



Newsletter



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General News

FAREWELL

It with sadness that we say farewell to Ms Richardson, our Visual Arts Subject Head. Ms Richardson has been a valuable member of our Arts Department, raising the standard of Art at Parktown over the years, and her experience and expertise will be missed. We wish her everything of the best for the future.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish all our learners, staff, and their families, a restful holiday. Stay safe and come back refreshed for Term 2 which starts on Wednesday, 3 April.

We wish all our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak and all our families celebrating Easter, a happy and peaceful Easter weekend.

TERM 1 AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following girls who were awarded Colours at our Awards Assembly on Friday, 15 March:

Full Colours

Jessica Klaaren	Swimming
Emma Wentzel	Swimming
Diyaanah Essay	Tennis

Half Colours

Alexis Tokarsky-Jennings	Swimming
Neo Cele	Swimming
Rebecca Klaaren	Swimming
Laila Crous	Squash
Tessa Gibson	Tennis
Erin Hurly	Tennis
Namusi Mamanyuha	Diving

JUNIOR RCL

Congratulations to the Junior RCLs for 2024 who were announced recently.

Grade 9 Dryads

Jessica Seed

Grade 10 Oreads

Tamryn Smith



Grade 8 RCLs

8A	Rafaella Soteriou
8B	Acebile Zakwe
8C	Ayanda Zuke
8D	Anna Beswick

8E	Azrah Cassim
8F	Payton Ramnanan
8G	Ella Kelly
8H	Jessica Goodison
8J	Karabo Khumalo

PARENTS' EVENING

We invite all parents and guardians to book slots to see your daughter or ward's teachers at the Parents' Evening on Thursday 11 April. The event will run from 16:30 to 19:00. This event takes place in the form of parent / teacher mini-conferences that are allotted slots of five minutes each. The conference is designed to provide an opportunity for a brief discussion about your daughter / ward's academic progress as reported on in the academic progress report that will be emailed to you on Wednesday 20 March. If there are any teachers whom you would like to see, please ask your daughter or ward to book slots for you with those teachers. Booking forms will be put up on Wednesday 3 April in each teacher's classroom or office for the purpose of booking. The five minute slot is sufficient for a check-in; if you need a longer time to talk to any teacher, please contact the teacher, via e-mail, to arrange a separate appointment at a time that is convenient for both of you. The layout of the venues where teachers can be found in the school at the event will be posted on the D6 closer to the time.

OPEN DAY



Open Day was held on Saturday, 9 March. This is a very special day where visitors are taken on a guided tour of the school by the RCL. The Grade 7s (and a few Grade 6, 9 and 10s) were eager to find out more about Parktown and their feedback was very positive. A very big thank you to all staff that assisted on the day, the

PA who sold refreshments, our fabulous RCL (star tour guides!) for conducting tours throughout the morning and to our sports, cultural and service girls, for all their energetic performances and hard work. You all showcased our school as the place of excellence it is and we are proud of you all.



Dates to Diarise



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
15/04	Finance Meeting
23/04	SGB Meeting
23-26/04	Major Production
27/04	Freedom Day (Public Holiday)
27/04	Matric Dance
01/05	Workers' Day (Public Holiday)
01-04/05	National All Girls' Schools' Festival – Potchefstroom
04/05	Mom and daughter's morning

GOOD

On 14 February 2024, we saw the launch of the *GOOD GIRLS CLUB* in our school. The club focuses on instilling generosity, respect, honesty, and kindness not only toward ourselves and others but toward the environment.

We plan on spreading kindness throughout the school by creating an environment where everyone feels welcomed, respected and safe. This initiative is intended to start within Parktown but we do not intend for it to end here. By starting this club, we encourage being kind and this includes being grateful and expressing your gratitude, which is one of the first and most important steps that we have decided to take. Expressing your gratitude to others is so important, as it makes them feel appreciated and respected. Our goal for this year is for all the learners of Parktown to understand how crucial saying *thank you* to staff, peers and guardians really is. Instilling the school values is of great importance to and for the school:

RESPECT - teaches empathy and enhances the mood and self-esteem of everyone in the school environment.

