

UNION SCHOOLS

2022





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Our Vision

“We are committed to creating a happy and safe environment where all students are afforded every opportunity for growth, and are encouraged to achieve their full potential in academic, cultural, sporting and spiritual activities under the guidance of professional educators, thereby enabling them to become fulfilled, self-reliant and responsible citizens.”

The Mission of the Union Schools is:

To provide a high standard of all-round education to every student, thus making a significant contribution to nation building through the development of the human resources of our country;

To be accessible to students from the wider South African community, while maintaining English as the medium of instruction;

To inculcate the values of Truth, Loyalty and Justice as enshrined in our motto;

To use the opportunities provided by communal school and boarding life to develop in our students attitudes of tolerance towards others, and respect for their person and property;

To utilise fully the resources offered by the local community and opportunities presented by the school's unique situation to develop the interests and abilities of the students as widely as possible;

To foster an environment which will encourage students' spiritual development based upon Biblical Christianity, without prejudice to students from other religious backgrounds; and

To offer boys and girls the opportunity to develop together in a stable home-like environment.

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MAGAZINE TEAM

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On a Monday morning in March 2020, when the South African government announced that schools would be shutting down, many learners across the country – and we're sure even at the Union Schools - cheered. "Corona-cation!"

The editors of the yearbook gulped.

We were barely at the starting line of a memory-making marathon, the chronicling of one year in the life of the School. We had hundreds of pages to fill, all of which would have been devoted to a year of sports, cultural activities and academics - which had just been cancelled, too. COVID-19 was a huge curve ball. And, school yearbooks aren't really built for curve balls. Ours is a well-oiled machine of school news, page-design templates and deadlines carefully staggered throughout the year for the orderly creation of books that typically run about 200 pages.

When the virus threw its wrench into the gears, our school yearbook

fell by the wayside. As the School is a cornerstone of its community, the focus immediately fell on coordinating education and safety recommendations. Raising much-needed funds. Deciphering the news and working with the Department of Education to set policy and procedures at the school. We saw teachers trying to self-quarantine their own families, while also preparing remote lesson plans and packets which could be distributed to parents who are trying to keep their children occupied and educated.

No, yearbooks weren't the focus right then...

Now, almost three years later, having emerged from the devastation that was COVID-19, we're back to preserving our memories and celebrating a year full of friends, events and shared experiences. We extend our grateful thanks to Old Unionite Rebecca Langmead, for creating the eye-catching design on this year's cover, and as you browse through the pages, we hope you enjoy looking back on all that transpired in 2022 – a year that shaped who we are post-COVID-19 and helped us create memories that will fill our hearts for years to come.

STAFF

To be a high performing school with a positive and inclusive school culture that promotes the wellbeing and success of all, you need a dedicated team of talented and inspirational staff, who are committed to delivering only the highest standards of education for each and every child of the school. At the School, we are very fortunate to have just that and we would like to express our gratitude to our teaching staff.

Almost three years ago, they, along with the rest of the world, experienced an unprecedented change in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the many adjustments to their lifestyle, classrooms shifted from in-person to remote learning amid social distancing guidelines. When they decided to become educators, they couldn't have anticipated upending their years of training to reinvent the teaching practices that they'd adopted and honed. The transition was abrupt, unclear, and uncharted. Pivoting into a digital classroom meant they had to think and learn quickly. And they delivered with grace and grit. In a short amount of time, they adapted curricula to new teaching platforms and tools that they previously had no experience using. They taught lessons during the day, making sure to also form personal connections with each young face so they felt seen and supported. But their unwavering contributions continued into the late evenings, behind the scenes. Whether spending countless hours learning innovative teaching techniques, ensuring that every learner has access to the curriculum, troubleshooting digital tools for families of varying technical literacy, or taking parent-teacher calls into the evening hours to share their learners' progress, they went above and beyond.

Our families and learners have had their share of challenges in this new normal, some of whom also struggled to adapt to a virtual learning environment. As educators, our staff experienced a unique set of challenges. These challenges included drops in attendance and learner engagement, difficulty observing learners' learning efficacy, fewer opportunities to build a classroom community, managing learners' behaviour from behind a screen, or a combination of these and more.

They reinvented what learning means and looks like, and their journey wasn't without hardship and frustration along the way. In addition to rising in support of the learners and their families, they had to balance their personal life in the process. Educators were managing their own mental health and as many as parents themselves, they had to



navigate through their own children's struggle with a remote classroom as well as the learners they were teaching.

Teachers, for all of these reasons and more, thank you for going above your call of duty. Thank you for sticking by your learners throughout these tumultuous years and greeting each one with a smile every morning. Thank you for creating an environment of safety and regularity in their days. Thank you for communicating with families beyond your normal working hours. Thank you for your empathy, patience, and perseverance.

We see you and salute your selflessness.

GENERAL STAFF NEWS

We were very fortunate to be able to start 2022 off by celebrating some of our staff's long-service milestones.

While we continue to reiterate that the commitment, dedication and hard work by all staff is noticed, greatly appreciated and worthy of recognition, we honoured members of staff who have been with us for ten, fifteen and twenty years. Over the years, these loyal colleagues have



STAFF

BACK: Mrs M. Burger, Mrs C. Nell, Ms J. Street, Mr R. Hulleman, Mrs S. Marais, Mr J.P. Kruger, Mr B. Mbanqa, Mr R. Rautenbach, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Mr H. Sparrius, Mrs H. Keyser, Mrs S. Krige, Mr C. Chiyindiko
MIDDLE: Ms E. Moos, Mr A. Gradwell, Mrs S. Brink, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Mrs M. Burger, Mrs H. Clegg, Mr M. Kruger, Mrs L. Rowe, Mrs C. Pringle, Mr C. Beck, Mrs J. Liebenberg, Mrs J. Nel, Mrs J. Heunis-Jones
FRONT: Mr D. Kingwill, Mrs E.L. Gerber, Mr C. Felix, Mrs B. Langmead, Mrs A. Gedult (Deputy Principal), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mrs Y. Cloete, Mrs N. Read, Mrs B. Grewar, Mrs L. Vorster, Mrs H. Rose-Innes



helped to make the School and the community who we are today. We congratulate Mr Hanno Sparrius (10 years), Mrs Cathy Pringle (10 years), Mr Joseph Oormeyer (15 years) and Mrs Nelie Read (20 years).

At the beginning of Term 1, we welcomed Mrs Linda Rowe, who taught Afrikaans to our Grade 8 & 9 classes. Mrs Rowe has since accepted a position at Gill College in Somerset East and we wish her well. We also welcomed Mr Calvin Beck, our new Senior Sports Administrator and hockey coach as well as Mr Collen Chiyindiko who teaches Geography.

Mr Hannes Lombard, who will be familiar to many of our school families, was redeployed to our school for the duration of Term 2, but has since left the teaching profession and we wish him everything of the best as he pursues a new career. During the year we also welcomed Mr Andrew Gradwell to our staff compliment. Mr Gradwell joined us as a Grade 8 and 9 Social Sciences and Creative Arts (Drama) educator and is well-known among the community, being an Old Unionite himself. He is currently also working towards his postgraduate Master's degree in Education.

We bade farewell to Ms Paula Phillips who resigned at the end of Term

2, having made the decision to leave the teaching profession. We wish her well and thank her for her service. Mr Christopher Felix will be leaving us to take up a position as Head of Department at Michaelhouse in 2023 and we wish him and his family well, and thank him for his dedicated service to our school.

Mrs Elizabeth Sylvester who has worked at the school as a general worker for more than twenty years was boarded mid-year owing to ill health. She has since passed and will be sorely missed by all at the School.

Mr Stephen Bezuidenhout is still on long-term sick leave, and we wish him much strength as he continues his recovery. Mr Ross Hulleman was appointed in a temporary state-funded post, while Mrs Bronwen Langmead has been appointed Head of Culture and now serves on the school Senior Management Team.

In 2023, we welcome back to our staff Mr Elrich Jantjies, who will be teaching Mathematics. We also welcome Mrs Annette Ekkerd, an experienced Accounting educator and Mr Stegmann van Zyl, who will be teaching Afrikaans FAL Grades 8-9.

SCHOOL DRIVERS



School bus drivers are tasked with one of the most important responsibilities in education - safely transporting our children. But the job doesn't start and end there. Every week, in addition to their daily tasks as groundsman on campus, our drivers can be found conducting pre-trip inspections and washing their respective buses, to make sure they are spick and span and ready to serve the Union community.

At the end of yet another school year, we would like to recognize the

hard work and dedication of our School drivers, Mr Trevor Zali, Mr Melvin Kitchu and Mr Arnold du Plessis, who drive our learners hundreds of kilometres around the Eastern Cape and beyond each week. Not only do they transport sporting teams as far afield as Bloemfontein, East London and Gqeberha - each Friday they ferry boarding house children to their home towns in Middelburg, Cradock, Jansenville, Colesberg and Hanover.

We are extremely grateful to these gentlemen for the safe and caring way in which they deal with our precious cargo on the roads.



SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAM

BACK: Mrs N. Read (Head of Department), Mr C. Felix (Head of Sport), Mrs B. Langmead (Head of Culture)
FRONT: Mrs A. Gedult (Deputy Principal), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mrs Y. Cloete (Head of Department)



GROUND STAFF

BACK: Mr Jack Bezuidenhout, Mr Bjorn Koopman, Mr Arnold du Plessis, Mr Leon Witbooi, Mr Joseph Oormeyer, Mr Rayno Loxton
FRONT: Mr Trevor Zali, Mr Gavin Marlow, Ms Vehona Jantjies, Mrs Lillian Williams, Mr Neil Meyer.

Ms Vehona Jantjies served the school temporarily until the end of September. We thank her for her service. Ms Delicia Solomons has been appointed in the position since.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT



2022 has been a very busy, constructive year for our school in its 103rd year. It would, however, be difficult for me to report on this year without placing it in the context of the school that we have had since President Ramaphosa announced a 21-day lockdown which began on Thursday 26 March 2020 and was to have concluded on 16 April of that year. Of course, the lockdown was far longer than 21 days, and turned our lives and the education of our children upside-down.

It was certainly a challenging time for us all, and brought significant changes to how the school and the boarding houses, in particular, were compelled to run. I should like to thank our parent body for their continued support during this time, and for assisting their children to continue with their education while they were at home.

The educator staff were forced to adapt and evolve very quickly, and without warning, and rose to the challenge, learning online teaching and new methods of communication very quickly. Much of the technology that we have been introducing to our school over the last decade proved critical to the fact that we were able to continue teaching effectively during this time.

Perhaps the most significant changes occurred in our boarding houses, with Herby Arnott House becoming a junior co-educational house, and Arthur Kingwill house the senior co-educational house. While this has been received with mixed response, it is the model that works best for our school currently.

On top of all of this, we had to contend with a disputed School Governing Body election, which ended up in litigation in the Grahamstown High Court and put enormous pressure on the management of the school, which essentially operated without an SGB for some months. Beyond the practical disruptions, I believe that this was not good for our school and community at all, and it is certainly not something that should ever happen again. Many lessons were learned by all parties through this unfortunate event.

Load shedding, the sharp rise in living costs and fear and anxiety in a general sense all have contributed to a highly-stressed society in which we live, and this too has impacted on how people respond to the slightest incident or provocation.

The school that we returned to in 2022 was vastly different to the school that we had, had up to 2019, and so were the learners and staff. It took a great deal of effort and motivation to get the rusty wheels of this huge machine to turn smoothly again. Change is good, and the school needed to take the opportunity provided by this new beginning to do things differently. 2022 has been a year of rebirth re-imagining and evolution.

STAFF

Each school year brings with it a change in staff and this year has been no exception. Change is good and new people bring fresh ideas and renewed energy. The following members of staff joined the school at the beginning of the year:

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Mrs Linda Rowe, who taught Afrikaans to our Grade 8 & 9 classes; Mr Calvin Beck, our Senior Sports Administrator and Hockey coach; and Mr Collen Chiyindiko who is teaching Geography,

During the year, Mr Ross Hullemann was appointed in a temporary state-funded post and we also welcomed Mr Andrew Gradwell to our staff compliment.

Mrs Bronwen Langmead has been appointed Head of Culture and now serves on the school S.M.T.

Our thoughts are with Mr Stephen Bezuidenhout who has been on extended sick leave.

PREFECTS



I should like to extend the thanks of the entire school to Matthew Basson and Kendall Krige and the prefect body of 2022 for their efforts this year. The job of the prefects is not always an easy one and their efforts are often overlooked. We do appreciate the job that the school and hostel prefects perform in helping with the smooth running of the school and of the hostels. Strong pupil leadership is critical in the running of a school.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

Our RCL has functioned effectively this year, under the guidance of Mrs Gedult. This year, the RCL was led by Kathryn Odendaal and Ruzhé Hendricks, and the body played an important role with regards to maintaining a tranquil environment for effective education to take place at the School. Important class matters are dealt with and communication between learners and educators is facilitated and maintained. The body is growing in strength and young leaders are developing into strong, principled members, coming to a full understanding of their very important role in representing their peers in the management sphere.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

The academic pursuits of our learners remain the core of our business and receives the vast majority of our time and planning. The academic performance of our children must be viewed as a team effort between the learner, educators and parents if the child is to be successful and we are constantly putting structures in place to strengthen this relationship. Parent evenings play an important role in this and were well-attended this year. We continue to provide our educators with the very best teaching aids and trust that this will be of advantage to the learners.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Our cultural programme remains a busy one with many of our scholars participating actively. While we thank all our teachers who involve themselves so willingly in cultural activities, a special word of thanks must go to Mrs Bronwen Langmead for her initiative and leadership in

this department.

Our Music Department continues to offer Piano Adventures and Rock School, additions to our existing Royal Schools of Music syllabus. We are grateful to our music educators, Mrs Brink and Ms Oosthuizen for their wonderful efforts in helping our young musicians achieve their goals.

Our choirs and marimba bands have provided so much enjoyment this year and have added so much to the many special events that we have held this year.

The Senior Production of Encanto took place in May. The tremendous and vast talent of this young cast, some of whom have never stepped on a stage before, was amazing to see and, watching all those who performed, it was clear that they were building life long memories - sheer joy and excitement on every face! We are so grateful for the incredible vision of Mrs Avril Putter who produced this fantastic show, backed up by Mrs Sanette Brink, the staff, and of course our wonderful thespians without whom, this would never have happened.

CHESS remains popular and provides an opportunity for our learners to sharpen their strategic planning skills. We are grateful to Mrs Rose-Innes for her commitment to chess.

SCOUTS

Scouting remains an activity of value and, under the guidance of Mr Johan Vorster, our boys have taken the opportunity to become involved in this valuable pursuit. Mr Maree finally retires as Troop Scouter after more than fifty years of dedicated service to this troop and we thank him for all he has done for our children over this time.

GRADE 10 ODYSSEY

The Grade 10 Odyssey, which took place towards the end of Term 3, is a journey of self-discovery for these learners who are afforded the privilege of walking through some of the most pristine wilderness that the Karoo has to offer. The Odyssey has gained momentum since its inception four years ago.

The grade emerges out of Odyssey bonded in a way that is noticeable, with camaraderie, encouragement and admiration of one another being key factors that become evident. They also learn that no matter how difficult and painful things can be sometimes, giving up is not an option, and each participant is extremely proud to complete the 5-day challenge. Odyssey could not happen without the love and generosity of so many who give so much to make it a success and we are very grateful to all of our parents who make this a reality each year.

Each year, more and more outdoor activity and excursions are added to our calendar and we are grateful to our staff who buy into this ethos and provide such meaningful opportunities for educational growth on these excursions.

BOARDING HOUSES

Our boarding houses and our boarders are central in our school and this area of the school receives continuous attention and we will keep working on improving our facilities. I feel confident that our hostels maintain a very high standard. Mr and Mrs Sullivan, Mr and Mrs Kingwill, and Mrs Sparks, and their teams have made it their mission to ensure that our hostels function effectively and efficiently and they deserve our grateful thanks. A very special word of thanks is extended to our duty staff for their services.

I would also like to thank all the members of the hostel committee for what they have done for the hostels this year, and in particular Mrs Jennifer Hope for her leadership.

GROUND AND BUILDINGS

Mr Donald Kingwill and our maintenance staff work extremely hard in order to maintain the very high standards of our campus to which we have become accustomed. We are proud of what we have and we are grateful

to those who have made it possible for us to continue to look upon our facilities with pride. There can be few, if any, campuses which boast the setting, facilities and beauty of ours.

Our campus has been improved this year with the extension of the swimming pool to 25 metres and will now be used for local and district galas. The James Brodie Physical Sciences Laboratory was recently refurbished and it is now a venue which is visually stimulating, high-tech and practical where we can place special emphasis on experimental learning, enriched by media and electronic support. This is further complimented by an interactive digital teaching screen with excellent audio features. We thank Mr David Langmead for driving this project.

One cannot drive by the school campus without noticing the construction taking place on the corner of Donkin and Caledon streets. We are currently building three new classrooms for the use of our Grade 5 educators in 2023. This has been necessitated by the increase in learner numbers in the preparatory school, and we anticipate having over 500 learners at our school next year. Mr Grant Lemke has driven this project relentlessly and we extend our gratitude to him and his team.

I should also like to extend my thanks to members of our ground staff who drive school buses for us with such care and trustworthiness. Mr Melvin Kitchu, Mr Trevor Zali and Mr Arnold du Plessis are invaluable members of our team and I am deeply grateful to them for taking such care of our precious children.

SPORTING MATTERS

Sport remains a valuable aspect of the all-round education provided by our school. Mr Calvin Beck has managed our sport efficiently, especially in light of the fact that so much had to be resurrected after two years of very little activity. The Department continues to evolve and to maximise the talent of our learners. Our sportsmen and women continue to challenge for provincial teams, and even representation at national level.

Cricket remains very popular, and our teams have achieved much success this year. The 1st XI were unfortunately not able to participate in the Cape Schools' Cricket Week this year owing to inclement weather. Athletics and Swimming continue to attract interest and Tennis has achieved remarkable results this year. The depth of tennis talent which we have at the School is most encouraging. Our culminating annual fixture, the Marco Wassermann tournament in Middelburg was once again both most successful and enjoyable. Thank you to all of our tennis coaches for their commitment to this wonderful sport.

The winter season was one in which we travelled extensively. Nonetheless, our rugby and hockey players gave of their best. The hockey girls grew in stature throughout the season.

Our rugby teams, and particularly the junior teams had very successful seasons and it was simply a great pleasure to be able to participate in sport once again and to renew old friendships and rivalries.

Our hard-working FIRST-AIDERS truly deserve our thanks for their efforts. Sincere thanks also to all our local Doctors for their willingness to help whenever called upon to do so.

Interschools was a great occasion, as it always should be, but particularly because it was the centenary celebrations of our opponents, the Volkskools. The competition was fierce and matches were won and lost. We were all very proud of our learners, those who represented the School and those who supported from the sideline.

This year's CRICKET and RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVALS were a great success as they are every year. All who participated thoroughly enjoyed the Festivals, and we must thank Mr Shaun Botha of Caltex and Botha's Garage, in particular, as well as other sponsors who support our school so generously.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CONNECTION

We congratulate Grade 6 learners, Brett Kenmuir and Zoë Mills, who have been selected as our Salisbury Exchange learners for 2023. The 2023

OLD UNIONITE ASSOCIATION

The members of the Old Unionite Association and the Union Sports Club have worked very hard behind the scenes this year and their passion and love for our school and the children is a wonderful example to all. The year has been characterised by tremendous growth and innovation and far better and more meaningful communication with our past pupils.

The wonderful ladies who slaved away at catering and in other similar roles have been worth their weight in gold. Their smiles and friendliness have been the welcome mats of the Union and we truly regard these ladies as major assets, and we receive so many compliments from visitors who enjoy our wonderful hospitality.

The sudden passing of Mr David Stern was a shock to all, and his presence is sorely missed. We are grateful to Mr Richard Collett who has stepped into the breach. I thank the Committee for their tremendous support of the school over the past year.

DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The UHS Development Trust is a body which administers funds which over the past 50 or so years have been set aside and invested to ensure the long-term financial stability of the school. These funds are used primarily for infrastructural developments at the school, such things as the Astro Turf and more recently the renovations to the swimming pool, the Science Lab and the equipment of classrooms. We are indebted to the Trustees who give so willingly of their time and expertise in the service of our school and community, and extend our thanks, in particular, to the Chairman, Mr Derek Light, for the tremendous role that he has played in the life of our schools during the year.

THE SCHOOL BADGE

The design of our School's badge, known as the A.E. Puttick badge, dated 1927, was at the time guided by the schools' origins. It was a school for white English-speaking children, and the Union Jack Flag featured in the badge, in particular, was representational of the Union of South Africa being part of the British Commonwealth of Nations at that time.

Today, based on the multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-racial and multi-lingual composition of the learners at the school, it was widely felt that this flag no longer had a place in our school badge, and should be replaced by the South African flag. We trust that this significant change will provide a unifying symbol for the school's diverse learner population, for the school community and for the Graaff-Reinet community as a whole.

And so our school is looking forward to 2023, with a new badge, with hope in our hearts and with a love for the children in our care. While a new year always brings about an opportunity for a fresh start in those areas where this is necessary, it also brings with it opportunities for reflection and reminders of the greatness of this school and the richness of its history.

Some changes are due to take place within our staffing situation and we trust that we will be able to fill our vacancies with people who will contribute positively to our school. One or two internal staff moves also have the potential to lead to fresh enthusiasm and to improved teaching and administration. Sporting matters and general learner participation are also very much a part of our plans for 2023. In addition, our Governing Body is making a point of exercising positive leadership towards ensuring that 2023 is an even better year than 2022 and that we will move further ahead. We are looking to 2023 to being a year of excellence in all spheres.

THANK YOU TO TEACHING STAFF

As I approach the end of this report, I would like to thank our teaching staff once again, for their dedication and their unselfish efforts on behalf of our learners. It is they who have made all that has taken place during this year possible. I am equally grateful to our secretaries and finance

departments, and our maintenance staff who are absolutely indispensable to us. Thanks, in particular to Mrs Abigail Gedult, who always provides me with wonderful support and to Mrs Nelia Read, Mr Christopher Felix, Mrs Yvette Cloete and Mrs Bronwen Langmead, for their guidance and support.

Thank you too to the office-based staff Mrs Mariette Burger, Mrs Hestie Clegg, Mrs Maritza Burger, Mrs Joline Liebenberg, Administrative Secretary, Mrs Sharon Shell, Receptionist Mrs Elsebe Moos and Headmaster's Secretary Mrs Suzanne Marais for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

PARENTS

This is a fitting occasion for me to thank a wonderful parent body for your support during this year. Many of you have travelled all over the Eastern Cape supporting your children and the school; many have assisted us in various obvious and not so obvious ways. We really do value you. Thank you to those of you who have made the effort to show your appreciation to staff who have spent many hours teaching, coaching or driving your children around.

As a school we remain committed to serving our community and we regard our partnership with you, as parents, as a priority. At a time like this, when educational matters in South Africa are becoming increasingly challenging, we need our parents even more. We are fortunate to have a parent body such as you. We look forward to your support and assistance again next year.

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to the church leaders in Graaff-Reinet. Our school appreciates the guidance and the help that they have offered our learners this year. We thank them for their prayers and for the many other practical ways in which they have contributed to the School this past year.

Sincere thanks also to Mrs Belinda Botha for her support and that of the Union Preparatory School. We continue to work towards bringing our schools closer together, to have complimentary structures and to plan for the future of our family of schools.

I extend my gratitude to those parents who serve on our School Governing Body for the tremendous work, the personal, family and financial sacrifices that they are prepared to make. It has been incredibly rewarding working with this body this year; I extend my thanks to all our governors.

I am grateful, in particular, to Mr Kelvin Kayster for his willingness to chair this body and for his leadership, support and commitment.

LEARNERS

I extend my personal thanks to the learners of our school, not only those in leadership positions, but all of you, no matter how big or small your role in this school. I should like you always to know and remember that you are valued here and that every one of you matters very much to me and to this school.

CONCLUSION

Our school offers our youngsters many, many opportunities in a variety of fields. I would like to thank the learners who have made the most of the opportunities offered. We value what they have done and are very proud of them. Their contributions have ensured that the name of our school remains respected throughout South Africa.

For the few who do not use the chances that they get to grow and to develop, may I challenge them to do all that they can when they start afresh in 2023.

It is clear from my report that Union High School continues to build positively upon the foundations of the past, and that, with the continued support of our community, our parents and our learners, our school will deal with the challenges of 2023 with confidence.

COVID-19: TEACHING IN UNUSUAL TIMES

Our first thoughts when we received instructions from the Minister of Education that schools were to close early at the end of the first term in 2020, was that we were to have a slightly extended holiday, after which we would return to the normal academic year. Normal? What normal?

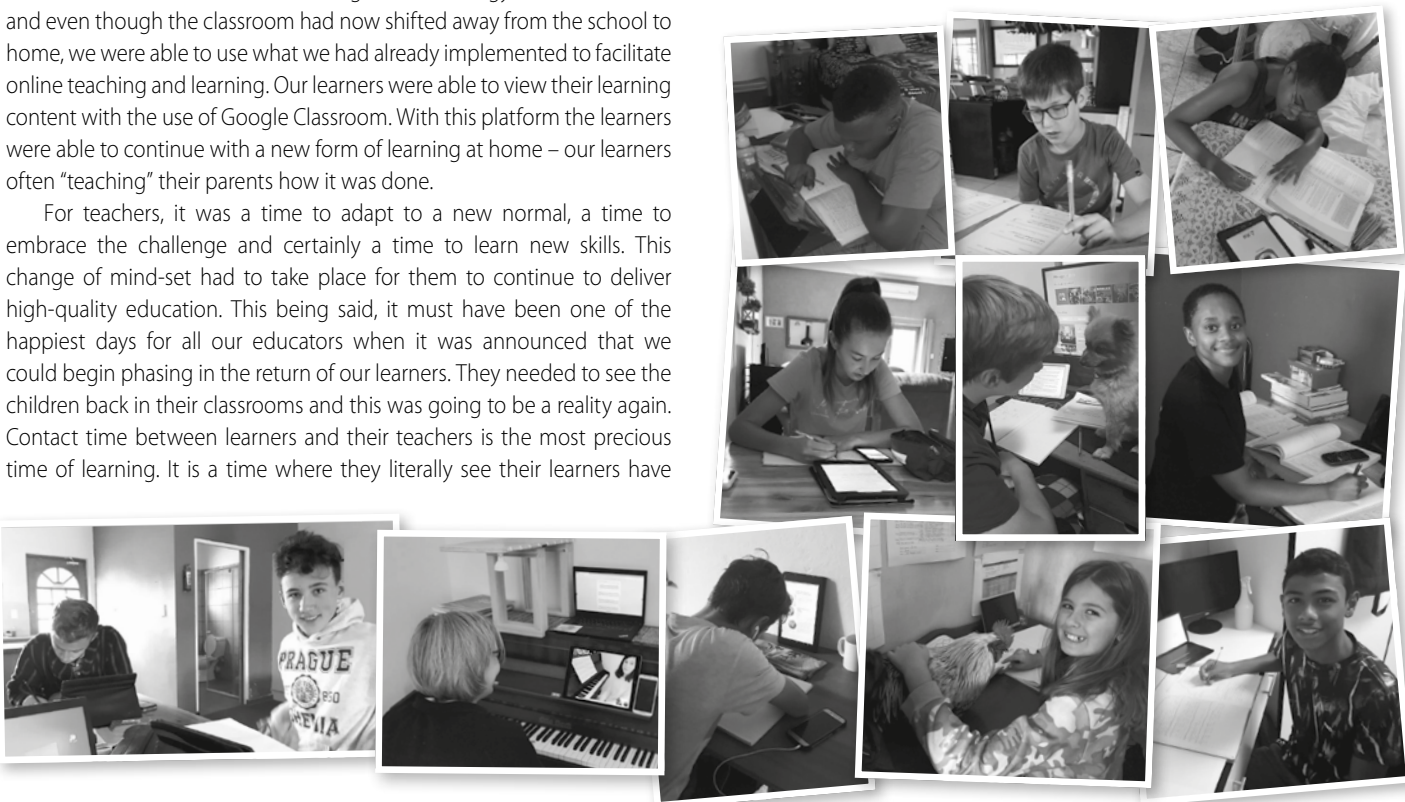
What we knew as normal, soon changed to the preparation of online lessons, no contact with the learners and experiencing the frustration of not knowing when we were to see the inside of a classroom again. Even though all our teachers were frustrated by the situation, they became pro-active and put things in motion to find a new way of teaching and to find answers to the question, "How can I reach my learners?"

Many of the answers to this question lay in what we already had in place before we went into lockdown. The School has always been at the forefront in the introduction and usage of technology in the classroom and even though the classroom had now shifted away from the school to home, we were able to use what we had already implemented to facilitate online teaching and learning. Our learners were able to view their learning content with the use of Google Classroom. With this platform the learners were able to continue with a new form of learning at home – our learners often "teaching" their parents how it was done.

For teachers, it was a time to adapt to a new normal, a time to embrace the challenge and certainly a time to learn new skills. This change of mind-set had to take place for them to continue to deliver high-quality education. This being said, it must have been one of the happiest days for all our educators when it was announced that we could begin phasing in the return of our learners. They needed to see the children back in their classrooms and this was going to be a reality again. Contact time between learners and their teachers is the most precious time of learning. It is a time where they literally see their learners have

those "light bulb" moments; a time when learners make mistakes but learn from them; a time where teachers can spend quality hours guiding their learners on the journey of exploration and a time where everyone can have fun and be silly again. It is a special time that was maybe taken for granted by both the teachers and the learners in the past, but it has now become a time to be cherished. Our teachers still hold the key to our pupil's learning and no screen will ever completely replace the importance of the physical aspect of teaching in a classroom.

Though we had to learn and live in an unusual time for almost two years, the pandemic has taught us that when we need the learners, parents and teachers of our school to bounce back, it is something we all do very well. We will continue to adapt to changing circumstances and to strive for only the best in every situation for all involved in education at the School.



PANDEMIC YEARS IN REVIEW

By Mariëtte Burger, PR & Marketing

2020. 2021. 2022. Well, we did not see those unprecedented years coming. On March 11, 2020, just as we were approaching the end of the first term, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus a global pandemic and it soon became the topic of virtually every discussion. Looking back, it has impacted all our lives. It has created frustrations and challenges but it has also given rise to so many opportunities.

"Patience and grace" defined the past three years for our school. We started out asking for patience and grace, but we also had to remind our staff to give themselves grace. We have hard-working people with high expectations who want to bring their best for every learner, every day. Every employee was asked to do their job differently and each had many concerns and



questions about how they would pull it off.

I am sure that when learners were forced to work at home, many parents also experienced the frustrations that teachers deal with on a day-to-day basis. Some parents wanted more work, others wanted less work. Some wanted no work (mainly the children). Some parents had online access to the Internet, others had no connectivity. I must, however, congratulate our parent body on their resolve and on ensuring that the majority of our learners were kept involved.

In the weeks and months that followed, the school's management and SGB worked endlessly to prepare the school for the learners' eventual return.

We were also very fortunate in that we had enough space and areas to accommodate our entire school once schools had reopened. Standard Operating Procedures were in place and I am pleased to say, the school



became a safe place for our children in difficult circumstances. While some parents were extremely anxious about their children returning to school, the teachers, who were at the front line, also suffered some anxiety.

I, therefore, want to thank the entire staffing body who stepped up to the plate and took control. Working hours were stretched because staff had to arrive much earlier to screen everyone entering the school. New rules meant that the school had to be cleaned and sanitized daily, with a 'deep-clean' every so often and we extend a huge word of thanks to Mr Kingwill and his team of ground staff for their efforts in this regard.

New costs were incurred with the purchase of PPE and the staff had to tighten their belts with expenditure. A huge debt of gratitude to all our parents who stayed up to date with the payment of their school fees during this time. I am aware that many parents suffered financially due to the pandemic, but continued to pay. This allowed the school to continue to pay staff salaries during a difficult time.

I would like to thank the front office staff who have dealt with many trying matters and have kept cool heads whilst doing so. I am sure that parents will agree with me when I say that these Trojans have kept our school moving forward. Our hostel parents and staff have also had to adapt and I doff my cap to them as well.

Our SGB, as well as the school's Senior Management Team, has had a busy time of it these past three years, but their commitment to our school remains positive. I want to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who give up so much of their time for the benefit of the school while serving in this capacity. Our Headmaster, Mr Pringle, showed clearly that the reins of the School are firmly in his hands and I thank him for guiding the staff and learners throughout these past three years.

Since emerging from the pandemic earlier this year, I think that we

can all agree that it has resulted in at least one positive thing: a much greater appreciation for the importance of our school and all it offers our children. Almost every aspect of our work at the School changed due to this pandemic, and I am grateful for the way we responded. No matter how we move forward, we know that we will never be the same. The times we experienced will be the subject of history and economics and social lessons for generations to come and the work we are doing every day is ground-breaking.

To the learners of the Union Schools - the pandemic stressed all of us in every aspect of our daily lives. From an educational perspective, it took away the reassuring custom of a daily physical gathering at school and the comfort that came with that. Suddenly, in its place you had a solitary and sometimes isolated experience. Aside from the serious health concerns of COVID-19, this may have been the biggest challenge of all. Our learners faced it with courage and resilience and I am grateful for that strength.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to the greater Union community, our Old Unionites and our loyal sponsors. Whether it was through monetary donations or emotional support, our community was there in our time of need, as it always is. We do not take that support lightly as it is a direct indication of the confidence placed in our school to ensure that we are adjusting our programme and delivery of instruction and support to meet the needs of our learners and families.

These last few years have not been what any of us planned for. They have challenged us and offered us new opportunities every single day. Together, we have responded to the best of our ability and in the best interest of our learners. I can think of no better example of what it means to be "proudly Union!" For that, I am beyond grateful to all of you.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



Looking back at the past four terms, it is amazing how quickly the educators and learners had to get back into the full swing of the school year. Still 'hiding' behind masks and following set COVID-19 protocols, it was challenging but yet a relief to continue with normal academics, cultural activities and sport.

How grateful we were when the announcement was made at the end of Term 2 that masks were no longer compulsory and seeing the learners 'face to face' was delightful. The highlight of the year for many was the long awaited Interschools. Our young sportsmen and ladies did us proud. Our chess players excelled this year and our choir and marimba band had stunning performances.

The Salisbury Exchange will continue in 2023 and we congratulate Zoë Mills and Brett Kenmuir who will be visiting the UK next year.

With great excitement we look forward to the completion of the three new classrooms that will be in use in 2023 and thanks are extended to all who were involved in the project.

Our learners are constantly reminded to do their best and to participate in all the activities our school offers. One is reminded of Walt Disney's famous quote: *"Whatever you do, do it well. Do it so well that when people see you do it, they will want to come back and see you do it again and they will want to bring others and show them how well you do what you do."*

GRADE 12 RESULTS 2021

The Class of 2021 achieved a 100% matric pass rate, with 80% of the matrics bagging Bachelor passes and the other 20%, Diploma passes. These results placed the School first in the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality. Our school was also one of only 38 (out of the Eastern Cape's 941 schools) that achieved a 100% pass rate, placing us in the top four percent in the province.

Our top performer, James Rose-Innes - who achieved seven distinctions - was also acknowledged as Graaff-Reinet's top matric learner, a title he shared with Volkskool's Petroné Fourie. In total, the class achieved 59 subject distinctions.

We are incredibly proud of how adaptable and resilient the School's learners and staff have been through the difficult times since the start of COVID-19, particularly the 2021 Grade 12s, who have spent their toughest school years studying in pandemic restrictions. In light of this, a 100% pass rate is quite remarkable. Not only does it speak to the dedication and quality of our teaching staff but also the work ethic and determination of our learners. As a school, we did everything in our power to protect the Grade 12s so their studies were not interrupted. If they can achieve

this kind of success during this historic time of the pandemic, they will certainly be successful in their future endeavours.

The Top 10 candidates were as follows:

James Rose-Innes (86,71%); Kyle-Luke du Preez (79,57%); Hannah Watermeyer (77%); Catelyn Anthony (75%) and Amzolele Relu (75%); Melissa Swart (74,29%); Petra Japhta (73,71%); Mekisha Manzana (72,57%); Michaela Price (70,57%); Ayanda Nyama (70,14%)



VALEDICTORY SERVICE

Friday, 21 October, was an extra special day for the matrics, their parents, special guests and the School's staff, as all came together for the Class of 2022's Valedictory Ceremony.

Once everyone had gathered in the school hall, Headmaster Mr William Pringle extended a warm welcome to all, after which Deputy Headboy, Sisipho Arnols and Deputy Headgirl, Asa Matross led the devotion. In response to the Headmaster's address, Head Prefects Matthew Basson and Kendall Krige spoke on behalf of the class, delivering touching farewell

messages. The Class of 2022 then presented a song, 'The Climb' by Miley Cyrus and a slideshow of their years at the school to those gathered. The ceremony ended with the Grade 12s leading out and continuing a tradition which started in 2018, where each learner rings the Centenary Bell.

The matrics then enjoyed tea in the Tony Burrell Union, joined by their parents and the school's staff, after which they took leave of the school by walking through a guard of honour, created by the rest of the school's learners.





