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# Newsletter



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## General News

### STUDENT COUNCILLORS

On Wednesday, 2 May, Maryam Suleman and Julia Kiggell, members of the Joburg Student Council, had the wonderful opportunity to attend the State of the City address at the Council Chamber in Braamfontein.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience of sitting in the chamber and witnessing the address as well as experiencing the role of a council member. The Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor Herman Mashaba as well as the speaker, Councillor Vasco Da Gama, addressed the Council on various issues such as housing, roads, education and healthcare. The

remainder of the day was spent engaging with different council members from different political parties. Both girls learned a huge amount and enjoyed gaining some political experience. Overall, it was an exciting, educational day for all the councillors.



## Dates to Diarise



07-11/05	Major Production: <i>Thabi and the Hadedas</i>
09/05	Parktown Puzzling
12/05	FEDA Drama Festival
12/05	Mothers' and Daughters' Day
16/05	PA Meeting
16/05	SAIPA Accounting Olympiad (Round 1)
17/05	World Knowledge Olympiad 2018
17/05	Hip Hop Spur Fundraiser at Cresta
22/05	Afrikaans Olympiad
31/05	Grade 10 and 11 Exams begin
11/06	Grade 12 Exams begin
12/06	Grade 8 and 9 Exams begin

# Cultural News

## MAJOR PRODUCTION

This year's Major Production, *Thabi and the Hadedas*, is almost here! Make sure you get a ticket to this ground breaking, work-shopped production. Preview show on Monday, 7 May, 15:00 @ R30. Matinées on Wednesday, 9 May and Friday, 11 May, 15:00 @ R50. Evening shows Tuesday 8 May - Friday 11 May, 19:00 @ R70.

## FIRST AID COURSE

A level 1 and 2 Course in First Aid will take place at the school in the June holidays from 25 - 28 June. The course runs for the full four days from 08:30 to 16:00 in room 12 and will be taken by our coach, Rene Westerveld, who is registered with the Department of Labour. The course costs R800, of which R200 needs to be paid before the course as a non-refundable deposit. All those learners who would like to participate should speak to Mrs Seery for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain essential and useful information and skills. The qualification enables learners to join the First Aid Team and serve the public in general.

## CONSCIOUS CAMPAIGN

Last week Wednesday, Parktown girls and boys were addressed by speaker Pearl Pillay, director of Youth Lab. Her organisation helps young people better understand governance and the role of the youth in South Africa's politics. An engaged debate ensued touching on the issues of worker strikes and protest, cultural appropriation versus appreciation and the use of derogatory terms in songs and popular culture.



This week the Conscious Campaign, joined by school teacher and education lecturer Athambile Masola, met to discuss Patriarchy and the #MenAreTrash movement. This session discussed the variety of ways both men and women are negatively affected by a patriarchal system. It also touched on issues such as cat-calling, all the way to how religions and cultures need to be evolving and regenerating so as not to perpetuate old, harmful, patriarchal norms and gender roles.

# Sport News

## HOCKEY

The first league matches were played on 17 April against Rand Park on our new AstroTurf. We had a great start to the season with confidence building results. The second week of the season's matches were played against Jeppe Girls. Unfortunately, the results were not as we had hoped but were an opportunity to identify a few weaknesses which we can work on and improve on in further matches. Our B teams played against Roosevelt's A teams in friendly matches on 20 April and did very well. Because few schools in our league have as many teams as we do they will play a lot of friendly matches to get some game time.



*U14 B Hockey Team*

Parktown Team	Opposition	Score
First Team	Rand Park First Team	Won 2-0
	Jeppe First Team	Lost 0-2
Second Team	Rand Park Second Team	Lost 1-2
	Rand Park U16 B Team	Won 2-0
U16 A Team	Jeppe Second Team	Lost 0-2
	Rand Park U16 Team	Drew 0-0
U15 A Team	Jeppe U16 Team	Lost 0-2
	Rand Park U15 A Team	Lost 0-1
U15 B Team	Jeppe U15 A Team	Lost 0-2
	Rand Park U15 B Team	Drew 0-0
U14 A Team	Roosevelt U16 A Team	Lost 0-2
	Rand Park U14 A Team	Won 7-0
U14 B Team	Jeppe U14 A Team	Drew 1-1
	Rand Park U14 B Team	Lost 0-1
	Roosevelt U15 A team	Lost 1-2

## NETBALL

We hosted McAuley House for our first league matches of the Netball season on 24 April. Well done to our girls on great results and a good way to kick-start the season after hard work in pre-season training. The matches against Roosevelt were postponed to 8 May. Please check the Netball board for more details.

Team	Score
U14 A Team	Won 14 – 5
U14 B Team	Lost 2 – 5
U15 A Team	Won 7 – 5
U15 B Team	Lost 6 – 7
U16 A Team	Won 18 – 4
Second Team	Won 39 – 8
First Team	Won 20 – 8

*Netball Girls*



## **SOCCER**

Our pre-season soccer has started. The juniors and seniors are training once a week to get ready for the soccer season which starts in Term 3. All players are welcome to join.

## **SOUL SURVIVORS**

### **Chapter 11**

*Report by Zayyana Amod*

We have faced animals, albeit they were enclosed. We are real survivors now. The survivors were off on our new adventure, using our resources, the bus and a kind parent who works in our destination. We finally “trekked” the most interesting walk to date... the zoo. Upon arrival we climbed mountainous slopes of tar to the lion enclosure where baby lion cubs hid themselves from the blistering heat, we “swam” with the mighty hippos and walked with the crocodiles. The survivors had never faced a walk with so many creatures before. We were in awe of the incredible animals that were living a few kilometres away from us.