ACCOUNTABILITY - teaches discipline and promotes personal growth of every learner at Parktown.

HONESTY - helps students to communicate effectively and build strong relationships within the school.

KINDNESS - creates less stress and makes people happy.

INCLUSIVITY - feeling like you belong creates a happier learning and growing space.

The Good Girls Club hope to encourage you to be kind and respectful to those around you and don't forget to say **THANK YOU**.

Also: Remember the kindness cards in the kindness corner.

This is also an invitation to everyone to feel free to come and join us at our next meeting. We meet every Wednesday at second break in Room 25. We plan the spreading of our message and would love enthusiastic involvement and ideas.

TAG FOUNDATION - Celebrating TAG Foundation's Remarkable Contribution to Parktown

Report by Mrs Hayward, Representative for Tag Foundation

In the heart of Parktown, TAG learners are thriving, thanks to the incredible efforts and unwavering support of the TAG Foundation. Their commitment to making a positive impact has transformed numerous learners' lives within the Parktown family.



TAG Foundation's generous donations of over half a million rand in school fees have been instrumental in supporting the school. What sets TAG Foundation apart is their never-ending support. It's not just about once off donations; it's the ongoing commitment to the well-being of Parktown Girl Taggers. Whether it's sponsoring educational programmes, providing resources, uniforms and clothing, or supporting extracurricular activities and sponsoring sports tours, TAG Foundation's dedication is a testament to their belief in the long-term prosperity of the learners and in well-rounded education.

A huge thank you must go to the founders, Mr and Mrs Gerber and the KES VII liaison Senzo for choosing Parktown.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Student photos are available for online ordering. Please follow the steps below on how to order your child's school pictures (See photo pack content on our website).

1. Go to www.lifeimaging.co.za
2. Enter Username: parktown Password: pspar456
3. Select the required gallery.
4. Select your child's Grade and class.
5. Find your child's sample and click on it. Scroll down to select the products you would like.
6. Add to cart. Scroll up and your cart will be visible on the right hand side.
7. If you happy with your selection you can click on CHECKOUT and proceed to fill in the details.
8. Click on the little circle next to Pay by Payfast and then on Place Order.
9. Select the payment method on the right and proceed with your payment.



PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS BEFORE 1 April 2024.

Orders will be delivered to the school.

Please direct any queries to: info@lifesevents.co.za and NOT to the school.

Kind regards and thank you for the support.

Life Imaging
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HIGH TEA

Report by Safiyyah Ismail

On 2 March, the High Tea committee hosted a high tea at Parktown Girls as a fundraiser for the Matric Dance. The day was filled with laughter, chatter and entertainment. All the guests were very pleased



with their assigned tables and enjoyed the day as well as the eats and drinks offered. The decor colours and flowers were elegant and the atmosphere was delightful. The traditional dance girls, orchestra, choir and the marimba band entertained the guests. The committee girls were also very happy with the outcome of the day and to see all our hard work and planning pay off in such a successful way. A big thank you must go to Ms Moreira and Ms Wilson for all their support and help to ensure that the day ran smoothly.



TRACKSUITS REMINDER

Please take note: as the girls now have the option of wearing pants to school, **the tracksuit will no longer be allowed as part of the school uniform** on very cold days or to wear during exams. In other words, when the temperature is below 14°C learners may not wear tracksuits. We urge you to make plans for these days for when they occur in winter. This, however, does not apply to Grade 12s for 2024 only. The Grade 12s may wear their tracksuits when the maximum temperature is below 14°C and during exams in June and August.

FEDA CAST 2024

Come and support Parktown High School for Girls at TWO exciting Dramatic Arts Festivals in Term 2:

Title: "The Weight of the New World"

Synopsis: What would our world really look like if each app on our phones was present in our room? Not just digitally but in person?!? This play explores the digital world of our phones and its effects by bringing it to life on stage through the life of Atlas, a young teenager. She is socially awkward but there is hope as her Mother decides to trust her with her first phone. This exciting moment sets off the action of the play and Atlas is introduced to a whole new world. Will Atlas' experience of this 'new digital world' really be all that she longed for?