THE MATRIC CLASS 2020

2020 was an academic year like no other for the matric class of 2020, who were forced to contend with a global pandemic that turned their world upside down. Yet, despite the extraordinary circumstances, the grit and resilience demonstrated by the School's Class of 2020 was remarkable. The matrics of 2020, led by head prefects Laetitia Theron (Deputy Headgirl), Bowen Langmead (Headboy), Sakhe Booi (Headgirl), Brett Amsterdam (Deputy Headboy) - achieved a 96,5% pass rate, gathering a total of 61 subject distinctions amongst themselves in the recent National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations. Of the 57 candidates, 80% achieved Bachelor passes.

Your achievements, despite the unprecedented circumstances you faced, are truly exceptional.



THE MATRIC CLASS 2021

Congratulations to the Class of 2021, led by head prefects Kyle-Luke du Preez (Headboy), Hannah Watermeyer (Headgirl), James Pienaar (Deputy Headboy) and Amzolele Relu (Deputy Headgirl). Despite having spent the majority of their FET academic careers clouded in a global pandemic, they managed to achieve a 100% pass rate with 80% of the learners bagging bachelor's degree passes and the other 20% diploma passes. We are incredibly proud of this group of matriculants!



MATRIC FAREWELL

The 2022 Matric Farewell was a spectacular evening held at the prestigious Drostdy Hotel. The Grade 11 class did an excellent job in raising funds to host the perfect evening.

The excitement of the matric learners was overwhelming, which made the moment of walking down the red carpet even more monumental. The ladies looked beautiful in their evening gowns and the gentleman looked smart in their evening attire.

The food was excellent and the music and dancing contributed to a night to remember.

MATRIC FAREWELL COMMITTEE

BACK: Leah Marais, Brent Hesselink, Andrué Victor, Jude Langmead, Brigette Oelofsen

FRONT: Ngomusa Zweni, Mrs N. Read, Caitrin Spence, Cadee Arends

PREFECTS

2022 has been a successful year for the prefect body under the guidance of head prefects, Matthew Basson and Kendall Krige and their deputies, Sisipho Arnols and Asa Matross.

Being the first normal year since the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been an enjoyable year with many activities such as the Interhouse athletics, the Interhouse gala and Interschools. It was difficult to get the general discipline back in line, but the prefect body assisted well with this challenge.

When one is placed in a leadership position, personal development and growth are certain. The lessons learned and experience gained will most certainly benefit these learners as they step into the big wide world. It has been challenging to fit the many prefect responsibilities into an already hectic matric schedule, but good lessons in time management, communication and team work were learnt.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams



PREFECTS

BACK: Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Matthew McNaughton, Mohamed Hartley, Bubele Thibini, Daniel Nell, Ruzhé Hendricks, Tamsin James

MIDDLE: Buhlebethu Rolomane, Grace Merifield, Chloe Shires, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Tessa James

FRONT: Sisipho Arnols (Deputy Headboy), Mr H. Sparrius, Matthew Basson (Headboy), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Kendall Krige (Headgirl), Mrs N. Read, Asa Matross (Deputy Headgirl)

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

“Learning is not a one-time event or a periodic luxury. Great leaders in great organisations recognise that the ability to constantly learn, innovate, and improve is vital to their success”
- Amy Edmondson

The Representative Council of Learners of the School, along with Hoër Volkskool, had the privilege of attending a follow-up Leadership Development Session with Ms. Josephine Rodgers, Eastern Cape Deputy Provincial Manager for FEDSAS. In this session, the main topic of discussion dealt with strategic planning and gave valuable insight into how learner leaders perceive their school environment. Careful consideration was given to issues that threaten the development and growth of our schools. The session gave direction for further development and growth for each schools' planning.

Leadership, however, is not important unless it finds ways of giving back to communities and the School RCL played host to youth leaders representing the RCL's of Nqweba, Volkskool, Spandau, Asherville and also our own prefect body in an hour-long Empower Youth Session in July. The learners were engaged in four speeches delivered by Mr. Elrich Jantjies, Mr. Lazlo Maya, Matthew Basson (Headboy) and Katherine Odendaal (RCL president). The program was masterfully directed by Ijabulile Mtwazi and a few fun activities, brilliantly led by Ngomusa Zweni, rounded up the programme. The vote of thanks was delivered by Singalakha Mapekula. The afternoon was concluded when all 84 participants enjoyed a hamburger together.

Our thanks are extended to each member of the RCL for displaying a wonderful sense of teamwork and responsibility during their year of service to our school.



REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

BACK: Singalakha Mapekula (Gr. 12 RCL), Na'eem Mahomed (Gr. 10 RCL), Ryan Jenneke (Gr. 11 RCL), Shiraz Pederson (Gr. 8 Class representative), Pieter-Trystan Hulleman (Gr. 9 RCL), Siyolo Somqgeza (Gr. 9 RCL), Joshua Swartland (Gr. 10 RCL), Tristan Hope (Gr. 8 Class representative), Shona Zana (Gr. 11 RCL)

MIDDLE: Kimberley Menos (Gr. 8 Class representative), Aaminah Steele (Gr. 9 RCL), Taegan Hamid (Gr. 8 Class representative), Cassidy Goliad (Gr. 11 RCL), Shaakir Kazi (Gr. 9 RCL), Ijabulile Mtwazi (Gr. 12 RCL), Josh Arends (Gr. 8 Class representative), Sasha Cochrane (Gr. 9 RCL), Tyra Binney (Gr. 10 RCL), Dennisha Fortuin (Gr. 11 RCL), Erin Gedult (Gr. 9 RCL)

FRONT: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg (Gr. 10 RCL Vice-Secretary), Joshua Horne (Gr. 11 RCL Secretary), Kathryn Odendaal (Gr. 12 RCL Chairperson), Mrs A. Gedult (Teacher-Liaison-Officer), Ruzhé Hendricks (Gr.12 RCL Vice-Chairperson), Ngomusa Zweni (Gr. 11 RCL Treasurer), Rebecca Copeman (Gr. 8 Class representative)



THE MATRIC CLASS 2022

BACK: Alvano Iaphta, Hloma Ngqozo, Lyndon Liebenberg, Ayabulela Goliath, Azingce Sinto, Alexandra Imrie, Dylan Pettitt, Siyamthanda Badiwe, Liam Langeveldt, Jaden-Lee Hopps, Lauren Waddelow, Amber Binney, Michelle Doyle
3RD ROW: Likhona Batala, Marischa Mackelina, Mihle May, Liyabona Binqela, Marli Brummer, Hannah Bodenstein, Mihan Campbell, Chloe Koeberg, Jjabulile Mtswazi, Cole Mackenzie, Yandisa Sinyanya, Ivan Murray, Alutho Cekiso
2ND ROW: Simamkele Soyana, Thembelihle Mkhunyelwa, Tatum Marais, Chulumanco Siwa, Barbara McNaughton, Onwaba Mabope, Lonwabo Sishuba, Kathryn Odendaal, Jamie Jaftha, Singalackha Mapekula, Lisakhanya Skade,
1ST ROW: Musawenkosi Kedamile, Ntombifuthi Mjekula, Vuyolwethu Pletersen, Tessa James, Ruzh  Hendricks, Tamisin James, Bubele Thibini, Mohamed Hartley, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Asemahle Wellman, Hilary Jacobs, Keratle Ngabeni
FRONT: Grace Merfield, Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Chloe Shires, Sisipho Arnolds (Deputy Headboy), Kendall Krige (Headboy), Asa Matross (Deputy Headgirl), Daniel Nell, Bulhebethu Rolomane, Matthew McNaughton

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT PRIZEGIVING

ACADEMIC PRIZES

GRADE 5

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT		
Diligence	Sumaya Akther Lihlombe Dali Lynique Grimsell Josh Seis Abonani Matushe	
Overall Progress	Tyrique Baartman Skye De Agrella Murray Hope Asanele Mayekiso	Caleb Reid Cedine Retief Elandri Retief Mbuso Tini
Chookie Geard Prize for Work Presentation	Miley Burger	
Bilingualism	Clea Clark	
General Knowledge	Clea Clark	
Tables Champion	Clea Clark	
The Prize for Mathematics	Clea Clark	
Merit Certificate for Excellence in Languages	Maribel April Chante Bezuidenhout Miley Burger Clea Clark Duvallene Fass	Leagan Katzen Logan Marais Kayla Norval Connor Te Water Naude Helen van den Heever Adriaan van Jaarsveld
Certificates of Merit for learners who achieved an average of 80% or more for the year	Maribel April Chante Bezuidenhout Miley Burger Kate Charles Clea Clark Duvallene Fass Aidan Ferreira Jae Filles Samantha Gilfillan Kira Hector	Alison Jacobs Leagan Katzen Logan Marais Jordan Maritz Micha Murray Annabelle Nel Kayla Norval Connor Te Water Naude Helen van den Heever Adriaan van Jaarsveld Rachel Wenham
3rd	Chante Bezuidenhout	
2nd	Adriaan van Jaarsveld	
1st	Clea Clark	

GRADE 6

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT		
Diligence	Claire de Klerk Sarah Geel Kay-Leigh Hartney Aaliyah Jaftha Aidan Jaftha Brett Kenmuir Bothale Mashiane	Alive Mayekiso Sithandile Mhlana Zoë Mills Ethan Raath Hlelo Skotshi Emihle Vuthuza
Overall Progress	Mia Botha Junior de Bruin Mark Lemke	Luvela Makaula Makayla Menos Alexandra Short
Bilingualism	Antonia Adams	
General Knowledge	Emihle Vuthuza	
Chookie Geard Prize for Work Presentation	Zoë Mills	
Tables Champion	John-Henry King	
The Prize for Mathematics	Antonia Adams	
Merit Certificate for Excellence in Languages	Gerda Clarke Zunaida Deyssel Philip Kayster Carlen Prinsloo Antonia Adams	
Certificates of Merit for learners who achieved an average of 80% or more for the year	Antonia Adams Gerda Clarke Cate Cochrane Zunaida Deyssel Isabella Hulleman Philip Kayster John-Henry King	Quinn Naude Kwakhanya Ntlonti Owen Paxton Carlen Prinsloo Thomas Taylor Alyssa Trollip
3rd	Zunaida Deyssel	
2nd	Isabella Hulleman	
1st	Antonia Adams	



GRADE 7

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT		
Diligence	Jasmine Abercrombie Sinead Christoffels Kyle Finnis Brogan Koeberg Khazimla Mbulawa	Sinoyolo Pantsi Jannat Qaiser Jacquin Smith Liso Sobantu
Overall Progress	Kwakhanya Buyiselo Vincent Clarke Nasreen Foster Callum Jacobs Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg Leander Kraai	Toka Ledwaba Declan Lewis Skye Meyers Zakithi Sishi Jennavieve Woods
General Knowledge Prize	Tara Piercey	
Chookie Geard Prize for Work Presentation	Amber Slater	
Certificates of Merit for learners who achieved an average of 80% or more for the year	Kirsten Collett Elizabeth Houseman Benji Loots Richard Murray Tara Piercey	Aimee Short Sixolile Singeni Amber Slater Jade Slater Zach Verwey
SUBJECT PRIZES		
Afrikaans, Natural Sciences	Sixolile Singeni	
Economic Management Sciences, Creative Arts, Mathematics	Aimee Short	
English	Tara Piercey	
Social Sciences, Life Orientation, Technology	Amber Slater	
3rd	Tara Piercey	
2nd	Amber Slater	
1st - Old Unionite Shield for the Dux Student	Aimee Short	

CULTURAL AWARDS

ART	
Gordonville Art Prize	Aimee Short
CHESS	
Merit Certificate for Chess	Sixolile Singeni & Keanu Linch
Merit Certificate for the most improved Chess Player	Cedine Retief
Merit Certificate for the most promising Chess Player	Jasmine Abercrombie
Harwood Dixon Trophy for the Chess Champion	Jasmine Abercrombie
MUSIC	
Merit Certificate for Progress in Music	Aimee Short
Merit Certificate for Excellence in Music	Alison Jaftha, Kira Hector, Curen Willemse
The Leon Fouche/Joan Kramer Cup for the pupil who gained the highest mark in the external piano exam	Helen van den Heever
The Leon Fouche cup for the most outstanding Music Pupil	Liso Sobantu

The Ron Dugmore Cup for the Best Speaker	Aidan Ferreira
The Brink Family trophy for the learner who contributed the most to all Cultural activities of the School	Sixolile Singeni

SPORT AWARDS

ATHLETICS	
U11 Victor Ludorum	Jordan Maritz
U11 Victrix Ludorum	Miley Burger

U12 Victor Ludorum	Owen Paxton
U12 Victrix Ludorum	Mia Botha
U13 Victor Ludorum	Keanu Linch
U13 Victrix Ludorum	Imivuyo Nondlazi
CROSS-COUNTRY	
MERIT CERTIFICATES FOR WINNERS	
Grade 5 Boy	Jordan Maritz
Grade 5 Girl	Samantha Gilfillan
Grade 6 Boy	Owen Paxton
Grade 6 Girl	Mia Botha
Grade 7 Boy	Qhama Solomon
Grade 7 Girl	Amber Slater & Elizabeth Houseman
CRICKET	
U11 Best Fielder	Murray Hope
U11 Batsman who scored the most runs	Joubert Vorster
U11 Bowler who took the most wickets	Joubert Vorster
U13 Best Fielder	Owen Paxton
UHS Trophy for the most promising cricketer	Leander Kraai
U13 Batsman who scored the most runs	Richard Murray
U13 Bowler who took the most wickets	Richard Murray
Justin Kingwill Trophy for the Best All-Round Cricketer	Richard Murray
HOCKEY	
Certificate of Merit for the most improved Hockey Player	Zanique Soutter
Certificate of Merit for outstanding Hockey Performance	Mia Botha Onika Jantjies Jade Slater
UHS Trophy for the most promising Hockey Player	Amber Slater
UHS Hockey Trophy for the Best All-Round Team Player	Elizabeth Houseman
RUGBY	
Certificate of Merit for the best forward player	Leander Kraai
Certificate of Merit for the best all-round player	Keanu Linch
Certificate of Merit for the best back line player	Keanu Linch
UHS Trophy for the Most Promising Player	Dwayne Koeberg
Mickleburgh Cup for the Most Improved U13 player	Hayden August
SWIMMING	
Certificate of Merit for the most improved swimmer	Gerda Clarke
Certificate of Merit for the most promising swimmer	Alyssa Trollip
Victor Ludorum	Callum Jacobs
Victrix Ludorum	Kayla Norval
TENNIS	
Certificate of Merit for progress in Tennis	Aimee Short
Certificate of Merit for Boys' Doubles Champions	Owen Paxton & John-Henry King
Certificate of Merit for Girls' Doubles Champions	Amber & Jade Slater
Gilbert Biggs Trophy for the Junior Boys' Champion	Owen Paxton
UHS Trophy for the Girls' Champion	Mia Botha
ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT	
Oxenham Cup for the Most Promising All-Round Junior Sportsman	Owen Paxton
Oxenham Cup for the Most Promising All-Round Junior Sportswoman -	Mia Botha
SPECIAL AWARDS	
Hazel van Niekerk Award for All-Round Achievement in Academic, Sport and Culture to a Grade 7 (boy or girl or both) who will continue their education at Union High School	Jasmine Abercrombie Kirsten Collett

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

ACADEMIC PRIZES

GRADE 8

6th	Taegan Hamid
5th	Anèbel Norval
4th	Ciara Kivedo
Vrede Award for Bilingualism	
3rd	Samantha Charles
UHS Prize for Mathematics	
2nd	Amber Bezuidenhout
1st UHS Prize	Katelyn Trollip
St. James' School prize for English	

GRADE 9

6th	Sasha Cochrane
5th	Kenza Neill
4th	Sarah Jacobs
3rd	Tara Ferreira
2nd	Megan Nortjé
St James' School Prize for English	
1st GSC Rubidge Memorial Prize	Erin Gedult
Vrede Award for Bilingualism	
UHS Prize for Mathematics	

GRADE 10

6th	Charlize Vorster
Sue Wynford Trofee vir die beste leerder in Afrikaans	
5th	Tyra Binney
4th	Sarah Wilmot
3rd	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
Vrede Award for Bilingualism	
2nd	Na'eem Mahomed
1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize	Joy Merifield
St. James' School prize for English	
Joan Thornton / Bobs Bremner Memorial Prize for the student obtaining the highest marks in Mathematics, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences	

GRADE 11

UHS Prize for Business Studies	Jenna-Lee Jansen
UHS Prize for Computer Applications Technology	Ronald Kinghorn
UHS Prize for History	Anna Pringle
UHS Prize for Maths Literacy	Jude Langmead
6th	Gemma Naude
5th	Tayla Kingwill
W.A.A. Shield for the most promising Life Sciences pupil	
4th	Brigitte Oelofsen
3rd	Cadee Arends
Fergusson Family Prize for the Best Geography pupil	
2nd	Siphosethu Malotana
Kroon Family Prize for Physical Sciences	
Lauren Weyer Prize for Mathematics	

1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize
Lauren Weyer Prize for Mathematics
Kroon Family Prize for Physical Sciences
ACVV Prize for Afrikaans 1st Additional Language
Vrede Award for Bilingualism
UHS Prize for English
UHS Prize for Life Orientation
UHS Prize for Accounting
UHS Prize for Tourism

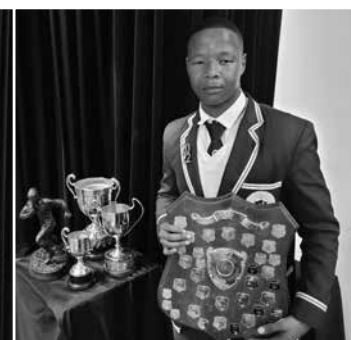
Caitrin Spence

GRADE 12

FNB Cup for Computers Applications Technology	Dylan Petitt
UHS Prize for Music	Jamie Jaftha
6th	Tamsin James
5th	Marli Brummer
4th	Amber Binney
UHS Prize for Tourism	
Zoetvlei Prize for Geography	
UHS Prize for Life Orientation	
UHS Prize for Business Studies	
3rd	Grace Merifield
UHS Prize for Mathematical Literacy	
2nd	Kendall Krige
GB&G R.C. Prinsloo Prize for Accounting	
Bloemhof Prize for Life Sciences	
1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize	Matthew Basson
McGaffin Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
UHS Prize for English	
Vrede Award for Bilingualism	
Max Kroon Prize for Mathematics	
Old Unionite Prize for Physical Sciences	
UHS Prize for History	
James Look Cup – Academic Interhouse: to be collected by House Captains	Arnott House: Bubele Thibini & Yandisa Sinyanya

CULTURAL AWARDS

BEST SPEAKERS	
Monks Cup for Grade 8 and 9	Erin Gedult
NCW Cup for Grade 10-12	Brigitte Oelofsen
CHESS	
Geoffrey Kingwill Trophy for Chess Champion	Karl Venter
DRAMA	
Merit certificate for best Actress in a school play	Asa Matross
Merit certificate for best Actor in a school play	Arno Nell
Merit certificate for best supporting Actress in a school play	Ayabulela Goliath
Merit certificate for best supporting Actor in a school play	Finn Cilliers
MUSIC PRIZES	
Merit Certificate for Progress in Music	Vivian McEwan
Merit Certificate for Excellence in Music	Brigitte Oelofsen
Leon Fouche Floating Trophy for progress in Music	Joy Merifield
Pierre van der Merwe Floating Trophy for the most outstanding Music pupil	



QUIZ PRIZES	
UHS Prize for General Knowledge – Junior	Trystan Hulleman
UHS Prize for General Knowledge – Senior	Matthew Basson
ALL-ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	
Marlene Rubidge Cultural Award for the Grade 11 who contributed most to the Cultural Activities of the School	Brigitte Oelofsen

SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS	
Senior Victrix Ludorum: UHS Trophy	Chloe Shires
Senior Victor Ludorum: The Radium Cleaners Trophy Most Creditable performance on Sportsday: E. Brodie Trophy	Sisipho Arnols
BIATHLON	
Best Boy	Benjamin Lemke
Best Girl	Misha Newton
CROSS-COUNTRY	
UHS Trophy U15 Girls	Leigh-Ann Murray
Temlett Hockley Trophy U15 Boys	Benjamin Lemke
Herby Arnott Trophy Open Girls	Brigitte Oelofsen
UHS Trophy U17 Boys	Ethan Linch
UHS Trophy Open Boys	Kwande Mhlabeni
CRICKET	
Brian Bands Sports Prize for the MOST PROMISING U15 CRICKETER	Shaakir Kazi
CC Prinsloo Floating Trophy for the BEST FIELDER in the 1st TEAM Alan McCabe Memorial Trophy for the BEST ALL ROUNDER	Sisipho Arnols
Wally Kingwill Trophy for the BEST BATSMAN	Ivan Murray
Robert Leak Shield for the BOWLER who took the most wickets during the season	Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa
HOCKEY	
Tallies Agencies Sulette Damons Prize for the MOST OUTSTANDING HOCKEY PLAYER	Chloe Shires
Wagner / Wright Cup for the MOST PROMISING HOCKEY PLAYER	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
Gail McArthur Trophy for the player showing the BEST SPORTSMANSHIP	Brigitte Oelofsen
RUGBY	
Donald Kingwill Trophy for MOST PROMISING U16 RUGBY PLAYER	Joshua Basson
Andre du Plessis Floating Trophy for the MOST DEDICATED 2ND XV player	Lonwabo Hanabe
Chumani Boo! Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE BACK	Sisipho Arnols
Sullivan / Light Trophy for the MOST DEDICATED 1st XV PLAYER Cecil Murray Trophy for the MOST OUTSTANDING RUGBY PLAYER of the season Gordon Gilfillan Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE FORWARD Meyburgh Floating Trophy for the MAN OF THE MATCH AT INTERSCHOOLS	Bubele Thibini
SWIMMING	
The Allistair Wallis Trophy for the Victor Ludorum	Benjamin Lemke
The Maryanne Pringle Trophy for the Victrix Ludorum	Tyra Binney
TENNIS	
Herby Arnott Cup for the most promising U15A Girl	Misha Newton
Nora van Niekerk Trophy for the 1st Team Girl who has shown the Most Sportsmanship during the year	Chloe Shires
Louise Vorster Trophy for Tenacity and Commitment to Tennis	Josh Neill
Garry Sullivan Memorial Trophy for the U15 Boys' Singles Champion	Peter-Daniel Clegg
Melody Charles Memorial Trophy for the U15 Girls' Singles Champion	Tara Ferreira
Pienaar Trophy for Open Girls' Doubles Champions	Tara Ferreira & Chloe Shires
Fergusson Family Trophy for Open Mixed Doubles Champions	Tara Ferreira & Josh Neill
Ludwig van Copenhagen Trophy for the Open Boys' Doubles Champions	Karl Venter & Jordan Wilmot

A Levy and Dulcie Bekker-Smith Memorial Trophy and Prize for the Girls' Singles Champion	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
George Wiehahn Cup for the Boys' Singles Champion	Brent Hesselink
ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT	
Edie Brodie Trophy - Junior Girl	Misha Newton
Norman Dodd Trophy - Junior Boy	Benjamin Lemke
Mortimer Floating Trophy - Senior Girl	Chloe Shires
Smith-Mack Trophy - Senior Boy	Sisipho Arnols
Clive van Niekerk Memorial Trophy for True Sportsmanship	Caytah-Leigh Koeberg
Lex Bremner Trophy for Sporting Endeavour	Vuyisa Karel

SERVICE PRIZES

FPI van Rensburg School Service Prize	Brigitte Oelofsen
Elizabeth Knott-Craig Service Prize	Siphosethu Malotana
Karoo Development Foundation Prize For Unselfish Service	Hilary Jacobs & Johannes du Plessis

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dickie van Rensburg Shield for overall Interhouse points to be collected by House Captains	Arnott House: Bubele Thibini & Yandisa Sinyanya
The Principal's Medal awarded to a learner of one year's standing (not in Gr.8) who has made the most significant contribution to the life of the school.	Uyanda Tele
The Serman Family Prize for Matrics, excluding prefects, who through example, made a particularly valuable contribution to the school by maintaining the qualities of truth, loyalty and justice as enshrined in the school motto.	Mihan Campbell
Warmenhoven – Goodwill Shield awarded to a Grade 11 or 12 pupil living out his/her Christian faith and by showing goodwill and tolerance to all.	Matthew Basson
The Melda and Gordon Wright Award is awarded to the pupil whose personal development and attitude has developed most positively.	Yandisa Sinyanya
The Denise Pierce Bursary for the pupil in Grade 11 who through a cheerful, positive personality and participation in many aspects of school life has contributed most greatly to the life and spirit of the school.	Cadee Arends
The PG Badenhorst Memorial Shield for Helpfulness in Sport.	Anna Pringle
Gieter Muller Trophy presented to the pupil who best exemplifies moral courage, consideration for and helpfulness to others.	Dylan Pettitt
The Puttick Prize awarded to the Prefect(s) (not heads or deputies) who through force of character and devotion to duty has contributed most to the smooth running of the school.	Buhlebethu Rolomane
FA Kingwill Cup for All-Round Achievement.	Chloe Shires

BURSARIES

Old Unionite Bursary for further study	Chloe Shires
Old Unionite Bursary for further study	Matthew McNaughton
Rayfield Bursary for further study	Jamie Jaftha
Laing Bursary for further study	Grace Merifield
William Lawrie Bursary	Sisipho Arnols
Edwin & Susan Bosch Prize for Leadership in the RCL.	Kathryn Odendaal
Fred Rubidge Memorial Scholarship – AKH Headgirl	Asa Matross
John Brodie Prize for the runners-up in the Helen Watermeyer/Joy Arnott and Way Memorial Bursaries – AKH Headboy	Bubele Thibini
Joy Arnott / Helen Watermeyer Trust Bursary to the Headgirl of the school, as a present pure and simple, for her to do with as she liked as a memory of Helen Watermeyer, from whose little school in 1896, this big school had grown.	Kendall Krige
Way Memorial Bursary to the boy in Matric, who, by his character, conduct, spiritedness and qualities of leadership, has contributed most to the life of the school – Headboy	Matthew Basson

GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2022 academic year commenced on a high note, as it signalled the onset of a period of relative normality. The intolerable aftereffects of the global pandemic are but a distant memory and it is most heartening to reflect on the activities and projects of the Union Schools under more positive circumstances. We are indeed living in challenging times, but I marvel at the resolve and commitment of our Headmaster, Mr Pringle, the Union High School staff, and the school governing body who have committed themselves to overcome any challenge with candour and fervour. The school is flourishing on academic and extracurricular levels. This can only be attributed to the skills that individuals bring to our table, the complete understanding that teamwork is of the utmost importance and that there is immense value in co-operation and the establishment of sound partnerships.

When it comes to new avenues of endeavour, I can confidently attest that 2022 witnessed the SGB embarking on several ground-breaking projects with the greatest of success. Our ever-growing learner numbers necessitated the construction of three additional classrooms to accommodate the Grade 5 learners who will join us in 2023. The new classrooms are state-of-the art teaching spaces with advanced audio-visual technology and ergonomic features. Our gratitude is extended to our estate manager, Mr Donald Kingwill and our governor responsible for building and maintenance, Mr Grant Lemke.

At the School, the old, dreary classrooms that we and our parents had to live through, will soon be a thing of the past. Since we envisage spaces that are proven to enhance holistic learning our new classrooms will now sport ample LED lighting, modern writing desks and flooring - all contributing factors that will enhance and revolutionise teaching and learning. Our new and very popular outdoor classroom space is one of the many additional innovations that was implemented recently, and we intend to continue in a similar manner.

One of the highlights of the year was the upgrade of the swimming pool and its increase in length to 25 metres, which now makes it a

full-sized short course pool. Mr. Justin Kingwill of the Union Preparatory School SGB and his team volunteered many hours of expertise and labour to make this happen, and are due a special accolade for their generosity and commitment to this project. We look forward to an exciting swimming season in the new year.

With the newly revamped science laboratory, the school has completely entered the realm of progress in the field of science education. With the generous support of a corporate sponsor, we were able to establish an innovative science laboratory with advanced technology and furnishing. It is without a doubt the most advanced and modern science laboratory in any school in the Eastern Cape and I would like to commend Mr David Langmead for his unfaltering commitment on our behalf in seeing this project to fruition.

Another project which was of great personal significance, was the incorporation of the flag of South Africa in the school badge. This upgrade was intended to reflect the multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-racial and multi-lingual composition of the learners and staff at the School, which prides itself as an agent of social cohesion within the community in which it is located. In this manner we hope to use the amended badge of the school to fervently promote a greater understanding of cultural diversity among our learners and school community at large. This new badge is a true representation of our school community. It binds us all together in unity and should be worn with deserving pride.

My gratitude is extended to our parent body who deserve a special accolade for the continuous support of our school. I have no doubt that all of you hold the school dear and with your continuous support, I am positive that we can move mountains. Let us continue to remain committed to our children through quality education, collaboration with our teachers, to be consistently involved in all of our projects and initiatives, and to uphold our values of tolerance, kindness, and respect wherever we go. Let us fight complacency with enthusiasm and hard work.

GOVERNING BODY

The School Governing Body (SGB) is the body elected by the school community to ensure sound governance at the school.

Parents elect parents to represent their interests, the staff elects their representatives and the learners elect learners to represent them. Currently, the School's team of governor's consists of the Headmaster, Mr William Pringle, two educators, Mrs Yvette Cloete and the elected replacement to Mr Christopher Felix, one non-educator, Mrs Mariëtte Burger, two learner representatives from the RCL and seven parent members who are all passionate and experienced individuals, who love what they do and always look forward to facing new challenges. The current SGB was inducted in July 2021, and will serve the school until 2024 with the parent members as follows:

Mr Kelvin Kayster

Mr Kelvin Kayster currently serves the school as the new chairperson of the SGB. Along with his wife Anziske, he has been a parent at the school for the past 14 years, with his eldest son William being a member of the Class of 2020 and his youngest, Phillip, is currently enrolled at the School. This will be his second term as a member of the SGB, having served his

previous 3-year term as vice-chairperson, assisting the school with policy development and legal support. Mr Kayster, a Labour Law practitioner and accredited arbitrator and mediator with 25 years' experience in Labour Law and Human Rights practice, heads up the school's 'Legal & Policies' portfolio on this body – along with his duties as chairperson.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL:

"As a parent, I am hoping to inspire my children to not only seize the opportunities that a quality education brings but to also seek to apply those skills in the service of others in whatever form or forum, large or small and to appreciate the simple legacy of striving to leave a place better than we found it. It is for this reason that my vision for the school is to maintain its reputation as a premier educational institution that provides a safe and secure environment that would prepare and guide learners to become leaders in an integrated society. Over the course of the next three years, as chairperson of the governing body, I will do my utmost to ensure that the school encourages innovation within a culture of learning while striving for academic excellence, and nurturing kindness and compassion and tolerance for diverse personalities and cultures alike."



Mr David Langmead



Mr David Langmead has been elected to serve as the deputy chairman of the SGB. In addition to serving as deputy chair, Mr Langmead is also in charge of the 'Cultural Activities' and 'Special Projects' portfolios.

Along with his wife Bronwen, who serves as an educator at the School, he has been a parent at the Union Schools for the past 16 years. His youngest, Jude, is currently enrolled as a learner at the School, with older siblings Rebecca and Bowen having matriculated in 2018 and 2020 respectively. Mr Langmead, an internationally renowned wildlife and landscape artist, has accumulated invaluable experience in school governance over the years, having already served on the Union Schools' governing bodies for three terms (9 years). During these nine years, six were spent on the Union Preparatory School SGB, with the last three being the years spent as chairperson of the High School's governing body.

Thanks to an immense amount of hard work and dedication these past nine years, Mr Langmead has been instrumental in driving positive change and improvements throughout the school.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL:

"As I have always believed in the importance of linguistic diversity, it is my vision to see a language centre established at the school to ensure that quality language learning facilitates the integration of isiXhosa and Afrikaans learners at the school. Thanks to generous corporate sponsorship, this has already been put into motion. During this term in office, which will be my last as a parent of the school, I hope to see the classrooms become exciting 21st-century teaching spaces, supported by quality digital systems and educational technology to make the learning environment at Union more dynamic than ever before. The future is exciting for this incredibly special school."

Mr Dolan Cochrane

Mr Dolan Cochrane is serving the School as the secretary of its SGB. In addition to his role as secretary, he is also in charge of the 'Transformation and Diversity' portfolio on this body. Mr Cochrane and his wife Sara have two daughters, Sasha and Cate, who are currently enrolled at the School.

The family fell in love with Graaff-Reinet when they moved here from Cape Town to lead The Assembly Church in January 2015. As the lead pastor of a dynamic, relevant, Christ-centred church, Mr Cochrane is deeply rooted in the Graaff-Reinet community. The multifaceted responsibility of his position at the church requires him to be skilled in leadership,



counselling, communication, management, finances, biblical truth, theological expertise, and current social issues – a skill set that will add immense value to the SGB.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL:

"I want what any parent wants, for my child to attend a well-run school with top-class facilities and modern teaching and learning methods. To serve on Union's governing body is a great privilege that comes with great responsibility. All the new members are committed to working towards the holistic advancement of our school and are ready to give their utmost best to see that the well-being of our learners and teachers are always prioritized. We hope that we can count on the cooperation and support of our school community as a whole to lead our school to great heights."

Mrs Cheryl Waddelow



Mrs Cheryl Waddelow has been elected to fulfil the role of treasurer on the new SGB. In addition to taking on the many responsibilities associated with this position, she also manages the 'Finance' portfolio on the SGB.

Mrs Waddelow and her family, who are originally from Limpopo, moved to our beautiful town in 2014, after which they set the wheels in motion to open a Pick n Pay supermarket in Graaff-Reinet. Two years later, in 2016, the store opened its doors in Church Street and has since flourished under the exceptional management of its co-owners – Mrs Waddelow and her husband, Peter. The couple's youngest daughter, Amy, is currently enrolled at Union, with their eldest daughter Lauren having matriculated at the end of 2022.

Managing the workforce of a large retailer in the fast-moving consumer goods industry has led to Mrs Waddelow acquiring strong human resources competencies, communication and interpersonal abilities, as well as the capacity to be able to lead, listen and empathize with her employees, all skills that will stand her in good stead while serving on the School's SGB.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL:

"There's a quote by Mahatma Gandhi, which reads as follows, 'By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man; body, mind and spirit.' I firmly believe that for learners to thrive and flourish in the fast-changing, ever-challenging, world, they need to learn more than reading, writing and arithmetic, more than science, art and the humanities. It is no less important that they learn to find a sense of purpose, take care of their physical wellbeing, learn to grow from failure and hardship, nurture healthy relationships, as well as deal with painful emotions and cultivate happy ones. In addition to focusing on achievement, discipline and academic skills, I want my two daughters to be happy, healthy and confident while at school. Although there is no instant or extraordinary recipe for success, I'd like to see the school invest in a comprehensive, multi-year educational intervention programme with the purpose of contributing to the learners' – and teachers' – overall psychological wellbeing."

Mr Grant Lemke

As one of the elected parent representatives of the SGB, Mr Grant Lemke has shouldered the responsibility of managing the school's 'Grounds and Maintenance' portfolio. The founder of Tretower Telematics – a company that offers farm monitoring and control solutions from the comfort of a smartphone or laptop – Mr Lemke is a successful entrepreneur with a diverse academic background that includes degrees in Engineering, Commerce and Business Administration. Mr Lemke's wide field of expertise will be an incredible asset to the school, particularly in his 'Ground and Maintenance' portfolio, which sees him working closely with our estate manager, Mr Donald Kingwill, and our team of groundsmen. Originally from Knysna, Mr Lemke, his wife Claire and sons Ben and Mark, made the move to Graaff-Reinet at the end of 2019.



As an avid sportsman, Mr Lemke was an active member of the Knysna Marathon Club and Knysna Yacht Club, often participating in marathons – road races as well as canoe. In 2018, he also competed in the Ironman 70.3 World Champs, coming 29th in his age group overall. Since having put down their roots in our special town, Mr Lemke and his family's love of people and community, has very quickly seen them become a treasured new addition to the Union and Graaff-Reinet community.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL:

"One of the most famous quotes of the revered Nelson Mandela reads as follows, 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. Education is our children's Golden Ticket to success in life. As parents, we should recognise that education is a tangible investment and we must all prioritise this investment in our daily lives. My vision for Union is a school that is actively supported by all parents, a school that delivers academic excellence to all learners. Our children are going to see mind-blowing advances in technology in their lifetimes. And we must both inspire and equip our learners accordingly. Union has incredible facilities, and the residents of Graaff-Reinet are incredibly special people. I firmly believe Union has all the ingredients to be a shining example to the rest of South Africa."

Mrs Jennifer Hope

Old Unionite Mrs Jennifer Hope is managing the 'Hostels' portfolio on the SGB. As part of Union's Class of 2000, Mrs Hope is a proud product of the institution and hopes to be a part of its growth and overall success going forward. As an Old Unionite, she is ever-passionate about ensuring that all learners get to have the incredible experience that she was lucky enough to have and by serving the school in this capacity, she is in the privileged position of being able to do so. Mrs Hope and her husband George (also an Old Unionite) farm on Lochdale near Jansenville, from where she also operates a successful chicken business and an accommodation establishment. Their two sons, Tristan and Murray, are currently enrolled at the School.



