



# Newsletter



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## General News

### WOOLING TOGETHER AS ONE

*Written by Phethego Mello*

On 17 April Parktown's Crochet Away launched the competition of crocheting for house points. The learners enthusiastically 'Crocheted Away' during the Gen Ed period. The 67 Blankets ambassadors joined Parktown on this very special day, teaching the girls how to Crochet and the secrets to achieving a straight and perfect scarf. Phethego Mello (Parktown's 67 Blankets ambassador), Ms Mtshazo, Mr Witelson and the rest of the Crochet Away team, would like to give a big thank you to all the members of 67 Blankets who selflessly supported Parktown on this very special day.

*Phethego Mello, Ms Mtshazo and the 67 Blankets Team who helped on 17 April*

Another big thank you goes to Parktown Girls for their endless support. They filled the field with an array of colours as they crocheted with true Parktown spirit.



This spirit did not end there but was the beginning of building a crochet community that led many girls to discover many other items to test their skills of crocheting. The squares, scarves and Blankets that are being crocheted will all be donated to 67 Blankets. Each donated item will contribute to house points and double points were given for all the donations made from 17 April – 26 April. The final date of submitting for house points was on 10 May. The Crochet Away team is proud to say that over 1808 squares were crocheted and contributed to the house points!

Although Crochet Away for house points has ended learners are still encouraged to let their family, friends and neighbours join in the fun of crocheting for a cause.

*From left to right: Learners Milla (Grade 10), Ushim (Grade 11), Hailey (Grade 11), Phethego (Grade 11) and Bontle (Grade 11), helped to count the final squares, scarves and blankets. Thank you, ladies!*



## BLING DAY

Report by Laura Helling, Vice-Chairperson of the Potted Sports Committee

Bling Day this year took place on 17 May. The theme was 'Movies' and each house was given a different movie genre to represent. After weeks of planning pictures and collecting coins, the register classes did not disappoint! The drive was covered in movie names, iconic scenes, main



characters and the like. The teachers also came dressed

to impress, as mascots for their different classes. We're happy to say we raised a record amount of R29 564.20, that will go towards supporting our two charities, **Kids Haven** and the **Teddy Bear Foundation**. A big thank you goes to everyone who participated and brought coins - every cent counts!



## Dates to Diarise



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
06/06	Health and Safety Meeting
07/06	Parktown Comedy Night with Chris Forrest
10/06	Finance Meeting
14/06	Term 2 ends
09/07	Term 3 starts
14/07	Rockies Gerald Fox Memorial Race
16/07	SGB Meeting
19/07	Reports emailed



Please note that the d6 School Communicator **Desktop** App has been giving technical issues recently. Please continue to use the d6 School Communicator App on your **Mobile device** if possible. Thank you.

# Academic News

## GRADE 11 ENGLISH OUTING

*'Then must you speak*

*Of one that loved not wisely but too well.'* (5.2.) – [Othello by Shakespeare]

The grade 11 students, accompanied by their English educators, embarked on an enriching excursion to witness the timeless Shakespearean masterpiece, 'Othello'. Hosted by ThinkTheatre, the production unfolded its tragic tale of deception and jealousy at the University of Johannesburg Theatre. Immersed in the narrative, learners found themselves captivated by the complexities of the human psyche portrayed on stage. This educational journey aimed to cultivate a deeper appreciation and understanding of classic literature and the nuances of dramatic expression.



# Cultural News

## CULTURAL EVENING ON 16 MAY

*By Thobile Mkwanazi and the RCL Arts Portfolio*

Our school's Cultural Evening is a highly anticipated annual event that celebrates the diverse talents of our learners. This joyous occasion brings together students, parents, and staff to showcase the incredible array of skills and abilities that exist within our school community. From vibrant dance performances and soulful music renditions to captivating drama sketches, the evening is a true testament to the creativity and passion of our learners.

What makes this event truly special is that it's not a competition, but rather a celebration of school spirit and unity. Every participant is encouraged and supported, regardless of their level of expertise, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among all attendees. By sharing their talents in a non-competitive environment, our learners build confidence, develop a sense of community, and create unforgettable memories that will be cherished for years to come.

A huge congratulations to all of this year's participants. And if you missed it - see you next year!