FRANKLIN PLAYERS' FESTIVAL CAST	
CHARACTER	CAST MEMBER
Atlas:	Hannah Jan
Mother:	Maryam Cajee
DPS/Debra:	Faatimah Brownley
WhatsApp:	Imange Tonya
Reminders:	Oratilwe Coka
Reddit:	Ania Sibanda
Instagram:	Embeth Djolov
Spotify:	Nadia Chammai
News 24:	Amalah Joseph
TikTok:	Keabetswe Thulo
BeReal:	Nkazimulo Mhlono
Chorus:	Thandolwethu Malabi Abenathi Ndlovu
Technical Crew:	Kiyana Moodley (Lighting) Sofiyya Patel (Sound)
Backstage:	Tshegofatso Masenya Khadija Cajee
Director	Zaynub Cajee

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CONTEMPORARY DANCE

On 9 March, the Parktown Contemporary Dancers performed their exceptional jazz number for the National Eisteddfod Academy at the Roodepoort Theatre. Well done dancers!



GAUTENG PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking started off with a bang. The grade 8s and new speakers came with exciting enthusiasm we didn't know we needed.

We started off the term with a team building day where we learnt numerous public speaking skills from our guest speaker followed by games, that were led by Iviwe Ndarhala, to improve self-confidence and speaking abilities. The seniors were a great example to our juniors and everybody's enthusiasm made the day a great success.

Some ladies participated in the High School Public Speaking Festival. The speakers made Parktown proud at the first of many competitions this year.

The group speaking results were as follows:

The trophy team received a B+

The Grade 11 first team received an A

The Grade 11 second team received a B+

The Grade 10 team received an A

The Grade 9 team received a B+

Our individual speaker, Tasmiyah Bhamjee, received an A+.



CONGRATULATIONS

The following learners have made it through the gruelling first round of District **Netball** Trials, well done ladies, good luck for the next round. Parktown is behind you every step of the way.

U18	Andisiwe Ndema Jessica Knox Ashleigh King
U17	Akhona Nosenga Mushishikwe Mamphiswana
U16	Yamani Daku
U15	Kelebogile Phaahla

Bontle Semela

Congratulations to Bontle Semela (right) who has been selected to play in the U16 Currie Cup **Water Polo** Tournament and will be representing Eastern Gauteng. This is a selection tournament where a South African U16 Team will be chosen. Good Luck Bontle - Parktown is supporting you every step of the way.



Mr Madi will also be attending the Currie Cup **Water Polo** Tournament in East London, as Central Gauteng U18 A Boys Team Manager.

DIVING

On Tuesday 5 March, we proudly hosted the prestigious Interhigh Diving Competition 2024 for the Gauteng Girls Schools. 8 schools participated and all divers dived beautifully. The competition is fierce as this is the biggest school competition of the season. With the top South African U18 Diver in the country taking part, the standard was set very high. SuperSport schools sent a film crew to capture all the action live which was displayed on DSTV Channel 216.

We were very proud of all our Parktown divers who did well and represented the school with grace. This event took weeks of preparations and thanks must go to Mr Madi, Miss Hannan, Mrs McCreesh, Miss Mthethwa, Miss Sekhwela, Mrs Hammond, Miss Hayter, and Miss Paton-Levin who assisted in ensuring the day ran smoothly.

U15 Competition	8 th Place – Jocelyn Knox 11 th Place – Sarah James
U16 Competition	12 th Place – Nakita Hacker 16 th Place – Akira Bhika
Open Competition	10 th Place – Namusi Mamanyuha 14 th Place – Sarah Field
Final School Placings	1 st Place – St Mary's School 2 nd Place – St Andrew's High School for Girls 3 rd Place – St Stithian's Girls College 4 th Place – Brescia House 5 th Place – Roedean School 6 th Place – Kingsmead College 7 th Place – Parktown High School for Girls 8 th Place – St Dominic's School



Mr Madi on the microphone



Diving Squad



Hospitality

Girls: Thamsanqa Dubasi, Nicole Muchabaiwa, and Nia De Sousa



SWIMMING

On Wednesday 6 March, our Swimming Team, followed by a bus load of Grade 8s, the RCL and the Waka Women, travelled to St Stithian's for the Interhigh Swimming Gala of 2024. Our swimmers swam their hearts out and did extremely well placing 3rd overall. A huge thank you to Mr Madi and Mrs Mey who have managed this swimming season with such passion and enthusiasm. Well done to all the swimmers on such a positive close to the season. We are extremely proud of your efforts. Thank you to the Grade 8s for their enthusiastic support led by the Waka Women.

