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PRINCIPAL'S CLARENDON

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

MESSAGE

& STAFF NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all at Clarendon High School for Girls for your contributions to 2023 in various spheres of the school which have led to school success and celebration whether, on the sports fields or courts, in leadership and service initiatives, cultural activities or in terms of Academics in the classrooms. In this our 120th Birthday we have stood tall and proud as a place of excellence, opportunity and impact.

Thank you to the parents and guardians who have supported their daughters and this school this year. The Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl, Sitha Nkwali and Ciara Smith, led the school with humility and grace, and can stand proud at the end of a successful year in our school's history.

"Life is about the people we meet, and the experiences we have along the way." — Joanne Clancy. This magazine highlights the people and experiences of 2023. What are some of the great experiences and opportunities of 2023? Who have we met this year or who have we listened to, and been inspired by to do our best? Girls of Clarendon, store up these memories and the faces next to you and look forward to the new people you will meet and the new experiences that await in 2024.

I wish to share a poem – which the Countess of Clarendon used at the opening of our school buildings, in 1937. The poem, *A Bag of Tools*, by R L Sharpe, reminds us we all have choices in this life, to make things better or worse.

*Isn't it strange
That princes and kings,
And clowns that caper
In sawdust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?*

*Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make -
Ere life is flown -
A stumbling block
Or a stepping stone.*

She went on to say 'Life is worth Living, more for the Giving than for the Getting', so give of your best.

Each of us is given a 'book of rules, a shapeless mass and a bag of tools'. Every one of you has your own talents, unique to you. How you put these talents to use is up to you. You build a path to a better tomorrow with stepping stones – don't let the stumbling blocks get the better of you. Set your sights on building something

positive that will last for ever. The challenge to us all, is to be builders of stepping stones – to help communities progress, contribute to success, and make a difference in the world. We must take our book of rules (the values that Clarendon gives us, of right conduct, deep thought and fair play), and our bag of tools (the experiences, opportunities, knowledge and skills learnt here and the unique talents we all have) and create something wonderful for all of humanity.

To conclude: JFK, the youngest President in USA history, in his inaugural address said: "Ask not what your Country can do for you, ask what You can do for your Country?"

I challenge each of you, current pupils, Matrics leaving the school, friends of the school and Old Girls, to ask NOT what Clarendon has done for you and given you, rather ask yourself one question: What CAN I do for my school?

To repeat: "Life is worth living, more for the giving than for the getting, always give of your best."



A SPECIAL FAREWELL TO STAFF

FAREWELL TO MRS HEATHER WETMORE

After 32 years of service to Clarendon High School for Girls, and 39 years to her teaching career, Mrs Wetmore will be going on retirement at the end of 2023.

Mrs Wetmore is the embodiment of knowledge and thoroughness. Her dedication to her subject matter has inspired

countless pupils and colleagues alike during her years of teaching at Clarendon. Her passion for Consumer Studies is evident in every lesson, sparking curiosity and a love for learning in her pupils. Every pupil taught by Mrs Wetmore will have fond memories or a fun story to tell.

Her long and dedicated

service to Clarendon is a testament to her commitment. She has not only been a fixture within these walls for 32 years but has also tirelessly worked on provincial and national levels to advance the field of Consumer Studies. She has set Provincial Examinations and mentored many colleagues. She has headed up the Eastern Cape marking team, she wrote a textbook and has developed many other teaching resources, each one paying utmost attention to detail. Her contributions have shaped the landscape of consumer education in our region. She is mentioned in Louisa Holst's latest *SA Air Fryer Cookbook*, as one who initially helped to develop her love of cooking.

Mrs Wetmore is not just a teacher; she is a mentor and a friend. Her kindness and caring nature have nurtured not only the minds but also the spirits of those fortunate enough to know her. As a woman of faith, she has been a guiding light, offering support and wisdom to countless pupils and colleagues.

Her hard work extends far beyond the classroom. Mrs Wetmore has spent many hours contributing to the co-curricular programme of our school. She has headed up Hockey and Athletics and Powerwalking. She has faithfully served on the Senior Management Team for 16 years.

We are sad to say goodbye to a legend of her calibre. Mrs Wetmore will be dearly missed, but her influence will live on. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours, and wish her a retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures.



A SPECIAL FAREWELL TO STAFF

FAREWELL TO MRS SONJA COETZEE

After 17 years of teaching Afrikaans at Clarendon, we were sad when we had to accept Mrs Coetzee's decision to retire from teaching at the end of January this year. She has been an enthusiastic, dedicated teacher who gave support to her colleagues and pupils alike. She will be remembered for her love of the Afrikaans language and her understanding shown to the girls taking her subject, and her contributions to the Afrikaans Department. Mrs Coetzee was also very involved with the extra-mural programme at Clarendon, being the Head of Tennis for many of her years here. The Tennis teams were accompanied on many Tours and Festivals all over the country by Mrs Coetzee, often bringing home the winning trophies, or being ranked very favourably at tournaments they attended.

Mrs Coetzee will also be remembered for the interest shown in the landscaping and gardens of the school, willingly giving her artistic and knowledgeable advice. Beautiful flower arrangements at school functions, notably Founders' Days and Prizegivings, were her works of art, and the school appreciates her contributions made over her time here. She was also an assistant Grade Tutor and helped with Matric Dance organisation, too. We wish her a wonderful retirement as she starts a new chapter in her life.



A SPECIAL FAREWELL TO STAFF

FAREWELL TO MRS WENDY HOWARTH

Mrs Howarth joined the Clarendon High School Staff 14 years ago, as an experienced teacher having previously taught for 23 years in KZN. She also brought with her a wealth of knowledge concerning All-Girl's School Education, having taught at three Girls' Only schools. She took on the role of Head of the Mathematical Literacy Department as well as teaching Consumer Studies. Her expertise stretched beyond the confines of the Clarendon classroom, and she was valued as a mentor to colleagues in the BCM Education District for her selfless service and dedication in the promotion of Mathematical Literacy.

Mrs Howarth's kindness and genuine care for the well-being of others has been tangible in many areas, due to her involvement in different facets of school life. In 2015, she was appointed to the Senior Management Team, heading up the Human Resources Portfolio, which was an extensive portfolio, including Staff Development. She initiated new structures for evaluation, that have proven to be effective. Her commitment was not only to her pupils' academic progress, but also extended to other areas of their personal growth, as shown by her many years in charge of the Senior Councillors, focusing



on developing the skills of future leaders in society. In the last two years she has been the Grade 8 Tutor, fulfilling a vital role in easing their transition into high school and laying foundations to proceed with the demands of Senior School years. On the sporting front, Mrs Howarth has over the years been involved in Netball, Swimming and Social Water Polo.

We thank Mrs Howarth for her many contributions and unwavering support given to Clarendon. Her departure will leave a palpable void and she will be greatly missed. We wish her and her family well, as her husband retires from the Methodist ministry, and she takes up her new post in Cape Town – of course at another girls' school!

A SPECIAL FAREWELL TO STAFF

FAREWELL TO MS CHELSEA KNOTT

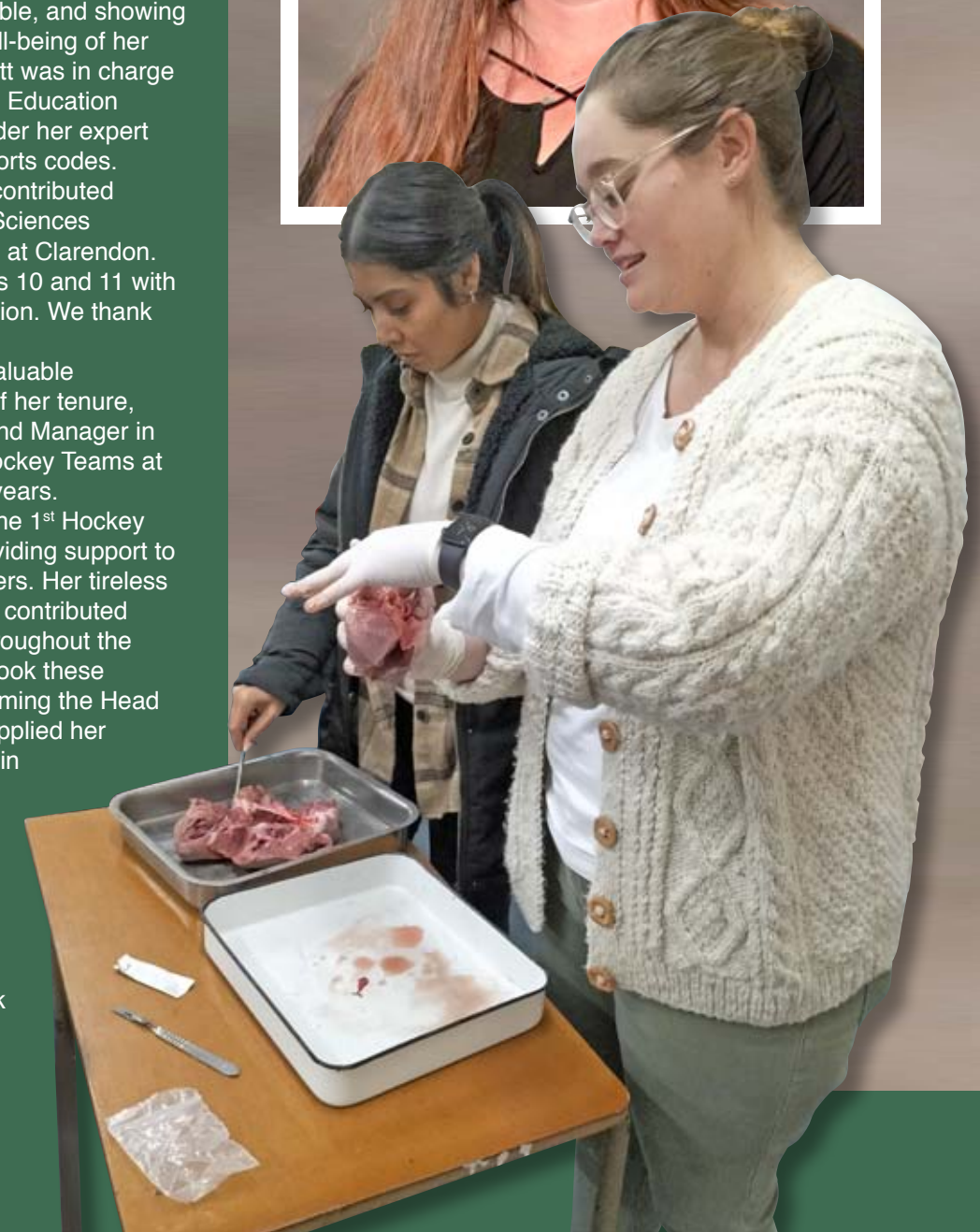
Miss Knott was certainly no stranger to Clarendon when she took up a Life Sciences and Life Orientation post in 2018, having attended the three Clarendon Schools, after which she obtained her degree and teaching diploma at Rhodes University.

Miss Knott became a member of the Life Orientation team, involved in the teaching of Grades 8-12, as well as all the administrative tasks that go with it. Her ability to connect with students on a personal level and make the subject matter engaging, as well as being approachable, and showing genuine concern for the well-being of her learners. This year, Ms Knott was in charge of the Grade 8 & 9 Physical Education and the learners thrived under her expert guidance in the different sports codes.

Miss Knott has also contributed positively towards the Life Sciences Department during her time at Clarendon. She has taught both Grades 10 and 11 with much enthusiasm and passion. We thank her for her hard work.

Miss Knott made a valuable contribution from the start of her tenure, becoming a Teacher-Link and Manager in both the Water Polo and Hockey Teams at Clarendon over the past 5 years. She was Manager of both the 1st Hockey and Water Polo teams, providing support to both the Coaches and players. Her tireless hard work and commitment contributed to their many successes throughout the season. She very capably took these teams on many tours, becoming the Head of Water Polo, where she applied her knowledge and experience in the sport with her sound organisational skills. This has contributed to the smooth running of Water Polo at Clarendon. The enthusiasm of Coaches and players, is due to her ability to combine hard work and team spirit.

We wish her well as she takes up a new post.



NEWS FROM THE STAFFROOM

By Mr Kelvin Herman (Deputy Principal)

Like any successful sports team, there are the senior members with many caps and years of experience, and there are the debutantes, some with years of match experience in other local leagues, and still others who are cutting their teeth and are played strategically to build for the future. In the end, however, everyone has a role to play, and the team has to be bigger than an individual, if it is to become a high-performing team (as demonstrated by our national Rugby heroes). The Clarendon Staff is no different. We never get to hold up a “Webb-Ellis” Trophy, but we do get to celebrate vicariously the successes of the Clarendon learners. This is an account of our Team Dynamics for the 2023 season.

This year, we celebrated several new caps as usual, but also enlisted a few experienced “bomb-squad” game changers to the line-up! **Mrs Loryn Nel**, a seasoned veteran of the Clarendon Team, rejoined our ranks, bringing some of that “old-school, no-nonsense” work ethic (laced with chocolate brownies – thank you Selborne) to our Staffroom and Sports Office, as a member of the Senior Management Team. Another experienced impact player, **Mr Byron Mountfort**, brought a fresh perspective to the English game plan as the skipper of that Department. Many years of experience in other outfits is always beneficial to enhancing an already able unit.

The English Department was further bolstered with high-performing imports from local opposition teams, in the form of **Ms Gabrielle Bhana**, **Ms Natalie Wood** and **Ms Joy Sparg**, an old Clarendon girl, who doubles

as a Music Department member and as an English Educator. Utility players, **Ms Natalie Ryder** and **Ms Courtney Bekker** joined our Mathematics Department, with Miss Bekker easily able to transition to the Science and Biology Departments. **Ms Cristy Hempel** also covered two positions, in the Economic Management Sciences and Digital Technology Departments, while **Ms Emelia Swanepoel** brought some welcome stability up front in the Afrikaans Department. Of course, while covering the field of play upfront is critical to our game

plan, support at the back-end is equally crucial and our open-side channels were covered by **Mr Paul King**, who joined the IT department in the break-through Portfolio of Technical Specialist. That then rounded up the “7 + 1 bomb squad” which, on the whole, has delivered an exciting level of energy when the Team needed it most.

Substitution requires a trade-off, and a few good women left the field, as part of the old guard who established the lead that Clarendon has enjoyed over the last few decades. At the end



many before her have done. She selflessly continued teaching her Consumer Studies classes and remained as the Subject Head to the end of the year. Additionally, Mrs Wetmore is expected to assist the school until the new appointee is able to join us in 2024, and we have no doubt that Mrs Wetmore will ensure a smooth transition in handing over the reins of the highly successful subject that is Consumer Studies, which she holds so dear... here's to many more Choux Pastries and Meringues! A special tribute to Mrs Wetmore's long service is included in this publication, along with one for **Mrs Wendy Howarth**. Mrs Howarth also leaves a crater in our typical starting line-up, particularly in the

her influence in the Team will be missed.

Two other high performing players exit the field of play at the end of 2023. First, is **Ms Natalie Wood**, who should be endearingly known as “In-Boom-Out” from now on. We've experienced the presence of great impact players in the past, but Ms Wood needed to step into the Uber-shoes left by Ms Anne Smith, and that she did. Like watching Siya Kolisi catch Richie Mo'unga on the open side of a ruck, she was “In”, then... “Boom”... made a profound impact on the initially sceptical English classes...and then... “Out”. Admittedly, Ms Wood has not chosen to leave Clarendon as such, but rather is responding



of January, we bade farewell to **Mrs Sonja Coetzee**, who joined Clarendon in 2005 in the Afrikaans Department, teaching Grade 8 to 12 Afrikaans FAL with passion and dedication. She was Teacher-in-Charge of Tennis for many years and was responsible for the landscaping and creation of the beautiful gardens in our school.

At the end of Term 1, **Ms Anne Smith**, who had played in almost every position on the Team at Clarendon for over 24 years, took the proverbial bow. Apart from teaching numerous subjects and coaching many sports, she was also Academic Head of the School and headed up our highly successful Peer Tutoring programme. She served on the SMT for 10 years and, from 2013 to 2015, she was also a fine Acting Deputy Principal. We thank Ms Smith for serving with excellence.

Mrs Heather Wetmore officially retired from the Department of Education earlier in the year, and demonstrated the same commitment to the Clarendon community that so



Mathematical Literacy subject area, which she headed up, and on the SMT as the administrator of all things Staff-related. Most notably though, she will be missed for her serene demeanour and genuine passion in “people quite simply being nice to each other”. A more caring person will be difficult to identify and

to overseas opportunities and we are certainly grateful for her short, but significant contribution to the Team.

Lastly, and someone who is no stranger to team sports, **Miss Chelsea Knott**, who is looking to expand her horizons in opposition camps. As a faithful Old Girl, and an educator with a deep passion

for sports, we can't help believe that Miss Knott will be back at Clarendon in the future, with a broader more developed skill set. Sometimes we have to give a little to create opportunity. Miss Knott will no doubt experience a steep trajectory in her learning curve and at the same time, offer her new institution the same level of energy she has given to Clarendon.

Ins and Outs are part and parcel of team dynamics, and finding a good balance to ensure consistent peak performance is always a challenge. However, the Team is a microcosm of society, and there is always off-pitch activity that directly impacts the Team's performance, both positively and negatively.

Earlier in the year, Ms Joy Sparg featured in the *Bocconcini D'Opera Concert* at the Guild Theatre as part of the *Umtiza Arts Festival* and Miss Angela Kobus took part, together with three other local pianists, in the *Symphony of Keys*, also staged at the Guild Theatre. These kinds of antics serve to hone our educators' on-field skills and keep that flame of passion alive, which directed them into education



in the first place. Ms Cristy Hempel also took a positive step forward by successfully graduating with her B.Ed degree with Distinction.

Over the September holidays, three of our team were invited to ply their chaperone skills abroad on Academic Achievers Tours, organised by Travel and Sport. Miss Natalie Ryder travelled to Britain, which took her to places such as Dublin, Oxford, Cambridge, London and also to Paris. Mrs Julie Patrick and Mrs Loryn Nel accompanied a group of learners to the USA, which included visits to universities in Boston, New York and Washington DC. Trips like these are often viewed through an

adventurous lens, much like Handré Pollard slotting a winning drop-kick, but they come with enormous responsibility. Travel experiences like these, cannot be replicated in the classroom. They are subconsciously assimilated, brought back and integrated into those persons' attitudes and behaviours, adding another dimension to our game plan.

Mr Tony Roberson, in the midst of leading yet another successful year of our school's Technology strategy and starting a degree course with MANCOSA, decided to take the "+1" element to the next level. He and his wife, Nadia, welcomed their second son, Hunter Grey, born on the 8th of June to the family.

Milestones and ratings are effective measures of

performance and consistency in any team. The Clarendon Team celebrated a handful of Long Service Awards again this year. Recognition for 10 "caps" went to Ms Karin Cox – our dynamic and dedicated Print Room Manager; Mrs Beverley Slabber – the highly efficient Principal's PA, Mrs Liesel Higgs – our meticulous Head of Accounting; Mrs Robyn Hobbs – our compassionate and effective Grade 9 Tutor and History teacher; and Mr Kelvin Herman – the Deputy Principal. This year's milestone highlight belongs to Ms Angela Kobus who earned her 35th cap. Ms Kobus earned her first cap back in 1989, teaching piano, flute and recorder. She has initiated a number of ensemble groups over the years, composed and arranged music for numerous productions and is credited with writing the music for Clarendon High School's official School Hymn, *Work and Hope*. She represents the pillar of resilience and knowledge on which our school is built. Congratulations Ms Kobus – your service sets a benchmark and a challenge to those of us who also carry the flame.

Teams need leaders

and leaders are assessed on many levels. Two such assessments are leading from the front and staying the course. A match, a semi-final and even an entire tournament can be won and lost in the 77th minute...and don't we know that all too well! Mrs Julie Patrick is a courageous woman who has led from the front and stayed the course over the years. This year is no different, except that she took that same demonstrated grit, and ploughed it back into her off-field antics and first love – Road Running. After putting her accomplished running shoes in the proverbial "to pass on" box for a few years, she laced up and hit the tar to complete the Buffs Marathon and the ClaraSel 200, which was a 200km kilometre charity run from Queenstown to East London, and then for good measure, did the same road again two weeks later in the Tony Viljoen Marathon. One does not simply wake up one morning and run 200 kilometres. Consistent preparation is the only solution. Her message at the



start of the year to the staff, "Take care of yourselves. Find time for the things you love. You need to be your own best version, before you can be the best version for your pupils". Congratulations to Mrs Patrick on your running achievements and for living the example you encourage us to follow. We are super proud of you! ...Comrades 2024?

Matches, Tournaments, Innings ... they're all limited. Some are 80 minutes, others five days, but the Game is infinite. The Team will change. We will win some, and we will lose a few. Clarendon, however, will always be a beacon of hope and a story of success for our community.

To the next chapter, 2024...."Stronger Together"!

STAFF LONG SERVICE AWARDS

STAFF WITH THEIR CHILDREN

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FRONT ROW: Z Newcombe, N September, J Patrick (Principal), K Cox, T Roberson



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EDUCATORS

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SGB CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

By Mrs. Deidre Sedras
(Chairperson of the SGB)

On behalf of the School Governing Body, I am humbled to present the 2023 Annual Report. It has been a privilege and pleasure to dedicate our time and expertise in serving Clarendon High School for Girls as Governors. For some of us, our term of office comes to an end now, with our daughters writing Matric this year.

The inception of the current SGB was when the school was dealing with the recovery and unprecedented challenges of a global pandemic and institutional changes. The SGB was elected in 2021 for a term of three years as a statutory body of parents, educators, non-teaching staff and learners who seek to work together to promote the well-being and effectiveness of the school community and thereby enhance learning and teaching. The work done by the SGB aims to protect the rights of children in schools by facilitating the fair implementation of school rules. The SGB focused on the development and implementation of policies to protect and promote the rights of

learners in respect of school discipline, school fees, language, religion and culture.

The effectiveness of the SGB is measured with the standardised SGB Functionality Tool, and we are proud to report an independent score of 98% achieved for all the responsibility assigned to us.

The SGB Constitution was updated at the beginning of the term of office, in consultation with all members, and it was duly signed off according to the South African Schools Act, No 84 of 1996.

The composition and members of the SGB follows the SA Schools Act with all relevant stakeholders and relevant portfolios being established and operational. The Representative Council of Learners' (RCL) members are annually elected by their peers and join the SGB. The mandatory quarterly SGB meetings were held over with complete minutes and a decisions' register being maintained. In respect of the decisions register, all the SGB resolutions have been implemented and completed. The following SGB sub-committees have been established:

FinComm was

ability led by Mr van Heerden and supported by the newly appointed Financial Manager. During the year, monthly meetings have been held to review both the school and hostel financial position. The Audited Annual Financial Statement for the previous financial year indicates an unqualified audit opinion which confirms the high level of financial management and good governance systems. The school budget for the new 2024 academic year was approved by the parents on 27th September 2023, and the Fees Policy was released accordingly.

Legal matters were under the guidance of Advocate Fanana-Mtumane. This committee expedited the review and development of the school's policies. It was imperative that the policies were adapted to be relevant to the current needs of the school community and it was widely consulted with all the stakeholders. The committee work included disciplinary matters for staff and learners, engagement with parents, advice on contracts and policy reviews.

Human Resources Management was coordinated by Ms Mnyaiza to address staff recruitment, development and remuneration matters, to ensure that the

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

PARENTS

- Mrs Deidre Sedras (Chairperson)
- Mrs Caroline Booyens (Deputy Chair / Secretary)
- Dr Mark Bedser
- Mrs Zoleka Fanana-Mtumane
- Mr Robin Knott
- Mrs Mariaan Hartwig
- Mrs Fundiswa Mnyaiza
- Mr Grant van Heerden
- Mr Matthew Yazbek
- Mrs Caryn Boettger (co-opted)

EDUCATORS

- Mrs Ruth del Fava
- Ms Lee McCoy
- Mrs Natalie van Wyk

SUPPORT STAFF

- Mrs Shirley Whittal

LEARNERS

- Miss Sitha Nkwali
- Miss Ciara Smith

EX OFFICIO

- Mrs Julie Patrick (Principal)
- Mr Kelvin Herman (co-opted)

school has the appropriate Staff of educators and administrative support. It is important that we create a professional environment and therefore we complied with the minimum professional qualifications for all educators. This is enhanced with continuous education and training of staff in the various subject-curriculum engagement, staff and pupil welfare matters. It is important to focus on the Staff to have a run-on effect on institutional stability and changes. The recognition of all staff members has been incorporated into the annual programme of the school. The Annual Awards Ceremony recognises the commitment and contribution of staff to the vision of the school.

Infrastructure Management under the leadership of Dr Bedser, Mr Knott and Mr Herman, has ensured that facility management plans are in place for the maintenance, rehabilitation, and development of new infrastructure projects. The projects included the standardization of classrooms with the migration to electronic and digital platforms, pilot the use of multi-functional classroom furniture, construction of the pupils' entrance covered shelter and the completion of a new Aquatics Centre.

The school mission statement is encapsulated in the vision pillars, which were actioned by vision teams. The Pillars are: **Academics, Sport & Culture; Pupil Welfare, community and citizenship; Technology and digital development; Human resource management and External marketing and funding raising.** All these Pillars support the school in attracting the required resources to maintain the standard of education.

All mandatory school policies have been consulted with relevant stakeholders, presented to SGB, and duly approved within the required timeframes as listed below:

- Admission Policy
- Language Policy
- Religious Observances Policy
- Code of Conduct for Learners with amendments during the year

The Policy Sub-Committee reviews, edits and consolidates all school policies to a standardised format,

and alignment with legislation. An official policy register is monitored and requires outstanding policies to be completed before the end of the academic year amongst others:

- Sport Policy
- Academic Policy
- Cyber Policy

Highlights

COVID Recovery plan ensured that the academic programme continued.

Achieved excellent academic results in the city, district and province as measured by the Department of Education.

School Outreach Programme continued within the service and charity societies which demonstrate our compassion for humanity.

The outstanding achievements of staff and learners were recognised during the Annual Achiever's Awards ceremonies. Our learners continue to represent the school at Provincial, National and International platforms in Academics, Sport and Cultural programmes, which is positive marketing exposure for Clarendon High School.

In conclusion, I would like to recognise and appreciate the commitment and support from all the SGB Governors. Firstly, the RCL representatives for their high level of engagement on the important matters of the well-being and needs of the learners, your constituency. Your perspective has contributed to the decisions of the SGB. The Parent representatives showed enthusiasm and selfless hours of commitment across various projects, and their input is highly appreciated.

To the School Principal, Mrs Patrick, her SMT and all Staff members of Clarendon High School, you have executed your duties and responsibilities with resilience and professionalism, ensuring that the academic year is completed with the required high standards of excellence. We are grateful and appreciate your commitment to the learners and the school.

Finally, I would like to wish all the learner, staff and their families a peaceful festive season and a prosperous new year.



120th
Birthday
Celebration

PART

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SPECIAL
CLARENDON

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

EVENTS

AND
AWARDS

GRADE 12 SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED AT PRIZE-GIVING

The **GREG BELING AWARD** for a Sportswoman who has shown exceptional talent and has at all times demonstrated a sense of fair play, service, courtesy and dignity
JENNA TARR

The **PAT ROSE TROPHY** for the single most outstanding Sporting Achievement of the Year
KERRY ELLIOTT

The **RANDALL CULTURAL TROPHY** for the single most outstanding Cultural Achievement of the year, presented by sisters: Caroline, Penny and Alison Randall
SITHA NKWALI

THE JUDGE AWARD – Grade 12 SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
JENNA TARR

The **Odette Schutte GOLDEN CYCAD** Trophy and Certificate for the maintenance of a high standard in work, sport, leadership and general “all-round” contribution
KAYLIN HENDRIKS

The **DAVID LAZARUS AWARD** for service to the school (particularly extra-mural and cultural contributions) in and support of the cultural activities of the school with special reference to one or more of Debating, Drama, Music, Art on the understanding that the recipient has shown at all times a willingness to use her talent and/or influence in cultural activity in the service of the school
EMMA POPE

The **OLD GIRLS’ GUILD JUBILEE AWARD** for Higher Education: for a girl who maintains a first-class average throughout the year and who has loyally and

enthusiastically supported the activities of the school
KAYLIN HENDRICKS

The **KAREN CHAPMAN AWARD** presented by Mr and Mrs Chapman and Nicholas, for friendship and loyal support of others
KATE NEL

The **FURMAN TROPHY** presented by Mrs Roslyn Furman and Katherine, for a young woman who has a social conscience that manifests itself in a desire to improve the lives of those in need (shared)
ANOYOLO LOSE and AMELIA FOURIE

The **ISMAY DUFFY AWARD** for loyal and faithful service at all levels
JORDAN JAMES

The **ELAINE STRONG AWARD** presented by Miss Chew for graciousness and being mindful of the needs of others, and the Elaine Strong book token presented by Mr and Mrs Strong and Alison
BUHLEBAMASANGO MNTALO

The **MARY LAURIE AWARD** presented by Mrs Gersowsky and Mrs Radloff, in recognition of Miss Laurie’s splendid leadership during her years at Clarendon. Awarded to a girl in Grade 12 who has always shown a sense of fair play, is courteous and gracious towards all people, has strong moral values and always does the best of which she is capable, thus reflecting the high ideals of young Clarendon womanhood
KATE NEL

The **OLD GIRLS’ GUILD AWARD** for the Deputy Head Girl AND The **MOIRA FRASER GOOD FELLOWSHIP AWARD** – A picture presented by Moira Fraser in memory of her years in Ketchen House
CIARA SMITH

The **OLD GIRLS’ GUILD AWARD** for the Head Girl of the School AND The **SLESING HONOUR AWARD** Presented to a girl in Grade 12 for Good Fellowship, Dignity, Courtesy, Leadership and Loyalty: the highest award in the school
SITHA NKWALI

Kerry Elliott

Amelia Fourie

Kaylin Hendricks

Jordan James

Anoyolo Lose

Buhlebamasango Mntalo

Kate Nel

Sitha Nkwali

Emma Pope

Ciara Smith

Jenna Tarr

SA REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESTIGE AWARDS



Megan Dove



Kerry Elliott



Kaylin Hendriks



Cara Knott



Jennifer Miller



Robyn Mortlock



Sitha Nkwali



Erin Peters



Leila Schenk

SPECIAL AWARDS

Prestige Awards for SA 'A' Selection
and/or Representation

CULTURE

Jennifer Miller – Dance
Robyn Mortlock – Dance
Sitha Nkwali – Public Speaking

SPORT

Leila Schenk – Biatle
Megan Dove – Chess
Kerry Elliott – Canoeing and Life Saving
Kaylin Hendriks – Hockey
Cara Knott – Squash
Erin Peters – Tennis

SA B TEAMS, NON-TRAVELLING
RESERVES AND
TOP TEN RAKINGS

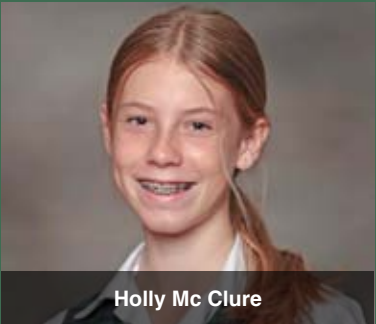
Kate van Heerden – Hockey
Sasha Earl – Squash
Holly Mc Clure – Squash



Kate van Heerden



Sasha Earl



Holly Mc Clure





MATRIC

DANCE

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OPENING OF THE HARRISON AQUATIC CENTRE

By Mr Jay Albasini (Principal of Clarendon Primary School)

Joan Harrison did the impossible. Will you?

Today is a proud day for the Clarendon family. We officially open our brand, new Harrison Aquatic Centre, a Centre that will afford not only our very own Clarendon girls many opportunities, but even learners and sports men and women from within the greater East London area and beyond, will have an opportunity to benefit from the use of this beautiful amenity.

The beginnings of this facility began as a dream and a vision, and so what I thought to do today, was to quite appropriately talk you through the story and the realised

ambitions of our very 'own' internationally renowned swimmer, Joan Harrison (now Breetzke).

Born in East London, in 1935, of a swimming mother and a rugby-playing father, Joan Harrison wasted little time taking advantage of her sporting heritage. At 13, she already held three Junior and two Senior national records. In 1950, at the age of 14, she competed in her first international competition – the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand – beating the old record by 13 seconds, to finish first in the 400m Freestyle event. She was declared the most outstanding swimmer in the Games.

But it was in her second international event – at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952, that her name went down in the history books, distinguishing herself as the first South African Gold Medalist for swimming.

Joan's victory in the 100m Backstroke at Helsinki was a surprise to the whole swimming world.

This comparatively inexperienced swimmer, beat the favoured and fastest woman Backstroke swimmer in the world, Geertje Wielema. Joan Harrison was just 16 years old when she won that gold medal – the age of many of you sitting here today. Amidst a team of more than 80 South Africans, Joan was the only female swimmer.

Close to two years later, at the Commonwealth Games in Canada, Joan went on to win two Gold medals, a Silver and a Bronze, before retiring at the ripe old age of 17. She was South Africa's supreme swimmer in Freestyle,

Backstroke and Individual Medley for 6 years and received the Helms Foundation Award for the best African athlete's performance in any sport. In 1982, Joan was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

When we consider the life of Joan Harrison, and her outstanding achievements and contributions in swimming, it's important to understand that accomplishments such as these, do not come without a cost and without a number of key contributors, some of which I'd like to touch on today.

Joan shared in one of her interviews, that she would practise for hours in the sea-water Quanza Swimming Pool at the Orient Beach. Despite the chill of winter, she persevered and would get home cold. She braved what was needed through the coldest of seasons and stayed motivated and determined, despite the discomfort. What can we learn from this? That it's grit we need in order to push through; that despite facing setbacks and challenges, passion and resilience is what will take us through our adversity to ultimately achieving our dreams; resilience means staying committed and bouncing back after mistakes; it means if you face a challenge, don't let it stop you.

Joan's victory in the 100m Backstroke at Helsinki was a surprise to the whole swimming world. She even said herself, that she didn't expect a first place. However, she knew her strengths and she focused on the good. She stayed committed and the reward for her hard work was greater than she could ever have imagined. There is encouragement to us in her story never to give up on our dreams: spend time visualizing what you want



for the future, and how you plan on getting there; use your imagination and see yourself achieving what it is you want. This will be like a compass to you, guiding you and opening up doors that you didn't dream possible.