VISION FOR THE SCHOOL:

"As a collective, we, as the SGB, are mindful of the ever-changing role which the school has to play in enabling our leaders of tomorrow. This school has, over the years, built a brand and ethos that must be maintained, nurtured and expanded on. I look forward to being part of the team tasked with this responsibility. As a learning institution, we need to be able to adapt and understand how things are to be done differently in the future. We must position this school as a responsive and key enabler for the future, all the while keeping in place what has made this school successful. I believe that we each have the power and responsibility to get involved in society and our communities, and for this reason, I have volunteered my time for many years in many projects, from serving on the Union Preparatory School SGB, to being a trustee of the UHS Development Trust and as an Old Unionite Association committee member and now the UHS Governing Body. I urge parents and families to step forward, involve themselves, and be a part of making this wonderful school even better.

As your representative, I look forward to engaging with you in an open way about your ideas in this regard."

Mrs Tess Neill



Mrs Tess Neill manages the 'Fundraising, Marketing & PR' portfolio on this very important body. Originally from Parys, Mrs Neill and her family moved to Graaff-Reinet from Tarkastad in June 2019, with her husband Dave taking over the reins of the well-known home and industrial cleaning enterprise, Radium, as its new owner. Mrs Neill, has a BComm degree, with years of experience in, not only entrepreneurial enterprises, but the hospitality and service industry as well. Their children, eldest son Joshua, and twins Kenza and Alex, are currently enrolled at the School. Mrs Neill firmly believes that the single most important factor in every learner's success at school is parent involvement and from the onset of her children's schooling she has wanted to be not only an involved parent but also one that makes a difference at the school itself. To this end she feels privileged to have been elected onto a body that gives her the tools to do so.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL

"I want Union to consist of a unified body of learners and parents, who stand together to ensure that the current and future learners of the school are guaranteed the very best there is to offer in the educational sphere. I believe that a school community will always find success if it is built on a foundation of mutual respect, across all aspects of the diversities that we are privileged to experience in South Africa. Respect is a very important foundational factor in the development and maintenance of a healthy learning environment. It is respect that opens space for the development of trust, learning and growth as individuals, as schools and as a nation.

I, therefore, wish to see Union continue to be an educational institution that's steeped in respect, consideration and equality. A school that instils pride, a sense of belonging and a desire for every learner to be their very best selves."

ARTHUR KINGWILL HOUSE



- SUPERINTENDENT:** Mr Donald Kingwill
- SENIOR DUTY MASTER:** Mr Christopher Felix
- HEAD MATRON:** Mrs Mandy Sparks
- MATRONS:** Mrs Mariann du Preez (Kitchen),
Mrs Corrie Swartz (Admin/Kitchen),
Mrs Frances Buffels (Laundry)
- DUTY TEACHERS:** Mr Sean Koeberg, Miss Louise Randall,
Mr Maarten, Kruger, Mrs Babs Kruger,
Mr Bienvenu Mbanga, Ms Nicole de Bruin,
Ms Rosslyn Sparks
- PREFECT BODY:** Bubele Thibini (Headboy), Asa Matross (Headgirl), Lonwabo Sishuba (Deputy Headboy), Kendall Krige (Deputy Headgirl), Simamkele Soyana, Chloe Shires, Kathryn Odendaal, Tamsin James, Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa, Siyamthanda Badiwe

It has been a new challenge running a co-educational institution. Many traditions were amalgamated and common ground was reached between the girls and the boys. Some concessions from days gone by were made and a sense of opportunity to create new standards and norms was aspired to.

A semblance of normality heralded in the year and rusty cogs, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, needed to turn smoothly again. The staff were kept busy with the Senior Cricket Festival, the Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey Festivals, the Marking Centre and many home and away fixtures. The kitchen was equal to the task, delivering top quality service while also having to deal with the ongoing challenges of load shedding and everyone involved must be commended.

For the prefects the year kicked off with an enjoyable camp in Nieu-Bethesda which set the tone for the year and they must be thanked for their continuous diligence in performing their duties in the day-to-day running of Arthur Kingwill House.

On the social front we had a very successful Valentine's Social, where everybody, including the staff joined in on the line dances. Mrs Jennifer



ARTHUR KINGWILL HOUSE PREFECTS

BACK: Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa, Kathryn Odendaal, Tamsin James, Siyamthanda Badiwe, Chloe Shires, Simamkele Soyana

FRONT: Kendall Krige (Deputy Headgirl), Mr C. Felix, Asa Matross (Headgirl), Mrs M. Sparks, Bubele Thibini (Headboy), Mr D. Kingwill (Superintendent), Lonwabo Sishuba (Deputy Headboy)

Hope organized a wonderful evening for our girls where they enjoyed lovely treats and excellent speeches of encouragement and hope by guest speakers, Mrs Deline Kingwill and Mrs Anziske Kayster. Our young ladies were reminded that they were all created to be 'Women of Worth'.

The annual Arthur Kingwill House steak evening, held in the Tony Burrell Union, brought out a sense of occasion and was appreciated by all. Words of wisdom by Denzel Washington were used to encourage and motivate the boarders and they were told that nothing in life is worthwhile unless risks are taken. This event was also an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the young ladies and gentlemen of Arthur Kingwill. The following awards were made:

Top Academic Achiever (Grade 8 & 9):	Katelyn Trollip
Top Academic Achiever (Grade 10):	Joy Merifield
Top Academic Achiever (Grade 11 & 12):	Grace Merifield
Junior Sportswoman of the year:	Misha Newton
Junior Sportsman of the year:	Vuyisa Karel
Senior Sportswoman of the year:	Chloe Shires
Senior Sportsman of the year:	Bubele Thibini
Service Prize:	2022 Prefects
The Bridget Stander Memorial Trophy:	Asa Matross and Kendall Krige
The Arthur Kingwill House Fidelitas Award:	Bubele Thibini
The Bridget Stander Memorial Bursary:	Shona Zana and Ndalo Qwalela

The prefect body for 2023 was also announced and consists of Brent Hesselink and Shona Zana (Head prefects), Ndalo Qwalela and Ngomusa Zweni (Deputy Head prefects), Kaitlin Kenmuir, Gemma Naude, Siphosihle Thibane, Joshua Horne and Jude Langmead

A big thank you must go to Mr Christopher Felix who has been an absolute pillar of strength. He will be sorely missed in the engine room of Arthur Kingwill House and we would like to wish him, Mrs Felix and their two beautiful children everything of the best for their new endeavor. Thank you to our head matron, Mrs Mandy Sparks, who took on her post at the beginning of the year and has acquitted herself well since day one, Matron Mariann has been an absolute stalwart in the kitchen and a wealth of wisdom while Matron Corrie's efficiency and dignity and Matron Frances' impeccable work ethic in the laundry are to be commended. We are indebted to our kitchen and ground staff for their hard work in keeping the wheels turning. Thank you too to the duty teachers for their availability and willingness in managing the learners

Mrs Jennifer Hope, our SGB Representative, has been an amazing support and we are grateful for her input in a variety of spheres from décor and gardening to budgeting. Her honesty, continuous support, advice, loyalty and wisdom are much appreciated. A heartfelt thank you must also go to Mr Pringle, Head of Hostels, and Mr Kelvin Kayster, SGB Chairman, for all their support, advice and encouragement given throughout the year.

HERBY ARNOTT HOUSE

SUPERINTENDENT: Mrs. M.E. Sullivan

The realization of a junior hostel for boys and girls has brought about a new dimension to hostel life at the School. It has created a happy home of fun and joy without sacrificing the academic sphere of school life.

With the space available it has been possible to create areas where the girls and boys can really enjoy themselves. Besides the formal studying in the "Cramming Base", the 'Rec Room' is ideal for fun, playing pool, table tennis or just simple board games. For those who prefer to simplify life over a cup of coffee "Cosy Corner" is the place to be. Some find the noticeboard interesting. With so much international sport on at the moment, both common rooms, the "Dugout" for the boys and the

"Hive" for the girls, have their regulars. Just down the corridor, tuck is available from the "Snack Attack". Both groups can get together in the general common room, "Hublife" should they so wish.

Loadshedding made it difficult to establish set times for prep but as everyone responded so well to the challenge with regards to taking responsibility for their academic work it never became an issue.

Most of the boys and girls participated in extra-murals and in some cases over-committed and in others not enough. Besides these structured commitments it was pleasing to see the tennis courts being utilised until late in the evenings, games on the field and the front of the hostel and basketball at the back. The hostel and its surroundings are a hive of activity in the boarders "free time". Needless to say that a "splish splash" in the pool was always first on everyone's list.



Christian values, being one of the foundation principles of the School, have also been catered for with Mr Andre Brink running the "Good News club" every Tuesday while Ms Street meets with her junior SCA on Thursdays. An evening of listening to Christian music was held when Mr Wian Vos brought along his key board for some entertainment. The sing-along was a huge success with many requests for another of his visits.

Supervision by the matrons, Mrs N. Lanser and Ms S. Mitchel, provides the safety and care for the girls and boys.

Our annual Hostel Supper held at the Botanics was once again a huge success and enjoyed by all.

The hostel is really a happy place and on Mondays and Fridays resembles a shopping mall with all the Moms and Dads catching up on the latest news whilst dropping or fetching their youngsters.



FOUNDERS' WEEKEND

The School's 103rd birthday was celebrated during the last weekend of January 2022. This annual celebration sees the school community – past and present - coming together to reflect on the school's past and those that have helped to shape who we are, and to acknowledge the community members, both past and present, who have influenced the character and values that embody the vibrant, engaging, socially inclusive and safe environment we see today.

As is tradition, the celebrations started with a Founders' Day Assembly, which felt particularly special, as we were all able to come together again in the school hall after a trying two years. This year's special assembly was opened by the school's principal, Mr William Pringle. He extended a word of welcome to all those present and delivered a short devotion. Following this, the School song, was beautifully sung by the learners. Headboy Matthew Basson offered the school prayer, after which Mr Pringle spoke about the history of the school, subtly reminding all those present of the tradition and strength behind it. Headgirl Kendall Krige, learner Sixolile Singeni and UPS learner Keith Hudson then delivered special messages in honour of the occasion.

A very special addition to this year's Assembly, was that of a white blazer being presented to Old Unionite Sulette (née Damons) Kotzee, who joined us for this special occasion. The blazer was gifted to Mrs Kotzee in recognition of her Honours Award (one of the highest accolades presented at the School) she obtained while at school for exceptional all-round achievement and meritorious service to the school. The late Mr Dave Stern presented her with the blazer as Chairman of the Old Unionite Association. The standing ovation Mrs Kotzee received was a reflection of the approval of all those present.

After the cake was presented and the candles lit, the learners filed their way out of the hall to fetch their doughnuts and watch the sports for the afternoon where the traditional Founders' Weekend Hockey Match between the School's 1st team and the Old Girls' was contested. Those taking to the field for the Old Girls were a mix of alumnae joined by current and past teachers. There were even two dads – Mark Shires and Coert Vorster - pitting their skill against that of the 1st team while an added element of fun was sisters Jade and Chloe Shires competing against each other on the field. All of this contributed to a spirited atmosphere around the AstroTurf. The game was a fiercely competitive one, which saw the Old Girls' giving it their all to obtain a 6-4 victory.

A steak evening, hosted by the Old Unionite Association, was enjoyed by the entire community in the Tony Burrell Union that evening. The atmosphere was one of good fellowship and camaraderie and was enjoyed by all as past learners and parents all descend on the school and enjoy a weekend of festivity.

On Saturday, while the men were playing cricket, more than 200 ladies dressed in their finery enjoyed a morning tea in the gardens of Union Preparatory School at the annual Gisela Kingwill Mother & Daughter Tea, hosted by the School's Grade 11 Matric Farewell Fundraising Committee. This delightful event – themed 'Pretty in Pastels' – saw guest speakers, Mrs Sophia van Heerden and Ms Adrienne Westman, sharing their inspiring personal stories. All in all, a wonderful morning was had by all.

The Union Preparatory School's little U7, U8, U9 and U10 hockey girls had the opportunity to play a hockey match against their moms. The competition was FIERCE, but the little players managed to edge out their moms in every game, epitomising the old adage "dynamite comes in

small packages”.

Saturday also saw the ‘Dads vs Lads’ cricket games being played. With their Whites dusted down and perhaps a little tighter than their last outing, the dads took to the cricket pitch to see if they still had what it takes in a match against their offspring. As the boys and their dads went head-to-head, the cricketers proceeded to treat spectators to unsurpassed entertainment, with the boys trying to best their dads and the dads attempting to show the boys where their fine cricketing genes come from!

Soon afterward, the mighty cricket clash between the Old Boys and the school’s young cricketers in honour of the school’s Founders’ Weekend was contested. The day saw 40-over matches being contested between the U15 team and their dads/Old Boys at the Botanics Sports Grounds, the 3rd team and Old Boys at Hoër Volkskool and the 2nd team and Old Boys on the Puttick Field, with a 50-over match being played on

the Minnaar field between the 1st XI and the Old Boys.

The matches were played in buoyant spirit with a number of festive “20-somethings” bringing lots of banter and great fun. In the end, the four Old Boys’ teams managed to edge out their younger opponents in their respective encounters. As the matches are not only about what happens on the cricket pitch, but the fun had on the sidelines and afterwards, we would like to extend a grateful word of thanks to the Old Boys and/or Dads who participated to make it such a memorable event for the youngsters. The annual prizegiving ceremony was held in the Tony Burrell Union that same evening, after the day’s play.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend of good, clean family fun enjoyed by everyone concerned. The school extends its sincerest appreciation to the Old Unionite Association Committee for their organisation and hard work over the weekend, and to all those parents, friends and supporters of the school who made the effort to be part of the activities.



RENOVATIONS AND BUILDINGS

Outdoor Classroom

The learners returned at the start of the year with an enhanced educational locale – an outdoor classroom. The idea was conceptualised by the SGB during 2021, and, thanks to a generous sponsor, was completed at the start of 2022.

The space is a new addition that highlights the advantages of outdoor learning and access to nature, both known to increase learner enthusiasm and as being beneficial to social, emotional and physical health. Located next to the Tony Burrell Union, the outdoor classroom features new flooring, elegant desks and an outdoor whiteboard on the side of the building to aid the teachers.

The classroom has proven a hit among learners and staff alike and is being utilised by classes from both the high school and middle school on a daily basis. This is the first of several such spaces planned for the campus over the next couple of years.

Swimming Pool

It has long been one of the school's ambitions to increase the length of the pool from its current length of 25 yards (22,84 metres) to that of a standard competition pool - 25 metres - and this year the Union Schools embarked on such a project.

Construction to have this accomplished commenced in June 2022 and was completed successfully at the start of the 2022/23 swimming season. The completion of this project means that the School will now be able to host formal swimming galas, which need to be contested in a 25-metre pool, and in so doing generate and allow for renewed commitment from our swimmers and coaches in order to take swimming to new heights.

The school extends a grateful word of thanks to Mr Justin Kingwill, who shouldered the responsibility of this massive endeavour, for all his efforts in this regard.

Science Laboratory

As the school's Physical Sciences classroom and laboratory was decades old, a project was initiated at the start of the year to create a classroom that was not only visually stimulating, but designed in such a way that learners will want to learn and where demonstrations and practicals can be done with ease. In October, at the start of Term 4, this dream was realised when the recently refurbished classroom was

unveiled to learners and staff, resulting in the School boasting possibly the most modern science classroom in the Eastern Cape.

The aim was to convey the study of chemistry and physics with as much enthusiasm as possible, this being so much easier with the right tools, technology and infrastructure. The new lab is now a visually stimulating high-tech space, where special emphasis can be placed on experimental learning, enriched by media and electronic support. It is a classroom space learners want to be in. It is light, embracing, crisp, and colourful. The space celebrates the spirit of science, the cobalt blue, the flame of the Bunsen burner, the array of the periodic table, and the endless chains of chemical compounds. It is geared perfectly for practical demonstration. This is further complimented by an interactive digital teaching screen with excellent audio features. This classroom has placed the School's teaching space at the edge of where education is going into an exciting future.

The feedback from learners and staff has been extremely positive and all are tremendously excited about this new addition to the school's campus. Thank you to Mr David Langmead, vice-chair of the SGB, who was the driving force behind this project.

New Classrooms

Construction of a three-classroom addition to the Middle School began this year and is expected to be completed at the start of the 2023 academic year. This exciting development, on the corner of Donkin and Caledon Street, provides 179 square metres in additional classroom space. The new building connects to the current Middle School and features modern classrooms, covered patios on the front and side of the building and contemporary breakout spaces.

While the overall design of the new building "fits in" with the existing historic setting, the actual classrooms consist of innovative learning spaces that align with the pedagogical vision of the 21st century. These spaces are beautiful, light and airy, fitted with the latest technology and make learners feel good to be at school.

These innovative classrooms will not only provide greater opportunities for our current learners and teaching staff, but it will also allow us to adapt and expand our educational offering in order to support the growth and development of the School as an educational institution. This new development is part of a 5-year development plan which will see all learning spaces at the School modernised and revitalised.



OLD UNIONITE ASSOCIATION

Connecting. Supporting. Sharing. Remembering.

Founded in 1929, the Old Unionite Association (OUA) was established to foster the relationship between the alumni of our great school and to disseminate information about the school, including activities and achievements, to its members and other interested parties.

Almost 100 years later, the OUA has evolved into a charitable association that operates exclusively for the betterment of our school.

As per usual, 2022 saw the OUA committee coordinate many fundraising events throughout the year to coincide with the various events hosted by the school.

The year kicked off with the school's 15th annual Senior Cricket Festival and the annual Founders' Weekend, where the "Old Boys" managed a win against tough opponents in their match against the school's 1st XI. The 'Old Girls' also claimed victory on the AstroTurf against the school's 1st hockey team.

The OUA then played an active role in the school's Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey Festivals and traditional Interschools derby. The marquee on the field made a huge impact and the weekend was enjoyed by everyone involved. In all, 12 reunions were held.

Our regular steak evenings also continue to be very sociable events.

2022 also had its share of heartbreak, with the OUA bidding farewell to its chairman, Dave Stern, who passed away unexpectedly. Our thoughts continue to be with his wife, Maryke, daughters Kari and Micela, and extended family.

The 100 Club is continuing to attract new members and we encourage one and all to support this venture – there are no restrictions on who can join and the funds are used for bursaries and scholarships. Anyone interested can apply on the OUA website at www.oua.co.za

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the committee for their hard work throughout the year.

The world we live in is an extremely complex place and the life of most individuals is swept up almost entirely with family, work and other calls upon our time, so it is very easy to lose touch with our alma mater.

I encourage you to stay connected to make our Association a stronger and even more relevant organisation in the years to come.

With warm good wishes,

Richard Collett

Old Unionite Association Chairman



GRADE 5 EXCURSION

54 Grade 5 learners, accompanied by educators Mrs Christina Nell and Ms Jenny Street, set out for an educational field trip. The day began at the Valley of Desolation where SANParks staff members told the group how the valley was formed and emphasized the national heritage value thereof. Everyone enjoyed the hour-long Crag Lizard Trail hike and a breakfast picnic while learning about rocks and plants.

The group then travelled to Ganora Guest Farm, a sheep farm situated just outside Nieu-Bethesda in the foothills of the majestic Sneeuberg Range, happily singing and playing games in the bus along the way.

Here, the learners explored the caves of the San and Khoi people and learned many interesting things from Mr Henry Witbooi, their guide. They saw old rock art, while learning all about the differences between the San and Khoi rock paintings. The children also enjoyed a fascinating 'show and tell' talk by Mr JP Steynberg in his fossil museum. They learned that the area was once a great inland lake and they viewed many specimens of pre-dinosaur time fossils, on average about 280 million years old. These included fossils of carnivores, herbivores, insects, crawling creatures, fish and even plants. They were taught how fossils are formed over many years.

The children were then treated to a tasty lunch in the garden of the main farmstead.

While food and knowledge were digesting, the group drove off to Nieu-Bethesda and enjoyed a sweet treat at the Hullabaloo Coffee Shop and were given an opportunity to do some shopping before heading back to school. All-in-all, it was a well-balanced educational field trip that included loads of learning, exercise and fun.



GRADE 7 MARKET DAY

The Grade 7 market day aims to teach learners about entrepreneurship and the fundamentals of running a small business. It makes up part of their annual assessment mark for Economic and Management Sciences and extensive planning, the creation of digital posters and radio advertisements for local radio stations were some of the requirements which had to be completed

before the day. Each group was required to pay R20 rent per stall from their profits which was handed to their class teacher for the end-of-year class party. The knowledge gained from such a practical experience is exceedingly valuable and an enormous amount of fun is had in the process. Well done to this year's Grade 7 class for holding a most successful event.



GRADE 7 SOCIAL SCIENCES EXCURSION

The annual Grade 7 Social Sciences excursion took place at the end of Term 4 and a group of very excited Grade 7 learners, selected on the basis of their Social Sciences mark, set out to visit the Camdeboo Conservancy for a weekend of hiking, exploring, learning and, of course, relaxing. Held as an academic enrichment activity, the excursion saw the learners visit the farms Westbrook, Grootvlei and Onbedacht accompanied by educators Mrs Hanli Rose-Innes and Mrs Christina Nell.

The learners had a wonderful time exploring the farms and especially enjoyed learning all about the different types of irrigation used by farmers and how weirs and wetlands control the flow of rivers to prevent flooding. A short visit to Grootvlei gave some of the learners the opportunity to cuddle the adorable goat kids, after which they looked at grazing patterns and how different animals utilise different parts of the veld. Breakfast was made by the learners - the girls made flapjacks and fruit salad, while the boys braaied the bacon!



THE SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

At the start of 2020, the School was delighted to welcome exchange students, Daisy Sears and Theo Jacque from Wiltshire, England, to our campus as part of the school's annual Salisbury Exchange Programme.

While Daisy was hosted by Jacques, Bronwyn, Tara and Aidan Ferreira, Theo was hosted by Kim von Behr Imrie and her children Alastair, Katherine and Alexander. Although Daisy and Theo were able to enjoy their full term at the School, the emergence of COVID-19 resulted in exchange students Tara Ferreira and Alastair Imrie, being unable to visit Salisbury.

Although the pandemic still proved a hindrance to this exchange in 2021 and 2022, we are delighted that it will once again

be held in 2023 and congratulations go to Brett Kenmuir and Zoë Mills who have been selected to participate in the School's 2023 Salisbury Exchange Programme.



GRADE 8 ORIENTATION HIKE



A few days after their arrival at the School, the Grade 8's embarked on a team building hike to the Educational Centre in the Camdeboo National Park. The day dawned hot and balmy and the learners were debriefed by Mrs Langmead before setting off with the new prefects leading the way. An amusing anecdote happened when asked what they should do if a snake crossed their path and a voice from the crowd said, "Stop, drop and roll?"!

The going was tough and the prefects showed great leadership by assisting their young charges up the rocky slopes and over into the beautiful valley below. On arrival at the Education Centre, the Grade 8's were divided into groups and the prefects co-ordinated a team building session with games and activities designed to stretch the imagination and to allow their younger counterparts the opportunity to know each other on a different level.

On arrival back at school the newly fledged Grade 8's had fun in the pool, ready to face the year as true Unionites.

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GRADE 8 BOOK CHALLENGE



Barack Obama recently said that "Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible." With this in mind, a challenge was set up for the Grade 8's to see who could read the most books each term. With a giant tub of jelly babies for the win, the challenge was taken very seriously!

It was heartening to see book after book being written up on the book chart, with heated debates ensuing about thickness of books, kindles, genres and speed reading. Needless to say, the Grade 8's really got stuck into reading this year and one could spot them sneaking books behind their tablets, reading in stairwells, asking to read in classrooms at break, and even wandering on the fields – reading! It was wonderful to have pupils dashing into class early morning, shiny eyed, declaring, "I've read another book!" or "I've read too much fantasy now, I think I'm going to switch to love stories!" or, "I've started to write my own book!" Dr Seuss declared, "The more that you read, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you learn the more places you'll go." It is clear that our Grade 8's are certainly going places.

Our Term 1 reader was Samuel Taylor, Benjamin Lemke won the prize in Term 2, and the Term 3 winner was Bukhobenkosi Nomatye

"GET REAL" WORKSHOP

At the end of the second term this year, the Grade 9's participated in the Get Real workshop, hosted by some of the team from Freedom Church. The workshop was run over two days and covered many topics, such as self-worth, consent, grooming, and STIs. The aim of the Get Real workshop was to take what the learners had learnt in Term 1 of Natural Sciences and expand on the curriculum to equip and empower them to make healthy choices for their minds, their bodies, and their futures. The workshop was presented with excellence, and the teenagers who attended felt more intentional about and more enabled to make the good choices they want to make for their lives. We are very grateful to Sara Cochrane and her team from the Freedom Church who made the workshop possible.



An advertisement for 'ALCHEMY Young skin FACE VIBES'. It features a smiling young man and woman. The text includes 'Proud supporter of the Union Schools', 'ALCHEMY', a phone number '076 098 4672', and a message 'Message us to book'. A diagonal banner at the bottom says 'VOUCHERS AVAILABLE'.

An advertisement for 'STANLEY accounting services'. It features a logo with vertical bars of increasing height. The text includes the company name, a phone number '049 892 4814', an email 'arland@stanleyaccounting.co.za', and a Facebook icon. Below this, a section titled 'ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR BUSINESS' lists services: 'FINANCIAL STATEMENTS', 'TAX RETURNS & CONSULTING', 'MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS', 'BOOKKEEPING', and 'BUSINESS CONSULTING'.

GRADE 10 ODYSSEY

This year's Odyssey was another celebration of tenacity, endurance, beauty, teamwork and immersion into the natural world. Once again the Grade 10s set off early from school and headed up the passes to Nieu-Bethesda where they started their 5-day, self-sufficient hike under the pear blossoms of the picturesque village. The 15km hike to Riverdene farm was tough as everyone became accustomed to their packs and shoes. On arrival at the campsite tents were pitched in the valley – we were fortunate this year in that the Gats river was flowing, and Mr Langmead did not have to cart in water each day.

Sleep came quickly and before we knew it, dawn broke on another day. A fire-making challenge set off proceedings with the winning group using a 'reedy' technique to get their string burned using only one match! The hike to Schoonberg pools, although shorter, was painful as blisters and bruises showed themselves and the Grade 10s learned to 'press on through the pain.' The crystal-clear pools provided welcome relief for aching bodies. The group was then divided into random groups where they were taught to roast a chicken on a stick and bake bread on the coals – after hours of patient rotisserie and kneading, a feast of note ensued. Mr Langmead delivered a poignant talk on the privilege of 'becoming still' in this world of technology and distraction in preparation for 'Solitude' the next day.

The Grade 10s were woken with the birds, walked out into the wilderness and were placed in solitude in the Karoo landscape. Here they had a few hours of quiet contemplation where they read letters from their loved ones, wrote letters to themselves and were allowed the luxury of sitting alone in silence. The mood was beautifully contemplative on returning to camp a few hours later.

Hiking towards the waterfall, no-one really anticipated the beauty of what lay before them. Unfortunately, a tumble led to Abigail having to be evacuated with a problematic ankle, and we missed her cheerful presence

over the next 2 days. Tempestuous winds made sleep a challenge that night as tents were flattened and some interesting rescues made! We made it through the night and were relieved to set out in calmer conditions with 'heartbreak hill' in our sights. Gavin Steyn from the Herding Academy guided us up the steep 7km ascent, and 17kms later, everyone was delighted to see the green lawns of St Olives before them. Sarah Cromhout of the "Herding Academy" spoke to the group about the importance of preserving our land in a sustainable manner, followed by Mr Pringle who inspired us with Homer's travails on his Odyssey. A hearty supper followed and the lights of Graaff-Reinet beckoned, albeit with a sense of sadness, from afar.

The next morning, Uncle Trevor arrived and relieved everyone of their packs. With a spring in their steps, the united groups sang and almost ran to the top of Ouberg pass. Here they were again spoken to by Mr Langmead who encouraged them to leave any 'baggage' that they may be carrying both literally and figuratively.

A jovial, transformed group of Grade 10s entered the school grounds with song and tears to a heart-warming welcome. It was an absolute pleasure walking alongside these beautiful young people and witness them grow and be free.

Our grateful thanks go to landowners Pierre and Magda Fourie, Dale and Kelly Jackson, and Julian Murray who entrusted us with their beautiful landscape. Thanks also to the Neills, Lemkes, Merifields and McEwans who carted food in each evening to remote places. Grateful thanks to Brian Kenmuir, Lynette and Duncan McClaggan who walked with the group and assisted with logistics, as well as Mrs Langmead, Mrs Pringle and Mr Mbanga. Thanks to the Herding Academy for your generosity and wisdom. Odyssey would not happen without David Langmead on logistics, and to him we are eternally grateful.





GRADE 12 CAREERS WEEK

As a part of their Life Orientation curriculum, the Grade 12 learners are exposed to various career choices and are enlightened about options for the direction of their lives. In Term 2, a week is devoted to information sessions regarding tertiary education and career decisions.

This year various speakers from Higher Education Institutions visited the school and the matrics were presented with some fascinating options including Varsity College, CTU and others. On Careers Evening, prominent business people from Graaff-Reinet were invited to address the matrics on their career choices, and a happy evening was had listening to inspirational people including Gerrar Maya, Corli Schoeman, Mrs Koeberg and Beth-Marie Botha. The evening culminated in a delicious meal provided by the hostel and the matrics spent a convivial evening together.



MUSIC

JUNIOR MUSIC

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." ~ Billy Joel

During the past year, 52 pupils from the Primary Department have benefited from the music program offered at the school. They could choose to be part of the choir or the marimba band as part of the school's extracurricular program or they could take formal piano and theory lessons during school hours.

Sixteen of the Primary Department pupils received formal piano and theory lessons this year. Rockschool's contemporary practical syllabus

was the most popular choice of curriculum among the learners this year, although there were also pupils who preferred the classical route.

The following six pupils took the RSL (Rockschool) external practical piano exam:

- Liso Sobantu | Gr 1 Contemporary | Passed with Distinction, 91%
- Aimee Short | Gr 1 Contemporary | Passed with Merit, 85%
- Helen van den Heever | Debut Contemporary | Passed with Distinction, 96%
- Curen Willemse | Debut Contemporary | Passed with Distinction, 91%
- Kira Hector | Debut Contemporary | Passed with Distinction, 90%
- Alison Jacobs | Debut Classical | Passed with Distinction, 90%

Congratulations again to these learners who, despite their other activities, achieved these qualifications.



JUNIOR MUSIC PUPILS

BACK: Chloe Davids, Liyabona Nkomo, Aimee Short, Jenna Woods, Liso Sobantu
MIDDLE: Kelsey Horn, Helen van den Heever, Kirsten Collett, Antonia Adams, Aaliyah Jaftha, Alison Jacobs
FRONT: Micha Murray, Kira Hector, Mrs S. Brink, Gerda Clarke, Curen Willemse

SENIOR MUSIC

*"Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to the imagination
and life to everything" – Plato.*

At the School, our Senior Music Department forms an important part of our learner's education and this year 15 of our learners, from Grade 8–12, benefitted from individual piano and group theory lessons. The following learners have completed practical examinations:

Grade 8:

Melissa Naude (Classical Rockschooll, Grade 2)
Taegen Hamid (Contemporary Rockschooll, Grade 3)

Grade 9:

Erin Gedult (ABRSM Performance, Grade 5)
Sasha Cochrane (Classical Rockschooll, Grade 4)

Grade 10:

Joy Merifield (Classical Rockschooll, Grade 8)

Vivian McEwan (Classical Rockschooll, Grade 4)

Grade 11:

Brigette Oelofsen (Contemporary Rockschooll, Grade 7)

Grade 12:

Jamie Jaftha (Classical Rockschooll, Grade 7)

Barbara McNaughton (Classical Rockschooll, Grade 7)

2022 has been a busy and exciting year. We are planning new projects for 2023, trusting that we will continue to grow and that more learners will benefit from music education offered at the School.



SENIOR MUSIC PUPILS

BACK: Melissa Naude, Samantha Charles, Vivian McEwan, Katelyn Trollip, Sasha Cochrane, Caitrin Spence.

FRONT: Taegan Hamid, Brigette Oelofsen, Joy Merifield, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Jamie Jaftha, Barbara McNaughton, Erin Gedult.

KAROO EISTEDDFOD

The Arts have a vital role to play in nation building and the well-being of our people. This is echoed in the words of our late national patron Mama Albertina Sisulu when she said: *“My great desire throughout my life has been for a better life for the children of this country, this continent and indeed the whole world.”* The Karoo Eisteddfod was established as an arts development platform, offering various opportunities to young (and young at heart!) performers in all communities for participation, development and showcasing of talents in music, dance, theatre and fine arts.

With this in mind, this Eisteddfod functioned on two levels:

- For the talented learner (who might follow a career in the arts) it provides an opportunity for expression and growth in a selected art form;
- For the majority of participants (who might not pursue a career in the arts), the Eisteddfod process itself builds self-confidence, assertiveness and the courage to take a stand in this world.

The system of awards and certificates can be defined as follows:

- CUM LAUDE** is awarded for an excellent performance where the participant has performed above the ideal / typical level on most yardsticks;
- GOLD** is awarded for a good performance where the participant has

- performed well above the minimum level on most yardsticks;
- SILVER** is awarded for a performance that one can describe as adequate. The participant has performed just above the minimum level on most yardsticks;
- BRONZE** is awarded for a performance that is below expectation and indicates a performance below the minimum level on more than one yardstick.

The School entered 117 individual and group items, with certificates been awarded from Silver to Cum Laude. Congratulations to all those who participated!



VERSES VS VERSES – POETRY COMPETITION

“Poetry happens when an emotion has found thought and the thought has found words.” - Robert Frost

In a bid to inspire our learners to write more poetry, this competition was introduced in 2021. Names were removed from 15 entries and a panel judged the poems which resulted in Brigette Oelofsen, Vivian McEwan and Na’eem Mahomed being chosen as winners.

In 2022 we had no fewer than 65 entries! 10 poems were shortlisted and these poets were invited to an evening of poetry and pizza at the Langmead home. The topics of the poems ranged from descriptions of a special pet, to the emotional journey between a father and son. At the poetry evening, our young poets read their poems to one another and

also voted on which they enjoyed the most, adding to the votes from the staff. Sharing pizza and cream-soda floats together in load-shedding candlelight resulted in a convivial evening. The poems “We real cool” and “Nothing Gold can Stay” were also discussed and the group learned of the strength of a few, powerful, carefully chosen words.

Our 2022 winners emerged as:

- 1st place:** Thato Chungwa Tshomela – “Sins of the Father”
- 2nd place:** Na’eem Mahomed – “Happiness Homicide”
- 3rd place:** Mark Lemke – “Imagination”



LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTRE



The importance of reading cannot be overstated. It develops the mind, imagination, creative potential, improves spelling and expands the vocabulary. At the School we have always believed that a good reading habit is a vital skill that all learners should possess and that it should be given rapt attention. This is true more so today than ever before with the imminent danger of losing reading habits in the era of information and communication technologies, where the use of social media sites is the order of the day.

The school library plays a pivotal role in creating a reading culture and supporting reading engagement throughout the school. The well-stocked library is open to learners every day, with Grade 5 to 10 learners having weekly library periods.

Award-winning titles for the library are sourced by way of the YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) book lists and ALA (American

Library Association) Young Adult Best Fiction lists. New books are ordered every term with every book being carefully reviewed to determine the appropriate age group for that specific title. The library stock is divided into four sections: Young adult, Teenage, Junior as well as a Quick Read section to encourage the not-so-eager readers to crack open a book. The collection is diligently controlled and managed by a team of library monitors and assistants.

To complement the library's services, the School also offers learners a fully-equipped media centre with state of the art facilities for technology-based experience and learning enhancements. Here, learners can use modern computer equipment, as well as the free Internet services provided to them - under supervision - to conduct their research during school time as well as in the afternoons.



LIBRARY MONITORS & ASSISTANTS

BACK: Ambesiwe Tokwe, Achuma Mangaliso, Sonell Mdudumani, Chuma Mangaliso, Harley Qina

FRONT: Brigitte Oelofsen, Keisha Mentoer, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Siphosethu Malotana, Megan Nel

TABLET TECHNOLOGY

For several years now, the School has increasingly sought new and exciting ways to incorporate technology into its classrooms, one of these being the introduction of tablet technology in 2016. This move has seen educators in our senior department systematically migrate from traditional, old-fashioned paper-based course materials to touch-screen device platforms. As tablet technology was introduced to Grade 8 learners in 2016 and was extended with this group of learners who reached Grade 12 in 2020, the School is fortunate to now have all Grade 8 to 12 learners working on tablets.

Tablet Technology allows teachers to create, manage and insert learning resources directly into learners' textbooks. They can insert images, videos, PDFs, text documents and flashcards. Learners gain access to personalized content, additional multimedia resources and standard curriculum material in a single location. The miEbooks application each of our learners' tablets are equipped with serves as an e-book reader. Each learner is given unique login details for the app that allows them to access their personal e-book library. The app enables learners to add notes to specific sections of a textbook, make highlights, add freehand sketches and generate automated summaries of highlighted text as well as generating double-sided flashcards for study purposes.

In addition to having been an invaluable tool during lockdown, Tablet Technology has solved some of the biggest 21st-century challenges in education for the School, by making learning visible, removing fragmentation and bridging the gap between traditional and cutting-edge teaching. It has allowed the school to simplify, enhance and improve

MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The following learners participated in the Second Round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad and received certificates for their participation:

Shiraz Pedersen, Samantha Charles, Trystan Hulleman, Erin Gedult, Tara Ferreira, Sarah Wilmot, Cadee Arends, Matthew McNaughton, Siphosethu Malotana.

