



Newsletter



PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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General News

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Term 2 has come to an end. We would like to wish our learners, parents/guardians and staff a restful, happy and safe School Holiday. Term 3 starts on Tuesday, 9 July. See you then!



STAFF FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Pautz who has decided to emigrate to Australia with her husband. Mrs Pautz has been a valuable member of our Life Sciences Department and her experience and expertise will be missed. As a teacher in charge of Hockey, she has been instrumental in growing the sport in terms of excellence and participation. Her passion for Hockey at Parktown has inspired many girls. We wish her everything of the best for the move.

ALARMING INCIDENT

In recent weeks, outside of the school, a vehicle used to transport some of our learners collided with a parent's vehicle, owing to a failure of the brakes on the learner transport vehicle. Thankfully no one was harmed but it could have resulted in a distressing situation.

This is an urgent appeal to parents who use various drivers, lift schemes, or lift clubs, to transport their daughters or wards to school and back. Please ensure that the driver has a valid PDP (Professional Driver's Permit) which is required by law to transport groups (of two or more) people. Then, please also ensure that the vehicle that the driver uses is roadworthy and has a roadworthiness certificate to prove it.

Please note that the safety of your daughter or ward and others depends on your attention to this matter.

ACCESS TO PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Over the last few weeks, various disconcerting incidents have led us to make some decisions regarding access to the school grounds of our learners, their parents or guardians, and others. These decisions are based as far as possible on ensuring the safety of our learners and other members of our school community, as well as the safety of other children on the property.

It has become the norm for various primary school children, either whose siblings come to the school, or who use the same transport as our learners do, to move freely around the school. Added to this, various high school learners from other schools, who are not involved in extra murals at our school,

have also been moving freely around the property. All of these pose a risk to our learners' property and that of the school, as well as a risk to themselves. We have also had a variety of people coming onto the property who are not connected to the school, and we feel that this creates a safety issue for our learners and staff. In order to limit the above we will be instituting the following from the start of Term 3

- Any learners not from Parktown must be accompanied by an adult at all times (excluding those coming with a school for an extra mural fixture, who are accompanied by a staff member from the guest school).
- No sibling of any of our learners is permitted to come onto the property once they have finished attendance for the day at their school.
- Access to parking on the property will only be granted if the person has a meeting with a Parktown staff member. Parents or guardians coming to watch their daughters or wards participate in an extra mural activity will need to park outside of the school and sign in at the gate.
- Parents or guardians will no longer be able to access the drive in their vehicle to wait for their daughter or ward's extra murals to end at any time of the day. Please may we also ask you to support us in ensuring your daughter or ward's safety by allowing them to stay inside the school property in the waiting area, and not to sit outside on the pavement while they are waiting to be collected.

We are investigating the possibility of getting access to the school for our learners via the use of their Allxs cards, which we hope to implement later this year.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these matters.



On a separate note, please ensure that your daughter or ward wears full winter school uniform only, from the start of Term 3.

HOUSE POINTS FOR CROCHETING

A total of 1801 squares were crocheted for '67 Blankets'. All these squares were made into 42 blankets. Well done to everyone who participated. The house points for the crocheted items are as follows (this includes the double points week and thereafter):

Oreads
601 points

Dryads
596 points

Pleiades
446 points

Hesperides
223 points

Nereids
198 points

Alseids
186 points



SLIPPER DAY

Thank you to our learners and staff who supported Reach for a Dream's, Slipper Day, which was on 31 May. Representatives from Dis-Chem arrived at the school to judge the slippers and wonderful prizes containing Dis-Chem products were handed out to all the winners.



MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS DAY

Written by Kareema Cassim and Laila Crous

On 4 May, Parktown Girls hosted their Annual Mothers and Daughters Day in celebration of the amazing women in our community. The event started with an informative talk from our guest speaker, Tabitha Hume, a registered clinical dietician, who described the importance of being aware of what food people are consuming daily and how this is affecting our bodies. We had a performance from our very own teacher, Mr Anker, who had the whole crowd entranced by his voice. He truly made Parktown proud. The last, but definitely the most captivating moment, was a fashion show by our Matric students of 2024. They modelled on a makeshift runway in their stunning attire from their Matric Dance on the 27 April.

Throughout the event, exciting prizes were given away using the attendees' ticket numbers to award prizes. The prizes ranged from boxes of chocolates, to spa treatments, and various vouchers.