*Cultural Evening*



**5FM POETRY SLAM 2024**

Zoë Haskins was announced as one of 5 finalists for the 5FM School Poetry Slam 2024 recently. She entered the poem she wrote for the schools' Cultural Evening, which took place on Thursday, 16 May. As a finalist she gets the opportunity to attend workshops with well-known poets and perform in a showcase on 25 May. Well done Zoë!

*Zoë Haskins*



*Sports News*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following learners who have been through multiple trials processes. After being selected for their relative District 10 Teams, they went on to the Southern Gauteng **Hockey** Trails which took place over 3 days. Being selected for a final team is a fantastic achievement. Well done ladies! Parktown is very proud of you and wishes you luck for the upcoming Inter-Provincial Tournaments.

Southern Gauteng U18 B Team	Samika Sukhnandan Onwaba Santi Rachel Zwane
U16 Section	Khanyisa Ndamase
U14 Section	Caitlyn Mclean

Congratulations and Good Luck to Miss Hannan who has been selected to coach the Southern Gauteng U14 C **Hockey** Team and to Coach Charlie who has been selected to manage the U18 A **Hockey** Team.



*The Parktown Southern Gauteng Hockey crew at the 2024 Capping Ceremony*

## EQUESTRIAN

Congratulations to Rebecca Hingst for her fantastic results in the Third Core League Qualifier which took place at the beginning of May. Keep up the great work, Rebecca!

Rebecca Hingst Core League Qualifier 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Equitation 80cm level 6
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – SJ accumulator 80cm level 3
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Working Hunter 70cm level 3



SANESA Johannesburg Q2  
16 - 17 March 2024





## CROSS COUNTRY

The District school league has come to an end with the last two races at St Stithian's and Delta Park. Once again, our runners continued to impress. Below are the runners that placed in the top 20.

<b>Junior Section</b>	<b>St Stithian's Race</b> (Total of 78 runners)  4 <sup>th</sup> Place – Maya Bolton 15 <sup>th</sup> Place – Lindsay Hendry 16 <sup>th</sup> Place – Dinah Mahume
<b>Senior Section</b>	<b>St Stithian's Race</b> (Total of 83 runners)  2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Enreth Daniel 6 <sup>th</sup> Place – Sarah Ramaala 8 <sup>th</sup> Place – Leah Cornell 12 <sup>th</sup> Place – Owami Dube

<b>Junior Section</b> (Total of 34 teams in the District League)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - Parktown Junior A Team 7 <sup>th</sup> Place – Parktown Junior B Team
<b>Senior Section</b> (Total of 47 teams in the District League)	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Parktown Senior A Team 6 <sup>th</sup> Place – Parktown Senior B Team 8 <sup>th</sup> Place – Parktown Senior C Team 9 <sup>th</sup> Place – Parktown Senior D Team 15 <sup>th</sup> Place – Parktown Senior E Team

With the close of the league season, we found out that both our Senior A Team and Junior A Team made it through to the Inter-District Competition where they took on the other league winners of other districts. The Inter-District Competition took place at Pretoria Boys High School with some incredible running talent displayed on the day. We are very proud of our two teams. The Junior A Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 10 teams which places them the 5<sup>th</sup> best team in Gauteng. The Senior A Team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 10 teams, which means they are officially the 4<sup>th</sup> best team in Gauteng. We are very proud of this accomplishment!



*Senior Team (back row from left): Jade Freeman, Owami Dube, Naomi May, Leah Cornell, Enreth Daniel, Sarah Ramaala.*

*Junior Team (front row from left): Lehlogonolo Ramoshaba, Alice Watterson, Charlotte Humby, Lindsay Hendry, Maya Bolton, Dinah Mahume and Mrs Koch*

The following runners have made it through to the Inter-District competition as individuals and they will compete on Friday, 24 May, at Reitvlei. We wish our runners luck and know that they will do well. To qualify for this competition, these runners have placed in the Top 20 in their district.

Junior Section	Maya Bolton Lindsay Hendry Dinah Mahume
Senior Section	Enreth Daniel Sarah Ramaala Naomi May Leah Cornell Owami Dube

## HOCKEY

The last two weeks have been jam-packed with hockey matches and Southern Gauteng Trials. Congratulations to all the teams on their fantastic results. A special mention must go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team who played against St Teresa's 1<sup>st</sup> Team and stood strong.

