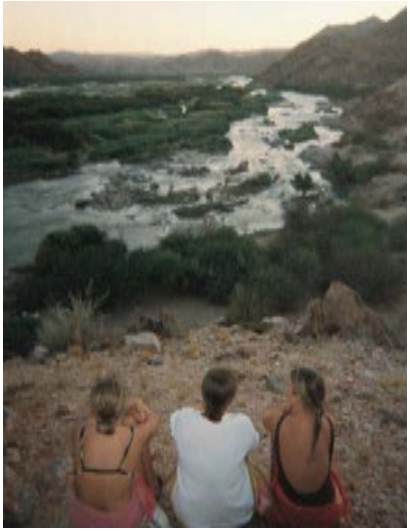












"Nothing can beat the exhilarating experience of Big Bunny, but the simpler moments like getting stuck on rocks and laughing but crying at the same time with everyone else around you, all because you were either too tired to find a way off or you were laughing too hard because someone managed to fall out was something I will forever cherish."

Hana Wright

"I enjoyed getting to know people better and my favourite part was building even more trust with and going out of my comfort zone with my best friends and rowing partner."

Amelia Badenhorst

"I loved getting to stargaze every night while in bed. It was really peaceful."

Zoë Arenhold

"We all went home with full hearts. I don't know how to sum it all up into words, because the trip was truly life changing. It was something we'll never forget, and the experience managed to tuck itself away into a soft spot in all of our hearts. What a spectacularly special place the Orange River is, bugs and all. We laughed, we cried, we learnt, but most importantly, we felt, and we did it all together." **Tia Deliperi**

PHOTOgraphy CLUB

OVERVIEW by Rania Abrahams

Capturing the world through a lens has allowed us to see beauty in everyday moments and connect with fellow enthusiasts. It is a creative haven where we learn, share, and explore the art of Photography. This is a space to showcase our talent and be acknowledged for it.

We've got skills!

"How different themes can be explored in literal and figurative ways and how everyone's initial thought process is different." **Francis**

"To find the beauty in every moment and be creative with photography." **Anja**

"Different perspectives and how they can affect a photo." **Quill**

"I have learnt that this art form allows individuals to explore their creativity and unique perspectives of each theme." **Kaitlyn**

"How to use a camera with more skills." **Abigail**

"How to edit images properly and being able to capture the image's beauty." **Sarah**

"You don't have to have a fancy camera to take an amazing picture." **Abigail**

"Photography Club is a lovely, rewarding way to find the creativity within you. Try to think out of the box and use your imagination. The monthly themes prompt you to look for certain elements in everyday life to zoom in on and capture, and help you notice and acknowledge little bits of life that you tend to take for granted." **Anja**





I love to see the incredible skills that the people and teacher in this club have. Being able to learn from them is truly amazing.
Sarah



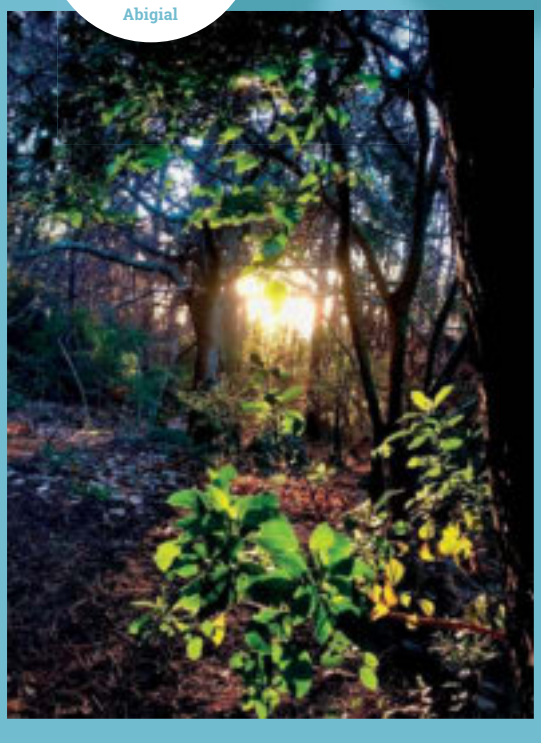
I am amazed at how much effort Mr K puts into being at nearly every school event to take photos; he is very dedicated to the club and general Photography.
Anja



It is the perfect club if you are very busy but want a creative outlet to help you find the beauty in life.
Anja

Photography Club is a place to share your ideas and experiences with people who want to see.
Abigial





JOIN JOIN JOIN!

"Even if you don't submit many pictures (I'm guilty, lol!) it's still a wonderful opportunity to see your peers and friends' experiences and helps shed new light on your perspective of the world." **Quill**



PRIDE CLUB

OVERVIEW By Catherine Barton

Pride Club aims to create a safe and comfortable school environment for students, in particular, students part of the LGBTQ+ community across the whole school. It is a place where students are authentically themselves and have a place of belonging within the school. No one deserves to feel like they are alone and are the only ones feeling like this.



One of the best clubs simply because it doesn't feel like a club just a community of welcoming people, where we play games and just talk.
Katherine Slingers

Talk Valentina, ally!

"Pride Club gave me a new voice and a new confidence in day-to-day life and how I go about it. I can't believe it's taken me so long to voice how grateful I am to the heads of the club and the members for giving me that last push to find out and be who I wanted to be. I genuinely can't thank them enough and I can say with certainty that joining Pride Club was one of the best decisions I've made in my school career and honestly, I think my life so far. It's not just a club, it's something that gave me a choice and the ability to choose at all."

Quillan Vandeyar

Events

PRIDE CLUB BAKE SALE

The Pride Club organised a bake sale where all proceeds went to a women's domestic violence shelter in Cape Town.

PRIDE MONTH AWARENESS LAUNCH IN ASSEMBLY

The Pride Club spoke in assembly to create awareness for Pride Month, which was in June. A fun pop culture quiz was held for prizes to test the schools general knowledge around gay icons.

"EVERYONE, EVERYONE, IS CAPABLE OF ACCEPTANCE AND COMMUNITY. THE ATMOSPHERE IS FANTASTIC AND I GENUINELY FEEL SAFE TO EXPRESS AND BE MYSELF WHENEVER I'M AROUND ANYONE IN THE CLUB."

Rachel Howie

Red Nose EAGLE CLUB

OVERVIEW By Mrs Susy Macfarlane

The Red Nose symbolises choosing love over fear, revealing that important truths are felt, not seen. The Eagle symbolises not just power but also the potential of our spirits. To be a Red Nose Eagle means confronting fear and growing the potential of our human spirit. This journey involves turning beliefs into actions, reflecting the adage *"walking the talk"*. This club seeks to transform knowledge into meaningful change, emphasising the link between our thoughts, emotions, and actions.

"It is about a lot more than just community service. It is about learning how to connect with people even when you don't speak the same language. It is about approaching every situation with love rather than fear and uplifting the people around you and yourself." Rachel Howie


Romy Myers


Kayleigh Campbell


Rachel Howie


Samantha Gutsche


Lilitha Siwisa

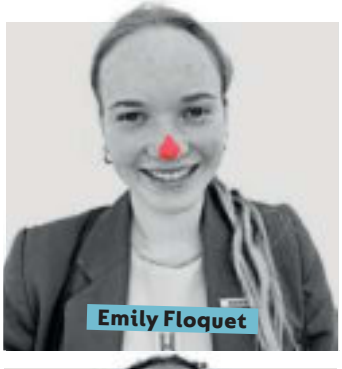

Sanaa Ebrahim


Daniella Mwoyosvi


Keryn van der Westhuizen


Amanda Tadokera


Makanaka Magazo


Emily Floquet


Camilla Campbell


Freya Duncan


Jada Ozonuwe

What we learnt

"This club teaches you to be appreciative of what you have and what you might take for granted. It also sometimes helps you heal your inner self and makes you feel better knowing that you are making a difference in others' lives."
Makanaka Magazo

"To always react with love as there are infinite possibilities that way." **Lilitha Siwisa**

"Learning how to control fear and the different reactions to fear." **Nehal Dahy**

"To be fully aware of yourself and others around you. To be aware of how your actions and thoughts affect yourself as well as others."
Jada Ozonuwe

"The best thing I learnt in the club was to see individuals for who they are on the inside without being quick to make judgements based on external appearances."
Amanda Tadokera

Thank you, Madame ...

"Mrs Macfarlane is incredibly kind and loving and creates a safe space free from judgement. She is deeply empathetic and understanding about difficulties that we are going through in our lives and taught us important life skills to cope with challanges we may face in our lives." **Rachel Howie**

"Thank you Madame for always being there and modeling a loving way to navigate life." **Lilitha Siwisa**

"I would like to thank Mrs Macfarlane for being so incredibly patient with all of us and taking your time to make sure we were fully prepared beforehand. We all really appreciate it.
To the students: thank you for being such a kind group and making it easy to feel safe and vulnerable around you all, and thank you for having beautiful hearts :)"
Makanaka Magazo

SPANISH *Dancing*

OVERVIEW By Ms Jenny Wesson

Spanish Club brings the sounds of clapping, stamping, and swishing of skirts to the Herschel campus. Students have fun exploring the Flamenco artform while promoting personal confidence and empowerment through movement. The Spanish Club can be seen at cultural events such as Interhouse Dance, Eisteddfods and Cultural evenings.

OLÉ!



SHAYLENE FARO

What we learn in Spanish Dancing ...

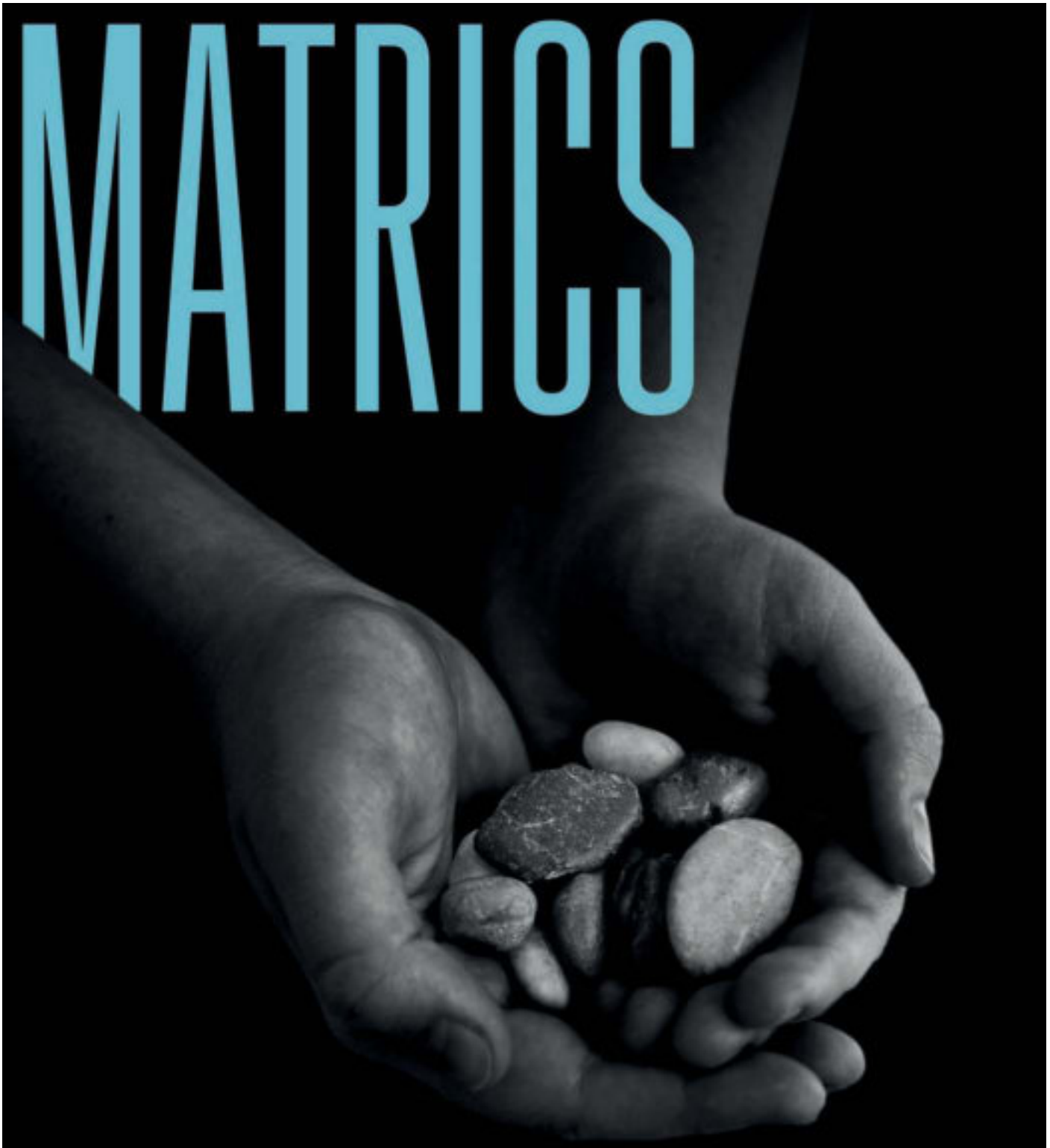
- We learn about the origins of Flamenco.
- How Flamenco has become an international dance form outside of Spain.
- How to stand and move with self-confidence.
- Finding the power and importance of our individualism.
- Celebrating difference and individualism; the power of community and working together.

