



Newsletter



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General News



WELCOME

We are very excited to welcome Ms M. Mastenbroek, as our new Deputy Headmistress. We wish her many happy years at Parktown.

FUN DAY

The day dawned bright and sunny on Saturday with our annual Fun Day and although the theme was *Under the Sea* everyone enjoyed being out on the drive and in the gardens. There was an array of characters, décor and stalls with an exciting offering of games and tasty foods.

A big thank you to all the staff and girls who worked hard before the event and on the day, as well as the PA and the parents who assisted on the day. It was a successful day all round and we will announce the various winners in the next newsletter.



SGB ELECTIONS

The SGB Elections will be taking place on **Tuesday, 5 March** with the nomination meeting at 18:30 and the election at 19:00. It is essential that ALL parents participate in this enormously important election, either by standing for election or by voting on the night. We are looking for a diverse group of parents/guardians with skills in Finance, Engineering, Legal, HR, Education, etc. to stand for the SGB to take the school forward over the next three years.



GRADE 8 GAMES TOURNAMENT

Report by Mosa Motselebane, Potted Sports Committee member

The theme of the night was the *Hunger Games* where the girls were divided into the 12 districts from the movie. All round, they had a blast, putting their hearts into dominating races for their team to be crowned the winners of the night. They were filled with energy from the get-go which not only made it more exciting for them but for us as well, as we were surrounded by such a sweet and vibrant group of girls. From the tense games of tug-of-war to the fierce war cries, you could tell that these girls weren't prepared to lose. Alongside their competitive spirit, they had fun and bonded with girls they hadn't spoken to before, which made it a wholesome opportunity to build everlasting friendships. A huge thank you must go to everyone who helped make the night one to remember. This was only the first of many successful events from the Potted Sports committee of 2024! All money raised throughout the year will go to our two charities - Kids Haven and Teddy Bear Clinic.



An intense game of tug-of-war



The last bit of cheerful singing to end off the fun night.

By the 2024 committee

Potted Sports Charities!

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FOR MORE INFO VISIT @pottedsports_2024

SUPPORT

Potted Sports Charities for 2024:

- *Kids Haven*

- *Teddy Bear Foundation*



Please note:

The PHSG Uniform Shop will be closed from
THURSDAY, 07 MARCH 2024.
It will re-open as usual in Term 2.

Dates to Diarise



04/03	Finance Meeting
05/03	Interhigh Diving Competition – Parktown hosting
05/03	English Olympiad
05/03	SGB Elections
06/03	Interhigh A-league Swimming Gala
07/03	Uniform Shop closes until Term 2
08/03	Blood Drive
08/03	Geography Field Trip (Grade 8 and 9)
09/03	Open Day (strictly 08:30 – 12:00)
11/03	Grade 12 Geography Field Trip
12/03	SGB Meeting and Handover
14/03	Health and Safety Meeting
14/03	IsiZulu Grade 11 outing
14/03	Mathematics Olympiad (Round 1)
18-20/03	Enrichment Week (Grade 8 – 11)
18-20/03	Matric Orals
20/03	Reports issued (All Grades)
20/03	Term 1 Ends
03/04	Term 2 Starts
11/04	Parents' Evening

Academic News

GRADE 12 GEOGRAPHY

The Grade 12s were out of the classroom this past week and under the jacarandas, learning all about land use zones in an urban area by designing cities on our drive. What fun!



Sports News

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ashleigh King who has been selected for the U19A Western Gauteng **Action Netball** Team. This is fantastic news. Well Done Ashleigh and Good Luck!

Ashleigh King



Congratulations to Diyaanah Essay who won yet another **Padel** Tournament at Marks Park. By making quite the name for herself on the court, she has received sponsorship to represent Killarney Country Club. Well done, Diyaanah.