After we had seen and admired the animals, baboons and chimps included, we made our way back to our “Parktown uber”, only to find Nicoco the Gorilla waiting for us to admire him and his many poses. The zoo is definitely a place where we truly felt we were REAL survivors amongst the wild.

## **NATIONAL ALL GIRLS' FESTIVAL**

### **SPORT**

The National All Girls' Festival 2018 was hosted by Clarendon High School in East London. This long weekend is always a highlight of the year with a lot of laughter and memories that will be remembered for life. The competition is tough as the festival is made up of top schools from all over the country.

The tour started with a very long bus trip that left school at 04:30 on Friday morning. The girls tried to sleep as much as they could on the bus and eventually arrived just in time for the opening ceremony at Clarendon High. The Saturday started with fixtures first thing in the morning; there was no time to waste. The Netball girls played four matches, the Tennis girls played three (singles and doubles for each match) and the Hockey girls played three. The Sunday involved mainly cross pool matches,



leaving the final placing matches for Monday morning. Well done to all our girls who played their hearts out and kept working until the very end. Our Tennis girls placed 13<sup>th</sup> overall out of 16 schools after beating Danville and Clarendon in the last two days. The Netball girls did very well, placing 11<sup>th</sup> out of 18 schools (much higher than in 2017). The Hockey girls placed 16<sup>th</sup> overall out of 18 schools, after narrowly losing to Durban Girls in the last match 0-1.

*First Team Hockey girls*

The festival has given our teams a huge advantage going forward to compete in the Johannesburg leagues as they are more prepared for the season. Special thanks must be given to the sponsors who made sure our sports girls looked the part. Our Netball girls looked very smart in their long sleeve shirts from Liberty. Thank you to Mr Bouwer and Liberty for organising and sponsoring our Netball First Team.



*First Team Netball girls*

Thank you to Mr Hall for sponsoring our First Hockey Team hoodies and making sure that they were warm throughout the festival in East London. Thank you to Gryphon South Africa for the First Team matching stick bags - the team looks very smart. Gryphon have also offered any Parktown girls a discount on equipment ordered. If you would like to order anything, please speak to Miss White for the details.

Thank you to Mr Sequeira for sponsoring our Tennis First Team with Babolat peaks, towels and grips to ensure they looked smart as a team.

## **CULTURE**

### **DEBATING Report by Captain, Robyn Helling in Grade 12**

This year, the five debaters selected to represent Parktown at Girls' Fest in East London were Atiyah Moola, Ammaarah Cachalia, Zahra Sader, Ammaara Ahmed and Robyn Helling. Our team worked incredibly hard and ultimately placed first overall, making Parktown the defending champions of the Debating part of the festival for the second year in a row.

We spent the three days speaking in five preliminary rounds before the semi-final, and our nights writing speeches and bonding with each other and our coach over late-night snacks. Ultimately the last day saw us face Durban Girls in a fascinating final under the motion: "This House Regrets The Narrative In Education That Success In Life Is Contingent On One's Level Of Academic Achievement".

Equally special to the victory was the growth and progress that each speaker experienced, which I have no doubt is going to pay off in the future. This is also thanks to the huge role our coaches, Dan and Bella, played in preparing this team in the weeks beforehand. Bella also accompanied us on the tour and her passionate and helpful feedback saw us all continue to learn and push ourselves in each debate. We would also like to thank Mr Ciric for his endless support.

Two of our speakers, Ammaarah Cachalia and Robyn Helling, also ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively. This is indicative not only of the previously mentioned individual progress that occurred, but also of the effort the whole team put in. Debating is very much a team sport.

For debaters, Fest has come to mean so much more than just victory. Coming together as a team with girls from across the country to do something we are all equally passionate about was a unique and special experience. I have no doubt that, looking back on this weekend, our team will remember, even more than the win, the bumper cars and late-night jokes and special bonds that were formed.



*From left: Zahra Sader, Robyn Helling, Ammaarah Cachalia, Our coach, Bella Mkhabela, Atiyah Moola and Ammaara Ahmed*



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## ?? PARKTOWN PUZZLING ??

*The Parents' Association has decided to test Parktown Girls' brain power once again in the fourth Parktown Puzzling Quiz and of course combine it with a fundraising initiative.*

On 9 May, all the girls will take part in the Parktown Puzzling Quiz. The quiz will be made up of 30 Maths, English and General Knowledge questions. The girls were given sponsorship forms last week; each learner is required to complete at least one form.

There will be **cash prizes** for the learners who raise the most money:

First Prize R3000,00

Second prize R2000,00

Third Prize R1000,00.

There will also be House points and prizes awarded to the House that raises the most money and for the House whose forms are all returned first. This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and support the PA and the school. Please take note, if a learner loses her form, she will have to pay R100,00. All forms must be returned by 21 May 2018.

### **MYSCHOOL CARD COMPETITION**

Swipe your MySchool Card and enter your details on your till slip and drop off at reception. Stand a chance to win cash prizes. Competition closes 11 May, at 7:30am.

- **Get a My School Card**
- **Make Parktown High School for Girls your beneficiary.**
- **If you swipe your My School Card when you shop at Woolworths, Engen Garages, Waltons, Altech Netstar, Bidvest, Flight Centre, Parktown gets money and no cost to you!**



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## Aprons for sale



Black apron R100,00

White apron R80,00

Price includes:

Cotton apron with front pocket

Embroidery of School Star plus learner's name

Embroidery - blue on white apron & white on black apron.

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