Why we love Spanish Dancing ...

By Selah van Rooyen, Teagan Mozley and Christina Lorenzen

- Spanish Dancing is just so fun and we are always laughing.
- It is so expressive, vivacious, flamboyant and beautiful to watch.
- We love twirling in the skirts.
- We feel so bold and it raises our self-confidence.
- Spanish Dancing let's us be our awesome selves!

MATRICS



"I saw someone getting excluded from a conversation and they looked quite sad and then another person came up and sat next to the girl and gave her a huge hug. Her mood changed completely to a smile."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL

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GOODNESS

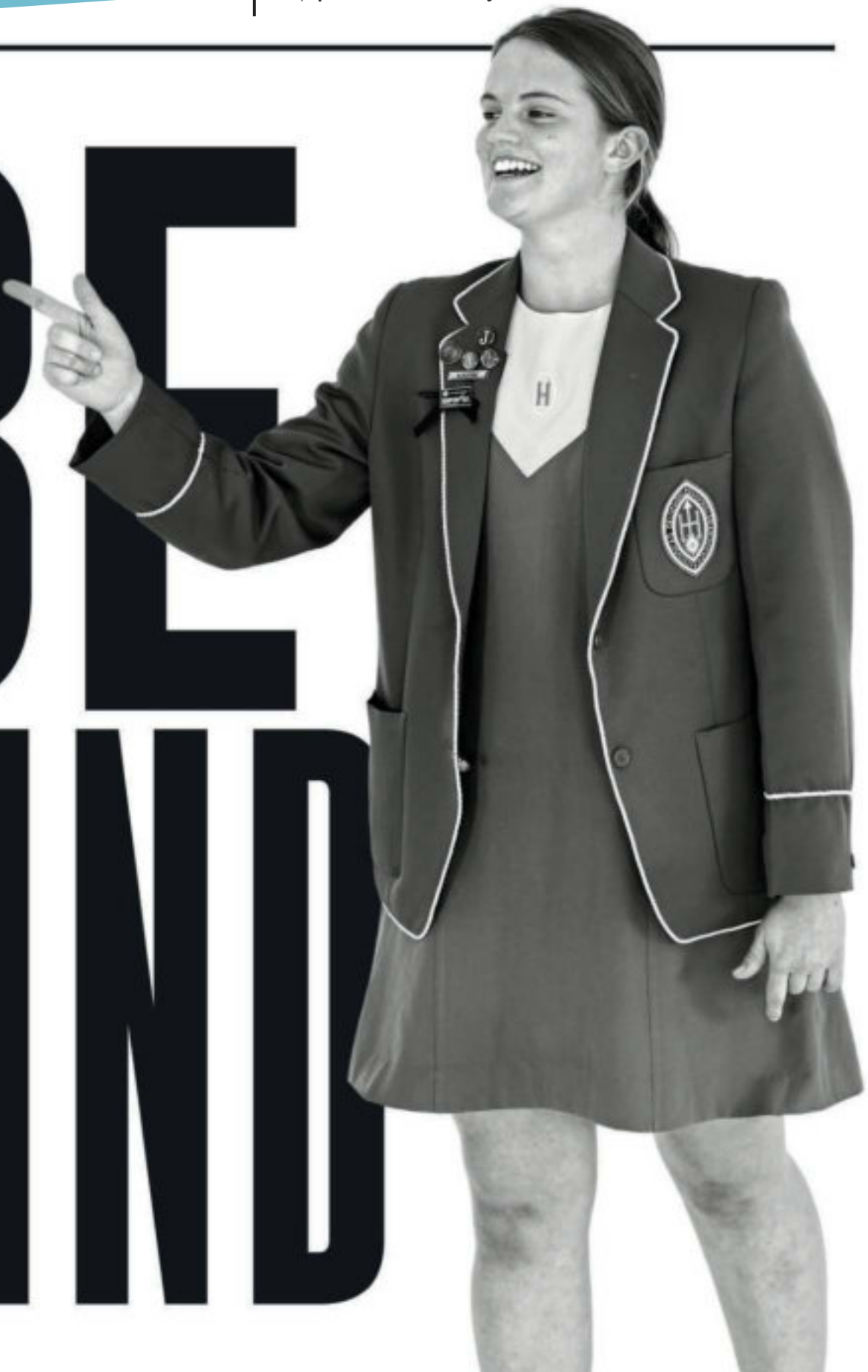
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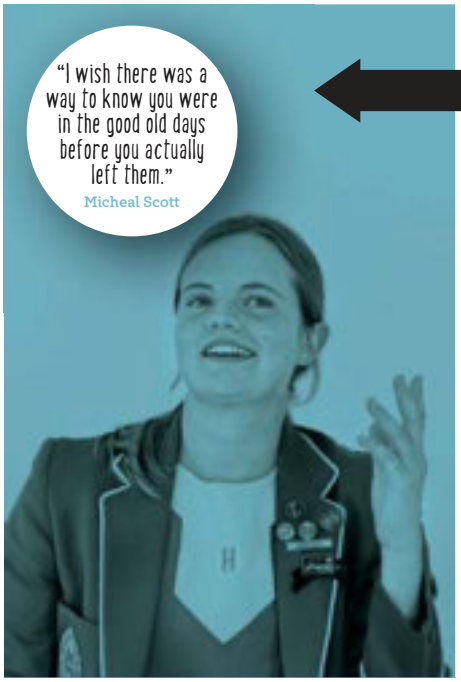
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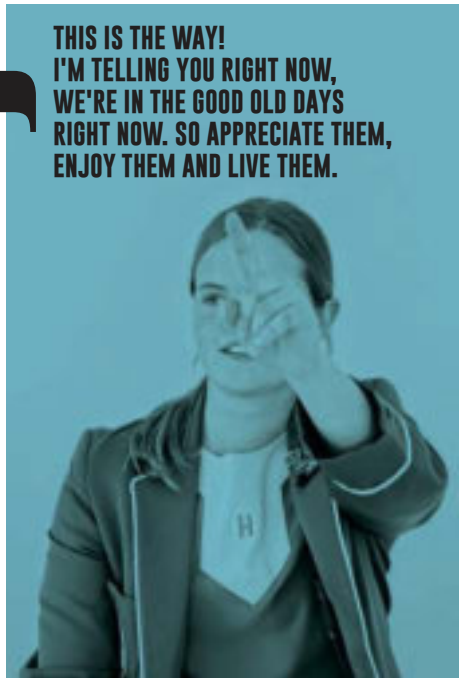
"I truly am forever grateful for this opportunity I've been given to lead the school. Throughout this journey, I've encountered challenges and navigated through difficult moments, all of which have contributed significantly to my personal growth. Without these experiences, I wouldn't be the person I am today. Therefore, I extend my thanks to all who have supported me along the way.

When writing this, I thought, 'Who am I to be giving advice to an entire school?' *and immediately continued to write the advice.*
So, tip number one: fake it till you make it. "

BE KIND









We often feel the need to be fast when making decisions. It makes sense because the word "decisive" is often used as a synonym for "fast."

However, I think when we come to a crossroad, it's better to stop, wait a while at the intersection, and check the map.

After all, movement is not progress if it's in the wrong direction.

This is something I learned from the legend herself, Billie Jean King -

"PRESSURE IS A PRIVILEGE."

But what's the alternative? No pressure, no expectations. No records to set, no award-worthy performances. No way to find out what you might have been capable of. No time to shine.

BE GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE.





WE ARE NEVER THE PERSON THAT ACHIEVED SOMETHING, WE ARE SO MUCH MORE.



Always maintain a clear understanding of what lies within your control and what doesn't,

and do not allow the elements beyond your control to impact your well-being.

Scan this QR code to read Suzannah's full Valedictory Address

VALEDICTORY address



By Mrs Carol Alpert

Kate Normington, highly acclaimed actress from the play "*The Promise*", spoke of a South Africa that is full of stories, a country that tells those stories, with a "*dusty Karoo honesty*". She says that the dust on our feet is made of diamonds, and that we did not need an American songwriter, Paul Simon to tell us that."*The Promise*" is just one story; our country is made up of many.

IT MADE ME THINK OF HOW YOU, THE MATRICS OF 2023 HAVE BROUGHT YOUR INDIVIDUAL STORIES TO HERSCHEL, ADDING TO 101 YEARS OF STORIES. YOU ENTERED THIS NARRATIVE IN 2019. IT HAS TAKEN FIVE YEARS AND HERE YOU ARE ON THE BRINK OF WRITING THE CONCLUSION TO YOUR CHAPTER TITLED *"HIGH SCHOOL"*.

And now – life outside of the Herschel walls – I do hope we have prepared you for the real world as there is no fountain to go to when you are doubtful.

THERE WILL BE SOME METAPHORICAL FOUNTAIN OUT THERE – AND YOU WILL FIND IT.

Does it really matter that Hamlet was mad or not? Was there really a tiger on the raft with Pi? What exactly did Dylan Thomas want to tell us in "Fern Hill"?

DANCE WILDLY, SING LOUDLY, LAUGH AND CRY – TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES AND LET YOUR TOES TOUCH THE EARTH.

YOU ALL HAVE SO MUCH TO GIVE, OFFER THOSE EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS YOU HAVE, THE LEADERSHIP, THE WISDOM THE GENEROSITY AND THE COURAGE.

"Life is amazing. And then it's awful. And then it's amazing again. And in between the amazing and awful it's ordinary and mundane and routine. Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary. That's just living heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life.
And it's breathtakingly beautiful".

L R KNOST

Scan this QR code to read Mrs Carol Alpert's full Valedictory Address

2023 LEADERS



DEPUTY HEAD MANAGEMENT

Lilitha Siwisa *"Don't be afraid to stand out and let your differences shine through. They are what make you, you, and they are what should unite us in everything you do and stand for. Do it while being unapologetically YOU."*

Lilitha Siwisa

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Suzy Whall *"I've learnt in this role that even when it doesn't seem like it, everything will be okay."*

Suzy Whall

DEPUTY HEAD PASTORL

Caroline Baynham *"Authenticity is our most valuable asset and that success is shown in one's relationship to others."*

Caroline Baynham



HEAD OF SPORT

Tyra Penney

"One of my favourite things that came out of my position as Head of Sport, is seeing how the student body united in spirit, support and participation when it came to events, highlighting that it's not always about competitiveness, but also about the friendships and memories that sport allows you to make."

HEAD OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Emma Lewis

"Delegation is an important tool. A service project, no matter how small it is, can make a difference in someone's life.

HEAD OF MEDIA AND EVENTS

Romy Myers

"Leading cheers for 1st team Hockey and Netball games was an amazing feeling that made me feel so proud to be at Herschel!"

HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT

Ella Sales

"Know that you can't fix everything. Focus on the bigger things and celebrate small wins."

HEAD OF CULTURAL

Peta Duckitt

"The beautiful part about having the privilege of being Cultural Head this year, was helping to give people the chance to be seen. This was done through their own moments of passion, talent and hard work within the various cultural opportunities Herschel offers."



