



Newsletter



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General News

STAFF FAREWELLS

The following staff are leaving at the end of the term:

Mrs Maclachlan is retiring after an incredible 29 years of service to the school. We thank her for her enormous contribution to Parktown and wish her everything of the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs Motara who has been generously helping out in the Afrikaans Department while we have been waiting for the Education Department to approve our new HoD appointment after Mrs Botha retired at the end of 2017. Congratulations to Mrs Carstens who has officially been appointed as the new Afrikaans HoD.

Ms Te Reh who joined our Dramatic Arts Department in 2013 and is going to take up a Head of Department post at Reddam.

Mrs Maene joined our Visual Arts Department in July 2008 and has taken up a position at Bishop Bavin in order to be closer to home.

Mr Maetane joined us in 2016 and is looking to broaden his horizons.

Dr du Plessis will be moving back to Durban to be closer to her family and to take up an English post at Maris Stella.

We wish all of them much success in their new endeavours.

All leaving staff have been replaced by well-qualified new staff for 2019.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

At the Awards Assembly held today, 30 November, the following learners received awards:

FULL COLOURS

Lethabo Mkhonto	Touch Rugby
Vhutshilo Muambadzi	Touch Rugby
Emily Barnes	Academic Enrichment
Christine Bau	Academic Enrichment
Kelly Mitchell	Academic Enrichment
Rheyna Pattni	Debating
Jessica van der Merwe	Hip-Hop
Asanda Ngcobe	Hip-Hop
Katlego Chamane	Hip-Hop
Masego Twala	Hip-Hop
Sanjana Naidoo	Hip-Hop
Siphosihle Mbongo	Hip-Hop
Miandi Swart	Hip-Hop
Taylor De Jesus	Hip-Hop



HALF COLOURS

Manaka Tloublata	Soccer
Liya Sarfudin	Soccer
Ayanda Mnyembane	Soccer
Rosalie James	Soccer
Yumna Dadi Patel	First Aid
Tanweer Madhi	Academic Enrichment
Nikisha Baboolal	Academic Enrichment
Ammaarah Badsha	Academic Enrichment
Sanam Govind	Academic Enrichment
Nceba Hlongwane	Academic Enrichment
Munnira Katongole	Academic Enrichment
Jasmika Kisten	Academic Enrichment
Raeesah Laher	Academic Enrichment
Layla Limalia	Academic Enrichment
Zainab Lorgat	Academic Enrichment
Yusra Mohamed	Academic Enrichment
Kutlwano Mangalani	Academic Enrichment
Maseeha Manjra	Academic Enrichment
Temoso Molebatsi	Academic Enrichment
Atiyyah Moolla	Academic Enrichment
Aisha Munir	Academic Enrichment
Safiyah Nakhuda	Academic Enrichment
Leia Singh	Academic Enrichment
Rendani Tshitangano	Academic Enrichment
Karabo Ntlhakana	Academic Enrichment
Thoriso Tlapu	Choir
Kiera Steffen	Contemporary Dance
Tayla Herbst	Contemporary Dance
Jennifer McCabe	Contemporary Dance
Ammaarah Cachalia	Debating
Atiyyah Moolla	Debating
Ammaara Ahmed	Debating
Relive Nkole	Hip-Hop
Mikaela Eksteen	Hip-Hop
Khadija Moleli	Hip-Hop
Melokuhle Zuma	Hip-Hop
Taahirah Mohammed	Hip-Hop
Lindeka Kuwane	Hip-Hop
Sarah Taim	Marimbas
Nozithelo Mthembu	Marimbas
Tanweer Madhi	MUN Debating
Rumaanah Samsoodien	MUN Debating
Juanita Kenneth	Traditional Choir
Sbahle Madlala	Traditional Choir
Tandeka Nhlapho	Traditional Dance



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that we have had confirmation that the Matric Results will be out on Friday, 4 January 2019. The school will be open between 8:00 – 11:00 for learners to collect their results.

2019 COMMUNICATION

From 2019 the school newsletter will be uploaded to the d6 communicator and the school website. We will no longer be sending it home in hard copy. Should you wish to receive the newsletter in hard copy format, a few copies will be printed and your daughter/ward can collect it from Office 11.



