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Newsletter



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General News

WELCOME BACK

Although we have already been back for two weeks, we would like to welcome you all back for the start of term 3. This term is a very busy one as the matrics prepare for prelims, and we prepare for our Centenary celebrations with Parktown High School for Girls officially turning 100 on 1 September. In the build-up, and as part of, this important milestone, we host our inaugural Family Fun Day at Old Parks (12 August), our Centenary Golf Day at Houghton Golf Club (25 August), our Centenary Old Girls' sports weekend (1-2 September) and the annual Old Girls' Lunch (2 September).

FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Gallo, one of our administration staff members. Mrs Gallo joined us in January 2014, with her primary responsibility being fundraising and sourcing additional funding for the school. Over the years her job description has evolved and changed based on the needs of the school, and she is currently in charge of managing our school venues, for both internal and external use. She works closely with the community, lessees and our maintenance team and we thank her for the relationships and contacts she has built up over the years.



Mrs Gallo leaves us to take up an opportunity that will allow her to spend more time with her grandchildren and we wish her everything of the best for this new phase of her life.



DRIVING / PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Once again it has become necessary to plead with parents/guardians to obey the rules of the road when driving around the school, including the one-way system in the morning and afternoons, parking on only one side of the road (the school side) and NOT parking in front of the gate, on corners, in intersections or in people's driveways. These rules are in place for the safety of all learners and motorists around the school and it is NOT OPTIONAL to obey them. Infringing these rules is selfish behaviour, it puts learners' safety at risk and inconveniences others and these infringements are not a good example to set for our learners. As parents/guardians we need you to set a good example for your children by doing the right thing under all circumstances.

All parents/guardians are asked to please play your part in keeping all our learners safe. Vehicles identified breaking the rules will be named in the school newsletter, and we ask all parents/guardians to assist in rooting out this unacceptable behaviour, in the interests of safety.

Dates to Diarise



02/08	Accounting Olympiad
03/08	Parents' Evening (Grade 8 and 9. Other grades by invitation)
07/08	Prelims begin
09/08	Women's Day
09/08	Formies Day (Grade 8s) @ Old Parks
11/08	Blood Drive
12/08	Centenary Family Fun Day @ Old Parks
17/08	Grade 9 Subject Choice Evening
22/08	SGB Meeting
25/08	Centenary Golf Day @ Houghton Golf Course
01-02/09	Old Girls' Sports Weekend
01/09	Potted Sports Day – Parktown turns 100!
02/09	Old Girls' Lunch

Academic News

HOZA SENIOR HISTORY OLYMPIAD

On the 23rd May, the History Olympiad of South Africa (HOZA) hosted its first Senior History Olympiad. 63 schools and 866 learners across South Africa participated in the Olympiad. Congratulations to Ruth McIlleron (Grade 11) who placed 8th in the country.

Ruth McIlleron



Cultural News

Congratulations to Thandolwethu Gwebu (Grade 11) who was announced as the overall winner of the Chinese Consulate General in Joburg's #DrivingEducationCulture short video competition. Their submitted videos had to reflect on the close economic, trade and people-to-people relations with China since 1998. We are very proud of you Thandolwethu!

Thandolwethu Gwebu

HIP HOP

Congratulations to the following learners that represented Gauteng in the IPT tournament in the July holidays:

Simphiwe Pama U14,
Kimberley Thomas U16
Remofiloe Koikoi U18
CeeJay Anthony U 18

They all did extremely well. CeeJay Anthony and Simphiwe Pama were chosen to represent South Africa next year in the World Champs in the United Kingdom. Well done girls.

Simphiwe Pama (left) and CeeJay Anthony



Sports News

CONGRATULATIONS

Ashleigh King has been selected for the South African U18 Ringball Team after the Inter-Provincial Tournament earlier this year. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish her luck with the upcoming training camp in Potchefstroom. Well Done Ashleigh.

Ashleigh King



Congratulations to Rhofiwa Muambadzi and Nicole Armstrong who have been in the United Kingdom representing South Africa at the Touch Rugby Junior World Cup. Rhofiwa was elected as the team captain.

Nicole Armstrong (left) and Rhofiwa Muambadzi

Congratulations to Akhona Nonsenga who has been selected for the Southern Gauteng U17 A Team that will participate in the annual Super League Tournament.

Akhona Nonsenga



Sahana Dayaram participated in the Central Gauteng Aquatics swimming gala on 1 July, doing extremely well and achieving some personal best times. Congratulations Sahana on competing in the 200 Individual Medley, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle.