HEAD OF BAXTER RESOURCE CENTRE

Ruth Madonko *"We read to know we are not alone and we work to lead together."*

HEAD OF BAXTER RESOURCE CENTRE

Ameera Jacoob *"If you cannot lead by example you shouldn't lead."*

HEAD OF BAXTER RESOURCE CENTRE

Taskya Pillay *"If not me, who? If not now, when?"* EMMA WATSON

HEAD OF ARDERNE HOUSE

Indiphile Nyanga *"Arderne is filled with some of the best people I have met in my entire life, so they made leading the Boarding House fun. Miss Sawyer and Miss Ntuli have also led (Maka and I) with care and patience. Leading Arderne House would not be feasible without them."*

HEAD OF ARDERNE HOUSE

Makanaka Magazo *"Being part of the leadership team of Boarding 2023 has been a roller coaster ride, but in a very positive way. It has taught us how to handle problems better than before and how to be there for others without completely forgetting about personal boundaries. This year has been a great way to conclude our high school experience."*



DEPUTY OF CARTER GR8

Danielle Gie

Danielle Gie *"Going into Grade 8 can really be a challenge, therefore it has been such a privilege to see the Grade 8s adapt and create their own space within our Carter family. I've learned that challenges and new beginnings help you grow as a person and expose you to new interests."*

DEPUTY OF CARTER GR9

Sarah Gonsenhauser *"I was so lucky to get such an awesome Grade 9 group. I know that they will go so far and do such amazing things. I hope that they always stay true to themselves and be open to making new friendships with everyone in the house."*

Sarah Gonsenhauser

HEAD OF CARTER

Ella Dix *"It's most important to have fun and enjoy every moment and look for something to be happy about when things may seem to be hard. Learn from others and realise mistakes are important for growth. Cherish all your moments. Make special memories; enjoy the present and look forward to the future."*

Ella Dix

DEPUTY OF CARTER GR10

Zintle Lujabe *"Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to."*

Zintle Lujabe

DEPUTY OF CARTER GR11

LUCY EDELSTEIN

Lucy Edelstein *"I have formed bonds I never thought I'd have with those in my House through Interhouse dance, plays and early morning chats. Throughout this year the Grade 11s have taught me how important gees and laughter is in a school environment. Good luck for your Matric year and most importantly keep that enthusiasm and keep seeking new opportunities even in your last year."*



DEPUTY OF JAGGER GR8

Julia Wellington *"Everyone is going through their own journey so be kind and just try your best."*

Julia Wellington :)

DEPUTY OF JAGGER GR9

Jessica Miller *"My favourite memory is of playing volley ball with my grade 9s at the beginning of the year. We were all terrible!"*

JESS MILLER :)

HEAD OF JAGGER

Raabi'ah Ebrahim

Raabi'ah Ebrahim *"Every year teaches me more and more that life is all about growing and evolving, this year especially, I learnt of strengths I didn't know I had and overcame fears. Embrace the lessons, cherish the memories, and keep moving forward."*

DEPUTY OF JAGGER GR10

Anna Koenig *"My favourite memories are from the time I spent bonding with my Grade 10 Jagger students. I got to know them on a deeper level and they also got to know me and each other. It was such a privilege to be able to form such strong bonds with students in another grade."*

ANNA KOENIG

DEPUTY OF JAGGER GR11

Chloe Bisschop

Chloe Bisschop *"My favourite memory is getting to know everyone in my house on a deeper level and forming a special bond through the House events. Something I learnt was that when everyone gets involved and contributes, it leads to having the most fun and being more successful. Time flies so try to enjoy every second you have left at Herschel!"*



Jada Ozonuwe

DEPUTY OF MERRIMAN GR8

Jada Ozonuwe *"I am so grateful for all the new experiences this year. The Merriman Grade 8s have been so fun to be around. I'm extremely thankful for the times we have spent together."*

Morgan Christian

DEPUTY OF MERRIMAN GR9

Morgan Christian *"This year has been a journey filled with growth and learning, and I've cherished every moment leading you. Your resilience, adaptability, and enthusiasm have been truly remarkable. As you step into Grade 10 , remember that your potential knows no bounds. I'm here to support you on your continued path to success."*

Ella Parker-Forsyth

HEAD OF MERRIMEN

Ella Parker-Forsyth *"Always try to be present in everything you do – despite moments of stress, uncertainty and feeling overwhelmed, things will work out. After the experience, you will look back on it fondly so try and enjoy it in the moment too. Hard work always pays off! "*

Gabi Balkin

DEPUTY OF MERRIMAN GR10

Gabi Balkin *"This opportunity allowed me to build amazing relationships with the most incredible Merriman Grade 10's! These relationships are ones I will forever be grateful for and will never forget."*

Georgie Neethling

DEPUTY OF MERRIMAN GR11

Georgina Neethling *"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. I have loved being able to get to know everyone in my grade and making some very special connections. I am going to miss everyone next year so much."*



Megan Harrison

DEPUTY OF ROLT GR 8

Megan Harrison *"Remember the importance of patience with yourself and with others because adapting to change is not easy and takes time."*

DEPUTY OF ROLT GR9

Emma Clarke *"I have learnt to always take one step at a time. Don't focus on the big picture but rather focus on effectively conquering each step that will lead up to you successfully achieving your final goal."*

Emma Clarke

HEAD OF ROLT

Amanda Tadokera *"However difficult it may be, learning to ask for help is an imperative skill to develop."*

Amanda Tadokera

DEPUTY OF ROLT GR10

Kenya Thamm *"I really enjoyed getting to know a younger group of people. I loved spending time with them and bonding with them as much as I could. They really made my experience enjoyable."*

Kenya Thamm

DEPUTY OF ROLT GR11

Bethany van Rhyn *"One of my favourite memories was Interhouse singing practices as we really bonded as a House. One of the biggest things I learnt was to treat every person with the respect they deserve and to treat everyone in the way that you wish to be treated :)"*

Bethany van Rhyn

SRC

OVERVIEW By Keryn van der Westhuizen

The Student Representative Council is a body of students that was created to give a voice to the students of Herschel. We aim to provide a platform for **active problem-solving** in order to **create a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment**. By including students from Grades 9 to 12 and establishing relationships with the Grade 8s from the first day of orientation, we ensure not only that we have a **range of perspectives** on student issues, but also that **everyone's voice is heard**. We hope that through the initiatives established in the SRC that every student can look back on their time at Herschel with fond memories.

SRC MEMBERS

Head of SRC:
Keryn van der Westhuizen

Deputy Head:
Zaynah Darsot

Secretary:
Enqi Du

Grade 9:
Charlotte Jacobs
Alexandra Knutsen
Emily Dickinson
Gabriella Efstathiou

Grade 10:
Lauren Sherwood
Khahliso Khojane
Kaitlin Seymour
Ra'eesa Napier
Reece Corker
Sophie Vickers
Daniella Böttger
Eryn van Vollenhoven

Grade 11:
Zoë Arenhold
Erin Meyer
Intando Taitai
Ahlam Dharsey
Zaynah Darsot
Hanaan Saith
Enqi Du
Kate Formby

Grade 12:
Anni Dall
Yumnaa Rawoot
Anna Koenig
Keryn van der Westhuizen,
Tyra Penney
Camilla Campbell
Ella Sales





Members thoughts about SRC 2023

"When I first started in the SRC, I was very nervous to take part, but now I am comfortable in speaking up and using my voice to express the concerns and problems of the students that come to me."
Eryn Van Vollenhoven

"SRC this year has been full of new ideas and strategies to better Herschel for present and future pupils! It has been a productive year with the team!"
Lauren Sherwood

"The SRC has been a great space to discuss and come up with solutions to any problems people might have. It has been a great way to let the student body have a voice."
Daniella Böttger

"Solving problems in our school doesn't have to look loud. By listening you're more than halfway there!"
Kaylin Seymour

"That your voice matters no matter how young you are."
Emily Dickinson

"I enjoy interacting with students from different grades across the school, as well as working together as a team to make a difference at Herschel. I have learnt that it takes time and effort to bring about change and that it doesn't happen overnight. I have also developed my listening and critical thinking skills."
Sophie Vickers









Enqi Du
Secretary

Zaynah Darsot
Deputy Head

Keryn van der Westhuizen
Head of SRC

MATRIC DANCE



















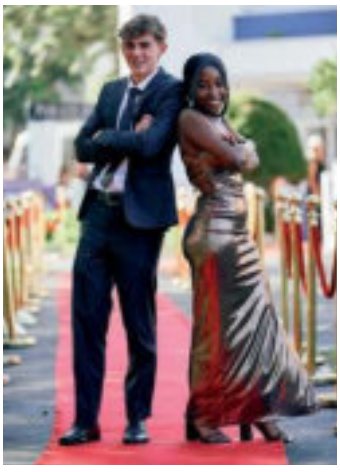






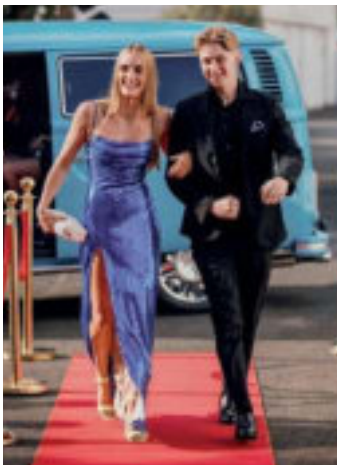














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Second Row: Gabriella Balkin, Lathitha Sicweby, Indiphile Nyanga, Entle Mlanjeni, Rhodah Martin, Romy Myers, Emma Lewis, Kaley Coetzee, Itharah Mohamed, Camilla Campbell, Ella Parker-Forsyth, Keryn van der Westhuizen, Lucy Edelstein, Chloe Bisschop, Divya Sewpersadh, Ongamela Peter, Nuriya Ahmed, Makanaka Magazo.

Third Row: Sophia Searll, Gia Musikanth, Sienna O'Shea, Rebecca Viljoen, Jesse Rodrigues, Annabel Stuart-Reckling, Coco Hammill, Holly Brickles, Neave Maloney, Morgan Christian, Chelsea le Roux, Bethany van Rhyn, Salma Moosa, Anni Dall, Leya Patel, Montana Manas, Esther Couves, Kenya Thamm, Indiah Weldon.

Fourth Row: Emily Floquet, Pari Ratheb, Kayleigh Campbell, Leah Burns, Nehal Dahya, Ava Rathner, Ella Sales, Abbey Morrow, Georgina Neethling, Ella Dix, Anna Koenig, Gabby Botton, Jemma van Stolk, Jessica Jensen, Danielle Gie, Chelsea Thompson, Peta Duckitt, Kelsie Lawrenson, Amy Jones, Mia-Dominique de Graaf.

Fifth row: Rachael Wolhuter, Leah Liebenberg, Sarah Gonsenhauser, Marcel Seymour, Jessica Miller, Madelaine Blackwell, Lily Hardie, Raabi'ah Ebrahim, Nina Kabalin, Samantha Gutsche, Chelsea Park, Jordi Paine, Kerry Buissinne, Rachel Howie, Tyra Penney, Megan Harrison, Sonia Danpoulo-Baba, Julia Wellington, Megan Sonnenberg.

HOUSES

"There is a Grade 9 who always says 'Hi' to me and smiles at me. She always asks me how I am and how I am liking Herschel. It's quite a small act of kindness but it always makes me smile."

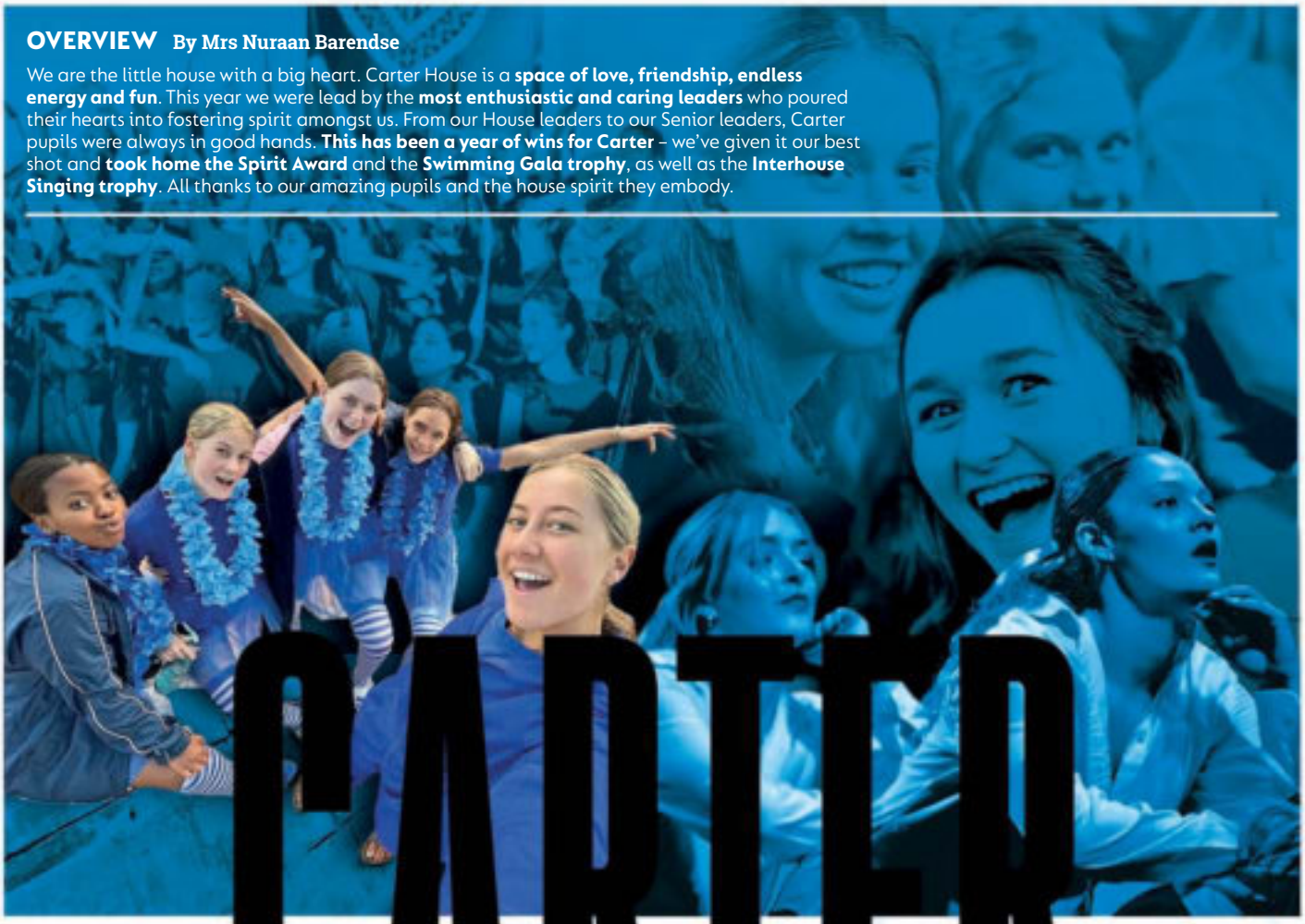
ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL



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OVERVIEW By Mrs Nuraan Barendse

We are the little house with a big heart. Carter House is a **space of love, friendship, endless energy and fun**. This year we were lead by the **most enthusiastic and caring leaders** who poured their hearts into fostering spirit amongst us. From our House leaders to our Senior leaders, Carter pupils were always in good hands. **This has been a year of wins for Carter** – we've given it our best shot and **took home the Spirit Award** and the **Swimming Gala trophy**, as well as the **Interhouse Singing trophy**. All thanks to our amazing pupils and the house spirit they embody.