There is of course something unique around Joan's story - the truth that she was the only female swimmer representing South Africa that year in Helsinki. She was a true trailblazer, setting a remarkable example for aspiring female athletes to follow. But how can we make this relevant to us today; to every girl sitting here within the sound of my voice? Understand that each of you has unique talents and abilities; as well as intellectual and creative capacities that may lie dormant unless you aspire to becoming great. This greatness doesn't need to look like Joan's did. It will have your name written on it. It will be the story that you leave behind - the mark that you imprint on the world – the impact that you create.

To be a trailblazer, you'll need to possess a unique blend of vision, courage and determination. You'll need to be

innovative in a way that doesn't compromise who you are. It'll demand resilience, passion and commitment to inspire change. Often you might stand alone as you embark on uncharted territories.

Joan went to the Olympics preparing to do her best but never expecting to win. I'm suggesting you remember her story as you use this facility in the days ahead. May it be a reminder, that you in fact, have what is needed to leave your very own mark in this world. Yes, Joan Harrison went on to leave her foot and hand-prints in cement, after being inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. But each of you possesses a unique power within you, a remarkable potential to leave a legacy that will reflect your strength and your compassion. Every action and every choice you make – whether it be in your studies, your passions, your sport, or the causes you believe in – is an opportunity to help shape your own destiny and inspire others. Embrace all challenges as stepping stones to your success, and do the impossible. Good Luck Girls! #FullSteamAhead

OPENING OF THE HARRISON AQUATIC CENTRE – 11 OCTOBER 2023

After Mrs Joan Harrison Breetzke unveiled the plaque, Mrs Julie Patrick said the following:

It gives Mr Albasini and I great pleasure to declare the **Harrison Aquatic Centre** officially open. Thank you Mrs Joan Harrison Breetzke for allowing the Clarendon schools to use your name and for being with us to open this amazing facility. In 1963 you were a part of our Swimming Bath Opening, and now 60 years later, we are truly honoured that your legacy and your name will live on in our rich schools' history for posterity, as a reminder to all our girls, of your exceptional achievements in swimming, not only the Olympic Gold medal, or the induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame – but also for your exemplary sportsmanship and calm demeanour that you were known for.



CONCLUSION

By Mrs Julie Patrick (Principal of the High School)

Citius, Altius, Fortius which is Latin for “Faster, Higher, Stronger”, (the Olympic motto) was the motto used when Mrs Joan Harrison Breetzke attended the Helsinki games in 1952 and won her Gold Medal. Added to this motto is the Latin word for together, so the motto is now “**Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together**”. It is together as a High and Primary school that we gather today. This is the third time lucky – as the weather has disrupted our celebrations. We are sad our Grade 12s are not with us due to the heavy rains, forcing us to postpone the event – but we will encourage them when they complete their final exams to come up here and jump in together as a class.

Welcome to all Staff from the two schools and thank you for all the hard work that has gone into this event. It is wonderful to celebrate together. *I wish to thank on behalf of the schools, those involved in this Harrison Aquatic Centre: from Project Managers, Mr Jed Webber, Dr Mark Bedser, representing Clarendon High SGB and Mr Kreason Naidoo representing from the Primary School SGB. We thank both Fincom Chairpersons: Mr Grant van Heerden and Mr Ross Kelly, and their Committees for the hours of work done on the financial side to this mammoth project. Special mention on behalf of the High School, goes to the Clarendon Trust, Mr Owen Nel, Chairperson, and the Trustees for their continual support in this project and continued support of the school. We thank the Sports Trust Chairman, Dr Greg Tarr, and the Trustees for their involvement in this project. SGB Chairpersons: Mrs Deidre Sedras of the High, and Dr Robyn Spring of the Primary, who led our SGBs during this process and project. Your vision and leadership have been*



greatly appreciated.

We thank Mrs Wrede and Mrs Nicky Murphy who have offered their support from the Prep School too, and we thank the Prep good wishes and the gifts of benches for the pool area. We know the Preppies can't wait to join us and use this facility. We hope some Breetzke great-grandchildren might someday also get to swim in this facility!

The construction of the pool has been in the hands of the following, and we thank them all:

Liam Hepburn from Smale and Partners; HSC Consulting represented by Mr Andrew Scott; CBM Afrika; Mr Jason Buret – of JBC Squared; Eyabantu represented by Clinton Els and Cecily Nton and Starlight Risk Solution; Atlas Filters; CASGAL Construction Company and in particular Gavin Caswell, and Juan Hattingh.

We are grateful to the Staff from both schools, especially Mrs Loryn Nel and Mrs Janniker Nel on whose shoulders this opening event stood. I wish to thank Mrs Loryn Nel especially for the **Learn to Swim** initiative which starts today at 12h00. Finally, the Estate Staff, as once the project was handed over to the schools, they worked tirelessly to get the surrounding environment looking so marvellous – in spite of all the rain.



SISTER ACT!

A Celebration of
Clarendon's 120th
Anniversary



As the 120th year was coming closer, we thought about starting 2023 off in an exceptional way. Clarendon High School for Girls is not only rich with academic mastery, but also creative talent. Our pupils deserved a chance to demonstrate this to East London.

Music always brings people together and gives them a stronger sense of belonging. The idea of choosing a musical, further emphasizes the celebration of 120 years; of sisterhood and female empowerment. A big deciding factor for our production options was the number of female leads and characters. "Sister Act!" has never been staged in East London, and with over twenty female roles it seemed like a perfect fit. The message of sisterhood and selflessness within this play, is in fact quite beautiful and true to Clarendon High School for Girls.

This was Clarendon's first BIG production since the centenary in 2003. Many learners auditioned for the time-intensive show. We opened up our auditions to our brother school, Selborne College, and cast a few Selbornian performers, as our male leads and ensemble

members. Judy Raffan's creativity was chosen for the costumes. The show was held on the 13, 14, 15 and 16 April 2023 at the Guild Theatre.

Ms A Daines, Head of Drama, headed the direction, production and design of the show. Mrs M Wisemen focused on vocal training, musical direction and conducting the band. She was assisted by fellow Music teacher, Ms E Cloete. Ms A Kobus balanced musical arrangements, playing drums and Band direction. The Band consisted of current Clarendon students Sikho Simelane, Emma Pope, Carlyn Sauls, Lisakhanya Ganqa and Megan Geduld. Past educators of Clarendon High School were also involved in the band: Mr I Bellingan and Ms Margaret Lotze.

Lihle Ndzwaiba was cast as 'Deloris Van Cartier', the wayward woman, who joins a witness protection programme, posing as a nun. Leanne Fletcher was cast as 'Mother Superior', the head Nun of St Mary's Church. Tyhila Bobotyana, Ngcali Mgwebi, Unako Nontshinga, Bambanani Daka, Zenande Mquqo were cast in the roles of various lead nuns. The entire rehearsal process spanned over five months, which focused on choreography, singing

and acting.

The show opened to rave reviews from around East London, leading to fully sold-out shows and on the final night, the demand was so high, people requested to view the show from a seat on the carpets and stairs. *Sister Act!* would not have been as successful as it was, had it not been for a combination of all the production Groups.

Various teams were created and run to ensure a success of this show: The Backstage crew was led by Ms Cloete; Marketing, admin and assistance from Ms Van Zyl and Ms Matthis; the Tech Crew; Mrs Smit and her set-design assistants; Cassie De Lange as the choreographer; and lastly, Mrs J Raffan for costume design. Various other staff members contributed their time and effort to ensure the smooth running of the show.

We are so grateful to the parents of all the students involved, for their constant support of the show and their daughters. A large thank you should be given to our Principal, Mrs J Patrick, for her support and encouragement for this celebratory show.



SISTER ACT CAST

BACK ROW: B Daka, T Bobotyana, P Mpunga, K Jansen, H James, I Odendaal, G Morrell, J James; A Pretorius, L Magwentshu, A Mpeta
MIDDLE ROW: Z Mquqo, S Mnyaiza, A Ndabambi, T Dakada, U Dodo, A Mahamba, A Fallo, Z Lopez, A Ncanywa, E Ntengento, M Qangule, B Ncita
FRONT ROW: O Njobe, L Fletcher, Mrs M Wisemen (Vocal Director), L Ndzwaiba, Ms A Daines (Director), N Mgwebi, U Nontshinga



SISTER ACT BACKSTAGE & STAGE CREW

BACK ROW: A Langa, O Mbata, E Ngxola, L Badiyana, A Sambu, L Puwani, Q Ngcobondwana, J Langley, A Myataza, A Mzileni, Y Dayimani, O Kamana, Z Madlolo, L Mazibuko, S Miza, B Mtshukuma, L Ndungane, A Mdudo, L Kata, P Wang
MIDDLE ROW: Mrs H Smit (TIC), C Jegels, Miss E Cloete (TIC), B Ntini, Miss A Daines (TIC), L Jacobsohn, Miss B Matthis (TIC), , L Gcume, Miss C van Zyl (TIC)
ABSENT: C Terblanch



SISTER ACT BAND

BACK ROW: M Geduld, C Sauls, L Ganqa, E Pope, S Simelane
FRONT ROW: Mr I Bellingan (Keyboard), Ms J Sparg (Keyboard), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), Ms A Kobus (Band Director), Ms M Lotze (Saxophone)





5 MONTHS!

The entire rehearsal process spanned over five months, which focused on choreography, singing and acting.

HONOURS AWARDS 2023



Jenna Botha
Academics

HONOURS AWARDS 2023



Mikayla Muller
Re-Award Academics



Kerry Elliott
Academics, Canoeing & Surf Life Saving



Kiera Greenberg
Academics



Kaitlyn Hayward
Academics



Khanya Ndokwana
Academics



Sitha Nkwali
Re-Award Academics & Public Speaking



Erin Peters
Tennis



Kaylin Hendriks
Hockey



Demi Knott
Academics



Anoyolo Lose
Re-Award Academics



Emma Pope
Re-Award Academics



Hannah Rogers
Academics



Leila Schenk
Biathle



Claren Lugo Fernandez
Academics



Khazimla Macingwane
Academics



Buhlebamasango Mntalo
Re-Award Academics



Sikho Simelane
Re-Award Academics



Jenna Tarr
Academics



Rachel Webb
Academics

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HOUSE CLARENDON

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

REPORTS

CONNAUGHT HOUSE

MANAGER:
Mrs S Whittal

CATERING:
Mrs J Potgieter

HOUSEKEEPING:
Mrs L Kruger

HEAD OF HOSTEL:
Anoyolo Lose

DEPUTY HEAD:
Buhlebamasango Mntalo

PREFECTS:
Braunwyn Martin, Khanyisile
Mbanga, Inati Mbundu, Sitha
Nkwali, Ikona Ntoyanto,
Ciara Smith

The start of the year is always a period of adapting for *hostelites* as we are once again away from our homes and our families. However, being in Connaught House makes the whole process of adapting easier because, as much as we are away from our homes, we are back to our 'home away from home' and are reunited with our friends, our little and big sisters and our 'mothers' away from home.

The first thing that comes to mind when Connaught House is mentioned is the warm and safe environment created by the family dynamics amongst, not only the *hostelites*, but also the staff. This dynamic was strengthened this year by the number of fun activities always going on in the hostel such as the *Valentine's Social* and movie nights with Norton House, Youth Day celebration games, sing-songs before House school events and recently watching the Rugby World Cup matches.



CONNAUGHT HOUSE STAFF

BACK ROW: E Menziwa, N Xanga
MIDDLE ROW: J Potgieter, N Mzini, N Toli, L Kruger
FRONT ROW: N Nikelo, S Whittal, G Dywili
ABSENT: A Mahijana, N Jwaai

This dynamic was not only strengthened by these planned activities but also by the smallest and most random things such as the singing sessions during lunch with *omama*; the tiktoks that *hostelites* 'force' the staff to participate in; the random conversations about absolutely nothing, with the supervisor on duty that day; the random jokes during dinner announcements and the loud singing after a lively Derby Day.

All these moments contribute to the very special and unbreakable bond the people in the hostel have. Be that as it may, we cannot talk about family without mentioning the support *hostelites* receive from one another and the staff which we

are eternally grateful for. This is most evident in the celebratory moments amongst *hostelites*, after any *hostelite's* achievement; the continuously updated pictures on the dining hall door of any achievements obtained; the comforting conversations that always leave you feeling loved and cared for with *omama* who cook, clean and do our laundry for us; the unmatched care and love *hostelites* receive from the staff and the calm and disciplined learning environment created in the hostel.

You cannot mention Connaught House without immediately associating sisterhood and love with it, as that is what is at the core of all that happens in the hostel



CONNAUGHT HOUSE 2023

PREFECTS SEATED IN THE FRONT ROW (L-R): Ciara Smith, Braunwyn Martin, Inati Mbundu, Buhlebamasango Mntalo, Mrs J Patrick (Principal), Anoyolo Lose (Head of Hostel), Mrs Whittal (Manager), Sitha Nkwali, Ikona Ntoyanto, Khanyisile Mbanga.
LEFT OF THE SECOND ROW: Mrs J Potgieter (Catering Manager). **RIGHT OF THE SECOND ROW:** Mrs L Kruger (Housekeeping)



GITTINS HOUSE COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: L Telana, S Vilana, J James, B Nondikane
FRONT ROW: I Ntoyanto (V-C), Ms C van Zyl (TIC), L Mbalana (C), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), S Mtumane (S)

GITTINS HOUSE

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
 Ms C van Zyl

HEAD:
 Limile Mbalana

DEPUTY HEAD:
 Ikona Ntoyanto

SECRETARY:
 Sivuyisiwe Mtumane

COMMITTEE:
 Buyanda Nondikane, Jordan James, Lithe-thaa Telana, Sethu Vilana.

The year started off in very promising style, and with great excitement. The Interhouse Gala was the first event where we experienced much fun along with a touch of competitiveness.

Another event on the Committee Calendar was the 2023 Interhouse Play Performance. Amy Ndadambi wrote the script for this year's play, and



Bambanani Daka served as the Co-Director of the play. At the annual Interhouse Sports Events, Gittins demonstrated their true capabilities to the other teams. Another highlight to end the 2023 Committee's year was the 2023 Interhouse Athletics. Despite the strong wind on the day, the Gittins

spirit remained unshaken.

In terms of overall achievements, Gittins claimed the House Trophy for the winning House for 2023. On an academic level, Gittins came second. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to a memorable year. We are looking forward to 2024.



HUNTER HOUSE

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Ms J Theron

HEAD:
Balungile Mgoqi

DEPUTY:
Braunwyn Martin

COMMITTEE:
Lisakhanya Nginase, Liyema Damane, Khanyisile Mbanga, Inathi Mbundu, Ambesa Ngobo

We began the year with the exciting Interhouse Gala held at the Joan Harrison Swimming Pool. The winning house of the gala was Hunter, thanks to our swimmers. Well done to Kayla Gous from Hunter House who won the Best Junior Swimmer Award.

The Interhouse Plays were

another highlight of our year. The theme of the plays was Fairytales. Well done to Hunter House for winning this event. The following learners received special awards:

- Best Bit Part: Africa Mngese
- Most Memorable: Uyasiva Lugqola
- Most Promising: Liyalatha Gcume
- Best Supporting Actress: Akko Falo
- Best Actress: Inati Mbundu
- Best Set Design: A "Normal" Day at Home Affairs
- Best Script: Inati Mbundu
- Best Director: Inati Mbundu
- Best Play: Hunter House

We also enjoyed a day on the Athletics field in Term 3. The three houses competed with great excitement. After some thrilling events, Hunter took home the

winning trophy! Congratulations to the following Hunter House Athletes:

- Leila Schenk – Best U14 Athlete
- Cara Knott – Best U15 Athlete
- Jenna Tarr – Victrix Ludorum

Hunter won the Interhouse Academic Cup at Prizegiving this year, and came second overall. Well done Hunter, let's keep the blue flag flying high!



HUNTER HOUSE COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: K Mbanga, A Ngobo, I Mbundu, L Nginase
FRONT ROW: B Martin (Deputy), J Theron (TIC), B Mgoqi (Head), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), L Damane



KETCHEN HOUSE

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Ms S Gqibani

HEAD:
Usisipo Mali

DEPUTY HEAD:
Axola Poni

COMMITTEE:
Delali Bakudie, Hlumisa Bizana, Samantha Lebenya, Lethu Maqokolo, Alizwa Tsupe

The Ketchen House Committee started the year in great spirits and determination to serve the house. The Grade 8 Orientation is a memorable highlight of

the Committee welcoming Ketchen House Grade 8s and instilling a sense of pride in their house. The first event of the year was the Interhouse Gala where there was much spirit and some fun competitiveness.

The second event on our Calendar was the Interhouse Plays with the theme 'A fairytale with a twist'. Our play 'A normal day at Home Affairs' was written by Siphesihle Dungu and directed by Usisipo Mali. Ketchen was awarded the Best House Design and Africa Mngese, who played the role of the bursar in the play, was awarded the Best Bit Part.

Another highlight on our Calendar was the Interhouse Athletics Day where once again our house spirit was displayed. The cheering and the girls supporting their fellow athletes, showed unity within Ketchen House. Ketchen House showed our competitive spirit and we were placed second overall and walked away with the Spirit Cup.

In terms of overall achievements, Ketchen House placed third in both Academic and Overall House Points. We would like to thank our Committee for their efforts this year and we are looking forward to 2024.



KETCHEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: D Bakudie, L Maqokolo, A Tsupe, S Lebenya
FRONT ROW: A Poni (Deputy), Ms S Gqibani (TIC), U Mali (Head), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), H Bizana



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CLARENDON

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

OF LEARNERS

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GRADES

HEAD GIRL'S MESSAGE

By Sitha Nkwali

If there is one thing that the Matric Class of 2023 did, it was living fully and leaving their mark at Clarendon. The past year witnessed learners who gave of their best and who never gave up, even when the odds were not in their favour. Our Class can be described as one full of diverse talents which have contributed to the excellence of the school.

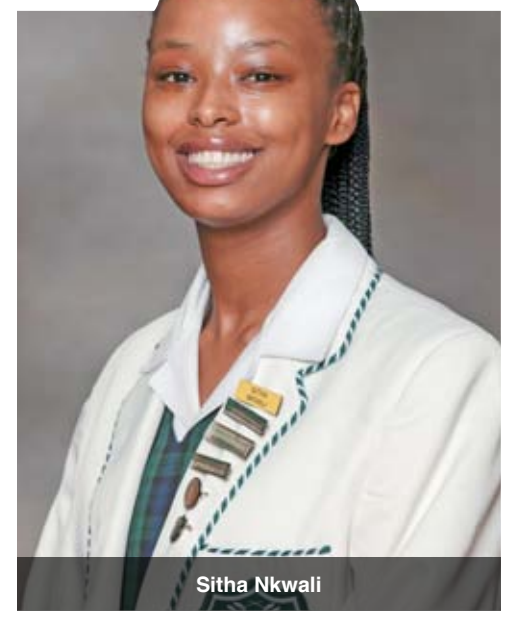
I will never forget the passionate singing and spirit of the school during Derby Days. It was on these days that our unity and camaraderie was evident. In addition to the drums, the singing and the chanting, our teams never disappointed on the field. 'Win or lose, one thing was certain, we never gave up'.

The tradition of "big

sister- little sister", which entailed a Grade 8 being paired with an older Matric sister, was implemented. Our main objective was to make the transition into high school easier for our little sisters. We all remember how intimidating high school was, but with a little help, we overcame this challenge and fostered new bonds along the way.

High school has been a rollercoaster ride. We have experienced great times, and were also presented with learning opportunities on multiple fronts, especially during Covid times. Thank you to our families and the staff for guiding us throughout the journey.

As we embark into the world, we will never forget the values that have been instilled in us at Clarendon. It has been an honour and a great privilege to



Sitha Nkwali

be the Head Girl of 2023. I have so much love and admiration for our Matric class. We have impacted each other in ways that I cannot describe. I hope that we all remain true to our cores, and I wish everyone good luck for the future.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS



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BACK ROW:

4TH ROW:

3RD ROW:

2ND ROW:

FRONT ROW:

ABSENT:

O Marotya, A Tokwe, K Nel, D Muller, C Lugo Fernandez, L Mbuku, B Mntalo
E Lutge, M Kupa, L Bijal, M Mbaye, K Hayward, J Van Den Bosch, L Bushet
D Sedras, I Ntshole, R Mosoang, A Kobese, K Mnyaka, B Ntini, K Rama
K Hendriks, L Dudumashe, S Simelane, U Mbilini, A Lose, N Tumbare, L Nondabula, S Ntozakhe, U Nontshinga
Mrs L McCoy (TIC), C Smith (Deputy Head Girl), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), S Nkwali (Head Girl), Ms S Gqibani (TIC), C Bizana, Mrs H Smit (TIC)
K Macingwane



GRADE 12 CLASSES



BACK ROW: K Mbanga, K Van Heerden, U Luggola, T Harvey, E Hayes, T Dickinson, J Boettger, C Van Seumeren
3RD ROW: L Jacobsohn, A Soci, B Mntalo, M Manona, G Moulang, Z Rahman, A Ngobo
2ND ROW: A Lose, K Potgieter, P Roman, M Wanji, K Greenberg, E Peters, S Lebenya
FRONT ROW: A Peter, J Miller, Mrs N Van Wyk (Grade Tutor), Ms A Dunga (Class Teacher), S Vilana, E Mtimkulu



BACK ROW: S Schutte, L Maqokolo, R Becker, H Büchner, T Diplock, J Salamon, S Nkwali
3RD ROW: A Kapp, K Matabeni, A Buys, C Hendry, S Alexander, K Harvett, L Telana
2ND ROW: L Nginase, L Sizani, I Mbundu, L Sekeleni, R Hameed, S Mtumane, C Chan
FRONT ROW: S Msutu, S Simelane, Mrs N van Wyk (Grade Tutor), Mr AP Koshy (Class Teacher), R Mortlock, B Nojiwa

GRADE 12 CLASSES



GRADE 12.3

BACK ROW: K Buswana, J Kilian, K Elliott, H Webber, A Willard, H Fox, J James
3RD ROW: D Bakudie, B Ntini, K Mabula, C Zimmerman, E Collins, K Nel, A Poni
2ND ROW: S Mnyaiza, S Mgqaliso, N Jikwana, M Shube, B Martin, T Birtill, A Masoka
FRONT ROW: L Siqonda, B Nondikane, Mrs N Van Wyk (Grade Tutor), Mr B Mountfort (Class Teacher), B Mgoqi, K Hendriks



GRADE 12.4

BACK ROW: S Mbilini, L Mbalana, A Albers, J Botha, A Tsupe, E Pope, B Hagemann
3RD ROW: A Fourie, M Muller, G Sanders, A Nkopane, V Yози, R Abraham
2ND ROW: C Sauls, M Hassan, N Kudlacs, J Jones, D Sedras, A Sternele, T Anderson
FRONT ROW: N Mtwa, K Macingwane, Mrs N Van Wyk (Grade Tutor), Mrs K Venter (Class Teacher), P Ball, C Smith
ABSENT: L Milne

GRADE 12 CLASSES



GRADE 12.5

BACK ROW: J Park Proudman, R Krause, C Joubert, B Magrimo, H Rogers, T Wilken, J Hodgkinson
2ND ROW: E-J van Niekerk, M Kupa, I Gqoboka, S Dungu, M-N Pokwana, M Madala, L Mhlaba
3RD ROW: T Gooranah, M Mortimer, S Ntozakhe, S Ngcelwane, I Ntoyanto, L Damane, U Mali
FRONT ROW: G Torr, H Bizana, Mrs N van Wyk (Grade Tutor), Ms L Volker (Class Teacher & Assistant Grade Tutor), J Tarr, L Ngele





FORTY FORTY

MAY 2023

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GRADE 11

TUTOR:
Mrs H Smit

ASSISTANT TUTOR:
Ms Z Mazaleni

CLASS TEACHERS:
11.1 Ms A Hookins
11.2 Ms C Knott
11.3 Ms E Swanepoel
11.4 Mr J Still
11.5 Ms J Theron

The Grade 11s spent a fantastic day working together, building friendships and enjoying new experiences at Nahoon beach with Dean Knox and the Jonginenge

team. What a great day, from surfing to rock painting, river paddle to volleyball, so much fun was had building another layer of Clarendon Sisterhood. #ClarrieClarrieClarrie #NSYNC #Girl Power

We were sad to bid farewell to Hannah Kropp, our Exchange Student from Germany. Hannah spent a year with us, moving from Grade 10 to Grade 11. We were also very excited to have three Exchange Students join our Grade 11 class for part of 2023.



GRADE 10

GRADE TUTOR:
Mrs A Haschick

CLASS TEACHERS:
10.1: Ms A Griffin
10.2: Ms B Matthis
10.3: Ms G Bhana
10.4: Mrs L Higgs (and Assistant
Grade Tutor)
10.5: Ms N Ryder

GRADE 10

DANCE

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GRADE 10

TEAM

BUILDING

GRADE 9 REPORT

TUTOR:

Mrs R Hobbs

ASSISTANT TUTOR:

Mrs S Gqibani

CLASS TEACHERS:

- 9.1 Miss C Hempel
- 9.2 Mrs S Gqibani (and Assistant Grade Tutor)
- 9.3 Mrs M Schultz (Term 1)
Ms N Wood (Term 2-4)
- 9.4 Ms A Daines
- 9.5 Mr M Orsmond

The Grade 9 year is known to be challenging. It is a really important year in High School as it is one when there are always going to be big changes, as well as big decisions for the future.

After postponing our *Jonginenge Leadership and Team-building Excursion* due to a sewage spill at Nahoon Beach, we managed to hold a very successful and fun-filled day at Nahoon Beach. The Grade 9s showed great enthusiasm and spirit as they tackled each task set out by the Jonginenge team. This outing is always a wonderful way to encourage the learners to step out of their comfort zone and to do something that they wouldn't normally do. It was a beautiful day of laughter and smiles and just a way to build on our sisterhood and

unity in the grade.

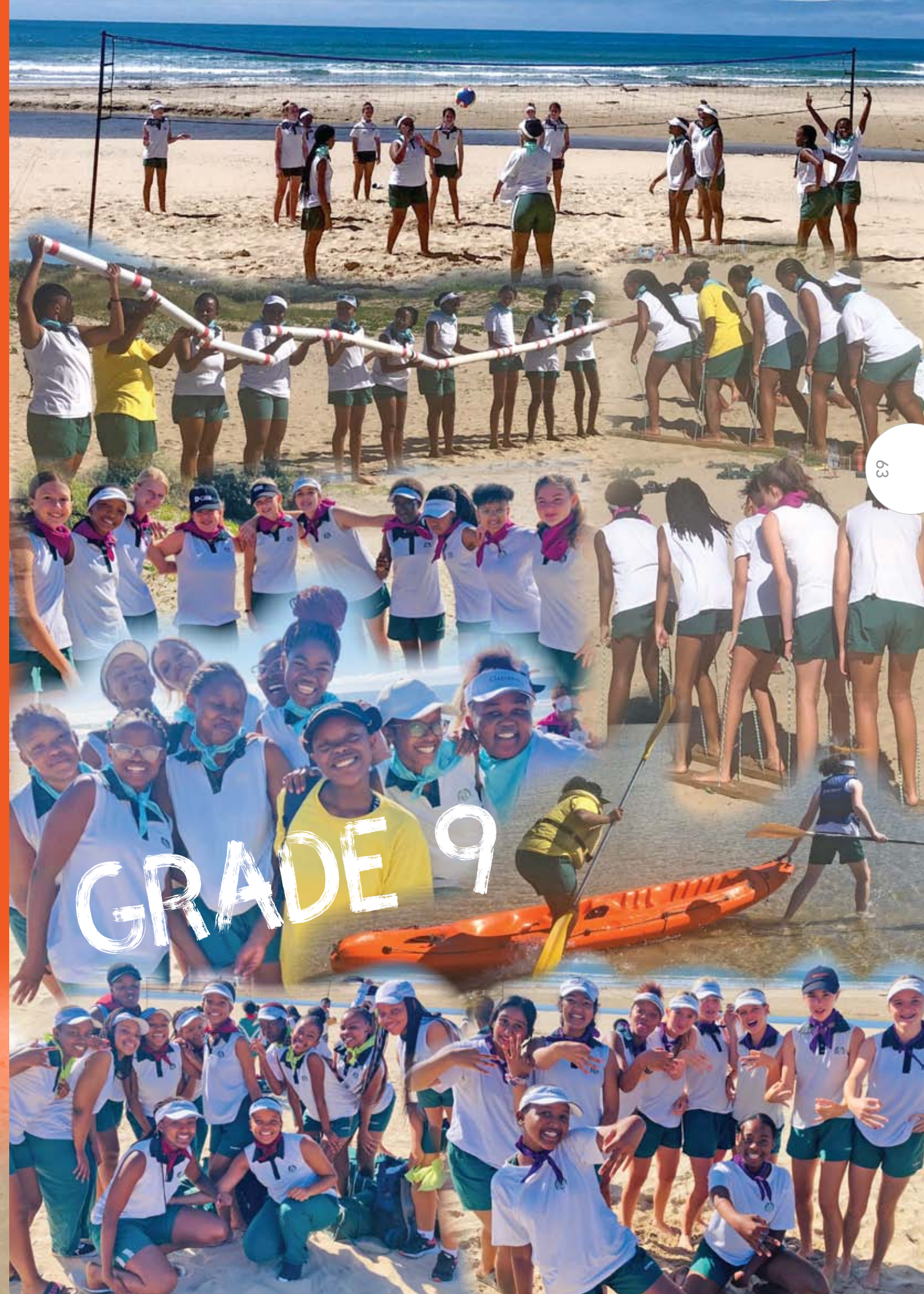
The *Bags of Hope* Initiative was undertaken by Clarendon High School as we celebrated our 120th Birthday Celebrations. The Grade 9s opened their hearts and donated items that would be suitable for people who are homeless and less fortunate. Thank you Grade 9s for being so willing to give.

The Third Term presented a new challenge to the Grade 9s, one of choosing their elective subjects for 2024. This is always a time of extremely difficult decisions. At the end of August, Clarendon and the Grade 9 Team held an informative Grade 9 Subject Choice Evening. Ms Bongiwe Mdingi, a Student Advisor at Stellenbosch University addressed the Grade 9s. She gave such valuable information and advice to the learners as they began to think about, reflect on, and choose their subjects for the next year. Loadshedding threw in a curveball; however, in true Clarendon style, we rose to

the occasion and the Subject Heads had a cosy interaction with both the learners and their parents in a Subject Fair type environment in the Centenary Quad. The atmosphere was one of excitement, there was a bustle as everyone moved amongst the subjects interacting with the teachers and pupils of those particular subjects.

Ms Hookins and the Matric Dance Committee hosted a wonderful Junior '*Barbie and Ken*' Social, for the Grade 8 and 9 Clarendon and Selborne learners. The Dance Committee pulled out all the stops, with delicious pancakes, boerewors rolls and Friesland milkshakes on sale, to name a few of the tasty treats! The décor set the scene for a fun-filled evening, where the learners from both schools danced and interacted with one another. It was a super way to end off Term 3. A big thank you to the Matric Dance Committee and all the teachers who were involved in making the evening a success!

Although for many, Grade 9 has been a tough year, you have reached the end! Remember that '*you are always enough*'. We look forward to watching you as you embark on the final years of High School, and as you venture into the world ahead.



GRADE 8

GRADE TUTOR:

Mrs W Howarth

ASSISTANT TUTOR:

Mrs D Blane

CLASS TEACHERS:

Mrs D Alderman, Miss L Ragaval,
Miss C Bekker, Mrs C Schmidt,
Ms C Van Zyl

High school is one of the most exciting, yet challenging, times in a person's life. It is a time where life-long friendships are made, and memories are created; all whilst working hard and preparing for major milestones. We believe that for



We ended Term 3 with a wonderful "Barbie and Ken"-themed social with the Selborne Grade 8s and 9s, where much fun was had by all. In Term 4, Mrs McCoy offered a valuable Study Skills Workshop. Those who attended left with valuable skills and a desire to do better. As an Outreach project, we collected soft toys for children experiencing trauma. We have been encouraged by those learners who have actively become involved in all that Clarendon has to offer. We hope that every Grade 8 pupil continues to stay invested in the values we uphold, involved in all that Clarendon has to offer and strives to give of her best at all times.

Make Your Mark



Goodall states, "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference. You just have to decide what kind of difference you want to make". These themes have guided and led us in our aims for the grade in developing self-awareness, awareness of others and an ability to see our impact on the big picture as pupils of Clarendon as well as responsible citizens.

The year started with a 2-week orientation period, during which the Grade 8s were given a thorough insight into all the activities offered

at Clarendon. The Heads of all Cultural and Service Societies and Sport codes encouraged them to become involved, with the emphasis on mass participation. Mrs McCoy spent time sharing the "Wellness Wheel" and encouraging pupils to look after their emotional and mental well-being. We held an interaction with the Selborne Grade 8s where a fun soccer tournament was held.

The House Committees ran a fun inter-house event. All Grade 8s wore the traditional name tag, pigtailed and carried buckets as bags. A Sisterhood Pledge Ceremony with the Grade 12s brought the orientation to a close. The RCL pupils also handed over

"Make your Mark" key rings as mementos of their orientation period.

Grade 8 brings about many firsts - the first Founders' Day, Athletics' Day, Derby Days, Prize-giving and the list goes on. It has been encouraging to see so many Grade 8s embracing our Clarendon culture - we support one another and celebrate one another's achievements. The compulsory Supporter's Card, where pupils are required to attend 6 Clarendon events in the year, is one of the ways in which we strive to teach the importance of involvement outside of the

classroom. Well done to all of those who attended more than the required minimum number of events.

In Term 2, the Grade 8s faced another first, their first high school examinations. This was an anxious and trying time for many. We commend those pupils who stepped up and prepared well.

Our Grade 8s also had two very informative visits from Guest Speakers during Term 3. Our first visit, which happens annually, was from the Gideon's Society, who came to hand out pocket bibles to those who wished to receive one. The girls who joined this session and received a bible, truly appreciated their gifts. Nwabisa Mhluma, a representative from Stayfree, educated our Grade 8s on the importance of sanitary hygiene and addressed age-specific issues. Her openness with the learners, on what their bodies go through at this stage of their lives, was greatly valued and was most helpful.



the majority of Grade 8s, the true meaning and value of sisterhood has been understood and embraced.

Clarendon's theme for the year was "Make your mark". We aim to promote excellence and develop holistic learners.

