



Newsletter



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General News

EARTH WALK

Report by Simtha Mncube, Earth Guardians
Happy Earth Day! On Monday 22 April the whole school took part in a climate change march around the school in celebration of Earth Day. It was very exciting to see that so many of our learners took the time and effort to make wonderful posters about climate change. Earth Day is celebrated worldwide to promote activities to protect our Earth and its resources. This day serves as a reminder that we all share the responsibility to protect and preserve our home.



As the youth, we play the most important role in creating a better future and we have the responsibility to take action in protecting our planet for future generations. We have the opportunity and power to make choices in our daily lives to reduce our negative impact on the environment - such as picking up litter or coming to the eco-brick building sessions. As we walked around the school we were reminded that every action, big or small, can make a difference. A quote by Robert Swan ***"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."*** It starts with you.

WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

We have gone into a two-week Winter uniform change-over period. Learners may wear full Summer or full Winter uniform during this period. Full Winter uniform will be compulsory for everyone from Monday, 6 May. Please ensure that all learners have the necessary Winter uniform items i.e. tie, long sleeve white shirt and thick black stockings/tights.

TRACKSUITS

We would like to apologise for any confusion caused around tracksuits and the winter uniform. For a few years, girls have been allowed to wear their tracksuits in Winter, if the maximum temperature for the day was 14°C or below. It was never part of the Winter uniform and, as the girls now have the option to wear pants, this concession is no longer allowed. However, it is essential that the girls wear their tracksuits in Phys Ed as well as for extra murals. We have however said that **ONLY** Grade 12s may still wear their tracksuits during exams and if the temperature is 14°C or below with the permission from the school.

ABSENTEEISM

Please inform the school if your daughter/ward is not coming to school and will be missing an assessment by emailing their Academic Head. An email can also be sent to the school:

postmaster@parktowngirls.co.za. However, for every absence from school, an absentee letters must be addressed and handed to your daughter/ward's register teacher on the day she returns to school, using either the absentee template (link below) or a letter including the learners full name, grade, house, reason for absence, parent/guardian signature and contact details.

Absentee letter (loaded on d6 under Resources – Important Information)

https://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/277_resource_5698bbcf1401b053767348.pdf?1714121357



Please note

The PHSG Uniform Shop will be closed from **Friday, 24 May 2024**.

It will reopen as usual as from Term 3.

Academic News

CONSUMER STUDIES

The Grade 10 learners officially began their practical lessons at the beginning of the term. They are all eager to showcase their newly acquired skills. We wish them all the best in their baking and cooking lessons!

Grade 10-2 after their first practical lesson



ISIZULU OUTING TO LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE

Report by Mrs Sithole, Head of Department, isiZulu

On 14 March, the IsiZulu Grade 11 learners had an outing to the beautiful tourist destination of Lesedi Cultural Village. The aim was to show them different cultures and languages of native origin. There were activities like drumming and African dance, and we observed how some of the traditional accessories are crafted. They were also taught about the history and origins of each people group: BaSothos, AmaZulu, BaPedi, AmaXhosa, AmaNdebele.

We toured all the different examples of these villages within Lesedi Cultural Village and at the end of our visit, we were treated to traditional African cuisine. As isiZulu learners, most of the vocabulary learnt in class and in some of their literary genres, was literally experienced in the AmaZulu village. What an enriching experience!





Dates to Diarise



01/05	Workers' Day (Public Holiday)
01-04/05	National All Girls' Schools' Festival – Potchefstroom
04/05	Mom and daughter's morning
06-10/05	Science Expo
09/05	Grade 10 Geography Field Trip
09/05	Maths Olympiad (Round 2)
10/05	Blood Drive
11/05	PPP Derby Day at Pretoria Girls
15/05	Grade 11 English Excursion (Othello)
17/05	Bling Day
17/05	Neon Night Run @ Killarney Golf Course
20/05	Grade 10 – 11 exams start
21/05	Geography Olympiad (Senior)
27/05	Grade 12 exams start
28/05	SGB Meeting
29/05	National Elections (Public Holiday)
29-31/05	SAGSA Principal's Conference
31/05	Slipper Day (R20 sticker – donations to Reach for a Dream)
03/06	Grade 8 – 9 exams start
07/06	Parktown Comedy Night with Chris Forrest

POTTED SPORTS COMMITTEE

Report by, Oratilwe Coka, Potted Sports Committee Member

On 27 March the Potted Sports Committee visited one of the chosen charities for this year, known as the Teddy Bear Foundation. We arrived and were immediately welcomed with a tour around the office space where we had the opportunity to meet some of the workers.



Dalene Bishop took us through a brief background of the foundation and its successes. The Teddy Bear Foundation has helped many children who are victims of child abuse through medical assistance and counselling. They need help to ensure that the children have what they need and this term we will be collecting toiletry items. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please drop them off in the box in room 28: Soap, toothpaste, body and face wash, shampoo and conditioner, face cloths and pads.