Dates to Diarise



03/12	Captains' Lunch
04/12	Exams End
05/12	Spur Fundraiser – Social Committee
12/12	Reports issued Grade 8 – 11
12/12	Term 4 Ends
07/01	Staff back at school
09/01	Term 1 begins (learners)
11/01	Grade 8 Swimming Gala
11-12/01	Water Polo and Canoeing Camp
18/01	Inter-house Swimming Gala

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2019

Please note the school calendar for 2019. Please do not book holidays during school terms. We write examinations/tests until the end of terms. Attendance is expected from 9 January for every school day up to and including 4 December.



Duration	No of weeks	No of days	No of Public Holidays	No of actual school days
(7) 9 Jan - 15 Mar	10	48 (50)	0	48 (50)
2 Apr - 14 Jun	11	54	3 + 0	51
9 Jul - 20 Sept	11	54	1 + 0	53
1 Oct - 4 (6) Dec	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
	42	203 (207)	4 + 0	199 (203)

PUBLIC AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

1 January	New Year's Day	17 June	Public Holiday
21 March	Human Rights Day	9 August	National Women's Day
19 April	Good Friday	24 September	Heritage Day
22 April	Family Day	16 December	Day of Reconciliation
27 April	Freedom Day	25 December	Christmas Day
1 May	Workers' Day	26 December	Day of Goodwill
16 June	Youth Day		

WORLD WAR ONE ASSEMBLY

On 9 November, the Social Sciences Department and the Grade 8s hosted a Remembrance Assembly to commemorate the 100-year closure of World War One. In the assembly we included some



traditional items found in commemorative ceremonies and added some of our own. The Grade 8s presented topics on: the significance of the poppy, World War One poetry, remembering the role of South Africans in World War One and in other conflicts, the role of women, interesting facts, music played at commemorative services and the significance of two minutes' silence.

GRADE 8 FIRST AID

On Tuesday, 30 October, ER24 paramedics came to school and taught the Grade 8 learners some basic First Aid. We all learnt a lot about treating patients, how to handle them when choking and how to do CPR. The highlight of the session for most girls was observing the insides of the two ambulances. I am grateful to have been taught by trained professionals. It was great fun to have them with us.

Report by Kiara Brown, Grade 8D



Thank you

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Mrs Disa Hammond for initiating and sourcing the funding to fix the swimming pool at the Student Centre. We are now able to use this pool to effectively teach Beginners Swimming by running a 'learn to swim' programme in the afternoon. We are very grateful to Mrs Hammond for this initiative and hope that her dream of using the pool to teach Emergency Services personnel to swim come to fruition.



Academic News

GRADE 8 LIFE ORIENTATION

In Term 4, the Grade 8 learners did not write an exam but rather complete practical life lessons. They had to sew three buttons onto a piece of material. Their next task was to learn basic First Aid as well as complete a cross-stitching design. Many of the girls were shocked when they found out they had to sew the items themselves in class but the experience was both educational and enjoyable.

This term the Grade 8 learners were instructed to do practical tasks and one of them was to learn to sew. When my teacher announced that I felt it was an impossible task to do; one that only the elderly did. Let's not deny that 80% of you reading this rely on a grandmother to sew for you. It doesn't hurt to brag a little, this Grade 8 learnt how to do it herself! I am so proud that I sewed on, not just one button, but three! How hard can it be to sew on a button you may ask? Can you thread a needle, handle getting pricked in the finger multiple times? The struggle was real and this taught me to "knot give up".

- By Lesego Mokgwakgwa



Cultural News

Message from Head of Culture, Miss Rorke...

As the year draws to a close, and we reflect on the achievements of all the cultural activities at Parktown, it is fair to say Parktown's girls have created magic! With the hall in use once again, House plays showcased some of the skills girls have for acting, the NEA was held in August and the theatre technical crew welcomed the new sound and light system. The Art Expo showcased the magical artworks created by our incredibly talented art girls (Gr8 – 12) and all who attended were impressed. The RCL hosted their Cultural evening which allowed girls to demonstrate and share their talents with their peers. Well done to all who took part in the various activities that showcased how culturally diverse and enormously talented we are at Parktown. You girls have made us proud. Keep up the fantastic work. We look forward to the possibilities of 2019!

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

The National Eisteddfod took place last term and many individuals as well as groups represented Parktown. The Choir, Traditional Dancers and Hip Hop dancers received awards on Friday, 2 November at the Roodepoort Civic Theatre. Traditional Dancers were the item winners of African Dance, the Choir received a Medal Certificate for being winners of their category and the Labyrinth dancers (Hip Hop) received a Medal Certificate for being winners of their category as well as an Ambassador Award for being in the top 3% of the top achievers for their category. Well done to all the groups that entered into the Eisteddfod; you did Parktown proud!