Congratulations to Matthew McNaughton who was placed in the top 85 in the Eastern Cape.



efficiency in education and, with the fast-moving working environment, it is also allowing us to prepare our learners to be more computer literate than ever before. This fact cannot be overstated. The education that learners receive today will determine their individual futures, and that of society collectively.

At the School, we take great pride in the continued efforts of our educators, management and administrators in embracing this technology, thereby ensuring that we are able to provide our learners with quality education during trying times such as the COVID-19 pandemic. It is their commitment, and the willingness of parents and learners to partner with them in their efforts, that will see the School overcome the challenges inflicted on education in the years to come.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

With technology at their fingertips 24/7, it is more important than ever to ensure that our children are behaving appropriately in the digital world. With this in mind, the School initiated its very first Digital Citizenship Week in May of 2022.

The week featured grade specific workshops with the Grade 5 to 10 learners, facilitated by Estee Cockcroft, a personal development, digital life skills & reputation management coach of Gqeberha-based company Screen Smarts. Topics covered with the learners included, among others, their digital footprint, online predators, cyberbullying, online privacy and finding a balance between time spent online and in real life.



The workshops were fun and engaging sessions, aimed at helping our learners reflect on how their digital lives impact their social and emotional well-being and teaching them digital citizenship skills to help them make smart choices online and in life.



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JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHESS



During 2020 and 2021, our chess players continued with practices, but did not take part in chess tournaments. They only had the opportunity to play against each other, and were well prepared for the 2022 chess year.

Finding a timeslot to practise chess is always very challenging, and unfortunately valuable players were lost who had committed to other school activities in our allotted chess practice time.

Blitz Chess Competition

In June 2022, the School hosted an Open Blitz Chess Tournament at *Farmland* in Caledon Street. Laer and Hoër Volkskool were invited to join this quick, fun tournament. Each player only had 5 minutes to play all their moves.

The winner of this tournament was Karl Venter, with Na'eem Mahomed taking second place. All winning players received cash prizes donated by 'Montego Cares' and Mr Kallie Venter.

Interschools

The Senior Team did exceptionally well by winning 7 of their 8 matches and therefore won 14-2. The very young and inexperienced Junior Team lost by 7-17. Overall, the School managed to win the Interschools Chess by 21-19.

Soup and Chess Evening in the Union

This new event on the chess calendar took place in August and will



definitely become an annual event. All chess players invited a parent/guardian to come and play a game of chess against them in the Union. Everyone was then treated to delicious soup and homemade bread. More than 90 people attended.

Chess Movie Night

The Chess Movie night was a huge success. "The Queen of Katwe" was enjoyed by all - an inspiring movie about a girl from a very humble background who started playing chess and changed her and her family's life.



JUNIOR CHESS

BACK: Sixolile Singeni, Cedine Retief, Keanu Linch, Elandri Retief, Jasmine Abercrombie
MIDDLE: Miecee-Lee Blom, Asakhula Nkomo, Jae Fillis
FRONT: Kate Cochrane, Makayla Menos, Mrs H. Rose-Innes, Sinalo Blaaw, Declan Lewis

"Montego Cares" Graaff-Reinet Chess Tournament

In co-operation with Montego, a successful chess tournament took place where all chess playing schools in Graaff-Reinet participated. The tournament was held at the Botanics Sports Complex's main hall. Each school entered a team of 8 players. The teams were divided into an A and B section. The School's chess players performed very well on the day.

Primary Schools - Section A

Best player: Jasmine Abercrombie

Primary Schools - Section B

Best player: Cedine Retief, 2nd position: Keanu Linch

High Schools – Section A

Best player: Karl Venter

Team prizes were also awarded and the School produced the best performing teams in both Sections A and B

Sarah Baartman Chess

Two of our chess players were invited to represent Sarah Baartman in the Eastern Cape Provincial Tournament in Queenstown during September.

Karl Venter was placed as Sarah Baartman's top player after 7 rounds.

The Sarah Baartman U18 Open team was placed third, and for that Karl received a bronze medal. He was placed 6th overall in the U18 category and is now included in the Eastern Cape Chess Team.

Jasmine Abercrombie was also placed as Sarah Baartman's top player after 7 rounds. The Sarah Baartman U14 Girls' team was placed Second, and for that Jasmine received a silver medal. Jasmine was placed 1th overall in the U14 girls' category and is therefore the best chess player in her age group in the Eastern Cape. She received a gold medal for this fantastic achievement, and is now included in the Eastern Cape Chess Team.

Both Karl and Jasmine will take part in the Interprovincial tournament which will take place in December.



SENIOR CHESS

BACK: Camran Swartz, Mihan Campbell, Devandré Andrews, Sarah Wilmot, Na'eem Mahomed, Jayden Swart

MIDDLE: Josh Arends, Samantha Charles, Chuma Sobantu, Matthew McNaughton, Wade Edwards

FRONT: Neelon Fourie, Cassidy Goliad, Karl Venter, Mrs H. Rose-Innes, Nina Japhtha, Lisa Vutula, Kimberley Menos

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

It takes courage to stand in front of an audience and deliver a speech. We want to thank all brave participants who delighted audiences during the course of the year.

Two informal evenings were held and the speakers excelled. Topics were interesting and authentic.

The annual speech competition was held during the second term.

Junior Best Speaker: Erin Gedult

Runner Up: Amber Bezuidenhout

Senior Best Speaker: Brigette Oelofson

Runner Up: Matthew Basson

The Interschool's speech competition was closely contested. Congratulations to Erin Gedult who was placed second in the Junior Section and Brigette Oelofsen who won the Senior Section.

We salute our speakers for their competence and positive attitude. May you all grow in the gift you have been given!



JUNIOR SPEECH

On Tuesday evening, 16 August, 25 'Brave Hearts' from Grades 5, 6 and 7 took part in the School's Primary Department Speech Competition. The learners were well-prepared and spoke extremely well, entertaining the audience of adults and scholars with interesting information, funny stories and even a couple of jokes.

The three adjudicators: Brigette Oelofsen, Matthew Basson and Mrs Langmead (Head of Culture), all remarked on the exceptionally high standard amongst the speakers. This was echoed by Mrs Singeni. We congratulate all 25 learners and thank the adjudicators who had the difficult task of choosing a winner and runner-up in each grade. Thanks and appreciation goes to all who came to support the speakers.

Aidan Ferreira was the popular choice for Grade 5 winner, followed



closely by Helen Van Den Heever, runner-up. In Grade 6 Chloe-Anne Fourie was the best speaker, followed by Zunaide Deysel as runner-up. Tara Piercey took 1st place in Grade 7 with Sixolile Singeni as the runner-up.

Congratulations to all 2022 speakers!

GRADE 8 AND 9 SPEECH COMPETITION

MONSTERS DON'T SLEEP UNDER YOUR BED, THEY SLEEP INSIDE YOUR HEAD.

ERIN GEDULT - BEST JUNIOR SPEAKER 2022

Picture this – you are sitting down in your room, you think you are alone but in the far corner in the back is a big, black dog. The big black dog of depression represents the gradual overtaking of the person you once recognised in the mirror, the life you once lived and the things you once loved.

When the pandemic first broke loose back in 2020, for entertainment purposes and to keep ourselves occupied we turned to social media. Of course there are positives to social media but I would like to analyse the negatives.

When we go on social media we are faced with people living their supposedly perfect lives, but the thing is, it's not perfect. On social media people only share their best moments, not their breakdowns, low moments or their feelings of insecurity. We see the absolute best moments of their lives which are often also altered to come across as perfect.

Looks are deceiving, it is very easy for people to put on a show and

act like everything is perfectly fine when in reality they are truly just drifting closer; and closer to the edge.

Feelings of anxiety and depression in adolescents are often disregarded due to interpersonal ageism as it is believed that us as adolescents have no reason to feel that way.

Depression nor anxiety has any regard for race, age, community or social status.

Psychologist Robert Leahy has indicated that a study conducted in 2011 revealed that the average high school student in 2011 had the same anxiety levels as the average psychiatric asylum patient in the 1950's.

Just because anxiety and depression are so common does not make them less concerning; in fact they are extremely alarming. The only person we should be comparing our lives to is our past selves, we should be striving to be the person our younger selves would be proud of.

We can all suffer in silence, we all fight demons behind closed doors that nobody knows about. They can instill negative thoughts in our minds but we have to remember that's all they are, thoughts not fact.

The demons will control your mind as much as you allow them to. Monsters don't sleep under your bed, they sleep inside your head.

SENIOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

The members of the senior quiz team at Interschools were selected from the School's general knowledge quiz. Matthew Basson emerged as the most knowledgeable senior, with Trystan Hulleman taking the top position amidst the juniors.

The senior team consisting of Matthew Basson, Caitrin Spence, Gemma Naude, Safin McPherson with Matthew McNaughton as reserve, kept a finger on the pulse of current affairs by sharing news on a WhatsApp group in the 2 weeks before Interschools. Level heads and clear thinking led to the team emerging as victors on the evening.

QUIZ TEAM

BACK: Safin McPherson, Matthew Basson, Matthew McNaughton
FRONT: Caitrin Spence, Mrs B. Langmead, Gemma Naudé



SENIOR SPEECH COMPETITION

EDUCATION. HEADUCATION

BRIGETTE OELOFSEN - BEST SENIOR SPEAKER 2022

Here I am. Name – Brigetté. Height – 1,64 m. Mass – 67 kg. A regular learner who is nearing the end of her school career at a public school in the little town of Graaff-Reinet. Actually, this time next year I am sure to be counting down the days to the start of prelims. It will be 28 days from this date next year. That's 672 hours before the worth of my education is tested completely.

As I face the reality of finally being free of secondary education I find myself contemplating just that. Education. MY education. When you're very young, it's easy to believe the ditties – the rhymes read to us by doting parents and grey-haired grannies, but now I'm having second thoughts. In particular, I think about Mary – no surname but yes, she had a little lamb. Mary had a little lamb, it's fleece was white as snow – and everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go. That's fine, but it's the next line that confuses me. It followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day (note the repetition). It followed her to school one day – that was against the rule. And here I am – honestly wondering why on earth the lamb followed her to school in the first place! Was it hoping to be educated? Nooo! NO! NO! Big Question: just how educated will I be when I walk through the gates of school for the last time? Heads or tails? Place your bets, ladies and gentlemen. Is our education really all that or simply...headucation? I wish to explore the disturbing reality of the nature of education, which in my opinion is largely headucation. If there happens to be anyone in the audience who labours in the education field, head for the hills because I'm afraid I'm going to be critical. I have to be. Here goes.

Recently I conducted a short survey where I asked a group of 20 matric learners the following questions: 1) Can you file taxes? 2) Are you aware of life policies? It did not surprise me at all that, with the exception of accounting learners, the majority could not file taxes. And just as I suspected, not a single one was aware of what a policy is and what its benefits are. Nobody knew what an annuity was! As for funeral policies and the benefits of savings accounts, well. Clueless.

Now most schools these days provide a curriculum based on

essentialism. Essentialism states that the basic essential subjects should be taught and learnt thoroughly. These subjects would include Mathematics, Sciences and Languages which I agree are certainly core subjects. However, what do we have here? The black sheep of the family. Life Orientation. I don't see how the very repetitive, nauseating emphasis on reproduction, risky behaviour and bah bah blacksheep just becomes blah blah blacksheep. This is what replaced very beneficial life-skill subjects such as Hospitality and Woodwork. But no, instead we are force-fed irrelevant knowledge, only to regurgitate it onto a test paper, without ever really digesting it. Not even Polly the Parrot could keep up with this parrot learning.

According to research, there has been a rapid increase in students enrolled in secondary education. Thus the increase in matriculants. All very exciting, you might say. Looks great on paper and in political speeches. Let me focus briefly on supply and demand. One of the few valuable things I am being taught at school. It explains that if something is more readily available or easily accessible, the demand for that commodity will decrease. The same applies to the Matric Certificate. Since the increase in numbers, the value of that certificate has dissipated. Something I'd like to call "education inflation".

I'm going to let you all in on a little secret. I think that that little lamb might actually have had a chance of trotting away with its very own Matric Certificate. In fact, pretty Polly would have a much better chance because Polly can do something that the little lamb can't. Mimic mimic regurgitate. With the pass requirement being a mere 30% for many subjects – that's right: Three. Zero – it really doesn't sound that impossible. Do the authors of our education have their heads in the clouds as they gamble with our precious education? Surely the time is now to re-evaluate the restrictive and failing system. The sole aim of education should be to produce well-rounded, confident young people who are able to face the world. When we consider the issue of failing, let me ask who is failing whom? I kind of understand now why we have a Minister of Basic Education because that's exactly what it is. Basic! I think, very definitely, the education department has failed dismally – perhaps their cut off point for innovative, meaningful education was also 30%. Well to me it seems as if that is what they have indeed scored. And on that note, thank you.



SENIOR SPEECH

BACK: Brigette Oelofsen,
Matthew Basson

FRONT: Erin Gedult, Mrs L. Rowe,
Amber Bezuidenhout

ECO-SCHOOLS

The COVID-19 pandemic, the ensuing lockdown and social restrictions which followed and became part of the 'new normal' caused changes and upheavals to our school programme and daily lives. Feelings of fear, anxiety, loneliness, feelings of isolation or of being disconnected were common to many people, and especially to children and young people as they navigated the strange times we found ourselves in.

Concerned about the emotional well-being of our learners, we developed a programme to monitor emotional health as our current Eco-Schools project.

This programme is two-fold. It makes use of a tool to measure the "Happiness Quotient" of each class, and a system of Mentorship.

The Mentors are chosen on merit from the Grade 11 and 12 classes. Each class in the school is assigned 2 mentors, whose role is to form a connection with learners as guides, friends, advisors and role-models. In this way, we intend to ensure that each child in the school feels noticed, connected and cared for within the Union 'family' of learners.

The 'Happiness' charts are filled in by all learners at various times throughout each term. The class teachers oversee this, and the Eco-reps in each class collect the data. Records are kept, and are available should intervention become necessary.

The well-being of every learner at the School is of vital importance to all of us. This project involves the whole school in a drive to take care of, and look out for every child.



MENTORS

BACK: Ruzhé Hendriks, Daniel Nell, Matthew Basson, David Venter, Jude Langmead, Kendall Krige, Mohamed Hartley, Brent Hesselink, Lana Bouwer
3RD ROW: Ndalo Qwalela, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Chloe Shires, Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Bubele Thibini, Matthew McNaughton, Liyabona Binqela, Caitrin Spence, Grace Merifield, Sisipho Arnols
2ND ROW: Asa Matross, Jenna-Lee Jansen, Ngomusa Zweni, Kathryn Odendaal, Mrs J. Nel, Trinity West, Simamkele Soyana, Jamie Jaftha, Kaitlin Kenmuir
FRONT: Tessa James, Sinazo Soyana, Tamsin James, Brigitte Oelofsen, Likhona Batata, Cadee Arends, Buhlebethu Rolomane

ECO CLUB

The Eco Club, which consisted of mainly Grade 5s this year, has enjoyed a busy, interesting year. They started off with practical lessons on how to make three different kinds of knots and examples of using these knots in everyday life, rescue operations and first aid situations. Following this theme, they explored local medicinal plants, learning how to identify and use them. They then moved onto learning about herbs and their many uses. The learners sometimes went home with cuttings or potted plants. They learnt how to make a hanging plant container too. The Club then explored Karoo succulents and their many uses, particularly Spekboom. Leading on from this, they spoke about vegetables; how to grow and care for certain ones. A lesson on artichokes by Micha Murray was also on the agenda. They learned how to collect and store seeds, thus making a seed bank and also learned about the biggest seed bank in the world, Svalbard Global Seed Vault, which is situated 1300 kms beyond the Arctic Circle.

The club's knowledge would not be complete without exploring and



learning about soil and soil types, including composting and mulching. A number of these lessons included a practical element and visiting a local garden. A lesson about trees, especially the indigenous trees that are prolific at the School, was also included.

Animals were also a major focus and they began this theme learning

about various pets. These lessons were given by the learners themselves, who brought their pets along and shared interesting information, and also how to care for them. Two types of resident birds here at school, namely the weavers and swallows were studied. The locust plagues allowed the club to capitalize on those unusual events and learn as much as possible about locusts. Bats and bees were also fascinating subjects and an interesting lesson on snakes was presented by Clea Clark. Chanté Bezuidenhout entertained the club, telling us about her

passion - Gem Stones. The club learnt about weather, extreme weather and climate. Ecology, food webs and biomes were also touched on as the Club explored different plants and animals. An interesting outing to the Library Museum presented the club with the opportunity to increase our knowledge about fossils and rock art, as Mrs Kayster, curator of the Museums, shared her vast knowledge. All in all, the Eco Club has had a jam-packed year, focusing on the beautiful biome that surrounds our school.



ECO REPRESENTATIVES

BACK: Megan Adams, Anna Bouwer, Hlakanipha Skepe, Matthew Basson, David Kinghorn, Lana Bouwer, Farronique Booysen, Benjamin Lemke
3RD ROW: Liyabona Bingela, Kyra McCabe, Emma Gibbons, Elizabeth Houseman, Lisakhanya Vutula, Kungawo Stuurman, Likhona Batala, Muhammad Ahmed, Emihle Mateza, Iminathi Koneit, Richard Murray, Kenza Neill
2ND ROW: Ohamasande Jacobs, Clea Clark, Cu-Shan Hoffman, Rachel Wenham, Mrs J. Nel, Aidan Ferreira, Botlhale Mashiane, Kimberley Menos, Makayla Menos
FRONT: Khayila Grootboom, Ann-Noleen Koeberg, Shazia Ahmed, Ambesiwe Tokwe, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Neelon Fourie



ECO CLUB

BACK: Annabelle Nel, Sixolile Singeni, Duvallene Fass, Elandri Retief, Cedine Retief, Chloe Zara Davids, Chanté Bezuidenhout
MIDDLE: Rachel Wenham, Alison Jacobs, Jae Fillis
FRONT: Josh Seis, Micha Murray, Clea Clark, Ms J. Street, Mrs J. Nel, Kate Charles, Asiphe Tshibika, Lihlombe Dali
ABSENT: Iqra Fraz

ART CLUB

William Morris said, "I do not want ART for a few, any more than education for a few, or freedom for a few." At the School, Art Club is open to all high school learners who desire a creative outlet – something which is often neglected in our National Curriculum.

Art Club afternoons are happy, contemplative times where our young creatives are given the opportunity to explore the disciplines of drawing and painting without the pressure of assessment and time constraints. This year we have worked on murals to beautify nondescript landings in the corridors, we have painted birds in gouche, observed cubes in acrylic, drawn still lives and hands and faces.

Art Club is an essential outlet for our learners. It is here that they learn and grow their craft, often producing work which is outstanding.



ART CLUB

BACK: Ogijonke Sizila, Nombulelo Ncombo, Endinako Jadezweni, Anna Bouwer, Nangawethu Macanda, Lana Bouwer, Simoné Prinsloo, Sasha Cochrane, Trinity West

MIDDLE: Rebecca Copeman, Iviwe Gcinisa, Amber Bezuidenhout, Alutha Soga, Sanda Mayekiso, Jade Palmer, Anèbel Norval, Bukhobenkosi Nomatye

FRONT: Chuma Jack, Liyema Sodlaka, Mrs B. Langmead, Okuhle Mchunu, Kimberley Menos

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

The aim of Philosophy Club is to allow learners of the School to discuss topics which encourage higher abstract thought, enhance critical decision making and teach them how to construct a concise and sound argument. These topics are not often found in the school curriculum. Complex theories are explained by learners, and then discussed in a structured setting. These skills equip learners with the art of logic and reason.

The idea of the Philosophy Club was conceived about a year before its first meeting. The idea came from the donation of the 'Think Table' which was presented by Mr Adrian Arnott, to whom the Club owes many thanks. The Club finally came to life after a year of lockdown.

The first meeting was presented by James Rose-Innes and facilitated

by Max Wright, and focused on 'The Trolley Dilemma'. This inaugural meeting was attended by 12 learners on 9 March 2021.

Throughout the year many interesting discussions were held, ranging from the ideas of Plato and Aristotle to the theories of Jean-Paul Satre and Sigmund Freud. Abstract ideas such as love, context and the nature of truth were also covered.

The content was presented by James Rose-Innes and Max Wright, and towards the end of the year, 2022's facilitators, Simamkele Soyana and Sobuhle Nyambali stepped up to take the lead, delivering the topics of Stoicism and Cynicism.

In 2022, with many of our inaugural members having matriculated, we had a new group of learners join this very exciting club.

Our first topic of discussion was Utilitarianism presented by Simamkele and Sobuhle, followed by a meeting where we explored the question whether we really have free will or not, which was presented by Matthew McNaughton. Next was a lecture on Logic and Arguments prepared by James Rose-Innes and facilitated by Matthew McNaughton. Here we learned about constructing a logical argument and the criteria therefore. Sobuhle and Simamkele presented and facilitated the next

meeting where we revisited the "Trolley Dilemma". It was very interesting to compare the outcome of our discussion with that of the previous year. Sixolile Singeni presented a very well prepared lesson entitled, "What is Beauty?"

We are very excited for the future of this club as it teaches learners to follow an argument, to analyse statements and theories, and to construct decent arguments based on valid premises.



PHILOSOPHY CLUB

BACK: Sinalo Blaaw, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Ayabulela Goliath, Liyabona Nkomo, Sixolile Singeni
MIDDLE: Nasreen Foster, Asa Matross, Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Buhlebethu Rolomane
FRONT: Tamsin James, Simamkele Soyana, Mrs H. Rose-Innes, Sobuhle Nyambali, Matthew McNaughton
ABSENT: Tara Piercey

ROBOTICS

This year saw the introduction of Robotics to the School. Learners from Grade 5 to 9 were offered the opportunity to join the Robotics Club. The learners made use of the LEGO EV3 sets to build the robots and needed to include motors as well as various sensors such as colour and ultrasonic sensors. Once built, they started with basic programming of the robots to achieve various tasks. Some learners even progressed on to more complicated programming such as line following. We look forward to growing this activity and even starting to participate in competitions next year.



ROBOTICS

BACK: Kyla Putter, Sasha Cochrane, Alastair Imrie, Noah Edwards, Muhammad Ahmed
MIDDLE: Chloe-Anne Fourie, Kay-Leigh Hartney, Elandri Retief, Cedine Retief, Khazimla Mbulawa
FRONT: Sinalo Blaaw, Mr B. Mbanga, Bothale Mashiane, Mr R. Hulleman, Makayla Menos

MEDIA TEAM

This year saw the re-introduction of the School's Media Team. The team evolved from the *Behind the Scenes* programme. This year Mr JP Kruger facilitated the team livestreaming events such as rugby matches, hockey matches and special assemblies.

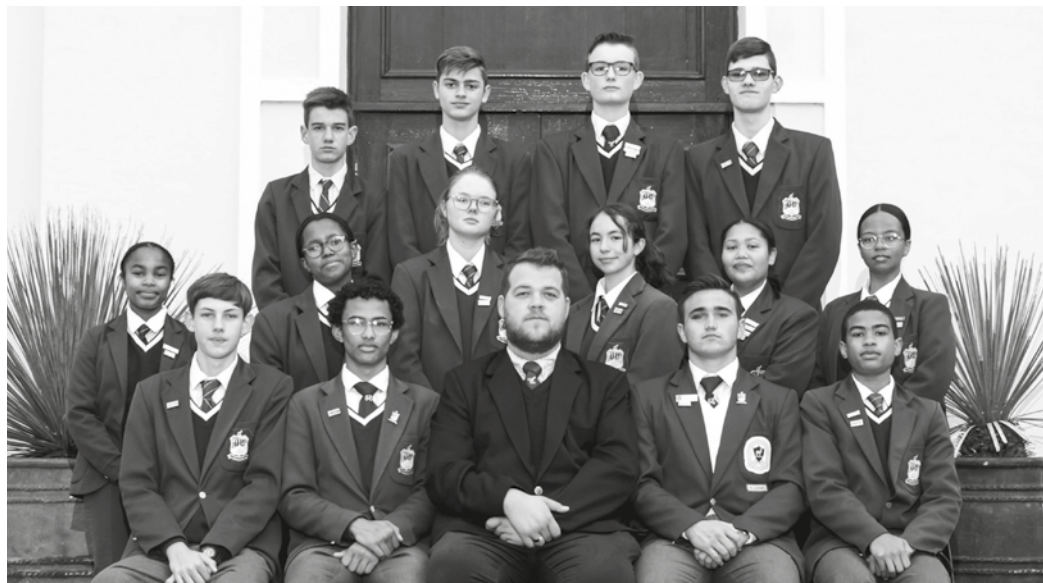
Through training and much trial and error, the media team managed to hone their skills, allowing them to improve their live streaming and technical support skills. The team saw great success in their endeavours leading them to gain approximately 1 000 views per event that went live and growing the schools *YouTube* channel from about 100 subscribers to about 400 subscribers.

Beyond live streaming the team was involved in assisting with the High School and Preparatory School productions with lighting, sound and media. These learners went above and beyond what was expected of them and are guaranteed to continue growing in their abilities. Special



mention must be made of Johannes du Plessis who assisted with the repair and maintenance of all the sound equipment.

We look forward to seeing how this team expands and cannot wait to see what challenges and growth opportunities lie ahead of them.



MEDIA TEAM

BACK: Alexander Neill, Daniel Marais, Trystan Hulleman, Johannes du Plessis

MIDDLE: Leshay Fourie, Bukhobenkosi Nomatye, Samantha Charles, Amber Bezuidenhout, Erin Gedult, Keisha Mentoor

FRONT: Alastair Imrie, Mohamed Hartley, Mr JP Kruger, Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Josh Arends



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ENCANTO



In the School's ongoing bid to educate the whole child, the school staged a brilliant production of 'Encanto', where the audience was thrilled by excellent acting, singing and dancing that filled the packed hall. Our learners embraced and relished the roles they performed and it is wonderful to know that such talent is nurtured in them.

The adaptation of 'Encanto' could have held its own at any drama festival and those who were privy to the few hours of sheer energy, joyful song and dance, and clever witticism were in for a treat that way surpassed any regular high school production with Janet Kingwill's beautiful set design being the perfect backdrop to this Columbian-set tale.

The show was cleverly narrated by Matthew Basson who held the story together with excellent acting and clear enunciation. In his likeable role as señor Diego, Matthew told the story of a young girl, Mirabel Madrigal, who has to face life as the only member of her family without magical powers. Asa Matross, who was aptly cast as Mirabel, delivered a splendid performance. Her execution of this sometimes vulnerable, sometimes comedic protagonist was remarkable, and the passion with which she fought and danced and loved and sang her way through the

story made for many a 'goosebump' moment.

The calibre of singing and dancing was outstanding this year, with the various main characters taking on difficult solos with aplomb. Finn Cilliers had the audience in stitches as Felix. Abuela Alma, the matriarch of the Madrigal family, was convincingly performed by Ayabulela Goliath, while the shapeshifting Camilo was played by Josh Arends, the perfect Isabela by Chloe Shires, the super strong Luisa by Brigette Oelofsen, the ostracized uncle Bruno by Arno Nell and the nurturing caretaker Julieta by Grace Merifield, among the many other excellent members of the cast.

The School is grateful for the incredible vision of Mrs Avril Putter who produced this fantastic show, backed up by Mrs Sanette Brink, the staff, and of course our wonderful thespians without whom, this would never have happened. So many people contributed their time and effort towards the show and their enthusiasm was clearly visible. Each person who was involved in the show, whether they were part of the backstage crew, acting, providing musical accompaniment or making of the costumes and scenery, needs to be applauded for really making it a performance to remember.



ENCANTO LEADING ROLES

BACK: Grace Merifield, Ayabulela Goliath, Na'eem Mahomed, Ruzhé Hendricks, Chloe Shires
MIDDLE: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Arno Nell, Finn Cilliers, Josh Arends
FRONT: Brigette Oelofsen, Zack Gradwell, Mrs A. Putter, Asa Matross, Lolitha Saki



ENCANTO MAIN CAST

BACK: Likhona Batala, Grace Merifield, Ayabulela Goliath, Matthew Basson, Jude Langmead, Na'eem Mahomed, Ruzh  Hendricks, Brigette Oelofsen, Muhamed Ahmed

MIDDLE: Sinazo Soyana, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Chloe Shires, Arno Nell, Finn Cilliers, Peter Michaels, Josh Arends, Sasha Cochrane, Lolitha Saki

FRONT: Zack Gradwell, Buhlebethu Rolomane, Cadee Arends, Aaminah Steele, Mrs A. Putter, Asa Matross, Hilary Jacobs, Kimberley Menos

MUSIC EVENING

The annual Music Evening held in August, saw the Freedom Church overflowing with excitement, enthusiasm and entertainment. It was a wonderful showcase of the different music groups at the School, including our primary pianists, choir and marimba bands through to our senior pianists, choir and marimba bands. All our musicians demonstrated passion and commitment in the lead-up to this fabulous night, culminating in a spectacular evening of performances.

Under the baton of the music and cultural staff, Mrs Brink (juniors), Ms Oosthuizen (seniors) and Mrs Langmead (Head of Culture), this evening has become the highlight of the school's cultural calendar and is always an event not to be missed.

Masters of Ceremony: Likhona Batala, Ijabulile Mtwazi, Dylan Pettit and Matthew Basson should be recognized for their credibility, integrity, service, and sense of humour. They set the intellectual and emotional tone for the evening.

The primary choir began the first half with their rendition of "Memories" by Maroon 5. Our junior and senior pianists as well as junior

marimba band then played a series of beautiful works. The second half was opened with the senior choir, treating the audience to a heartfelt choral performance, singing "Siyahamba", an A Cappella South African Folksong by R.M. Gray. Our senior pianists and the two marimba bands continued bringing much joy to the audience with their performances.

The event truly features a kaleidoscope of musical items, with something for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations to all who took part and a big thank you to Freedom Church for their venue, our many supporters, parents and friends who came along to enjoy the evening.



SENIOR CHOIR

This year was indeed a very successful year for the High School choir. It started off with choir auditions for new members in the early weeks of January as our main focus was to attract as many new students as possible. Our choir worked tirelessly to learn songs, with weekly rehearsals. Thirty-nine students all singing in harmony (SATB) proved to be a difficult, but rewarding task!

During the year the choir had the privilege of performing at various Occasions. At a wedding, held at the Drostdy Hotel, the Junior and Senior choirs joined forces to deliver heart-warming renditions of "Hallelujah" by L. Cohen, "All of me" by J. Legend and "Something Just Like This" by The Chainsmokers and Coldplay.

During August, we performed an *A Cappella* version of the South African Folksong, "Siyahamba" at the Interschools Cultural Evening held at Hoër Volkskool, the Interschools Assembly and Karoo Eisteddfod, both held in the School Hall. The choir walked away with a Gold Award at this year's Eisteddfod. The final performance of the established 2022 choir was at this year's annual Music Evening held at Freedom Church on 18 August. Thereafter we had to say goodbye to Grade 12 students as their choir



journey came to an end. May they keep a little part in their hearts filled with the fond memories that were made with the choir.

In October we had new auditions and the outcome was excellent. We welcome our new 2022-2023 choir consisting of 56 students and having the most boys ever! We ended the year on a high note by performing "Be the Change" by L. Farnell at the Senior Prizegiving.

A huge word of thanks is extended to the choir members for all the time and dedication, which made this year such a success.



SENIOR CHOIR

BACK: Chloe Koeberg, Samantha Charles, Ayabulela Goliath, Ijabulile Mtwazi, Dylan Pettit, Matthew Basson, Lana Bouwer, Anna Bouwer, Tara Ferreira
3RD ROW: Lelomso Ngceba, Brigette Oelofsen, Mihle May, Caitrin Spence, Melissa Naude, Precious Nobula, Arno Nell, Lisakhanya Zonke, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Sarah Jacobs, Taegan Hamid, Likhona Batala, Singalakha Napekula
2ND ROW: Ambesiwe Tokwe, Amkelwe Ngqazo, Amber Bezuidenhout, Shona Zana, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa, Sakeenah Hajie, Asa Matross, Musawenkosi Kedamile
FRONT: Harley Qina, Megan Miller, Cadee Arends, Anèbel Norval, Senamile Mvandaba, Vuyolwethu Pietersen, Simamkele Soyana, Dennisha Fortuin, Rebecca Copeman, Erin Gedult

JUNIOR CHOIR

At the end of 2021, the choir received an extraordinary invitation to perform at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer. The High School Choir and the Primary School Choir teamed up at the beginning of the year to ensure a beautiful mass choir performance for the bride and groom and the guests present. The wedding took place at the beautiful Drostdy Hotel in Graaff-Reinet, after which all the choir members were treated to a delicious meal at the Spur. It was certainly an occasion that our choir members will not soon forget!

Another highlight was the High School production, *Encanto*, during which the Primary School Choir sang all the songs together as background vocals. The choir enthusiastically learned and sang

along to the energetic songs, with movements that provided loads of entertainment!

It was once again a privilege to perform at the annual Interschools Assembly and the words of "Memories" by Maroon 5 reminded the audience of all the good memories we can hold on to before the COVID-19 pandemic took hold.

The choir also participated in the Karoo Eisteddfod and walked away with a double gold for their version of "Memories, by Maroon 5".

Our choirs give so much colour to many of the school's events – no wonder Vivek Sohney said: "Singing in a choir is like singing a rainbow of notes in harmony!"



JUNIOR CHOIR

BACK: Annabel Nel, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Duvalene Fass, Zanique Soutter, Lutholwethu Bottoman, Liyabona Nkomo, Chloe Davids, Zakithi Sishi, Sarah Geel, Kate Charles

3RD ROW: Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Gerda Clarke, Kuhle Nqumashe, Khayila Grootboom, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Sixolile Singeni, Sinoyolo Pantsi, Lukhanyo Mngqongiwe, Sovuyiswa Sefa, Kira Hector, Lihlombe Dali, Kwakhanya Buyiselo, Richere Cudjoe

2ND ROW: Sisikelelwe Mtiya, Asakhula Nkomo, Olwethu Koeberg, Jourdon Koeberg, Mrs S. Brink, Nazreen Foster, Logan Marais, Chloe-Anne Fourie, Alison Jacobs, Lynique Grimsell

FRONT: Clea Clark, Miecke Blom, Rachel Wenham, Jae Fillis, Maribel April, Kelsey Horn, Sinalo Blaaw, Asanele Mayekiso, Micha Murray, Aidan Ferreira, Makayla Menos

SENIOR MARIMBA BANDS

Marimba playing is strongly based on learning patterns and sequences. Regardless of the learners' musical level, they can play elementary patterns that can be added together to make a great musical sound.

2022 has been a challenging and exciting year for the two Senior Marimba bands, each group consisting of 8 learners. These girls worked very diligently during weeks of rehearsals, taking challenges in their stride. They performed *Stand by Me* and *Pata Pata*, both re-arranged by Ms Oosthuizen.

Their first performance was at the

Interschools Assembly in August, where they provided background music outside the Hall as parents and learners entered. They performed at this



year's Karoo Eisteddfod and amazed the Adjudicator and walked away with a *Cum Laude* and *Double Gold Award*. The year concluded with performances at this year's annual Music Evening held at Freedom Church on 18 August.

Much time and dedication has been put into the Marimba bands and thanks must go to all the members. We look forward to many exciting ventures in the new year as the bands grows from strength to strength.



SENIOR MARIMBA BAND

BACK: Simamkele Soyana, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Ayabulela Goliath, Precious Nobula, Qhamisa James, Shona Zana

FRONT: Harley Qina, Asemahle Wellman, Siphosethu Malotana, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Ambesiwe Tokwe, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa, Buhlebethu Rolomane

JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND

The sound of the marimbas truly brings the sound of Africa into our school's corridors. During Interschools, the band once again ensured joyful sounds before the Interschool Assembly and this year also participated in the Karoo Eisteddfod, for which they earned gold for their "African medley"!



JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND

BACK: Kwakhanya Buyiselo, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Lutholwethu Bottoman, Sinoyolo Pantsi, Kuhle Nqumashe
FRONT: Micha Murray, Philip Kayster, Mrs S. Brink, Rachel Wenham, Olwethu Koeberg



SENIOR SCA

Union High School's Student Christian Association (SCA) welcomed three Grade 8 learners at the beginning of this year. They are very committed and follow in the footsteps of the four Grade 12 learners that set an example of commitment for the past four years. The SCA provided a wonderful opportunity for these learners to grow in their relationship with God and others.

SENIOR SCA

BACK: Tessa James, Samantha Charles, Nangawethu Macanda, Katelyn Trollip
FRONT: Musawenkosi Kedamile, Asa Matross, Mr A. Brink, Tamsin James, Anèbel Norval

JUNIOR SCA

This year a group of Believers gathered together on Thursday evenings for lessons from the Word. These learners often gave up time on their cell phones or time in the pool, putting time with their Heavenly Father first, thus honouring the first commandment. The group began with the theme: "Who is God?" and went on to learn about the Ten Commandments, the tabernacle and temple, obedience, respect and what being "holy" means. They discussed and read about Bible prophecies, trees and fruit, parables and miracles. They also read and discussed parts of Proverbs and Psalms. They spoke about salvation; what it means to grow in our knowledge and love of God and to grow in His character. They discussed how to stand firm in the storms of life and how to ensure they're not influenced by the world. They explored the meanings of light and dark and read in the Bible how they should be the light and the salt of the earth. Gatherings usually took the form of a prayer, a lesson and a closing prayer. At this time, there were opportunities to talk, to listen to each other, and to seek answers found in the Word of GOD. Every assembly, was a special, blessed time together.