Parktown U14 A Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege U14 A	Lost 0 – 3
Parktown U14 B Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege U14 B vs St Teresa's A Team	Lost 1 – 2 Lost 0 – 1
Parktown U15 A Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege U15 A	Drew 0 – 0
Parktown U15 B Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege U15B vs St Teresa's U15 A Team	Lost 0 – 1 Drew 0 – 0
Parktown U16 A Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege U16 A vs Steyn City U16 A vs Hoërksool Linden U16 A Team	Lost 0 – 1 Won 2 – 1 Lost 0 – 1
Parktown 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege 1 <sup>st</sup> Team vs Steyn City 1 <sup>st</sup> Team vs Hoërksool Linden 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	Won 1 – 0 Won 2 – 0 Drew 2 – 2
Parktown 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team vs Hoërksool Linden 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Lost 0 – 1 Lost 0 – 1
Parktown 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team	vs Helpmekaar Kollege 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team vs St Teresa's 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	Drew 1 – 1 Lost 0 – 5

*Parktown 1st Team all smiles after a fantastic win against Helpmekaar Kollege*



## NETBALL

The netball league season has ended on a high with the First Team placing second in the league and qualifying for League Play-Offs. They played their first play-off match against Hoerskool Fochville and won convincingly 32 – 18. They now move on to the next round where they continue to meet other schools that have won their leagues as well. The next round will take place on 31 May and 1 June. We wish the team luck and lots of Parktown energy to take with them onto the court. They continue to make the school extremely proud. The league Netball fixtures are done for the term. Well done to all the Netball players who worked extremely hard this season and gave their all on the court.

Parktown U14 A	vs Riebeeckrand U14 A	Lost 4 – 11
Parktown U14 B	vs Riebeeckrand U14 B	Match rained out (lightning)
Parktown U15 A	vs Riebeeckrand U15 A	Lost 5 – 22
Parktown U15 B	vs Riebeeckrand U15 B	Lost 2 – 9
Parktown U16 A	vs Riebeeckrand	Won 10 – 6
Parktown U17 A	vs Riebeeckrand U17 A	Lost 7 – 32
Parktown First Team	vs Riebeeckrand First Team	Won 33 – 29



*First Team player – Jenna Kinloch*

## NEON NIGHT RUN

On Friday, 17 May, we hosted a NEON Night Run at Killarney Country Club as a fundraiser for the school sports programme. We were thrilled by the support and are extremely grateful to all who contributed to making it such a success. The Parktown learners who volunteered as marshals were the highlight of the evening, cheering on the runners and walkers along the way. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped with ticket sales and marshalling as well.

A huge thank you must also go to Killarney Country Club who kindly hosted us at no cost to support our fundraiser. The evening managed to raise R8000.00 which will go a long way in making sure we can continue to support such a diverse range of sporting codes for our learners to enjoy. Another highlight was handing over the winning prizes to people within the Parktown community. A special mention to our 1st Parktown Mom across the finish line – Mrs Musi.

5km Race	1st Place female – shared between Imogen Munton and Katryn Badenhorst
	1st Place male - Mr Kumirai Chigudu
10km Race	1st Place female – Maya Bolton
	1st Place male – Jaco Labuschagne
Best Dressed Prize	Qhayiya Mbekisa

*Qhayiya Mbekisa – Best Dressed*







10km runners get ready to start



Mr Chigudu – the winner of the 5km



The fantastic team of marshals who made the evening such an enjoyable event



The race briefing before the start



Jade Freeman, Miss Hannan and Naomi May

Mrs Musi – the first Parktown mom across the finish line



*Potted Sports  
Committee*

**Potted Sports 2024**  
**CALLING ALL OLD GIRLS**

**THIS YEAR, POTTED SPORTS DECIDED TO SUPPORT NOT ONE, BUT TWO INCREDIBLE CHARITIES! THIS MEANS WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

The **Teddy Bear Foundation** helps victims of child abuse with care and legal services.

**Kids Haven** helps children without parental care, with therapy and education.

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING:**

Account: Parktown High School for Girls  
Bank: FNB Rosebank  
Branch number: 253305  
Account number: 50330028371  
Reference: PS Donation

*Save the Dates:*

**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**

**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*



# CHRIS FORREST

is rather funny



## Parktown Girls' Comedy Night

Friday, 7 June

6:30 for 7pm

R150pp

No under 16's

Barnyard style

Bring your own snacks & drinks or  
pre-order your dinner for R100pp  
Soft drinks for sale from the tuckshop

More info: [liss@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:liss@parktowngirls.co.za)

Tickets from [www.quicket.com](http://www.quicket.com)  
or the Finance Office



**CALL FOR DONATIONS FOR LALAPANZI**

Over the last year our school has been fundraising towards the new accommodation being built on site for our Maintenance Team - Lalapanzi.