Cultural News

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the **Hip Hop** team and **Advanced Marimba** team on being selected to advance to the semi-finals of the Young Performers competition. They will be performing at the Roodepoort Theatre on 9 May from 15:00. Please come and support.

DRAMA: YOUNG PERFORMERS



Tameeha Ahmed, Lella Gillman-Bate and Thobile Mkwanzazi performed their dramatic monologues in the quarter-finals of the NEA Young Performers competition on 10 April at the Roodepoort Theatre. They performed exceptionally well and were the personification of #PARKTOWNPRIDE. Tameeha and Thobile have since been selected for the semi-finals in May. Break a leg, ladies! Parktown is behind you all the way!

INTERCULTURE

On 5 April, the Hip Hop and Contemporary Dance team had the first of many inter-culture events. They took the school by surprise in assembly, with excitement and amazement filling the hall. Well done to everyone who participated and to the Hip Hop girls who took the win!





Attention Parktown High School for Girls community!

Our new drumline students are in need of...(drumroll please)...MOUSEPADS! We will be using them to make drumming practice pads. If you have any spare or unused mousepads lying around at home or in the office, we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

Sports News

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andisiwe Ndema and Akhona Nosenga who have been selected for the U19 A and U17 A Gauteng **Netball** Teams respectively. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done ladies and good luck with the upcoming tournament preparations. Parktown is extremely proud of you.

*Andisiwe Ndema and
Akhona Nosenga*



Congratulations to the following players who have been selected for their relative District 10 **Hockey** Teams after a gruelling two day trial process. Good Luck to all these players who will now go to Southern Gauteng Hockey Trials between 9 – 11 May.

District 10 U14 A Team	Caitlyn Mclean
District 10 U14 B Team	Karabo Motlhabane Morgan Jarvis
District 10 U16 A Team	Nkanyisa Ndamase Klara Venter
District 10 U18 A Team	Rachel Zwane
District 10 U18 B Team	Onwaba Santi Samika Sukhnandan



From left: Karabo Motlhabane, Morgan Jarvis, Khanyisa Ndamase, Caitlyn Mclean, Klara Venter, Rachel Zwane, Samika Sukhnandan, Onwaba Santi

Congratulations to Saudah Hoosein who competed in the South African National **Kendo** Championship which took place on 10 March at the Parkhurst Recreation Centre. She did extremely well, receiving an award for “The Best Fighting Spirit” in the ladies section. Well done Saudah - Parktown is extremely proud of you.



Saudah Hoosein



CROSS COUNTRY

Our runners have been working hard and enjoying the competitive season. So far, we have competed in one league race at St Stithian's. The Delta Park league race that was cancelled due to lightning has been rescheduled to 17 May.

Congratulations to the following runners who placed in the top 20 of the league race at St Stithian's. The Parktown Junior A Team placed 3rd overall out of 14 teams. The Parktown Senior A Team placed 1st overall, with the Parktown Senior B Team not far off in 5th place and the Senior C Team in 12th out of 20 teams. This has been a fantastic start to the season. Well done to all the runners who competed.

Top 20 runners	
Junior Section (out of 69 runners)	
5 th Place	Lindsay Hendry
10 th place	Dinah Mahume
12 th place	Lehlogonolo Ramoshaba
Senior Section (out of 103 runners)	
3 rd place	Enreth Daniel
7 th place	Sarah Ramaala
9 th place	Naomi May
11 th place	Jade Freeman
16 th place	Owami Dube

A morning speed session with Rockies Running Club



HOCKEY

Our Hockey teams continue to do well in their matches - unfortunately, the 1st Team and U14A Team have had their first loss after being unbeaten for a long time. The 2nd Team and U16 A Team continue their unbeaten winning streaks. Well done to all the players who have been working very hard and making Parktown proud. A special mention must go to Primrose Tshuma for scoring 4 goals for the Parktown 2nd Team against Bryanston High School.

Parktown U14 A Team	Vs Randpark U14 A Team Vs Bryanston U14 A	Lost 1 – 2 Won 7 – 0
Parktown U14 B Team	Vs Randpark U14 B team Vs Rand Girls U14 A Team	Lost 0 – 1 Won 1 – 0
Parktown U15 A Team	Vs Randpark U15 A Team Vs Bryanston U15 A	Lost 1 – 2 Won 5 – 0
Parktown U15 B Team	Vs Crawford Lonehill U15 A Team	Lost 0 – 1
Parktown U16 A Team	Vs Randpark U16 A Team	Won 3 – 0
Parktown 1 st Team	Vs Randpark 2 nd Team Vs Bryanston 1 st Team	Lost 2 – 3 Won 3 – 1
Parktown 2 nd Team	Vs Randpark 1 st Team Vs Crawford Lonehill 1 st Team Vs Bryanston 2 nd Team	Won 2 – 0 Won 2 – 0 Won 4 – 0
Parktown 3 rd Team	Vs Randpark 3 rd Team Vs Rand Girls 1 st Team	Drew 0 – 0 Won 1 – 0



A beautiful view after the matches at Bryanston High School

NETBALL

On Thursday, 18 April, we travelled to Trinity House Randpark for a league fixture with a total of 11 teams. This was most certainly a tough day out on the court for all our teams. A special mention to the U14 C Team who won 6-4, and to the First Team whose match drew a crowd at the end of the day with a fantastically high level of Netball. Their win 23-21 gave all the Parktown Girls a boost of energy for the long bus trip back to school.