JUNIOR SCA

BACK: Micha Murray, Rachel Wenham, Khayila Grootboom, Alyssa Trollip, Kate Charles
FRONT: Jade Slater, Ms J. Street, Amber Slater

FIRST AID

Our First Aiders are the right arm of the School's Sports Department and play a crucial role in creating peace of mind during sports matches and practices. 2022 saw us welcome new First Aiders, Megan Adams, Dennisha Fortuin, Leshay Fourie, Zelreech Frazenburg, Erin Gedult, Qhamisa James, Siphosethu Malotana and Trinity West to the team, who successfully completed their Level 1



First Aid course in early March 2022.

What followed was an extremely busy year for the girls, with many of our winter sports fixtures being played at home. They were on duty at every home game and during the Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey Festivals could be found stationed either next to the rugby field or the AstroTurf.

We extend our grateful thanks to them for all their efforts this past year, as well as to Ms Elsebe Moos, for managing the team.



FIRST AID

BACK: Siphosethu Malotana, Qhamisa James, Megan Adams, Trinity West, Dennisha Fortuin
FRONT: Zelreech Frazenburg, Ms E. Moos, Leshay Fourie, Erin Gedult

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets twice a week to pray for the school. Once a term a special Week of Prayer is scheduled when learners are invited to pray every second break during that designated week. The group committed to prayer is small, but should be commended for their perseverance. We will certainly miss the matrics who were part of the Group and would like to thank Matthew Basson, Likhona Bataala and Dylan Petitt for their dedication. We look forward to many precious times of prayer. We recognise that our faith in Jesus is the most precious gift we have and will strive to share this gift with others.



PRAYER GROUP

BACK: Jayden Swart, Dylan Petitt, Matthew Basson
FRONT: Cadee Arends, Mrs B. Grewar, Likhona Bataala

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INTERACT

"Interact clubs bring together young people to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above All."

The above slogan is underwritten by the objective of the Rotary club. Whilst the School's Interact is not affiliated with a Rotary club, the principles of serving local communities in need and raising awareness in the school community is our main aim.

This year, the projects led by the Interact club included a movie night and Autumn Ball in March. In Term 2, a very successful sandwich drive had all grades enthusiastically preparing and delivering sandwiches to needy communities in Graaff-Reinet. Term 3 saw the Interact club run a canned food drive and in October a Shoebox project was run and delivered to Siya Phambili Shelter for Abused women.

A very successful Heritage Day, supported by many of our parents, was held with colourful outfits and scrumptious traditional dishes. It was truly a wonderful day of learning and embracing our rich culture.

None of the projects undertaken can happen without the broader school community and for this we are forever grateful.



INTERACT

BACK: Tamsin James, Yandisa Sinyanya, Chloe Koeberg, Ayabulela Goliath, Ijabulile Mtwazi, Lana Bouwer, Liyabona Binqela, Likhona Batala
MIDDLE: Vuyolwethu Pietersen, Ntombifuthi Mjekula, Lisakhanya Skade, Tessa James, Ngomusa Zweni, Trinity West, Onwaba Mabope, Singalakhya Mapekula, Shona Zana
FRONT: Musawenkosi Kedamile, Buhlebethu Rolomane, Alexandra Imrie, Mrs A. Gedult, Hilary Jacobs, Lisakhanya Mvandaba, Asemahle Wellman

SCOUTS



The return to Scouting after a lengthy COVID-19 break was met with great enthusiasm by all Scouts at the School. In 2022, the School had 17 Scouts from Grade 5 through to Grade 12 invested in the programme. Since being back in action, the Scouts have enjoyed the many and often challenging Thursday Troop meetings and a packed programme which included a variety of fun and enriching experiences, such as the annual hike up Nardousberg.

During the 2022 AGM of the Graaff-Reinet Scout Troop, outgoing Scoutmaster Mr Bruce Maree was recognized for his years of volunteer service to the local Scouting movement. Who would have thought, back in February 1967, that the Scout Committee interviewing Bruce Maree for the job of Graaff-Reinet Scoutmaster, would make a lasting appointment stretching over 55 years to 2022. In the first 50 years of the Troop's history (1910 to 1966) there had been 13 Scoutmasters. Since 1967, the 14th Scoutmaster has remained at the forefront of Graaff-Reinet Scouting, the 4th oldest Scout Troop in South Africa.

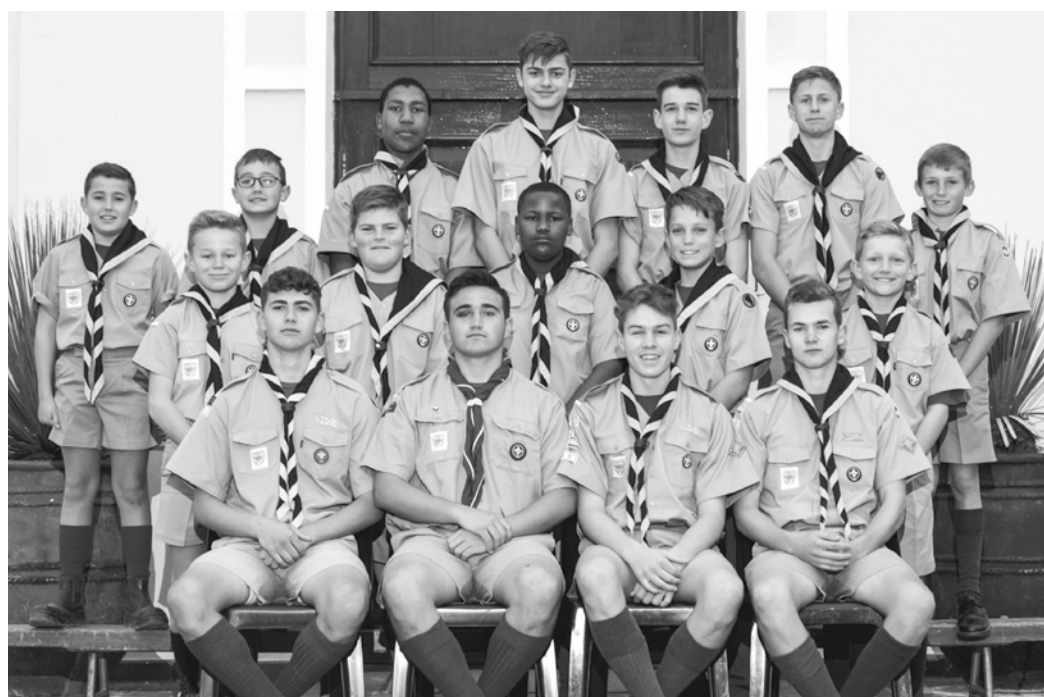
Since Mr Maree's arrival at the helm, his mission has been to create an

opportunity for every Scout joining the Troop to obtain South Africa's highest Scouting Award, the Springbok badge, and the Troop has a proud record of 74 such Springbok Awards. In recent times Brian Kingwill, Brian and Stuart Welman, John Marais, James Moore, Rodney Naude, Kevin and Carl Watermeyer, Joe Kroon, Kayne Kingwill, Kobus Olivier, Leonard Kingwill, Kevin Prinsloo, Johan Vorster and Cameron Muir, to name a few, have achieved this prestigious accolade.

We thank Mr Maree for his dedication to the Scout movement and for guiding the hundreds of boys from the School that have been part of it. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Old Unionite and Springbok Scout, Mr Johan Vorster, on his appointment as the 15th Scoutmaster of the Graaff-Reinet Scout Troop.

The Graaff-Reinet Scout Troop meets every week on Thursday evenings in the Chookie Geard Scout Hall in Naser Street and is open to all boys from Graaff-Reinet in Grade 5 to Grade 12.

Contact Mrs Tess Neill at 072 178 7699 or tessneillsa@gmail.com to find out more.



SCOUTS

BACK: Adriaan van Jaarsveld, Aidan Ferreira, Sibabalwe Mbutye, Daniel Marais, Alexander Neill, Benjamin Lemke, Ethan Raath.

MIDDLE: Jordan Maritz, Tristan Hudson, Maqhawe Norman, Quinn Naude, Brett Kenmuir

FRONT: Kyle Liebenberg, Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Joshua Neill, Jayden Swart

ABSENT: Mark Lemke

UNION PRAYING PARENTS

The 'Union Praying Parents' comprises a group of parents who meet once a week to pray for the school and its staff, and to pray for the needs of their children and other learners. The weekly meetings are held on Monday mornings and are open to all. Anyone who would like to join this group in prayer and fellowship, or who would like to send through a prayer request, can contact Mrs Tess Neill at 072 1787699.



PEER PROMOTERS

Over the lockdown period, the demand for blood ran at an all-time low so we were very excited to get back in the rhythm of termly Blood Drives to offer those in need this "precious gift of life". Our peer promoters provided invaluable assistance at the blood drives

guiding, directing and supporting the donors and we are most grateful for their service. Thank you also to the donors who continued donating at other public venues over the past two years.



PEER PROMOTERS

BACK: Amkelwe Ngqazo, Brigette Oelofsen, Qhamisa James, Lana Bouwer, Jude Langmead, Simoné Prinsloo, Sinazo Soyama, Shazia Ahmed
FRONT: Siphosethu Malotana, Tamsin James, Matthew Basson, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Lauren Waddelow, Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Kathryn Odendaal



TWINS

BACK: Tessa and Tamsin James, David and Karl Venter, Similo and Siyolo Somgqeza, Alexander and Kenza Neill
FRONT: Amber and Jade Slater, Chuma and Achuma Mangaliso, Cedine and Elandri Retief, Ntombazana and Ndodana Speelman.

DOUBLE TAKE

You'd be forgiven for thinking you're seeing double at Union High School. That's because the school is home to eight sets of twins this year! What's more, our Headmaster, Mr William Pringle, is also one of a set of twins!

Anyone who knows a set of twins, knows that they are alike in many ways, but, although there is much that they may share, at the School we just love developing their many individual talents and discovering how unique they truly are!

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The School started 2022 off with the exciting announcement that Mr Calvin Beck had been appointed as the school's new Head of Hockey and Sports Administrator. Mr Beck is one of the top young coaches in South African youth hockey today and is committed to building a strong programme here at the School.

Previously, Mr Beck served as Head of Hockey at Hoërskool Jim Fouché in Bloemfontein, where he coached both the girls' and boys' squads while being responsible for the overall development of hockey as a sport at the school. Prior to this, he served as coach to the University of the Free State's 2nd men's hockey team and assisted the 1st team. He also enjoyed a 7-year tenure as the coach of the Central University of Technology's hockey teams



(four with the women's squad and three with the men's). In addition to this, he boasts a long-standing association with Free State Hockey – as coach, selector and head of High Performance for teams from U16 through to senior level.

To say that we are excited about the wealth of knowledge and breadth of experience Mr Beck is bringing with him to the benefit of our players, is an understatement and since his appointment, Mr Beck has made it his mission to bring together, empower, and inspire our young players through an innovative coaching environment. His professionalism and drive are already well-respected by all of us at the School and we look forward to a bright hockey future with Mr Beck at the helm.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

At the start of the year the Junior School held their annual Interhouse meeting. Despite the sweltering heat on the day, our athletes participated with great enthusiasm with Arnott narrowly emerging as winners.

Records broken on the day:

Duvallene Fass – Girls U11 Shotput

Mia Botha – Girls U12 100m and 1200m

Cu-Shan Hoffman – Girls U12 150m

Nadine Murray – Girls U12 Long Jump

Owen Paxton – Boys U12 Long Jump

Keanu Linch – Boys U13 100m and 200m

Our U13 athletes also ran the 400m event for the first time with Kuhle Nqumashe and Keanu Linch the respective winners in the girls and boys events.

Based on results achieved at our Interhouse meeting, a group of athletes qualified to compete in the Graaff-Reinet zonal meeting, held at Botanics. All athletes did the school proud and those who achieved a first and second place were included in the Graaff-Reinet zonal team to participate in the next round at the Westbourne Oval in Port Elizabeth.

Our Union representatives in the Graaff-Reinet zonal team were:

Jordan Maritz – Boys U11 High Jump

Mbuso Tini – Boys U11 High Jump



Miley Burger – Girls U11 Long Jump and 80m
 Tristan Hudson – Boys U12 Shotput
 Kyla Putter – Girls U12 Shotput
 Jasmine Abercrombie – Girls U13 High Jump
 Luvela Makaula – Boys U13 High Jump
 Keanu Linch – Boys U13 100m and 200m

Keanu Linch did extremely well and was chosen to represent Eastern Province at the SA National Primary Schools Track & Field Championships held in Potchefstroom where he achieved an 8th place in the 100m event. We are proud of his achievements.

Our Interschools athletics meeting was also held at the start of the year and hosted by the School. Our learners did well to participate at maximum capacity for every event and on the day achieved 14 first places, 19 second places and 14 third places. A total of 6 records were broken at the meeting, 3 of which were broken by our athletes: Owen Paxton - Boys U12 High Jump, Mia Botha = Girls U12 1200m and Keanu Linch – Boys U13 200m. The star of the day was most definitely Keanu Linch. He achieved an excellent first place in the Boys U13 1500m, 800m, 200m and 100m. Unfortunately, the School was not able to record enough points to win the encounter overall, but a day of good spirit and sportsmanship was enjoyed by all.



JUNIOR ATHLETICS
BACK: Jordan Maritz, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Luvela Makaula, Brogan Koeberg, Keanu Linch, Elizabeth Houseman, Jasmine Abercrombie
FRONT: Cedine Retief, Miley Burger, Kuhle Nqumashe, Mrs E.L. Gerber, Samantha Gilfillan, Rachel Wenham, Mbuso Tini

SENIOR ATHLETICS

This year’s memorable Interhouse Athletics Meeting took place amidst blistering heat which did not deter the excited competitors. After two years of no competition, the athletes wore their Arnott and Daly house colours proudly and they were eager to push themselves on both the track and the field. Competition was fierce but fun and several standout performances were delivered on the day. The winning house was Arnott with 941 points to Daly’s 816.

The following trophies were awarded:

U15 Victrix Ludorum	Misha Newton
U15 Victor Ludorum	Benjamin Lemke
U17 Victrix Ludorum	Ngomusa Zweni
U17 Victor Ludorum	Joshua Basson
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Chloe Shires
Senior Victor Ludorum	Sisipho Arnols
Open Girls’ Jumping Events	Grace Merifield

Open Boys’ Jumping Events	Sisipho Arnols
Open Girls’ Throwing Events	Kendall Krige
Open Boys’ Throwing Events	Dylan Petitt
Open Girls’ Field Events	Kendall Krige
Open Boys’ Field Events	Dylan Petitt
Open Girls’ Long Distances	Tessa James
Open Boys’ Long Distances	Daniel Nell
Open Girls’ Sprints	Chloe Shires
Open Boys’ Sprints	Sisipho Arnols
Most Credible Performance of the Day	Sisipho Arnols
Interhouse relays	Daly
Interhouse Shield Competition Winner	Arnott

Twenty learners were selected to take part in the Camdeboo Zonal Meeting held at Hoër Volkskool and between them they claimed 7 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. Sarah Jacobs, Sisipho Arnols, Joshua

Swartland, Jayden Odendaal, Kyle Liebenberg and Megan Nel achieved first places.

Based on their performance at the Camdeboo Zonal Meeting, the following athletes were selected to represent the Graaff-Reinet High School's CMC Athletics Team at the Sarah Baartman Athletics Meeting at the Oval in Gqeberha: Kyle Liebenberg (U15 shot put), Ethan Linch (U17 3000 m), Jayden Odendaal (U17 shot put), Sisipho Arnols (U19 200 m, 100 m and long jump), Dylan Petitt (U19 discus) and Joshua Swartland (U17 100 m). Of these athletes, some did particularly well in their events with Jayden Odendaal placing 4th, Kyle Liebenberg 3rd, Dylan Petitt 3rd and Sisipho Arnols 3rd in long jump and 2nd in the 100 m. Well done to Sisipho Arnols who was invited to participate in the Eastern Cape Athletics Championships after his excellent performance in the 100m.

The 18th Interschools Athletics Meeting against Volkskool was held

in October and a wonderful afternoon was had by our athletes. They claimed a total of 17 first places, 20 second places and 17 third places, with Benjamin Lemke setting a new record of 2:24,89 s in the Boys U14 800 m.

The following athletes claimed a 1st place:

Leigh-Ann Murray	Girls U14	100 m (14,47 s)
Misha Newton	Girls U14	800 m (2:50,80 s)
Farronique Booysen	Girls U16	Long Jump (4,08 m)
Xavier Barlow	Boys U15	200 m (25,17 s)
Jude Langmead	Boys U17	Discus (27,97 m)
Ngomusa Zweni	Girls U17	Shot Put (9,3 m), Discus (15,68m)

The following athletes each claimed three 1st places:

Sade May	Girls U16	100 m (14,77 s), 200 m (31,07 s), 400 m (1:17,86 s)
Josh Arends	Boys U14	100 m (12,12 s), 200 m (25,36 s), Long Jump (5,56 m)
Joshua Basson	Boys U16	200 m (24,5 s), 400 m (58,7 s), 1 500 m (5:23,50 s)

ATHLETICS AWARDS 2022

Junior Team Recognition Award: Kyle Liebenberg, Jayden Odendaal

Team Award: Ethan Linch, Dylan Petitt

Half Colours: Sisipho Arnols



SENIOR ATHLETICS

BACK: Benjamin Lemke, Joshua Basson, Kyle Liebenberg, Dylan Petitt, Jayden Odendaal, Joshua Swartland, Sisipho Arnols

FRONT: Ethan Linch, Sarah Jacobs, Josh Arends, Mrs H. Keyser (Coach), Mr H. Sparrius (Coach), Xavier Barlow, Sade May, Na'eem Mahomed

BIATHLON

Biathlon season started with a bang in Term 3. It was a race against time to get fit enough to compete in the first league event held in Gqeberha and a group of sixteen athletes took part, nine of which were selected to represent Eastern Province at the South Free State Interprovincial Biathlon in Bloemfontein. This event was a wonderful opportunity to increase athletes' personal best times, and enjoy the experience of running on the renowned grass track at Pelliespark Kopsies Atletiek Stadion where Wayne van Niekerk broke the 400m World Record in 2016.

The following athletes were then invited to compete in the 25th Eastern Province Interprovincial Biathlon in Gqeberha; Miley Burger, Samantha Gilfillan, Benjamin Lemke, Rebecca Copeman, Misha Newton and Mecoli Vorster.

As Biathlon follows the European season, it starts in September and culminates with the South African Championships held in Stellenbosch in April 2023. We look forward to putting in some hard work before then and reaping the rewards in the New Year.



BIATHLON

BACK: Onika Jantjies, Mecoli Vorster, Benjamin Lemke, Misha Newton, Mrs C. Lemke (Coach), Luvela Makaula, Rebecca Copeman, Asakhulu Nkomo.

MIDDLE: Connor Horn, Qhama Solomon, Sophphela Vimbi

FRONT: Miley Burger, Samantha Gilfillan, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Cedine Retief, Zakithi Sishi, Alison Gilfillan, Taylor Jacobs, Lulonke Vumazonke

U13 CRICKET



U13 CRICKET

BACK: Tristan Hudson, Richard Murray, Owen Paxton, Keanu Linch, Vincent Clarke, Callum Jacobs, Quinn Naude

MIDDLE: Brett Kenmuir, Qhama Solomon, Thomas Taylor, Leander Kraai, Warren Barlow, John-Henry King

FRONT: Philip Kayster, Keanan Jafta, Mr S. Koeberg, Qhamasande Jacobs, Alchano Japhtha, Ethan Raath



The cricket season this year proved challenging as the boys had missed out on two years of the sport causing many of them to lose interest. A recruitment drive was thus needed and all boys were encouraged to join, even if they had not played the game before. At the core of the team was a very talented group of cricketers who could always be counted on to score the winning runs, set a decent target or get the wickets at crucial times.

Many matches were played against tough opposition and the team had to fight hard for victory and sometimes deal with disappointment over a narrow loss. Both 50 over and 20 over formats were played and a highlight for the team was playing under lights, an experience they will never forget. Overall, the season proved to be a good learning curve, teaching the boy's all forms of discipline and preparing them well for senior cricket.

Special mention must be made of Leander Kraai and Alex Hunter who were selected to represent the Eastern Province U13A and U13B teams respectively at the Inter-Regional Tournament in December in Johannesburg.

Results: vs Volkskool: rained out; vs Muir: won; vs Herbert Hurd: lost; vs Nico Brummer: lost; vs Cradock: won; vs Gill: won; vs Queens Junior: lost; vs Hangklip: won; vs Muir lost; vs Gill: won; vs Gill: lost; vs Grey Junior: rained out; vs Kingswood Junior lost; vs Graeme College lost; vs Westering drew

U15A CRICKET



U15 CRICKET:

BACK: Sibabalwe Mbutye, Tristan Hope, Shiraz Pederson, Trystan Hulleman, Daniel Marais, Yonella Wana, Josh Arends
MIDDLE: Alexander Neill, Mohamed Ahmed, Geoff Wilmot, Xavier Barlow, Jade Lothering.
FRONT: Yaaseen Kazi, Mr. M. Kruger, Makukhanye de Beer.

This season has been a huge learning curve for most of the boys and they have grown in leaps and bounds as cricketers. Many of them had to step up to the plate, or crease, and take ownership of their games and become leaders in their own roles.

The team produced incredible cricket at times, but also threw away games that they could easily have won. One pleasing aspect was the way in which different individuals chipped in at different times. The games we won were those in which there was a combined effort by every player to get the victory.

Batting and bowling were perhaps too inconsistent, but there were

signs of what the team was capable of when they applied themselves. With more match experience and time spent involved with the game, this group of boys can definitely become a force to be reckoned with.

Results:

vs Framesby: lost by 6 wickets (T20)
vs Framesby: lost by 1 wicket (50 overs)
vs Cradock High School: won by 2 wickets (50 overs)
vs Muir College: lost by 8 wickets (50 overs)
vs Graeme College: lost by 212 runs (50 overs)

2ND TEAM CRICKET



2ND TEAM CRICKET

BACK: Finn Cilliers, Joshua Neill, Jordan Wilmot, Dylan Kivedo, Na'eem Mahomed

MIDDLE: Aphiwe Maxegwana, Joshua Basson, Jayden Swart, Peter Michaels, Caleb Jansen

FRONT: Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg, Mr D. Kingwill (Coach), Matthew Basson

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1ST XI CRICKET



1ST XI CRICKET

BACK: Shaakir Kazi, Jayden Swart, Joshua Basson, Sarah Wilmot (scorer), Uyanda Tele, Jordan Wilmot, Dylan Kivedo, Peter Michaels

FRONT: Brent Hesselink, Ivan Murray, Daniel Nell, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Joshua Horne, Sisipho Arnols, Mr D. Kingwill, Jude Langmead, Laythan Carelse, Camran Swartz

ABSENT: Mr E. Gouws, Hlakanipha Skepe.

Although not many games were won out of the fourteen matches played this season, many lessons were learned and the 1st XI showed gradual improvement in all areas and aspects of the game. The beginning of the season saw a very inexperienced team with few white caps amongst them and the break from cricket due to the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult for the senior players to find their feet. The coaching expertise and assistance of Mr Hannes Lombard was a great asset to the team while Sisipho Arnols captained with competence and was the best all-rounder of the season. Thembelihle Mxhonyelwa took the most wickets and Ivan Murray made the most runs. Highlights of Term 1 must be the 5-wicket haul by Thembelihle for only 26 runs in 10 overs in the match played against the Old Boys during the School's Founders Weekend while Shaakir Kazi took 6 wickets for 56 runs in 22 overs against Edgemead at the Senior Cricket Festival.

During the latter half of the season, the 1st XI found themselves without four senior players, who had all sustained injuries after the rugby season, and were thus a very young side, comprising four Grade 11s, five Grade 10s and two Grade 9s. With the coaching of Mr Edorique Gouws it was obvious that the team, under the captaincy of Joshua Horne, showed the necessary ability and willingness to improve their skills, fitness and loyalty towards the game. Mr Gouws proved himself an extremely capable and enthusiastic coach, and there was a remarkable improvement in the players' attitude in general. Their bowling and fielding showed immediate improvement with the batting still needing more practice as there was, at times, poor shot selection. The highlight was Jude Langmead's 5 wickets for 20 runs in 8.5 overs against Brandwag. The Senior Cape Schools' Cricket Festival, always a highlight on the crickering calendar, was cancelled at the very last minute due to rain. This was very unfortunate, as it would have been an ideal opportunity for growth for this young side.

The following awards were made during the year:

Half Colours: Sisipho Arnols, Hlakanipha Skepe

Team Award: Jude Langmead, Brent Hesselink, Ivan Murray, Camran Swartz, Laythan Carelse, Joshua Horne, Thembelihle Mxhonyelwa.

Merit Award: Shaakir Kazi

RESULTS:

vs Woodridge: Lost by 7 wickets. Hlakanipha Skepe 32, Thembelihle Mxhonyelwa 22, Ivan Murray 18, Sisipho Arnols 16

vs Marlow (T20): Lost by 69 runs. Hlakanipha Skepe 2/24, Hlakanipha Skepe 15, Joshua Horne 14

vs Stirling (50 Overs): Lost by 76 runs. Shaakir Kazi 3/34, Sisipho Arnols 3/41, Joshua Horne 28*, Ivan Murray 17

vs Edgemead (Declaration): Won by 8 wickets. Shaakir Kazi 6/56. Brent Hesselink 39, Joshua Horne 31, Sisipho Arnols 24*, Hlakanipha Skepe 20*

vs Daniel Pienaar (T20): Lost by 6 wickets. Jude Langmead 21, Camran Swartz 16. Hlakanipha Skepe 2/15

vs Old Boys (50 Overs): Lost by 103 runs. Thembelihle Mxhonyelwa 5/26. Hlakanipha Skepe 36, Sisipho Arnols 31, Shaakir Kazi 13, Ivan Murray 13



vs Middelburg (50 Overs): Won by 64 runs. Sisipho Arnols 38, Shaakir Kazi 31, Daniel Nel 19, Joshua Horne 13. Jude Langmead 3/10, Thembelihle Mxhonyelwa 3/22

vs Muir (50 Overs): Lost by 8 wickets. Ivan Murray 38, Joshua Horne 16, Jude Langmead 13

vs Graeme (Declaration): Lost by 168 runs. Sisipho Arnols 4/78, Shaakir Kazi 3/82. Ivan Murray 38

vs Pearson (50 Overs): Lost by 10 wickets. Joshua Horne 16, Peter Michaels 25, Camran Swartz 15, Hlakanipha Skepe 14

vs Otto Du Plessis (T20): Lost by 30 runs. Jayden Swart 27, Laythan Carelse 13

vs Victory Park (Declaration): Lost by 9 wickets. Joshua Horne 16

vs Westering (50 Overs): Lost by 4 wickets. Jayden Swart 18, Dylan Kivedo 12, Shaakir Khazi 3/22

vs Brandwag (50 Overs): Lost by 114 runs. Jude Langmead 5/20, Uyanda Tele 2/26, Shaakir Khazi 2/49. Joshua Horne 19

vs Cradock (40 Overs): Lost by 175 runs. Jayden Swart 4/17, Shaakir Khazi 3/56

vs Volkskool (T20): Won by 120 runs. Joshua Horne 59, Hlakanipha Skepe 31, Jude Langmead 29, Jayden Swart 15*. Joshua Basson 3/13, Shaakir Kazi 3/18, Hlakanipha Skepe 2/5



CRICKET SCORERS:

BACK: Jaden Eiman, Kenza Neill, Tara Ferreira
FRONT: Sarah Wilmot, Lisakhanya Menos, Mr. M. Kruger, Shazia Ahmed, Charlize Vorster

UNION HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET FESTIVAL

After a two-year hiatus, the 15th annual Union High School Cricket Festival was held in Graaff-Reinet in January 2022, last being held in 2020, before COVID-19 wreaked havoc on the world.

Despite it being so early in the year, the teams played with great enthusiasm and in great spirit, which made for a very enjoyable week of cricket. Good weather over the course of the festival and fantastic camaraderie amongst the participating schools ensured that the festival produced exciting cricket. Matches were played on the School's Minnaar and Puttick fields as well as at the Botanicals Sports Club and at Hoër Volkskool with each venue's idyllic setting in the Gem of the Karoo providing the perfect

backdrop for cricket at the height of summer. This year, teams from eight schools competed in T20s, declaration matches as well as 50-over encounters and we were pleased to welcome Daniël Pienaar Technical High School, Marlow Agricultural High School, Queen's College Boys' High School, Stirling High School, Edgemead High School, Milnerton High School and Nico Malan to our town for four days of competitive cricket.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Interhouse Cross Country competition was held on a beautiful March day with perfect running conditions greeting the close to 500 runners who had come to compete for their houses in this annual whole-school event.

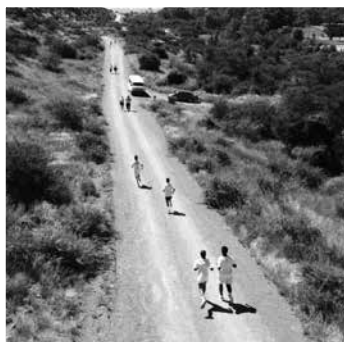
The atmosphere was electric as all of the runners were cheered on at the start and finish of the course by fellow learners, staff and parents that had come to spectate. Each race was full of children who were keen to achieve their personal best and make their school proud. Well done to all the learners who participated and assisting members of staff who contributed to the success of the event.

The winners of each event were as follows:

Grade 5 Girls: Samantha Gilfillan

Grade 5 Boys: Jordan Maritz

Grade 6 Girls: Mia Botha



Grade 6 Boys: Owen Paxton

Grade 7 Girls: Amber Slater & Elizabeth Houseman

Grade 7 Boys: Qhama Soloman

U15 Girls: Leigh-Ann Murray

U15 Boys: Benjamin Lemke

U17 Boys: Ethan Linch

Open Girls: Brigette Oelofsen

Open Boys: Kwande Mhlabeni



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1ST TEAM HOCKEY



SENIOR 1ST HOCKEY

BACK: Mecoli Vorster, Sarah Jacobs, Grace Merifield, Misha Newton, Anna Pringle, Kendall Krige, Tyra Binney
MIDDLE: Leigh-Ann Murray, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Sade May, Ngomusa Zweni, Leah Marais, Sonwabise Mroro
FRONT: Mr C. Beck (Coach), Barbara McNaughton (Vice-Captain), Chloe Shires (Captain), Brigitte Oelofsen (Vice-Captain), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster)

Preparation for this year's season started during the first week of the school year and, with the COVID-19 pandemic lurking firmly in the rear-view mirror, sport was officially back after two years. This meant that many players had to step up from the junior ranks into senior players the team could depend on. The team needed to have players that carried the School's name with pride and were determined to compete against the best. As such, the motto for the year was "www.everybattle.com" which transcribed into 'WE WILL WIN EVERY BATTLE'.

The season's first fixtures took place in early March with the girls participating in the annual Spar Challenge, this year hosted by DSG. The opening match saw the team take on the hosts in what proved to be a heated encounter. The girls showed great determination and stuck to defensive principles with the final result 0-1 in favour of DSG. Playing VGHS next, having underestimated the opposition, an early goal was scored against us. Throughout the match we created many opportunities with 14 short corners and 34 circle entries but unfortunately could not score and the match ended 0-1. The final match was against Hoerskool Brandwag and, with a point to prove, we capitalised on numerous goal scoring opportunities, winning 4-0. Well done to Kendall Krige for winning the Bravery award and Misha Newton for winning a Spar gift bag.

Trials were held in Gqeberha to select Eastern Province teams and congratulations must go to Misha Newton and Leigh-Ann Murray who represented Eastern Province U14 and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg and Sade May who were selected to the Eastern Province U16B Team. In addition,

Mr Calvin Beck served as Coach of this team and we are proud of our School's representation at provincial level.

The last weekend of Term 1 saw the team travel to East London to participate in the annual Greg Beling Festival. With solid preparation under the belt and spirits high the girls were determined to have a great tournament and the goal was to complete the tournament without losing a single game. This they achieved and they did the School proud, beating St Michael's 2-0, St Mary's DSG 1-0, Montana 2-0 and Cambridge 2-0. The girl's success united them and the team chemistry was finally there.

Fresh from the successes in East London, the team played in the annual Union High School Rugby and Hockey Festival during the first weekend of the April holidays. With home turf advantage our girls started off on a great note, showcasing their talent, fitness levels, mental toughness and determination to dominate any challenge thrown at them. Standout players were Brigitte Oelofsen, Chloe Shires, Sonwabise Mroro, Anna Pringle and Leah Marais. Six games were played during the 3-day festival and the following results were recorded: vs Nico Malan 11-0, vs Stirling 0-0, vs Hoerskool Stellenbosch 1-1, vs Witteberg 1-2, vs Riebeeck College 2-0, vs Cambridge 7-0.

Term 2 unfortunately started with a month's layoff during which time the team's match fitness diminished somewhat and they struggled in their first couple of games, recording disappointing away losses to Stirling and Woodridge College. The team travelled to Bloemfontein during the first weekend of June and games were played against Jim Fouche,

Oranje Meisies and the Free State U16A team. These fixtures served to fire the girl's up once more and they recorded good wins at home against Framesby and, after the June holidays, Glenwood House. The team travelled far and wide during the season, also travelling to Makhanda early in Term 3, playing against DSG and VGHS, and ending their season off in George, where they played York High School. There were moments of brilliance throughout the season and on many occasions we outplayed the opposition. Chloe Shires, the captain, always led from the front and her effort, leadership qualities and immense work rate motivated her team mates to always give of their best. The School can be proud of this year's 1st Team.

One of the highlights of the season was Interschools which, having last been played in 2019, was an emotionally charged occasion for the team and they put in many hours of preparation, inspired and determined to play with guts and heart. On level pegging after the first quarter, the second chukka saw Anna Pringle win possession at the back and she passed the ball into the final third to Sonwabise Mroro who made a

beautiful run infield, eliminating two defenders and taking on the keeper. The keeper made the save but Micole Vorster was in the right spot at the right time and sent a front stick shot towards the goal. The girls held on for the win and beat Volkskool 1-0.

Results for the season's fixtures are as follows:

vs Stirling 1-3; vs Woodridge College 0-6; vs Jim Fouche 1-0; vs Oranje Meisies (2nd Team) 2-4; vs Freestate U16A 0-5; vs Framesby 4-2; vs Glenwood House 4-1; vs DSG 0-6; vs VGHS 7-0; vs Volkskool (Interschools) 1-0; vs York 1-3

The season ended with a first of its kind internal Premier Hockey Cup and teams, composed of the School's hockey talent from junior level through to the senior level, faced off against each other in a three-day round robin tournament. Well done to the Knights on winning this tournament.

A big thank you to the generous sponsors of the 1st Team: Caltex, Botha's Garage and OK Express and Merino Pharmacy for the beautiful kit and bags.



2ND TEAM HOCKEY

By the time the 2022 hockey season rolled around, the 2nd Team was already a cohesive, close-knit group of players. With the stop-start nature of hockey the previous year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's 2nd team squad was assembled in 2021 and the girls had been practicing regularly throughout the year's latter half.

In Term 1 of this year, with the addition of a few extra players, practices continued twice a week during the heat of the Graaff-Reinet summer. The team was thus well-prepared for their first matches of the season at the Gill College Sports Day and they took to the field with aplomb, beating Nico Malan 4-0, Burgersdorp 1st Team 1-0 and drawing 1-1 with Victoria Girls' High School 1st Team. These matches set the tone for the rest of the season and the team proved themselves to be a well-oiled machine, winning all of their matches bar three, which included losses against a strong Pearson side and Gill College 1st Team.

During the 1st weekend of the April holidays the team joined forces with players from the U16A team creating a 17-member squad which participated in the Senior Rugby and Hockey Festival as the Invitation Team. Playing 1st teams from other schools was always going to be challenging but, after a 0-6 loss to Hoërskool Stellenbosch, the team consolidated and beat Victoria Girls High School 2-1, drew to Riebeeck College 1-1 and lost to Cradock High School 1-2.

Term 2 went by in a whirlwind and after the loss to Pearson the 2nd Team went on a rampage, winning three games in a row, with particularly satisfying away victories over Stirling and Woodridge College. Losing the first game of each term seemed to be the catalyst the team needed as, after a loss against Gill College 1st Team at the beginning of Term 3, they proceeded to demolish Victoria Girls 6-0 in Makhanda and recorded a thrilling and emotional victory in their last home game of the season against Volkskool during Interschools.

The team was a diverse group with each of the girl's contributing to the season's success and leaving an indelible mark. Shona Zana was a wonderful asset in the goals, making some excellent saves. Shazia Ahmed joined the team in Term 2, immediately making her presence known and, together with Marli Brummer, provided solid defence. Tamsin James and Cadee Arends were ideal outside halves and ran the ball well up field, with Cadee particularly good at marking her opposite number. The links, Mihle May, Tessa James, Lana Bouwer and Keratile Nqabeni were all hard-running with Mihle never seeming to run out of legs and Keira's speed wonderful to witness. Lana ran like a gazelle and appeared to be



everywhere at once while Tessa, the captain, led with selflessness and care and always gave her absolute best on the field. Special mention must be made of vice-captain, Sesethu Kotishini, whose incredible passion and enthusiasm was infectious and she was a solid anchor in many of the games, defending equally well as she could score goals. Jamie Jaftha was fast up front, showing off her skill to the detriment of many an opponent, and she found the back of the box a number of times. She unfortunately incurred a knee injury towards the end of the season and was not able to play every game. Jamie was well-supported by Asa Matross, speedy on the left wing, and Kathryn Odendaal who read the game well and, when she got the chance, had a powerful shot at goals.