It is time to decorate! Please help us to furnish Lalapanzi. We are appealing to Houses, Registration classes, Old Girls and the surrounding community. For more information or if you would like to contribute towards the items listed below, please email Mrs Liss: [liss@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:liss@parktowngirls.co.za) to ensure we do not double up on goodies needed.

Thank you for the ongoing support.

**LALAPANZI  
TIME TO DECORATE!**

We need your help with our Maintenance Staff Accommodation. Help us decorate and furnish Lalapanzi!

We encourage a House, Registration Class, our Old Girls, one of our families or anyone from the surrounding community, to work together and take on the challenge of making Lalapanzi liveable! Either collect the listed items for a specific room, or raise cash donations and we will buy the furniture and goodies ourselves. If you are able to help with donations please contact Mrs Liss via email: [liss@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:liss@parktowngirls.co.za) to ensure we don't double up on items needed.



Please stick to a neutral palette.

Attached, there is a detailed list of items and rooms to be decorated. Any cash donations would be greatly appreciated.

Let's make Lalapanzi a beautiful, peaceful and happy home for our amazing Maintenance Staff!

Our banking details are as follows:  
Parktown Girls' High School Legacy Fund  
First National Bank  
Rosebank (250655)  
62370820378

Reference: Lalapanzi/Surname, Name  
PBO Number: 930040358  
Please email proof of payment to:  
[forrester@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:forrester@parktowngirls.co.za)



On behalf of our Maintenance Team,  
we thank you in advance  
for your generous support.

**CALL FOR DONATIONS TO FURNISH OUR  
MAINTENANCE STAFF ACCOMMODATION (LALAPANZI)**

Our beautiful new staff accommodation, Lalapanzi, will be completed by the middle of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and guardians, Old Girls and learners for donations received but especially our incredible Parents' Association.

The next step is to furnish this accommodation and so we are asking for donations towards this. The school would really love to make this living space a happy and peaceful environment for our maintenance staff; therefore, all items purchased need to fit into a neutral colour palette (e.g. creams, greys, gentle blues and greens).

In terms of linen and crockery, we ask for new items. For furniture and appliances, we require 2nd hand items to be in good condition and working order. The following items are needed:

**BEDROOMS (9 x bedrooms in total)**

- Loose carpet/rug (neutral colour or blues and greens)
- Duvet and pillows (single bed)
- Duvet cover with fitted sheet (single)
- Bedside light (1x) with side table
- Curtains (to fit 1,5m wide window in neutral colours or blues and greens)

**LIVING AREA:**

- Picture frames (any)
- Cushions for the chairs and couches
- Curtains (neutral for three windows)
- Occasional chairs
- Bar stools (10x)
- Couches (2x)
- Loose carpet/rug as the area is tiled
- Coffee table (1x) and/or side tables (4x)

**BATHROOM 1:**

- Bath towels (4x)
- Hand towels (4x)

**BATHROOM 2:**

- Bath towels (4x)
- Hand towels (4x)

**BATHROOM 3:**

- Bath towels (5x)
- Hand towels (5x)

**KITCHEN AREA:**

- Crockery (12x)
- Cutlery (12x)
- Glasses (12x)
- Pots (any size)
- Pans (any size)
- Dishing up bowls
- Dishing up spoons
- Shelving
- Utensils such as opener, masher, whisk etc.
- Washing machine (2x)
- Fridges (2x)
- Stoves (2x)
- Ovens (2x)
- Any other donations of items that would be needed in a communal kitchen.

**PATIO AREA:**

- Garden chairs (10x)

**GARDEN AREA:**

- Pots for walkway (4x)
- Local area
- Plants

**OTHER:**

- Any chests of drawers or cupboards
- Shelving
- Occasional chairs

If you are able to help with donations please contact Mrs Liss via email: [liss@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:liss@parktowngirls.co.za)



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*Parents' Association News*



**GOLF DAY – 23 August**

**16th Annual  
Golf Day**  
Parkview Golf Course  
23 August 2024

Parktown High School for Girls  
**Save the Date**  
For sponsorship opportunities and bookings email:  
[pagolf@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:pagolf@parktowngirls.co.za)



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REAL ESTATE COMPANIES  
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