1 st Place	St Mary's High School B
2 nd Place	St Teresa's High School A
3 rd Place	Parktown High School for Girls A
4 th Place	Kingsmead College B
5 th Place	St Catherine's A
6 th Place	St Andrew's B
7 th Place	Brescia House B
8 th Place	Potchefstroom High School A
9 th Place	Assumption Convent B



Jessica Taggart, Angela Smith, Hannah Bowden, Kamor Ismail



Sahana Dayaram

Kyra Home



*Bontle Semela (left)
and Zoe Haskins*



Right: Swimming Team celebrating with a splash



We are thrilled to introduce the new Team Swimming Coach, Mrs Joanne Vreenegoor. Although she joined us at the end of the season, we are thrilled to have her onboard and look forward to the expertise that she will bring to our Aquatics Coaching Team. Mrs Vreenegoor was born in Zimbabwe and represented Zimbabwe in her swimming career. She is currently a South African Masters Swimmer and focusing on Open Water Challenges. She has acquired her level 1, 2, and 3 Swim South Africa Coaching Courses and recently sold her Swimming Club which she successfully ran for multiple years at Wahoo Aquatics Centre. Welcome to the Parktown Family.



Mrs Vreenegoor

TENNIS

On Saturday, 2 March, our Tennis 1st Team travelled to Roedean School for the first round of Interhigh 2024. The team played extremely well, winning all their morning matches. They narrowly placed 3rd after counting all the individual games won, which took them on to St Andrew's for the afternoon session. Unfortunately, they narrowly lost both afternoon games, but they played very well. This placed Parktown 12th overall out of 22 schools. Very well done to the team on a fantastic result.

Parktown Tennis 1st Team; Hrishita Bhatt, Tessa Gibson, Diyaanah Essay, Erin Hurly



Diyaanah Essay handed out her own mini-awards for the season. Well done to Klara Venter who won the "Player of the Term", Fundi Mkhonza who won "Most-Improved" and Rumaysa Pelwan who won "Hardest-Working Player".

Thank you to Ms Gibbons who has organised the Championship and made it possible for our girls to have some fun internal competition.

On 11 and 12 March we hosted our annual Parktown Tennis Championship. All Parktown learners were welcome to enter, and although it is a competitive event, the players played with great spirit between team mates.

The singles semi-finals and both finals for the doubles and the singles have been postponed to Term 2, due to this week's heat wave and many players fasting for Ramadan.

The Tennis Captain



Rumaysa Pelwan and Diyaanah Essay – Most hard-working player



Left: Fundi Mkhonza and Diyaanah Essay – Most improved player



Right: Klara Venter and Diyaanah Essay – Player of the Term

BEGINNER TENNIS

There will be a new sign-up list for Term 2 which will go up outside lab 2 in the first week of Term 2. There will be limited space and it will work on a first come first serve basis. Learners must please listen carefully for announcements in the morning during Registration. If you have any questions, please see Ms Moreira.



SQUASH

On Friday, 8 March, we played our final play-off matches for the Squash League. Unfortunately, the 1st Team's opponents did not arrive, but the U16 Team had their match at Parkview Squash Centre against Northcliff High School. Well Done ladies on a fantastic day of clean-sweep wins. A great way to end the season! Thank you Mrs Patel for making the season possible.

*Jessica Short on the court
mid-match feeling strong*

*Sitori Cara all smiles after
winning her match*



INTERSPORT

The latest InterSport fun event was between the Touch Rugby 1st Team and the Cross Country Runners. They took on a game of rounders during a first break. It was great fun and all participated with good spirit and enthusiasm. Well done to the Touch Rugby girls who took the win.