Diyaanah Essay (on the right)



Our **Cross Country** stars Maya Bolton and Enreth Daniel ran the Randburg Harriers Valentine's 10km Night Race on the 16 February. Maya won the Junior Women's race in a time of 46:37 and Enreth came second in a time of 47:43. Congratulations girls - we are so proud of you.

Enreth Daniel (left) and Maya Bolton



CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country girls have been working hard preparing for the upcoming season in Term 2. There are certain days for different types of runs depending on what your running level is. All runners are welcome - for more information please speak to Mrs Koch.

Bright yellow Parktown Reflective Running Vests have been ordered. Anyone in the Parktown community is welcome to purchase their own (learners, parents, old girls). The letter with more details has been uploaded on to the D6 Communicator under Resources – Sport. Please complete the online form and make the payment of R150 to confirm your order. The vests have been ordered in a lady's size, but if you would like to order a men's size, please email Mrs McCreesh mccreesh@parktowngirls.co.za. The picture on the right is the design, however the vests are bright yellow.

Front of vest:



Back of vest:



EQUESTRIAN

Well done to all the riders who competed in the first SANESA Qualifier for the 2024 season.

Rebecca Hingst did very well, placing 1st and 2nd for Working Hunter and Equitation respectively. She also comped in show jumping. Jessica Taggart placed 5th in Show Jumping in the Horse Class (out of 32 riders). Chiara Onofri placed 2nd in Dressage and 1st for Working Rider. Megan Crous placed 2nd in Show Jumping in the Pony Class.



SANESA Gauteng West Q1
17-18 February 2024

Jessica Taggart



SANESA Johannesburg Q1
10-11 February 2024



Megan Crous



SANESA Gauteng West Q1
17-18 February 2024



Rebecca Hingst



SANESA Johannesburg Q1
10-11 February 2024



DIVING

On Saturday, 17 February, we hosted a league Diving Competition. Our divers competed against Roedean, Brescia House and Kingsmead College. Usually, only the top 2 divers are invited to dive in competitions but as we were hosting, we invited 4 divers from each school per age group to include more girls. Well Done to all our divers who competed - it was a lovely day.

Open Section	4 th place – Namusi Mamanyuha 5 th place – Akira Bhika 6 th place – Nakita Hacker 7 th place – Sarah Field
U16 Section	6 th place – Unathi Busakwe 7 th place – Thabisile Dube 8 th place – Erica van Staden 12 th place – Hannah Carries
U15 Section	2 nd place - Sarah James 3 rd place - Mikayla Stevenson 12 th place - Jocelyn Knox

The Parktown Diving Team who participated in the league competition



Akira Bhika getting ready to dive off the 3m board

Namusi Mamanyuha performing a summersault off the 3m board



NETBALL

On Tuesday, 20 February, we hosted Roedean School for a friendly fixture to assist in preparing for the upcoming season. 4 matches were played in great spirit - well done to all the players. Jessica Knox added some flare with live commentary over the microphone.

Parktown 1 st Team vs Roedean 1st Team	Won 20 – 12
Parktown 2 nd Team vs Roedean 2nd Team	Drew 10 – 10
Parktown U17 A vs Roedean U17 A	Lost 6 – 15
Parktown U16 A vs Roedean U16 A	Lost 10 – 13



Parktown and Roedean First Teams

Parktown and Roedean 2nd Teams



SWIMMING

On Thursday, 15 February, our Swimming A-Team took part in the Annual Night Gala hosted at St Stithian's College. The team had a lot of fun. The gala was spirited, and had a positive competitive energy throughout the evening. Our swimmers did extremely well in a tough 50m pool, placing 6th overall.



Below: Jessica Klaaren and Isabelle Roberts, the Parktown Swimming Captains



SQUASH

Our Squash girls have played a few league matches so far. On Friday, 23 February, we hosted Pretoria Girls at the Parkview Squash Courts. The First Team players all had a great game winning their fixture 14 – 2 overall. Well done to the Squash girls and good luck for the rest of the season.