This team will always be remembered for their joie de vivre, spirited sportsmanship and determination on the field. This, together with their absolute enthusiasm and love for the game of hockey, made coaching a pleasure. The Grade 12s, who made up two-thirds of the team, will be sorely missed next year.

Results for the season's fixtures:

vs Pearson 0-4, vs Kirkwood 1st Team 3-0, vs Stirling 2-1, vs Woodridge College 2-1, vs Gill College 1st Team 1-2, vs Victoria Girls' High School 6-0, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 2-0, vs York 0-2



SENIOR 2ND HOCKEY

BACK: Shazia Ahmed, Kathryn Odendaal, Jenna-Lee Jansen, Tamsin James, Marli Brummer, Lana Bouwer, Mihle May, Jamie Jaftha, Asa Matross

FRONT: Cadee Arends, Shona Zana, Sesethu Kotishini (Vice-Captain), Mrs C. Pringle (Coach), Tessa James (Captain), Keratile Nqabeni

3RD TEAM HOCKEY

“Winners don't always win; they just never give up” epitomises the spirit of the 3rd Team this year and they must be commended on their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and fighting spirit. On average, 25 players attended each practice and it was wonderful to see the improvement shown, both individually and by the team as a whole.

The highlight of the season was the Interschools match against Volkskool's netball players. Our girls played their hearts out and proved unstoppable, finding the back of the net 7 times to which the opposition had no answer. This convincing win was the fitting finale to a season filled with growth and good cheer and the 3rd Team can be proud of their performances.

Results: vs Woodridge College 2-0, vs Stirling 1-2, vs Burgersdorp 0-1, vs Gill College 2-1, vs VGHS 2-1, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 7-0



SENIOR 3RD HOCKEY

BACK: Erin Gedult, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa, Unam Vumazonke, Olwethu Madikane, Silindokuhle Khali, Endinako Jadezweni, Sasha Cochrane, Emihle Mlatsha, Alulutho Skade, Ntombazana Speelman, Ogiyonke Sizila, Bukhobenkosi Nomatye

FRONT: Sinalo Khali, Harly Qina, Iviwe Gcinisa, Jenna-Lee Jansen, Mrs H. Keyser (Coach), Megan Adams, Liyema Sodlaka, Hlumelo Kwini

U16A HOCKEY

Due to the havoc caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought the cancellation of sport and no training for two years, the U16A Team had a challenging start to the year. They began their season by facing strong teams from Pearson and DSG at the Pearson High School U16 Hockey Festival. The girls were unfit and under pressure from the start and therefore no match for the strength and physicality of both teams. Both games were lost but valuable experience was gained.

The team realised that success would require much hard work and commitment over a protracted period of time and with blood, sweat and tears everything came slowly together, culminating in the Woodridge College fixture, one of the better games of the season. Joy Merifield's brilliance in the goals saved a penalty stroke and the game was lost by only one goal. In June, the team accompanied the 1st Team

on a weekend tour to Bloemfontein. This did much for their confidence and they drew to Jim Fouche and put up a brave fight against one of the best U16A teams in the country, Oranje Meisies.

Fortunes changed dramatically at the start of Term 3 and the team recorded four straight wins, ending the season well to beat Volkskool 2-0 at Interschools. The hard work had finally paid off with all the girls far more experienced and ready to take on the challenges of the 2023 season.





U16A HOCKEY

BACK: Aminah Steele, Amy Waddelow, Tara Ferreira, Katelyn Trollip, Farronique Booysen, Mihle Thibini, Bontle Mashiane
FRONT: Lisakhanya Menos, Kenza Neill, Charlize Vorster, Mrs I. Botha (Coach), Joy Merifield, Leshay Fourie, Chavene Lamont

U16B HOCKEY

Hockey started early in February with a great deal of excitement amongst the girls as, for most of them, it was the first practice they had had in 2 years. If they were rusty, their enthusiasm more than made up for inexperience as they tackled every practice with aplomb. Hard work was put into building the basics and the girls showed much patience as they repeatedly practiced their hitting, stopping and tackling techniques.

The rewards didn't come at first as they were pitted against Pearson early on in the season. Their loss, however, did not put them off and instead, they grew more determined to improve, which they did in leaps and bounds. With each match they gained experience individually, and bonded more as a team, until the final and most exciting match of the season where they delivered near perfection against York High School in severe weather conditions, fending off a very strong opposition for a 0-0 draw.

This team's spirit and enormous heart must be commended as the girls were always positive - constantly encouraging each other - and engagingly respectful towards their opposition. They have a great future in hockey ahead of them.

The team is very grateful to Mrs Claire Lemke who voluntarily gave of her time, enthusiasm and expertise to take their hockey to new heights.



U16B HOCKEY

BACK: Amber Bezuidenhout, Lisa Vutula, Ambesiwe Tokwe, Lichamlethu Kula, Nina Japhta, Xarah Hoffman, Megan Nortje, Anèbel Norval
FRONT: Ashleigh Shell, Kimberley Menos, Mrs C. Lemke (Coach), Sarah Wilmot, Lolita Saki, Mrs B. Langmead, Onwaba Nqaphi, Rebecca Copeman



JUNIOR 1ST AND 2ND HOCKEY

2022 turned out to be an incredible season for the 1st and 2nd Junior Hockey Teams. All the players had to adjust to playing full-field hockey on the astroturf for the first time. They had missed crucial years of skill development, but dove into training with determination and a readiness to make their school proud.

The season kicked off with a home match against Sunridge Primary, and the nerves were palpable. It was encouraging to see how the girls improved after every match, and their willingness to learn made coaching them a pleasure.

The 1st and 2nd Team (Invitation Team) had a chance to compete at the Anne Beagley Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival where they flourished. It was the first festival to take place since 2019 and as such none of the girls had experienced what it was to participate in this special event. The 1st Team ended up dominating and displayed amazing teamwork to win 6 out of their 7 matches. Some of the highlights were their victories against Westering and Stirling. The Invitation Team,

coached by Ms Randall, played with determination and spirit against first teams from other schools. They learned from each match and ended the festival considerably stronger.

The 1st Team, captained by Elizabeth Houseman and assisted by Jade Slater as vice-captain, rose to the challenge of incorporating their experience from the festival into their game. A special mention must be made of Zanique Soutter, who, having donned a goalkeeping kit for the first time this year, worked tremendously hard to become a formidable and skilled goalkeeper.

Interschools was hosted by Volkskool and the junior hockey matches were played on their grass field. The 1st Team narrowly lost their match but they left nothing on the field and they made the School proud by so graciously accepting defeat. This was the last match of the season and it made for a bittersweet ending.

The teams are grateful to Mr Beck for his guidance and vital input throughout the season.



JUNIOR 1ST HOCKEY

BACK: Kirsten Collett, Samantha Gilfillan, Mia Botha, Jade Slater (Vice-Captain), Zanique Soutter, Aimee Short, Amber Slater, Miley Burger, Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg
FRONT: Nadine Murray, Onika Jantjies, Elizabeth Houseman (Captain), Mrs J. Heunis-Jones (Coach), Alexandra Short, Antonia Adams, Logan Marais

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JUNIOR 2ND HOCKEY

BACK: Logan Marais, Emihle Mateza, Sixolile Singeni, Zoë Mills, Brogan Koeberg, Liyabona Nkomo, Kayla Norval, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Abonani Matushe
FRONT: Sinalo Blaaw, Rachel Wenham, Helen van den Heever, Ms L. Randall (Coach), Carlen Prinsloo, Mieke-lee Blom, Makayla Menos

JUNIOR 3RD AND 4TH HOCKEY

"She's got fire in her soul and grace in her heart."

The 3rd and 4th hockey teams proved to be a very keen and enthusiastic group of girls. The squad consisted of an average of 20 players at most practices and each girl grew as a hockey player and bettered their skills throughout the season. Their attendance at practice was generally excellent and they were fortunate to play a good number of matches during the season.

Every match saw them play their hearts out and they must be commended on their commitment, sportsmanship and fighting spirit. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported the team at home and away. The girls really appreciated the encouragement.



JUNIOR 3RD AND 4TH HOCKEY

BACK: Lukhanyo Mqongiwe, Kira Hector, Jasmine Abercrombie, Cedine Retief, Elandri Retief, Isabella Hulleman, Zakithi Sishi, Duvallene Fass, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Alison Jacobs
MIDDLE: Micha Murray, Emihle Vuthuza, Delmé Moos, Kuhle Nqumashe, Sisikelelwe Mtiya, Skye Meyers, Sovuyiswa Sefa, Nasreen Foster, Khayila Grootboom, Gerda Clarke, Sithandile Mhlana, Halyn Wessels
FRONT: Clea Clark, Cu-Shan Hoffman, Maribel-Martisha April, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Mrs M. Burger (Coach), Kate Charles, Aaliyah Jaftha, Hlelo Skotshi, Asanele Mayekiso

1ST XV RUGBY



The 1st XV season started with immense excitement owing to the revamp of the changing rooms, creating a state-of-the-art space belonging solely to 1st XV team members. This created a great sense of pride for each player. The first match of the season was played at the Gill College Sports Day against Andrew Rabie, a match the team won 20–5. A narrow loss against St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) was very disappointing as the team led 20–3 well into the second half, but poor decision-making led to two giveaway tries. Conceding a final try when time was up resulted in a 23–26 loss. This was followed by an excellent pre-season camp in Kirkwood and concluded with a match at the Kirkwood Sports Day against Hoërskool Cillie which was won 19–8. This provided good momentum for the Union High Rugby & Hockey Festival, always a highlight on the sports calendar and even more significant this year due to the enforced two-year hiatus as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The team recorded two fine victories against Camps Bay and Cambridge, making it four wins out of five for Term 1.

The second term traditionally starts with our derby day against Muir College, a fixture which is always highly anticipated and brings tangible excitement. The boys played excellent rugby throughout and with

five minutes to go trailed 8–12. Relentless defence however, by Muir College, saw a turnover with seconds to go and our opposition scored a final try to take the final score to 8–19. During this match a number of injuries were recorded, most notably Hlomla Ngqozo, who was in fine form, and this resulted in him missing all remaining fixtures of the term. As injuries mounted, matches were lost against Cradock, Stirling, Burgersdorp and Graeme College and it became increasingly difficult to build any momentum. By term end only six boys from the team that defeated Cambridge at the School's festival started the match against Graeme College. A traditionally tough fixture, particularly away, Graeme fielded arguably one of their strongest teams in recent years. When the final whistle went, seven players from the 3rd XV had made their debut, giving a good account of themselves as Graeme was kept scoreless in the last ten minutes. This was quite remarkable considering the fact that they were up by three tries in the first ten minutes of the match. Although the team delivered contrasting results to Term 1, their fighting spirit was tested to the extreme and one of the highlights was a turnaround away victory against Woodridge College, after a hiding the previous weekend to Stirling, and the team's never-say-die attitude must be commended.



1ST XV RUGBY

BACK: Jaden-Lee Hopps, Daniel Nell, Liam Langeveldt, Mawande Hloyi, Jude Langmead, Mohamed Hartley, Ntsika Ngongoma
MIDDLE: Alutho Cekiso, Mihan Campbell, Hlomla Ngqozo, Hlakanipha Skepe, Sisipho Arnols, Xhamla Magubeni, Kwande Mhlabeni, Lonwabo Sishuba
FRONT: Siyamthanda Badiwe, Mr D. Kingwill (Assistant Coach), Ruzh  Hendricks (Vice-Captain), Mr C. Felix (Head Coach), Bubele Thibini (Captain), Mr W. Pringle (Headmaster), Jacobus (JJ) Liebenberg
ABSENT: Ivan Murray



During this match, Jude Langmead and Lonwabo Sishuba made their debuts for the 1st XV and immediately cemented their spots with some fine contributions.

A season-ending injury to leading try and points scorer, captain Sisipho Arnols, came at the worst possible time as he was set for higher honours during the final provincial trials. This dampened the team's morale tremendously. Congratulations must go to Bubele Thibini and JJ Liebenberg as they went on to represent Eastern Province at the National Academy Week held in Wellington. The School was well-represented with Mr Christopher Felix serving as Head Coach of the team and he and the boys did us proud.

Term 3 started with matches against Gill College and Asherville, which were both won. This was excellent preparation for the much anticipated Interschools fixture and this match proved to be extremely physical, with the team playing to their strengths and dominating the set pieces. It was always the plan to take them on in front, something totally unheard of. This was actually not so far-fetched as the Volkskool side boasted a strong running game. It was a fierce battle and unfortunately we could not cross the white wash from a rolling maul after sustained pressure and absolute scrum dominance. Volkskool broke the deadlock just before half time to take a 0-7 lead while we had missed a penalty on the stroke of half time. With the momentum noticeably changing, Volkskool ran four more unanswered tries to win the game 3-31. The loss was extremely disappointing and gives zero insight as to just how well the team played, especially during the first half. The old cliché comes to mind, "It was a game of two halves..." and indeed it was. Credit to Volkskool as they were just better at using their chances and capitalizing on our mistakes.

After Interschools, the team had one more fixture against Winterberg and it was a challenging week of preparation with the long injury list no help. They started their match showing complete dominance and a big effort on defence from first phase ball frustrated our opponents and kept them scoreless in the first half. Hlakanipha Skepe converted three penalties to bring the score to 9-0 at half time. Two big mistakes in the second half led to Winterberg scoring two unanswered tries, the last coming with seconds left on the clock. This was a heart-breaking defeat after the team played brilliant rugby for most of the match. What looked like a certain try by captain Bubele Thibini was disallowed and this along with a failed long-range penalty were some of the second half opportunities we missed. Although the match was lost 9-10, the boys can be proud of the way they played, picking themselves up from the Interschools defeat.

Congratulations must go to Mihan Campbell, Liam Langeveldt, Ivan Murray, Ruzhé Hendricks, Jaden-Lee Hopps and Alutho Cekiso, for achieving Half Colours and Bubele Thibini, JJ Liebenberg and Sisipho Arnols for being awarded with Full Colours. There were highs and lows; we were once again reminded of the important lessons sport teaches

us, both in defeat and triumph. To the regular Grade 12 starters; Bubele Thibini, JJ Liebenberg, Mihan Campbell, Liam Langeveldt, Aashiq Hartley, Ivan Murray, Daniell Nell, Hlomla Nqgoza, Ruzhé ' Hendricks, Jaden-Lee Hopps, Lonwabo Sishuba, Sisipho Arnols, Alutho Cekiso and Siyamthanda Badiwe who played their last match, all the best for your future endeavours, you did the school proud and we appreciate your efforts.

Thank you to all the coaches who worked tirelessly with their teams all season long, My heart is filled with gratitude, coaching a schools first team is a privilege and an honour. Thanks to all the Union scholars, parents and extended community, I sincerely appreciate your endless support. One of the moments I will never forget is most certainly the support you showed at Interschools, a circle filled with love, care and compassion. Thanks to my immediate support system.

In the voice of the late Mr Fanie Bezuidenhout, One Team, One Union!

Full Results:

DATE	SCHOOL/TOURNAMENT/TOUR	PLACE: (HOME/AWAY)	RESULT
Term 1: 19 January – 25 March			
1. 5 March	Gill Sports Day vs Andrew Rabie	Away Somerset East	Won 20-5
2. 12 March	St Andrews Bloemfontein	Home	Lost 23-26
3. 19 March	Kirkwood Sports Day vs Hoerskool Cillie	Away Kirkwood	Won 19-8
4. 26 March 5. 28 March	Union High Rugby Festival vs Camps Bay vs Cambridge	Home	Won 53-0 Won 32-5
Term 2: 5 April – 24 June			
6. 9 April	Muir College	Away: Kariega	Lost 8-19
7. 23 April	Cradock High School	Away: Cradock	Lost 6-12
8. 7 May	Kirkwood High School	Home	Won 20-7
9. 14 May	Stirling High School	Away: East London	Lost 0-50
10. 21 May	Woodridge College	Away: Gqeberha	Won 29-10
11. June	Burgersdorp High School	Away	Lost 5-63
12. 18 June	Graeme College	Away	Lost 3-55
Term 3: 19 July – 30 September			
13. 23 July	Gill College	Home	Won 11-10
14. 30 July	Asherville Secondary School	Home	Won 28-12
15. 6 August	Interschools (Volkskool)	Away	Lost 3-31
16. 13 August	Winterberg Agricultural School	Home	Lost 9-10
Summary: Won 8; Lost 8			

2ND XV RUGBY

The 2nd XV, captained in most matches by Elihle Robile, had a tough year as evident from the overall results. The fact that the squad trained with the 1st Team definitely was a positive as the team changed regularly as was required by circumstances and selection. Thank you to Mr Felix who played a major role in the squad system for all his assistance and input.

The forwards did well in all aspects and they dominated in the scrums and lineouts in most games. The backs, however, struggled and as a result, in many of the close matches, we did not have the striking power to clinch victory.

Good wins were recorded against the Asherville 1st and 2nd XV, Gill College and Volkskool in the Interschools match.

Full Results: vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 5-12, vs Spandau 10-3, vs Asherville 1st XV 32-29, vs Muir College 8-10, vs Cradock High School 5-15, vs Kirkwood 12-14, vs Stirling 15-43, vs Woodridge College 5-7, vs Burgersdorp High School 7-14, vs Graeme College 5-49, vs Gill College 29-5, vs Asherville 33-17, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 12-5, vs Winterberg 0-50

Played 14; Won 5; Lost 9; Points for 178; Points against 273



2ND XV RUGBY

BACK: Brent Hesselink, David Venter, Mawande Hloyi, Dylan Pettitt, Joshua Horne, Jordan Wilmot, Jared Meyer, Joshua Swartland

MIDDLE: Wade Edwards, Likhona Batala, Ethan Linch, Chungwa Tshomela, Alvano Japhta, Ryan Jenneke, Lonwabo Hanabe, Cassidy Goliad

FRONT: Ntsika Ngongoma, Chuma Sobantu, Laythan Carelse, Mr D. Kingwill (Coach), Elihle Robile, Xhamla Magubeni, Kamvalethu Bottoman, Finn Cilliers

3RD XV RUGBY



3RD XV RUGBY

BACK: David Kinghorn, Jordan Wilmot, Dylan Petitt, Yayama Dali, Matthew McNaughton

MIDDLE: Mbonge Jacobs, Ethan Linch, Lutho Msutwana, Ndalo Qwalela, Cassidy Goliad

FRONT: Likhona Batala, Safin McPherson, Mr R Hulleman, Chungwa Tshomela, Onikwa Mlenzana



U16A RUGBY

The U16A Rugby Team had a notable season, commencing with the Gill College Sports Day where they beat a very strong team from Cradock High School. This match proved to be a good opportunity to spot areas for improvement and to adjust positions, setting the tone for the rest of the season. The team faced tough calls at times which did not always go in their favour and resulted in unfortunate losses in some of their games. Nevertheless, they showed tenacity and never gave up, continuing to work hard. Some of the matches were quite memorable and playing St Andrews School from Bloemfontein during a locust swarm on the school fields was certainly one for the books. The season ended on a high note with victory over Winterberg at home.

Captain, Joshua Basson, and Vice Captain, Asemahle Sakati, proved

to be excellent leaders and they were always disciplined and extremely determined, even in the face of injury. The most improved players were Nangawethu Macanda, who worked hard to become a valuable player in the team, and Vuyisa Karel who, in spite of being a newcomer to the game, scored a try in almost every match.

Full Results: vs Asherville 22-3, vs Cradock High School 8-7, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 30-5, vs Spandau 32-12, vs Hoërskool Despatch 10-11, vs Muir College 8-17, vs Cradock High School 10-15, vs Kirkwood High School 29-12, vs Stirling 8-38, vs Woodridge College 14-19, vs Burgersdorp High School 0-7, vs Graeme College 13-19, vs Asherville 30-7, vs Asherville 28-5, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 3-22, vs Winterberg 31-8

Played 16, Won 8, Lost 8.



U16A RUGBY

BACK: Aluyolo Kula, Dylan Kivedo, Ababalwe Matutu, Nangawethu Macanda, Jayden Odendaal, Uyanda Tele, Ahlangene Nonyongo

MIDDLE: Lebone Raula, Camran Swartz, Chulumanco Faku, Dumisa Mala, Henk Homveld, Peter Michaels, Caleb Jansen

FRONT: Curt-Lee Lepotha, Na'eem Mahomed, Joshua Basson, Mr H. Sparrius (Coach), Asemahle Sakati, Jayden Swart, Vuyisa Karel

U15 RUGBY

2022 was an outstanding season for the U15 team and the boys achieved exceptional results. The team played an attractive brand of rugby and had the ability to overcome any obstacle. Having 18 players, they became a solid unit, trusting each other and playing for each other.

The pack of forwards comprised Athandwa Nkele, Mohammad Ahmed and Noah Edwards in the front. The locks were Trystan Hulleman and Emon Emu, both very hard runners with the ball in hand. Twins, Similo Somgqeza and Siyolo Somgqeza played flank and were a huge asset to the team with their work rate. Kyle Liebenberg was eighthman and his ability to cross-cover defend and beat opposition with his speed was a delight to watch. Scrumhalf Makhukhanye de Beer's accurate service left and right always provided the team with forward ball. Shaakir Kazi, who played flyhalf, led the team as captain. He is a natural leader and refused to accept defeat on the rugby field and this always rubbed off on the other players. Bulela Zonke and Xavier Barlow played at centre. Bulela was a strong runner while Xavier created havoc with his side-stepping. Wings, Hayden Pienaar with his strength and Zepheniah Kallies, with his big heart, were always a thorn in the flesh for the opposition. Fullback, Chanton Deyssel was always reliable

at the back. Thank you very much to our committed reserves, Christopher Nqumashe, Ndodana Speelman and Iminati Koneit

Full results: vs Asherville 55-5, vs Saint Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 22-0, vs Spandau 39-5, vs Hoerskool Cillie 19-0, vs Muir College 0-22, vs Stirling 19-10, vs Cradock High School 38-3, vs Burgersdorp High School 33-0, vs Gill College 24-19, vs Graeme College 12-12, vs Asherville 37-5, vs Volkskool Interschols 7-5, vs Winterberg 28-0.

Played 13, Won 11, Drew, Lost 1, Points for 333, Points against 78.



U15A RUGBY

BACK: Similo Somgqeza, Ndodana Speelman, Hayden Pienaar, Trystan Hulleman, Emon Emu, Siyolo Somgqeza

MIDDLE: Christopher Nquameshe, Noah Edwards, Makukhanye de Beer, Bulela Zonke, Xavier Barlow, Athandwa Nkele

FRONT: Chanton Deyssel, Mohamed Ahmed, Kyle Liebenberg, Mr. M. Kruger, Shaakir Kazi, Iminati Koneit, Zepheniah Kallies

U14 RUGBY



The U14 rugby team had a wonderful 2022 season. After the enforced two-year hiatus, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the boys were very eager and ready for what would end up being an emotional and exciting season.

The upfront trio, consisting of Maqhawe Norman, Yaaseen Kazi and Lebogang Booysen, had a magnificent season and they physically dominated their opposition. They were well assisted by locks, Timothy Mataba and Peter-Daniel Clegg who gave their all to assist our front row at scrum time and went above and beyond what was expected from them in terms of carries and physicality. The loose three, Liso Boo, Masixole Bhayi and Yonella Wana, were a coach's dream. Their hard work off the ball led to countless turnover balls and solid tackles in defence made them some of the main contributors to the success of the season.

In the backline, Similo Mvandaba played scrumhalf for the first time in his rugby career and made the most of every learning opportunity and game time available to him. This saw him grow into a player who dictated the flow of our games and strength of our passes. Together with flyhalf, Jade Lothering, these two made for a powerful pair who ensured that attacking balls were utilised efficiently and they were never shy to make their presence known on defence. The centre pairing of Sibabalwe Mbutye and Josh Arends were never far from each other and their

constant support led to many break-away tries. Combining these two explosive centres with our outside three, Shiraz Pederson, Athayanda Mahlati and Neelon Fourie, we were confident in the way we ran with the ball on attack and steady in our line on defence.

Special mention must be made of the reserves: Liam Hornabrook, Connor Horn, Sophelela Vimbi and Benjamin Lemke. Skilled players all, they provided fresh legs, enthusiasm and depth, which were certainly factors contributing to the team's success. Congratulations must go to Benjamin Lemke who, playing rugby this year for the first time, had a breakout season making him the best newcomer of the team. Sibabalwe Mbutye's passion spread to his peers and his consistent hard work and determination made him player of the season. He ensured that the boys didn't give up when behind in situations and he was a brick wall in defence.

The season ended with an 86% win-rate, with the team winning 12 of their 14 games. This was a fantastic season with the boys relishing every moment, truly grasping their opportunities and playing as a brotherhood.

Full Results: vs Asherville 62-0, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 31-0, vs Spandau 66-0, vs Andrew Rabie 28-0, vs Muir College 28-21, vs Cradock 26-0, vs Stirling 20-24, vs Woodridge 24-19, vs Burgersdorp 34-3, vs Graeme College 12-41, vs Gill College 58-0, vs Asherville 24-0, vs Winterberg 26-7, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 27-5



U14A RUGBY

BACK: Liam Hornabrook, Liso Boo, Peter-Daniel Clegg, Shiraz Pederson, Timothy Mataba, Sibabalwe Mbutye

MIDDLE: Lebogang Booysen, Similo Mvandaba, Connor Horn, Masixole Bhayi, Yaaseen Kazi, Maqhawe Norman, Neelon Fourie

FRONT: Josh Arends, Benjamin Lemke, Jade Lothering (Captain), Mr J.P. Kruger (Coach), Yonella Wana (Vice-Captain), Athayanda Mahlati, Sophelela Vimbi

U13 RUGBY

The U13 boys started the season confident, with new and exciting players entering the ranks helping to build the team spirit. Practices this year started later than planned with the first fixture against old rivals, St Andrews School from Bloemfontein, suddenly looming ahead with little time to prepare. This was the first time that the boys had played St Andrews and there was much excitement amongst them, especially since it was a home game. Getting off to a very good start, the match

was won 12-10 and the victory set the team up for the rest of the season. Thereafter, the team participated in the Kirkwood Sports Day and played two matches, recording a narrow loss against Laerskool Frans Conradie from Despatch and beating Susannah Fourie, also from Despatch.

Term 2 had a shaky start and the boy's lost their first match against Muir College, followed by some tough games which found the boy's out of sorts and confidence had to be rebuilt. With the up-and-down nature



U13A RUGBY

BACK: Leander Kraai, Owen Paxton, Luvela Makaula, Keanu Linch, Hayden August, Benjamin Loots, Callum Jacobs, Benneth Fikeni
FRONT: Junior de Bruin, Declan Lewis, Dwayne Koeberg, Mr S. Koeberg (Coach), Qhama Solomon, Warren Barlow, Lulonke Vumazonke



U13B RUGBY

BACK: Brett Kenmuir, Amyoli Sizela, Khazimla Mbulawa, Tristan Hudson, Liyabona Noveve, Toka Ledwaba, Quinn Naude, Lemarr van Wyk, Alchano Japhta, Keanan Jaftha
FRONT: Asakhula Nkomo, Philip Kayster, Aidan Jaftha, Mr S. Koeberg (Coach), Qhamasande Jacobs, Ethan Raath, Zizukise Mtiya

of school boy rugby, the boy's also played some brilliant games, where they could not put a foot wrong. Term 2 ended with the annual Anne Beagley Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival where the team gave a sterling performance, winning two out of three games.

Only three fixtures were played in Term 3 with the highlight being the Interschools match against Laer Volkskool. This was an unforgettable game. Coming into the match as underdogs, the boys played with incredible guts and determination and beat Volkskool 14-12, a proud



moment for the entire school community.

Special mention must be made of Keanu Linch, Owen Paxton and BJ Fikeni. Keanu was selected to represent the Eastern Province U13 7s Team that competed in the National U13 Sevens Tournament in Bloemfontein. Owen represented the Eastern Province U12 Team at the Southern Regional Tournament in Riversdale. BJ, along with Owen, represented the U12 Karoo Team, coached by Mr Sean Koeberg, at the Karoo Sub-Union Rugby Tournament held at Volkskool. We would like to thank the boys for an amazing season, many lessons were learned, there were moments of joy and heartache, and in the end we reaped the rewards.

Full Results: vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein): won; vs Frans Conradie: won; vs Susannah Fourie: lost; vs Muir College: lost; vs Karel Theron: lost; vs Hangklip: won; vs Queens Junior: lost; vs Niko Brummer: won; vs Graeme College: lost; vs Westering: won; vs George Randall: won; vs Grey Bulldogs: lost; vs Clarendon Park: lost; vs Herbert Hurd: lost; vs Gill Primary: won; vs Volkskool (Interschools): won.

Mid-week Fixtures (combined U13A & B): vs Kroonvale Primary: won; vs Ryneveld Primary: lost; vs Graaff-Reinet Primary: lost; vs Aberdeen Primary: won; vs Narsingstraat Primêre: won.

JUNIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

The Junior tennis players enjoyed a relatively successful season. Practices were well attended and it was most pleasing to have a total of five tennis groups.

Apart from the annual Interschools clash, fixtures were enjoyed against Karel Theron and Gill Primary and both these matches were won comfortably. Interschools was a most exciting fixture and the girls did particularly well by securing a victory. The boys played very well but unfortunately were not able to emerge as winners.

Results of the Junior School Championships:

Girls' Singles Champion: Mia Botha **Runner up:** Amber Slater
Boys' Singles Champion: Owen Paxton **Runner up:** John-Henry King
Girls' Doubles Champions: Amber Slater and Jade Slater
Boys' Doubles Champions: Owen Paxton and John-Henry King

The following players received Achievement Bars for tennis during the course of the year: Ethan Raath, John-Henry King, Owen Paxton, Mia Botha and Amber Slater.

During Term 4, the top 4 boys and top 4 girls participated in the Jocelyn Marais Tournament.





1ST JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Harry Watson, Richard Murray, Vincent Clarke, Ethan Raath
FRONT: Owen Paxton, Mrs B. Grewar, John-Henry King



1ST JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Mia Botha, Aimee Short, Jade Slater, Alyssa Trollip
FRONT: Nadine Murray, Mrs E.L. Gerber, Amber Slater



2ND JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Leander Kraai, Quinn Naudé, Tristan Hudson, Joubert Vorster, Jordan Maritz
FRONT: Aiden Ferreira, Mrs B. Grewar, Brett Kenmuir



2ND JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Chanté Bezuidenhout, Zoë Mills, Miley Burger, Alexandra Short
FRONT: Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Mrs E.L. Gerber, Kirsten Collett

SENIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

The season kicked off with the Sarah Baartman District Tennis Trials on the first weekend of the school year. A small group of players entered voluntarily which also afforded them good practice in preparation for the Annual Quadrangular in Makhanda. Competing against Kingswood, DSG and Victoria Girls' High, the top 8 girls acquitted themselves admirably, beating Victoria Girls' and narrowly losing their other two encounters. A young but enthusiastic boys' team was outplayed in their matches against Kingswood, St. Andrews and Graeme College.

Our annual trip to the Fichardt Park Tournament in Bloemfontein was unfortunately cancelled owing to inclement weather.

The Summer and Winter Graaff-Reinet and District leagues were played during the first two terms, on Wednesday afternoons. All our senior players gained valuable experience competing against accomplished adult players from the various district clubs.

We were extremely proud of Tara Ferreira and Caytah-Leigh Koeberg who represented Eastern Province at the annual Interprovincial Tennis tournament held at the end of March. We watch their achievements in



1ST SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Jude Langmead, Karl Venter, David Venter
FRONT: Finn Cilliers, Mrs L. Vorster, Brent Hesselink (Captain), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Joshua Neill



1ST SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg, Anna Pringle, Gemma Naude
FRONT: Chloe Shires, Mrs L. Vorster, Marli Brummer (Captain), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Tara Ferreira



2ND SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Ndalo Qwalela, Andrue Victor, Peter-Daniel Clegg
FRONT: Jordan Wilmot, Mrs L. Vorster, Joshua Horne



2ND SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Sadé May, Kenza Neill
FRONT: Tayla Kingwill, Ngomusa Zweni, Mrs L. Vorster, Charlize Vorster, Misha Newton



3RD SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK: Daniel Marais, Shiraz Pederson, Geoff Wilmott, Sam Taylor
FRONT: Stephan Vorster, Mrs B. Ferreira, Tristan Hope



3RD SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK: Melissa Naudé, Katelyn Trollip, Sarah Wilmot, Samantha Charles
FRONT: Anèbel Norval, Mrs B. Ferreira, Leigh-Ann Murray

tournaments and their tennis progress with much admiration.

We were sad to bid Ms Paula Phillips, the senior girls' coach, farewell at the end of Term 2. Her energy, enthusiasm and love of the sport were greatly appreciated. At the start of Term 3, Mrs Vorster took over the reins of Senior Girls' Tennis while continuing with boys' tennis. The top six boys and girls also commenced coaching sessions with MatchPoint Tennis once a week and we look forward to seeing the fruits of this endeavour shortly.

Interschools was keenly contested this year, after two years of no competition between our schools, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Three senior girls' and boys' teams competed with all the girls' teams emerging victorious while the boys were outplayed. A creditable 3-3 draw in matches was recorded. School matches were also played against Cradock High School, DSG and Christian Harvest School. After a two-year sporting drought, it has been most gratifying being once again able to compete.

In September, 8 boys and girls travelled to Middelburg to participate in the Marco Wasserman Tournament. This outing, to which we always look forward, certainly did not disappoint and the players enjoyed the weekend away immensely. The "A League" tournament was of a very high

standard and while our top 4 boys and girls were never outplayed, they ended 4th overall. The 2nd team, however, did us proud winning the "B League" section of the tournament.

Amongst the myriad of activities taking place in Term 3, with some creative juggling, we managed to complete the school championships. These matches were keenly contested in good spirit and the champions are as follows:

Open Boys' Singles: Brent Hesselink

Open Girls' Singles: Caytah-Leigh Koeberg

U15 Boys' Singles: Peter-Daniel Clegg

U15 Girls' Singles: Tara Ferreira

Open Boys' Doubles: Karl Venter & Jordan Wilmot

Open Girls' Doubles: Tara Ferreira & Chloe Shires

Open Mixed Doubles: Joshua Neill & Tara Ferreira

We extend our grateful thanks to Mrs Bronwyn Ferreira who gave of her valuable time twice weekly to coach the 3rd and 4th senior tennis teams. In addition, she entered and travelled with our U16 players who competed in the national Rising Stars Tournament, acquitting themselves most admirably. We appreciate Mrs Ferreira's assistance and her commitment to our school enormously.



JUNIOR SWIMMING

Swimming is a very necessary life-skill and as such all pupils at the School are encouraged to participate in this sport. All levels of competency, from beginners to competitive gala swimmers, are catered for. A number of our swimmers have also benefitted from additional club training and clinics that were offered by Mr JP Seyffert and Mrs Natalie Davenport from Destiny Swimming Club.

In early February the School's much-anticipated Interhouse Gala was held in perfect conditions. Competition between the two houses was keen throughout the evening, and the air was filled with excitement and spirit as the swimmers cheered for their respective houses and peers. It was wonderful to see so many swimmers participating and Daly narrowly claimed the win with 490 points to Arnott's 476. The Victor Ludorum was won by Callum Jacobs and the Victrix Ludorum by Kayla Norval.

The Interschools Gala, held a week later, included swimmers from Grade 1 to Grade 12 and every swimmer gained points for their school. The School ended in 2nd place with 678 points to Volkskool's 814.

The Karoo Interschools Gala was hosted by Volkskool and participating schools were Union, Volkskool, Cradock, Gill, Marlow and a group of Home Schoolers. The final result was very close in the Junior School section with Laer Volkskool taking the victory, totalling 350 points, a mere 7 ahead of the School's 343. Many of the relays made for some tremendously exciting finishes.

Seven of our swimmers participated in a Level 1 Intra-District Gala held at the Newton Park indoor swimming pool in Gqeberha. Many of the events had up to 10 heats, of 8 swimmers each, and, despite some tough competition, many swimmers did well to place in the top 3 positions in their respective age groups. The following swimmers received ribbons for participation and for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their respective events: Miley Burger, Zoë Mills, Gerda Clarke, Brogan Koeberg, Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg and Connor Horn.



Six junior swimmers represented the Karoo Team at the annual Inter-Districts Gala held at Hoër Volkskool swimming pool in November. The high standard of swimming at this event continues to amaze and the positive competition between the districts and individual swimmers was a pleasure to witness.