As the saying by Jane







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ACCOUNTING

HEAD:
Mrs L Higgs

STAFF:
Mr J Still

The Matric Class of 2022, comprising 17 Accounting pupils, produced an amazing set of results in the final examinations. Well done to the Class of 2022!

The subject of Accounting is like the saying: "Change is the only constant in life"; although the rules and procedures don't change in Accounting, the way we examine and test, changes constantly. This requires commitment in the classroom and at home from our students. It is beneficial to do Accounting as a subject at school – everywhere you go, every time you purchase or sell something, Accounting is involved. My hope is that more

young ladies will grasp the opportunity to choose this amazing subject that will definitely benefit them in the future.

During March, the Grade 10, 11 and 12 Accounting classes had the privilege to meet Thabile Payi, a past pupil of Clarendon High (Class of 2013). She shared her experiences of studying Accounting at university and what it is really like to do auditing in businesses. We thank Thabile for giving up her time to talk to the girls, and for her positive and inspiring words.

Six Grade 10, nine Grade 11 and eight Grade 12 learners entered the Proverto Accounting Olympiad and completed round one on 10 May 2023. Seventeen learners proceeded to the second and final round on 2 August



Mrs Higgs



Mr Still

MATRIC 2022 RESULTS

A	B	Average
9	5	77,8%

2023. Taking part in Olympiads is extremely beneficial to the learners as it helps them to revise their work before Term 2 examinations. The questions are multiple choice, but expose the pupils to different types of questions that challenge their understanding of the subject. We encourage all Accounting learners to take up this opportunity for enrichment.

I thank Mr Still for his continued support and input in the Accounting Department.

AFRIKAANS EERSTE ADDISIONELE TAAL

VAKHOOF:
Mev. H Lottering (vakhoof)

PERSONEEL:
Mev S Coetzee (Januarie),
Mej C van Zyl, Mev C Schmidt,
Mej E Swanepoel, Mnr M Fourie



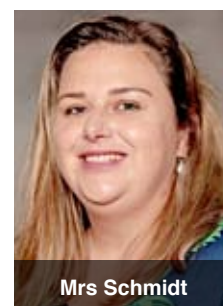
Mrs Lottering



Mrs Coetzee



Miss van Zyl



Mrs Schmidt



Miss Swanepoel



Mr Fourie

2023 het baie hoogte punte sowel as laagte punte gehad. Die jaar het op 'n baie hoë noot begin met die uitsonderlike uitslae wat die Graad 12-klas van 2022 behaal het. Die 2022-matrikulante het hulle goed van hulle taak gekwyd en hulle prestasies demonstreer, weer eens hulle harde werk en die toewyding van beide leerkragte en leerders.

Dit is met hartseer en spyt dat ons aan die einde van Januarie vir mev. Coetzee moes groet. Mev Coetzee se entoesiasme en bydrae tot die Afrikaansdepartement sal beslis deur beide mede-kollegas

en leerders gemis word. Mev Coetzee het 17 jaar aan die Hoër Meisieskool Clarendon onderrig gegee en haar toewyding, onbaatsugtige houding teenoor die leerders en die vooruitgang van Afrikaans sal altyd deur haar kollegas en leerders onthou word. Ons bedank mev Coetzee vir haar bydraes en harde werk in die Afrikaansdepartement. Ons wens vir mev Coetzee alles van die beste toe met haar aftrede en die nuwe hoofstuk in haar lewe.

Ons het ook vir mej Swanepoel aan die begin van die tweede kwartaal in die Afrikaansdepartement verwelkom. Haar entoesiasme is aansteeklik en ons hoop dat sy 'n lang pad met die Clarendon familie sal stap en gelukkige jare saam met ons sal hê.

Ten laastens wil ek net my hardwerkende kollegas in die Afrikaansdepartement vir nog 'n jaar van harde werk bedank!

BUSINESS STUDIES

HEAD:
Ms Z Mazaleni

On the 8 September, 21 Grade 11 Business Studies students embarked on an educational excursion to the Mercedes-Benz manufacturing facility (MBSA). This excursion proved to be an indelible and enriching

experience for the students, as it allowed them to connect first-hand with the theoretical concepts they had been studying in their Business Studies curriculum. It also gave them an opportunity to look into different career paths that are possible within the car-manufacturing industry, specifically Mercedes Benz in East London, and see how this industry has evolved over the

last few centuries. We are grateful for having had this opportunity and thank both Mercedes Benz and Mrs Patrick for making it possible.



Ms Z Mazaleni



COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

HEAD: Mrs Angela Haschick

In the digital age, Computer Literacy is the key that unlocks the door to limitless possibilities, empowering individuals to navigate, innovate, and thrive in an ever-evolving technological landscape. The Computer

Applications Technology department at Clarendon strives to ensure that every pupil leaves our school with the skills to survive in this ever-changing world. The 2022 class did themselves proud with Kirita Voster coming 1st in the BCM district for CAT and the class of 2022 also being the top

performing school in the BCM district – well done class of 2022. Well done to the pupils who were placed 1st in CAT in 2023: Grade 10 – Cara Knott, Grade 11 – Caitlin Higgs and Grade 12 – Kerry Elliott. All the best to the Grade 12 class of 2023 and keep the Clarendon flag flying high.



Mrs Haschick



Kerry Elliott



Caitlin Higgs



Cara Knott

CONSUMER STUDIES

HEAD:

Mrs H Wetmore

STAFF:

Mrs W Howarth

In January, we were proud to receive the results of our Matric group of 2022 and congratulate them, as their results were the top marks in our BCM District for Consumer Studies.

We began the year with the completion of the next phase of the renovation of our practical facility. Our sinks were raised to match the height of the work surface of the tables, with new splash back tiles. Old cupboards were removed to give a more spacious feel and the addition of a new wall unit was added. The teacher's desk area was replaced with a built-in desk, and a demonstration table on wheels, with storage units, was custom-made for the lab. We thank FINCOM and the Governing Body for approving the upgrade, as this certainly has made a difference.

In April, two of our matric pupils, Abigail Willard and Jessi Boëttger, represented us in the Master Chef competition at the National All Girls' Festival, hosted by Eunice High School in Bloemfontein.

They were given a mystery box of ingredients, and had to create a main course and a dessert in a time limit of one and half hours. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase their creativity in the culinary arts. The pupils also engaged in a tour, visiting places of interest, while learning about Events Management, including flower arranging and plating techniques. On their visit to the *Taylor Made Butchery*, they were educated on how to prepare different meat cuts – an experience that was thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Ms Knott



Mrs Wetmore



Mrs Howarth



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who accompanied the girls.

We were proud of two of our Grade 11s, Bambangazibini Daka and Shanna Long, who took part in the preliminary round for the District for the NTCE (National Tourism Career Expo) Competition. This took place in August, as an interschool event. They each had to bake and ice a novelty cake with the theme 'Save the Earth'. Their creativity in interpreting the theme in their final product was most impressive.

Mrs Howarth and Mrs Wetmore will both be saying goodbye and moving onto other ventures. They have a combined teaching experience of 76 years!

We wish this year's Matrics all the best for the final examinations and for their future endeavours.



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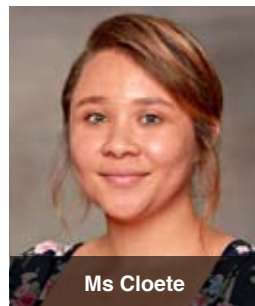
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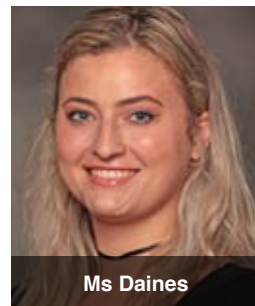
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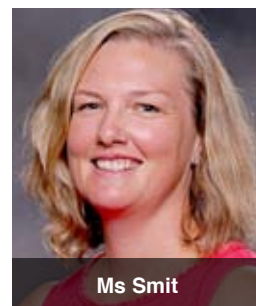
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Ms Daines



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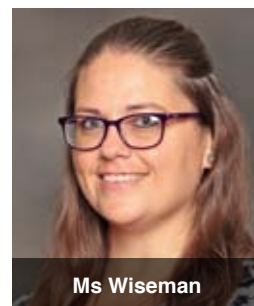
Ms Smit



Ms Sparg



Miss van Zyl



Ms Wiseman

HEAD:

Ms N van Wyk (Art)

STAFF:

Ms E Cloete (Music)
Ms A Daines (Drama)
Ms A Kobus (Music)
Ms H Smit (Art)
Ms J Sparg (Music)
Ms C van Zyl (Drama)
Ms M Wiseman (Music)

DRAMATIC ARTS

HEAD:

Ms A Daines

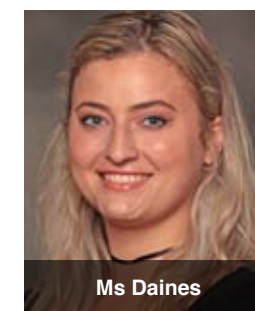
A plethora of Drama activities occurred this year. The 1st Term was dedicated to the preparation of our musical, *Sister Act!*

The 2nd Term involved five students attending the *National All Girl's Festival*, which was held at Eunice. The students took part in various Physical Theatre Workshops and a mini seminar on "Consent in Theatre".

The 3rd term was a really busy one for the Drama Department. Our Matric students performed at Stirling High School to take part in the Matric

section of the *Buffalo City Creative Arts Eisteddfod - Drama*. The Afrikaans category was held at Grens Primary school on the 26 August. The remainder of our students from Grade 8 to Grade 11, continued their Drama performances on the 4th and 5th of September, at Clarendon High School for Girls. Clarendon High School also hosted the isiXhosa Eisteddfod on the 6th September. This was also held in Pinewood.

Overall, the results were incredibly favourable and two of our students received Medals



Ms Daines

at the final Awards evening, which was held on the 18th September, at the Guild Theatre. Our Grade 9 student, Zenande Mquqo received a medal for her Umbongo performance, with 96%. Khanya Mdokwana in Grade 11 received two medals: One, for her original verse titled *Isolation*, and the other medal awarded for a Monologue. Her Monologue and her original verse both scored 95%. Khanya was privileged enough to have her work chosen for printing in the Awards Evening Programmes.

The Junior One-Act plays were held on the 8 August, where the Grade 9 students, Zenande Mquqo and Angalakha Mzileni won the Best Play. The Inter-house Plays were held on the 15 August. Hunter House's, *Inati Mbundu* was awarded the Best Actress Trophy, and Hunter house ended up being the winning house for most categories. The Inter-house Plays were adjudicated by Mrs Nasine Boltz, Head of the *East London Performing Arts Society* and Vocal Instructor. The Variety Show was held the following week and an assortment of talented singers, musicians and actresses used the platform to showcase their skills.

Lastly, in the 4th term, the Drama department started the process of auditions for the next play, *Radium Girls*, being produced in 2024. This process was headed by Ms Daines and assisted by the Cultural Head, Ms A Kobus and the Assistant Director, Mrs M Wisemen.

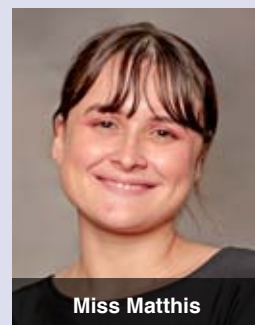
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

HEAD:

Miss N September, Miss B Matthis

EDUCATORS:

Miss B Matthis, Miss N September, Miss C Hempel



Miss Matthis



Miss September



Miss C Hempel

Digital Technology was first introduced in the school in 2021 with the hopes of helping the learners make an informed subject choice in Grade 10 with regards to I.T and CAT. We started with half of the Grade 8 class in 2021. The following year we had a full complement of Grade 8's and half a class of Grade 9's taking Digital Technology. This is the first year we have had

the entire GET phase taking the subject. We have identified why this subject is a much-needed addition to the curriculum. Not only are we helping the girls make an informed Grade 10 subject choice, but we are also teaching them important skills that will help them in tertiary education and careers.

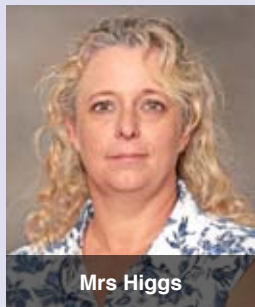
This has also been the first year that we have fully taken advantage of the Microsoft Makecode platform, where the girls learn how

to code with physical computing devices such as the BCC Micro:bit. We are fortunate to have had enough of these Micro:bits sponsored by the Government, so that learners do not have to purchase their own. These devices allow the learners to see how hardware and software work together.

The learners are currently busy with their yearly Practical Assessment Task (PAT) which allows them to showcase their computer skills in a real-life scenario. The learners have been very excited about this project, and we have been most impressed with the increased enthusiasm and curiosity in the learners with regard to the evolving technological world.



ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCES



Mrs Higgs



Miss C Hempel

HEAD:
Mrs L Higgs

STAFF:
Miss C Hempel

This subject, taught from Grade 7, comprises three individual subjects, namely Accounting (introduced in Grade 8), Business Studies and Economics. The Grade 8s are taught how to answer the theory questions with understanding, rather than in parrot fashion. The Accounting section proves to be intimidating, yet fun to learn.

On 17 August, the Grade 9s enjoyed a fun-filled day out of the classroom, playing *Banango*, a business simulation game presented by the Johannesburg School of Finance. The five classes were divided into small groups, which then competed against each other, to see which team could make the highest profit by making real-life business decisions on pricing, advertising, stock volumes, just to name a few. Much fun was had by all.

I thank Miss Hempel, who joined the EMS Department at the beginning of the year, for her input.



ENGLISH

HEAD:
Mr B Mountfort

STAFF:
Ms A Hookins,
Mrs K Venter,
Ms A Griffin, Ms G Bhana,
Mr M Orsmond, Ms J Sparg,
Ms A Smith (Jan-Mar),
Ms N Wood (April-Dec)

We were privileged to have welcomed three new appointees to our department at the start of the year: Mr B Mountfort (Head of English), Ms G Bhana and Ms J Sparg. These folk have provided a wide variety of experience and have seamlessly made themselves at home in the English Department here at Clarendon.

The English Olympiad was once again written early in March with 24 of our learners participating. The following results were attained: 6 Participation Certificates, 6 Merit Certificates, 8 Bronze Certificates, 2 Silver Certificates, and Tashnii Gooranah and Rachel Webb both wrote their way to Gold Certificates. Congratulations to all these learners for extending themselves in this manner.

SACEE events were once again very well supported, especially the Poetry and Short Story competitions. We commend our girls for their wholehearted enthusiasm in participating in these events. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, official results have not been released.

During the First Term, the Grade Tens were afforded the opportunity of seeing Shakespeare come to life and watched a local production of *Romeo and Juliet* presented at the Guild Theatre. This proved to be an invaluable experience for the many learners who enjoyed the show, as it a text that is examined in Grade Ten.

At the end of Term 1, Ms A Smith, stalwart of the department,



Mr Mountfort



Ms Hookins



Mrs Venter



Ms Griffin



Ms Bhana



Mr Orsmond



Ms Sparg



Ms Smith



Ms Wood

said her final farewells as she made good on her desire to emigrate to England. We thank her for staying on for an extra term and for going above and beyond. Our very best wishes for the future go with her.

At the start of Term 2, we welcomed Ms N Wood, who did a sterling job in picking up where Ms Smith left off. Ms Wood worked hard to gain rapport with her new learners, whilst keeping pace with the demands of teaching English.

Lori-Ann Preston (née Schlimper), Clarendon Old Girl turned Primary School Teacher, turned author, visited our Grade Tens to Twelves for a pre-exam creative burst. Lori-Ann's wit and effervescence relayed excitement and passion for writing in a way we "boring old teachers" cannot. Her career path showed our learners that one need not only colour inside the box.

A group of Grade Elevens, accompanied by Miss Hookins and Ms Daines, attended

live performances at The Grahamstown Schools' Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity offered to our learners, who enjoyed the various shows and drama experiences.

In Term Three, the Grade Eights to Elevens once again took part in the SACEE Language Challenge. At the time of writing, official results had not been released, but we wish to acknowledge the following who stood out amongst their peers in each Grade:

- Grade 8** – Gabrielle Assam (91), Rehana Pathan (87), Chloe Ticker and Enisa Tambulu (86)
- Grade 9** - Zenande Mquqo (94), Qhayiya Mqeni (92), Unaye Mjekula (91)
- Grade 10** – Emma Booyens (96), Jessica Lloyd (92), Layla Khandoo (92)
- Grade 11** – Rachel Webb (95), Demi Knott (92), Iyasazi Arosi and Jada-Nicole Silmons (91)

It is clear that creative juices flow fiercely here at Clarendon. I would like to make mention of girls who have had pieces published on various platforms: Maimouna Mbaye (*The Daily Maverick*), Zehiye Rahman and Jessica Bushell (*English Alive*). Sienna Nel was selected as the winner of the Free Prose Creative writing section at the National All Girls' Schools

Festival. Canzi Bizana was placed second in the inaugural *Vrij and Karuna Harry Young Writer's Competition* for 2023; whilst Maria Mortimer has been prolific in her offerings, being published on multiple sites and even landing a guest appearance on the *Writecause* podcast.

Unfortunately, goodbyes also have to be said. Although

having just arrived, we have had to say goodbye to Ms N Wood who has taken the decision to emigrate with her family. Though we are sad to say farewell, we wish her all the best for her future.

The English Department is a busy one, yet as always, strives to provide diverse opportunities for our girls. We look forward to Chapter 2024.

GEOGRAPHY

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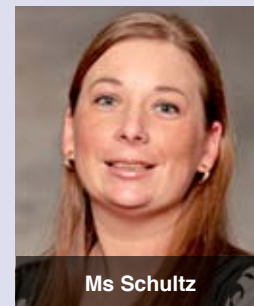
Mr M Fourie

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Ms M Schultz



Mr Fourie



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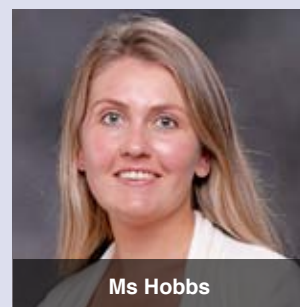
Ms R Hobbs, Ms M Schultz, Mr M Orsmond

The Matric Class of 2022 achieved outstanding results in their final examinations. We had 9 History girls achieve Cum Laude, 25 A aggregates, 18 B aggregates and 12 C aggregates. History had 100% pass rate with an excellent Average of 74.5%. Congratulations to Jenna Viviers, our top History student, who received an overall result of 96%.

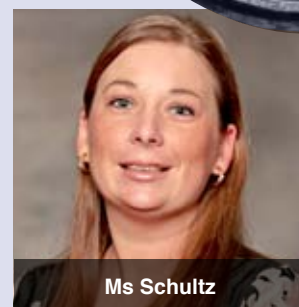
We look forward to the Class of 2023's Matric results and wish them well.



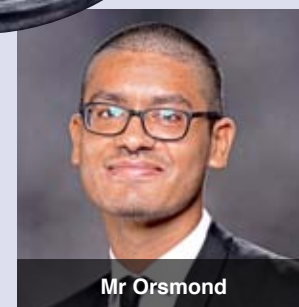
Ms Smit



Ms Hobbs



Ms Schultz



Mr Orsmond

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

HEAD

Mr T Roberson

TECHNICAL:

Miss N September, Mr P King

2023 was a successful year for the Academic side of the IT Department at Clarendon. Our students, across all grades, showcased outstanding performance, producing top-notch quality work and innovative computer programmes.

The Grade 10 pupils utilised Delphi for classwork, examinations, and their year-long Practical Assessment Tasks (PATs). These PATs this year notably centred on Business Management and Environmental Eco-Friendly systems.

Grade 11 students delved deeper into programming with Delphi, exploring intricate coding principles like TextFiles and Arrays, coupled with



Mr Roberson



Miss September



Mr King

Database administration (ADO). The Grade 12 cohort shifted their focus towards object-orientated programming (OOP) and database development, leveraging structured query language (SQL), multi-dimensional Arrays/Lists, and advanced subroutines.

A groundbreaking addition to our academic offerings was the introduction of AI technologies, notably ChatGPT. Furthermore, the year saw the unveiling of Loona, the Robot. Loona, a first-of-its-kind AI robot, has been integrated with ChatGPT, offering

students an unprecedented hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology.

On the technical front, various venues around the school were equipped with new data projectors, computers, and sound bars. The decision to transition from Google for Education to Microsoft 365 was particularly strategic, enabling us to align with the fast-paced business world and university demands. This pivotal shift ensures that by the time our students matriculate, they will be fully computer literate and ready for the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in this post-Covid era. Another groundbreaking achievement was the successful implementation of Grade 8 and 9 Digital Technology in all grades in 2023. This initiative bridges the gap between Digital Technology, CAT, and IT, setting a new standard in South African education.

The IT Department also celebrated the move from SASAMS to D6 Plus, a contemporary school-based management system. D6 Plus offers numerous benefits: it grants parents direct access to news, exam results, communication, and other essential school-related information in real-time, fostering a stronger school-parent relationship.

With all these advancements and transformations, Clarendon stands as a beacon of excellence, setting trends and benchmarks that other DBE institutes in South Africa would do well to emulate.



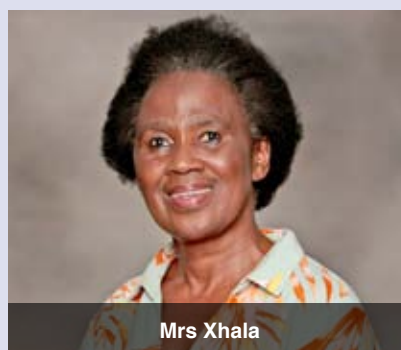
ISIXHOSA

HEAD:
Mrs B Xhala

STAFF:
Ms S Gqibani

The isiXhosa at Clarendon has continued to be the best choice for the mother-tongue speakers as a First Additional Language, and that is reflected in the quality of results and the 100 percent pass rate achieved by our Matrics in the past 22 years. Our girls have made us proud!

It is always challenging at first when we welcome the Grade 8s into our isiXhosa classes, battling with reading, writing, pronunciation and with isiXhosa language in general, but in the past five years, we have experienced much improvement with regard to their grammatical skills, because they were exposed to other aspects such as *Amahlelo* which form the



Mrs Xhala

foundation of this subject unlike the other years. A special mention with regard to the above goes to Mrs Seifert at our Primary School for a job well done. We hope she is going to continue to be a positive influence to our isiXhosa speaking girls as she has now joined our Pre-Primary school this year. We wish her well in her new appointment.

The girls still find doing this language worthwhile because they do not only learn the structure of language but they also develop sisterhood, learn to respect their culture, and what society expects from them, as future African women.



Ms Gqibani

In the five years that they spend doing this subject, they grow and experience new aspects about how to behave as an African girl in public places. It is exciting to see this subject growing and I believe parents have a hand in this improvement. We would like to thank parents for encouraging their daughters to choose this subject as it is an integral part of their identity.

To the Matrics we would like to thank you for being such an amazing group. We wish the Matrics of 2023 every success with their final examinations. Nibhale kakuhle uBawo abe nani imihla yonke.

LIFE ORIENTATION

HEAD:
Mrs S van Dyk

STAFF:
Mrs L McCoy, Ms S Gqibani, Mrs D Alderman, Ms C Knott, Ms A Dunga, Ms L Ragaval

In the 2023 academic year, the Life Orientation department dedicated itself to nurturing well-rounded students by providing an array of essential life skills and knowledge. As we reflect on the year, it is worth highlighting the additional events and initiatives that enriched the learning experience for our learners.

Highlights

In Term 1, the academic year

kicked off with a strong focus on mental health and the challenges that students face when transitioning to a new school and embarking on a new phase of their development. Mrs McCoy, along with the support of Mrs Greeff, addressed the Grade 8 learners, offering guidance and strategies to navigate these changes effectively.

One of our regular visitors, Mr Jarrod Smith from *Second Chance*, shared invaluable insights with the learners on moving forward after facing challenges. His talk emphasized the importance of caring for one's mental health, a message that resonated deeply with our students.

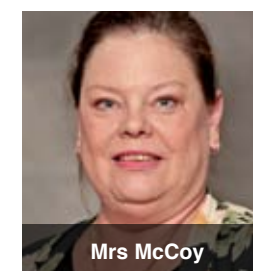
Further contributing to our learners' well-being, SANCA paid a visit to raise awareness of addictions and engaged our learners in the "Kick your Habit Campaign", highlighting the significance of making informed choices when it comes to their health and future.

Microsoft Teams Training

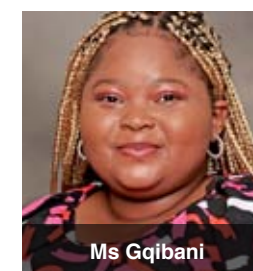
Recognising the importance of adapting to Technology, all grades were provided with comprehensive Microsoft Teams training. This initiative aimed to empower learners to utilise the platform to its fullest, facilitating seamless communication and learning experiences. The movement to the Microsoft platform ensures our learners are



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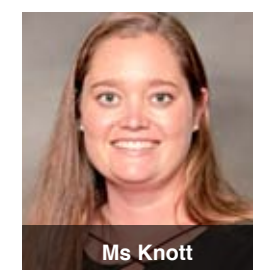
Mrs McCoy



Ms Gqibani



Mrs Alderman



Ms Knott



Ms Dunga



Ms Ragaval

university and working-class ready.

Subject Choices for Grade 9

Choosing subjects is a pivotal time for Grade 9 learners, and our Life Orientation teachers are committed to equipping them with the necessary tools and information to make sound choices. This endeavour is supported by talks and information sessions from a variety of tertiary institutions and professionals from various career fields. This year's highlight was the visit by the Pharmacy Department at the Frere Hospital, offering students a glimpse into the world of healthcare and pharmacology.

Hands-On Learning for Older Grades

As part of our holistic approach to education, older grades were exposed to practical activities designed to enhance their life skills. These activities included learning how to change car tyres, a skill that is not only practical but also contributes to learners' self-sufficiency and preparedness for the future. The Blue Ribbon Culinary School treated our Grade 12 students to delicious cupcakes, tantalising their taste buds as they prepared for their preliminary exams. This delightful experience provided a well-deserved break from academic pressures.

In conclusion, the Life Orientation department's dedication to comprehensive education has ensured that learners are well-prepared not only for their academic pursuits but also for the challenges and opportunities that life may present. The varied initiatives, guest speakers, and practical experiences have enriched our learners' learning journey, making the 2023 academic year a fulfilling and memorable one. We look forward to continuing to provide learners with a strong foundation of life skills and knowledge in the coming academic year.

LIFE SCIENCES

HEAD:
Ms J Theron

GRADE 10/11 STAFF:
Ms J Theron, Ms L Ragaval, Ms A Dunga, Ms C Knott

GRADE 12 STAFF:
Ms J Theron, Ms L Ragaval, Mr K Herman



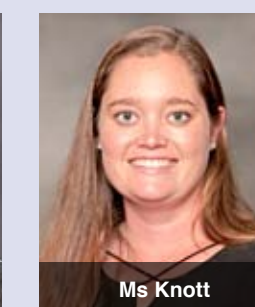
Ms Theron



Ms Ragaval



Ms Dunga



Ms Knott



Mr Herman

MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

HEAD:

Mrs W Howarth

TEACHERS:

Ms Z Mazaleni, Mr J Still

Mathematical Literacy is an essential skill that extends far beyond the classroom, shaping the way we think, solve problems, make informed decisions, and solve real-life problems. We are proud of all our pupils who have demonstrated their dedication to achieving their individual potential and acknowledge the pleasing results they have achieved. Witnessing pupils grow in confidence in their Mathematical



Mrs Howarth



Ms Z Mazaleni



Mr Still

ability continues to be an inspiration. I express my gratitude to Ms Mazaleni and Mr Still who have played a pivotal role in nurturing and encouraging our Mathematical Literacy pupils.

As I leave at the end of

the year I wish them well as they continue to cultivate a culture of Mathematical excellence at Clarendon. We wish this year's matrics all the best for their final examinations and for their future endeavours.



MATHEMATICS

HEAD:

Mrs P Grant

STAFF:

Mrs D Blane, Mrs R Del Fava, Ms N Ryder, Ms C Bekker, Miss B Matthis, Ms L Volker

In January, we received the results of our Matric group of 2022 and we congratulate them for their exceptional results. Their dedication and hard work truly paid off, setting a high standard. The 86 pupils who wrote the Mathematics examination achieved a pass rate of 98,8% and an average of 65,8%. 19 pupils attained an average above 80% with 6 above 90%. We look forward to the results of the class of 2023 and trust that their hard work will be rewarded.

74 Clarendon pupils wrote the South African Mathematics Olympiad in the first term. They are all to be congratulated on their fine effort, especially the 9 Seniors and 18 Juniors who

progressed through to the second round. Unfortunately, no-one made it through to the third and final round.

On the 25 and 26 of August, our Annual Grade 11 Mathematics Camp was held, where the Statistics section was taught. Although it was 7,5 hours of intense teaching and learning, it was enjoyed by the pupils.

Clarendon High School was invited to participate in the Grade 8 and Grade 9 Maths Mania competition at Stirling High School. Both teams did a fantastic job and worked hard

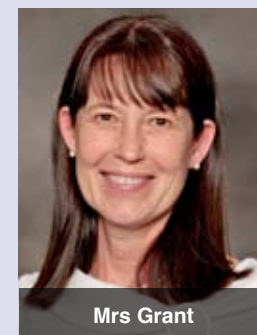


throughout the evening. There were 16 teams in total. The Clarendon Grade 8 team, comprising Kajal Rama, Morgan Hartwig, Linomtha Nondabula and Madison Gale won the competition. We commend both teams on giving their best.

Some of our girls take Future Studies Mathematics (formally known as Advanced Programme Mathematics). Pei-Shan Wang was named as the Grade 11 Top Achiever in the country. This is an excellent achievement and we are very proud of her.

In January, we warmly welcomed Ms Natalie Ryder and Ms Courtney Bekker to our Mathematics team. They have made an invaluable contribution to the department.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the dedicated and tireless efforts of our incredible Mathematics staff. Their unwavering commitment to excellence and their passion for Mathematics makes a significant impact on the success of each and every pupil. We look forward to celebrating their ongoing devotion and the bright future they are helping to build for the Mathematics Department and our learners.



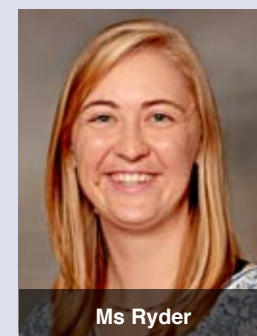
Mrs Grant



Mrs Blane



Mrs Del Fava



Ms Ryder



Ms Bekker



Miss Matthis



Ms Volker

MUSIC

HEAD:

Mrs M Wiseman

STAFF:

Ms E-J Cloete, Ms AJ Kobus, Ms J Sparg

CONGRATULATIONS – The Subject Music class of 2022 upheld our reputation for excellence with our 2 candidates, Likhona Jaca and Rebecca Whittal, both achieving A aggregates.

OPPORTUNITIES – Clarendon High offers a wide range of individual, class-based and group-based musical experiences on a weekly basis. Creative Arts Music is offered in Grades 8-9 and Music is offered as a subject in Grade 10-12. Students study cello, clarinet, drum kit, flute, classical guitar, piano, recorder, saxophone, trumpet, violin/viola or voice. Encouragement of enjoyment through a superior work ethic, high standards and broad-based enrichment, forms an important part of our departmental ethos.

All girls who study music at Clarendon are encouraged to join one or more of our musical groups. In 2023 we offered: (guitars), Choir, *De Novo Serenata* Chamber Choir (our

vocal “first team”), Chamber Orchestra, Recorder Ensemble and Steel Drum Bands, including *Classic Pan* (our instrumental “first team”). These many groups fostered musical, aural, interpersonal and leadership skills.

THE MUSICAL YEAR 2023

TERM 1 – This first Covid-restriction-free year began with **auditions and team building activities**, which included a *Classic Pan* fun afternoon, Chamber Orchestra day camp and Chamber Choir Camp at Forest Way.

In February, the Chamber Choir, accompanied by Mrs Wiseman and Ms Cloete, held a **pancake sale** at Gonubie Superspar, to raise funds for the tours later in the year. Further sales were held at this venue in July and October.

Another Chamber Choir highlight was a workshop with African Traditional music specialist, Asakhe Cuntsulana, who taught the music and choreography of a beautiful, complex African song he had

arranged for the Chamber Choir.

TERM 2 – Term 2 began with *Sister Act!*, which formed part of the school’s 120th celebration, in which many of our musicians participated. The show was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by East London audiences. Several members of the Chamber Choir travelled to Bloemfontein for the **All Girls’ Festival**, where they were involved in several workshops and performances. They also gave an enjoyable performance in the annual **Music in the Park** concert in the park below Berea Gardens Valley.

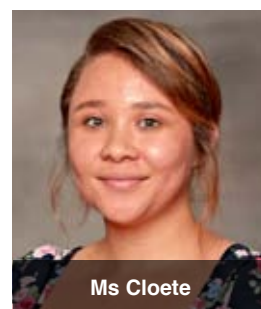
Classic Pan and the Intermediate Steel Drum Band added atmosphere to the Cambridge and KHS Derby Days.

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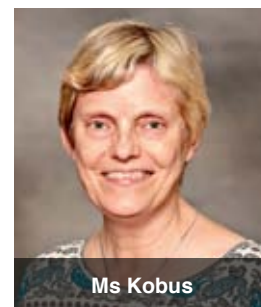
It was the first live Eisteddfod in three years, and it was so enjoyable to reconnect with music teachers and learners from other schools. Some of our Matrics, who began learning their respective instruments in Grade 8, experienced their first, and last, live Eisteddfod. Congratulations to our



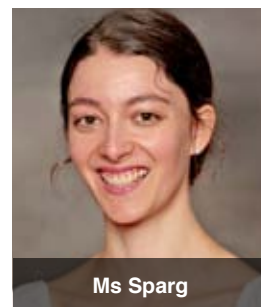
Ms Wiseman



Ms Cloete



Ms Kobus



Ms Sparg

musicians who achieved an outstanding total of 2 Special Mention, 27 Gold awards, 32 Silver and 11 Bronze awards, as well as 2 medals - as follows:

- 1 Lisakhanya Ganqa (recorder) - Special Mention and Most Promising High School Woodwind Player
- 2 Recorder Ensemble (consisting of Lisakhanya Ganqa, Kaylin Hendriks, Carla Terblanche and Aqhama Nyondo) - Special Mention and Best High School Instrumental Ensemble.