Sport News

Message from Head of Sport, Miss van Eyk...

2018 has been a year full of unforgettable experiences and additions at Parktown: our first season with the AstroTurf, shading structures at the pool, resurfacing of the netball and tennis courts, hosting Inter-high Swimming, the Pullen and Howell Tournament, two junior water polo festivals as well as the inaugural Spring Sports Festival which will become an annual event after such a successful first run. Out of our 16 different sporting activities, 12 of them competitive, 9 placed in the top 5 in their leagues and 3 placed 1st in their leagues, with Soccer placing first in the whole of Gauteng. This results have been fantastic.

The restructuring of parts of the sporting programme has paid off and we look forward to the new changes that will be brought in next year to take our sport to an even higher level.

The Parktown girls have put immense effort and passion into their training and fixtures, and they have displayed good sports-womanship on all occasions. This is ultimately the goal that we want to achieve through school sport. Well done to every young sportswoman, from the D teams to the A teams; every individual played their part in our school's success. A huge thank you has to go to our coaching staff who have been carefully selected and add immense value to our Parktown Sporting Programme. They coach with passion, loyalty and energy and are all very knowledgeable about the sports they play. The Teachers-in-charge have worked tirelessly to ensure all the admin behind the scenes is up to date and that fixtures are organised and run smoothly. Thanks to them for their organisation and hard work. Thanks to Mrs Davidson and Mrs Megom for their support and guidance throughout the year.

INTRODUCTION TO PARKTOWN SPORT FOR THE GRADE 8S OF 2019

We have run a programme for our newcomers next year to learn a bit about sport at Parktown and have the opportunity to make some friends before their daunting first day of school next year. The programme has focused on the sports that start early next year and the sports that are not generally played in primary schools. There has been a lot of enthusiasm from our new Parktonians and it has been wonderful to welcome them into our Parktown family.

SOLE SURVIVORS SIGNING OFF FOR 2018

A walk and a picnic in the Botanical Gardens was a fitting farewell to our last Sole Survivors activity for the year. Our afternoon started with a leisurely walk, allowing us to admire the surroundings and enjoy the company. We meandered around the park, dodged some playful dogs and reminisced about our year 'surviving' around our neighbourhood. What a year it was!

- ❖ Our family grew from a few to around 20 regular Survivors.
- ❖ We proved it is indeed possible to wander with wonder.
- ❖ We became more environmentally aware and assisted in cleaning up.
- ❖ We got to know the riches of our neighbourhood and appreciated our blessing to have the opportunity to get our schooling in this area.
- ❖ Who can forget the interesting discussions (gossip) we had along the way and how we solved the world's problems?
- ❖ Walking through and in all the different seasons and watching the changes first hand was awesome.
- ❖ Finally, we understand that 'to get moving' can be a way of life.



We cannot wait to start 'surviving' in the new year!

Service News

A letter of Thanks to Parktown.

Dear Parktown High School for Girls

Thank you so much for your participation in our October Collection Drive of books, toys and clothes for children. The clothes and shoes that you donated have been given to the Zama Montessori Centre and Ratang Bana, and they have expressed their immense gratitude.

Our core purpose is to support children-oriented NGOs in and around Gauteng, financially and in-kind. Our cause is enabled through the support of our local communities and we are very grateful for all the donations we have received from you.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Akua Koranteng

Founder of The 100ABC'ers Club

A large graphic with the words "Thank You" in a white, glowing, cursive font on a black background.



Recycling News



Hi! I'm Riley the recycler!

Thank you for everybody's participation in our recycling effort this year.

We came 9th in the district. Now we know the ropes for next year but we have made wonderful progress as the main aim of recycling is to create awareness and judging by the enthusiasm of all of you, we have achieved that.

Have a restful holiday, but don't forget to continue recycling.

See you next year!



PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS EUROPEAN TOUR June / July 2019

Berlin • Dresden • Prague • Krakow • Vienna • Salzburg • Munich

If you would be interested in sending your daughter/ward on this tour, please take the time to complete the online booking form at:

<http://travelandsport.com/parktown-high-school-for-girls-tour-europe-june-july-2019/>


or alternatively email Estelle Coetzee on estelle@travelandsport.com

There are only a couple of places left, so please book as soon as possible.

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