CARTER





OVERVIEW By Ms Hanneke de Bruijn

2023 - the whirlwind year of **Jagger fun and happy togetherness**. **Summer House Day:** pancake race, *"Shrek"* mascot, wonderful gees with Carla and Rebecca on saxophones – altogether awesome! The oldest (and slowest!) HD in the House Race. **Eisteddfod** and **Mandela Day** notable highlights. 2023 was all about **laughter and fun**! Thank you, Jagger!

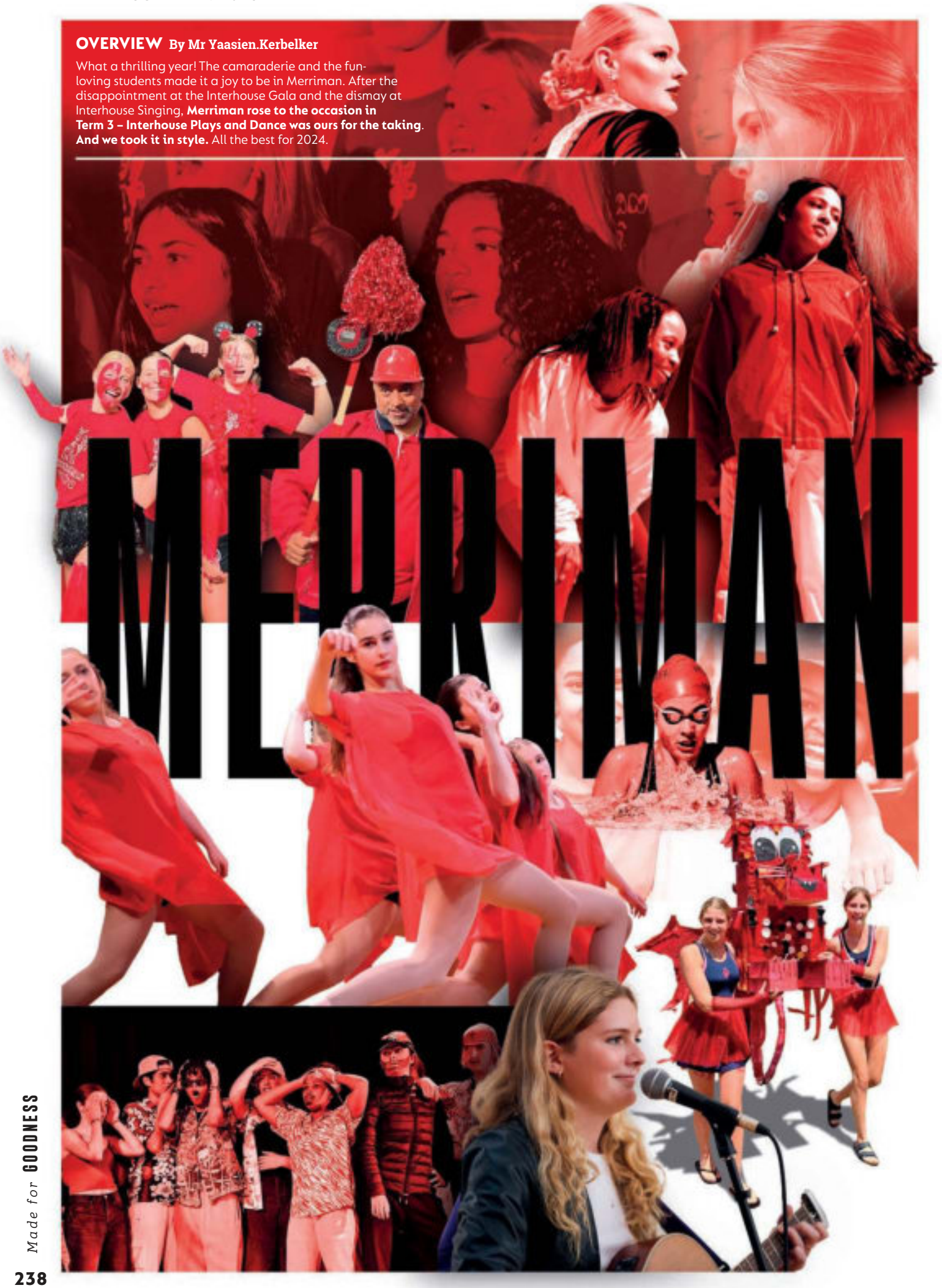


JAGGER



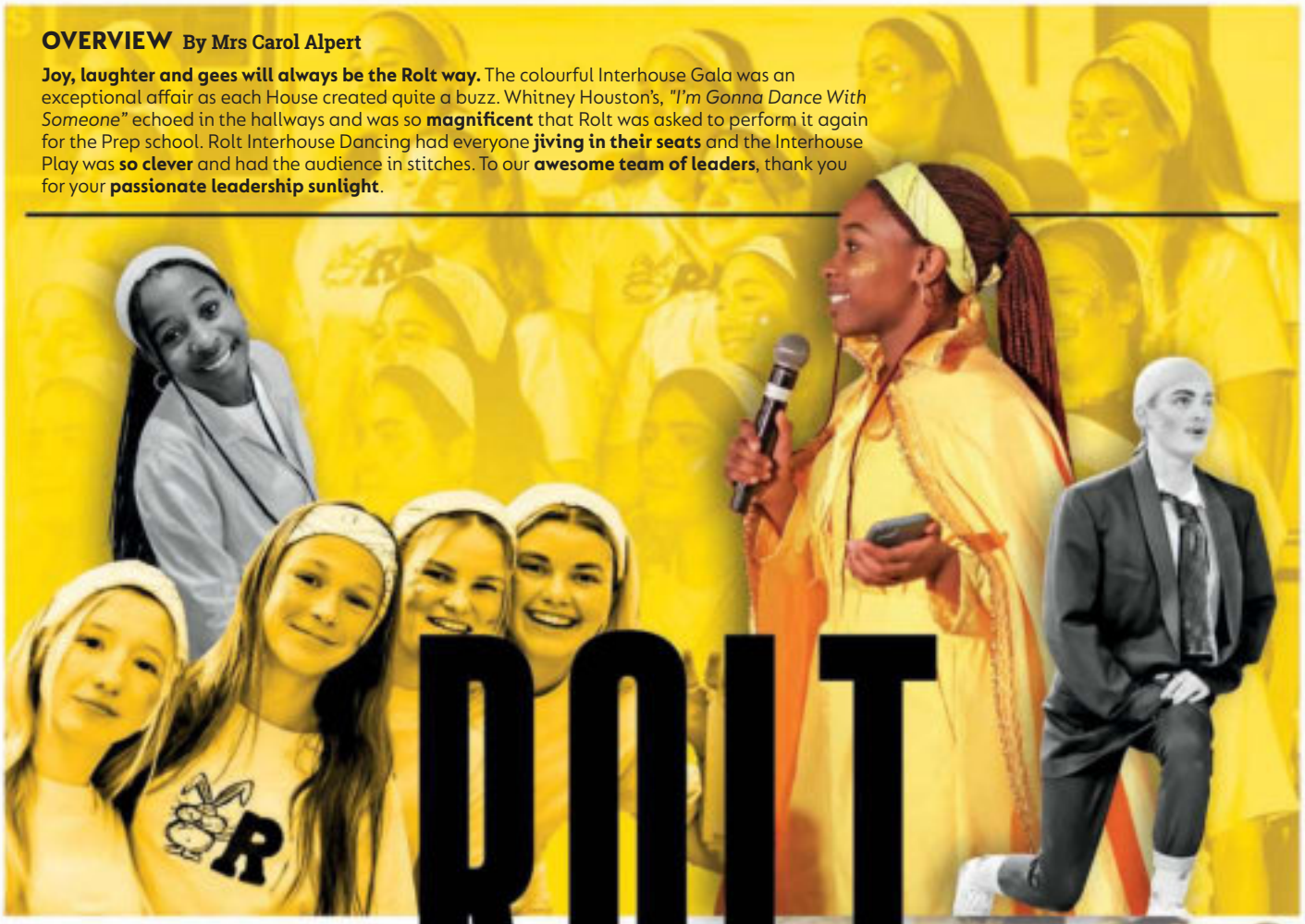
OVERVIEW By Mr Yaasien.Kerbelker

What a thrilling year! The camaraderie and the fun-loving students made it a joy to be in Merriman. After the disappointment at the Interhouse Gala and the dismay at Interhouse Singing, **Merriman rose to the occasion in Term 3 – Interhouse Plays and Dance was ours for the taking. And we took it in style.** All the best for 2024.



OVERVIEW By Mrs Carol Alpert

Joy, laughter and gees will always be the Rolt way. The colourful Interhouse Gala was an exceptional affair as each House created quite a buzz. Whitney Houston's, *"I'm Gonna Dance With Someone"* echoed in the hallways and was so **magnificent** that Rolt was asked to perform it again for the Prep school. Rolt Interhouse Dancing had everyone **jiving in their seats** and the Interhouse Play was **so clever** and had the audience in stitches. To our **awesome team of leaders**, thank you for your **passionate leadership sunlight**.



ROLT

"NOTHING CAN DIM THE LIGHT WHICH SHINES FROM WITHIN."

MAYA ANGELOU



GRADES



"On the first day of Grade 8,
I was sitting nervously waiting for
pickup and a Grade 9 sparked up a
conversation with me.
It was probably the highlight of what
was a stressful day.
It made me feel very welcome."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL

Made for
GOODNESS

"My favourite memory was making new friends, meeting new people and doing lots of fun activities and games with our friends. It was an amazing experience! "

Manilla Trantraal

My favourite memory was making new friends with the people in my cabin and forming new bonds.

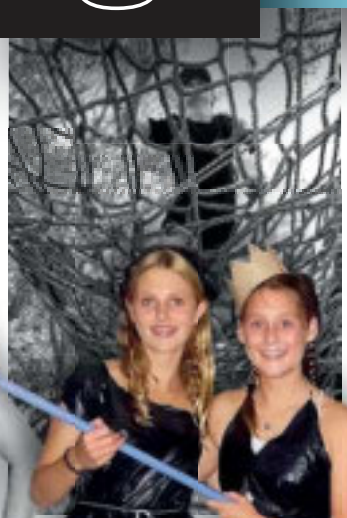
Teagan Mozley

Grade 8 Camp taught me the power of teamwork..

Lihlombe Mandindi

GR 8 CAMP







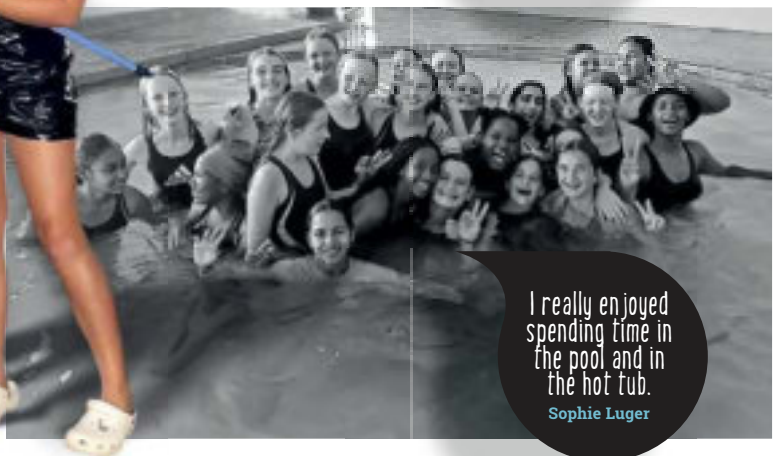


My favourite memories from camp are the fun games we played and the obstacle courses.

Anemaé Smith

The fashion show was so much fun. I loved how everyone supported and cheered the 'models' on! It was a great memory!

Logan Lamb



I really enjoyed spending time in the pool and in the hot tub.

Sophie Luger



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Back Row: Jamie Marshall, Sienna Scheibe, Taiya Todd, Stella Boshoff, Anemaé Smith, Sian Bennewith, Kiera Horne, Annabelle Deering, Yan Tung Kadyn Lin, Logan Lamb, Kiara McLean, Abigail Andrews, Zohra Khan, Ophelia Loggenberg, Tiffany Tutu, Billie Gootkin, Sophie Lashbrooke.

Fifth Row: Tamika Nair, Rebecca Koller, Chelsea Petersen, Sophia Trout, Iman Parker, Linako Rayi, Letsatsi Moerane, Ava Moodycliffe, Liqhamile Adonis, Frances Leinberger, Sophie Padoa, Karla Bosman, Nuriyah Ebrahim, Camryn Fürst, Scarlett Turck, Justine Lucke, Jessica Martin.