Vocal Section

- Gold: Tyhila Bobotyana (solo), Leanne Fletcher (recital), Mégan Geduld (recital), Hannah-Grace Matebe (solo), Leanne Fletcher, Mégan Geduld and Sinelizwi Miza (trio), Zenande Mquqo (solo), Ayabonga Mpeta (solo), Lisakhanya Ndungane and Bandile Ntini (duet) & Zamanywabe Sikhukula (solo).
- Silver: Amelia Fourie (solo), Abongile Mahamba (solo), Avuzwa Mdudo (solo), Sinelizwi Miza (recital), Zarha Nathoo-Lopez (solo), Amy Ndabambi (recital), Lihle Ndzwaiba (solo), Bandile Ntini (recital), Mandibonge Qangule (recital), & Thandolwethu Voyi (solo).
- Bronze: Caitlin Higgs (recital).

Choral Section

- Gold: Choir (recital) & *De Novo Serenata* (recital).

Contemporary Section

- Gold: Abigail Munro (solo). Silver: Buhle-Bendalo Mlumbi (recital).

Piano Section

- Gold: Charissa Chan and Khanyisa Mabula (duet), Mégan Geduld & Pei-Shan Wang (duet), Shahaa Harms (solo), Sarah Jordan and Amita Kumar (duet), Hannah Kropp (solo), Amita Kumar (solo) & Christina Salaze (solo).
- Silver: Riya

- Abraham (solo), Emma Booyens (solo), Vanessa Cavaliero (solo), Oyintanda Kamana (solo), Ruby Kaschula (solo), Sreya Mathew (solo), Kiana Moodley (solo), Lukonde Mwanza (solo), Mégan Geduld (recital), Sarah Jordan (solo) & Pei-Shan Wang (recital).
- Bronze: Riya Abraham and Sreya Mathew (duet), Kate Booyens (solo), Charissa Chan (recital), Khanyisa Mabula (recital), Sivina Naidoo (recital) & Leila Schenk (solo).



ALL STRINGS ATTACHED

BACK ROW: D Sibiya, N Mgwebi, A Browne, A Reve, K Stoto, Z Mquqo
FRONT ROW: E Pope, C Sauls (L), Mrs M Wiseman (TIC), J Botha, M Mortimer



MUSIC COMMITTEE

(L-R): C Chan, S Simelane, Miss E Cloete (TIC), B Ntini, C Sauls



Bands/Orchestras Section

- Gold: *All Strings Attached* (recital), *All Strings Junior* (1 item) & Intermediate Steel Drum Band (1 item).
- Silver: *Classic Pan* (recital).
- Bronze: Chamber Orchestra (recital).

Instrumental Section

- Special Mention: Lisakhanya Ganqa (recorder recital) and Recorder Ensemble (1 item).
- Gold: Lisakhanya Ganqa (saxophone solo), Kaylin Hendriks (recorder recital), Ngcali Mgwebi (guitar solo), Zenande Mquqo (guitar solo) & Kholo Stoto (guitar solo).
- Silver: Jenna Botha (guitar recital), Alexis Browne (guitar solo), Sisipho Gxesi (recorder solo), Shahaa Harms (flute solo), Khanyisa Mabula (violin solo), Maria Mortimer (guitar solo), Emma Pope (guitar recital), Dimpo Sihya (guitar solo) & Sikho Simelane (flute solo).
- Bronze: Grace Gwed (violin recital), Sisitha Jaji (violin recital), Amahle Reve (guitar solo) & Sisitha Jaji and Khanyisa Mabula (violin duet).



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

BACK ROW: G Alfonso, U Dodo, S Harms, L Ganqa, C Tucker, G Gwed, Z Ruga
MIDDLE ROW: A Msweli, L Mhambi, S Jaji, O Mbude, K Mnyaka, I Arosi, N Tantsi, R Penu-Sotuyo, L Lottering
FRONT ROW: C Smith, S Simelane (Leader), Miss Cloete (TIC), R Becker, K Mabula

Clarendon High hosted the regional round of the national **ATKV Applous Choral Competition** again this year, which was a great success. The Chamber Choir achieved a Gold award in the Prestige Category. The Choir entered the competition for the first time, taking part in the Non-Competitive Category, where they gained valuable performance experience.

The Music Department ended the term with the annual **Stirling Derby Concert** which took place in the Stirling Auditorium in June.

TERM 3 – The Third Term started with a **String and Woodwind Workshop**, which we hosted, presented by lecturers from the Odeion School of Music (University of the Free State). These workshops took place over two days and concluded with a Gala concert on the Saturday evening. The top students, representing local high and primary schools, as well as private students were given the opportunity to perform at the

gala concert on the final evening. We are proud of Khanyisa Mabula (violin) who was chosen to perform at the concert.

At the end of July, Classic Pan received the results of the Virtual section of the

Education Africa International Steel Drum and Marimba Festival

for which we submitted videos during the second term. *Classic Pan* achieved second place in the Virtual High School section, while a band consisting of most of the members of *Classic Pan* together with the 4 music staff, won the **Virtual Open Section**, as well as the **Trinidad and Tobago Award**, the Trophy for Best Steel Band (including all the bands who attended the live Festival).

Our Music Department played an active role in the **Founders' Day 120th celebrations**. *Classic Pan* and *De Novo Serenata* were invited to perform at the Old Girls' Guild dinner. *Classic Pan* created a welcoming atmosphere by performing a few of their memorable pieces outside as Guests arrived at the event, while the Chamber Choir sang a few songs inside the hall before the Old Girls enjoyed their dinner. Our *Musical Celebration*, which followed Founders' Day, was also a highlight of Founder's Week. The concert, which showcased the school's best musicians and groups, was very well-supported and enjoyed by all. The audience enjoyed the relaxed feel of sitting at tables with family and friends. All three Steel Drum Bands

provided background music for the final Derby Day of the year against Collegiate, which took place on Founders' weekend.

The annual series of **grade concerts** in the rehearsal room started with the Senior Music Evening in July, followed by the Grade 9 and Grade 8 Music evenings in September. These concerts present an opportunity for students to showcase their progress, build confidence and gain performance experience.

Our 3 steel drum bands undertook a **12-hour sponsored marathon** as part of *Clarrie Creates*. Our 3 steel drum bands took turns in order to create 12 hours of non-stop pan playing, which included hourly count-downs, and an opportunity to try the pans for a R5 donation. The long day ended with a concert where all 3 bands performed and celebrated a successful day with energetic applause after the final countdown. The fabulous total of just over R10 000 which was raised from sponsorships and donations will go towards buying new stands for the pans.

Over the same weekend, *De Novo Serenata*, travelled to the beautiful city of George to compete in the **Cantamus National Choral Festival**. Funds were raised by means of pancake sales throughout the year, which

contributed to the travel costs of the tour. *De Novo Serenata* competed in the "High School Equal-Voiced Chamber Choirs" category (i.e. girls-only and boys-only chamber choirs), in which they placed 1st. They also placed 1st overall against the 22 other choirs. The group also had some time to go sight-seeing at the Redberry Farm and the George Wildlife Park.

On the weekend of 18-20 August, 19 of our music students travelled to Gqeberha to compete in the South African **Society of Music Teachers (SASMT) Music Competition**. Our musicians competed in 3 different categories: There were 61 competitors in the D1 High School Grades 4-6 Section, of which 16 were Clarendon musicians. 5 musicians were selected for the finals, one of whom was Emma Pope (classical guitar). Emma was placed 3rd in this section. There were 11 ensembles competing in the B1 High School Ensembles Section, 8 of which were Clarendon ensembles. Three of the 5 finalists selected were Clarendon ensembles: Amita Kumar & Sarah Jordan (piano duet); Bandile Ntini & Caitlin Higgs (vocal duet); Carlyn Sauls, Emma Pope & Jenna Botha (classical guitar trio). Amita & Sarah's duet were placed 2nd in the Final Round. There were 32 competitors in the D2 High School Grades 7 and Above Section, six of whom were Clarendon musicians. Lisakhanya Ganqa (sopranino recorder) was chosen as one of 6 finalists.

Our musicians have also had the chance to collaborate with other schools. In September, *De Novo Serenata* drove to Makhanda to perform at **Choir Vista, High School Choir Festival**. This was a recently introduced event that was started to promote the enjoyment of Choral singing in a non-competitive Choral environment. In addition, three of our singers (Leanne



CHAMBER CHOIR – DE NOVO SERENATA

BACK ROW: A Mdudo, S Miza, L Fletcher, A Mahamba, A Browne, P Mpunga, U Dodo, T Dakada, E Ntengento
MIDDLE ROW: C Higgs, T Bobotyana, U Malolo, L Ndungane, L Bushet, I Ntshale, A Ndabambi, L Ndzwaiba, N Mgwebi,
FRONT ROW: Mrs M Wiseman (TIC), M Qangule, Mrs Patrick (Principal), B Ntini (Leader), Miss Cloete (TIC)

Fletcher, Mégan Geduld and Sinelizwi Miza) were invited to sing with the Primary Vocal Ensemble at the Clarendon Primary Concert **One Big Symphony**. Mégan Geduld (piano) was also a guest artist at this show.

TERM 4 – De Novo Serenata performed an item at **Prize Giving**, while **Classic Pan** provided background music before the event. The annual **Matrics in Concert** showcased the talents of the class of 2023. The programme included solo performances, compositions for piano by Charissa Chan and Khanyisa Mabula, as well as musical arrangements by Kaylin Hendriks and Emma Pope.

Classic Pan rounded off a frenetic, yet rewarding, musical year, by joining our little sisters from the primary steel band, **Pantabulous**, in providing background music for the opening of our new Harrison Aquatic Centre.

We would like to thank the Music Committee, Bandile Ntini, Carlin Sauls and Sikho Simelane for assistance at so many events. A special thank you to Charissa Chan, Khanyisa Mabula and Emma Pope who have served as highly efficient stage managers over many years.

Some of our musicians excelled in **Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music** and **Trinity College London** practical and theoretical examinations, which were also virtual.

ABRSM Practical

- Leanne Fletcher – Grade 6 voice with Distinction
- Mégan Geduld - Grade 7 piano
- Pei-Shan Wang - Grade 7 piano with Merit

Grade 5 Theory

- Lisakhanya Ganqa with Merit
- Amita Kumar

Trinity Practical

- Sarah Jordan – Grade 5 piano with Merit
- Amita Kumar - Grade 6 piano with Distinction



CHOIR

BACK ROW: U Skosana, L Fletcher, P Mpunga, A Browne, L Matloporo, U Dodo, A Myataza
4TH ROW: K Mnyaka, H Matebe, O Mbude, T Dakada, Z Nathoo-Lopez, M Qutywa, A Ndabambi
3RD ROW: S Madikiza, S Mlokothe, L Kata, A Mdudo, T Bobotyana, N Mgwebi, O Kamana, A Kumar, I Arosi
2ND ROW: S Kolo, B Bobo, S Dungu, A Manadan, E Ntegento, M Xobolo, A Mpeta, Z Sikhukula, Z Stuurman
FRONT ROW: U Njongi, C Qobongoshe, Miss A Kobus (TIC), C Sauls (L), Mrs Patrick (Principal), A Fourie, Ms J Sparg (TIC), S Norman, M Geduld



STEEL DRUM BAND

BACK ROW: K Mnyaka, Z Nathoo-Lopez, S Jordan, L Mwanza, C Terblanche, S Harms, Y Silwana, S Mathew, A Reve
MIDDLE ROW: S Gxesi, B Mlumbi, A Manadan, P Wang, A Munro, M Mathews, A Kumar, A Keys, K Moodley
FRONT ROW: K Mabula, L Ganqa, Ms J Sparg (TIC), C Chan, Miss A Kobus (TIC), E Pope (L), M Geduld
ABSENT: R Kaschula



RECORDER ENSEMBLE

(L-R): C Terblanche, L Ganqa, Ms A Kobus (TIC), K Hendriks (L), A Nyondo





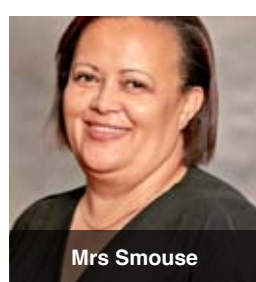
NATURAL SCIENCES

HEAD:
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Miss L Ragaval, Miss C Bekker,
Mrs A Dunga,

GRADE 9 TEACHERS (Biology):
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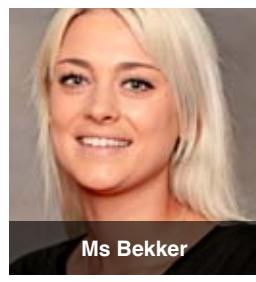
GRADE 9 TEACHERS (Physical Sciences):
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Mr K Herman



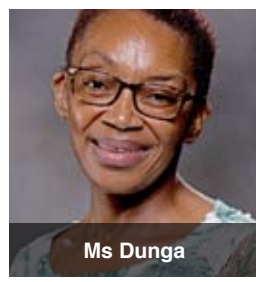
Mrs Smouse



Ms Ragaval



Ms Bekker



Ms Dunga



Ms Theron

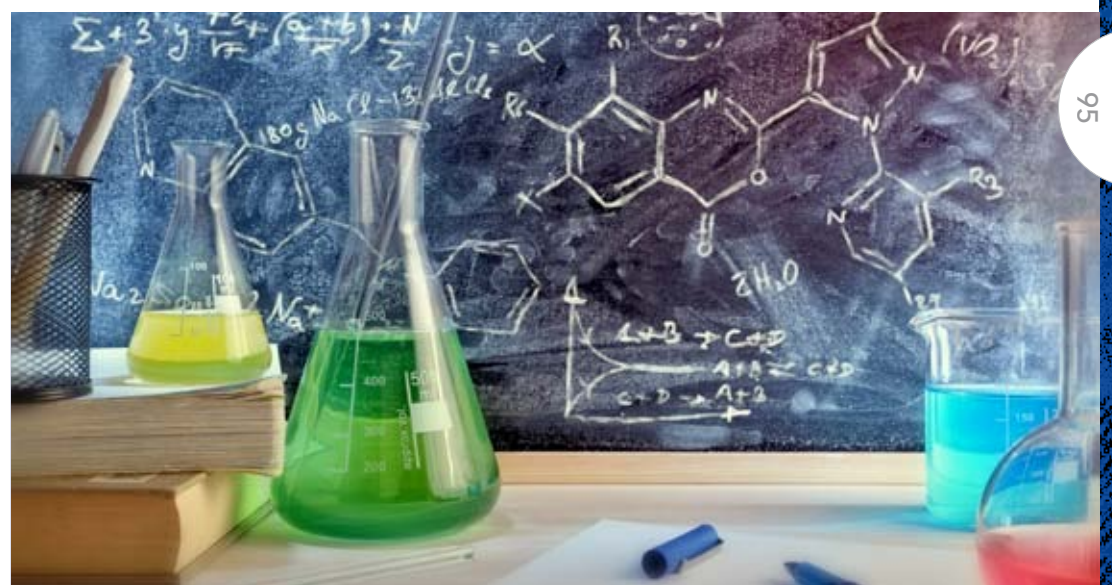


Mr Koshy



Mr Herman

Natural Sciences in Grade 8 and 9 is being taught by our senior Life Sciences and Physical Sciences teachers. In Grade 9, the Natural Sciences is divided up into Physics and Biology to help our pupils make better subject choices from Grade 10. Our Grade 8s and Grade 9s had the opportunity to be addressed by Adriana Marais, who is a physicist and is part of the Mars exploration. This was very well-received by our pupils and we are hoping that her talk has sparked some interest among the learners to pursue studies in Astronomy and related sciences.



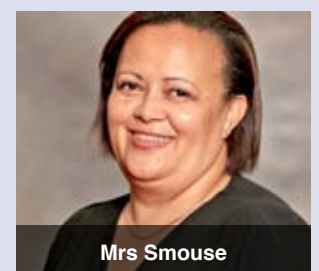
PHYSICAL SCIENCES

HEAD:
Mrs J. Smouse

STAFF:
Mr A. Koshy

It has been a busy year trying to complete the syllabus in all grades. We have had compulsory extra Science lessons for Grade 12 from Term 1, in order to complete the syllabus. We have also had extra Grade 11 lessons from the beginning of the year to help pupils consolidate the content taught in lessons. We have had

extra Grade 10 lessons from Term 3. Written June examinations returned for Grades 10-11, for the first time after Covid-19. Six of our Grade 11s had the opportunity to attend a virtual presentation by Sanlam regarding Actuarial Sciences. The presentation gave them a good idea of what the career actually entails. Some of our learners also entered the online competition run by Siyavula. Pei-Shan Wang won two prizes of R200 each from Takealot in their daily raffle. We wish our Grade 12s all the best for their futures,



Mrs Smouse



Mr Koshy

and we are encouraging more females to enter the Engineering and Computing fields.

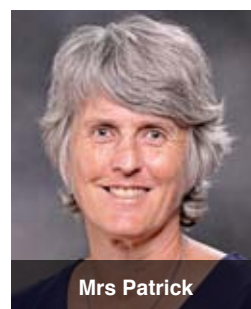
SOCIAL SCIENCES

HISTORY:

Mrs J Patrick, Ms H Smit, Ms R Hobbs, Mr M Orsmond

GEOGRAPHY:

Mr M Fourie (HEAD), Mrs M Schultz



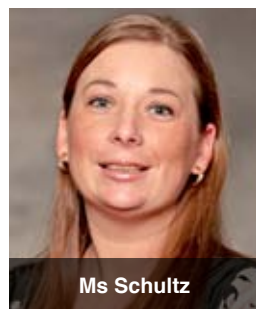
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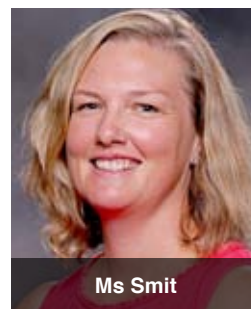
Mr Fourie



Ms Schultz



Ms Hobbs



Ms Smit

VISUAL ARTS

HEAD:

Ms N van Wyk

The Grade 12s of 2022 did extremely well with a class average of 78.6% and Rebekah Haschick obtaining 97% at the end of the year.

Christen Joubert and Emma-Jayne van Niekerk attended the Visual Art component of the All Girls' Festival hosted by Eunice Girls' High School in Bloemfontein. The theme for the workshops was 'Graffiti as a form of art'. We visited the Oliewenhuis Art Museum for a talk and walkabout

on Protest Art, visited an artist's studio and created an artwork on the theme 'My Protest' using stencils and spraypaint on large canvases. The girls enjoyed creating alongside students from other schools.

We are proud of our students who have received awards at the East London Eisteddfod and High Schools' Art exhibition held at the Belgravia Art Centre, and of Khanya Mdokwana who had her work selected for the *Umtiza Arts Festival Exhibition* at the Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

We also congratulate Tanna Diplock and Dominique Sedras who were awarded



Ms van Wyk

Half-Colours for Art and Khanya Mdokwana and Julia Salamon who were awarded Colours.

As Albert Einstein said, 'Imagination is more important than knowledge' and if we can imagine it, we can create it!

TOURISM

HEAD:

Mrs D Allderman

In 2023, we once again saw Tourism growing in numbers and popularity as a school subject at Clarendon. With the retirement of Mr E Deutschmann at the end of 2021, Clarendon experienced the loss of a truly great and inspiring Tourism teacher. I am most grateful to him for all his assistance, guidance and mentorship during 2022 and 2023.

A very sincere congratulations must be extended to the Matric class of 2022 who acquitted themselves very well in their final exams. 19 girls wrote, with 9 girls achieving distinctions. This meant that 47% of the class gained A-aggregates. This was a phenomenal achievement, if one remembers that these pupils were the ones who were most affected by COVID-19 in their Grade 10 and 11 years. The whole class's performance made them the top performing school in the Eastern Cape for Tourism.

Tourism is an ever-changing service industry which places huge focus on staying relevant in relation to world events while still being sustainable as a source of income to many in our country, as well as the rest of the world. This requires responsible action from all sectors of the industry. COVID-19 has obviously made a huge impact on travel, whether it be domestic, regional or international, and the GDP of many countries has been seriously affected by the travel restrictions that were put in place.

All three grades completed their PAT exams in the third term, which were 8 hours in length and took place over two days. The girls really acquitted themselves well and a large number of students achieved marks in the 80 – 90% range. These tasks require students to do various activities using the information provided in Case Studies and Scenarios and then use the information and data provided in a mediated Resource booklet to plan and resolve Tourism-



Mrs Allderman

related issues. The girls have also completed a number of activities throughout the year, as well as Common Tests which are set by the Department of Education.

As we draw to the close of the year, we are busy completing the syllabus in each grade. The final assessments will take place in the form of a 3-hour Theory exam. We wish the students well for the last part of their year of assessment.



VISUAL ART GALLERY



JIYANA TIMOTHY
GRADE 11



CHRISTEN JOUBERT
GRADE 12



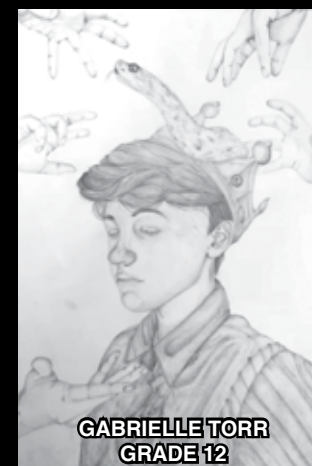
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KENNA POTGIETER
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GABRIELLE TORR
GRADE 12



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GRADE 10



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LUKHONA GOWA
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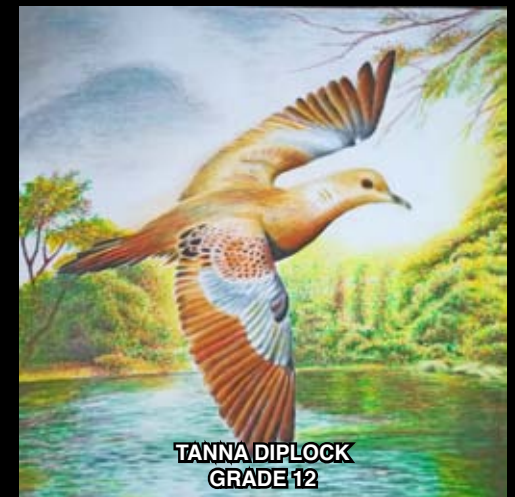
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LARA JACOBSON
GRADE 12



JULIA SALAMON
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TANNA DIPLOCK
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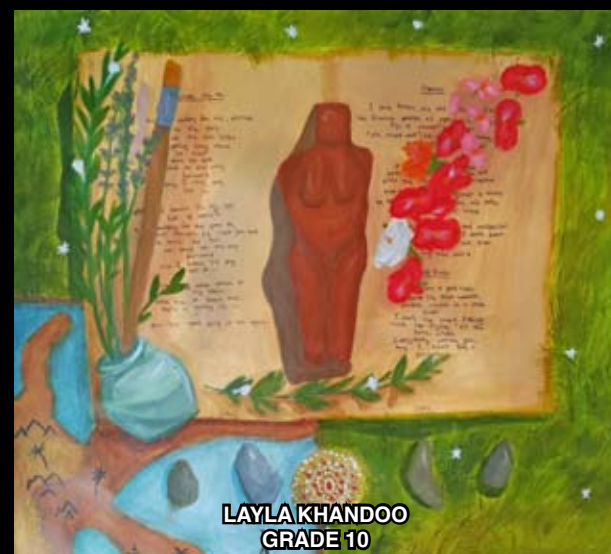
KHANYA MDOKWANA
GRADE 11



JULIA SALAMON
GRADE 12



LUKONDE MWANZA
GRADE 10



LAYLA KHANDOO
GRADE 10



KHANYA MDOKWANA
GRADE 11



A NEW DAY IN PALESTINE

The sun
was the only one
who had
the strength,
the energy and the life
to rise.

The sky
gradually turned the
colour of the streets.
Red.
Seeping from beneath
the innocent citizens.

The planes had flown over the city the previous
night.
The wish,
that the now cold bodies
wished for,
had been granted:
it was silent.

But painfully paradoxical to a peaceful kind of silent.

Then a small cry-
a baby,
crying for help-
buried beneath a building
with no one to help.
Her mother’s life had
disappeared overnight.
Her arms were frozen in place.
Shielding her child
from the soldiers
and the bombs.

Zehiye Rahman – Grade 12

NORMAL FOR ME

Waking up early mornings
on days of tests to study,
anxiously looking around the room
to see who’s staring, it’s always nobody,
That’s what’s normal for me.
Comparing my body to others online,
despite everyone telling me
“Your body is nice!”, “Your body is fine!”
That’s what’s normal for me.
Popping pills before i go to bed
getting used to wondering when it’ll end.
That’s what’s normal for me.

Shaky hands, shaky legs,
Filled with guilt and heaps of dread,
That’s what’s normal for me.
No matter how hard,
I try and try,
this is the normality,
my never ending schedule,
This is normal for me.

Jada-Nicole Simons – Grade 11 – SACEE POETRY

LANGUAGE BARRIERS

I am visiting my motherland.
The land that bore my mother.
The land she grew up in.
The land that smells of her.
The land that seems so familiar,
Yet this is my first time here.

Suddenly
an elderly lady
speaks to me.
In a language I cannot understand.
The mother tongue of my mother’s tongue.
I cannot respond.
Because I do not understand.
English leaves a bitter taste in my mouth.
My colonisers are choking me.
I cannot speak.
I cannot respond.
The sound of my heartbeat is deafening.
My heart
feels trapped.
Just like me.
And I feel guilty.
I know my mother’s smell,
the taste of her cooking,
the melody of her voice.
But
I do not know her.

Zehiye Rahman – Grade 12

NORMAL FOR ME

His eyes untrusting brown
Brows furrowed in permanent frown
Skin weathered
From the ground he tendered
And the whiskey goes down.

His unruly dark hair
Living a life he can’t bare

Heart hardened
Like the soil he pounded
And the whiskey goes down.

His tanned arms
Strength running the farms
Frustration heated
From the fire he beat
And the whiskey goes down.

Papa I cry
And from that name he does shy
He does not look
His shoulders merely shook
As the bottle hides beneath the tree
He doesn’t seem to see
This is normal for me
And the whiskey goes down.

Maria Mortimer – Grade12 – SACEE POETRY

THE COST OF LIVING

It’s raining.
I love the rain.
The sound,
the smell,
the taste of it in the air.
The warmth of my bed
hugging me and
protecting me from the cold.

I’m suddenly craving chocolates.
I head to the shops.
I see a person.
Lying on the pavement.
Covered with only a cardboard box.
Why is he lying in the rain?
He is going to get sick.

Lying in the rain,
because he has nowhere else to lay.
Getting sick is the least of his problems.
Food.
Food is more important.

Yet, as I enjoyed my comfort,
he froze to death.
The man on the pavement
breathed no more.

He couldn’t afford the rising price of oxygen.
And now,
I can’t afford to like rainy days.

Zehiye Rahman – Grade 12

WHAT ONE SEES

They whisper in my ear,
Words so dreaded yet so clear.
I hear it within the throb of my veins,
But if it were true why does it pain?
They whisper I’m not good enough,
My own tears say I’m not tough.
My pulse tells me the same,
But I know the truth within my brain.
I am not what you see,
It’s rather what’s within me.

Maria Mortimer – Grade 12

NORMAL TO ME

Chaos, criticism, and long days
That is normal to me
My normal is not the concept of movies
My normal is not filled with happiness
My normal comprises of long days.
that are accompanied by endless streams of tears
Long days that are purely monotonous
Long days that consist of me pretending -
Pretending to be happy
Pretending to be optimistic
Pretending to be okay
My normal comprises of constant chaos.
Trying to complete assignments on time
Trying to help those around me, but never taking a
second for myself
Trying balance life and education,
although it is obvious which (one) weighs more
I try.
I try.
And I try, yet I never succeed.
My normal comprises of endless criticism.
Criticism that comes from my high expectations
Although I am aware that I will never reach these
expectations,
I still try.
The though of not being “good enough” dominates
my mind

My normal is destructive.

Canzi Bizana – Grade 9 – SACEE POETRY

THE COMMANDANT

The thump of my angst comes deep from within me
It comes from the very core of my existence
Each pound echoes into every cavity of my body
Leaving its mark deep inside me
A mark that I cannot erase

The thump of my angst is unexplained
It cannot be deciphered
It simply builds up slowly
Until it leaves my body shaking with uncertainty
Until it leaves my mind unable to think of anything else

The thump of my angst controls me
It has authority over me, constantly ordering me around
It acts as a commandant, directing my every move
It has a mind of its own
Leaving mine unable to function solitarily

The thump of my angst is not something new
It has existed for many years I cannot get rid of it
I have grown attached to its throb
I have learnt to dance along to its rhythm

Canzi Bizana – Grade 9
(placed 2nd in the inaugural Vrij and Karuna Harry Young Writer’s Competition for 2023)

NORMAL FOR ME

Normal is studying
Normal is going to university
Normal is getting a job
Normal is choosing a career
Normal is starting a family
Normal is getting married
Normal is having a big house
Normal is driving a fast car
Normal is name brand shoes and designer jackets
Normal is working a nine to five job for minimum wage
Normal is posting about what you had for breakfast hoping someone, somewhere cares, human contact reduced to nothing but likes and follows
Normal is Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and a hundred other apps tricking you into thinking that you’re special
Normal is fitting in with society
Normal is picture editing apps
Normal is sitting on the couch stuffing junk food into your mouth wondering why you’re not losing the weight
Normal is diet pills, weight training and calorie counting
Normal is working out until you collapse from exhaustion
Normal is high heels, mini-skirts and makeup to hide your own insecurities
Normal is anti-depressants and anxiety medication
Normal is tattoos and piercings
Normal is chasing someone who doesn’t even know you exist
Normal is only meeting people online
Normal is being happy.
Normal is being ready for the future.
Choose your own future.
Choose life.

Jessica Bushell – Grade 11 – SACEE POETRY

CANCEL CULTURE: COMBATING AND CHALLENGING OBTUSE SOCIAL VIEWS OR CREATING ECHO CHAMBERS?

In a social landscape where society is looking for change and development, it is imperative that society creates safe spaces for marginalized peoples. A realm which blazes the trail for social change is the social media realm. It is a space which provides for widespread interaction with ideals and with each other. However, it has also become an avenue for those with bigoted outlooks on society to spew obtuse views. All of this makes it necessary for society to find mechanisms to hold perpetrators of bigoted statements accountable. Society has settled on the *cancel culture* phenomena to fulfil this function.

The criteria which *cancel culture* must live up to, in order to be viewed as ‘positive’, is its efficacy in combating dangerous social issues or its allowance for society to do so. *Cancel cultures*, as a social phenomenon, is characterised by its greatest benefit, which is to ‘de-platform’ bigoted influencers, and the sense of accountability society is convinced it instills. Both of these benefits, however, are temporarily achieved – if at all.

However, month-in and month-out, social media users witness the downfall of a ‘problematic’ celebrity. The efficacy and consistency of this social phenomenon can be brought into question. The truth about *cancel culture* is that it has an untouchable elite. These people have enough money either to

sway or evade the court of public opinion. The mere fact that *cancel culture* or ‘being cancelled’ can be avoided by megastars, who have the greatest influence and impact on society, renders this social phenomenon ineffective in achieving its objectives of accountability for one’s actions.

Cancel culture is also driven by and encourages a herd mentality in its application. Social Media users are subjected to a false dichotomy where they must either completely shun someone from society or be viewed as being in direct support of politically incorrect social views. This is then unfair, as it carries dangerous implications on people’s rights to autonomy and agency.

Even if *cancel culture* were to be perfect in its application, its principle flaws would disqualify it as a mechanism to hold people accountable. In order for society to achieve its desired progression, in terms of protecting the rights of marginalised people, constructive discourse needs to take place. The sole purpose of *cancel culture* does not go past removing negative influencers’ platforms to change their mind-sets.

Cancel culture can, because of this, not drive or allow the combating of social issues.

Discourse allows society to challenge its bigotry and unconscious biases. This creates better prospects for social and systemic change due to its ‘trickle-up’ effect. People, at grass roots level, are able to be open and critical thinkers who will evoke the necessary change on an inter-personal and intra-personal basis. Comparatively, where *cancel culture* simply removes bigoted views from social media, while still allowing them to go unchallenged in real life, discourse’s progressive nature allows for society to affect real change.

In an enlightened society, discourse is to be valued as it encourages engagement with differing views. It drives critical thinking and opens people up to social nuances. *Cancel culture*, however, holds no true positive contribution to society by its creation of echo chambers, and the numerous problem-solution gaps which exist within it.

Khazimla Macingwane – Grade 12



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8am—11 am

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8am—1pm

Mon. 15th Jan and Tues 16th Jan:

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SPORTING CLARENDON

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BORDER REPRESENTATIVES

- BACK ROW:** J Botha, I Ntutu, G McClure, R Webb, A Albers, C Knott, T Voke, P Gulle, S Earl, C Lugo Fernandez, C Magobongo, R Becker
- 4TH ROW:** H James, E Bedser, J Arnold, K Campbell, J James, M van Aardt, K Nel, H Jacoby, K Hatley, E Booyens, Q Carr, J Schaefer
- 3RD ROW:** S Grotjohn, C Rennie, E Palmer, K Botha, H Viviers, T Pillay, K Gous, J Boëtger, C Kruger, M Klopper, C Hendry, A Woodin, J Tarr, A Gaylard, M Loots
- 2ND ROW:** D Knott, K van Heerden, A Sokujika, M Phillips, J Jones, A Viviers, H McClure, E Peters, J Saffy, T Klaasen, J Frachet, M Dove, L Schwedhelm
- FRONT ROW:** S Nkwali, B Martin, J Cromhout, T Bixa, Mrs L Nel (Head of Sport), K Hendriks, Mrs J Patrick (Principal), M Qangule, P Wang, K Booyens, O Yazbek



SOUTH AFRICAN A REPRESENTATIVES

- BACK ROW:** E Peters (Tennis), C Knott (Squash), K Elliott (Canoeing & Surf-Life Saving), M Dove (Chess)
- FRONT ROW:** Ms A Kobus (Head of Culture), K Hendriks (Hockey), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), S Nkwali (Public Speaking), Mrs L Nel (Head of Sport)
- INSET:** L Schenk (Biathle)



SOUTH AFRICAN B REPRESENTATIVE

K van Heerden (Hockey)

ATHLETICS

TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE:
Ms Z Mazaleni and Miss C Bekker

CAPTAIN:
Hannah James

DEPUTY:
Maimouna Mbaye

SECRETARY:
Peo-Yethu Kunene

The Athletics season commenced on a positive note, as fourteen of our athletes participated in the initial round of the East London East City Schools' Athletics Meeting. This preliminary round occurred on February 4th at the sports field of Cambridge High School.