On Tuesday, 23 April, we travelled to Fourways High School for our next league fixture. The improvement from the week before was fantastic to see. Well done to all the players who took part.

Parktown U14 A	Won 14 – 3
Parktown U14 B	Won 9 – 3
Parktown U14 C	Won 11 – 7
Parktown U15 A	Won 16 – 15
Parktown U15 B	Won 8 – 6
Parktown U15 C	Won 11 – 10
Parktown U16 A	Lost 11 – 13
Parktown U16 B	Lost 2 – 17
Parktown U17 A	Won 17 – 15
Parktown First Team	Won 23 – 19
Parktown Second Team	Won 20 – 5



Iminathi Pelo

SOCCER

Pre-season Soccer has started and all learners are welcome to attend. If you are new to Soccer, please make sure that your name is on the register and inform Miss Haus that you will be starting. Trials will take place later on in the term. A reminder that in-season sports must take preference over pre-season sport.

***Parktown's Neon Night Run
takes place on Friday, 17 May
Tickets from www.quicket.com***

A vibrant neon-themed poster for Parktown's Neon Night Run. The background is a gradient of purple and pink with a glowing neon border. The title 'PARKTOWN'S NEON NIGHT RUN' is written in large, colorful neon letters. Below the title, the event details are listed in smaller text. At the bottom, there are two neon silhouettes of runners and the school crest.

**PARKTOWN'S
NEON NIGHT RUN**

When: Friday, 17 May 2024
Where: Killarney Country Club
Cost: R120 for the 10km
R100 for the 5km
(R80 for children under 12)
Distance: 10km to start at 17:15
5km to start at 17:20

Run or Walk either the 5km or 10km
Purchase your ticket through www.quicket.com,
at the school Finance Office
or on the night (if still available).

Prize for the Top Runner
Families & children are all welcome
Unfortunately, no dogs allowed
Food & drinks on sale
Please bring along your **headlamps and torches!**

For more info contact:
funrun@parktowngirls.co.za

POTTED SPORTS

Please support the Potted Sports Toiletries Drive. Thank you for the support.

TOILETRIES DRIVE

**22 APRIL
UNTIL THE
END OF TERM**



The Potted Sports committee and RCL council will be having a toiletry collection drive for charity.

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 ROOM 28

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ toothbrush
- ▶ pads
- ▶ toilet paper
- ▶ toothpaste
- ▶ bath soap
- ▶ body lotion
- ▶ shampoo
- ▶ face cloths
- ▶ deodorant

Potted sports X RCLs

Save the Dates:

Mom and Daughters' Morning – 4 May

Mom and Daughters' Morning



Come join us for a special morning with lots of spot prizes.
We have a top South African Clinical Dietician, "Tabitha Hume" as guest speaker. You will be given an opportunity to interact with and purchase her famous book, "The New X Diet".
Then you will get treated to some coffee, tea and muffins, before being wowed by the Matrics modelling their matric dance outfits.

Saturday 4 May
09:00 – 11:30
Cost R60

Please pay at finance. Tickets are limited and will not be available on the day.

Slipper Day – 31 May

HOORAY!
giveaway



Step into my slippers

31 May 2024

SUPPORT SLIPPER DAY

BUY YOUR R20 sticker and make dreams come true



reach for a dream slipper day

Dis-Chem PHARMACIES
Ridgeview

Dear Parktown Girls, Teachers and School staff

Dis-Chem Ridgeview invites you to wear your most *Sassy*, most *Inventive*, most *Outrageously wonderful*, most *YOU* slippers on the 31 May 2024.

There are prizes to be won, all you have to do is purchase your sticker for R20 at the finance office and be at school on Friday 31 May 2024 with your slippers!

All proceeds go to reach for a dream, thank you for supporting the cause... see you soon!

With Love Dis-Chem Ridgeview

Old Girls' Lunch – 31 August



Parents' Association News



Thank you to all the parents/guardians who so generously donated food and cold drinks to ensure the teachers had a lovely dinner at Parents' Evening on Thursday, 18 April. We appreciate your support.

GOLF DAY – 23 August



OUTSIDE ADS

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**24 MAY
2024**

Tee off - 11:06 - 13:06

Two-Tee Start



Bryanston Country Club



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Hole Sponsor - R3000