The event was an absolute success with almost 300 tickets being sold. The money raised by the tickets will help fund the 2025 Matric Dance.



Thank you to Rania from the Photography Club for the photos supplied.



Dates to Diarise



- 14/06 Term 2 ends
- 09/07 Term 3 starts
- 14/07 Rockies Gerald Fox Memorial Race
- 16/07 SGB Meeting
- 18/07 Career Speed Dating (Grades 10 – 12)
- 19/07 Reports emailed
- 25/07 Maths Olympiad (Round 3)
- 25/07 Parents' Evening (Grade 8 & 9, other grades by invite only)
- 02/08 Blood Drive
- 05/08 Finance Meeting
- 05/08 Prelims begin
- 09/08 Women's Day (*Public Holiday*)
- 13/08 SGB Meeting
- 15/08 Grade 9 Subject Choice Evening
- 17/08 Family Fun Day
- 29/08 Prelims End
- 30/08 Potted Sports Day – Celebrating Parktown turning 101!
- 31/08 Old Girls' Lunch

Cultural News

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD ACADEMY

Congratulations to *Labyrinth*, our fantastic Hip Hop team, for winning the National Eisteddfod Academy Young Performers Awards on Saturday, 11 May. We are very proud of you all.



PPP PUBLIC SPEAKING

Report by Iviwe Ndarhala, Captain

Selected ladies were chosen to participate at the PPP DERBY. The competition was tough but everyone spoke with passion and great confidence and this showed in their results. Rebekah Edward was awarded 3rd place in the senior segment, and Zinhle Madondo was awarded 1st place and Reneilwe Tsela was awarded 3rd place in the junior segment. The results were as follows:

Seniors:

Iviwe Ndarhala	94%
Rebekah Edward	96%
Paballo Manyelo	92%
Amani Docrat	94%

Juniors:

Zinhle Madondo	98%
Reneilwe Tsela	94%
Seipati Molekwa	68%



INTER-HIGH DANCE COMPETITION

On Monday, 3 June, our Contemporary and Hip-Hop dance teams performed at the Inter-high Dance Festival hosted by St. Peter's College. The following awards were given to our amazing dancers:

Most Promising Dancers:

Moloko Mabela
Jody Blackburn
Charlotte Russell

Best Dancer:

Namusi Mamanyuha



We are happy to say that our dancers were the overall winners of the competition, bringing the trophy back home!



Left: Jody Blackburn

Contemporary Dancers



Hip Hop Dancers

BALLET

Congratulations to Charlotte Russell, who is a Senior Company Member of the Youth Russian Ballet Company. They are staging the ballet *Coppelia* on 15 – 16 June at Roodepoort Theatre.

Wishing you all the best, Charlotte! We are proud of you.



Sports News

CONGRATULATIONS

Ashleigh King has been selected for the Hillfox Hawks Super League U19 mixed Action Netball Team. Good Luck with your multiple upcoming tournaments, Ashleigh. We are so proud of you.

HOCKEY

The league results are finally out after all the other schools wrapped up their matches. We are thrilled with our team's final placings and would like to congratulate all the players on their hard work. Every Parktown A Team qualified for the Noordvaal Play-offs, which is a fantastic achievement and a true testament to how much Parktown Hockey has grown over the past few years. Noordvaal is something new to us, as the league we are now competing in has opened an opportunity to partake in this prestigious tournament.

Unfortunately, the U14 A Team will not be able to attend as a venue change has taken the tournament to Mpumalanga and the short notice has left us without enough time to plan a traveling tour. The U15 As will be taking part in the Friendship Cup in Pretoria over the same time, and the U16As and 1st Team will both be taking part in the Pullen and Howell Tournament which is also played over the same time as Noordvaal. The change in Noordvaal dates has made it impossible to compete in both tournaments at the same time. We have requested that this clash be addressed next year, in the hopes that we will be able to take part in both tournaments going forward.

The 1st Team Hockey girls presented a special thank you to Mrs Pautz, the TIC of Hockey, who has been the driving force behind the huge improvement that Hockey has seen over the past 10 years. Her dedication and passion have gone over and beyond what is expected of a teacher, giving attention to each player's individual growth. She will be missed terribly, which has been evident by many tears shed. Parktown Hockey wish her a happy and prosperous time in Australia and we thank her for everything she has done.