From our team, six girls advanced to the Second Round, known as the East London (Coastal) Sub-District Meeting, which took place on February 11th at Jan Smuts Stadium. All six athletes then progressed to the Buffalo Municipality Competition, with four of them – Leila Schenk, Ikhona Ntutu, Hannah James and Shauna Marimo – successfully qualifying to represent Buffalo City at the Provincial level. Regrettably, none of them secured a spot in the National Competition.

Clarendon takes great pride in these athletes and extends its best wishes to them in their future pursuits.



ATHLETICS 1ST TEAM

BACK ROW: I Makhoba, S Marimo, I Ntutu, A Pretorius, L Schenk
FRONT ROW: Mrs S Swartz (Coach), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), H James (C), Ms Z Mazaleni (TIC), Miss C Bekker (TL)



CHESS

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs H Lottering

COACH:
Mr A Vermaak

CAPTAIN:
Robyn Becker

VICE CAPTAIN:
Elizabeth Gyan

SECRETARY:
Pei-Shan Wang



CHESS

BACK ROW: A Manadan, A Kumar, S Mathew, M Dove, T Bixa, M Qangule
FRONT ROW: P Wang(S), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), R Becker(C), Mrs H Lottering (TIC), E Gyan (V-C)

2023 was a successful year for the Chess team, starting with the very competitive National All Girls' Festival, that took place for the first time after Covid 19. The 1st Team, consisting of Robyn Becker, Pei-Shan Wang, Megan Dove, and Tshegofatso Bixa, was placed first in the National All Girls' Festival held by Eunice. Special congratulations to Tshegofatso for

winning all seven rounds.

Megan Dove and Tshegofatso Bixa had a very busy year and took part in all competitions possible and also represented Clarendon in all Derby Days. They then participated in the 2023 Winter Games, where Megan was ranked 9th in the U18G section

and Tshegofatso finished in 5th place in the U15G section. They both also participated in the 2023 South Africa Junior Online Closed Competition in the U16G section. Megan placed 2nd overall, which qualified her to represent South Africa in the *World Cadet & Youth Blitz Championships 2023* in Batumi, Georgia. Megan's outstanding achievements in Chess earned her the Sons of England Award for Progress in Sport at the school's annual Prize-giving.

Some new developments seen in 2023 include more interest in Social Chess and partnering with Selborne for Derby Days. The 1st Team players were very busy and unconditionally gave their service to the school, by assisting and coaching all the Social Chess players every Tuesday. The Top 5 from Clarendon and the Top 5 from Selborne combined to play in Derby Days against Pearson, Hudson, and Port Rex. Clarendon and Selborne were victorious on all of these Derby Days.

We thank Robyn Becker, the Captain, for her five years of service to Chess at Clarendon.. Robyn was awarded a Principal's Award for Service to the School. The Chess Club wishes the new Captain and players everything of the best for 2024.



CROSS COUNTRY

COACHES:
Mrs S Swart

TEACHER-LINK:
Miss C Bekker

Leila Schenk was selected to be part of the *Border Athletics' Cross Country Provisional Squad* and competed at the Interprovincial Championship which took place at Hudson Park on 2 September. At this event, Leila placed first overall in her age category and was selected to represent BORA at the National Cross-Country Championship which was held in Gqeberha on 16 September 2023. Out of 103 competitors, Leila placed 25th overall in her age category, completing the 4 km event with a time of 16:08.

We congratulate Leila on her outstanding achievements throughout this season.



CROSS COUNTRY

BACK ROW: J Lloyd, S Dreyer, K Booyens
FRONT ROW: Miss C Bekker (TIC), L Schenk, Mrs J Patrick (Principal)

BIATHLE

On 6 August, Leila Schenk competed in the Biathle Eastern Cape Interprovincial Championship which took place at Stirling Primary School. Leila (U15) competed in the U17 Girls' category, in which she completed the following distances: 1.2km run, 200m swim, 1.2km run in a time of 12:49, and qualified to participate in the *Biathle SA National Championship* which was held at Curro Hazeldean High School in Pretoria on 24 September 2023. At this event, Leila placed second overall, completing the race in a time of 13:19:16. Leila was selected to represent SA Modern Pentathlon at the 2023 UIPM Biathle/Triathle World Championships in Bali, Indonesia. We are proud of Leila for her commitment and her achievements.



HOCKEY

HEAD:
Mr J Still

CAPTAIN:
Jenna Tarr

VICE-CAPTAIN:
Kate Nel

SECRETARY:
Demi Knott

At the end of Term 1, we saw the 1st Team play in the Greg Beling Festival hosted by Tallies Agencies and taking place at seven venues in East London. Our 1st Team played very well and showed grit and determination against some very strong opponents. Their results were: Played 5, Won 1, Lost 4

The U16A Team were also invited at the last moment to take part in the festival. They played with all their heart against some strong 1st Teams. Their results were: Played 3, Won 2, Drew 1

The U16A Team travelled to St Mary's DSG in Kloof to take part in an U16 hockey tournament. They played very well against some very strong schools and were placed 6th out

TABLE 1: COACHES		
TEAM	COACH	TEACHER-LINK
U14B	Ms A Hookins	
U14A	Ms G Jasson	Mrs C Schmidt
U16D & E	Mr J Still	
U16C	Ms A Griffin	
U16B	Mrs L Nel	Ms J Theron
U16A	Mr L Sedras	Ms L Ragaval
3rd Team	Mr M Orsmond	
2nd Team	Mr B Mountfort	
1st Team	Mr D Nel	Mrs A Haschick

of 23 schools. Their results were: Played 7, Won 3, Drew 1, Lost 3
During the April holidays, several teams took part in various festivals.

The 2nd Team spent the weekend in Graaff-Reinet, playing in the Union High School Rugby/ Hockey Festival. This was a lovely opportunity for the team to bond and a lot of progress was made. The team played admirably against 1st Teams from other schools. Their results were: Played 5, Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 3
The U14A Hockey Team participated in the Rob Taylor Hockey Festival. They started off struggling against two very strong

teams and then bounced back with some good results. The girls had a lot of fun and it was the perfect start to get everyone into the Hockey spirit for the season ahead. Their results were: Played 5, Won 1, Drew 2, Lost 2

The 1st Hockey Team travelled to the St Mary's Hockey Festival in Gauteng. Our captain, Kate, turned 18, Kaylin survived a stick to the chin and every member of the 1st Team played their socks off. Kate van Heerden, Kaylin Hendriks and Jenna Tarr were all awarded Player of Match Awards for various games. Under the guidance of coach Deon Nel and assistant coach Luaan Sedras, the team ended 11th out of 32 teams – a fantastic achievement.

Term 2 started with matches against Pearson. All teams played hard and enjoyed supporting each other, unfortunately results did not go our way and Pearson walked away winning all the matches.

Our next fixture was away to QGHS in Queenstown. We travelled up on Wednesday afternoon for the senior teams and on Saturday for the junior teams. It was a good fixture for Clarendon with all but one team winning and with our 1st team winning 7-1.
Clarendon was one of



1ST TEAM HOCKEY

BACK ROW: D Knott, G McClure, C Knott, C Lugo Fernandez, K Nel
MIDDLE ROW: B Martin, J Frachet, C Hendry, A Woodin, J Saffy, K Hendriks
FRONT ROW: Mr D Nel (Coach), Mr J Still (TIC), K van Heerden (C), Mrs J Parick (Principal), J Tarr (VC), Mrs A Haschick (TL), Mr L Sedras (Ass. Coach)



23 schools to participate in the 21st All Girls' National Schools' Festival hosted by Eunice High School in Bloemfontein from 27 – 29 April. Our 1st Team achieved good results and enjoyed the wonderful weekend. They came 4th behind some of the best teams in the country. Their results were: Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3

The very next weekend, we travelled back to Bloemfontein with all our teams for the annual derby against Eunice. An amazing weekend was had by all with many great memories created as the teams got to bond with each other and play some very tough matches. Eunice got the better of us, but our U14A Team had a great result and the U14B Team had one of the



most exciting losses that many of the supporters have watched. They played with spirit, dedication and a never-give-up attitude that depicts the approach we want to see in our hockey.

We had some very big wins against KHS and Grens and were very glad to see that our teams played until the very end of the match and kept their structure throughout.

We then played against Merrifield. These matches were played in a great spirit and many great results were recorded. We won all of our matches with Erin Peters scoring 5 goals for the 2nd Team after scoring a hat-trick just two days earlier for the 3rd Team against Grens.

The following weekend, during exams, we travelled to Makhandla to play against DSG. Our teams struggled and looked a little out of sorts. However, the 1st Team were outstanding and turned around a defeat from earlier in the year to beat DSG on their home turf. What an awesome result.

Our second last match for the term was against Cambridge. The 1st Team and 2nd Team led the way with two amazing performances. We won all of our



BACK ROW: A Buys, M van Aardt, H Webber, R Krause, A Step
MIDDLE ROW: P Ball, E Peters, K Hayward, K Willis, K Potgieter, C Chan
FRONT ROW: S Marimo (V-C), Mr J Still (TIC), H James (C), Mr B Mountfort (Coach), B Daka.

matches apart from one draw. In the second last week of the term, we played matches against Stirling, who have proven to be tough opponents in the past. The 1st Team had a very dominant performance, but struggled to finish. On many occasions during the match, the entire Stirling team were in their own defensive circle and with a few minutes left on the clock, the Clarendon 1st Team sealed an exciting win. The U16D Team also recorded their first victory of the year while playing without a

goalkeeper. Amathole Schools Hockey Association had trials during the term and we were proud to announce that the Clarendon players were once again well represented at the provincial level.

The following players represented Amathole Teams at their various IPTs:

- Amathole U14A Coastal Team: Kate Booyens, Holly McClure, Amber Viviers and Chelsea Rennie



- Amathole U16B Team: Quinn Carr, Tashlyn Klaasen, Tiarra Pillay and Lara Schwedhelm
- Amathole U16A Team: Cara Knott, Caroline Kretzmann, Jessica Schaefer and Hannah Viviers
- Amathole Girls U18B Team: Demi Knott, Claren Lugo Fernandez and Alison Woodin
- Amathole Girls U18A Team: Jenna Frachet, Chelsy Hendry, Kaylin Hendriks, Braunwyn Martin, Kate Nel, Jenna Tarr, and Kate van Heerden

During the June/July holidays, the U14A Hockey Team participated in the DSG Hockey/Netball Festival, which took place from 22 – 25 June in Makhandla. The team played excellently and showed grit and perseverance in every match that they played. We congratulate them on placing 3rd overall in the tournament.

The third term started on a high with news that Kaylin Hendriks had been chosen to represent the South African U18A Team in recognition of

her performances at the U18A IPT held in Bloemfontein during the June/July holidays. She represented the South African Team in matches against the Free State U21s and two matches against the South African U21s. Kaylin was awarded her Honours for Hockey.

The exciting news did not end there, as Kate van Heerden, our 1st Team captain, was chosen for the South African U18B Team. Congratulations to both players. They have made us very proud.

Table 2 lists the players who received awards for representing Amathole Schools Hockey at the recent IPTs and for representing the 1st Hockey Team.

The following special hockey awards were also awarded at the Winter Awards Assembly:

1. Most Improved Junior Hockey Player (Grade 8 & 9): Quinn Carr
2. Most Promising Junior Hockey Player (Grade 8 & 9): Kate

TABLE 2: AMATHOLE SCHOOLS HOCKEY AWARDS		
NAME & SURNAME	TEAM	AWARD QUALIFIED FOR
Caroline Kretzmann	U16A	Half-Colours
Jessica Schaefer	U16A	Half-Colours
Hannah Viviers	U16A	Half-Colours
Julianna Saffy	1st Team	1st Team Award
Georgia Mc Clure	1st Team	1st Team Award
Demi Knott	1st Team	Re-Award 1st Team & Re-Award Half-Colours
Claren Lugo Fernandez	1st Team	1st Team Award & Re-Award Half-Colours
Alison Woodin	1st Team	1st Team Award & Re-Award Half-Colours
Cara Knott	1st Team	1st Team Award & Re-Award Half-Colours
Jenna Tarr	1st Team	Re-Award 1st Team & Re-Award Colours
Kate van Heerden	1st Team	Re-Award 1st Team & Re-Award Colours
Kate Nel	1st Team	Re-Award 1st Team & Re-Award Colours
Braunwyn Martin	1st Team	Re-Award 1st Team & Re-Award Colours
Chelsy Hendry	1st Team	Re-Award 1st Team & Re-Award Colours
Jenna Frachet	1st Team	1st Team Award & Colours
Kaylin Hendriks	1st Team	1st Team Award, Re-Award Colours & Honours



- Booyens
- Most Improved Senior Hockey Player (Grade 10 – 12): Claren Lugo Fernández
 - Most Outstanding Hockey Player: Kaylin Hendriks
 - Pope Trophy for Service, Leadership and Outstanding Contribution to Hockey: Kate van Heerden

Congratulations to these players.

Our first Derby of the third term was against Hudson Park High School. The results were as

follows:

- U14 B: 0 - 0 (drew)
- U14 A: 1 - 1 (drew)
- U16 C: 1 - 0 (won)
- U16 B: 1 - 0 (won)
- U16 A: 3 - 3 (drew)
- 2nd Team: 3 - 0 (won)
- 1st Team: 4 - 0 (won)

While we struggled in some of our games, Hudson Park did very well in fighting until the very end to draw the matches. It was with great excitement that the

2nd Team and then the 1st Team had great games and were very dominant in their matches.

Some of our 1st Team players found time to spend an afternoon with the U9 Clarendon Prep Hockey Teams, playing some fun games with their Prep sisters. We look forward to some future stars graduating up to the High School in a few years. Hopefully we can do this more often and we would like to thank Mrs Nel for organising the visit.

We played two matches against Lilyfontein and had mixed results. Our U16B Team beat Lilyfontein 11 – 0 and our 2nd Team lost to the Lilyfontein 1st Team. It was a wonderful afternoon of hockey and a great time making new friends.

On our Founders' Weekend, we played Collegiate, who looked to spoil our celebrations. We had a very tough weekend, losing all but two vital matches. The U16A Team beat a very strong Collegiate side 2 – 1 in the main match on the Saturday. Our 1st Team played against a Collegiate Team, ranked in the Top 10 in the country, on the Friday night under the lights. What



U16A HOCKEY

BACK ROW: K Botha, Q Carr, S Grotjohn, E Booyens
MIDDLE ROW: T Klaasen, M Phillips, J Schaefer, O Yazbek, T Pillay, S Dzengwa
FRONT ROW: Mr J Still (TIC), L Schwedhelm (VC), Mr L Sedras (Coach), H Viviers (C), Miss L Ragaval (TL)

an exciting game and what a huge turn-out of supporters. The support was loud and passionate, and the players were inspired. We won a very tense match 2 – 1.

The following weekend, our 1st Team travelled to the 2023 Challengers' Cup that was hosted by La Rochelle in Paarl, where the team was placed 4th. Kaylin Hendriks was the Top Goal Scorer of the Tournament. Georgia McClure received her 50th cap in the final game of the tournament.

We are so proud of the 1st Team, who had to dig deep with several of the players suffering serious facial injuries. However, this did not stop them from playing. Their results were:

- vs Paarl Girls High: won 1 – 0
- vs St Mary's DSG: won 2 – 1
- vs Middleburg: drew 3 – 3
- vs Affies: won 2 – 1
- vs Beaulieu: won 4 – 1



U14A HOCKEY

BACK ROW: Z Webber, C Rennie, A Jack, A Webber, E Saffy
MIDDLE ROW: Y Kamana, H McClure, S Harms, K Lee, A Gaylard, H Webber, A Ndamase
FRONT ROW: Mr J Still (TIC), K Booyens (V-C), Ms G Jasson (Coach), A Viviers (C), Mrs C Schmidt (TL)

Semi-final: vs DSG: drew 2 – 2, but lost 2 – 3 in penalty shootout

3/4th play-off: vs St Stithian's: drew 3 – 3, but lost 4 – 5 in penalty shootout

The last and most exciting event of the season was the Inter-House Hockey Competition. A lot of fun was had as players enjoyed their last bit of hockey for the year. The results were:

- Senior winners - Hunter
- Junior winners - Gittins
- Overall winners - Hunter

Well done to all of our players who have given up so many hours this year. From the players everyone notices, all the way down to the teams that are often not noticed like the U16E Team. A lot of hard work and effort was put into the year by all players at all levels. Clarendon is proud of your effort, dedication and commitment during the year. Well done to all of the teams.

Thank you to our coaches who continue to go the extra mile and make sure that every player is ready for their matches. The effort and time you put into the lives of the players is immense and I know the players are very grateful.

Congratulations to our external coaches on their

personal achievements as well.

Ms Jasson (U14A coach and Old Girl) captained the Border Woman's Team to victory in the B Section of the National IPT, gaining their promotion to the A Section for next year. Clarendon was represented by some other Old Girls in the Border Team. Bianca Wood (the top goal scorer), Lillian Jasson and two of our 1st Team players from 2022, namely Catelyn Farrer and Jemma Randall. Congratulations to Mr Sedras (U16A coach), who was selected to coach the Border Men's Team at the IPT and to Mr Nel (1st Team coach), who was the Umpire Manager at the IPT.

Thank you to the Sport's Office for all the support during the year in organising everything.

Thank you to all the background people who came early and stayed late to set up everything, to clean toilets, to work in the tuckshop, to do first aid, to serve tea, to run the tech table and a lot of other jobs that are not often noticed. Without all of these people working long hours, we would not be able to have the amazing atmosphere at our home matches that we enjoy. Thank you to all the coaches for the long hours they put in thinking, planning and coaching.

Here's to a great season, a great sport and a great 2024 ahead of us.



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NETBALL

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs K Voke

TEACHER-LINKS &
COACHES:

1st and 2nd Team:
Coach: Mrs M Langfield
TL: Mrs D Alderman

3rd Team:
Coach and TL:
Ms Z Mazaleni

U16A & B:
Coach: Mr G Simion
TL: Ms S Gqibani

U15 A & B:
Coach: Mr R Klein
TL: Ms C van Zyl

U/15 C & D:
Coach: Ms Q Bongela
TL: Ms B Matthis

U14 A & B:
Coach: Ms Q Bongela
TL: Ms N Wood

U/14 C & D:
Coach & TL: Ms A Dunga

This year has certainly been very exciting. It was a fantastic season and we are very proud of each and every one of our players. Our results were as follows:

FESTIVALS AND TOURS:

Grens Netball Festival:

- 1st Team: Played 4, won 3, lost 1
- U/16 A: Played 6, won 1, lost 4, drew 1
- U/15 A: Played 6, lost 5, drew 1
- U/14 A: Played 7, won 3, lost 4

St Mary’s DSG (Kloof) U/16A Tournament:

The team played extremely well



1ST TEAM NETBALL

BACK ROW: J James, I Ntutu, C Magobongo, J Kilian
MIDDLE ROW: S Bremeshe, A Mahamba, I Gqoboka, K Matabeni, M Kupa
FRONT ROW: Mrs K Voke (Head of Netball), Mrs M Langfield (Coach), B Mgoqi (Captain), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), Mrs D Alderman (TL)

and came 5th out of 10 schools.

- vs Epworth: 13 – 3 (won)
- vs Hillcrest: 8 – 9 (lost)
- vs Our Lady of Fatima: 13 – 13 (drew)
- vs Danville: 15 – 6 (won)
- vs St Mary’s: 28 – 7 (won)
- vs Curro Hilcrest: 19 – 7 (won)
- vs DGC: 12 – 13 (lost)
- vs DGH: 17 – 4 (won)
- vs Ashton: 11 – 15 (lost)

National All Girls’ Festival:

Our 1st Netball Team participated at the National All Girls’ Festival that was hosted at Eunice. Their results are as follows:

- vs Parktown: 13 – 24 (lost)
- vs PMB: 16 – 14 (won)
- vs Danville: 21 – 18 (won)
- vs La Rochelle: 20 – 27 (lost)
- vs OMS: 28 – 32 (lost)
- vs Collegiate: 18 – 25 (lost)
- vs Potchefstroom: 15 – 29 (lost)
- vs Wynberg: 24 – 28 (lost)

Clarendon ended 16th out of 22 schools.

DERBY DAYS:

Pearson:

- U/14 A: 9 – 25 (lost)

- U/14 B: 9 – 20 (lost)
- U/14 C: 6 – 9 (lost)
- U/14 D: 0 – 23 (lost)
- U/15 A: 3 – 23 (lost)
- U/15 B vs Pearson U/16 C: 8 – 9 (lost)
- U/15 C vs Pearson U/16 D: 16 – 14 (won)
- U/16 A: 19 – 30 (lost)
- U/16 B: 10 – 11 (lost)
- 1st Team: 14 – 32 (lost)
- 2nd Team: 8 – 14 (lost)



Queenstown Girls High School:

- U/14 A: 17 – 20 (lost)
- U/14 B: 11 – 14 (lost)
- U/15 A vs QGHS U/16 C: 21 – 11 (won)
- U/15 B vs QGHS U/16 D: 10 – 4 (won)
- U/16 A: 26 – 22 (won)
- U/16 B: 16 – 14 (won)
- 1st Team: 23 - 19 (won)
- 2nd Team: 12 – 5 (won)

- U/16 B: Rained out
- 1st Team: 6 – 36 (lost)
- 2nd Team: Rained out
- 3rd Team: Rained out

Grens:

- U/14 A: 11 – 12 (lost)
- U/15 A: 8 – 11 (lost)
- U/15 B: 7 – 13 (lost)
- U/16 A: 25 – 19 (won)
- U/16 B: 21 – 8 (won)



- U/16 B: 17 – 7 (won)
- 1st Team: 22 – 27 (lost)
- 2nd Team: 15 – 11 (won)
- 3rd Team: 10 – 10 (drew)

Cambridge High School:

- U/14 A: 24 - 6 (won)
- U/14 B: 20 – 2 (won)
- U/14 C: 8 – 1 (won)
- U/14 D: 8 – 5 (won)
- U/15 A: 7 – 14 (lost)
- U/15 B: 9 – 14 (won)
- U/15 C: 15 – 7 (won)
- U/15 D: 3 – 10 (lost)
- U/16 A: 21 – 5 (won)
- U/16 B: 24 - 11 (won)
- 1st Team: 24 – 24 (drew)
- 2nd Team: 8 – 11 (lost)
- 3rd Team: 9 – 7 (won)



- 3rd Team: 4 – 16 (lost)
- Kingsridge: U/14 A: 14 – 12 (won)
- U/14 B: 25 – 8 (won)
- U/14 D: 8 – 5 (won)
- U/15 A: 19 – 9 (won)
- U/15 B: 21 – 10 (won)
- U/16 A: 22– 5 (won)
- U/16 B: 22 - 6 (won)
- 1st Team: 27 – 23 (won)
- 2nd Team: 22 – 10 (won)

Eunice High School:

- U/14 A: 16 – 9 (won)
- U/14 B: 12 – 13 (lost)
- U/14 C: Rained out
- U/15 A: 15 – 27 (lost)
- U/15 B: 7 – 9 (lost)
- U/15 C: Rained out
- U/16 A: 26 – 19 (won)

- 1st Team: 20 – 39 (lost)
- 2nd Team: 13 – 9 (lost)
- 3rd Team: 11 – 17 (lost)

Merrifield:

- U/15 B vs Merrifield U/15 A: 4 – 13 (lost)
- 2nd Team vs Merrifield 1st Team: 20 – 4 (won)

DSG:

- U/14 A: 19 – 12 (won)
- U/14 B: 11 – 8 (won)
- U/14 C: 11 – 7 (won)
- U/14 D: 8 – 2 (won)
- U/15 A: 10 – 16 (lost)
- U/15 B: 13 – 12 (won)
- U/15 C: 6 – 6 (drew)
- U/16 A: 23 – 14 (won)



Stirling High School:

- U/14 A: 15 – 23 (lost)
- U/14 B: 18 – 15 (won)
- U/14 C: 13 – 11 (won)
- U/14 D: 6 – 10 (lost)
- U/15 A: 5 – 22 (lost)
- U/15 B: 11 – 16 (lost)
- U/15 C: 7 – 12 (lost)
- U/15 D: 5 – 5 (drew)
- U/16 A: 10 – 10 (drew)
- U/16 B: 10 – 8 (won)

- 1st Team: 27 – 26 (won)
- 2nd Team: 14 – 8 (won)
- 3rd Team: 9 – 9 (drew)

Congratulations to the following players on their selection to the Eastern Cape Netball Teams. We wished them all the best as they participated in the holidays:

- U/16: Ikhona Ntutu and Aneliswa Sokujiika

- U/18: Jordan James

Our teams played in our final two Derby Days against Hudson Park and Collegiate and reflected how hard they had trained. Throughout the season our teams have showed what true Clarendon spirit is made of. The games were tough, but the teams pushed themselves hard and performed at their best.



U16A NETBALL

BACK ROW: A Exford, L Badiyana, Q Ngcobondwana
MIDDLE ROW: A Nocanda, A Sinuka, A Buwa, A Sokujiika, B Saba
FRONT ROW: Mrs K Voke (TIC), O Marotya (C), Mr G Simion (Coach), P Kunene (V-C), Ms S Gqibani (TL)

Our 1st Netball team travelled to Gqeberha to compete at the Collegiate Netball Festival during the school holidays. The team did very well and were placed 4th overall. Results:

- vs St Andrews: 12 – 11 (won)
- vs Stirling: 17 – 9 (won)
- vs Nico Malan: 11 – 23 (lost)
- vs Pearson: 9 – 21 (lost)
- vs Collegiate: 11 – 18 (lost)
- vs Alexander Road: 21 – 6 (won)

In the Playoff for 3rd and 4th place, we lost to Collegiate 19 - 21

Derby Day vs Hudson Park:

- U/14 A: 12 – 26 (lost)
- U/14 B: 13 – 20 (lost)
- U/14 C: 11 – 10 (won)
- U/15 A: 12 – 25 (lost)
- U/15 B: 9 – 10 (lost)
- U/16 A: 26 – 8 (won)
- U/16 B: 22 – 9 (won)
- 1st Team: 16 – 28 (lost)
- 2nd Team: 16 – 12 (won)

Our final derby was against Collegiate. For the Matrics, this meant taking the court for their last netball game. Emotions ran high



2ND TEAM NETBALL

BACK ROW: O Kanzi, K Matabeni, I Kaptein, J James, L Genu, L Sekeleni
FRONT ROW: Mrs K Voke (Head of Netball), M Kupa (C), Mrs M Langfield (Coach), B Ntezi, Mrs D Allderman (TL)



and all teams acquitted themselves well to the task at hand, with scores reflecting the hard training season.

- U/14 A: 17 – 15 (won)
- U/14 B: 20 – 12 (won)
- U/14 C: 5 – 22 (Lost)
- U/14 D: 9 – 10 (lost)
- Clar U/15 A vs Coll U/16 C: 14 – 8 (won)
- Clar U/15 B vs Coll U/16 D: 11 – 6 (won)
- Clar U/15 C vs Coll U/16 E: 18 – 12 (won)
- Clar U/15 D vs Colle U/16 F: 6 – 8 (lost)
- U/16 A: 19 – 20 (lost)
- U/16 B: 21 – 13 (won)
- 1st Team: 14 – 38 (lost)
- 2nd Team: 6 – 13 (lost)
- 3rd Team: 12 – 28 (lost)

A few 1st team players enjoyed a fun afternoon coaching their little sisters at the Prep. There was great excitement for all. To end the season, the girls dressed up and enjoyed themselves during our Inter-house games. Well done to Ketchen on winning the Senior section and Hunter on winning the Junior section.

We would like to express our extreme thanks and gratitude to all Teacher-Links and Coaches for a fantastic season.



U15A NETBALL

BACK ROW: S Nxonyeka, S Madikiza, A Myatheli, I Mvandaba, T Spelman
FRONT ROW: Mrs K Voke (Head of Sport), E Mdlulwa, Mr R Klein (Coach), A Tokwe, Ms C van Zyl (TL)



U14A TEAM NETBALL

BACK ROW: M Gale, L Nyingwa, D Booie
MIDDLE ROW: O Gude, R Mosoang, S Selonyane, A Mrwetyana, L Msamo
FRONT ROW: Ms K Voke (Head of Netball), L Dudumashe (C), Ms Q Bongela (Coach), K Gous (V-C), Ms N Wood (TL)



RIDING

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs M Schultz

CAPTAIN:
Abigail Willard

VICE-CAPTAIN:
Chloe van Seumeren

SECRETARY:
Emma Collins

Although it has been a very quiet year for the Riding Society throughout 2023, with few shows to attend, we would like to congratulate Jade Sephton on her election as the President of the Riding Society for 2024 with Evelyn



BACK ROW: E Collins (S), C Rennie, C Van Seumeren (V-C),
FRONT ROW: E Schultz, Mrs J Patrick (Principal), A Willard (C), Mrs M Schultz (TIC), J Sephton

Schultz as Secretary. We are looking forward to a much more exciting 2024 with many new

girls who are ready to join and participate in the upcoming Inter-School Horse Riding Shows.



1ST TEAM ROWING

BACK ROW: T Strydom, S Hartwanger, S Puchert, J van Reeken, L Milne, C Rennie, J Sephton
4TH ROW: T Capa, M Mangisa, S Madliki, S Maqubela, S Jordan, L Genu, G Gibbons, J van den Bosch, A Henn
3RD ROW: Mr R Booyens (Coach), U Nomanyama, U Gijana, P Tewo, C Lutge, Z Pokwana, H Willis, E Lutge, B Veaudry, Miss K Raath (Coach)
2ND ROW: K Ningi, L Foslara, T Vogt, T Rantjie, M Willis, L Theodosi, A Hartwanger, G Assam, J Moss
FRONT ROW: Mrs K Godfrey (Coach), T Diplock, H Büchner, Mrs J Patrick, Mr M Fourie (TIC) N Mtwla, M Madala, Mr B Godfrey
FLOOR: A Maganise
ABSENT: I Ntshuntshe



ROWING

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mr M Fourie

TEACHER-LINKS:
Mr A Koshy, Ms S Gqibani

COACHES:
Mr B and Mrs K Godfrey,
Miss K Raath, Mr A Booyens

CAPTAIN:
Heike Büchner

VICE-CAPTAIN:
Tanna Diplock

SECRETARIES:
Milani Madala and Ntokozo Mtwla

The Clarendon Rowing season kicked off with the Knysna Regatta in October 2022. It was a challenging event where rowers were confronted with strong crosswinds and buckets full of rain. Clarendon posted exceptional results.

The Knysna Regatta was followed by Boat Races, which is an event with all the Senior 1st Teams in the country, on the beautiful Kowie River in Port Alfred. The Clarendon 1st Team achieved an excellent fifth place in the country. All these races were in preparation for the Buffalo Regatta, ECRA Regatta and Selborne Sprints in February 2023 and ultimately South African



U16 AND OPEN ROWING TEAM

BACK ROW: L Genu, M Madala, L Milne, J Sephton, T Strydom
MIDDLE ROW: N Mtwla, A Kemp, S Maqubela, E Lutge, B Veaudry
FRONT ROW: Mr M Fourie (TIC), T Diplock, Mrs J Patrick (Principal), H Büchner, Mr B Godfrey (Coach)



U15 ROWING TEAM

BACK ROW: A Mahlangabeza, C Lutge, S Jordan, S Puchert, Z Pokwana, G Gibbons, J van den Bosch
MIDDLE ROW: S Pienaar, U Gijana, H Willis, P Tewo, U Nomanyama
FRONT ROW: L Theodosi, Mr M Fourie (TIC), M Willis, Mrs K Godfrey (Coach), A Maganise



U14 ROWING TEAM

BACK ROW: A Henn, C Rennie, G van Reeken, L Nyingwa, M Mangisa
3RD ROW: R Pathan, T Rantjie, A Hartwanger, S Madliki, S Hartwanger, D Smith, U Nogoduka
2ND ROW: J Moss, L Foslara, G Assam, T Voyi, A Siwahla, L Songxaba
Front row: Coach K Raath, K Ningi, Mr M Fourie (TIC), T Capa, Mr R Booyens (Coach)



Rowing Championships in March, which marks the end of the Rowing season.

The girls finished off the Rowing season with great results and many medals. Congratulations to the U15s for winning a Gold Medal and being placed first in the country for the Octuple. We would like to make special mention and congratulate Tanna Diplock on the following special achievements: After racing in the Junior Women's U19 sculls at SA Schools' Rowing Champs and finishing 17th overall out of about 35 athletes, she was selected to compete at SA National Champs as part of the Eastern Cape team. On the 29 April, she raced in the Women's U23 Single Sculls and was placed 12th out of 18, missing the A final. The next day was the U18 Women's Single Sculls where she won her heat and achieved Gold in the A final. Congratulations are extended to Tanna on this achievement. Tanna said: "It would have been impossible without my coach, Bill Godfrey, who guided me down the course. I am looking forward to aiming high next year."

Rowing is a highly specialised sport that requires many hours of training, commitment, and hard work. Rowers form a very tight bond, with friendships lasting a lifetime. Best of luck for the 2024 season. Always remember the famous words of Coach Bill Godfrey, "Work hard, no excuses".





SOCCER

HEAD:

Ms J Theron

COACHES:

Mr W Isibor, Mr L van der Byl

CAPTAIN:

Emma Collins

VICE-CAPTAIN:

Mbali Wanji

SECRETARY:

Lia Milne

Soccer has grown at Clarendon High School since the sport was first introduced at the school last year. We now have a 1st and a 2nd Team, each of which have received a beautiful custom-made kit. Thank you to Msamo Attorneys for this wonderful sponsorship and to Mr Bixa for his role in organising the sponsorship and kit.

Our First Team attended the Alexander Road Sports Festival in Gqeberha in March, where we achieved the following results:

- Lost to Alexander Road 2 – 1
- Drew with Sanctor High



1ST TEAM SOCCER

BACK ROW: C Lutge, L Bijal, K Jansen, A Pretorious, I Gates
MIDDLE ROW: L Magwentshu, K Taboola, S Williams, K Njokweni, Q Mqeni, S Msutu
FRONT ROW: Y Mahlati, J Theron (TIC), M Wanji, Mrs J Patrick (Principal), E Collins, Mr W Isibor (Coach), L Milne
ABSENT: Mr L Van der Byl (Coach), K Hendriks, I Makhoba

School 0 – 0

- Drew with Victoria Park 0 – 0
- Lost to GS Academy 1 – 0

The Clarendon 1st and 2nd Team also participated in League matches that took place at Hams Club every Friday, where we have the opportunity to compete against some highly competitive players and gain great experience.