Fourth Row: Onathi Peter, Jenna Formby, Heather Kane, Hayley le Grange, Chloë Mills, Isabella Kalam, Lily Watson, Gemma Hoeks, Carla Plenge-Mantell, Neve Brogan, Skyler Langenhoven, Ashley Kropman, Isabella Thompson, Julia Swain, Josephine Fair, Sophia Turner.

Third Row: Lisa Browne, Lily Maydon, Rebecca Tresfon, Rebecca White, Kera-lee Ball, Lara Schrieder, Ella Carter, Teagan Mozley, Jessica Bosch, Ayanda Bordiss, Abigail van Sittert, Jada Martin, Zahra Khan, Leila Billimore, Anna Dillon, Ashley Bassett, Isla MacNaughton.

Second Row: Thanah Isaacs, Jaime Paxton, Zaynab Abrahams, Lauren van der Spuy, Imaan Mohammed, Siyanda Khoza, Devanya Naidoo, Talia Daniels, Summer Müller Thomson, Zayaan Sirkot, Mathilde Salvaing de Boissieu, Aisha Hendricks, Manilla Trantraal, Courtney Louw, Zarna Douglas, Georgia Nicklin.

Front Row: Alexa Ashaba, Georgia Clarence, Anna Sherren, Amarah Mohamed, Coco Lobert, Chloë Oldham, Emily van Lierop, Nuha Timm, Sophia Pooley, Lucy Mulder, Lihlombe Mandindi, Aisha Mia, Adiva Khan, Chloë Emmerich, Sophia Luger, Gabi Laubscher, Jorja Gomes.

Absent: Fleur Boyd, Amy Combrink, Charlotte Swart











"Herschel camps never ever disappoint!! Always fun to sneak out and scare people at night. The activities slapped and the food was buss. I LOVED the camp counsellors, they were super welcoming and fun to spill tea to." **Tahlia Toll**



GR 9 CAMP

This is one of the only times in the year where you can annoy your teachers 24/7. Camp was perfectly balanced. A solid 8.7/10 (minus the bugs).
Katherine Slingers



Lovely weather. Great food. The camp directors were so lovely, inclusive and made sure to entertain us and keep us active.
Gabriella Meyer

Camp was such a banger this year! I had so much fun and the camp counsellors this year were super vibey!
Ruqaya Bassadien

Camp was a fun, interactive experience. I ended up making a few new friends, and I got to know some of my close friends even better.
Gabriella Stodel

Camp this year was lots of fun. I especially enjoyed the swimming, the scenic walks and the late night bonding with my cabin mates.
Saara Moosa



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Back Row: Chloe Perlman, Sophie Maurel, Jenna Botha, Gabriella Efstathiou, Isabella Vandeyar, Abigail Böttger, Jemma Pearse, Charlotte Wiltshire, Sophie Leinberger, Carys Morkel, Georgia Morkel, Sarah Surgeoner, Thalia Duchenne.

Fifth Row: Elise Makin, Molly Parry, Erin Stafford, Skye-Leigh Esterhuizen, Tess Rycroft, Angeliki Efstathiou, Hana van Heerden, Rania Macnab, Georgia MacKay, Alexandra Knutsen, Arisha Khan, Paige Clarence, Pei-Ying Huang, Emma Coenen, Katherine Featherstone.

Fourth Row: Hayley Lewis, Nina Wides, Ella-Grace Gray, Azra Janoodien, Fatima Davids, Diya Rajoo, Raania Bhagoo, Chloe Smith, Sophia Lobert, Nathalie Heyns, Jaime Thompson, Minal Dahya, Mia van Kesteren, Riley Hoskin, Cassidy Burgess, Madelyn Rathner.

Third Row: Juliette Borain, Kiah George, Gabrielle Meyer, Samantha Miller, Gabriella Stodel, Charlotte Jacobs, Anna van Aarde, Morgan Munting, Gemma Jones, Sarah Baynham, Megan Dempers, Kelello Dube, Tess Anderson, Simone De La Harpe, Kwakhanya Ntikinca.

Second Row: Juwairiya Bassa, Imaan Moolla, Caleigh Tomaz Weeden, Ava Krause, Sarah Holwill, Zoë West, Anastácia Butler, Stephanie Gräfin von Ballestrem, Alice Bailey, Caitlin Ratcliffe, Paige Leigh, Daniella Ruiters, Tahlia Toll, Katherine Slingers, Saara Moosa, Tazkia Van Heerden.

Front Row: Emily Stodel, Tay-yibah Ebrahim, Eve Abrahams, Isabella Gore, Emily Clinton, Emily Dickinson, Gabriella Querido, Sarah Ashbolt, Kyla Muller, Rayna Wolhuter, Ruqaya Bassadien, Samantha Nimb, Nurah Harnekar, Hana Coovadia, Leabona Sixoto.

Absent: Faye Bellairs, Zaara Dalwai, Sarah-Jane Harrison, Zinneera Keraan, Chella Petrie, Kerry-Anne Roxburgh-Richards, Naledi Sopotela, Tara Mae Varney, Emily Wilson.

CAMP TIPS

1. Don't get concussed.
2. Breathe.
3. Wearing bicycle pants does not help.
4. Pack lots of nice snacks!!
5. Wear sunscreen when you're canoeing.
6. You can never pack too many snacks.
7. Bring a pillow.
8. Always wear sunscreen.

CAMP TEACHES YOU TO ...

- Interact with people you thought you'd never become friends with.
- Do activities that you might not get to do when you're at home.
- Unlock a new side of yourself .
- Not give up so easily.
- Communicate about how one feels with others.
- Push through when times are tough.



"I made so many memories on Stepout and I became closer with people I hadn't connected with before. I loved all the late-night chats with friends and the countless times we laughed."

Kaylin Seymour

GR 10 CAMP

STEPOUT

Stepout was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The fun had on the river was a core memory and many laughs were had.

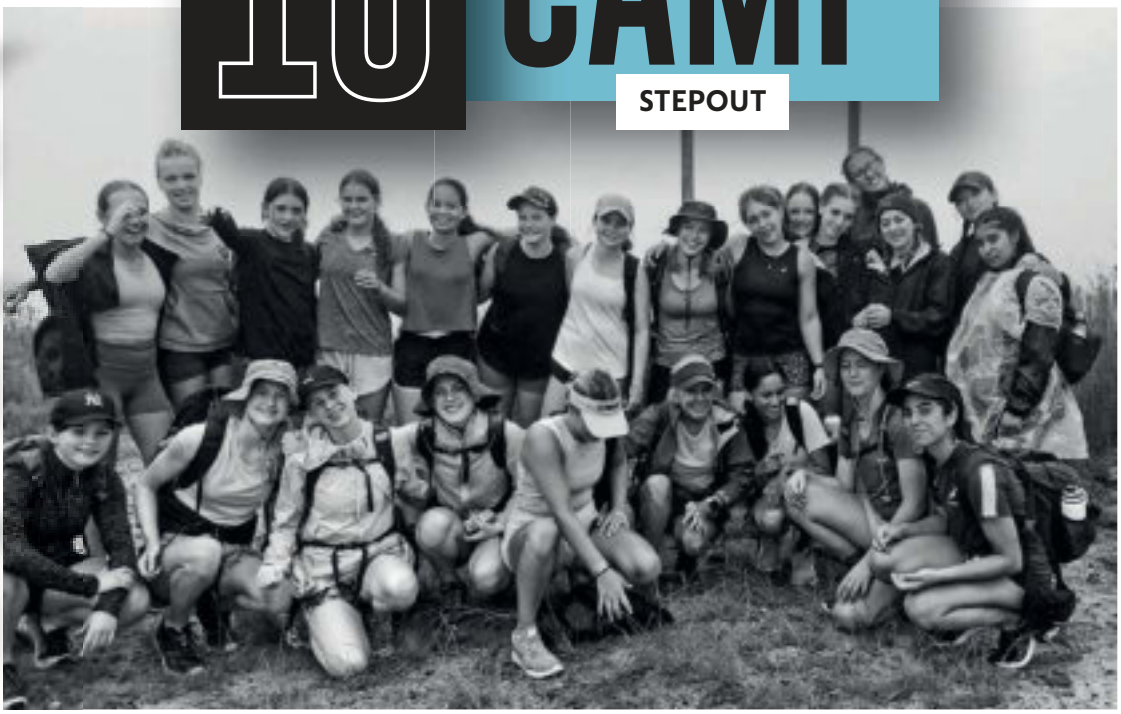
Lauren Sherwood

All the teachers who accompanied us were amazing. It was so fun to see a different side of them. I am very appreciative towards all my teachers who were there.

Fatima Parker

My highlight was making a huge tower of canoes in the water, then climbing up on it and jumping off.

Luca Graaff



My favourite Stepout memory was finding a place at every hostel to look at the stars with friends.

Reece Corker

My favourite memory from Stepout is all the laughs and conversations I had, after we had finished the exercises with people who I had become closer with.

Jemima McQueen







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Back Row: Saushan Rinquest, Kirsty Buissinne, Sophie Vickers, Samantha Flint, Nicole Downard, Kirsten Böttger, Gabriela Stuart-Reckling.

Fourth Row: Jessica Schilz, Kelly Cadiz, Hannah Creedon, Samantha Dore, Daniella Böttger, Sophie Kowarski, Micah Engel, Hannah Henderson, Rebecca Edwards, Carla Lampe, Safa Hendricks, Greta Sierra Rubia, Bella Madonko, Luca Graaff, Isabella Jefferies, Sofia Sierra Rubia.

Third Row: Isabella Maltz, Zara Böttger, Aasiyah Bailey, Olivia Egerer, Helene von Alvensleben, Christina Caryer, Grace Sales, Chloë Taylor, Eryn Van Vollenhoven, Kiara Pryce, Katherine Gutsche, Isabella Weir-Smith, Hala Boomgaard, Olivia Sutcliffe, Scarlett Olmesdahl.

Second Row: Maaryah Brey, Tanishka Ramklass, Christina Lorenzen, Reece Corker, Chloë Hughes, Emma McGaw, Georgia Currie, Emma van Wyk, Candice Glaum, Fatima Mohamed, Ra'eesa Napier, Christy Braune, Naledi Lenko, Zakiya Bhorey, Lauren Sherwood, Zeah Douglas.

Front Row: Cyanne Kleye, Karly Van Schalkwyk, Sienna Rossouw, Julia Komninos, Keri Purchase, Jordan Gossmann, Isabella Lindsay, Tessa Bottomley, Selah Van Rooyen, Syriana Mohamed, Catherine Walker, Emma Deneys, Charlize Karimi-Tabesh, Jenna Koller, Hannah Rajie.

Absent : Grace Day, Lusinda Dumekude, Maseeha Ebrahim, Olivia Emmerich, Madison Franks, Gemma Fürst, Rebecca Hewat, Inga Kepelele, Khahliso Khojane, Ella Lundy, Gemma MacGregor, Eva Magrath, Jemima McQueen, Emily Molyneux, Grace Mulder, Gabriella Ovenstone, Michelle Parasnath, Farah Parker, Fatima Tu Zahra Parker, Isabella Prechtel, Sienna Rossiter, Gabriella Russell, Mia Scheibe, Kaylin Seymour, Emily Swart, Julia Turck, Viola Unite-Penny.



It was interesting to see how I am perceived as a person... we did an activity where we sat in a circle and had to say our impressions about others.

I appreciated people being vulnerable and just getting to know others.

GR 11 CAMP



Camp was an amazing experience that allowed our whole grade to bond, and we were all given the opportunity to get to know other people we would normally not interact with during school.





"The camp challenged me more than I expected. Although it was tough, I will never forget the memories I made and new people I got the chance to get to know a bit better. I really enjoyed staying in a dom with people I wouldn't have chosen myself – it was really enjoyable and brought us all closer."









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Back Row: Gabriella Wright, Kate Hodgson, Hanaan Saith, Zaynah Darsot, Alexa de Villiers, Anabelle Slabber, Jasmine Hatherill, Emma Naude, Alba Swanepoel, Michela Benettolo, Georgina Beauchamp, Victoria Van der Watt, Elen Vermaak, Olivia Klerck, Carmen Whittaker.

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Fourth Row: Liphelo Mangxola, Sabiha Sonday, Ana Vaughan-Scott, Jessica Ratcliffe, Zoë Arenhold, Zenazi Nkonkie, Paula Nekesa, Safara Ackermann, Matilda Loggenberg, Mia Andrew, Michaela Edwards, Alexa Knott, Olivia Sherren, Gemma Prinsloo, Tai Ravat, Jenna Hutchinson, Sanaa Ebrahim, Amy Davis, Anna Van der Vent.