*The Hockey 1st Team celebrating
with Mrs Pautz*



NETBALL PLAY-OFFS

The Parktown Netball 1st Team placed 2nd in the schools league which took them through to play-offs, to play against other winners of their respective district leagues. We played against Fochville and won convincingly, 31 – 18, which was a good confidence booster going into a tough set of matches. This took them through to the 2nd round.

On 31 May and 1 June, the team traveled to Ruimsig to play 4 matches against other schools that had also made it through, to fight for the top spot in Gauteng. The first encounter was a tough but thrilling match against Hoërskool Linden, which we won 24 – 22. We then unfortunately lost the 3 matches against, Northcliff High School, Hoërskool Florida, and TrinityHouse Randpark Ridge. This was the end of the journey in play-offs for the team, but they can most certainly be extremely proud of how far they got and be thrilled to end their season on such a high.

Thank you to Miss Hannan, Coach Judy and other coaches and managers, for their time, energy, and passion that has made this season possible. We are looking forward to what the future holds and the continued growth of Parktown Netball. There has been strong parent support throughout the season for the Netball 1st Team. Thank you to those parents who have been the biggest cheerleaders on the side of the court - it means so much to the team and the school to have you there.

Parktown Netball 1st Team and their parents supporting in the background



WATER POLO WINTER LEAGUE

Ten of our Parktown players have been taking part in the Water Polo Winter League on Friday evenings at Wahoo. This has been a fantastic way for our players to keep fit over the winter period and improve their skills outside of the school's league season.

A huge thank you to Mr Madi who has given up his Friday evenings to manage this programme and well done to the players for taking the initiative to improve.

TERM 3 SPORT

The Term 3 Extra-mural timetable has been loaded onto the D6 Communicator, under Resources – Extramurals, so that learners and parents can plan ahead. Here is a direct link to it:

https://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/277_resource_6666dd0489ae4579428383.pdf?1718019009

Please note that the Softball matches calendar has been loaded onto the D6 Communicator already. However, there are very few league matches so we will most likely organize some friendlies to fill up the season.

We still await the Soccer fixtures. As soon as we have received them, they will be loaded onto the D6 Calendar.

ROCKIES GERALD FOX MEMORIAL RACE

The Rockies Race is coming up on the first weekend of Term 3. All Grade 8s should have already signed up with Miss Hannan; those that have not must please message her ASAP via Microsoft Teams or via email to register for a slot. A reminder that this event is compulsory for all Grade 8 learners. If there are any other learners who would like to get involved, they are most welcome. Please sign up with Miss Hannan.

We would appreciate any parent's assistance for Race Day (Sunday, 14 July), to assist with marshaling and managing the Grade 8 group. Please either email Miss Hannan or Mrs McCreesh. If you would like to support the school by taking part in the race, please use the link below to buy a ticket.

<https://geraldfoxrace.co.za/>

Please note:



FAMILY FUN DAY – 17 August – OLD PARKS

We are looking for artisanal and food market vendors for our Family Fun Day at Old Parks on 17 August 2024. Vendors can email market2024@parktowngirls.co.za for an application form.

Potted Sports Committee



Save the Dates:

OLD GIRLS INVITE

If you are an Old Girl and would like to attend the Old Girls Lunch on Saturday, 31 August, please contact Miss Thomas thomasc@parktowngirls.co.za
Or click on the following link to RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/20mcAfuPGc>



**CAREER SPEED
DATING. GRADE 10,
11 and 12s – PLEASE
NOTE!**



FREE
**Career Speed
Dating**

**Thursday
18 July**

**Grades
10 – 12**

17:00 – 18:30
Along the English
and Afrikaans corridor

**OLD GIRL SPEAKERS FROM VARIOUS CAREERS WILL BE GIVING SHORT
PRESENTATIONS OVER FOUR ROUNDS ABOUT THEIR JOBS AND
QUALIFICATIONS, AS WELL AS ANSWERING QUESTIONS.**
Come to learn more about careers that interest you or discover ones you didn't even
know existed! It's also a great opportunity to make connections. See you then!

*Parents'
Association News*



**GOLF DAY
23 August**



Parktown High School for
16th Annual
Golf Day

Parkview Golf Course
23 August 2024

Cost: R3300 per 4 ball
(Includes green fees, Halfway House Voucher and prize giving dinner)

For bookings and sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Kumarie: 082 577 3126

For any information please email: pagolf@parktowngirls.co.za

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