*Parktown Touch Rugby 1st Team and the
Cross Country Team*

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

On Saturday 9 March (Open Day), we hosted our **Interhouse Tennis**. There was a senior section and a junior section. All matches are played as doubles which makes the morning all the more fun. Well done to all the learners who took part, especially the ones who do not play Tennis for the school. The results are as follows:

1 st Place	Hesperides
2 nd Place	Dryads
3 rd Place	Pleiades
4 th Place	Oreads
5 th Place	Nereids
6 th Place	Alseids

On Wednesday 13 March, the atmosphere in the afternoon was buzzing with excitement as the houses competed in Interhouse Hockey and Netball. Well done to all who participated and cheered on their houses, displaying bright colours and spirit. The day ended in good spirits with a fun Staff vs Matrics match; the staff were relieved to have some younger legs amongst the coaches for help. Mrs Davidson got stuck into the Netball match, even without shoes and Mr James “gave flames” with his quick speed. The Matrics narrowly won the Netball 6 – 5 and the Staff won the Hockey 3 – 0.

Interhouse Netball	
1 st Place	Hesperides
2 nd Place	Alseids
3 rd Place	Dryads
4 th Place	Nereids
5 th Place	Oreads
6 th Place	Pleiades

Interhouse Hockey	
1 st Place	Hesperides
2 nd Place	Dryads
3 rd Place	Oreads
4 th Place	Alseids
5 th Place	Nereids
6 th Place	Pleiades



Staff and Matric Netball

Staff and Matric Hockey



JEPPE DERBY DAY

On Saturday 16 March we hosted Jeppe High School for Girls for a Derby Day to kick start the winter sports season. Well done to all who participated. The results were as follows:

Hockey Results	
Jeppe Girls U14 A	Parktown Girls U14 A
0	8
Parktown Girls U15 A	Jeppe Girls U15 A
2	2
Jeppe Girls U16 A	Parktown Girls U16 A
0	3
Parktown Girls 2 nd Team	Jeppe Girls 2 nd Team
5	0
Jeppe Girls 1 st Team	Parktown Girls 1 st Team
0	9

Tennis Results	
Jeppe 1 st Team	Parktown 1 st Team
20	61

	Senior Cross Country 4km Race	Junior Cross Country 4km Race
1 st Place	Enreth Daniel 19.49 Parktown	Maya Bolton 20.20 Parktown
2 nd Place	Shannon Adendorff 20.26 Jeppe	Dinah Mahume 22.12 Parktown
3 rd Place	Sheena Kunene 21.02 Jeppe	Lindsay Hendry 22.50 Parktown

Netball Results	
Jeppe U14 A	Parktown U14 A
3	18
Parktown U14 B	Jeppe U14 B
7	3
Jeppe U15 A	Parktown U15 A
25	9
Parktown U15 B	Jeppe U15 B
19	7
Jeppe U16 A	Parktown U16 A
19	7
Parktown U16B	Jeppe U16 B
6	9
Jeppe U17 A	Parktown U17 A
14	10
Parktown 2 nd Team	Jeppe 2 nd Team
38	2
Jeppe 1 st Team	Parktown 1 st Team
8	27

Photos by Parktown Photographer Aisha Wadi:



Bontle Semela, Ushim Hutchinson and Buhle Gumpu



First Hockey Team after winning their match



Hannah Carries cheering on the First Team Netball players

Service News

Please support the Community Service
Girls' Easter Egg Drive

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



Parents' Association News



OPEN DAY 2024

A very big thank you to the parents/guardians, hospitality girls and other learners who assisted at the PA stalls at Open Day.



Fun Day Results:

House points (combination money made and judging of the stalls)

Hesperides – 1st

Oreads – 2nd

Dryads – 3th

Pleiades – 4th

Nereids – 5th

Alseids – 6th

Most Money:

Hesperides R15 995

Oreads R15 865

Dryads R15 540

Pleiades R12 321

Nereids R11 620

Alseids R10 672

Best Stalls:

Hesperides

Dryads

Oreads

Nereids

Pleiades

Alseids

Best Stall:

1st Grade 8 Hesperides

2nd Grade 10 Dryads

3rd Grade 10 Nereids

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





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