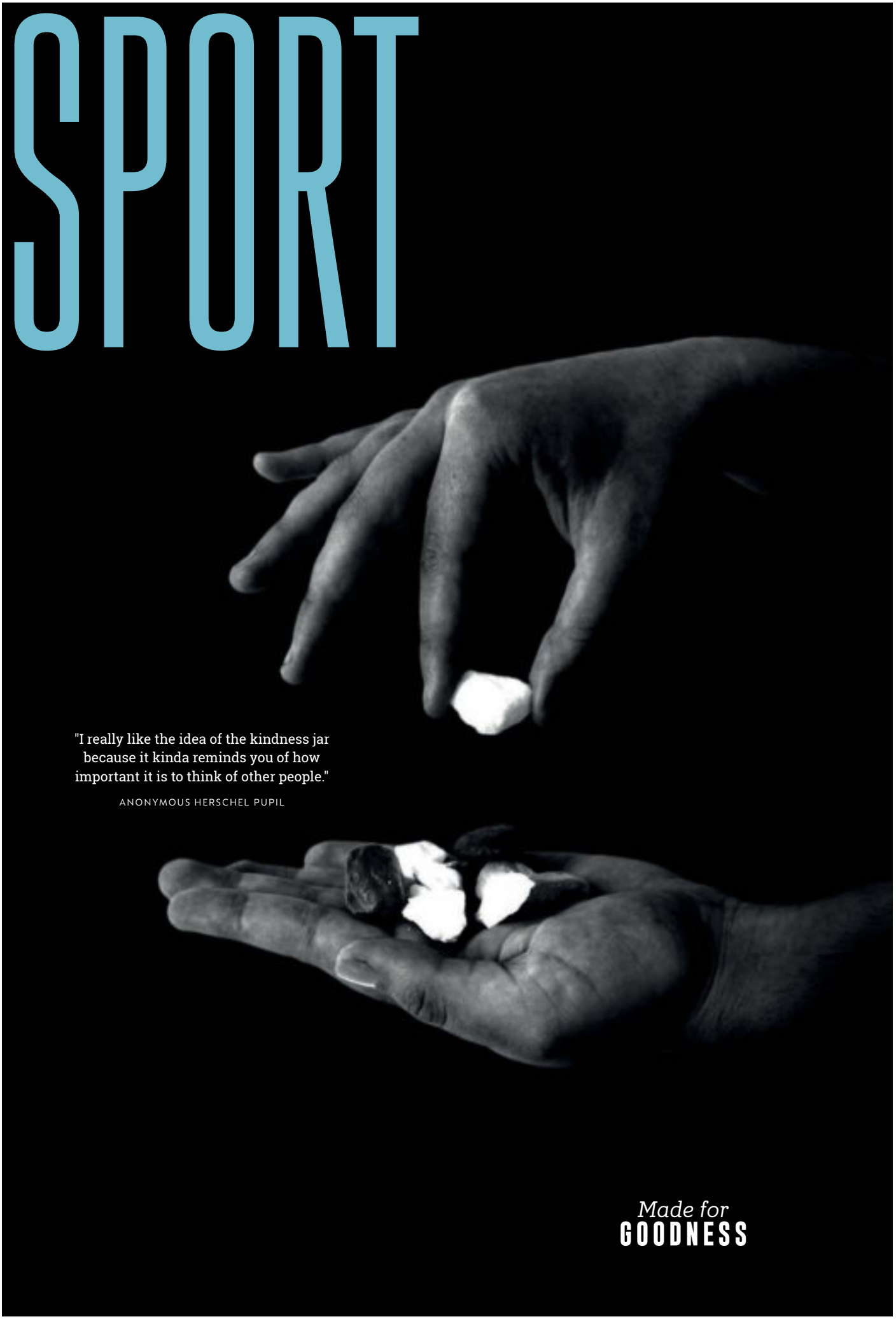
Third Row: Emma Gordon, Emma Pooley, Nobuntu Lingela, Amy van Breda, Kate Formby, Georgia Finlayson, Elysia Aspinall, Kiera Howard, Maggie Mallinson, Kaitlyn Knight, Cate Lea, Catherine Barton, Anna Searson, Nicole Macey, Alice Kuhn, Leah Faurholm, Leah Josi, Amelia Badenhorst, Emily van Heerden.

Second Row: Nandi Dlamini, Nusrat Chokdar, Razeenah Parker, Okuhle Sopam, Jessica Tomaz Weeden, Ameera Yacoob, Zahra Gouda, Zara Palmer, Layla Abrahams, Anja Bräsler, Georgina Withers, Nadhira Khan, Miyolo Mvalo, Alessia Grandi, Zara-Leigh Oliphant, Hanna Wright, Taybah Isaacs, Daniella Mwoyosvi.

Front Row: Lamiya Hussain, Miriam Haihambo, Gabrielle du Toit, Sofia Dearnaley, Anna Ashbolt, Rebecca Wolhuter, Enqi Du, Azraa Solomons, Motlalepula Lekoma, Lara Moore, Rebecca Joshua, Tayla Katz, Olivia Davies, Rania Abrahams, Isabella Tooley, Nicole Bantom, Bianca Ribeiro, Lily Rose Tomlinson, Taskya Pillay.

Absent: Zahra Esack, Erin Meyer, Inga Sithembu, Kirsten Stevens.

SPORT



"I really like the idea of the kindness jar because it kinda reminds you of how important it is to think of other people."

ANONYMOUS HERSCHEL PUPIL

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CROSS COUNTRY



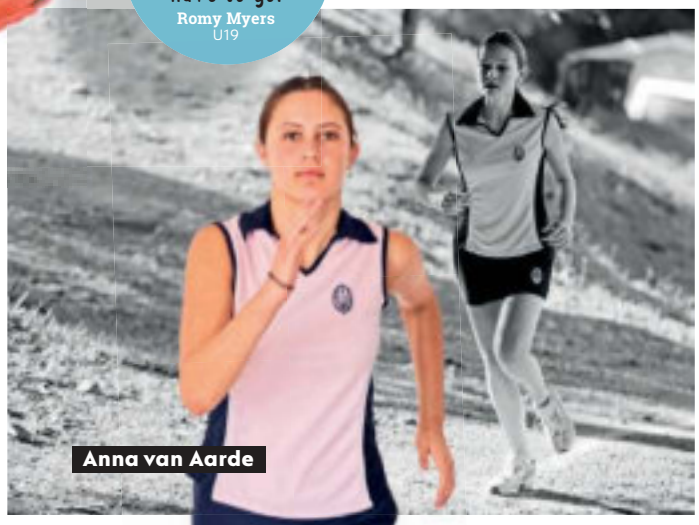
Kerry Buissinne
Captain

OVERVIEW
by Kerry Buissinne

This season has been a great one, filled with lots of enthusiasm for Cross Country. There has been a lovely energy seen throughout the practices and the races. With 15 runners showing immense passion and commitment to Cross Country, and ten qualifying for the Southern Zone. A special mention to Anna van Aarde and Ella Sales for qualifying for the Western Cape Champs.



You don't have to run fast, you just have to go.
Romy Myers
U19



Anna van Aarde



Run for yourself, not a position.
Nehal Daya
U19



You may as well spend 30 minuntes advantaging yourself rather than 30 minuntes disadvantaging yourself.
Coco Hammil
U19

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

SELECTED FOR THE CAPE METRO CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN WESTERN CAPE CHAMPS

Ella Sales

Anna van Aarde
(non travelling reserve)

RACE RESULTS

PGSGU:
U14: 1st Place
U15: 2nd Place
Overall: 3rd Place

LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- There were **15 dedicated league runners** who took part in the league races during the seasons
- **Ten** Herschel cross-country runners were selected to represent the Southern Zone at the Cape Metro Schools Cross Country Championship



Ella Sales Vice-Captain U18 | **Romy Myers** U18 | **Jessica Miller** U18 | **Jemma von Stolk** U18 | **Kayleigh Campbell** U18 | **Leah Faurholm** U17 | **Kirtsy Buissinne** U16 | **Alice Bailey** U15

BASKETBALL

What I truly love about Basketball is meeting new people and that its an outlet from other stress in my life.
Catherine Barton
2nd team

OVERVIEW by Suzannah Whall

This Basketball season has been an exhilarating rollercoaster of highs and lows. Our first team faced nail-biting defeats in the semi-finals at both AISJ and the St. Peter's Basketball tournament. We displayed incredible resilience and determination, bouncing back to secure a well-deserved 3rd place.

Our A teams clinched the championship at the Top Schools tournament, outshining Westerford and The Settlers High School in epic showdowns. Concluding the 2023 season, we won the Basketball St. Peter's Sports and Cultural Festival.

1ST TEAM MATCH RESULTS

vs Westerford: **WON** 35 – 16

vs Diocesan School for Girls: **WON** 54 – 17

vs Pinelands: **WON** 82 – 4

vs International School of Cape Town: **WON** 77 – 3

vs Camps Bay: **WON** 72 – 3

vs Michael Oak Waldorf: **WON** 59 – 9





I love the team I'm in!
Pei-Ying Huang
U16A





I love the people Basketball attracts and the good times spent on and off the court.
Kerry Buissinne
2nd team

I love that I always know where I stand with my coach and that I know I can be honest with them.
Suzannah Whall
1st team



Nina Kabalin Guard

Cate Lea Shooting Guard/ Forward

Montana Manas Guard

Leah Faurholm Guard

Inthando Taitai Shooting Guard

Suzannah Whall Captain Guard

Peta Duckitt Shooting Guard

Victoria van der Walt Shooting Guard

Kiera Howard Shooting Guard/ Forward

Erin Meyer Shooting Guard

Chelsea Park Forward

WATER POLO

OVERVIEW
by Tyra Penney

As captain, it has been a privilege to witness and be a part of the friendship, support, and infectious spirit created through Water polo. Water polo has been a sanctuary and source of joy on the toughest days for many students, highlighting the inclusive and cheerful atmosphere created by the players and coaches.

1ST TEAM MATCH AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BRIAN BAKER TOURNAMENT:
2nd Place

ST PETER'S WATER POLO TOURNAMENT:
2nd Place

WP SCHOOLS NIGHT SERIES:
1st Place

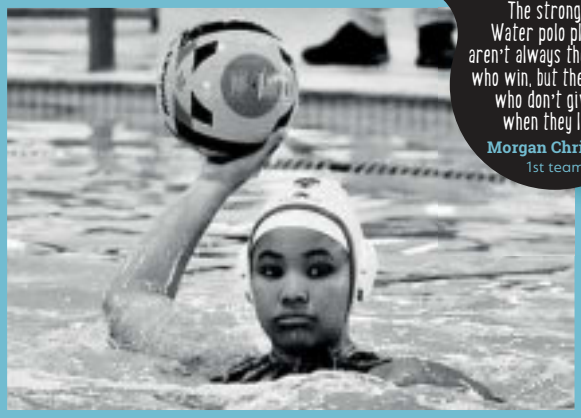
WALLER CUP (WP LEAGUE):
1st Place

PGSGU INTERSCHOOLS TOURNAMENT:
1st Place

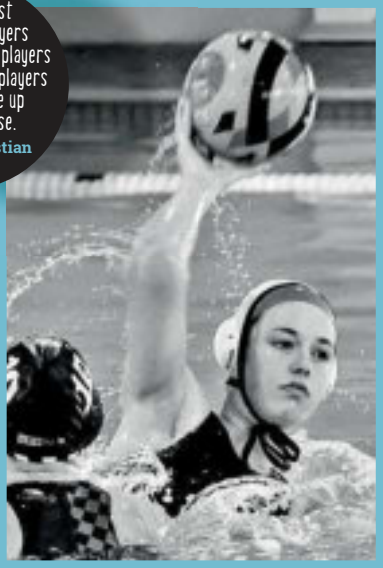
MCKENZIE CUP:
3rd Place

ST ANNE'S TOURNAMENT:
4th Place

ST STITHIAN'S STAYERS:
1st Place



The strongest Water polo players aren't always the players who win, but the players who don't give up when they lose.
Morgan Christian
1st team





If you play polo, you must just yolo. Swim in the pool, and you wil be cool.
Tess Anderson
U16A





Isabella Tooley

Tyra Penney
1st team Captain
Wing/Fetch

Alexa de Villiers
1st team
Wholeman/Wing/Fetch

Jodie Sharp
1st team
Wing/Fetch

Tayla Kreymborg
1st team
Back-sitter

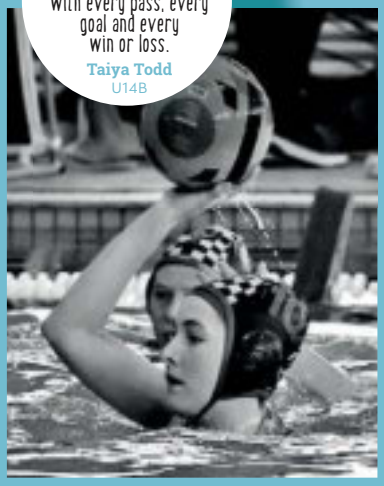
Tyra Penney
1st team
Back-sitter

Abbey Morrow
1st team
Wholeman

Holly Brickles
1st team
Wing/Fetch



In Water polo, we come together as teammates, making unforgettable memories with every pass, every goal and every win or loss.
Taiya Todd
U14B







People will always see your result, but they won't see the hard work, time and dedication you put in to get there.
Nicole Macey
2nd team



Charlotte Wiltshire

What the players say?