On 7 August 2023, we hosted the Clarendon Women's Day Soccer Tournament at Hams Club to celebrate our 120th

Birthday, as well as women's involvement and advancement in sport. Clarendon 1st Team placed 4th and our 2nd Team placed 5th. Well done to East London Secondary School on winning the tournament with great excitement.

Thank you to Ms Theron (Head of Soccer) and our coaches, Mr Isibor (1st Team coach) and Mr Van Der Byl (2nd Team coach) for their dedication and commitment to soccer at Clarendon High School. We look forward to what 2024 has to offer us in the soccer realm.



2ND TEAM SOCCER

BACK ROW: F Uchendu, Y Xabakashe, S Lujabe
MIDDLE ROW: N Scharneck, A Kondlo, N Jele, K Rama, L Telana, T Bixa
FRONT ROW: K Moodley, J Theron (TIC), S Hartwanger, Mr W Isibor (Coach), A Mbali
ABSENT: C Matthis, K Ngqala, Mr L Van der Byl (Coach)





SQUASH

HEAD:
Mrs L Higgs

COACH:
Mr G Shean

SOCIAL:
Mrs L Higgs
Miss N Ryder

CAPTAIN:
Chelsy Hendry

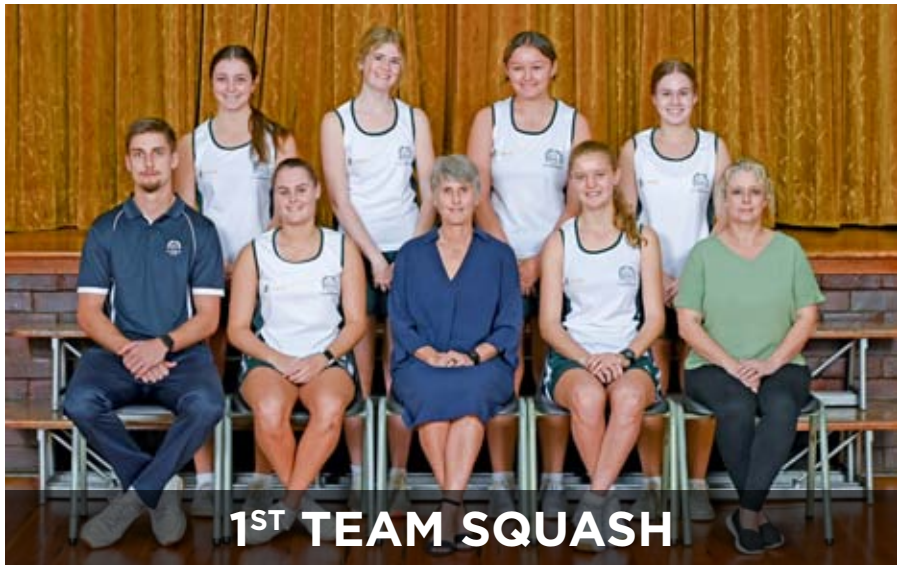
VICE-CAPTAIN:
Georgia McClure

SECRETARY:
Cara Knott

SOCIAL SQUASH – We encourage more learners to participate in and learn about the amazing game of Squash. Social Squash is offered once a week during the winter season and once a week during the summer season. The players learn how to play Squash and to umpire and score at a Squash match. Great fun is had by all and it is encouraging to note the improvement in players.

TEAM SQUASH – Six of our Squash girls travelled to a very hot Grahamstown on Friday, 3 February to participate in the **DAVE HODGSON SQUASH FESTIVAL**. This festival is played in a Round Robin format - two matches were played on Friday and four on Saturday. As it is a Festival, no winner is announced. However, we are proud to announce that we were the only unbeaten team by the end of the festival.

Our players played



1ST TEAM SQUASH

BACK ROW: C Kretzmann, S Earl, A Sinclair, J Jones
FRONT ROW: Mr G Shean (Coach), C Hendry (C), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), C Knott (S), Mrs L Higgs (TIC)

extremely well and showed grit and determination. They gained valuable experience and it was lovely to see the growth in confidence and improvement in play as the festival progressed. Their results were as listed in Table 1.

Six of our Squash players travelled to Bloemfontein to participate in the **TECHNIFIBRE BLOEMFONTEIN JUNIOR OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT** from 2 – 5 March 2023. This is an important Tournament and can lead to selection to the SA National Junior Team which will participate in the 2023 WSF World Junior Women's Individual and Team Championship to be played on the Gold Coast, Australia in July. The final results were as follows:

- U14**
- Holly McClure – 7th
 - Alex Gaylard – 13th
- U16**
- Cara Knott – 4th in the U16A

- section
- Sasha Earl – 7th in the U16A section
 - Keira Botha – 3rd in U16B section
- U19**
- Jessica Jones – 28th

The following Clarendon Squash players were selected and invited to enter the **SA JUNIOR CLOSED SQUASH TOURNAMENT**, held at St John's Barrow Squash Centre, Johannesburg, from 14 – 16 April 2023. This is the second of the SA Schools' Squash Selection Tournaments. Special mention must be made of Cara Knott, who was seeded 4th and secured a number 3 ranking in the U16 section by the end of the tournament **Final rankings:**

- U14**
- Holly McClure – 8th
 - Alex Gaylard – 11th
- U16**
- Cara Knott – 3rd

TABLE 1: DAVE HODGSON SQUASH FESTIVAL RESULTS	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Clarendon won 6 - 0 against Kingswood	Clarendon won 6 - 0 against Collegiate
Clarendon won 5 - 1 against DSG	Clarendon won 6 - 0 against Herschel
	Clarendon won 6 - 0 against St Stithians
	Clarendon won 5 - 1 against St Mary's Waverley

- Sasha Earl – 7th

Four of our players represented Clarendon at the **NATIONAL ALL GIRLS’ FESTIVAL** hosted by Eunice in Bloemfontein. They were the only unbeaten team by the end of the festival. Their results were as follows:

- Won 14 – 0 against Pretoria HSG
- Won 14 – 3 against Paarl GHS
- Won 14 – 0 against Queenstown GHS
- Won 14 – 0 against Rustenburg
- Won 14 – 0 against La Rochelle
- Won 14 – 1 against Eunice
- Won 14 – 0 against Danville
- Won 14 – 1 against Collegiate

Sasha Earl, only in Grade 10, participated in the **BORDER CLOSED LADIES’ TOURNAMENT** held in May and won the tournament! Well done Sasha!

The following players were selected to represent **BORDER SCHOOLS’ SQUASH** at their respective Interprovincial Tournaments (IPTs) that were held from 24 – 28 June 2023:

- U14 - Johannesburg (one team)**
- Holly McClure
 - Alex Gaylard

- The Border Team ended in 3rd position.

U16 - Bloemfontein – A Team

- Cara Knott
- Sasha Earl
- Caroline Kretzmann
- Alice Sinclair
- Kristen Potter
- The Border Team ended in 4th position.

U16 - Bloemfontein – B Team

- Keira Botha
- Cameron Kruger
- The Border Team ended in 3rd position.

U19 - Stellenbosch

- Jessica Jones
- Georgia McClure
- The Border Team ended in 5th position.

On 19 June, the First Team had a fun afternoon interacting with **CLARENDON PRIMARY FIRST TEAM SQUASH** players. The Primary School players were coached by Mr Shean and then played short games against our First Team players. Everyone enjoyed a brownie, baked by Mrs Nel. Great fun was had by all.

Our Squash players, representing Border, participated in the **SA TOP SCHOOLS’ SQUASH TOURNAMENT**,

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF DERBY DAY RESULTS	
VERSUS	MATCH RESULT
Pearson	Won 3-0
GHS	Won 5-1
Eunice	Lost 4-8
DSG	Won 6-0
Hudson Park	Won 4-0
Collegiate	Won 6-0

hosted by Epworth High School in KwaZulu-Natal from 10 – 12 August. We thank Jumbo for their sponsorship. The results were:

Thursday

- Vs Paarl Gymnasium Girls won 5 – 0
- Vs St Anne’s lost 1 – 4

Friday

- Vs St Mary’s won 3 – 2
- This placed us second in our pool and we proceeded to the cross-pool play-off to determine the top four rankings.
- Vs Midstream (overall winner of Tournament) lost 0 – 5

Saturday

- Vs Epworth lost 1 – 4
- We ended in 4th position in the Tournament. Well done girls! Clarendon is very proud of you. We thank Mrs Higgs and the Coach, Mr Shean, for looking after the players.

Four of our players participated in the **U17 GROWTHPOINT SA NATIONAL REGIONALS** from 2-3 June. Their results are as follows:

Border:

- Cara Knott – 1st
- Kristen Potter – 2nd
- Keira Botha – 3rd

Eastern Province:

- Sasha Earl – 1st
- Cara Knott and Sasha Earl progressed to the finals which were held at the V&A



2ND TEAM SQUASH

BACK ROW: C Kruger, K Botha, K Potter, D Knott, A Gaylard
FRONT ROW: H Mc Clure, Mr G Shean (Coach), G Mc Clure (V-C), Mrs L Higgs (TIC), B Swart

Waterfront from 17 – 20 August. Both players had an excellent tournament. Sasha Earl came 6th and Cara came 3rd in the U17 section.

We congratulate the following players on their **SA SCHOOLS RANKINGS:**

U16

- Cara Knott – 4th
- Sasha Earl – 7th

U14

- Holly McClure – Top 10

Our players continue to play **SCHOOLS’ LEAGUE** (a mixed league) on a Monday afternoon during the winter season. This year, we entered three teams – one team in the 1st league and two teams in the 2nd league.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the coach, Mr Gregg Shean, all the Squash parents for their support over the last year, as well as the Social Squash staff member, Ms Ryder, who helped at League matches. The hard work and dedication shown by the Squash players this year has resulted in a most enjoyable and successful season of Squash. Thank you – Clarendon is very proud of you!



TABLE 3: SCHOOLS’ LEAGUE RESULTS	
1 ST LEAGUE	
Clarendon A	3 rd (Selborne A and B 1 st and 2 nd)
2 ND LEAGUE	
Clarendon B	2 nd (Selborne C 1 st)
Clarendon C	4 th

TABLE 4: SCHOOLS’ LEAGUE AWARDS	
Cara Knott	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-award 1st TeamRe-award ColoursTanielle Wilson Trophy – Most outstanding Squash Player of the YearDonovan Trophy – Commitment to Squash
Chelsy Hendry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-award First TeamRe-award Colours
Sasha Earl	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-award 1st TeamColoursMost Improved Senior Squash Player
Caroline Kretzmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-award 1st TeamColours
Jessica Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Team AwardColours
Alice Sinclair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Team AwardHalf Colours
Georgia McClure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-award Half Colours
Kristen Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Half ColoursMost Improved Junior Squash Player





SQUASH



SWIMMING

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs K Voke

CAPTAIN:
Tori Voke

VICE-CAPTAIN:
Josi Arnold

SECRETARY:
Gabby Moulang



1ST TEAM SWIMMING

BACK ROW: K Campbell, E Booyens, C Magobongo, R. Webb, J Schaefer, H Jacoby
3RD ROW: A Munro, K Gous, C Kretzmann, E Palmer, Q Carr, C Hendry, O Yazbek, J Cromhout
2ND ROW: J Ristow, H Viviers, J Tarr, K Hayward, J Boëtger, M Phillips
FRONT ROW: J Arnold (VC), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), T Voke (C), Mrs K Voke (Coach / TIC), A Albers
ABSENT: K Elliott

To start the year off, Clarendon 1st Swimming Team took part in the National All Girls' Aquatics' Festival held in Johannesburg, hosted by St Mary's Waverly. The team placed 6th overall. We won the following medals:



- Gold: U14 Backstroke Relay and U14 Freestyle Relay
- Silver: Open 6 x 50m Freestyle Relay
- Bronze: U17 Freestyle Relay and U17 Medley Relay

Our 1st Team took part in the 2nd Hudson Park High School Sprint Gala. In the 4 x 50m Medley Relay, our A team was placed 1st and the B team was placed 3rd. We entered two teams in the Mixed 6 x 50m Freestyle Relay with Selborne College. The A team won the relay and our B team came 3rd. We congratulate Tori Voke on winning the 50m Dash for Cash event.

Stirling High School hosted its first Sprint Gala in October in which our 1st Team took part. In the 4 x 50m Medley Relay, our A team placed 1st and the B team placed 3rd. We entered two teams in the Mixed 6 x 50m Freestyle Relay with Selborne College. The A team won the relay and our B team came 3rd. We congratulate Tori Voke on winning the 50m Dash for Cash event.

Well done to the following swimmers who were selected for the Buffalo City Aquatics' Team that competed at the Inter-Provincial Gala in Port Elizabeth in January: Tori Voke, Josi Arnold, Holley Jacoby, Megan Phillips, Kayla Gous, Emily Palmer, Jodi Boëtger and Jocelyn Cromhout.

The Inter-house Gala was held at the Joan Harrison Pool for the first time since 2020. Fun was had by all. Well done to Hunter on winning the overall gala; as well as to Kayla Gous who won the Junior Victrix Ludorum, and Tori Voke who won the Senior Victrix Ludorum and the Gehring Cup for the Best Swimmer at the Gala.

Congratulations to all our club swimmers who qualified and swam at the various National Level galas this season.





INTERHOUSE

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TENNIS

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:

Miss C Hempel

COACH:

Mr D Grotjohn

CAPTAIN:

Erin Peters

VICE-CAPTAIN:

Mia van Aardt

SECRETARY:

Paige Gulle

The Tennis players had a busy season, starting in the 1st Term, playing league matches on a Wednesday, a few friendly matches against Queenstown Girls' High and Kingsridge, and participating in three tournaments.

During the First Term, the Senior Girls took part in league fixtures on a Wednesday. We entered three teams in order to provide all the girls with a chance to develop their skills and get match practice.

At the end of January, the Clarendon 1st Team enjoyed being back on the courts, participating in the Merrifield Tennis Tournament, contested by 8 schools (Merrifield, Collegiate, Clarendon, Kingswood, Pearson, Stirling, Cradock,

and Port Alfred). They overcame some tough competition to win the tournament by beating Cradock 6-0, Kingswood 4-2, Stirling 4-2, and then Pearson 5-1 in the final. Well done to Paige Gulle who was unbeaten and came 3rd in the Top Player of the Tournament.

In February, our Top Seven Tennis players travelled to Cradock to compete in the Tjaart Vorster Tournament, with the girls' draw made up of eight teams from around South Africa. We came second in our pool and then we had to play for 3rd and 4th position. There were some very tough games and some brilliant comebacks, but unfortunately it was not meant to be for the girls, and they ended up coming 4th as we lost the match against a very strong Voortrekker High School from Bethlehem.

At the beginning of March, we hosted the 17th Selborne/Clarendon Doubles Tournament. Eight teams participated from around the Eastern Cape. Day 1 consisted of wins against Queens/GHS; Grey/Collegiate; and Kingswood. Day 2 saw Selborne and Clarendon play Stirling in the semi-final. We managed to take the win and move onto the final. It was a very close and tough Final against Pearson. Unfortunately, we lost by a narrow

1 point and ended up finishing 2nd in a superb tournament.

The following girls were selected to represent the Eastern Cape Schools' Tennis Team in the SA Inter-Provincial Tournament in Pretoria at the end of March:

U19 Aloes IPT

- Erin Peters
- Mia van Aardt
- Paige Gulle

The following girls were selected to represent Eastern Cape Schools' Tennis Team in the Synergy Cup in Makhanda at

the end of February:

U19 Synergy (A)

- Sam Jordan

U19 Synergy (B)

- Georgina do Rego

Term 2 consisted of some very tough games against strong

schools from across the country which involved intense Derby Days and the wonderful National All Girls' Festival. We then went to Makhanda for the annual Derby fixture against DSG. We also had a tough Derby Day against Pearson High School. After some very close matches and hard-fought games we ended up

drawing with Pearson 9-9. We also had the delight of presenting Erin Peters with an Honours Award for Tennis, when she was selected to play for South Africa in the UK in June 2023. We would like to congratulate Erin on being selected as one of six players to represent South Africa in the U19 Tennis Team to tour London in July. Erin will also had the amazing opportunity to watch two Grand Slam Wimbledon matches.

Clarendon was one of 23 schools to participate in the 21st All Girls' National Schools' Festival hosted by Eunice High School in Bloemfontein from 27 – 29 April. The girls had an amazing experience and were able to gain valuable experience from different teams across South Africa. The 1st Tennis Team was a strong competitor in the tournament and achieved the following results. Day 1 - Beat La Rochelle 18-0; Beat Danville Park 18-0; Beat Bloemhof 15-3. Day 2 - Play-offs: Quarter final vs Eunice we won 10-8; Semi-Final vs Oranje we lost 12-0. Day 3 – Finals: 3rd and 4th playoff against Bloemhof we lost 9-0. The team managed to place 4th out of 16 teams against some very strong opposition.

The very next weekend it was back to Bloemfontein for the Derby Day against Eunice. We had the opportunity to take 10 girls to play against Eunice. Good fun was had, and the girls played exceptionally well to beat Eunice 37-8 in games.

In the beginning of June, the 1st Tennis Team played in their final Derby for the term. We travelled to Makhanda to face DSG on their home turf. With some really great tennis being played we came away with the win by beating DSG 25-2.

We ended off the term by some of the 1st Team Tennis girls being able to share their love of the game with their little sisters from the Primary School.



1ST TEAM TENNIS

BACK ROW: S Jordan, O Gous, P Gulle (S), K van Heerden, G do Rego
FRONT ROW: M van Aardt (V-C), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), E Peters (C), Mr D Grotjohn (Coach), Miss C Hempel (TIC)



TENNIS

WATER POLO

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:

Miss C Knott

CAPTAIN:

Jenna Tarr

VICE-CAPTAIN:

Alex Albers

1ST TEAM:

Coach: Miss Hanna Muller
Teacher-Link: Miss C Knott

2ND TEAM:

Coach: Mr Joshua Alderman
Teacher-Link: Mrs A Haschick

U15:

Coach: Mr David Carter
Teacher-Link: Miss L Ragaval

U14:

Coach: Miss Hanna Muller
Teacher-Link: Mrs C Schimdt

The year started very early for the Water Polo club. The players enjoyed a Camp from the 4th January to the 16th January before school started. This was a fun-filled two weeks where girls reviewed basics and caught up on their fitness. This year Clarendon



boasted 5 Water Polo teams with all 5 teams going on tours in a short 6-week period.

The U14s played in the Jason Murray Tournament where they were placed 3rd over-all, with Kayla Gous being named Defender of the Tournament. The Junior A team played in the friendship cup at Merrifield and then travelled to Johannesburg to participate in the Shaun Fuchs Tournament hosted by Crawford Lonehill. The team was placed 7th, and we are very proud of the competitive Water Polo they played over the weekend. We were glad they had the opportunity to learn and grow as players.

The Junior B team travelled to Knysna to play in the U15 Oakhill Festival. Much fun was had and the players learnt valuable lessons about Water

Polo and gained much needed tournament practice. They won 3 out of 7 games over the weekend.

The 2nd team played in the Merrifield Tournament, the Friendship Cup, the Stirling Festival and travelled to Knysna for the U19 Oakhill Festival. Over the weekend, the team not only played fantastic Water Polo, but took time to visit the Knysna Heads, went on a boat cruise, and enjoyed swimming in the lagoon. The team ended the weekend unbeaten (6 wins and 1 draw)

The 1st Team had an action-packed term starting with the Kingswood Brian Baker Tournament in Grahamstown where the team was placed 9th overall. They then travelled to Johannesburg for the National All Girls' Aquatics Festival. After most of them competed in the Gala, they played a wonderful two days of Polo, being placed 2nd overall at this tournament. At the Old Petrians Tournament later in the month, Clarendon did very well and won the Bowl section in a tight final against Pearson, that went down to penalties.

A highlight of the season is the annual Inter-House Water Polo Competition, where everyone dressed up and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Gittins managed to win all their games, placing them 1st, Hunter 2nd and Ketchen 3rd. The Water Polo Club would like to thank all the Coaches and Teacher-Links involved this season; their dedication and commitment is testament to an incredible year.



1ST TEAM WATER POLO

BACK ROW:

C Magobongo, T Voke, J Koch

MIDDLE ROW:

J Saffy, K Campbell, M Loots, J Schaefer, M Klopper, C Kretzmann

FRONT ROW:

Miss C Knott (TIC), A Albers (VC), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), J Tarr (C), Miss H Muller (Coach), C Hendry



2ND TEAM WATER POLO

BACK ROW: J Kilian, S Grotjohn, R Webb, E Hayes, K Hatley, J Frachet
MIDDLE ROW: J Ristow, K Hayward, E Booyens, E Collins, G Sanders, A Step, S Mayoli
FRONT ROW: Ms C Knott (TIC), E Bedser (VC), Mr J Alderman (Coach), A Woodin (C), Mrs A Haschick (TL)



JUNIOR A TEAM WATER POLO

BACK ROW: O Yazbek, E Palmer, K Gous
MIDDLE ROW: K Booyens, E Cairns, J Boëttger, M Phillips, E Saffy
FRONT ROW: H Jacoby, Ms C Knott (TIC) J Botha (V-C) Mrs C Schmidt (TL) Q Carr (C)
INSET: Mr D Carter (Coach)



JUNIOR B TEAM WATER POLO

BACK ROW: J Ketterer, S Benn, E Britz, N Peinke
MIDDLE ROW: T Audie, R van Zuydam, A Webber, M Gale, M van Tonder
FRONT ROW: Miss C Knott (TIC), A Gulle, Mr J Alderman (Coach), J Cromhout, Miss L Ragaval(TL)



U14A TEAM WATER POLO

BACK ROW: A Webber, A Gulle, E Brits
MIDDLE ROW: K Booyens, K Gous, J Ketterer, E Palmer, J Boëttger
FRONT ROW: Ms C Knott (TIC), E Saffy, Ms H Muller (Coach) M Gale, Mrs C Schmidt (TL)



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The Clarion provides a platform for its members to develop a love of writing and an opportunity to express their creativity through journalism. In this age of social media, which attracts numerous young users, *The Clarion* is now accessible on the Clarendon High School's Instagram page as a highlight.

Articles in this year covered various topics, including Freedom Day, Heritage Day, Women's Day, How to deal with stress, the Bags of Hope initiative, award-winning, published writing by Clarendon learners, as well as a number of school event highlights. The society is encouraged by the interest shown by younger learners and the addition of a number of new members in 2023.

We thank the Committee and Club members for their work, insights and contributions in 2023, despite a rigorous academic and extra-mural programme.

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T. Gooranah

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FRONT ROW: Ms S Gqibani (TL), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), Ms B Xhala (TIC)



Evening which was filled with celebration of different cultures, joyous singing, cultural dances – it was a life-time experience. We invited various schools that are based in East London to come and join us. It was extremely well attended and we raised substantial funds for the charities our society supports.

The planning of this evening enabled the Committee members to display their leadership skills and to develop them. Some of the money raised was used to buy packs of toiletries for the aged. The Committee members delivered the packs to our charity the *D.J. Sobey Old Age Home* in Fynbos. It was very touching to see the joy and thankfulness the elderly people displayed on their faces when they saw young girls, the future of South Africa giving them hope. They felt that they are still loved and cared for even though they are now separated from their families. Mrs Oliphant, the matron of the Old Age home thanked the girls and encouraged them to continue making a difference in other people's lives.

We would like to thank all the girls who have given up their time to practise preparing items for the success of the Cultural Society events. To the Matrics, we wish them all the best as they prepare for their final examinations. We say to you Matrics, *"Ayikho inkomo yobuthongo"*. *Ithi ke loo nto sebenzani ngokuzinikela ukuze iminqweno yenu iphumelele. Siya kuhlala sinithanda!!!*

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs B Xhala

STAFF:
Miss S Gqibani

HEAD:
Usisipo Mali

SECRETARY:
Sethu Vilana

COMMITTEE:
Limile Mbalana, Lisakhanya Nginase, Akha Stemele, Lwam Kata

The highlight of this year for the Cultural Society was our Annual Cultural



DEBATING

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs H Smit

TEACHER-LINK:
Ms G Bhana

COACH:
Mr Uhleli Mdingi

CHAIRPERSON:
Khazimla Macingwane

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:
Anoyolo Lose

COMMITTEE:
Elizabth Gyan, Yonwaba Mahlati, Ufez'isiphosoxolo Mbilini and Akanaka Ndabambi.

Debating is a life skill like no other offered at Clarendon. Debaters have to show true grit and determination, having to study and write speeches in addition to their academic workload. They must always stay on top of current events in South Africa and the world, as well as be able to debate motions that are complex, or topics that go against their own belief system. I am so proud of all of the Debaters and Adjudicators, who are part of our society – they have had such



SENIOR DEBATING

BACK ROW: I Matiso, M Mbaye, M Muller, E Gyan, L Khandoo
MIDDLE ROW: Z Mkize, A Ndabambi, A Kobese, Y Mahlati
FRONT ROW: Mr U Mdingi (C), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), Anoyolo Lose (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs H Smit (TIC), Ms G Bhana (TL)

ABSENT: Khazimla Macingwane (Chairperson), Ufez'isiphosoxolo Mbilini



JUNIOR DEBATING

BACK ROW: K Rama, A Henn, U Skosana, Y Silwana, M Hartwig, M Strydom, A Reve
MIDDLE ROW: A Mzileni, A Manadan, T Mongoato, Q Tshandu, A Keys
FRONT ROW: Mr U Mdingi (C), Z Mquqo, Mrs H Smit (TIC), N Tumbare, Ms G Bhana (TL)

a successful year. We also have many dedicated Juniors, who are always ready to help out on days when we host the Border League. They set up venues and put them back at the end without too much direction. Their hard work is appreciated.

We were so happy to start the year off with our new Debating Coach Mr Uhleli Mdingi. Mr Mdingi started working with our girls at the end of 2022, but has come on board as a full time coach at the start of this year.



that Clarendon girls fly high at National Debating levels.

Our Debating team was so happy to hear that the National All Girls' Competition was to take place again after the Covid-19 setback. Our team consisted of Khazimla Macingwane, Anoyolo Lose, Maimouna Mbaye, Yonwaba Mahlati and Elizabeth Gyan. We were placed 8th overall. As individual speakers, Khazimla Macingwane was placed 6th and Anoyolo Lose was 11th overall. This

is a tremendous achievement amongst top debaters at these girls' schools.

Clarendon had a very successful Border Debating League, with our unbeaten Junior team making it to the Eastern Cape Debating Championships. The South African National Schools' Debating Championship took place in Term 3. Our Junior team performed at a very high level. The team comprised Nicollete Tumbare,



At the end of 2022, Khazimla Macingwane and Anoyolo Lose were selected to take part in the South African National Schools' Debating Championship. At this National Competition, Khazimla was awarded a Bronze Speaker Award, and Anoyolo was awarded a Silver Speaker Award, SANSDC Half-Colours and was selected for the trials for the senior South African Development team. This is an excellent achievement and proof



Zenande Mquqo, Morgan Hartwig, Ukhonaye Skosana and Angalakha Mzileni. They won four out of five debates and ranked 3rd overall out of 20 teams. Unfortunately, they lost in the semi-final, placing them fourth overall.

Congratulations to Nicollete Tumbare, who ranked 12th overall and was selected to represent the Eastern Cape Junior Team at the National Debating Competition in December. Further congratulations to Zenande Mquqo, for ranking 16th overall, and Morgan Hartwig ranking 23rd overall.

Congratulations to Yonwaba Mahlati and Maimouna Mbaye, who entered the South

African National Schools Debating Social Justice Essay Writing Competition. Over 300 students across South Africa entered this competition and our Clarendon girls did exceptionally well. After the first round of adjudication, both Yonwaba and Maimouna were ranked in the Top 60. After the final adjudication, which was done by a Senior Adjudication team, their essays ranked in the Top 30. Their work will be published in a hard cover journal, which will be printed later this year. What a fantastic achievement!

Term 3 saw the start of the SACEE Debating League, we had one Junior and one Senior team entered into this fun league.



SACEE League provides value to Debaters and Adjudicators keeping their speaking and critical thinking skills at optimum levels as the Debating year draws to a close.

On a fun note, we had two teams take part in the World Scholars' Cup. This American competition aims to build general knowledge, speaking confidence and to create a community of like-minded speakers across the world. Congratulations to our Senior team of Elizabeth Gyan, Jessica Bushell and Zotando Mkize who came second overall in the Senior Division. We also congratulate our Junior team of Morgan Hartwig, Ukhonaye Skosana and Alara Henn who came second overall in the Junior Division.

A big thank you to Ms Bhana, Mr Mdingi and Mrs Smit for accompanying our girls to all of the tournaments they attended. To the Debaters, well done on a successful year. To the Adjudicators, thank you for time spent in this Debating service role. Enjoy the break over the festive season and keep your eyes on the news. The world is changing so rapidly, as we journey into the world of Artificial Intelligence, and major current world conflicts. It is imperative that our brains remain exercised and that we "read, read, read" in the iconic words of Ms Felton.



ENVIRO CLUB COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: H Nqweniso, S Charlie, S Mbilini, M Muller, A Peter
FRONT ROW: Ms G Bhana (TIC), S Ngcelwane (C), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), I Ntoyanto (S), Miss C Bekker (TIC)

ENVIRO CLUB

TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE:

Miss C Bekker
 Miss G Bhana

HEAD:

Siphokazi Ngcelwane
 Secretary: Ikona Ntoyanto

This year, our Enviro Club took part in various new and exciting activities.

We started the year off with three Mini Sass excursions in Term 1, which entailed visiting and collecting water samples from the Abbotsford Causeway, Dorchester Heights Causeway, and the Inhlanza River in Stirling. These samples were analyzed for various

organisms and pollutants, and the recorded data was uploaded onto the GroundTruth website.

The club also began the year-long project of collecting bottle tops and bread tags for donation to *Corenect Physiotherapy* for wheelchairs. In Term 2, the club celebrated Mothers' Day by putting together and selling "Plant and Grow" kits with Mothers' Day seed paper cards and various other small gifts as a successful fundraising event.

In Term 3, the club enjoyed a lovely presentation given by Mrs Ronell Bekker, who demonstrated how recycled egg boxes can be used to make clay, which is then shaped into various moulds, and how these can be decorated to make ornaments and other useful items. This kickstarted a new and exciting project for the Enviro Club. The club members also had an opportunity to learn how to decoupage by re-purposing and decorating glass coffee jars, using silk paper and unused serviettes.

The club continues to raise awareness and encourage all to look after the environment.





LET'S CREATE

MENTORS:

Miss A Daines (Drama),
Mrs R del Fava (Crochet and
Teacher-in-charge) Miss A Kobus
(Teacher-in-charge) and
Mrs N van Wyk (Art).

COMMITTEE:

Megan Dove, Misbah Hassan,
Ziyanda Madlolo, Lungelo Mazibuko,
Ogiyonke Mbude, Thayanda
Ntswahlana and Mbali Wanji.

The *Let's Create!* Club has had a fulfilling year as members worked with colour, texture and movement in order to create works of art, a variety of crochet items and short films.

The three groups worked towards *Clarrie Creates*, which was held on Saturday 12 August. This annual creative event

was expanded to include other Cultural activities, namely public speaking, debating and a 12-hour Steel Drum Marathon. Clarrie staff and students also sold hand-crafted items, funky fashion and food, while the karaoke provided good entertainment and many laughs. The face painting stall was also very popular.

Here's to a fabulously creative and colourful 2024.



PET PALS

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs M Schultz

HEAD:
Tess Dickinson

DEPUTY:
Jenna Kilian

SECRETARY:
Emma Collins

Clarendon High School PET PALS Committee girls have been working hard this year to raise money and collect pet supplies and pet food to donate, to help our furry friends at Pet Pals in East London.

They have had a “Your Cutest Pet Competition”, followed by a deliciously successful cake sale, and the girls manned a Pet Pal’s stall at the Clarendon High School Craft Market where they created pet toys and helped others to create pet toys to raise funds, as well as a very successful, “Guess how many dog and cat biscuits in the jar?” Competition.

The girls were very proud to hand over the

supplies and R1700 monetary donation to Pet Pals in September 2023 and enjoyed another trip to visit and give attention and service to the dogs and cats at Pet Pals in October 2023.

Pet Pals Committee is looking forward to an even more successful year of fundraising for, and assisting Pet Pals next year, and are looking for ways to collaborate with the Committee

of their little sisters at the Primary School, to make 2024 even more successful.

Many thanks go out to the 2023 Committee for all their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to next year’s Committee, with Janae Albertyn (Head), Jade Sephton (Deputy) and Amy Keys (Secretary). We are looking forward to a very exciting year ahead.



PET PALS COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: E Collins (S), A Willard, J Kilian (V-C),
FRONT ROW: Mrs J Patrick (Principal), T Dickinson (Chairperson), Mrs M Schultz (TIC)



PUBLIC SPEAKING

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Ms C van Zyl

HEAD:
Mikayla Muller

DEPUTY HEAD:
Amelia Fourie

SECRETARY:
Kaitlyn Hayward

When reflecting on 2023, the word “gratitude” would be an accurate term to describe the past year.

The past year provided multiple opportunities for our Public Speakers to showcase

their talents. This allowed them not only to convince audiences but also to give supporters the chance to escape their realities and explore solutions and possibilities to better the world we are living in.

We are very proud of Sitha Nkwali, who represented South Africa in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) 2022/2023, hosted in April 2023 by Clifton School in Durban. She did very well at her first WIDPSC competition. Sitha ranked 73rd overall in the world for her Public Speaking ability.



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: A Fourie (Vice-Chairperson), K Hayward (Secretary)
FRONT ROW: Ms C van Zyl (TIC), M Muller (Chairperson), Mrs J Patrick (Principal)

One of the highlights of the Public Speaking Calendar was the National All Girls Festival 2023, hosted by Eunice in Bloemfontein. Amelia Fourie (Grade 12) and Zenande Mquqo (Grade 9) had the honour of representing Clarendon at this prestigious event. Zenande won the title of the Top Junior Public Speaker.