	Parktown 1st Team	Parktown U16 Team
Vs Beaulieu College		Won 11 – 6
Vs Kingsmead College		Lost 0 – 14
Vs Pretoria Girls	Won 14 – 2	
Vs St Andrew's	Lost 7 – 10	

Parktown Squash First Team all smiles after winning their matches against Pretoria Girls



TENNIS

On Tuesday, 13 February, we hosted Kingsmead College for a league match. First Team won 36 – 27 and the Second Team lost 20 – 43. Well done to all the players.

We look forward to hosting our Annual Parktown Tennis Championships. All Parktown learners are invited to play - you do not have to be in the Parktown team. Parents and family are welcome to come and support.



TOUCH RUGBY

Unfortunately, the second round of matches was cancelled due to an error with the external bus company. The players continue to work hard and learn new skills.

On Friday, 23 February, the matches were unfortunately called off early due to a big storm after we had arrived at Reddam Bedfordview.

There is no schools league on Friday, 1 March, due to Senior IPT taking place. Good Luck to all our coaches who are representing Gauteng at IPT.

MOUNTAIN CLUB

Report done by Maddison Smith

Parktown Girls has partnered with 'Summits with a Purpose' and the South African Mountain Club! Our first session on Sunday, 25 February, was absolutely unforgettable.

We had the chance to make new friends from our school and meet the leaders of the group, including Miss Saray Khumalo, the first black African female to summit Mount Everest.



On Sunday, we went to Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens for a beautiful hike. The views from the peak of the surrounding hills were absolutely spectacular. Even though it was quite warm, we were able to cool down in front of a stunning waterfall at the end of our hike.



The 'Summit with a Purpose' team took great care of us, providing drinks, snacks, and useful information that we can use in our daily lives. It's so exciting to think about the future opportunities and friendships that will come from being part of this club. Let's hope more girls join us for this incredible experience!

Service News

ROSE VILLAGE VALENTINES TEA

On Saturday, 17 February, the community service learners had the privilege of visiting Rose Village old age home to host their annual Valentine's tea. The air was filled with love, and the atmosphere was brimming with joy. It was truly a special day to celebrate love in all its forms. It was a beautiful day to spread love to everyone. We had amazing performances by our Marimba Band, Contemporary Dancers and members of the Orchestra, which had the whole crowd cheering and wanting more. Every moment spent at Rose Village was a reminder of the importance of cherishing those we hold close to us.



Please support the Community Service Girls' Easter Egg Drive

Donations can be dropped off at Reception. Thank you for the support.



SPUR INVITE

Please show your support for our Marimbas and give cooking supper a skip. Eat out at Spur on Thursday, 7 March, and help the Marimba Advanced Band raise funds for their Marimba attire.

Save the Date

Thursday, 7 March



Advanced Marimba Band

Come along to **Golden Spear Spur, Cresta** between **18:00 - 20:30** to enjoy a meal out and **10%** of the evening's turnover will be given back to **Parktown High School for Girls** as part of our fundraising for **our Marimba Attire.**

In addition, you will have the pleasure of being served by **Parktown Girls**, who will be working at the restaurant on this evening.

Please support this initiative and let us try to fill the entire Spur with Parktown!



OPEN DAY – SATURDAY, 9 MARCH 08h30 – 12h00

	Compassionate		Courageous		Creative
Confident		Collaborative		Curious	

Place of Possibilities

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Open Day
9 March 2024
08h30 - 12h00



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Parents' Association News



SOCIAL

Thank you very much to everyone who assisted the PA at the under 18 Social, SOS, on Friday, 1 March. The event was a huge success and sold out with over 1000 learners attending. Thank you to the parents/guardians who worked on the evening and helped with security amongst other things. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you to our staff, our amazing RCL and the Social Committee for organizing this festive event.



The Social Committee together with Justin 99 and PCEE

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