"I am so grateful for the many amazing new friends and memories I have made because of Water polo."
Nina Wides U16A

"I love the joy that comes from Water polo and how my team feels like family. There is never a dull moment, and it puts a constant smile on my face."
Tayla Kreymborg 1st Team

"Thank you Nicole, for teaching us to always try our best and thank you for making the sport an amazing game to play." **Georgia Clarence** U14A

"Thank you Craig, for your dedication and support. You have really made a huge impact on my Water polo journey." **Sophie Vickers** U16A

"I am so grateful for my coach, Ruby, for bringing the laughs and banter, but also for always believing in the team and pushing me to do my best."
Danielle Gie 2nd team

"Alex is an amazing coach who always pushes us to reach our potential. He encourages us to play with heart and passion and to never back down."
Emily van Heerden 1st team

"Every player is important to the team's success. Even if you feel like you aren't playing your best, keep giving it 100% because that still helps your team win."
Kelly Cadiz U16A

"Water polo at Herschel is more than just matches and tournaments, it's the bonds and lessons learnt throughout the process."
Lauren Sherwood 2nd team

"Strategise to move for each other and with each other; waterpolo cannot be a one player game."
Safara Ackermann 2nd team

I love Water polo because it makes me work hard and I make so many amazing memories while playing.
Jessica Bosch
U14A



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

HERSCHEL'S WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

U14A = 5
U14B = 3
U14 non-travelling reserve = 1

U15A = 5
U15B = 6
U15 non-travelling reserve = 2

U16A = 5
U16B = 2

U19A = 6
U19B = 3
U19 non-travelling reserve = 1

SOUTH AFRICA U20 WOMEN WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

Morgan Christian



Grace Sales	Isabella Tooley	Jessica Miller	Neave Maloney	Amy van Breda	Morgan Christian	Emily van Heerden
1st team	1st team	1st team	1st team	1st team	**1st team Vice-Captain**	1st team
Goalkeeper	Back-sitter	Wing/Fetch	Wing/Fetch	Wing/Fetch	Wing/Fetch	Wing/Fetch

SWIMMING

OVERVIEW by Kerryn Benade

Captaining the Swimming team this year has been such an honour. The Swimming team has so much talent and energy and I loved watching them thrive. Being part of the team that won both the A-League and the PGSGU Gala was such a special moment. Every gala was full of laughs and excitement. Each individual on the team pushed themselves to do the best that they could and I am so proud of all of the swimmers. Through the highs of the weekly galas and the lows of early morning training, the team has shown persistence and determination. Thank you to my team for making this swimming year one for the books.

GALA RESULTS

A-LEAGUE GALA:
1st Place

PGSGU INTERSCHOOLS TOURNAMENT:
1st Place

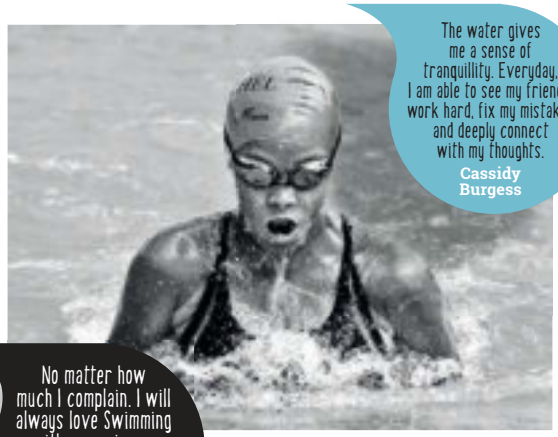
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CASSIDY BURGESS
Represented South Africa at World Junior Championships and Youth Commonwealth Games

PARTIPATED IN SANJ AGE GROUPS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Ava Rathner, Sophie Vickers, Amy Combrink, Gemma Jones and Cassidy Burgess



Kerry Benade
Captain



The water gives me a sense of tranquillity. Everyday, I am able to see my friends, work hard, fix my mistakes and deeply connect with my thoughts.
Cassidy Burgess





Sophie Vickers
U16

No matter how much I complain. I will always love Swimming with a passion so strong that nobody can make me quit!
Samantha Nimb





Ava Rathner
Vice-Captain
U18

The water is your friend... you don't have to fight with it, just share the same energy as the water, and it will help you move.
Jemma Pearse









Madison Franks
U16

Amy Combrink
U14

I love swimming as it calms your mind and you are only one swim away from a good mood.
Sophie Vickers

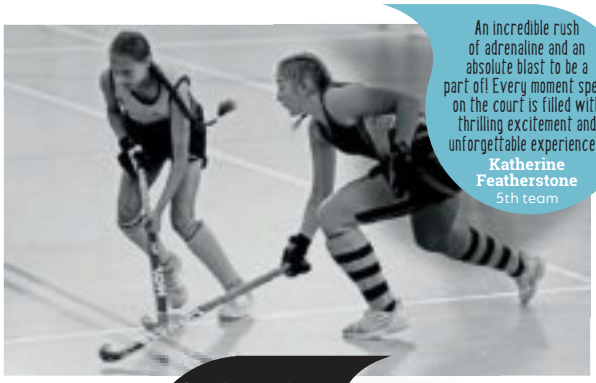






Cassidy Burgess
U15

INDOOR HOCKEY



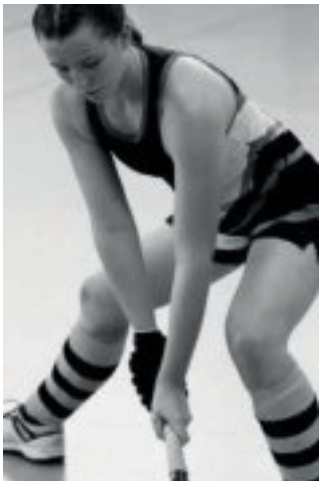
An incredible rush of adrenaline and an absolute blast to be a part of! Every moment spent on the court is filled with thrilling excitement and unforgettable experiences.
Katherine Featherstone
5th team



Being the youngest in the team, I never felt left out and the team dynamic allowed me to have great bonds with the older girls who are like big sisters to me.
Hannah Henderson
1st team









The game goes so fast so no matter how tired or hard you're pushing yourself keep it up till the end 'cause it will all be worth it!
Sofia Dearnaley
1st team



OVERVIEW

by Stella van Schalkwyk

Another exciting season from the Herschel Indoor Hockey teams this year that ended with many successes. Most of the teams ended the season on top of the league, but apart from the great results, there was an overwhelming sense of fun and good sportsmanship from start to finish. Well done to everyone!

MATCH AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1ST TEAM LEAGUE:
vs Fairrmont: WON 6 – 1
vs Springfield: WON 4 – 1
vs St Cyprian's: DREW 2 – 2
vs Wynberg: WON 5 – 1
vs Rustenburg: WON 3 – 1
vs Westerford: WON 8 – 0

PGSGU INTERSCHOOLS TOURNAMENT: 2nd Place







Stella van Schalkwyk
1st team Captain
Forward/Middle man

Elen Vermaak
1st team
Goalkeeper

Emma Clarke
1st team
Forward

Emily van Heerden
1st team
Defender

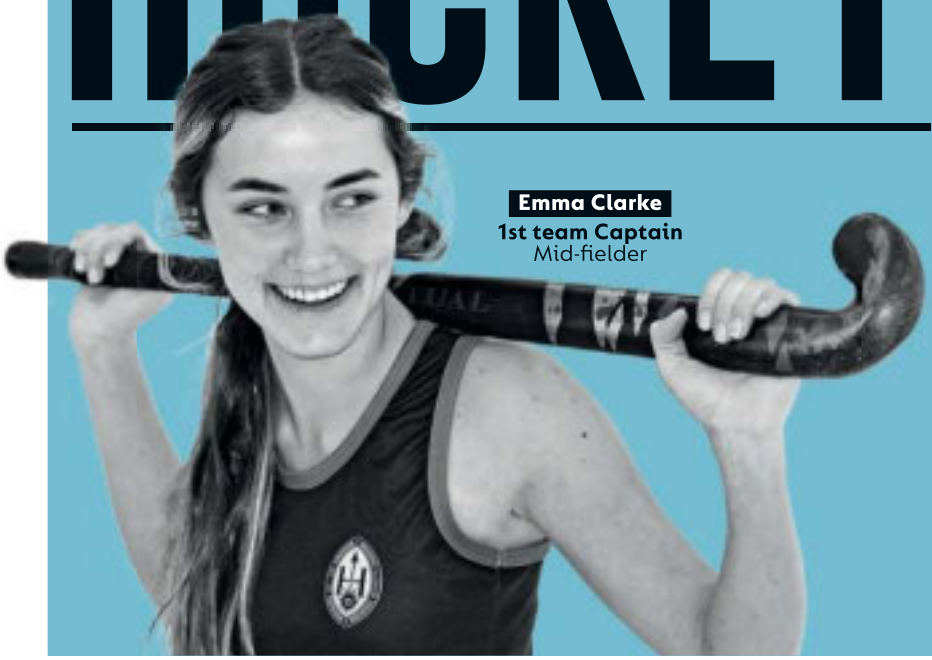
Hannah Henderson
1st team
Defender

Mbali Antony
1st team
Forward/Defender

Leya Patel
1st team
Forward

Mia Andrew
1st team
Mid-fielder

HOCKEY



Emma Clarke
1st team Captain
Mid-fielder

OVERVIEW by Emma Clarke

The 2023 Hockey season was nothing short of amazing! It was an exceptional journey filled with remarkable achievements and thrilling moments for each and every team. Players of all age groups displayed remarkable skills and teamwork, making it an unforgettable season. Beyond the victories, the most remarkable aspect was the strong bonds and lasting friendships formed amongst the members in the various teams. This created a sense of unity and camaraderie. Well done to all the Hockey players for their dedication throughout the season and for showcasing their outstanding talent.

"There are always new challenges within Hockey that can turn you into a better player." **Alexa Knott** 1st team

"I love spending time with the friends that I've made." **Montana Manas** 2nd team

"I love to 'trott' till I drop. It was such a privilege being part of the Trotters and trotting to victory. We had fun but we also dominated. The life of a Trotter is the life that is envied by both."
Bethany van Rhyn 3rd team (Trotters)

"I loved forming new friendships and I loved how our team always had such fun together." **Sophia Searll** 3rd team



Elen Vermaak
1st team Goalkeeper



Alexa Knott
1st team Defender



Carmen Whittaker
1st team Forward



Emily van Heerden
1st team Defender



Gabrielle du Toit
1st team Forward



Hannah Henderson
1st team Mid-fielder



Leya Patel
1st team Forward

HOCKEY RESULTS

SPAR CHALLENGE FESTIVAL:
WON all matches

ST MARY'S WAVERLEY FESTIVAL:
8th Place

WESTERN PROVINCE SCHOOLS LEAGUE:
1st Place

TOP SCHOOLS RESULTS:
U14A: **1st Place**
U16A: **6th Place**
1st team: **12th Place**

PGSGU RESULTS:
U14A: **2nd Place**
U16A: **1st Place**
1st team: **1st Place**

I loved winning and losing with a team who never gave up.
Emily Dickinson
U16A

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

HERSCHEL'S WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

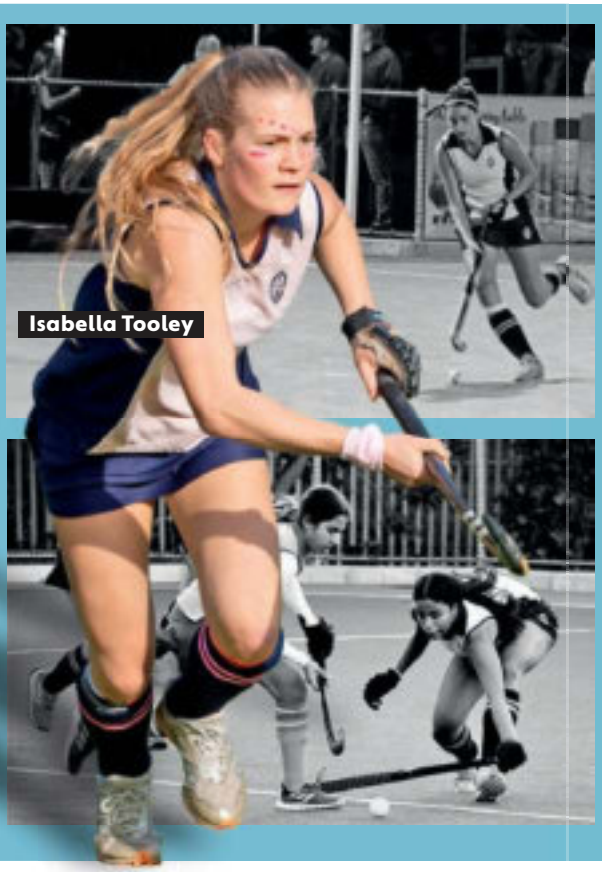
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Western Cape U15 = 2
WP U16A = 1
WP U16A & SA U16B Team selction: **Samantha Flint**
WP U16B = 3
WP U16 South = 5
WP U16 Non-travelling reserve = 2
WP U18A = 2
WP U18A & SA U18B Team selction: **Mbali Antony**
WP U18A = 7
WP U18 South = 3