Another highlight for us was the Eunice Derby, also hosted by Eunice in Bloemfontein. Maria Mortimer, Okuhle Vazi, Owami Nyombolo, Elizabeth Gyan, Siqhamo Notununu, Temwa Nzuzo, Sreya Mathew, Emihle Nzingo, Nicollete Tumbare and Amita Kumar travelled to Bloemfontein to participate. Nicollete achieved 1st place, and Amita achieved 3rd place in the Junior Section, while Temwa Nzuzo achieved 4th place in the Senior Section.

Furthermore, there were other Derby days where Clarendon continued to demonstrate to other schools that Clarendon remains a formidable force. At the Queenstown Girls' High (GHS) Derby, Jada-Nicole Simons walked away with 1st



SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

BACK ROW: E Gyan, S Mathew, S Notununu S Dangu, W Gqoli, M Mbaye, U Malolo
MIDDLE ROW: A Hlamvana, T Nzuzo, O Nyombolo, O Vazi, B Ntini, J Simons, M Mortimer, Z Mkize, S Ntozakhe
FRONT ROW: A Fourie (Vice-Chairperson), S Nkwali, Ms C van Zyl (TIC), M Muller (Chairperson), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), K Hayward (S), E Ndzingo

place, and Siphesihle Dangu with 2nd place in the Senior Section. For the Junior Section, Amanyen Sidlayi achieved 1st place and Kiana Moodley 3rd place. At the Kingside High School (KHS) Derby, Kaitlyn Hayward (senior), and Anina Manadan (junior) both walked away with the winning positions in their sections. Lisanele Magwentshu, grade 9, reached 1st place at the DSG derby. The last Derby was against Collegiate. Amelia Fourie took 1st place and Jada-Nicole Simons achieved 2nd place in the senior section. In the junior section,

Iminathi Ntame reached 2nd place, with Annalisa Damoah in 3rd place.

The Public Speaking season ended with Kaitlyn Hayward, Zotando Mkize, Zenande Mquqo, and Nicollete Tumbare representing Clarendon at the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (NIDPSC) 2023 hosted by St. Mary's Kloof in Durban. Zenande ranked 4th overall, and Kaitlyn secured the 12th position overall. Both Kaitlyn and Zenande were chosen as part of the South African Delegation for WIDPSC 2023/2024. Nicollete won the Interpretive Reading section, ranked 18th overall, and was chosen as a reserve for the South African Delegation for the WIDPSC team.

We would like to congratulate and commend our dedicated Public Speakers on their hard work. We are grateful for every opportunity that we were granted, to participate in various Derbies and Competitions. Thank you to everyone who supported us during the year. We are looking forward to welcoming you as our audience again in 2024.



JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

BACK ROW: L Magwentshu, A Sidlayi, N Tumbare, A Myataza, E Anagnostakis, R Mosoang, A Kumar
MIDDLE ROW: L Sunil, S Nomwebu, L Dudumashe, B Faku, A Manadan, O Nakalebe, S Mlokothe
FRONT ROW: Z Mquqo, U Nontshinga, Ms C van Zyl (TIC), I Ntame, C Bizana

SCA

TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE:
 Mrs D Blane, Mrs H Wetmore

HEAD:
 Kaylin Hendriks

DEPUTY:
 Amelia Fourie

SECRETARY:
 Emma Pope

At Clarendon, we are privileged to have an active and busy School's Christian Association (SCA). The SCA provides a foundation that many seek – a spiritual home and a safe place to meet with like-minded peers.

The SCA Committee worked hard this year to provide a place where so many feel they belong. We meet every Monday at first break and Friday at second break. Our Committee, who meet on Wednesdays to plan, chose to focus on Galatians 5 v 22 - 23, *The Fruits of the Spirit*, as our theme. Throughout the year they worked through this fruit – love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Many life lessons were learnt, and discussions had on these important Christ-like characteristics. Our sessions alternate between Bible study, Prayer meetings, Praise and Worship sessions, as well as hosting Guest Speakers.

It is incredibly special to watch and witness the growth of this group. Their wisdom and strength far surpass their age and they seek God for those qualities. In Term 1, we ran a Clothing and Toy Drive, in aid of the *Masimanyane Women's*



SCA COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: C Chan, D Knott, H James, J James, K Mabula, C Smith
FRONT ROW: Mrs H Wetmore, A Fourie (Deputy), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), K Hendriks (Head), Mrs D Blane (TIC), E Pope





Support Centre based in East London. This saw many Clarendon girls donate clothes and toys, as well as pack gift bags, for the women of this home. What a privilege it is to serve our greater community and to put into practise loving deeds and providing for others. Thank you to the girls and staff for supporting this initiative. We also had our 'Picnic under that stars' where we shared a time of fellowship and were blessed with a message from Anna Cocks, a past SCA leader. Our final activity for the term was a Clarendon / Selborne Bible Quiz night. These interactions create a space for all to learn from one another, and to forge new friendships.

In Term 2 we had our annual 'Movie night' where we watched 'The Shack' while enjoying popcorn and hot chocolate. We were reminded again of who we can turn to in our time of need.

Our final interaction for the year was our 'Biscuit decorate-off' with Selborne College. What an awesome event this was. The pupils decorated biscuits to the theme of the characters of God. They had so much fun and were highly creative. They ended the

evening together, sharing some truths about God.

An exciting development during the year was the increased interaction amongst the SCA's in and around East London. Worship events were hosted by Hudson Park and Selborne College. Our girls enjoyed attending these inter-school events and look forward to hosting an event next year.

We thank our Grade 12 leaders, Kaylin Hendriks, Amelia Fourie, Emma Pope, Charissa Chan, Jordan James, Khanyisa Mabula and Ciara Smith for their service and time given to SCA, as well Hannah James and Demi Knott, our two Grade 11 leaders.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Parents' Prayer group who meet every Thursday to uplift our school in prayer. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated.

Finally, we bid farewell to Mrs Wetmore, who is retiring at the end of the year. She has displayed the fruits of the spirit in her life and time at Clarendon and is always willing to help and guide us at SCA. She will be dearly missed, and we wish her and her family all the best. We are truly grateful for her many years of service at SCA.



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SERVICES

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BOOKROOM MONITRESSES

BACK ROW: B Mntalo, A de Jager, C Zimmerman, C Joubert, B Hagemann, J Hodgkinson, S Alexander
MIDDLE ROW: E Ndzingo , B Daka, S Mbilini, L Kata, S Bus, B Veaudry, L Nene, Z Mona, B Daka
FRONT ROW: L Mapoma , U Lugqola (Deputy) Mrs J Smouse (TIC), S Lebenya (Head), T Gooranah (Secretary)

INTERACT

TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs D Alderman, Mr M Fourie

PRESIDENT:
Tess Dickinson

DEPUTY:
Alex Albers

SECRETARY:
Ntokoza Mtwa

COMMITTEE:
Alison Buys, Braunwyn Martin, Emma Hayes, Kiera Greenberg, Owami Nyombolo



INTERACT COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: O Nyombolo, K Greenberg, E Hayes, A Buys, B Martin
FRONT ROW: A Albers (Deputy) Mrs D Alderman (TIC), T Dickinson (Head), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), N Mtwa (Secretary)

The first project this year that the Interact Club took on was *Flip Flop Day*, which was held in February. *Flip*

Flop Day is run and organised by *CHOC* (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa). Many participate in it nationally, and as a school, we managed to contribute R2500. Our year was

off to a great start. With Easter approaching soon after that, the *Easter Egg Drive* was the next project for Interact. From the month of February to the month of April

there was a collection of Easter eggs. The class who brought in the most Easter eggs was treated to Mrs A's famous brownies. Congratulations to Miss Ragaval's 8.2's on being the winners! The Easter Eggs were delivered to various East London Old Age Homes and Centres around our city.

This year we were able to resume visitations with groups, visiting *Breath of Life* as well as the *Lynette Elliott Frail Care*.

Another highlight was taking part in the very moving Cancer "Walk for Life" Relay. Despite the very wet and muddy conditions, our team, along with support from Mrs Patrick, Mrs Alderman and Miss Matthis, was able to complete the event and learn a whole lot more about this very worthwhile fundraiser. The girls were able to collaborate, with other schools and businesses and a whole new level of awareness of cancer was developed for

many of them. We also collaborated with Selborne College Interact members to host a Valentine's Day Disco for Grade 8 & 9s at the Jason Murray Water Polo Tournament, and the money raised from this was donated to various charities. "To move forward you have to give back". In order for the world to move forward to a new way of living, we need to play our part and give back.

KIOSK SERVICES



KIOSK MONITRESSES

LIBRARY

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs R Hobbs

HEAD:
C Zimmerman

DEPUTY:
M Qangule

SECRETARY:
P-S Wang

The Library Committee has consisted of the following members for

2023: Caryn Zimmerman, Gabrielle Torr, Kayla Harvett, Tashnii Gooranah, Ntokozo Mtwa, Amelia Fourie, Mbali Wanji, Liyalatha Gcume,

Mandibonge Qangule, Pei-Shan Wang, Jody



Langley, Qaiyiya Ngcobondwana and Linamandla Gonya. These Library monitors have played an integral role in the running of the Library. The Library would not be able to function without their time and input.

The Library hosted its annual 'Dress-Up Day' on 24 April to celebrate *World Book Day*. The learners took up the challenge and pulled out all the stops! It was so wonderful to see so many vibrant personalities and characters around the school campus. Thank you to all the learners and staff who joined in and raised a great deal of money for the Library. This money has been used to buy books and supplies for the school library. We are also in the process of ordering two new bean bags for the Library, so the learners can be comfortable when relaxing at break time or after school.

National Book Week was from the 5th to 11th September and World Literacy Day was on



LIBRARY MONITRESSES

BACK ROW: A Fourie, Q Ngcobondwana, J Langley, K Harvett
MIDDLE ROW: G Torr, L Gonya, M Wanij, L Gcume, N Mtwa
FRONT ROW: M Qangule (Deputy), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), C Zimmerman (Head), Mrs R Hobbs (TIC), P-S Wang (S)
ABSENT: T Gooranah

8th September. To celebrate these two events, we undertook a very exciting venture. The Clarendon Library decided to run a 'Donate a Book' Drive for a school in Mdantsane, Nontsikelelo Primary, which is currently raising funds for a Literacy Centre to be built. Learners from Grades 8 to 12 were asked to donate books so that we could start helping to fill this centre once it has been built.

Due to system changes at the end of last year, the Library Monitors have been hard at work re-accessioning all the books in the Library. We have a long way to go; however, we have made a good start this year.

The Library is a bustle of energy, with learners coming in to work or relax during break time and after school. It has become a haven for many pupils and I hope this will be a place many pupils will remember at Clarendon.

I would like to thank Caryn, Mandibonge, Pei-Shan, and their Committee for all their work this year. You have shown great enthusiasm. We would like to wish the Grade 12s well, as they matriculate at the end of this year. May your love of reading and books continue to follow you, as you embark on this exciting new chapter of your life.



MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:

Miss A Hookins (assisted by Miss L Ragaval, Mrs N van Wyk and Mrs S Renton)

HEAD:

Jenna Frachet

DEPUTY HEAD:

Emma Bedser

SECRETARY:

Owami Nyombolo

It is such a pleasure to detail the remarkable accomplishments of our fundraising and event-planning efforts over the past year, as the 2023 Matric Dance Committee. Reflecting over the last year, our commitment to excellence, creativity, and teamwork translated into a resounding success. From the Grade 11 Dance, cake sales and the magical *Bridgerton Matric Dance*, our team's dedication and hard work enabled us to gain support from the school learners - as well as the staff. The school body became actively involved in all the events over the year which is very much appreciated.

The 2022 Grade 11 Spring Dance was the very first event for the young Matric Dance Committee - having only been elected by their classmates the week before. This event allowed the Committee to get better acquainted with one another as well as the wonderful Head teacher of the Committee, Miss Hookins. An important aspect of being on the Dance Committee is being well prepared. For a first event, the Committee did extremely well - having to navigate around loadshedding happening from 18:00 to 21:00! However, being 'thrown into the deep end' was a great way to learn

how to problem-solve and build resilience. The dance was an overall success!

The next big event for this Committee was the *Mother and Daughter Tea*, held in January 2023. Since the event was so early in the year, the Committee did the majority of the planning in the last few weeks of school in 2022. The committee worked in pairs to decorate a table, which saved money on décor and encouraged a maximum profit being made. The mothers and daughters enjoyed a lovely morning of pass the parcel, lucky draw prizes, and a presentation by our special guest, Mrs Cindy Meade, who sponsored two makeovers and gave the big reveal at the event. Mrs Wetmore and Paige Roman were the lucky recipients of these makeovers and looked amazing! The mothers and daughters all thoroughly enjoyed their morning together.

One of the Matric Dance Committee's biggest fundraisers is always February 14: Valentine's

Day. After making and selling gifts, they were then packaged and delivered to the various schools around East London like Stirling, Cambridge, Hudson Park and more. Selborne College always seems to have the biggest box to deliver! The proceeds of the Valentine's Day casual wear also adds to the fund.

The MDC makes use of any fundraising opportunity so we can be seen selling Boerie Rolls, Ice Lollies, Samosas and more at Inter-house Events like the Inter-house Gala and Athletics' Day. Each event adds to the pot and can mean the difference between having a photobooth at the dance or not!

A new initiative brought in was Friesland Fridays, where learners are able to pre-order delicious Friesland Milkshakes and Cookies. The steady profit brought in from these events has made a big difference! It has also shown us how much Friesland Milkshakes are loved by all.

THE MATRIC DANCE took



MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: G Mc Clure, J Arnold, K Labuschagne, P Gulle, I Odendaal, G Morrell, Z Maneli

3RD ROW: S Miza, L Genu, D Knott, W Gqoli, F Cisana, J Murie, A Cengani

2ND ROW: O Nyombolo (S), I Ntshela, J Saffy, L Bushet, E Lutge, L Mhambi, S Marimo

FRONT ROW: Miss L Ragaval (TL), Miss A Hookins (TIC), J Frachet (Head), Mrs J Patrick (Principal), E Bedser (Deputy Head), Mrs N van Wyk (TL), Mrs S Renton (TL)

place on Saturday, 22nd April 2023. **'Bridgerton'** was the chosen theme this year in the hope that it would be the perfect send-off for the Matrics of 2023. A colour pallet of pinks, golds, whites and greens were seen throughout the decor. The Matrics received their invitations during a lesson before 2nd break where Lady Whistledown, voiced by Lihle Bushet, interrupted the lessons of the entire school reading a letter announcing the invitations. All the Matrics were very surprised, some even bursting into tears!

The Friday before the dance was set up day, meeting early in the morning at the Glass Tent located at the East London Golf Course. The girls spent the day working hard, setting up a throne, a photo area and a garden scene with a running fountain. The aim of the theme "Bridgerton" was to transport the guests into the world of regal elegance, romance and charm. The venue was transformed into a ballroom adorned with exquisite florals, chandeliers, and period-appropriate decor.

The event featured live classical music, dancing, and a sumptuous feast of Beef Wellington and an array of 'royal desserts'. We believe this night was something the Matrics will remember for years to come!

The final event for the 2023 Committee was the Grade 10 Dance. The Committee took full control of this dance by deciding on decor, food and invitations, ending their time with yet another successful Spring Dance.

While the main focus of the Matric Dance Committee is to raise funds for and plan the Matric Dance, we believe it is about so much more. It is the smile of the face of someone who receives a Valentine's Day gift from a secret admirer, the look on a parent's face when they see their daughter dressed up so elegantly, the taste of a freshly-cooked burger and the friendships and happiness created along the way. The MDC brings a lot of joy and socialising into the lives of the Clarendon Community – the funds made are really just the bonus!



BACK ROW: M Muller (S), B Mntalo (Dep), J Boëttger
FRONT ROW: Mrs J Patrick (Principal), M Mortimer (Head), Mrs H Wetmore (TIC)

PEER TUTORING

TEACHER- IN- CHARGE:
Mrs H Wetmore,
Mrs K Venter

HEAD:
Maria Mortimer

DEPUTY:
Buhlebamasango Mntalo

SECRETARY:
Mikayla Muller

In the bustling hive of academic life at Clarendon High School, the Peer Tutoring Club has emerged as a beacon of collaboration, support, and growth. Over the past year, under the dedicated leadership of Maria Mortimer and her Committee, the club has achieved remarkable success. Maria's passion, commitment, and tireless

efforts have transformed this club into a vital resource for students seeking to enhance their learning experience.

Maria Mortimer, with her unwavering determination and boundless enthusiasm, has played a pivotal role in steering the Peer Tutoring Club towards its current heights of achievement. Her ability to inspire and motivate her fellow club members has been a driving force behind the club's success. She has dedicated countless hours to ensure that the club serves its purpose effectively, and her leadership has been very evident. Maria's commitment to the club's mission of peer-driven learning has been the

foundation on which the club thrives.

The core objective of the Peer Tutoring Club is to create a dynamic learning environment, where students can help each other learn and build their confidence in various subjects. The club has successfully accomplished this by pairing tutors with tutees in a collaborative partnership. This method fosters an atmosphere of mutual support, where both tutors and tutees benefit from the exchange of knowledge and expertise.

Peer Tutoring provides students with a unique opportunity to explain concepts in their own words. Teaching others deepens their understanding and reinforces their knowledge. Through one-on-one or small group interactions, students can ask questions without fear of judgment. This nurturing environment enhances their confidence and self-esteem in a particular subject. Tutors can adapt their teaching methods to the specific needs of their tutees. This individualized approach ensures that students receive the support that best suits their learning style.

Beyond academic benefits, the Club helps students build lasting friendships and connections, fostering a sense of community within the school. As we look ahead, the Peer Tutoring Club promises an even brighter future. The club continues to flourish, and will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on all those who are part of it.

SANBS

TEACHER-IN-CHARGE:
Mrs D Blane

HEAD:
Wanda Gqoli

DEPUTY:
Isabella Odendaal

SECRETARY:
Libone Mhambi

Blood is a precious resource that anyone can give to someone in need. We, at Clarendon, believe that donating blood is a habit we would like to encourage and develop from the earliest possible age. It is a privilege to create the opportunity for our learners and staff to make a difference in the greater community.

Less than 1% of South Africans are active blood donors.

A unit of blood only lasts 42 days after donation and, for this reason, it is important for blood donors to donate regularly. This year we were able to host 3 successful drives. In Term 1 we collected 21 units, in Term 2 we had our largest collection of 38 units in 1 day and finally, in Term 4, we collected 36 units. In total, 95 units for 2023 were collected!

It has been truly encouraging to see the willingness of our pupils, so many of whom put their fears aside to donate. We thank the Peer Promoters who helped plan and run the Blood drives. Your pink tutus and red and white balloons always created a sense of fun and excitement. We look forward to our new, first-time donors next year and encourage those who were unable to donate this year, to try again at the next opportunity.



BACK ROW: A Ndobambi, L Genu, M Klopper, I Arosi
MIDDLE ROW: G Smith, P Naidoo, N Jele, B Ntelezi
FRONT ROW: O Nyombolo, W Gqoli (Head), Mrs D Blane (TIC) I Odendaal (Deputy), L Mhambi (Secretary)
ABSENT: N Mbutuma



120th
Birthday
Celebration

PART

9

PRIZE GIVING
CLARENDON

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

ADDRESS

AND
WINNERS

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Good evening
Ms Siciko -
our Circuit
Manager,

Mrs Sedras, our
Governing Body
Chairman, Dr Ndamase
our Guest Speaker, Mr Nel,
Honoured Guests, Parents,
Supporters of our school
and Clarendon girls.

Nali 'Themba – Here is
hope! Clarendon High School
for Girls has its challenges
but I wish to assure all, that at
Clarendon – here is hope – Nali'
Themba. Our collective aim,
as management of the school
and parents, remains for great
success for our girls and staff. We
want to ensure CLARENDON
remains A TOP SOUTH
AFRICAN SCHOOL; providing

excellence, opportunity and
impact.

This year we chose the
theme #INSYNC – (SOMETIMES
YOU NEED CARE; #sisterhood
#synergy #staff). In 2023, we
have been able to create school
synergy, we are in sync with our
vision, mission statement,
values and code of
conduct. Furthermore,
we have focused on
self-care, prioritising
mental wellness and
prioritising our staff.

At Clarendon
High School for
Girls our School
vision is to be
an empowering
centre of
excellence.
We believe
Clarendon's
values of
Integrity, Respect,
Resilience,
Responsibility,
Accountability and
Empathy – clearly
visible in our corridors
in the three languages
of instruction, provide the
necessary foundation for our
students to face the future with
confidence and hope.

Our vision, mission
statement and values-based
approach, drives all we do.

We equip our girls with
the skills, attitudes
and attributes
that we
believe will
ensure
that they
not only

succeed in life, but are able to
take the lead.

We strive to be a
progressive



Mikayla Muller
First in Grade 12

school
that does take
the lead in a changing world.
We continue to use technology
and continue our programme of
'Bring your own Device' to Grade
8 in 2024. We are excited to be a
Microsoft school, offering Digitech
in Grade 8 and 9, and with our
new purchase of an AI Robot
called Loona. The Microsoft
platform certainly sets our pupils
up for the tertiary environment
and work place. Technology
remains an important aid in
the classroom; however, our
teachers and staff are the key to
the success and wellness of your
daughters.

It is an honour to present
my Annual Report of the
highlights of 2023.

What do you think have been my personal highlights this year?

Firstly, *"Sister Act!"* One highlight as we celebrate our 120th Birthday has been *Sister Act!* We decided to put on a Broadway musical in the Guild Theatre to celebrate Clarendon's 120th year – this had not been done by our school since 2003! We chose *"Sister Act!"* and the cast, band and staff directors worked tirelessly to put on a show of entertainment and excellence. They certainly wowed the EL audiences and the reviews were very complimentary. The story line and music was wonderful and, if you missed it, you missed out. Mr Nel was our Guest of Honour at the Friday night show and it was a pleasure to have him in our midst and honour him as a former Principal. He remains committed to our school in his role as Chairman of the Clarendon Trust and we thank him for the work he does in this role. *Sister Act!* certainly showcased our very talented Music, Drama and Visual Arts departments at our school. It is wonderful that Old Girl Joy Sparg has joined the Music Department in her second year of teaching. We now have nine Old Girls as educators on our staff.

My next highlight was our 120th *Founders' Day* celebration on Friday 4 August 2023. We welcomed many reunion groups, especially Ms Liz Winkelman, Head Girl and former Deputy Principal, who celebrated her Matric Class' 60th reunion. We were treated to two inspiring addresses by our Co-Guests of Honour: Mrs Brenda Möhr (née Mills) (Head Girl from 1973) and Ms Caitlin Laing (Head Girl from 2018). This combination of speakers from the 50- and 5-year Old Girls' groups was well received by all as we celebrated our past, present and future. My third highlight was the *Clarasel 200km Run*. Our family of five schools, along with *Sport for Lives*, collaborated on a project to raise funds to build a literacy centre at Nonsikelelo Primary School in Mdantsane.

This initiative spoke closely to Clarendon High School's tradition of community spirit and the importance of functional literacy.

Another personal highlight, was when a Grade 8 ran the 100m at our Inter-house Athletics day, despite being U15 and very anxious and nervous to try.

In first place, in terms of highlights, is the opening of the *Harrison Aquatic Centre* – a state-of-the-art FINA-accredited Aquatic Centre and *Learn to Swim* pool. This is the reality of a dream started in Miss Rose's time. Having Mrs Joan Harrison Breetzke with us at the Opening Ceremony last week was very special. Not only was she an Olympic Gold Medallist and member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, but she is renowned for her sportsmanship, lack of arrogance and calm demeanour as she approached her races. Making this event extra special, was having Ms Winkelman present, Head Girl from 1963, who was also present when Joan opened our Swimming Bath. We look forward to Noncedo Combined School Grade 4s starting the *Learn-to-Swim* programme this month.

A highlight for our school as a whole, is always the release of the Matric results, and the Class of 2022 did not disappoint, with 100% pass rate, this now for the 29th time, in a 30-year-period.

We had the first-placed learner in the BCM District, Anna Lukose, whose results were outstanding – she obtained an Aggregate of 94.1%. Three Matrics had aggregates of more than 90%; 23 Matrics had aggregates between 80-90%; there were 50 B aggregates. In fact, 89% of the class achieved 60% aggregate or above. There were 312 Subject distinctions and the Grade average was 72%. 95.4% of our candidates (or 125 out of 131 candidates) achieved Bachelor Passes, which allows these pupils to apply to Universities.

As a school we prioritise

every learner, from the top candidate to those lower down. Two of the Class of 2022, not the bottom of the class by any means, had approved concessions or accommodations from the Education Department. Our *Imbokotho Facility and Concession System* helped these two reach their full potential. This system is a software program that reads to the student who has qualified for a reader, and we have approval from the National Education Department to run this program - we are one of a handful of schools around the country that offer this reading software, thus proving we do care for every learner.

We are grateful to our highly-qualified and dedicated teachers who, through much hard work, assist our girls to achieve these results. At the BCM District Awards Ceremony, we received two Trophies – *Top Performing*, and *Best Performing High School* in the BCM district. 23 of our staff were awarded *Top Educator in the District* awards as their subjects placed first in the BCM District in the 2022 NSC examinations.

These subjects were as follows: Computer Applications Technology, Consumer Studies, English Home Language, History, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

Out of 19 subjects, 7 Subjects' averages were between 70 - 79%. Three subjects had above 80% aggregates. All other 9 Subjects' averages were above 63.5 %.

At the *MEC's Best Performance Awards Ceremony* in May, Clarendon was proud to receive the award for the school in the Eastern Cape with the TOP % BACHELOR PASSES (of Quintile 5 schools) for the 2022 NSC Grade 12 results.

On the Grade 8 and 9 front, we were very pleased when a Grade 8 Maths team, consisting of Kajal Rama, Morgan Hartwig, Linomtha Nondabula and Madison Gale, won the *EL*

Maths Mania Competition, pipping the Grade 9 team and 14 other teams to win the Trophy.

The collective efforts and care our Staff show for our girls, contributes to these results and approach to learning, and I wish to thank all staff who have made 2023 a year of progress, achievement and hope.

From our newest teachers, in their first teaching posts; to our Deputy-Principal, Mr Herman; our Heads of Academics, Mrs Lottering and Mrs del Fava, other SMT members Mesdames Howarth, Nel, McCoy, Kobus, to our older staff stalwarts, our Grade Tutors, Class Teachers and Subject Heads, I salute and thank you all.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to Ms Wood, Ms Knott, Mrs Howarth and Mrs Wetmore. Mrs Wetmore leaves Clarendon after 32 years of dedicated service in the Consumer Studies Department and 16 years as an SMT member. We wish her well in her retirement.

Our Estate Manager, Mr Puchert and his Staff, especially Mr Fani who has 37 years of service to Clarendon, my Personal Assistant, Mrs Slabber, our front office staff, Mrs Renton and Mrs Newcombe, our Financial Manager, Mrs Naidoo and her assistants Mrs Kieck and Mr Moyake, Mrs Whittal and her Hostel staff, are all important cogs in this wheel of success, as they ensure an environment which is conducive to learning and teaching, and we thank them for their efforts.

Thank you Mrs Sedras, Chairman of the Governing Body, Mr van Heerden, Fincomm Chairman and the entire Governing Body for the enormous contribution made to Clarendon over the past

year. Special mention is made of Grade 12 Parents who will exit our SGB at the end of this year: Mrs Sedras, Mr van Heerden, Mrs Mnyaiza and Mrs Fanana-Mtumane. They have worked tirelessly during their term of office in the best interests of our learners and the smooth operation of our school. I would also like to single out Dr Bedser, who left the SGB after the completion of the new Aquatic Centre. His service to our school and this project, has been exemplary and his wisdom, commitment and professional approach, is much appreciated. The following successful projects have been completed by this dynamic team: Harrison Aquatic Centre, the Parking area at the Astro, the girls' undercover waiting area, upgrades to the girls' bathrooms, revamps of the Life Sciences classroom and a start has been made on standardisation of classrooms. In terms of policy updates, the work of the SGB has been immense. These updated policies help staff and learners feel respected and included.

Staff Development was a focus area in 2023. Mr Onke Mazibuko, an Old Selbornian, helped us to be a united staff team, working together in the best interests of our learners and school community.

There is much talent at Clarendon as this report will highlight. I wish to focus firstly on the talent in the 2023 Matriculation class. I thank each of the girls in this class for their contribution to school life, but wish to highlight the following:

Robyn Mortlock and Jennifer Miller, represented the Jo Jackson Dance School and Dance Team SA at the International Dance Star World Dance Masters event in Croatia, performing



Buhlebamasango Mntalo
Second in Grade 12



Rachel Webb
First in Grade 11



Kaitlyn Hayward
Second in Grade 11



Danel Muller
First in Grade 10



Emma Booyens
Second in Grade 10



Canzi Bizana
First in Grade 9

two group dances and being placed third in each. We loved watching their group skills at our Variety concert and Inter-house plays.

Sitha Nkwali represented the South African Squad for Public Speaking at the World Debating and Public Speaking Competition. Here she made the Persuasive Speaking Final. She was awarded Honours for *Public Speaking and Debating*, a re-award of Honours for Academics and was an intuitive Head Girl.

Kerry Elliott, received Honours Awards in 3 disciplines. Firstly, an Academic Honours Award, secondly, Honours for being chosen as part of the *SA Women's Surf Lifesaving Team* to participate in the *International Surf Rescue Challenge* in Texas USA, and Honours for Kayaking as she represented the SA U18 team at the Sprint World Championships in Italy.

The talents and achievements of our girls in Sport, Culture and Service initiatives are magical and we celebrate these tonight.

We thank Mrs Nel (Head of Sport) and Mrs Voke (Sports and Cultural Administrator) and all our Coaches and Teacher-Links for providing the opportunity to nurture and showcase this talent. Special thanks go to our 1st Team Sports Coaches: Athletics and Cross Country: Mrs Swart; Chess: Mr Vermaak; Hockey: Mr Nel ; Netball: Mrs Langfield; Rowing: Mr Godfrey; Soccer: Mr Isobar and Mr van der Byl; Squash: Mr Shean; Tennis: Mr Grotjohn; Water Polo: Ms Muller for their commitment to Sport at Clarendon. We thank ITEC for their generous sponsorship of all 1st Team sports kit.

Water Polo had a

busy and successful season. Highlights include our participation in the Merrifield pre-season Festival, where our 2nd Team came third, and our 1st Team ended in second place. The 1st team participated in the Brian Baker Festival ending in 9th place and won the Bowl Final at the Old Petrians Tournament. Our strong 2nd team was unbeaten at the Oakhill U19 Water Polo Festival in Knysna and placed second at the Friendship Cup, both times playing against other 1st teams; and our U14A Team placed third overall at the Jason Murray Tournament; our U15A team won the Friendship Cup and placed 7th at the Shaun Fuchs Crawfords Festival. Our U15B team played in the Oakhill Festival. We are excited to host the inaugural Harrison 2nd Team Water Polo Festival next Saturday.

Swimming – 8 swimmers represented Buffalo City Aquatics team. Kayla Gous, Emily Palmer and Holley Jacoby qualified for Junior Nationals. Tori Voke is No. 1 in her age group for 50 m freestyle – 17-year-old, qualified for Senior Nationals, and is ranked in the Top 20 in the Women's Category in this event. At our Inter-house Gala, the Junior Victrix Ludorum was won by Kayla Gouws, and Tori Voke won the Senior Victrix Ludorum and Most Outstanding Swimmer Award. 27 girls and 6 staff participated in a Swimathon in aid of the Carel du Toit centre.

The Highlight for our Aquatics team was the National All Girls' Aquatics Festival, held in Johannesburg. Our Swimming team was placed 6th overall, with Kayla Gous and Tori Voke missing out on the Dash for Cash 50m Freestyle events due

to lightning. Our 1st Water Polo team lost in the final to St Stithians, taking the Silver Medal.

Tennis – our 1st Team won the Merrifield Tournament and were second in the Selborne/Clarendon Mixed Doubles event. We were well-represented at IPT teams, with Erin Peters, Mia van Aardt and Paige Gulle in the Aloes team; Sam Jordan in the Synergy A team, and Georgina do Rego in the Synergy B team. We placed fourth in the Tjaart Vorster Tournament and fourth at the National All Girls' Festival. We congratulate Erin Peters on her selection to the SA Schools' Tennis team, which toured the UK in June/July. The season ended with the team being placed second at the Sentraal Tournament held in Bloemfontein.

Squash has a good group of social players and our Top 12 strive for National Rankings. Our 1st Team was unbeaten at the Dave Hodgson Festival in Makhandia and the Top 4 girls were unbeaten at the National All Girls' Sport and Cultural Festival, winning the Gold Medal. Clarendon dominated in Border Squash teams with 11 players representing their province. The 1st Team came fourth at the National Top Schools' Tournament. Cara Knott and Sasha Earl played in the SA National U17 Championships at the V&A Waterfront on an all-glass court and ended third and sixth respectively. National rankings were achieved after the IPT's, SA Closed and Bloemfontein Open, as follows: U16 Cara Knott (4), Sasha Earl (7); U14 Holly McClure (Top 10). Cara was selected for the SA Schools' U16 team to tour Malaysia and Singapore in the December holidays.

The National All Girls' Sport and Cultural Festival is the winter highlight and was definitely so, as it was hosted in 2023 for the first time since 2019.

The Hockey team had prepared well for this event, with their participation in the Greg Beling Festival and St Mary's

(Waverley) Festival, and was placed fourth out of 21 teams. The winter season is always filled with Derby Days and much spirit, and we congratulate the Cheerleaders on a job well done. U16 Hockey and Netball teams started the winter season participating in the St Mary's DSG (Kloof) Tournament, with Hockey being placed fifth out of 10 teams, and Netball sixth out of 22 teams. The 2nd Hockey Team played in the Grens and Union High 1st Team Festivals and our U14 team played in the Rob Taylor Festival. In June, the U14 Hockey and Netball teams travelled to the DSG Festival, with Hockey ending third and Netball second.

23 girls represented Amathole Hockey teams and we make special mention of two of our matrics: Kaylin Hendriks was selected to the SA U18A Team, which participated in matches against Free State and SA u21; Kate van Heerden was selected to the SA U18B team. To conclude the Hockey season, our 1st Team took part in the Challengers Cup, hosted in Paarl, and was placed fourth.

Netball teams started the season at the Grens Festival. The 1st Team were placed sixteenth at the National All Girls' Festival, with some very close matches which did not go our way. We congratulate Ikhona Ntutu, Aneliswa Sokujika (U16) and Jordan James (U18), on their selection to Eastern Cape Netball teams. Our 1st Netball Team participated in the Collegiate Festival at the end of the June holidays, and were placed fourth.