The swimmers won the following medals for their participation in various events:

Samantha Gilfillan: 3rd Girls U11 50m Backstroke, 3rd Girls U11 Breaststroke, 1st Girls U11 4x50m Medley Relay, 2nd Girls U11 4x50m Freestyle Relay;

Adriaan van Jaarsveld: 2nd Boys U11 50m Freestyle, 1st Boys U11 4x50m Medley, 1st Boys U11 Freestyle Relay; 3rd Girls U12 4x50m Medley, 3rd Girls U12 Freestyle Relays;

Alyssa Trollip: 2nd Girls U12 50m Butterfly, 3rd Girls U12 4x50m Medley, 3rd Girls U12 Freestyle Relays;

Owen Paxton: 3rd Boys U12 50m Breaststroke, 3rd Boys U12 50m Freestyle, 1st Boys U12 4x50m Medley Relay, 2nd Boys U12 4x50m Freestyle Relay;

Callum Jacobs: 2nd Boys U13 4x50m Freestyle Relay

The School is very proud of all our swimmers who committed and gave their time to swim for their district and would like to thank them for their stellar efforts - the Karoo team claimed victory for the first time in 10 years, beating the runner-up district with close to 100 points!



JUNIOR SWIMMING:

BACK: Helen van den Heever, Kayla Norval, Quinn Naudé, Zoë Mills, Alyssa Trollip, Miley Burger, Joubert Vorster, Nadine Murray.

MIDDLE: Micha Murray, Alexandra Short, Jordan Maritz, Tristan Hudson, Owen Paxton, Gerda Clarke, Murray Hope, Aidan Ferreira, Adriaan van Jaarsveld.

FRONT: Brogan Koeberg, Emma Gibbons, Benjamin Loots, Elizabeth Houseman, Mrs S. Marais (Coach), Aimee Short, Callum Jacobs, Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg, Samantha Gilfillan.

ABSENT: Mark Lemke

SENIOR SWIMMING

Our swimmers were enthusiastic and grateful to be able to swim competitively for the first time since Term 1 of 2020 and they thoroughly enjoyed the Interhouse, Interschools, and Karoo Interschools Galas. Team spirit was high and for our Grade 12 swimmers it was bittersweet to compete for their school for the last time, having dedicated their whole school career to a tough and demanding individual sport. They will be sorely missed next year. It was also encouraging to see many young swimmers join the team and showcase their talents.

Our annual Interhouse Gala, held in February, was closely contested between Arnott and Daly, with Daly clinching the win. It was wonderful to see the swimmers compete again and represent their houses. The Interschools Gala was held at the Volkskool pool, where swimmers from Grade 1 to Grade 12 competed, and Volkskool took the honours.

The Karoo Interschools Gala, also held at the Volkskool pool, made for a very entertaining, competitive day with exciting races. Many were closely contested, especially the relays. Our senior girls clinched first place in their division with a total of 190 points, only 22 points separating them from second-placed Volkskool. Our senior boys came in second with a total of 101 points. We achieved these scores by ensuring we entered as many participants in each race as possible, and we would like to thank every swimmer who competed for their school.

The Spar River Mile was a popular event, where eleven swimmers

took part in the 98th River Mile. All our swimmers finished in medal times. It was wonderful to see the School being so well represented at an event of this stature, and it was encouraging to note the eagerness with which all the first-timers competed.

The following swimmers received awards:

Team Awards: Amber Binney and Kendall Krige

UHS Trophy for 100m Freestyle: Boys – Daniel Marais

Saunders Cup for 100m Freestyle: Girls – Amber Binney

Deloryse van der Merwe Cup for most improved U16: Tyra Binney



SENIOR SWIMMING:

BACK: Michelle Doyle, Matthew Basson, Hayden Pienaar, Karl Venter, Dylan Petitt, Jude Langmead, Alexandra Imrie, Lauren Waddelow, Kyle Liebenberg

MIDDLE: Rebecca Copeman, Chloe Shires, Caytiah-Leigh Koeberg, Misha Newton, Benjamin Lemke, Lisakhanya Zonke, Peter Michaels, Tristan Hope, Joshua Basson, Jayden Swart, Na'eem Mahomed, Tara Ferreira, Camran Swartz, Anna Bouwer, Marli Brummer, Sarah Jacobs, Megan Putter, Amy Waddelow

FRONT: Max Price, Mecoli Vorster, Tyra Binney, Amber Binney, Mrs J. Heunis-Jones (Coach), Kendall Krige, Hannah Bodenstein, Brigette Oelofsen, Sasha Cochrane.





INTERSCHOOLS 2022



INTERSCHOOLS

As is always the case, there is no easily won Interschools between Union and Volkskool. We are, however, grateful to be in a position to be able to congratulate our learners on an Interschools well-fought! Well done to those whose overall efforts over this auspicious week in August 2022 secured Union the title of Interschools victors 2022 with 40 points to Volkskool's 36!

As usual, Interschools week was a wonderful occasion befitting this significant event. It was characterised by fierce competition, healthy rivalry, overwhelming support from our community and Old Unionites and a sense of belonging and happiness. The support from past learners was overwhelming and their comments of support throughout the weekend were very welcome and encouraging and one was often reminded during the weekend of the wonderful warmth and kindness of the people of the Karoo.

The week began with tennis and chess. A word of thanks is extended to everyone who supported and attended the chess evening. The learners were all given one hour to play, with the last game ending with a couple of minutes to spare. At the end of the evening, the junior section was won by Laer Volkskool 23 – 13, with Union High School – under the leadership of captain Karl Venter - winning the senior section 14 – 2. Union won the event overall, 27 – 25.

The well-supported Interschool's Cultural Evening saw our Quiz and Speech teams competing against their Volkskool counterparts. We were declared the winners of the quiz competition, while the Speech competition ended in a draw, with Union's seniors claiming first place and Volkskool's juniors' winning their section.

The Interschools' Assembly saw Old Unionite Mr Shane Newton, a part of the Class of 1997, taking the stage as guest speaker. Guests were warmly received in front of the hall by the school's marimba bands before they filtered into the hall. Headboy Matthew Basson welcomed all to the gathering with a sense of pride and privilege. He also extended a very warm welcome to the school's alumni who made the effort to attend the event. This was followed by a Bible reading by Deputy Headboy Sisipho Arnols and a prayer by Deputy Headgirl Asa Matross. The school's junior choir then treated the audience to a beautiful performance of Maroon 5's 'Memories'. Ryan Collett and Luthando Tapi took the stage next to deliver a short message of welcome on behalf of Union Preparatory School.

Mr Shane Newton, representing the Class of 1997, followed this with a captivating speech as the event's guest speaker. The traditional Headmaster's Address was then delivered by Mr. William Pringle, which was followed by a beautiful rendition of "Siyahamba" – a South African folk song - performed by the school's senior choir. The Head Prefect's message, delivered by Headgirl Kendall Krige, was followed by a very proud, yet nostalgic moment, when all those gathered sang the school song. The assembly was concluded with the introduction of the 1st rugby and hockey teams and the singing of "The world in union". Overall it was a truly lovely morning spent reminiscing for all the Union alumni who attended the event.

On Friday, the Pre-School and Preparatory School teams enjoyed their respective sporting encounters, while the High School's teams took to the field on Saturday. Volkskool and Union have been friends and rivals for 100 years and, irrespective of the outcome, this annual encounter always fosters an intense school pride while evoking a lot of emotion and excitement.

The undoubted highlight of the day, was the U13A rugby team's epic 14 – 12 win against their Volkskool counterparts. While our 1st team hockey girls were victorious in their encounter against Volkskool, our 1st XV rugby boys had to, unfortunately, accept defeat.

That being said, the undeniable Union spirit was evident for all to see at Saturday's Interschools' sports matches. It was incredible to hear the support from the stands at Botanics from our learners and school community.

The pre-game tradition of popping a bottle of champagne before the Interschools 1st XV clash between Union and Volkskool, was this year beautifully done by Union's Champagne Boys and Girls, Grade 12 learners Matthew Basson and Asa Matross and Grade 1 learners Jua van Jaarsveld and Mandla Mahlaba.

We extend our grateful thanks to Recollection Rides who helped them make their big entrance at the Botanics Sports Grounds. Union's cheerleaders also put on an excellent show at this year's Interschools. We extend our grateful thanks to Buccara Wildlife Reserve who assisted them with their big entrance at the Botanics Sports Grounds, after which they took to the field amidst great tension and good-natured rivalry, dropping some coloured smoke bombs along the way, and then led all the learners, parents and supporters on the Union pavilion in cheering.

The success of the Union Schools, and really all schools, rests heavily on the support and dedication of its parents. During the 2022 Interschools' Weekend, it was inspiring to see all the Preparatory and High School moms, dads and extended family members dedicating their time and energy to help out on the hospitality side of things or to support the teams from the sidelines.

This sends a clear message to our children that they do indeed have an extended school family that cares greatly for them. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have remarkable parents who give so freely and abundantly of their time and energy – whether you help out at school or at home, your support is heavily felt and is producing great dividends. We, therefore, offer our sincere appreciation and thanks.

The Interschools' Week results are as follows:

Chess: *Union won overall.*

- Union Juniors lost 13 - 23
- Union Seniors won 14 - 2

Quiz:

- Union won 18 - 11

Speech:

- Seniors: Union High claimed first place, Volkskool took second place
- Juniors: Volkskool won first place, Union came second place

U10 Tennis:

- Boys lost 0 - 9
- Girls won 9 - 0

Junior Tennis:

- 1st Girls Team won 5 - 4
- 1st Boys Team lost 1 - 8
- 2nd Boys Team lost 3 - 6

Tennis (Seniors):

Girls

- Union 1st Team won 5 - 4
- Union 2nd Team won 9 - 0
- Union 3rd Team won 6 - 3

Boys

- Union 1st Team lost 0 - 9
- Union 2nd Team lost 0 - 9

- Union 3rd Team lost 3 - 6

Hockey:

- Union U7 lost 0 - 5
- Union U8B lost 1 - 2
- Union U8A won 2 - 0
- Union U9A won 2 - 0
- Union U10 won 10 - 0
- Union U13B won 1 - 0
- Union U13A lost 1 - 2
- Union hockey vs HVS netball won 7 - 0
- Union U16A won 2 - 0
- Union 2nd Team won 2 - 0
- Union 1st Team won 1 - 0

Rugby:

- Union U7A lost 0 - 35
- Union U9B lost 10 - 15
- Union U9A won 7 - 27
- Union U11B lost 20 - 24
- Union U11A lost 0 - 28
- Union U13B lost 0 - 51
- Union U13A won 14 - 12
- Union U14A won 27 - 5
- Union U15A won 7 - 5
- Union U16A lost 0 - 26
- Union 2nd XV won 14 - 5
- Union 1st XV lost 3 - 31

ANNE BEAGLEY JUNIOR RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Raw determination lights in the eyes of players, tension radiates as the shot at the goal just misses and the crowds roar with untamed excitement as the final try secures the win. Emotion stings the air and everyone is simply alive with spirit.

2022's Anne Beagley Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival, which celebrated its 21st year, can definitely go down as one of, if not the most memorable of the festivals to have been hosted by the School. Sponsored by Caltex Eastern Cape and Botha's Garage, the festival saw 30 teams from as far as East London, Gqeberha and Knysna, compete on both the rugby and hockey fields.

In spite of load shedding, cold temperatures and water logged fields, parents, coaches, guest schools and their supporters, were treated to displays of talent, skill and sportsmanship by many young sport stars of the future and an atmosphere of healthy competition and friendly rivalry prevailed for the 3-day duration of the fun-filled festival.

Mrs Anne Beagley's vision 17 years ago was to create an opportunity for brother and sister schools from cities, to come and experience a weekend of Karoo hospitality and friendship. This has certainly been

attained and the School extends its grateful thanks to all those who attended this year's festival and contributed to the success of the event.

Results

On the rugby field, our U13A side recorded two wins and a loss. They started well, beating Westering Primary School 60-0. Sunday saw the team beat George Randell Primary School 17-14 in a tightly contested match. The boys suffered their first loss of the festival in their last game, scoring 12 points to the Grey Bulldogs 31.

The 1st junior hockey team enjoyed great success, scoring a total of 35 goals during their seven games and only conceding one. They beat Gonubie Primary School 10-0, Westering Primary 2-0, George Randell Primary 9-0, Stirling Primary 4-0, Riebeeck College 5-0, and Victoria Primary 5-0, losing their only match of the festival, against Lorraine Primary 1-0.

The School also entered an invitation team in both the rugby and the hockey. Although both teams found it tough going against their respective U13A competition, they gained valuable experience which will stand them in good stead going forward.





SENIOR RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVAL

The 2022 March school holiday saw the School hosting its 33rd annual Senior Rugby and Hockey Festival, backed by title sponsors Caltex EC and Botha's Garage. This popular sports festival has its origins in 1987 when the school held its inaugural festival on its campus in Graaff-Reinet. Since then, this 3-day festival has become an annual event on the school's calendar, with the exception of 2020 and 2021, when the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the festival from being held. As always, schools from across the country participated, bringing much hype and excitement to Graaff-Reinet as over 600 players and coaches descended on the town for this sporting extravaganza.

The School's Sports Department, along with the teaching staff, did a sterling job ensuring that the programme ran smoothly over the course of the three days. The festival commenced with a cocktail party at The Tony Burrell Union for the parents, sponsors and invited guests. Here the school's headmaster, Mr William Pringle, bid everyone welcome and paid tribute to the official sponsors - Caltex Eastern Cape as well as Botha's Garage - without whom the event would not have been such a success. A convivial evening was enjoyed by all, catered for by a hard-working team of committed parents.

The next morning, play started in earnest, with fierce competition reigning on the hockey and rugby fields throughout the ensuing three days. For teams visiting from the city, this festival is especially fun to attend in that the young hockey and rugby players get to know one another both on the field and socially in a safe and beautiful environment. Local participating schools, Asherville Secondary, Spandau Secondary, Union High School

and Hoër Volkskool, watched and supported one another's games keenly, anticipating later clashes to follow this season.

To accommodate about 600 children for a whole weekend is no mean feat, nevertheless, the hosting boarding houses did a terrific job ensuring all were well nourished for the taxing games to be contested with many visitors commenting on how impressively smooth and efficient the entire festival's activities operated overall, with generous tea eats provided every day and delicious lunches served.

Upon conclusion of a memorable festival, which saw remarkable sportsmanship, camaraderie and enjoyable rugby and hockey encounters, busloads of tired, satisfied youngsters, filled with lactic acid and precious memories, left Graaff-Reinet after a weekend of exciting physical activity.

Our teams produced outstanding play and represented their school with pride and passion, as is the Union way. It seems that when the white jersey is worn, the boys and girls rise to any occasion.

Results

Rugby 1st XV: vs Camps Bay High School 'Wild Dogs' 53-0, vs Cambridge High School 32-5

Hockey 1st Team: vs Nico Malan 11-0, vs Riebeeck College 2-0, vs Cambridge High School 7-0, vs Stirling 0-0, vs Hoërskool Stellenbosch 1-1, vs Witteberg 1-2

Hockey Invitation Team: vs Hoërskool Stellenbosch 0-6, vs Victoria Girls High School 2-1, vs Riebeeck College 1-1, vs Cradock High School 1-2.



Principal's Message

At the beginning of the year, we had four new teachers start at UPS, Miss Barnard as a Grade 1 educator, Mrs Kotzé as a Grade 3 educator, Miss Harris and Mrs van Deventer as Grade 4 educators.

As we all know Curriculum is the core business of any school. We at Union strive to make sure that our learners receive quality teaching and learning. To ensure that, the SMT have a good monitoring system in place, our teachers attend many workshops provided by the Department of Education to upskill themselves, as well as, the well-structured Keller project. We also provide extra support to our learners through the Learner Support Centre. The sharing of good practices is one of our support systems.

This was our first "normal" year since COVID-19. Therefore, we were able to return to our usual busy year filled with different activities. We were able to have mass participation all year round. We started the year off with a bang with our athletics day between Daly and Arnott. It was lovely to see the cheerful spirits of our learners as they supported and rooted for their fellow housemates. Our learners took part in the Interschools athletics. We had two of our learners who represented the Graaff-Reinet Primary Schools' CMC Athletics Team.

We continued with our swimming galas where some of our learners took part in the Interschools gala, Karoo gala, as well as the Inter-Districts gala. Two of our learners were brave enough to take on the Sundays River Mile.

Our other sporting codes started with full steam amongst others tennis, cricket, rugby, hockey and chess. We were fortunate to have Sulette Kotzee back at school for a 'talk show' about her hockey journey, which was followed by a Hockey skills clinic.

The new concept of Grade 4 Monitors was introduced at the beginning of the year. We celebrated the official opening of our brand new Grade 4 classrooms. A couple of our Grade 4 learners took part in the South African Mathematics challenge.

UPS had the exciting opportunity to host our family camp where tents were set up and braai fires were lit. Despite load shedding the following morning, UPS staff members and the rest of the fundraising committee made a delicious breakfast for all the campers.

We were surprised with a visit by the Easter bunny who handed out Easter eggs to all of the learners. The Union schools were excited for the project to lengthen the school pool to the standard length of 25 metres.

The first interschool since 2019 was highly anticipated. We were honoured to have our traditional Interschools assembly. The spirits and excitement of both senior and junior teams could be felt. The learners supported each other like family.

It wasn't long after Interschools that we hosted our Grandparents Tea. A lot of hard work went into the event and we are grateful for all the Prep school moms who made the day possible with delicious eats and beautiful décor.

Our learners finally took the stage for the wonderful production of Mary Poppins. It was a huge success featuring all of our learners after many weeks of practising their singing and dancing.

Learners from grades 1 to 4 participated in the annual school Cross-country. They jumped away with enthusiasm and should be commended for the effort that they put in.

UPS took a different approach to celebrate Heritage Day this year. Each class represented a different country from around the world. In doing so, the learners got a chance to learn and experience different cultures. I think our teachers learnt more from this event and that the



Mrs Botha: (Principal)
My teacher's name is: **Mrs Botha**.
She is **52** years old and lives in **South Africa**. I love my teacher because: **She is fun**. My teacher always tells us: **do your homework**.
My teacher is really good at: **History**. My teacher's favourite food is: **macaroni and cheese**
By - Luchaé

parents were more excited than the learners.

We were delighted to host our Music Hour at the John Rupert Theatre where our talented musicians could dazzle us with their exceptional music pieces. The highlight for term 4 was the Union Schools' A-10 Dinner. The grade 4s performed their usual dancing and singing for the matrics. The matrics and their parents were able to put on their dancing shoes and join in on the fun.

Thereafter, the Grade 3s held their successful Market Day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all learners. Grade 3s sold various sweet treats and snacks from their stalls, as well as, having enjoyable games.

We hosted our annual Cupcakes for Cancer fundraising initiative. Learners were dressed in yellow and white to raise awareness of childhood cancer. They were able to buy some deliciously baked cupcakes. 1060 cupcakes were baked by a group of moms.

Our learners were excited about some friendly competition between Daly and Arnott at our annual Interhouse General Knowledge quiz. The quiz teams consisted of Grade 4 learners who made their houses proud.

Towards the end of the year, we were able to start the festive season off with our Carols by candlelight. The learners warmed our hearts with their favourite carols and festive tunes.

It was lovely to end the year off with an enjoyable triathlon which allowed for mass participation. So many children commented on what fun they had.

Finally, our Grade 4 learners had the opportunity to have a lovely getaway from school as they went on their well-deserved excursion. It allowed the learners to bond with each other in a different way. They visited different places such as a Volkswagen Factory, Bush pig adventures and Jeffrey's Bay. The grade 4s were lucky to see some whales put on a little show for them.

Due to the sudden passing of Dave Stern, we had an SGB bi-election where Mrs Diane Murray was elected as a new member of the governing body. Mr Justin Kingwill has been elected to be the new chairman of the governing body.

Our staff have worked incredibly hard this year putting in extra time and effort in all aspects. I would like to thank them for their dedication and support to the school and the learners.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all the parents who so tirelessly offered up their time and expertise when needed. Thank you to all the parents for your continuous support of your children.

I would like to thank Mr Pringle and Mrs Singeni for their continuous support and guidance throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to commend all the boys and girls of Union Preparatory School on all their accomplishments, hard work and dedications. We bid farewell to our Grade 4s who are leaving to join the High School. We wish you all the best and hope that you will continue to work hard and make us proud. Thank you for all the memories that you have formed here. All of you must enjoy your well-deserved holiday.

We would also like to bid farewell to Miss Barnard and Mrs du Preez who will be leaving us at the end of the year. We would like to thank them for what they meant to the school. We appreciate all of their contributions. We wish you well in your next endeavour.

I would like to end off with a short quote by Nelson Mandela –
"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

~ **Mrs Botha**

Message from the Editors

Welcome to this year's edition of the annual magazine of Union Preparatory School. I am really proud and exuberant to acclaim that we are ready with all new hopes and hues to bring out this



year's issue, which is going to surely unfold the unraveled world of the most unforgettable and precious moments of our school. This magazine is jam-packed with **ALL** the events from the highest achieving school in Graaff-Reinet. (*cheekily adjusting our spectacles*).

Dedicated. Smart. Fearless. Strong. Eager to change the world. These are just a few words that describe our Preppies that you will meet in the pages of this magazine.

Children Are ...

AMAZING, acknowledge them
CHILDLIKE, allow them
ENERGETIC, nourish them
GIFTS, treasure them
INNOCENT, delight with them
KINDHEARTED, learn from them
MAGICAL, fly with them
OPEN MINDED, respect them
QUESTIONERS, encourage them
SPONTANEOUS, enjoy them
UNIQUE, affirm them
WHOLE, recognize them
YEARNING, notice them

BELIEVABLE, trust them
DIVINE, honor them
FALLIBLE, embrace them
HERE NOW, be with them
JOYFUL, appreciate them
LOVABLE, cherish them
NOBLE, esteem them
PRECIOUS, value them
RESOURCEFUL, support them
TALENTED, believe in them
VULNERABLE, protect them
(E)XTRA SPECIAL, celebrate them
ZANY, laugh with them

~ Miss Merisha van der Merwe

Staff



STAFF PHOTO

BACK: Mrs Natasha Burger, Mrs Linda Greyling

MIDDLE: Mrs Moyra Marais, Mrs Robyn Bellingan, Mrs Corrie Potgieter, Miss Amor Mey, Mrs Katie Kotzé, Mrs Belinda Botha, Mrs Bronwynne Kingwill, Miss Michaela Harris

FRONT: Ms Magda Michaels, Mrs Alet Kingwill, Miss Sandia Barnard, Miss Judy van Heerden, Mr Marchant van Rooyen, Miss Nonkuthalo Nguza, Mrs Chanzelle Heunis Jones, Mrs Valerie Lewack

ABSENT: Mrs Gweny van Deventer, Miss Merisha van der Merwe, Mrs Marjorie du Preez



SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAM

BACK: Mrs A Kingwill, Mrs C Potgieter, Mrs B Botha, Mrs C Heunis-Jones
FRONT: Mr M van Rooyen, Mrs V Lewack



CLEANING CREW

BACK: Mrs C Makonie, Mr R Mafeking
FRONT: Mr M Kitchu, Mrs S Willemse



Auntie Linda: (Secretary)
 Our secretary's name is: **Auntie Linda**. She is **65** years old and lives in **Graaf-Reinet**. I love our secretary because: **She is super kind and loveing**. Our secretary always tells us: **it's ok lets just chop it off**. Our secretary is really good at: **taking care of children and reading**. Our secretary's favourite food is: **a burger**.

By - Jameson



Hello and Good Bye

Union Preparatory School recently welcomed new staff members to its team in 2022.

We are very excited to welcome these exceptional individuals to our team of educators and look forward to a successful school year. The new appointments are Miss Nonkuthalo Nguza, Miss Sandia Barnard, Miss Michaela Harris, Mrs Gweny van Deventer and Mrs Katie Kotzé.

We also had the privilege of having Mrs Hetma Holmes (Michau) as a

Grade 1 teacher for 2020 and 2021, Miss Caley Taylor as a Grade 4 teacher during 2021, Miss Julia Foot as a Grade 3 teacher during 2021, Mr Aiden Rittels as part of our Learner Support Team, and Mr Richard Rautenbach as our Junior Sports Coordinator for a short while.

We thank Mrs Holmes, Miss Taylor, Miss Foot, Mr Rittels, Mr Rautenbach and Miss Barnard for their dedication and hard work at Union Preparatory School and wish them well on their new ventures.



Miss Nonkuthalo Nguza



Miss Sandia Barnard



Miss Michaela Harris



Mrs Gweny Van Deventer



Mrs Katie Kotzé



Mrs Hetma Holmes



Miss Caley Taylor



Miss Julia Foot



Mr Aiden Rittels



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SGB Chairman's report for 2022

Please find below the speech delivered by Union Preparatory School's SGB Chairman, Mr Justin Kingwill, during the school's end-of-year assembly:

Today it gives me great pleasure to address you all on behalf of the SGB. We gather here to recognise, celebrate and acknowledge the talents and achievements of our young learners who have excelled in a wide variety of academic cultural and sporting activities offered by the school.

The SGB represents the voice of the parent body and is ultimately responsible for the Governance of the school through its mandate to dictate policy and oversee the multitude of facets making up the School in its entirety. Conrad Hilton once said *"Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but they don't quit."*

I believe this saying perfectly portrays the outlook and attitude of the members of our Governing body. We are certainly not shrouded in perfection but possess a driven desire to maintain and improve this wonderful little institution.

The 2022 academic year finally returned to normal after the upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a great relief to have our lives returned to normality as well as regular school events taking place.

We kick started the year taking ownership of our new grade 4 classrooms. A huge effort was put in by all involved to ensure these wonderful facilities were ready for the grade 4 class of 2022. A huge thank you must be once again extended to Donovan Burger for taking the lead on this project and ensuring all went to plan. We are truly blessed to have this state of the art new facility on our campus.

The Governing bodies vision for the school, back in 2021, was to create intimate, quality teaching and learning for our young learners, this entailed structuring our various grades into three smaller classes ultimately resulting in a lower teacher to learner ratio. This equated

to approximately one Educator to twenty learners on average and in some instances less. This model has proved very successful however its sustainability is being threatened due to financial constraints. We desperately need the support of our parents in this regard. The realisation and understanding needs to be conveyed as to the importance of paying School fees and the impact this will have on the SGB ability to sustain such wonderful initiatives.

Our post provisioning for 2022 consisted of 7 departmental posts. This included the Principal, HOD for foundation phase as well as 5 educator posts with the addition of an IsiXhosa Educator. Our SGB posts on the academic side included twelve posts comprising of eight educators three support educators and an aftercare assistant. We employed three new educators at the beginning of the year namely Ms Barnard (Grade 1), as well Ms Harris and Mrs van Deventer as the new grade 4 educators. It is with regret that I must inform you that Ms Barnard has resigned and will be finishing at the end of the year at UPS. I'd like to extend my gratitude to her for the service throughout the year and wish her well in her future endeavours. I'd also like to pay a huge thank you to Mrs Du Preeze whose contract will be ending with us at the end of the year. Mrs du Preeze has done a wonderful job in running the aftercare and managing the library.

I'd also like to express my sincere gratitude to all our educators and staff. You are entrusted with the huge responsibility of educating our children.

Aristotle once said *"Those who educate children well are more to be honoured than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well."*

We thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the year. You are all greatly appreciated!!

I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to our support staff who are all employed by the SGB. This includes our secretary Mrs Greyling and General workers Mr Kitchu, Mr Mafeking, Mrs Willemsem and Mrs Melonie.



SGB

BACK: Mrs C. Heunis-Jones, Mrs L. van den Heever
MIDDLE: Mrs C. Potgieter, Mrs D. Murray, Mrs E. Abader
FRONT: Mr D. Burger, Mr J. Kingwill, Mrs B. Botha

You all deliver such essential behind the scenes work and without you the school would be struggling to function.

To our Groundsmen Mr Kingwill. We thank you for your hard work and dedication in maintaining our campus in its current state, particularly on the shoe string budget you receive. We appreciate all your efforts in this regards.

To our joint employed staff (with UHS) Mrs Liebenberg (the bursar) and Mrs Burger (the debtors clerk). You both also contribute enormously to the functioning of the school. We thank you for all your efforts and endeavours in managing our finances.

To our hostel Staff, Marti Sullivan, Ros Rubidge and Didi Rath as well as all the hostel support staff. Thank you all for the fantastic work you have done in looking after our hostel children. We appreciate you all very much.

On the cultural side it was great to hear the sound of music in the corridors of UPS again and having our senior and junior choirs operating once more. This was something we all took for granted prior to COVID-19. It was also great to have our annual concert held again and witnessing the strength of our diversity on display. A huge thank you to Mrs Kingwill and Ms van der Merwe along with their team for making all this happen.

On the sporting front we employed Mr Rogers as an additional sports coach from the beginning of the year. Mr Rogers post was provisioned by the Old Unionites association and we are extremely thankful for their support in this regard. I wish to thank and commend Mr Rogers for his professional and dedicated approach he adopted in carrying out his coaching duties.

We also employed Mr Rautenbach as the new Head of Junior Sport at the beginning of May. His role was to ensure better coordination and communication in managing the Junior Sport program encompassing learners from Grade one to seven. The nature of our schools structure makes this a challenging job. Mr Rautenbach unfortunately resigned in the middle of October however I believe he made a positive impact on building our sports image in the short time he was here.

We approached Mr Calvin Beck from the High School to assist us in managing our sport curriculum for the remaining part of the year. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr Beck for his professionalism and friendly nature in taking on this role. He has done a fantastic job. I'd also like to make special mention of Mrs Alet Kingwill, who despite her already heavy workload, also assisted in this role.

It is our aim as an SGB to ensure our sport curriculum is tailored to be as inclusive as possible, meaning we want as many learners being afforded the opportunity to participate. Major Shortcomings we are aware of include a lack of coaches for our B teams particularly in Rugby and Cricket. Fixtures and participation of our C and D teams in Junior Hockey at varying age groups. These along with a number of other issues we have identified will be addressed and hopefully overcome in 2023.

To all our coaches. A huge thank you for your time and effort you put into coaching sport. A special thanks to the following parents who volunteered in assisting with sport coaching throughout the year. These include Natalie Davenport- swimming, Janine van Jaarsveld- Hockey, Robert Mills Mark Hudson and David De Wet- Rugby and Victor Watson -cricket

I was involved in assisting the High School with the extension of the UHS swimming pool. The project entailed lengthening the pool from 22,86m (25 yards) to the standard Length of 25m. It appears this project has been a success and I look forward to our swimmers benefitting greatly from this undertaking. As a School we also look forward to being able to host galas in 2023 and beyond. Of Great disappointment to me is the fact that we are unable to offer a Learn to swim program. This is unfortunately due to the stringent legislation governing such initiatives. In a nut shell we simply don't have the manpower and skills to be compliant in this regard.

Earlier in the year the SGB resolved to officially recognise learners for their sporting achievements outside of school sport. These awards were

handed out to learners at a special assembly on the 11th of November 2022. It was truly great to see the number of our Preppies that take part in various additional sports. I would like to encourage parents to please communicate with the school should your child take part in additional sports. We are interested in their achievements so please keep us informed.

I'd like to again commend Alet Finlaisson and her team of ladies on the Sport hospitality Subcommittee who undertook such wonderful work in presenting fantastic spreads as well as portraying such a marketable image of our school at our home sporting fixtures. Your efforts are all greatly appreciated. I'd also like to thank all those parents who serve on the SGB Sports sub- committee. You provide an invaluable service in assisting with our sporting curriculum.

The fundraising committee has been hard at work this year and raised a total of R212000. It is unfortunate that the target of 265k was required to balance the budget this year. Unfortunately the Wild Karroo fundraiser earmarked as the major fundraising event had to be postponed and will take place in March next year. This resulted in a fundraising shortfall of R53000.

Despite this I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Diane Murray, Edwardine Abader and Lene van den Heever along with the rest of the awesome ladies on the Fundraising committee. They have done an outstanding job. Fundraising is a thankless task yet everyone involved has tackled the task at hand with enthusiasm, energy and vigour. It was truly inspiring being part of one such event namely Stoep tasting. I believe the stand and hospitality put on show by our fundraising team at this event not only raised funds for the school but was also an invaluable marketing platform for the school as visitors from all over the country could get a taste of what Union Schools was all about.

It is of slight concern to me that those serving the school with such selflessness, energy and vigour tend to be the same old faces. I'd like to implore all parents, particularly those who receive exemptions to make yourselves available and repay the school with at least your time in giving back.

The School finances remain a tight rope, however positive strides have been made in engaging parents and reducing our exemptions and bad debt by some small margins. I would like to commend Mrs Lene van der Heever on the enormous amount of work she put in to preparing the budget for 2023. She has done a fantastic job. It was resolved this year that for 2023 year the fundraising would not form part of balancing our budget but instead be ring fenced for capital projects that would improve the schools infrastructure.

Exciting projects we wish to undertake for 2023 entail the development and enhancement of the two open spaces on the northern and southern side of the school. Greater detail on these projects will be provided in due course once finality has been reached on the scope of works to be undertaken.

It should also be noted the enormous contribution our Corporate sponsors, Montego Pet Nutrition have made to our school. Their funding has enabled us to equip our grade 4 classes with state of the art technology as well as enable us to provide additional education supplies and accessories we would not usually be able to afford. I would like to use this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to Montego for their continued support.

The SGB, The School and the greater community suffered an enormous tragedy this year with the unfortunate passing of our Chairman, colleague and friend Dave Stern. Dave was a giant of the community. His passion for the school was unrelenting. I believe this stemmed from the fact that he was a 4th generational A-10 Old Unionite on both his Mother and fathers side of the family. His daughters Kari and Michela are the 5th Generation of Unionite passing this establishment. Dave leaves a massive void in the Union family and our aim is to keep his memory alive through our continued efforts in striving for excellence in everything we do with

regards to Union Preparatory School. Our thoughts remain with Maryke, Kari Michela and the rest of the Stern family in coming to terms with the massive vacuum Dave has left behind.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the SMT and parent members who make up the School Governing body. To Mrs Botha, Mrs Potgieter Mrs Heunis Jones and Mr Koeberg. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in carrying out your duties to the school. We appreciate what you do and wish you all a well-deserved rest.

To Lene, Edwardine Donovan and Diane. You are all warriors of commitment and passion in the truest sense of the word. I salute each and every one of you for your commitment and dedication you all offer in serving the school. It is an honour and a privilege to work with such a great group of human beings. I can't thank you all enough for what you offer to this wonderful institution of ours.

To our greater parent body. Without you and your children the school wouldn't exist. I wish to thank everyone for their support throughout the year particularly those that offer up their time selflessly in service to the school.

To our learners of UPS. The school year has come and gone. I'm sure for all of you it's been a year of many different emotions. Highs and lows, excitements and disappointments. Over time you will soon come to realize that this is in fact life. Life was never meant to be easy. What life requires of you is to always give your best. Never stop trying and take every opportunity that crosses your path. Adopt a positive mind-set and always treat those around you with dignity and respect.

Some of you will be awarded prizes today and recognised for your achievements and talents you have displayed throughout the year. We congratulate and applaud you for these achievements. I wish to remind you that to receive a prize is an honour and privilege. It's not a right. Receive your prize with dignity and grace and let it inspire you to continue working hard.

For those who do not receive any awards, use this day as a motivation to try harder. Reset your sights on the year to come. Thomas Edison the

great American inventor once said *"our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time"*

Lastly to our grade four class of 2022. You are all gathered here today having completed four years of schooling at UPS. Albeit in difficult circumstances!! You have faced up and overcome the odds of adversity such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the many other challenges that came with it. You have all soldiered on admirably. You have forged friendships and bonds along the way. You have shared in the highs and the lows the academic and sporting year has had to offer.

You now embark on a new journey in your school career and I'd like to leave you with the words of Steve Maraboli renowned Author and motivational speaker.

"Dare to Be

When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully.

When there is darkness, dare to be the first to shine a light. When there is injustice, dare to be the first to condemn it. When something seems difficult, dare to do it anyway.

When life seems to beat you down, dare to fight back.

When there seems to be no hope, dare to find some.

When you're feeling tired, dare to keep going.

When times are tough, dare to be tougher.

When love hurts you, dare to love again.

When someone is hurting, dare to help them heal.

When another is lost, dare to help them find the way.

When a friend falls, dare to be the first to extend a hand.

When you cross paths with another, dare to make them smile.

When you feel great, dare to help someone else feel great too.

When the day has ended, dare to feel as you've done your best.

Dare to be the best you can –

At all times, Dare to be!"

The Governing body wishes all the staff and learners well and congratulates each one of you on your achievements.

Thank you!

Tribute to Dave Stern



How does one express the amazing essence and spirit of Dave?

His selfless generosity, uncompromising belief in all that is good and his unwavering commitment to the Union Schools. Words, even the very best of words, cannot truly capture the sense of loss that the union family are feeling. Dave has silently closed the door of life, and in great certainty, many of our lives will be empty in the areas he had brightened for us.

Albert Einstein said; "The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive". In one word, Dave was a man who gave. He gave so much of himself to others, he gave to his work at the school, sacrificing many hours and sponsoring resources to ensure UPS is a school of excellence with quality education. He provided this SGB with effective leadership, sound advice, encouraging support, and true friendship.

Let us celebrate his life, as it was a life that demanded notice. A life that exemplified brilliance, a life that inspired, a life that has burned so that other's paths are lit.

On behalf of the UPS SGB, Educators and non-educators we convey our sincere condolences to his wife, Maryke, his beautiful daughters, Kari and Micela, and the extended Stern family. Thank you for all the time you allowed Dave to sacrifice to this school and this community.

Our sorrow is lessened only slightly with the comforting thought that we had the privilege to know him.