HOCKEY

The final tournament of the year is upon us. We are one of nine host venues for the Pullen (1st teams) and Howell (U16 teams) Hockey Tournament which has become the largest Girls Hockey Tournament in South Africa.

On Saturday, 22 July, we hosted day 1 of the tournament, a mixture of U16 and 1st Teams from all over Gauteng. The whole day included a strong display of school girl hockey. Both our teams played very well but struggled to finish with a goal in the box, placing both teams 3rd in their pool. This means that we did not make it through to the Quarter-finals which took place on Tuesday, 25 July.

Both teams played for final placings (9-12) on Saturday, 29 July, winning their first match and narrowly losing the second, resulting in both the U16 and 1st teams finishing in 10th place. Well done to all the players on their fantastic performance.

The Water Polo girls came through to fundraise by selling hot drinks and snacks and managed to raise R1440.



Parktown U16 A Hockey Team with Mr James, before their first match in the Pullen and Howell Tournament

SOCCER

We are very excited that the Soccer season has officially started. Our teams have been preparing for the past term and are ready for the competition to start. We are thrilled to have 5 teams this year: two senior teams and three junior teams. The three junior teams have been split up into one A-team and then two B-teams that's have been split into equal strengths. All three junior teams are competing in the U16 A section of the league. The 1st and 2nd Team are also both competing in the U18 A section of the league. The first round of matches took place on Thursday, 27 July. Well done to all the players who got stuck into their first match for the 2023 season.

First Team	Vs Hyde Park 1 st Team	Won 4 – 0
2 nd Team	Vs Greenside 1 st Team	Lost 0 – 2
U15 A Team (Coach Eleni)	Vs Hyde Park U16 A Team	Won 7 – 1
U15 Team (Coach Ayanda)	Vs Fourways U16 A Team	Drew 2 – 2
U15 Team (Coach Teboho)	Vs Rand Girls U16 A Team	Lost 0 – 10

SOFTBALL

Our Softball teams are preparing well for their upcoming league that will start in August. We are thrilled with the improvement thus far. Make sure to keep 16 September open as the Top Schools' Softball Tournament is a fantastic competitive event where our teams will display how far they have come over the season. Both our 1st Team and the U15 A team will participate.

ROCKIES RACE

During the holidays we assisted Rockies Running Club with their Vitality Series Gerald Fox Memorial Race. Race pack collection on 30 June and 1 July took place at school where many of our Grade 8's assisted with the handing out of thousands of race packs to excited and nervous runners. The race took place on Sunday, 2 July. There were approximately 2500 runners for each of the longer distance events (10km and 21km) and approximately 2000 runners for the 5km Fun Run which we managed on the day. We had marshals spread out along the route to cheer on the runners and guide them in the correct direction, we had Mrs Chrissie Jay on her bicycle lead the top runners, last minute race pack collection in the parking lot of the Zoo Lake Sports Club and lots more on the go.



The race was a huge success and we received such positive feedback for the school. There were many staff, parents and learners who stuck their hand up to assist with this huge event. Thank you to each and every one of you for contributing and making this event possible. Big fundraisers such as this take a large group of people to pull off and it is extremely important that we pull together as a school community to get things done. Our Marimba girls set the vibe for the morning on race day which was fantastic; thank to you them for giving all the runners something to smile about on a very cold winter's morning and for giving up some time in their holiday.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs McCreesh and Mr Madi for all the pre-preparation and co-ordination of this event with Rockies Running Club to make this event possible.

In total we raised R43 000 which will go a long way in continuing to improve the Parktown Sports Programme.



Chrissie Jay and Maya Bolton before the race start



POTTED SPORTS

Please note we mainly need donations of food/drinks/prizes.

Thank you for your support!



Parktown Old Girls!

**PHSG IS TURNING 100 &
WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

The Potted Sports Committee of 2023 would love to make our school's centenary year extra special. Thus, we are in search of:

- Donations of tinned food, clothing, or blankets for our charity, One Small Act of Kindness.
- Donations of food, drinks, games, or money to assist the Grade 11s with their stalls.
- Photos and/or information from previous Potted Sports Days.

If you can assist with any of the above mentioned items, please email Miss Halley (halley@parktowngirls.co.za) We would be delighted if you attended Potted Sports Day, on Friday, 1 September! Times and details to follow.



Centenary Family Fun Day:

ENTRANCE FEE

R50 per person

BUT

For a family of 4: R160

Pensioners: R30

Learners in uniform:
Free

PADEL BALL

Come and try Padel Ball at our Centenary Family Fun Day for **FREE!**

Book your 15 or 30 minute slots for you and 3 friends.