Aasiyah Bailey







Isabella Tooley

HOCKEY TIPS FOR FUTURE PLAYERS

"When you don't achieve the goal you were hoping for, don't give up on it, just keep working to achieve the next goal."
Alexa Knott 1st team

"If you don't feel motivated to work hard and improve your abilities, think about your teammates and get better for them."
Elen Vermaak 1st team

"Hard work always pays off and you learn more from a loss than a win."
Sarah Ashbolt U16A

"Never stop trying, the game is never over until the last whistle blows."
Mia Andrew 1st team

"Always prioritise your team's dynamic; show support for your teammates; in the end it's the team with the best spirit that wins."
Charlotte Jacobs U16B



Mbali Antony
1st team Forward/Mid-fielder



Mia Andrew
1st team Mid-fielder



Samantha Flint
1st team Defender



Sofia Dearnaley
1st team Forward



Stella van Schalkwyk
1st team Forward



Suzannah Whall
1st team Vice-Captain Defender



Zara-Leigh Oliphant
1st team Defender



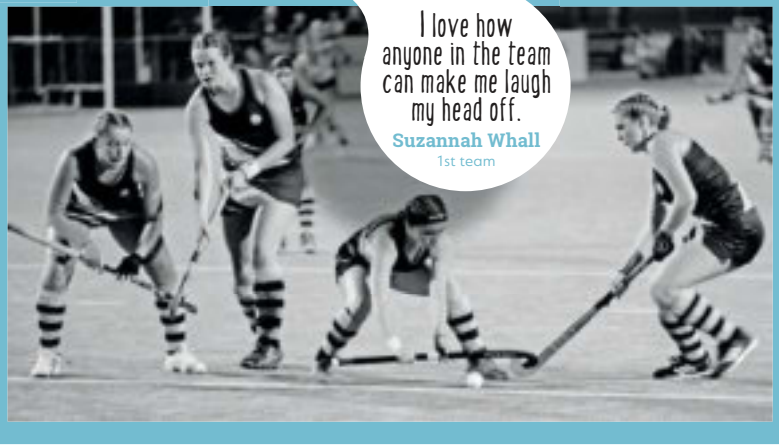
"If it doesn't challenge you, then it won't change you."
FRED DEVITO
Emma Clarke
1st team







My team became my second family.
Zara-Leigh Oliphant
1st team



I love how anyone in the team can make me laugh my head off.
Suzannah Whall
1st team

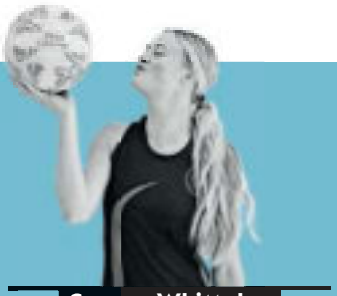
NETBALL



Danielle Gie
1st team Captain
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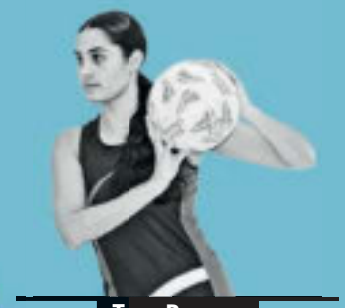
Tayla Kreymborg
1st team Vice-Captain
WD



Carmen Whittaker
1st team WA



Nina Kabalin
1st team GS



Tyra Penney
1st team GD



Erin Meyer
1st team GD/C



Morgan Christian
1st team GS



Madelaine Blackwell
1st team GS



Abbey Morrow
1st team GA



Rebecca Joshua
1st team WD

OVERVIEW by Danielle Gie

This year's Netball season has been such an exciting one, with many matches against teams from overseas and significant matches such as Hershfield and Rhenish Derby. The gym has also allowed us to be stronger, improving our overall performance. I like to believe that Netball welcomes all – if you want to exercise, have fun with friends or work hard and progress overall. Therefore, Netball has been a great outlet throughout my high school career and has created many great memories and friendships.

> I will always appreciate my team and the bond we had which created lifelong memories. The team brought so much joy and laughter and kept me going throughout.
> **Tayla Kreymborg**
> 1st team

1ST TEAM MATCH AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

vs St Cyprian's: **WON** 29 – 13
vs Rustenburg: **WON** 21 – 12
vs Westerford: **WON** 27 – 18
vs Fish Hoek: **WON** 27 – 25
vs Springfield: **WON** 38 – 18
vs Camps Bay: **WON** 22 – 15

ST ANDREW'S TOURNAMENT:
11th Place

PGSGU TOURNAMENT RESULTS

U14A: **3rd Place**
U15A: **3rd Place**
U16A: **1st Place**
1st team: **1st Place**







GET YOUR NETBALL TIPS HERE!

"Don't rush with the ball, aim to keep possession instead of throwing the ball to the opposition."
Matilda Loggenberg 2nd team

"Persistence is key; as a player, the harder you work to correct your errors and improve your game, the more you will feel like a team player."
Carmen Whittaker 1st team.

"Hey! A tip about Netball is to stay positive even if you're not doing well because you can always turn the game around!"
Katherine Gutsche U16A

"Rather than see each other as competition, help see each other as a family and watch each other grow."
Lily Watson U14B

"You have to be able to lose and pick yourself up. We went from losing everything to winning. Grit, determination and shared cohesion is key!"
Anna van Aarde U15A

What do the players say?

"I have loved playing Netball this year as it was such a nice way to destress after school and playing with all your friends is so much fun."
Amy van Breda 2nd team

"Embrace the court with passion, play with heart. Being in the 1st team is not just a position, it's a commitment to excellence and teamwork."
Morgan Christian 1st team

"Netball is a sport that requires both mental and physical discipline and commitment. When you are losing a game you cannot drop your head as it can cause a negative effect on the team."
Emma Deneys U16A

"When you don't make the team, it seems easier to quit. Quitting is cheating yourself of an awesome learning experience. Always think of the little girl who's come so far in the sport she loves."
Onathi Peter U14A

"Playing a sport can be overwhelming especially if you're new. Focus during practice so you're able to understand drills and apply them in matches and tournaments."
Emma Coenen U15B

TENNIS

OVERVIEW by Samantha Gutsche

We've had a great season this year with two tours which the players really enjoyed. In February the top seven players won the ISTT, beating St Anne's in the finals and winning every singles and doubles match!
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning started off on a fun note at practices thanks to our amazing coach, Iain.



Samantha Gutsche
1st team Captain

1ST TEAM MATCHES AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

vs Stellenberg:
WON 12 – 0

vs Diocesan School for Girls:
WON 9 – 0

vs Durbanville:
WON 25 – 24

vs Durbanville:
LOST 4 – 8

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT:
1st Place

SUPER LEAGUE:
2nd Place

PGSGU TOURNAMENT:
1st Place

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

HERSCHEL'S WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

WP U19
Gemma MacGregor
Jessica Schilz

SA U17 TENNIS TEAM
Jessica Schilz

Tennis is a release of stress for me as hitting the ball can feel therapeutic.
Katherine Gutsche
2nd team



Coach Iain's dedication, good sense of humour, and support have made my time as part of Herschel Tennis special.
Jessica Schiltz
1st team



Even though Tennis is in the morning, the air is very fresh and you feel good for the rest of the day.
Diya Rajoo
6th team





Tennis is all about structuring your game plan according to your opponent's strengths and weaknesses.
Anamaé Smith
2nd team





Matilda Loggenberg
Ist team

Zara-Leigh Oliphant
Ist team

Georgia MacKay
Ist team

Mia Andrew
Ist team

Jessica Schilz
Ist team

Tennis talk

"Tennis taught me that playing your best matters more than winning. You're going to win, you're going to lose and you're probably going to embarrass yourself too. You have to keep going."
Julia Wellington 3rd team

"Tennis has taught me so much about myself, it's not just a physical game but a mental one too. A bad day on the Tennis court is still better than a day off the court."
Georgia MacKay 1st team

"Always take one point at a time."
Mia Andrew 1st team

CHESS

OVERVIEW by Ameera Yacoob

With Chess being officially recognised as a sport at Herschel this new-found encouragement motivated the Club turned A team to improve and refine their skills and play. This enthusiastic bunch has not only grown in skill but discipline when at the beginning these Rookies could barely differentiate between a pawn and a bishop but have now improved to competing to see who will become the first Grand-Master which I am tremendously proud of them for.

LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS

vs St Cyprians:
WON 6 – 2

vs Camps Bay C team:
WON 8 – 0

vs Camps Bay A team:
DREW 4 – 4

vs Oude Molen B team:
DREW 4 – 4

vs SACS C team:
DREW 4 – 4

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

TOP WESTERN CAPE U19 GIRLS CHESS CHAMPION

Ameera Yacoob competed in the Western Cape High School Championships Finals, winning a gold medal .

Chess chat

"It really helped me get to know my fellow students better and helped me make new friends." **Alexa Ashaba**

"The best thing about chess is that you learn as you grow no matter how good you are." **Devanya Naidoo**

"Ameera has been a very good captain and is always very encouraging towards the sport as well as providing helpful tips to get better." **Devanya Naidoo**

"It helps my brain stay focused and think for longer periods of time." **Zohra Khan**

"Try to take notes if you can because you learn a lot in a small amount of time." **Alexa Ashaba**

"Just try out. Even if you do not understand anything about chess there are so many people in the club that can help you." **Devanya Naidoo**

"Have fun. Like all games it's fun and by having fun and talking about chess you are learning already" **Devanya Naidoo**

I think this sport is important because it shows that not all sport must be physical. Chess is an analytical game.
Devanya Naidoo
1st team





In Chess Club you make new friends and learn new moves you might not already know.
Zohra Khan









SQUASH

OVERVIEW by Rachel Howie

It is unique in that Squash is an individual sport however, it is played as a team. Players rely on each other for the betterment of their own skills and abilities as well as the betterment of the school. Unlike most other sports, opponents are able to connect more deeply, as after one's own match is complete, one must mark the next match alongside their opponent. This is the case regardless of the opponent's behaviour or the outcome of the match. Squash is an incredibly uplifting sport.



Rachel Howie
1st team Captain



Daniella Böttger 1st team
Leah Burns 1st team
Kate Hodgson 1st team



Zoë Arenhold 1st team
Georgia Morkel 1st team





Warren has been an amazing coach for the team. He's supported us, and he is always able to boost morale. We couldn't ask for a better coach.
Zoë Arenhold
1st team

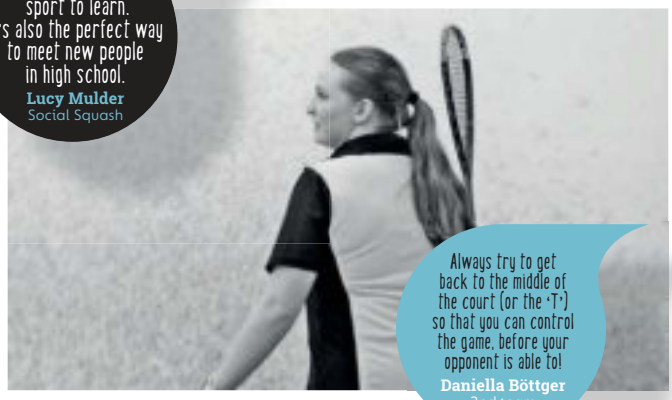


You don't have to be tall, short, big or strong to make your mark. Squash builds your fitness and mental strength.
Zayaan Sirkot
3rd team





Squash is such a fun and competitive sport to learn. It's also the perfect way to meet new people in high school.
Lucy Mulder
Social Squash



Always try to get back to the middle of the court (or the 'T') so that you can control the game, before your opponent is able to!
Daniella Böttger
2nd team

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

HERSCHEL'S WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

U19
Leah Burns
Zoë Arenhold
Rachel Howie
Geogia Morkel

1ST TEAM LEAGUE MATCH AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

vs SACS:
WON 8 – 4

vs Westerford:
WON 8 – 4

vs Wynberg Boys:
WON 13 – 4

TOP 12 SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT:
WON 6th Place

LADDER:

1. Zoë Arenhold
2. Rachel Howie
3. Leah Burns
4. Kate Hodgson
5. Georgia Morkel
6. Daniella Böttger
7. Julia Mira
8. Hala Boomgaard
9. Farah Parker
10. Maaryah Brey
11. Gemma Hoeks
12. Zayaan Sirkot
13. Lucy Mulder
14. Josefine Fair
15. Chloë Emmerich
16. Lauren van der Spay
17. Makanaka Magazo

"Squash is a release of anger, or joyous celebrations without judgement. Bonds are formed, barriers are broken, no embarrassment is felt despite the outcome of a match."

Makanaka Magazo
Social Squash

LUCY EDELSTEIN

VISUAL ARTS
PRACTICAL PRIZE











Spreading love and kindness starts with a single act.

You never know the true impact that a small act of kindness can have on those around you.

2023 has been the year we made kindness more tangible by sharing our stories of 'goodness' in the hope it will create a ripple effect around our campus.

The pebbles are a representation of the many acts of kindness shared and the graphic hearts, the spreading of our good deeds.

'Learning to make a difference' starts with each one of us ... so do not wait to be kind.

It is the simplest way to show there is love to be found in this world.