



NEWSLETTER



PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Dr Cereseto presented her final assembly speech in which she encouraged the girls to show pertinacity and not be pusillanimous. In other words, they should demonstrate fortitude, strength of mind, lion-heartedness and courage. In metaphorical terms they should wear “big girl panties” and not “princess panties” which represents spineless, timidity and weakness of mind.





Important Notice

2016 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The school year ends on 7 December and full attendance is required in terms of legislation until and on this day. Learners may only be absent from school for valid reasons. Going on holiday early is not a valid reason.

All parents/guardians are reminded that before school reports are handed out on 7 December they should ensure that their daughters/wards have handed in a completed Clearance Form, Community Service and/or Work-shadowing Form.

- The Clearance Form must be completed and handed to the Register teacher by 2 December.
- The Community Service and Work-shadowing Forms must be completed and the ORIGINAL forms handed to the Register teacher by 08:00 on 7 December.



REPORT COLLECTION

Reports will be handed to learners at 12:00 on 7 December. If, in exceptional cases, the learner is not able to collect her own report, a letter requesting that another learner or adult collect the report must be addressed to Dr Cereseto by 30 November.

A “permission to collect a report” slip will be given to the learner who must give it to the person who will be collecting the report. These reports may be collected from Barbet/Reception Office between 12:15 – 13:30 on 7 December or between 08:00 and 13:00 on Thursday 8 December. The Clearance Form, Community Service and Work-shadowing Forms should have already been handed in. If not, the representative must bring them on the collection day.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WORK-SHADOWING PROGRAMME

This year Grade 8 and 9s will complete a minimum of 20 hours Community Service and Grade 10 and 11s a minimum 20 hours of Community Service and/or Work-shadowing between Thursday, 1 December and Tuesday, 6 December. The completed forms will be returned to learners for use when applying to universities.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please place your orders for school photographs.



Photos are available for ordering online at

www.lifeimaging.co.za

Username: parktown

Password: pspar456

Closing date for ordering is 09 November 2016

VACANCIES AT PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Parktown is a top public school offering a dynamic education programme aimed at all-round excellence and invites applications for the following School Governing Body funded positions:

Social Worker

A degree in social work, registration with the appropriate professional council and two years' experience in the field are essential. Excellent spoken and written English is required. The applicant must be willing to be part of a support team and agree to undertake house visits and participate in court proceedings where necessary.

School Computer Administration Officer

Key essential requirements are:

- 3-5 years' experience in high school administration
- Team player who can work well under pressure and with limited supervision
- Experience in the use of school administration software

We regret that a parent/guardian of the school will not be considered for the above two positions owing to the nature of the work.

School Engineer/Technician

The applicant should be an experienced ship's (certified) or air-conditioning engineer or otherwise have 10-15 years' practical experience in a multi-disciplinary field. The position may suit a retired person who wants to work part-time. The applicant should have a deep knowledge of computer software and how a wide range of systems are constructed.

Key requirements are:

- Excellent engineering problem-solving;
- Knowledge of computer network systems; telephone and PABX systems; alarm systems; pool operations; principles of pumping and water sanitation; general plumbing and water reticulation; electrical technical matters sufficient to instruct the local electrician; vehicle maintenance; building construction; safety regulations; and financial and budgeting processes.

Maintenance Worker/Driver

The applicant should be able to perform school maintenance tasks and be willing to be part of the Maintenance Team. In addition, the applicant must have the relevant licence code to drive a 65 or 22 seater bus and be in possession of a Professional Drivers Permit. Driving duties will be mostly during school term and after school hours. The applicant must be willing to work after normal hours.

The date of appointments for all the positions is 01 January 2017 (negotiable).

Please send a CV (maximum of 3 pages) including the telephone contact details of three recent referees, to the Headmistress via email to pugh@parktowngirls.co.za.

Closing date is 15 November.

If you have not heard from the school by 30 November 2016, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

The school reserves the right not to fill the posts.

CULTURAL NEWS

On Thursday 27 October both the Parktown Girls' Marimba group and First Team Contemporary dancers were invited to perform at the National Eisteddfod Academy's Gala Evening. This prestigious event was held at the Roodepoort Theatre. After the interval the NEA overall winners and awards were announced. Parktown received the following:

- Category and item winner certificates (medal award) were awarded to our Marimba group and Kgantsho Moloto for her Hip-Hop solo.
- Kgantsho Moloto, Tshiamo Moretlwe and the Contemporary dance group each received an Ambassador award. This award is based on the highest marks obtained in an item. All results in all regions are considered. It is awarded to a maximum of 3% of the total number of entries – this year there were 11 000 entries in total. Achievement is on a national level.
- Kgantsho Moloto was placed 7th in achievement at this year's Eisteddfod. This means she was in the top 10 Senior performers. She also went on to receive the best Senior performer in dance in the region.

Well done to all the Parktown Girls' entries and winners of 2017.



SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY

A few hockey girls have been participating in the Jeppe Hockey 5s on Friday afternoons. With a very relaxed environment and the focus on learning, we have mixed and matched our teams differently each week. We were not able to accommodate all the girls who signed up every week but Miss White worked tirelessly to ensure that all the girls had a chance to play. Well done to all who participated and learnt from each session. Thank you to the parents who helped with lifts back and forth to Jeppe Girls'.



TENNIS

We hosted Linden Höer for a league match on Tuesday 25 October. Even on a very hot day, when the heat was beaming off the court, our girls did very well. Both our teams lost narrowly to a very strong school. The First Team lost 26-37 and the Second Team lost 29-34. Well done to the girls on a great season.

Razeena Manack

SWIMMING

Pre-season training has begun for the swimming team so that they will be ready when the season starts in January 2017. We participated in a friendly gala hosted by St Katherine's on Thursday 27 October. The gala was short and the weather held out for the afternoon. Well done to the Team for placing 2nd.

WATER POLO

The U14 Water Polo Team participated in the Roedean tournament from 20 – 23 October. This provided a good platform for the girls to develop their skill and understanding of the game. The opposition was very skilled and came from all over the country, including an international team from Zimbabwe. Well done to all the girls for playing hard to the end despite losing all their matches.

U14 Water Polo Team

Our Water Polo Teams played their last league match on Wednesday 2 November hosted by St Dunstan's.



Well done to the First Team for winning their match 4-0.
The U14 match was cancelled because of the lightning.

Julia Kiggell

Well done to the following girls who have been through a very long trials process and have been selected to represent Gauteng in Water Polo at the Inter-provincial Tournaments during December.



Gauteng U19 B	Alexandra McTaggart
Gauteng U16 Squad Reserve	Gabriella Neyt
Gauteng U15 B	Bohlale Letsie
	Erica Kuhl
	Zoe Kuhl
	Jade Vidas
Gauteng U14 B	Sebefikile Mthembu
Gauteng U14 Squad Reserve	Julia Kiggell
	Tashline King
Gauteng U13 B	Maxene Rich



A McTaggart



Back row - J Kiggell, E Kuhl, J Vidas,
G Neyt, Z Kuhl,
Front row - B Letsie, T King, S Mthembu,
M Rich

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

THANK YOU LETTER