5-A-SIDE-SOCCER

Make up your team of 5 players and challenge another team of 5, and play for **FREE!**

PARKTOWN CENTENARY FAMILY Fun DAY @ OLD PARKS

12 AUGUST 2023 09:00-17H00 OLD PARKS 1 Garden Road, Bordeaux

ENTRY FEE P/PERSON: R50
CHILDREN UNDER 10 OR IN SCHOOL UNIFORM FREE!

Calling all Old Parks members; students, parents, staff, Old Girls and Old Boys from our Parktown Schools; our Feeder School families; and the Broader Community!

- **FULL ARTISANAL MARKET** with many different kinds of stalls!
- **LIVE MUSIC: JAMES DEACON and ABBOTT & CRABB!**
- **SCHOOL BANDS & ORCHESTRA** including our very own Parktown Boys' School Band and the Parktown Girls' Marimba Band!
- **BEER GARDEN** and a **VARIETY OF FOOD STALLS.***
- **SPORT ACTIVITIES: PADEL, 5-A-SIDE SOCCER & GAMING!**
- **KIDDIES PLAY AREA - JUMPING CASTLES** and other activities!

* No food & drinks may be brought into the grounds - all to be purchased onsite.

Sale of tickets via Quicket® OR at the gate on the day!
<https://qkt.io/m3g3Dv>

Join us for our Family Fun Day on 12 August at Old Parks!

There will be a beer garden, artisanal market stalls, kiddies play area, delicious food on sale, live music and much more!

Tickets can be bought via Quicket by scanning the QR code.

<https://qkt.io/m3g3Dv>

For more information to book a market stall, please click on the following link:

https://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/277_resource_64b79518a2f72999949307.pdf?1689763812

Parents' Association News



GOLF DAY 2023

A reminder of our Centenary Golf Day coming up in August, that we are hosting together with Parktown Boys' High School, at the magnificent Houghton Golf Course.

PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

PARKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

PARKTOWN CENTENARY GOLF DAY 2023

When: 25 August 2023
Where: Houghton Golf Course
Cost: R 3300 per 4-Ball
Includes Green Fees, Halfway House voucher and Prize Giving Dinner

For Bookings, Sponsorship Opportunities, or for more information please email: centenarygolf@parktowngirls.co.za or contact Kumarie on 082 577 3126

We are still needing sponsors, prizes and 4 balls, please.

Email: centenarygolf@parktowngirls.co.za for bookings and sponsorship opportunities.

PA BLANKETS

The PA are still selling school blankets. Blankets with the school crest only are R150.



Centenary branded blankets are R160.

To personalize your blanket will cost an extra R40. Please place your order and pay at the Finance Office.



PARKTOWN CENTENARY GIN ORDERS

For our centenary we will be selling Parktown branded gin. Our Gin comes from the Dynamite Distillery in Modderfontein, a proudly SA product.

Price List:
R330,00 for 1 bottle
R960,00 for 3 bottles
R1850,00 for 6 bottles

Flavours:
Jozi Dry: cinnamon and ginger
Floral: lavender
Citrus: zest of lemon and orange
Summer: lime, ginger and green apple

Please send the following information to Miss Thomas via email: thomasC@parktowngirls.co.za
Proof of payment, number of bottle(s) required and what flavour(s).
Orders will be placed on the first day of each month and the gin will be ready to collect from reception at the end of that month.

Bank details:
First National Bank (Rosebank)
Branch code: 253305 (250 655 - universal)
Account number: 50330028371
Account holder: Parktown High School for Girls
Reference: GIN-SURNAME

OUTSIDE ADS

THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS OUTSIDE ADVERTISEMENTS. WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF THE SERVICES OFFERED

Jan Celliers
Art and Design Fair
Kuns - en ontwerpmark
Paving the future
Baar die toekomst
7-10 September 2023
09:00 - 15:00

Opening Night
7 September 2023
18:00 - 22:00
Guest Speaker:
Ronel Wasserman

*Come and enjoy
the art as we
toast the future*

Art and Design Fair
8-10 September
09:00-15:00

Dorset Rd, Parkview, Johannesburg, 2193

The poster features a central illustration of a dark blue door with a wooden base and a crest above it. The crest contains the text 'JAN CELLIERS BARBARA PRETORIUS KONSERTSAAL'. To the left of the door is a large orange sunflower and a white crest. To the right is a large pink and orange flower. Below the door is a blue and green spotted cat. The background is a light beige color with faint silhouettes of people.

Transport advert

Children transport available covering area between Fourways and Parktown High School for Girls.
For more information, contact Laure (WhatsApp: 065 958 6019)