Athletes Inga Makhoba, Aimee Pretorius, Leila Schenk, Hannah James, Shavna Marimo and Ikhona Ntutu all showed determination and commitment in the season, with the last four girls selected to the BCM Team to participate at Eastern Cape Champs. Our Athletics Victrix Ludorum winner, for the second consecutive year was sportswoman extraordinaire, 1st Team Hockey and Water Polo player and Lifesaver, Jenna Tarr.

In Cross Country, Leila Schenk, Kate Booyens, Jessica Lloyd and Saskia Dreyer participated at All Girls' Festival. The highlight was Leila's second place in the Junior 4km event. Leila placed 25th overall at the National Cross Country Championships and continues to excel in Biathlon.

Our Chess team, led by Captain, Robyn Becker, has had a successful year, winning the National All Girls' Competition, and 1st Team members did well at Nationals, with Pei-Shan Wang (U18 ranked second), Tshegofatso Bixa (U16) and Megan Dove (U16) doing well at Nationals. Megan Dove also participated in the Online SA Junior Closed and was placed second in the U16 Division, and was selected to represent SA in Batumi, Georgia.

2023 was an exciting year with our first Soccer tour to participate in the Alexander Road Tournament and we hosted our own Women's Day Soccer Tournament. We thank Mr Bixa and Msamo Attorneys for the sponsorship of our team kit.

Rowers participated in the Buffalo and Selborne Regattas with Amyoli Maganise, Sarah Jordan, Jessica van den Bosch, Zamazizi Pokwana, Grace Gibbons and Catherine Lutge winning medals. Our U15 Octuple took Gold at the SA Rowing champs. Special mention is made of Tanna Diplock. Tanna took part in the SA Senior Nationals as part of the EC Team, came 12th in the Senior Women's Single Sculls and won the U18 Sculls event. Tanna, who is visually impaired, has a passion and positivity for life and Rowing, which is inspirational.

Sporting history was made when we had our first provincial Rugby representative when Emma Bedser was selected for the Border U18 team to participate in the Inter-provincial Youth Week held at Jeppe Boys' High.

We thank our Head of Culture, Ms Kobus for ensuring a

magical Cultural year.

The *Sister Act!* show, deserves a second mention. The girls and staff who took the lead roles, Leanne Fletcher and Lihle Ndzwaiba, Mesdames Daines our Head of Drama; Wiseman – Head of Music, and Kobus, Head of Culture, deserve our hearty congratulations.

We hosted the ATKV regional round of the National Choral Competition with both our choirs participating. Our Chamber Choir received a Gold Award in the Prestige High School girls' category.

At this stage of my report I ask this Chamber Choir, De Novo Serenata, to perform "*Rise Up*" by Andra Day.

What an appropriate message in this song – of encouragement and lifting each other up – what our sisterhood at Clarendon is all about and a wonderful showcase of our talented musicians. This choir also placed First in their Section and First Overall, out of 22 Choirs, at the Cantamus National Choral Festival.

At the Port Rex Lions Music Eisteddfod, Lisakhanya Ganqa received the Medal and Special Mention for Most Promising Woodwind player, while our Recorder Ensemble won the Best High School Instrumental Ensemble Medal. We earned 23 Golds, 30 Silvers and 11 Bronzes. 19 music students took part in the South African Society of Music Teachers' Competition in Gqeberha. Emma Pope, Bandile Ntini & Caitlin Higgs (Vocal Duet); Emma Pope, Carlyn Sauls and Jenna Botha (Classical Guitar Trio); Piano Duet of Amita Kumar and Sarah Jordan; and recorder player Lisakhanya Ganqa went through to the Finals, with Emma being placed third and Amita and Sarah placed second in their respective categories.

Our Classic Pan Group and the Intermediate Steel Drum Band entertained us at home Derby Days. Classic Pan with four staff members, won the Open Online Category in the *Education Africa*

International Marimba and Steel Pan Festival, winning the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission Trophy for Best Steelpan Band.

Debating and Public Speaking remains a strength, with Khazimla Macingwane and Anoyolo Lose representing the Eastern Cape Team. Amelia Fourie and Zenande Mquqo represented Clarendon at All Girls' Public speaking. Zenande was placed first in the Junior Section. Our Debating Team, consisting of Khazimla Macingwane, Maimouna Mbaye, Anoyolo Lose and Elizabeth Gyan, won 3 of their 5 debates at All Girls'. Nicollete Tumbare was chosen for the Eastern Cape Junior Debating team. We thank our coach Mr Uhleli Mdingi.

We continue to do well in all SA Council of English Educators' activities, with Clarendon winning the overall SACEE Trophy in November 2022 and hosting the Forum Discussion Competition.

Clarendon girls continue to show talent and commitment in Creative Writing. Maria Mortimer has had numerous works published and Sienna Nel was adjudged to be the winner of the Free-writing Prose Section at the National All Girls' Competition. 24 girls wrote the English Olympiad and we congratulate Gold Award winners, Rachel Webb and Khanyisa Mabula. Canzi Bizana was placed second in the inaugural *Vrij and Karuna Harry Young Writers' Competition*. A group of learners had the opportunity to attend the National Schools' Festival as part of the National Arts' Festival in Makhanda.

Let's Create has become a very popular co-curricular with Art, Drama and Crochet featuring. A wonderful Saturday celebration was held by *Let's Create*, which encouraged entrepreneurial spirit with food and *Let's Create*



stalls. The day was a success with Art Exhibitions, Debating, Public Speaking, Karaoke and the 12-hour Steel Drum Marathon highlights.

Christen Joubert and Emma-Jayne van Niekerk represented Clarendon at the All Girls' Festival, with Emma-Jayne receiving a certificate for the funkiest artwork. We congratulate the following on receiving Gold Awards and Double Gold Awards at the EL Art Eisteddfod: Gold: Ruvarashe George, Christen Joubert, Dominique Sedras: Double Gold: Tanna Diplock; Khanya Mdokwana, Lukonde Mwanza, and Julia Salamon. Khanya also had her work selected for the *Umtiza Arts' Festival* Exhibition.

32 of our learners took part in the combined Afrikaans, English and IsiXhosa *Buffalo City Creative Arts Eisteddfod Drama Section* winning 4 Bronze, 26 Silver, 19 Gold, 18 Double-Gold and 3 Triple-Gold awards.



Khanya Mdokwana (Original Verse and English Monologue) and Zenande Mquqo (IsiXhosa Imbongo) performed as Medal Winners at the Prizewinners' Concert.

We were delighted to host three exchange students at Clarendon this year: Hannah Kropp from Germany, Flurina Cisana from Switzerland and Tiziana Rodriguez Bosch from Argentina, contributing to our school's diversity and culture.

Many Clarendon girls continue to put Service before Self. Our *120 Bags of Hope* initiative, as part of our 120th Birthday celebrations, was well supported by the school and well-received. Our Peer Tutors serve without recognition, giving up many hours per week. Their only reward is seeing their students improve academically. Our Magazine Photography Club led by Mrs Haschick are present at all events, come rain or shine. Special thanks go to Jocelyn Hodgkinson and Gaby Moulang for their loyal service to the Club

since Grade 8.

Our *SCA*, headed by Kaylin Hendriks, was active and made generous donations to Masimanyane Women's Shelter.

Our *Enviro Club*, has had an active year, the highlight being three river assessments, analysing water samples at Abbotsford causeway.

Interact has continued to do good work, supporting many initiatives this year, with the Valentine's Day Dance and our participation in the 12-hour Cancer Relay for Life, ever popular.

Our quarterly *Blood Drives* remain well supported and we are close to reaching our annual goal of 100 units.

One of our schools strengths, is our *Old Girls' Community*, and how their varied achievements inspire our current girls. The UP graduation statistics are certainly inspirational, as between 2020 and 2023, 60 Clarendon Old Girls graduated, more specifically, five with an MBChB, and six B.Veterinary

Science graduates. I thank Mrs Barbi Harrison, our Old Girls' Guild Chairlady, for all her hard work in keeping our girls connected for life.

Another strength is that we stand together as a family of schools. I thank Mr Bisschoff and Mr Dewar, Principals of Selborne Primary and College respectively, and Mr Albasini and Mrs Wrede, our Clarendon sister schools' Principals for their support. The latter two, in particular, have played key roles, as we have sought to consolidate our Clarendon brand and campus.

Our school is also blessed with a parent body who support our school and their daughters. Thank you to all parents and especially Grade 12 parents who have supported many events over the last 5 years.

We thank our Events' Co-ordinator, Mrs Sharyn Renton, and all parents who supported her, for their hard work at all our events in 2023, especially at Derby Days, on Founders' Day and this evening.

To my own family, Chris, Lara and Megan – thank you for allowing me to do the job I love and for your unwavering support, in this my 5th year as Principal.

In conclusion, we are a school with a heart, focusing on building relationships. Clarendon is a family – we care for every young woman who passes through these passages. Each girl is valued for who she is and what she contributes to our sisterhood.

Nali 'Themba - here is hope - our school motto of *FAC et SPERA – Work and Hope* – remains so relevant - as we continue to encourage hard work and actions, from all at Clarendon, and foster hope in our Clarendon community always to be better and always to do better.

I thank you all for your continued support of our great school.

2023 PRIZE WINNERS' LIST

GRADE 8:

- Afrikaans (First Additional Language) Prize:
..... **Elruné Britz**
- Life Orientation Prize (shared): **Chloë Tucker**
- isiXhosa (First Additional Language) Prize & **THE McKAY COURTESY AWARD**: A picture presented to a Grade 8 pupil – her selection is based on the votes of all the Grade 8s:
..... **Kumnandi Nogqala**
- 10th in Grade 8** **Lunathi Dudumashe**
- 9th in Grade 8** **Jocelyn Cromhout**
- 8th in Grade 8** **Amber Viviers**
- 7th in Grade 8** **Linomtha Nondabula**
- 6th in Grade 8** **Mira Mathews**
- 5th in Grade 8** **Holly Mc Clure**
- 4th in Grade 8** **Morgan Hartwig**
- 3rd in Grade 8** **Rethabile Mosoang**
- Creative Arts Prize, English (Home Language) Prize & **2nd in Grade 8** **Kate Booyens**
- Digital Technology Prize, Economic Management Sciences Prize, Geography Prize, History Prize, Life Orientation Prize (shared), Mathematics Prize, Natural Sciences Prize & **1st in Grade 8** **Kajal Rama**

GRADE 9:

- Principal's Award for Excellence in Culture
..... **Tyhila Bobotyana**
..... **Ngcali Mgwebi**
..... **Unako Nontshinga**
- Afrikaans (First Additional Language) Prize & Life Orientation Prize (shared) **Quinn Carr**
- English (Home Language) Prize
..... **Tshiamo Mashabane**
- Life Orientation Prize (shared)
..... **Samantha Benn**
- 10th in Grade 9** **Christina Salaze**
- 9th in Grade 9** **Keira Botha**
- 8th in Grade 9** **Lisanele Magwentshu**
- 7th in Grade 9** **Akha Mnyatheli**
- 6th in Grade 9** **Holley Jacoby**
- 5th in Grade 9** **Amahle Reve**
- Mathematics Prize, Natural Sciences Prize & **4th in Grade 9** **Sarah Jordan**
- Creative Arts Prize & **3rd in Grade 9**
..... **Amita Kumar**
- Principals' Award for Excellence in Culture, Geography Prize, History Prize & **2nd in Grade 9** **Zenande Mquqo**
- Digital Technology Prize, Economic Management Sciences Prize, isiXhosa (First Additional Language) Prize & **1st in Grade 9** **Canzi Bizana**

GRADE 10:

- Sons of England Award for Progress in Sport
..... **Megan Dove**
- isiXhosa (First Additional Language) Prize
..... **Kholo Stoto**
- Business Studies Prize..... **Ruvarashe George**
- Dramatic Arts Prize..... **Oyintanda Marotya**
- Geography Prize **Savannah Bus**
- History Prize **Tiarra Pillay**
- Mathematical Literacy Prize **Eva van der Zee**
- Principal's Award for Excellence in Culture & Music Prize **Lisakhanya Ganqa**
- Tourism Prize..... **Aqhama Nyondo**
- Visual Arts Prize **Lukonde Mwanza**
- 10th in Grade 10** **Emihle Ndzingo**
- 9th in Grade 10** **Nuraida Jenkins**
- Jaclyn Prior née Pratt Award for Excellence in Drama & **8th in Grade 10** **Lihle Ndzwaiba**
- Life Orientation Prize & **7th in Grade 10**
..... **Yonwaba Mahlati**
- 6th in Grade 10** **Layla Khandoo**
- 5th in Grade 10** **Jessica Schaefer**
- Consumer Studies Prize, Information Technology Prize & **4th in Grade 10** **Jessica Lloyd**
- Computer Applications Technology Prize & **3rd in Grade 10** **Cara Knott**
- Accounting Prize (shared), Life Sciences Prize, Mathematics Prize & **2nd in Grade 10**
..... **Emma Booyens**
- Accounting Prize (shared), Afrikaans (First Additional Language) Prize, English (Home Language) Prize, Physical Sciences Prize & **1st in Grade 10** **Danel Muller**

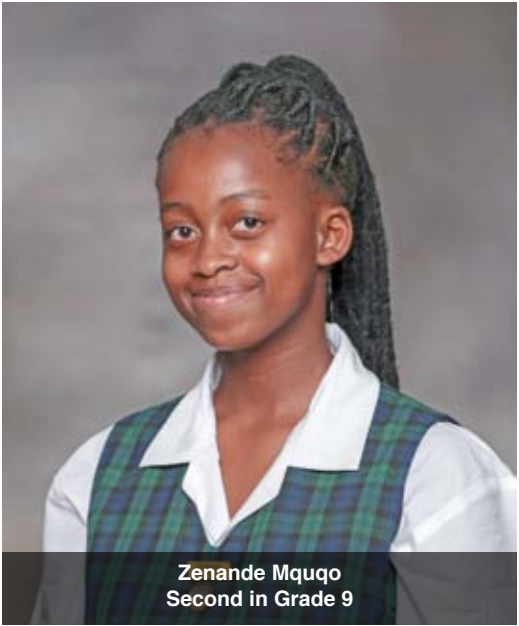
GRADE 11:

- Principal's Award for Excellence in Culture
..... **Bambanani Daka**
..... **Mégan Geduld**
- Accounting Prize **Hannah James**
- Business Studies Prize..... **Jessica Bushell**
- Computer Applications Technology Prize
..... **Caitlin Higgs**
- Consumer Studies Prize (shared)
..... **Julia Murie**
- Consumer Studies Prize (shared)
..... **Julia Ristow**
- Dramatic Arts Prize..... **Akanaka Ndabambi**
- Geography Prize **Phulu Songo**
- Information Technology Prize **Inathi Kaptein**
- isiXhosa (First Additional Language) Prize
..... **Ufez'isiphosoxolo Mbilini**
- Life Sciences Prize & Tourism Prize
..... **Siphosethu Maqubela**
- Mathematical Literacy Prize **Kelly Hatley**
- 10th in Grade 11** **Georgia Mc Clure**

- The Selborne College Centenary Trophy and Book token: for Dramatic and Musical Achievement, Beethoven Cup for the highest mark obtained in an external Music Exam (Grades 4 – 8), Music Prize & **9th in Grade 11**
..... **Leanne Fletcher**
- Mathematics Prize & **8th in Grade 11**
..... **Pei-Shan Wang**
- 7th in Grade 11** **Mia van Aardt**
- 6th in Grade 11** **Julianna Saffy**
- Honours Award for Academic Achievement & **5th in Grade 11** **Claren Lugo Fernandez**
- Honours Award for Academic Achievement & **4th in Grade 11** **Demi Knott**
- Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Visual Arts Prize & **3rd in Grade 11**
..... **Khanya Mdokwana**
- Honours Award for Academic Achievement, History Prize (shared), Life Orientation Prize, Physical Sciences Prize & **2nd in Grade 11**
..... **Kaitlyn Hayward**
- Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Afrikaans (First Additional Language) Prize, PL Koen Prize for enthusiasm/passion in Afrikaans, English (Home Language) Prize, History Prize (shared) & **1st in Grade 11** **Rachel Webb**

GRADE 12:

- Old Girls' Guild Award for the Head of Gittins House **Limile Mbalana**
- Old Girls' Guild Award for the Head of Ketchen House **Usisipo Mali**
- Pet Pals Extra Mile Award **Lara Jacobsohn**
- Principal's Award for Excellence in Culture
..... **Carlyn Sauls**
- Principal's Award for Service to the School
..... **Jocelyn Hodgkinson**
..... **Robyn Becker**
- Cycad Award for All-Round Achievement
..... **Kate van Heerden**
- The Phyllis May Hare-Bowers Memorial Prize for Service to Sport..... **Mila Kupa**
- The Alex Chew Award for Sportsmanship, presented by Miss Chew and her sister (Grade 12) **Chelsy Hendry**
- Ashanti Kakaza Memorial Prize for distinction in English Olympiad, SACEE Language Challenge and work published in *English Alive* (Shared)
..... **Maria Mortimer**
- Jacqueline Parkin Award for English Oral Work
..... **Amelia Fourie**
- Kali Trophy for Participation and Courtesy in Music **Bandile Ntini**
- Most Improved in Senior English: this award acknowledges hard work and dedication
..... **Britney Magrimo**
- The Wilms Cup for Visual Art **Julia Salamon**
- Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work **Shakira Alexander**
..... **Delali Bakudie**



Zenande Mquqo
Second in Grade 9



Rama Kajal
First in Grade 8



Kate Booyens
Second in Grade 8

-**Britney Hagemann**
**Kaylin Hendriks**
**Jessica Jones**
**Jenna Kilian**
**Lia Milne**
**Zehiye Rahman**
**Abigail Willard**
- Business Studies Prize & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Hlumisa Bizana**
 - Cycad Award for All-Round Achievement & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Braunwyn Martin**
 - ET Holder Trophy for Application in the Study of Music & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Khanyisa Mabula**
 - Principal's Award for Excellence in History & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Sivuyisiwe Mtumane**
 - The Environmental Prize for Commitment and Dedication to the Environment, presented by the 1966 Matric Class in memory of Susan Adriaanzen (née Lownds) & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Siphokazi Ngcelwane**
 - The Kathy Jagoe Award for the Most Promising Artist & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Christen Joubert**
 - Tourism Prize (shared) & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Summer Schutte**
 - Old Girls' Guild Award for the Head of Hunter House, Cycad Award for All-Round Achievement & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Balungile Mgoqi**
 - Lydia Labuschagne Award for Courage and Perseverance (shared), Tourism Prize (shared) & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Tayla Birtill**
 - Lydia Labuschagne Award for Courage and Perseverance (shared), Principal's Award for Excellence in Sport, Principal's Award for the painting chosen for the School Art Collection & Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work**Tanna Diplock**
 - Principal's Award for Excellence in Sport, Cycad Award for All-Round Achievement, Special Award for Maintaining a High Standard of Work, The Hattingh Cup for Geography & Dana Ispas Memorial Prize for Mathematical Literacy**Kate Nel**
 - Academic Excellence Award**Riya Abraham**
**Rehab Hameed**
**Samantha Lebenya**
**Khanyisile Mbanga**
 - Principal's Award for Excellence in History & Academic Excellence Award**Tess Dickinson**
 - Dramatic Arts Prize & Academic Excellence Award**Inati Mbundu**
 - Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Consumer Studies Prize & Academic Excellence Award**Jenna Botha**
 - Honours Award for Academic Achievement, The D.F. Brown Cup for Computer Applications Technology & Academic Excellence Award**Kerry Elliott**
 - Re-award of Honours for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in Culture, Wilko Trophy for the Most Outstanding Musician, Chubb Cup for Music & **10th in Grade 12****Emma Pope**
 - Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in History & **9th in Grade 12****Keira Greenberg**
 - Cycad Award for All-Round Achievement, Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in History & **8th in Grade 12****Jenna Tarr**
 - Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in History, Principal's Award for Excellence in Mathematics * **7th in Grade 12****Hannah Rogers**
 - Principal's Award for Service to the School, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in History, Honours Award for Academic Achievement, Carol Felton Trophy for English Essay & **6th in Grade 12****Khazimla Macingwane**
 - Principal's Award for the Head of Connaught House, Re-award of Honours for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Information Technology Prize, isiXhosa (First Additional Language) Prize, Top Debater (Grade 12) & **5th in Grade 12****Anoyolo Lose**
 - Re-award of Honours for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in History, Principal's Award for Excellence in Mathematics, Prize for best work in isiXhosa Oral Work, Judith Stuart-Watson Cup for English Public Speaking & **4th in Grade 12****Sitha Nkwali**
 - Re-award of Honours for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in Culture, Principal's Award for Excellence in Accounting, The Carol Hart Trophy for English Literature, Hansie Visser Prize for Afrikaans Oral, Ilse Batten Memorial Award for Music – for a student whose outstanding, diligence has led to exceptional progress in the practical aspect of her musical, studies, having started in Grade 8 & The Prestige Award presented by Miss P Rose for **3rd in Grade 12****Sikho Simelane**
 - Principal's Award for Deputy Head of Connaught House, Re-award of Honours for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in English, The Old Mutual Cup and Ruth-Mary McJannet Book token for History, The Humanities Prize

for English and History, presented by the 2001 Matric Class in memory of Leletu Lumkwana, The Gush Cup for Life Sciences, The Lesley Shearer Cup & Lownds Book Token for Mathematics (shared), The Martha Harty Cup for Physical Sciences & The Prestige Award presented by Miss P Rose for **2nd in Grade 12**

-**Buhlebamasango Mntalo**
- Re-award of Honours for Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award for Excellence in Physical Sciences, The Accounting Cup, The Elizabeth Winkelman Cup & Martha Harty Book Token for Afrikaans, The Elizabeth Batley Cup and Annand Book Token for English, Rachel van Wyk Memorial Prize for the best all-round work in both English and Afrikaans, Life Orientation Prize, The Lesley Shearer Cup & Lownds Book Token for Mathematics (shared),

1st in Grade 12 & The DUX AWARD: the Lionel Murray Cup – the highest academic award in the school**Mikayla Muller**

SPECIAL AWARDS

- The **DONALD CUP** for the House that has achieved the best academically in 2023
 3rd : KETCHEN 1096
 2nd: GITTINS 1187
1st: HUNTER **1203**
- The **INTER-HOUSE SHIELD** Position of Houses:
 3rd, 2nd, 1st
 3rd: KETCHEN 1173
 2nd: HUNTER 1311
1st: GITTINS **1320**

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CULTURAL AWARDS

DEBATING

- **Half-Colours:**
 - Morgan Hartwig
 - Angalakha Mzileni
 - Zenande Mquqo
 - Ukhonaye Skosana
 - Nicollete Tumbare
- **Re- Award of Half-Colours:**
 - Elizabeth Gyan
- **Colours**
 - Amahle Kobese
 - Maimouna Mbaye
 - Zotando Mkize
 - Akanaka Ndabambi
- **Re- Award of Colours:**
 - Anoyolo Lose
 - Khazimla Macingwane

DRAMA

- **Half-Colours:**
 - Lihle Ndzwaiba
 - Ngcali Mgwebi
 - Tyhila Bobotyana
 - Unako Nontshinga
 - Zenande Mquqo
 - Akanaka Ndabambi
 - Onakho Njobe
 - Akko Falo

MUSIC

- Chamber Choir**
- **Half-Colours:**
 - Lihle Bushet
 - Caitlin Higgs
 - Thina Dakada
 - Sinelizwi Miza
 - Akanaka Ndabambi
 - Lisakhanya Ndungane
 - **Colours:**
 - Leanne Fletcher
 - Isivile Ntshela
- Choir**
- **Half-Colours:**
 - Amelia Fourie
 - Siphokazi Ngcelwane
 - **Colours:**
 - Carlyn Sauls
- Ensemble**
- **Half-Colours: *All String Attached***
 - Maria Mortimer
 - Emma Pope
 - Carlyn Sauls
- Recorder Ensemble**
- Lisakhanya Ganqa
 - Kaylin Hendriks
 - Aqhama Nyondo
 - Carla Terblanche
 - **Colours:**
 - Leanne Fletcher
 - Megan Geduld
 - Pei-Shan Wang

Steel Drum Band

- **Half-Colours:**
 - Khanyisa Mabula
 - Sreya Mathew
 - Carla Terblanche
- **Colours:**
 - Mégan Geduld
 - Pei-Shan Wang
- **Re-award of Colours:**
 - Emma Pope

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- **Half-Colours:**
 - Zotando Mkize
 - Zenande Mquqo
- **Colours:**
 - Zenande Mquqo
 - Nicollete Tumbare
- **Re-award of Colours:**
 - Kaitlyn Hayward
- **Honours:**
 - Sitha Nkwali

VISUAL ART

- **Half-Colours:**
 - Tanna Diplock
 - Khanya Mdokwana
 - Julia Salamon
 - Dominique Sedras
- **Colours:**
 - Julia Salamon
 - Khanya Mdokwana

- Emma Booyens
- Rachel Webb
- **Re-Award Half-Colours**
 - Kelly Hatley
- **First Team Award and Half-Colours**
 - Caroline Kretzmann
 - Meka Loots
 - Jessica Schaefer
 - Kiyara Campbell
 - Chuma Magobongo
- **First Team Re-Award and Half-Colours**
 - Tori Voke
 - Maya Kloppe
 - Julianna Saffy
- **First Team Re-Award and Re-Award Colours**
 - Alex Albers
 - Chelsy Hendry
 - Jenna Tarr

SUMMER SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

- **Half-Colours**
 - Leila Schenk
 - Shauna Marimo

ROWING

- **First Team Award and Half-Colours**
 - Lia Milne
 - Milani Madala
 - Ntokozo Mtwla
- **First Team Re-Award and Half-Colours**
 - Tanna Diplock
 - Heike Buchner
- **Half-Colours (oversight in 2022)**
 - Taylor-Rose Strydom
 - Siposethu Maqubela

SWIMMING

- **Half-Colours**
 - Kayla Gous
 - Emily Palmer
 - Jodi Boëtger
 - Jocelyn Cromhout
 - Julia Ristow
- **Re-Award Half-Colours**
 - Megan Phillips
 - Holley Jacoby
 - Chuma Magobongo
 - Kiyara Campbell
 - Josi Arnold
- **Re-Award Colours**
 - Tori Voke

WATER POLO

- **Half-Colours**
 - Shenlyn Grotjohn

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

CHESS

- **1st Team Re-award and Half-Colours:**
 - Tshegofatso Bixa
- **1st Team Re-award:**
 - Anita Kumar
- **1st Team Re-Award and Colours:**
 - Megan Dove
- **1st Team Re-Award and Half-Colours:**
 - Mandibonge Qangule
- **1st Team Re-award and Re-Award Colours:**
 - Pei-Shan Wang
- **1st Team Re-Award and Re-Award Colours:**
 - Robyn Becker

HOCKEY

- **Half-Colours:**
 - Hannah Viviers
 - Jessica Schaefer
- **Half-Colours for Hockey**
 - Caroline Kretzmann
- **1st Team Award:**
 - Julianna Saffy
 - Georgia McClure
- **1st Team Re-Award and Re-Award Half-Colours:**
 - Demi Knott
- **1st Team Award and Re-Award Half-Colours:**
 - Alison Woodin
 - Cara Knott
- **1st Team Award and Colours:**
 - Jenna Frachet
- **1st Team Re-Award and Re-Award Colours:**
 - Jenna Tarr
 - Kate Nel
 - Brauwnwyn Martin
 - Chelsy Hendry
- **Most Promising Junior Hockey Player:**
 - Kate Booyens
- **Most Improved Junior Hockey Player:**
 - Quinn Carr
- **1st Team Award and Re-Award Half-Colours and**

Most Improved Senior Hockey Player:

- Clarendon Lugo Fernandes
- **1st Team Re-Award, Re-Award Colours, Honours, and Most Outstanding Hockey Player:**
 - Kaylin Hendriks
- **1st Team Re-Award, Re-Award Colours and the Pope Trophy for Service, Leadership and Outstanding Contribution to Hockey:**
 - Kate van Heerden

NETBALL

- **1st Team Award:**
 - Abongile Mahamba
 - Simanye Bremeshe
 - Chuma Magobongo
- **1st Team Award and Colours:**
 - Konwaba Matabeni
- **1st Team Award and Service and Dedication to Netball:**
 - Mila Kupa
- **1st Team Re-Award and Service and Dedication to Netball:**
 - Inathi Gqoboka
- **Half-Colours and Most Promising Junior Netball Player:**
 - Aneliswa Sokujika
- **1st Team Re-Award, Re-Award Colours and Most Versatile Netball Player:**
 - Jenna Kilian
- **1st Team Award, Colours and Most Promising Netball Player:**
 - Jordan James
- **1st Team Award, Colours and Most Outstanding Netball Player:**
 - Ikhona Ntutu
- **1st Team Re-Award, Colours, Service and Dedication to Netball and the Most Valuable Netball Player:**
 - Balungile Mgoqi

SQUASH

- **Half-Colours and Most Improved Squash Player:**
 - Kristen Potter
- **Re-Award Half-Colours:**
 - Georgia McClure
- **1st team Award and Half-Colours:**
 - Alice Sinclair
- **1st Team Re-Award and Colours**
 - Caroline Kretzmann
- **1st Team Re-Award and Re-Award Colours:**
 - Chelsy Hendry
- **1st Team Award and Colours:**
 - Jess Jones
- **1st Team Re-Award, Colours and Most Improved Senior Squash Player:**
 - Sasha Earl
- **First Team Re-Award, Re-Award Colours, The Donovan Trophy for Commitment to Squash and the Tanielle Wilson Trophy for the Most Outstanding Squash Player:**
 - Cara Knott

TENNIS:

- **1st Team Re-Award:**
 - Kate van Heerden
- **1st Team Re-Award and Re-Award Half-Colours:**
 - Georgina Do Rego
- **1st Team Re-Award and Colours:**
 - Mia van Aardt
- **1st Team Re-Award and Re-Award and Colours:**
 - Samantha Jordan
 - Paige Gulle
- **1st Team Re-Award and Most Promising Tennis Player:**
 - Olivia Gous
- **1st Team Re-Award, Re-Award Colours, Honours and the Most Outstanding Tennis Player:**
 - Erin Peters

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OLD GIRLS' REPORT

By Barbi Harrison
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Shirley van den Berg (née
Flemmer)

After the postponement of our AGM from last year, following the Covid-19 pandemic, we finally held it in June, and were able to finalise our new Committee and plan for our Founders' and Reunion Dinner. Selborne College very kindly let us use the Neil Emslie Hall on their campus and we had the Blue Ribbon Catering School prepare and present our dinner. The High School Music pupils

entertained us as we arrived, and Lloy Brent (née Edwards) provided the background music. It was great to have reunion groups back together, both at our evening Dinner (7 reunion groups from 1973 to 2013) and at the lunch at Old Boys' Club, for the more senior groups – 1963, with Liz Winkelmann as the Head Girl; 1953 (70 years), 1948 (75 years) a group who has met regularly for many years, led by Mrs June Cherry (née Bruce). We even had a reply from Mrs Edith Blackbeard (née Judge), Head Girl from 80 years ago, 1943! We were sad to learn of her passing in October, as she has been a stalwart member over the years.

Founders' Day Guest Speakers were both Old Girls – Mrs Brenda Möhr (née Mills) from 50 years ago, shared her experiences and life lessons, followed by Ms Caitlin Laing, from 5 years ago, who had some young wisdom to share too. The Clarendon campus was a hive of

activity, as the school hosted the Collegiate Derby – plenty to watch!

We also hosted the Matrics and their Moms in October at the OGG Assembly, followed by coffee and muffins with them, with Julie Birch from 2000, sharing how important a role Clarendon has played in her life. She is presently the Art teacher at the Primary School, where they are doing wonderful creative activities.

We are very proud of the Opening of the Harrison Aquatic Centre in October, a project shared by the High and the Primary School, as the facility is up to FINA standards and can be used by many different groups. The "Learn to Swim"

Pool is a community focus, for our



schools and beyond. It was very special having our Old Girl, Mrs Joan Harrison, now Breetzke, be present to open this new facility, as our honoured Gold Medallist from the 1952 Olympics.

Our Bursary holders this year were: Kaylin Hendriks (Betty Chew Award from Grade 9 – 12), who was selected for the SA U18A Hockey team; the Matric from 2022 who received the Jubilee Award at Prizegiving for varsity, was Xhanti Luke, who was very grateful as she was registering for UCT this year; the Grade 7 Award for a girl coming to the High School, is Shahaa Harms, who has involved herself fully at the school this year.

Some news of our Old Girls, who are making significant contributions in their fields are the following:

SIMNIKIWE MDAKA (MALUSI) 2000 – NETBALL ex-Proteas' player, now Supersport commentator; **TARYN WOODBRIDGE (KRETSCHMANN) 1996** – appointed the first female CFO of MBSA here in EL; **GABY**

PAST HEAD GIRLS



CROMHOUT 2008 – PhD into AIDS RESEARCH IN SA, having studied for her Masters degree in London; **the KEET SISTERS** – LEE-ANNE KEET-STEWART World Water Polo Ref; MARCELLE KEET still coaching Junior and Senior National Women's Hockey and Water Polo; **MILISUTHANDO BONGELA 2001** – film-maker and journalist – documentary about growing up in the E Cape, premiered in Colombia, US and Europe; **MBALI MAHLANGENI 2016**, at UCT, won the Property Section of the GREENOVATE AWARDS in Cape Town; **BIANCA WOOD 2019** – still playing SA Women's HOCKEY (since 2019 as a schoolgirl). Often at Intervarsity fixtures, Clarendon Old Girls find themselves competing against each other – still using their school-nurtured talents!

Sadly, we have to record the following Old Girls who have passed away recently:

Jeenal Jeewa (2021) in a car accident; Zava (Katz) Robinson (1944), Sue (Moll) Properjohn (Head Girl 1944), Phyllis Taylor (Lundstrom), Edith Blackbeard (Judge) – Head Girl from 1943 – 80 years ago.

We would like to record our thanks to the Principals and their Staff of our schools, who work extremely hard to maintain the wonderful education that is offered at the Clarendon Schools. Thank you too to our OGG Committee members, who are always present at our functions, helping them to run smoothly.

Members are reminded to keep up to date on the schools' Facebook and Instagram pages, and join the Clarendon Old Girls' Alumni group, for updated information – you will be blown away by all that is achieved at our fine schools.



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