Rest in Perfect Peace our fellow Governor and Rise in Glory.

~ Edwardine Abader

Max Kroon House

If you happen to visit Max Kroon House on any afternoon during the week, you will be received by a bustling of children. It is a very busy place!

MKH is a weekly boarding home for Grade 1-4 children. This year it was filled with 20 girls and 17 boys. We were glad to have the assistance of 4 Grade 10 girls who stayed at MKH as prefects.

In July we welcomed Mrs Didi Raath as assistant matron. She is loved by all and we are grateful for her hard work, caring nature and joyful

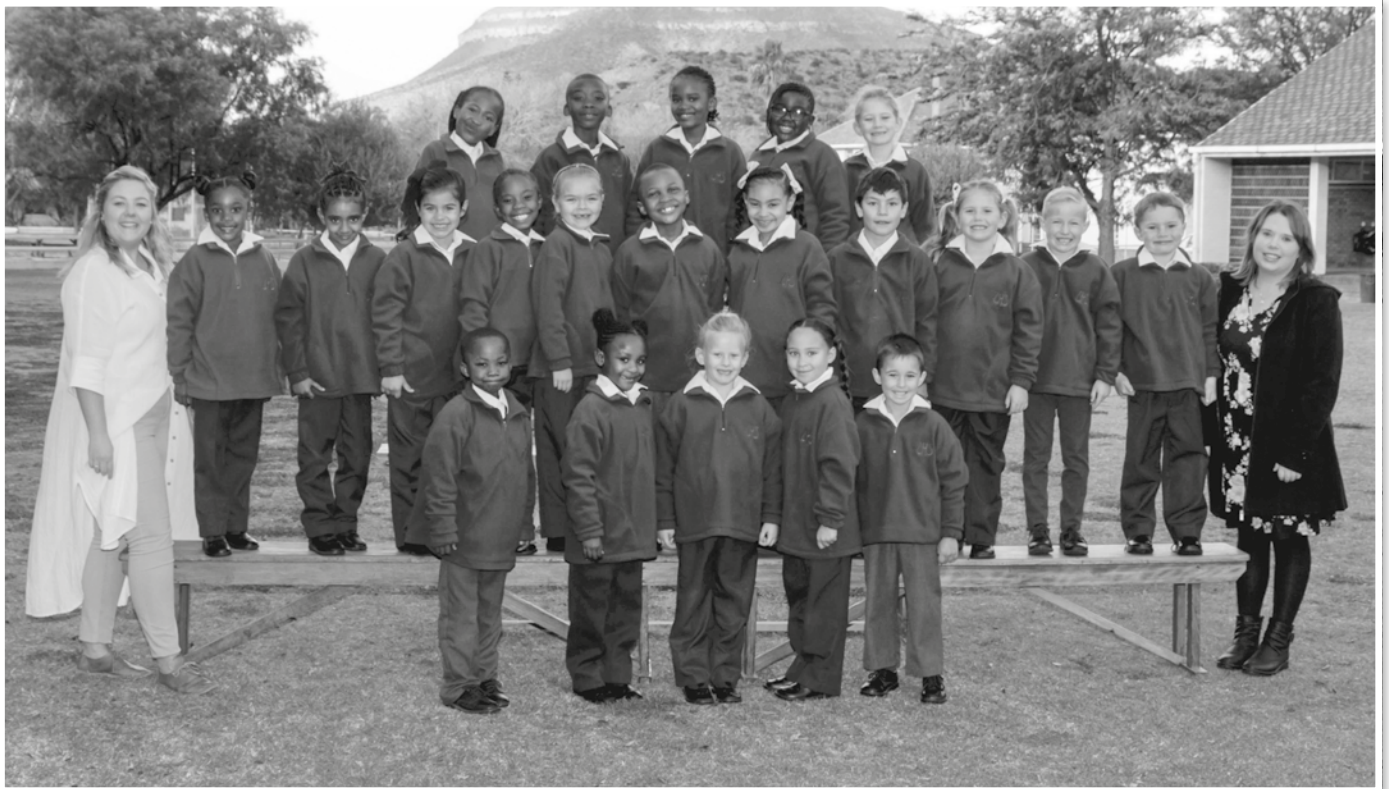
outlook on life.

Max Kroon House is a place where we become a little family. The children learn to respect each other and learn to understand each other's differences.

We strive to develop, improve and maintain a happy environment for all the children in Max Kroon.

~ **Matron Ros Rubidge**



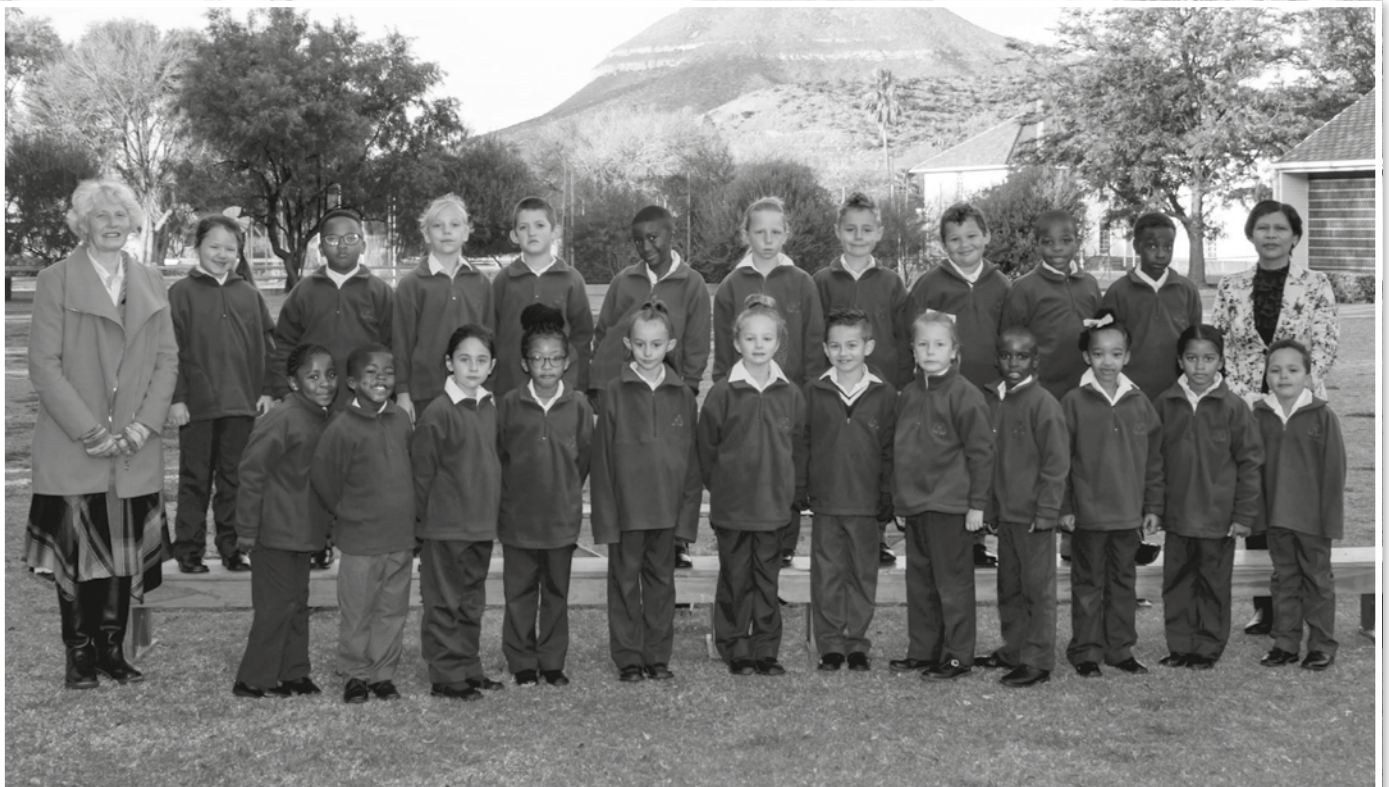


GRADE 1B

BACK: Kamva Galada, Iminathi Sididi, Lithalande Zono, Courtney Diza, Casey Ferreira

MIDDLE: Miss M van der Merwe, Linique Booysen, Arsema Okbagerish, Jua van Jaarsveld, Khazimla Fundi, Ghisela Lategan, Milani Mayekiso, Zahra Smith, Andrew McEwan, Kiara Knoesen, Lihan van Jaarsveld, Mark Copeman, Miss S Barnard

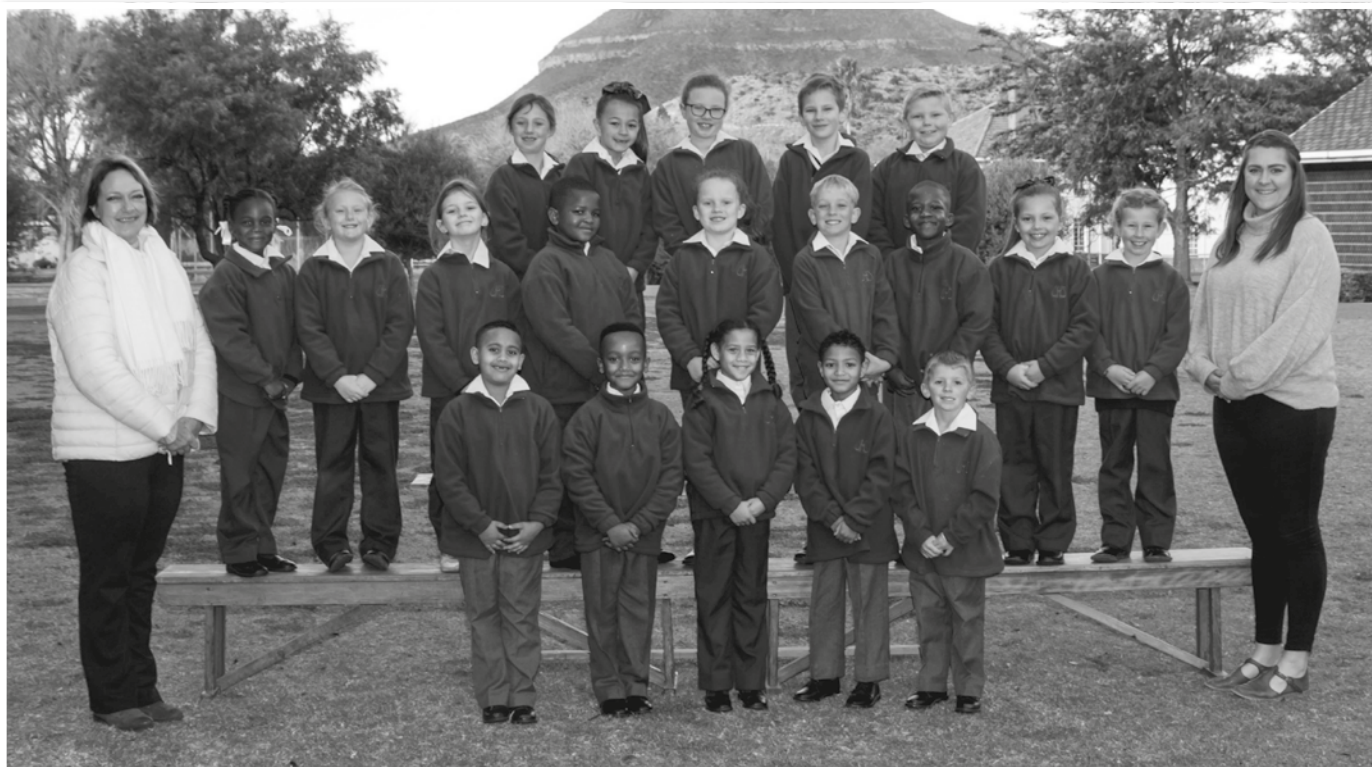
FRONT: Ngcwele Nofemele, Nola Msutwana, Katelynn Brunette, Scarlett May, Connor Nel



GRADE 1E

BACK: Mrs M Marais, Mia Herrington, Anthony Davids, Elcke-Lynn Blom, Nixon Borlase, Oyintando Desha, Cara Murray, Richter de Wet, Israel Linch, Alexis Dyasi, Mercy Chawana, Ms E Michaels

FRONT: Mihle Langa, Luchumile Goliath, Zanell Botha, Jamie-Lee Minnies, Nicole Vermeulen, Lèmari Grobler, Liam Pienaar, Isabelle Bester, Owam Kotishini, Madison Klerk, Hibbah Kazi, Kemar Klasse



GRADE 1K

BACK: Mia Lategan, Grace Kitching, Skye van Loggerenberg, Callum Juan Geel, Taylor Bosman

MIDDLE: Mrs B Kingwill, Martech Persensie, Lilly-Ann Brunette, Leah Scriven, Liyansanelisa Kula, Zanké Bellingan, Trenn Nuade, Nathan Kiggundu, Mijke van Aswegen, Keira Kingwill, Miss J van Heerden

FRONT: Natanim Wolde, Mandla Mahlaba, Hannah Felix, Jaqwan Ahmed, Liam Raath



Mrs Bronwynne Kingwill:

My teacher's name is: **Mrs Kingwill**. She is **161** years old and lives in **Grufet-Rauod**. I love my teacher because: **She is cind and cering**. My teacher always tells us: **olwass chriy your best**. My teacher is really good at: **teaching**. My teacher's favourite food is: **cholclit**.

By - **Gia**



Miss van Heerden:

My teacher's name is: **Onty Joody**. She is **23** years old and lives **on a fom**. I love my teacher because: **She is very cinde**. My teacher always tells us: **sit dawn**. My teacher is really good at: **teeching**. My teacher's favourite food is: **lots ov cack**.

By - **Keira**



Mrs Marais:

My teacher's name is: **Mrs Miray**. She is **55** years old and lives in **Gravenet**. I love my teacher because: **She helps me**. My teacher always tells us: **bee good clas**. My teacher is really good at: **sams**. My teacher's favourite food is: **she likes donuts**.

By - **Zanelle**



Ms Michaels:

My teacher's name is: **Mrs Micols**. She is **33** years old and lives in **Grofanet**. I love my teacher because: **She is the best**. My teacher always tells us: **to lisin**. My teacher is really good at: **bey a moscal teacher**. My teacher's favourite food is: **pisa and cholclit and pooding**.

By - **Cara**



Miss Barnard:

My teacher's name is: **Miss Barnad**. She is **26** years old and lives in **Graff-nent**. I love my teacher because: **She is the best**. My teacher always tells us: **don't lick the prit**. My teacher is really good at: **number sums**. My teacher's favourite food is: **she likes cup-cake**.

By - **Khazimla**



Miss van der Merwe:

My teacher's name is: **Mirisha**. She is **28** years old and lives in **Graff-reinet**. I love my teacher because: **we hava photo shoot**. My teacher always tells me: **I am a ongelixfool**. My teacher is really good at: **playing ukilaly**. My teacher's favourite food is: **pizza**.

By - **Lihan**

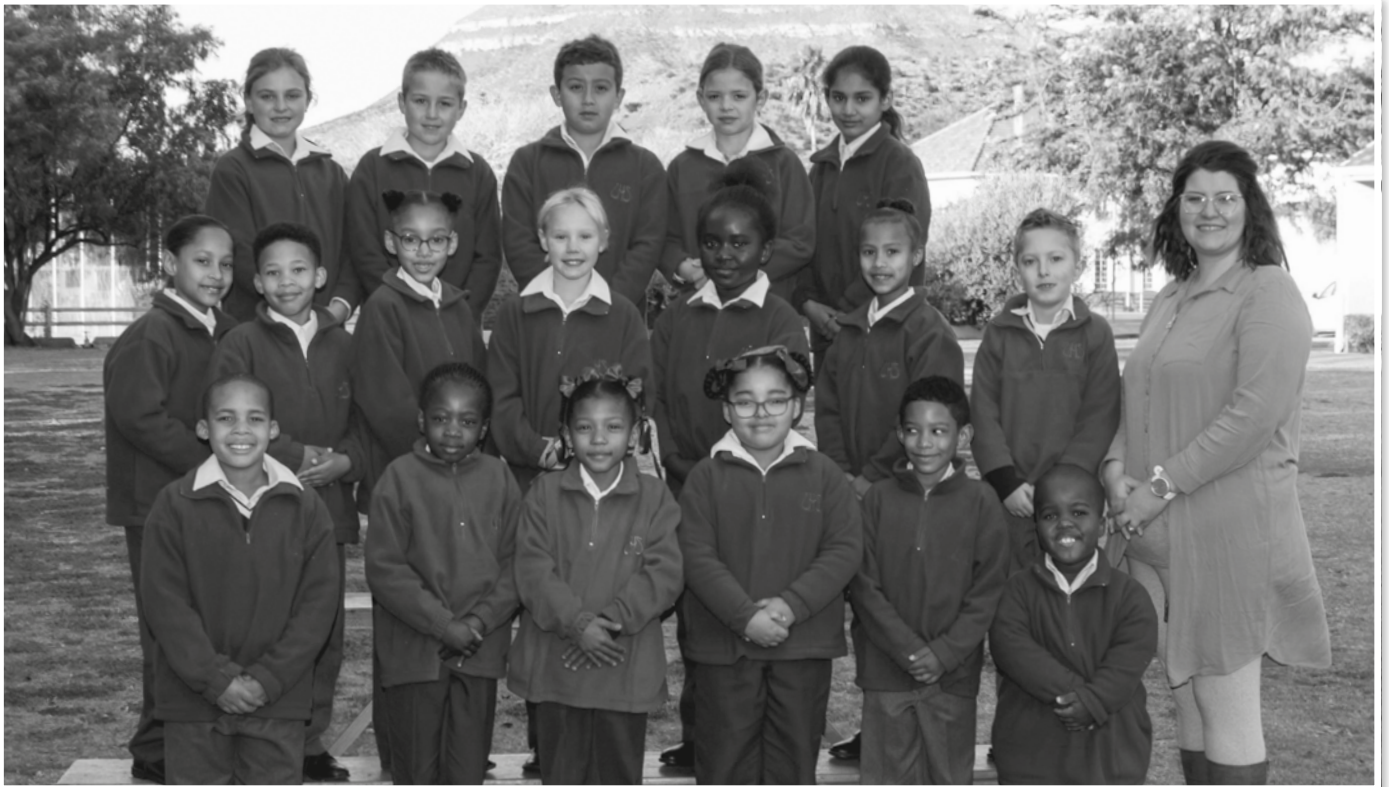


Grade 1 Creative Writing

I went fishng weeth my frend. ~ Alexis Dyasi
 I luck to pay hud and seeck outside. ~ Luchumile Goliath
 My hody wus fun. My nefoos wi have fun. ~ Israel Linch
 Lost nit I slep waff my moms slupars, ~ Nicole Vermeulen
 I went to the wild pok. ~ Mia Herrington
 I wet to croognashnopark. ~ Cara Murray
 I wes playing gun fits. ~ Kemar Klasse
 My dad and my mum and I had Pokikikos. ~ Richter de Wet
 Me and my fami wet too Pofkn. ~ Elcke-Lynne
 I went to my frend. ~ Madison Klerk
 I went to sunsit and is was hot and sun. ~ Isabelle Bester
 I play with my playbow. ~ Hibbah Kazi
 I wet to the Dents ~ Mercy Chawana
 I went to jiwbg. ~ Liam Pienaar
 I kickd e bil. ~ Anthony Davids
 I went to my friends hws. ~ Mihle Langa
 My family and I wer at the beech. ~ Zanelle Botha
 My dog and I went four a wok. ~ Lemari Grobler
 I like to play red lit green lit with mi friend.
 ~ Jamie-Lee Minnies
 Just home. ~ Nixon Borlase
 Mi and miy brad will play. ~ Oyintando Desha
 I plad wth smol brud wth his cus. ~ Owam Kotishini
 We plad a cricket mach ~ Milani Mayekiso
 I will nevr sop lirng ~ Scarlett May
 I hav so so at school ~ Jua van Jaarsveld
 Me and my sip at nayt ~ Lithalande Zono
 The sooll wick is the best ~ Iminathi Sididi
 The teechers oway geev us warck ~ Andrew McEwan
 I had my fafrrt toy Potee. ~ Zahra Smith
 My dog is a polce dog I love him so so so mush ~ Kiara Knoesen
 I love my doll and she is 6 ~ Ghisela Lategan
 My brothe is so busy ~ Kamva Galada
 Speshel pet is my dog ~ Casey Ferreira
 I love my teddy baer ~ Courtney Diza
 My toy I am scered of it ~ Khazimla Fundi

I teech my dog ~ Ngcwele Nofemele
 My pet can run ~ Linique Booysen
 My pet is very friendly but the other one is not
 she barks and bites ~ Lihan van Jaarsveld
 My toy is a fere good toy ~ Mark Copeman
 My pet cooar he love to 9lay ~ Katelynn Brunette
 I hav a cat an thay love my ~ Arsema Okbagerish
 Love your bets like like bets ~ Nola Msutwana
 My pet is very nice and portects me ~ Connor Nel
 Meg lookt at the sand. She digd in the sand. ~ Taylor Bosman
 The three littl pigs tript ofir ich uther. Ker(ful) dot fol.
 ~ Liam Raath
 Me and my frend wering the saym awfat. ~ Gia du Preez
 And we had brekfist. And we went too the slops.
 ~ Keira Kingwill
 I was sliping in the bed, it was cold. ~ Mandla Mahlaba
 Dear Grani. Thank yoo for my tede ber. ~ Zanke Bellingan
 Thay chript of the cher. Take cer doont chript of the cher.
 ~ Martech Persensie
 I want to go to the fas paut. I was a yoonicon. ~ Hannah Felix
 Dey Grani. Tack yoo for mij tepotset. ~ Leah Scriven
 I went to my fez haws. I rid my bsicl. ~ Natanim Wolde
 Wi plad pool. Wi jrent milkshyeyk. ~ Liyasanelisa Kula
 Goldilocks went to sit in babe bears cher an she brocket.
 ~ Mia Lategan
 Goldilocks see the door are opn. She didn't nok.
 ~ Skye van Loggerenberg
 The momi pig left. The pigs wir playing priris.
 ~ Mijke van Aswegen
 Goldilocks wonttid to the hus to loock a rotnd. ~ Grace Kitching
 Dear Grani, thank you for my helicopt. ~ Callum Geel
 I shot a saringbuk with my kuzen anthen my ungkil mayd bitong.
 ~ Trenn Naude
 Goldilocks set on the hud chair. ~ Nathan Sibabalwe Kiggundu
 I was hugign twix my hos and I was fid ha caiats.
 ~ Lilly-Ann Brunette
 Mi mom chalanj meetofix the uvan. And I lict it.
 ~ Jaqwan Ahmed





GRADE 2B

BACK: Gemma Murray, Ben Steynberg, Matthew Bosch, Kirsten Trollip, Ayat Qaiser
MIDDLE: Leyanah Koeberg, Zachary Mostert, Angelique Fortuin, Cathryn Davenport, Bohlale Ralepelle, Leah Abader, Anthony Blom, Mrs N Burger
FRONT: Uziah Willemse, Liyanda Bodlani, Zoey Buys, Faith-Lynne Plaatjies, Calum Deysel, Imitha Memani



GRADE 2P

BACK: Thomas Short, Miah de Bruin, Jocelyn King, Kelly van Rensburg, Achuma Magwentshu, Imboyethu Nondlazi, Caley Brunette
MIDDLE: Rosemary Brown, Lunathi Wellman, John Davis, Zack Arends, Frederick Maitland MC, Chivandre Stoffels, Antonique Adams, Mrs C Potgieter
FRONT: Humera Shoaib, Nicaylin Pieterse, Elizabeth Fourie



GRADE 2R

BACK: Othandwayo Dontsa, Michael Maritz, Ben Wormald, Thomas Krige, Ava Mafeking, Micela Stern, Diego Peterson

MIDDLE: Harlee Palmer, Mia Serfontein, El-Rico van der Merwe, Shiloh Plaatjies, Leandro Norman, Amia Steenkamp, Jianna Hardine, Mrs. R Bellingan

FRONT: Othalive Daliwe, Taymor Davids, Clashay Lamont, Nareece Wessels, Taylor Liesing, Hannah van der Walt, Willca Visagie

Grade 2 Class pets

This year the Grade 2 classes introduced a “pet” to their classes to encourage creative writing and speaking in the class. The learners were so excited when they met their class pets. Mrs. Potgieter introduced Zippy the leopard, Mrs. Burger introduced Andile the lion and Mrs. Bellingan introduced Tusky the warthog.

Each learner had a chance to take their class pet home to take care of them, introduce them to their family and have an adventure with them. They had to write their adventures in a special book and come and share their story to the class after the weekend. These books will be kept in class as part of the class library and future Grade 2 learners will be able to read all about these adventures!

During the year, our class pets even celebrated their birthdays with each class hosting a birthday party in class for their pet with balloons, presents, art and of course-sweet treats! This has been an amazing success, with happy stories and excited learners waiting for their turn to go on their adventure with their class pet and then sharing it with their class and future Grade twos to come!

IT IS MY BIRTHDAY!!!

Tusky, Andile and I had a party with all the children. We had yummy chocolate brownies and sweets to eat. We played lots of fun games with Coach Koeberg. Tom Short and I share a birthday. Cayley gave me a smart birthday outfit. ~ Zippy

I was so surprised when the kids came into class the morning and brought balloons, decorated the board, and sang happy birthday to me. I felt so special. Ben gave me an awesome green collar and Mia brought some of her teddies for me to play with on my birthday. We all got to decorate our own caramel cupcakes and then we celebrated my birthday with Andile and Zippy since it was their birthday too. We had an amazing birthday with all our grade 2 friends! ~ Tusky









Mrs Potgieter:

My teacher's name is: **Mrs P.** She is **46** years old and lives in **Graf-Renet**. I love my teacher because: **She is kind and pretty.** My teacher always tells us: **be proud of your work.** My teacher is really good at: **art.** My teacher's favourite food is: **pizza.**

By - **Achuma**



Mrs Burger:

My teacher's name is: **Mrs Burger.** She is **29** years old and lives in **Graaf-Renet**. I love my teacher because: **She is amazing.** My teacher always tells us: **to ceep ciyf.** My teacher is really good at: **Maths.** My teacher's favourite food is: **a burger.**

By - **Zoey**



Mrs Bellingan:

My teacher's name is: **Miss Bellingan.** She is **43** years old and lives in **Graaf-Renet**. I love my teacher because: **She is a nice teacher.** My teacher always tells us: **do not play with your pencils.** My teacher is really good at: **telling jokes.** My teacher's favourite food is: **chocolat.**

By - **Willca**

GRADE 2: MRS BURGER

IF I WERE THE EASTER BUNNY

If I wo the easter bani I wood hand easter eggs aut and I wood make the Easter eggs.

I wood give the eeaster eggs out. I will hide them from them. I will eas if thy cn din the eggs. If I was the Easter bani I wood hid the eggs well. I wish the chldrin a happy Easter. I wish ewrwan hap Easter. The end. ~ **Ben Steynberg**

I will make Easter eggs and dec rate. I will play with the kids. I will hop all Sunday to divir. My Easter eggs will bee the best.

My jangl eggs will bee the best out of them all. ~ **Leyanah Koeberg**

ALL ABOUT MY PET

My pets name is aniy. My pet is a dog. Aniy likes tummy scratch. I feed hre twice a day and I give hre lots of love. Anie is brun.

~ **Angelique Fortuin**

OURS SCHOOL CONCERT

I loved the concert. Every bide loved as Every bode loved me Awer perens prod of as. We mad a goo jod

Every night we went it was nis It was nis going to the concert We had fan at the concert At the night it eas spoky it was nic siting of sid ~ **Imitha Memani**

First my teather toalt us that we are going to have a concert. I was so so excited.

Bat than we where practicing. After the practising it was fun. It was fun!

Than it was Thursday night. I was so so excited. Than we arrived on stage. I was so shy bat it was nice. I liked the singing.

~ **Zoey Buys**

I was happy that I was in the concert. But wen I was bihand the ertuns I gou a litul scerd. I was tuyerd of practs evri day. It was nice singing on the boxes. Ther was a lot of words.

It was funny wen thay clapt for u in the midel of the song. wen we wer wathing ouwtsid it was verry cold. It was verry scerry! ~ **Gemma Murray**

It was fun when we went to the high school hall and where we sang. I felt sh. I felt scerd. When I had too wear the make up. Iked when we wear getting dresses. We wear playing the ugly bug ball.

On Fridays concert I felt brave. I was having fun because the perents,wear claping when we wernt even done.. the perents loved it. We play a game after hour part. I went home afear the corrcent to go sleep.

~ **Uziah Willemse**

I exorienced allot at the concert. it was a bit scary. but I was brave. I bet also the parents where proud of us all. The singing the dancing the everything was so fun.

I was a bit shy. on the concert. I was so excited. for the mary poppins.

~ **Bohlale Ralepelle**

ALL ABOUT SPRING

I love a nice spring sunshine. The flowers are able to grow. All the birds singing.

Sometimes it is hot or cold. Me and my family go on holidays. I go on walks sometimes with my dad and my dog.

Sometimes I get icecream ~ **Anthony Blom**

I like spring. A bunny will have babys. It is verry sunny. In spring the birds cume. You get brown birds. Even smart birds. All the birds ar friends. ~ **Zachary Mostert**

I love spring because I like swimming. I love it because I can play with my bunnys and hamesters. And I like eating ice cream on a hot day. We have fun.

~ **Matthew Bosch**

I like spring because all the flowers grow nicely. The baby goats come alive. The geese lay eggs. Every weekend when we get home I skip around saying hello to all the animals. ~ **Kirsten Trollip**

THE ADVENTURES OF ANDILE THE LION

On Friday Andile came to visit me and my family. Saturday morning me and andile help my grandfather to wash the car. The afternoon we went for icecream. Andile loved the vanilla flavour. Early Sunday me and Andile helped my granny to pick some roses. My family and I enjoyed having the friendly lion Andile.

~ **Faith-Lynne Platjies**

On Friday me and andile did my homework and a arrived at home and then Andle and I and my family went to Spur and then we payed in the park and then we went homw and sleep on Saturday. Me and Andile went to my friends house and we played hide and seek and went home and sleep on Sunday we wend Sunday School and sent home to our lunch. On Monday I took Andile back to school. ~ **Liyanda Bodlani**

On Friday Andile came home with me. My small brother like Andile. Me and my small brother play with Andile. We have so funny. On Saturday we want to my ant hooz. On Sanday we home. On weekand we have so fun ~ **Ayat Qaiser**

So after a very long wait I finaly got to introduce Andile to my Family. My mother and Little brother fetch me and Andile at school. We went to Spar to buy a few things. We went to the high school to pick

up my big brother and went home. On Saturday we went to my grandmothers house all my cousins was ther and we all played ball with Andile. Andile really enjoyed to play ball. Sondag after lunch we took a nap then watched dragon ball z Andile was very amazed how strong goku is. I was very nive to have Andile with us.

~ **Calum Deyzel**

GRADE 2: MRS BELLINGAN

ALL ABOUT SPRING

In Spring the birds are butifful. The butterflys are flying. The trees has flowers. The bunnys are cute and flafly. And the sunshine is shaning. You can swim. And you cane ate ice creem. ~ **Othandwayo Dontsa**

ALL ABOUT MY PET:

My pet is a dog. My dogs nam is dix. he like to play with wot. My pet like to eat dog food. he has brun and wit fir. I Love my bog because he is his self. ~

Harlee Palmer

AT THE BEACH WITH THE DOLPHINS:

Tusky rode a bicycle at the beach. He see the dolphins. F they are ohoca. but they wint ohoca so Tusky went in the water and the dolphins cam to Tusky and Tusky Hugd them. ~ **Amia Steenkamp**

THE ADVENTURES OF TUSKY THE WARTHOG:

After school on Friday Tusky watched me play hockey. We had a braai and Tusky played with us. Dad put Tusky in my bed. The next morning I found him on the floor. Tusky was so happy to come to the farm with us. We jumped on the trampoline. We had a picnic at the Vlei. Tusky met my teddies. On Sunday I wocke up early but Tusky slept late. I had baacen and egg's for breakfast. Tusky loved the farm. In the afternoon Tusky and I shot a gong with my dad. It was fan to have Tasky on the form this weekend. ~ **Micela Stern**

On arrival Tusky met my brothe and sister and they were over the moon. I introduced Tusky to my toys and they were happy. Ater awhile mummy called us to make muffins. Tusky and I ate most of the muffins. It was delicious. On Saturday morning I found Tusky at the bottom of my bed. It was hillerous On Sunday mummy made a big lunch for us while taking a walk to the shop and back with Uncle shandre. Tusky wanted all the sweets but I had to tell him that we couidrt have all of the sweets but uncle shandre would buy us same. What a onderTful weekend we had with Tusky. ~ **Shiloh Plaatjies**

Friday after school I introduced Tusky to my mother, we were so excited to finally have him at our home! while I was doing my homework Tusky was watching spongebob, afterwards I joined him. We both fell asleep infront of the television. My mommy woke us and we had a movienight with a lot of snacks and ice-cream. Saturday morning we ate breakfast and watched a movie. We went to spur for a waffle and milkshake then to coldstream for a slice of barone cake, me and Tusky played on the slide and horsies. After we were done eating we came back home and went to church it was cold so mommy had to wrap Tusky in a warm blanket. We had so much fun after all those activities we were tired. Sunday morning mommy made us breakfast and I helped her cook, we took an afternoon nap and prepared for the week ahead of us. I'm so glad Tusky came on a cold weekend he enjoyed my favourite snacks and hot chocolate. ~ **Ava Mafeking**

Grade 2 P: Mrs Potgieter

OUR SCHOOL CONCERT

We were at the concert. I was a pretty bug. Mom put lipstick on my lips. I did not like the lipstick. I enjoyed the singing.

I was cold after the concert. My brother was a chimney sweep. My dad waited for us outside. We had popcorn and donuts. We watched a movie. ~

Chivandré Stoffels

We had a school concert about Mary Poppins. We were bugs in the concert. We sang the Ugly Bug Ball song. Mary Poppins was in front of the curtains while we were behind the curtains. Our parents was watching us.

We sang "And then I hugged her." The grade ones were ragdolls and solgiers. Jack in the box was also part of the show. I am so glad that I was part of the show. My favourite part is when Mary Poppins sang Jolly hollyday.

~ **Achuma Magwentshu**

MY HOLIDAY NEWS

I went to the beach with my faimliy. We fished and caught fish. My dad and brother and sister caught a fish. My sister and I swam in the sea. I cut my self and started to bleed. It was not sore.

I made a fout with my cusins. We had to cut down trees. We had to cut thorn bushes. We bilt it. It is so nice. I made wood paint. It is not dun yet. We had to get planks. ~ **Jocelyn King**

I went to P.E. I went to sleep late. I watched Melvin and the Chik-monks. I went to the shops. I bort a ball and wisel. I saw my kosans. Thay names are Megan, Emily, Jes and Bell. We watched a moovi. Its name was Minyons three. ~ **John Davis**

MY SICK FRIEND DROVE A MOTORBIKE ON THE MOON

My friend John found a spaceship. He pressed a button to launch. He went to the moon. When he got to the moon, he felt dizzy and got sick.

John saw a space dog. But the dog did not like him. John found a motorbike and rode it until the dog stopped. When John got tired, he rode back to earth. John told everyone. He said he would never do it again. ~ **Frederick Maitland**

My friend Nicaylin was bord. Her mother said she must go play. Outside she found a stranj looking thing. She got in it. BOOM! It was on the moon. She got sick! Nicaylin was verey verey sick.

Her mother was worried. Thw holl town looked for her. Nicaylin looked and looked. She found a motorbike and drove home.

~ **Elizabeth Fourie**

THE ADVENTURES OF ZIPPY THE LEOPARD

Zippy is having fun. Zippy came to watch me and all my friends play a hockey match.

Cayley was feeling a little bit sick. I helped Cayley's mom bake delicious muffins for Cayley to feel better. They were vanilla and white chocolate chip muffins.

Cayley and I went to the farm. It was a nice sunny day. ~ **Cayley Brunette**

Zippy and I had a play date with the rest of my toys. We had a warm bath and ate supper. I went to bed with Zippy.

We went to the big church. Afterwards we had lunch at Spur. We ate burgers and chips and had coke for drinks. Zippy and I met Miah at the Spur in the play area.

~ **Antonique (Bethany) Adams**

My sister and I had lots of fun with Zippy this weekend. The fun all started with our movie night on Friday. He joined us for some nice chips, chocoletes and yogi sip. He ended up in my warm bed at bedtime.

Zippy watched my sister and I play games. He was the cheerleader. We also watched the Springboks win. In the evening, we took some photos with Zippy.

Sunday was homework day. Zippy listened while I practiced my oral. We ended the weekend with delicious pudding. We discovered Zippy has a family member at our house. ~ **Kelly van Rensburg**



Grade 3



GRADE 3HJ

BACK: Emihle Pietersen, Emma van den Heever, Tiyanah Abader, Jameson Houseman, Mia Labuschagne

MIDDLE: Yolo Vutula, Muhammed Steele, Alexander Olivier, Sibabalwe Silimeni, Nicolas Nelson

FRONT: Morgan Jacobs, Edwin van Greunen, Layla Ott, Ziyamo Tsutsu, Mrs C Heunis-Jones

(ABSENT: Isabel Hyldig)



GRADE 3K

BACK: Zola Ngcaba, Faith Hoffman, Lisa McEwan, Allison Gilfillan, Taylor Jacobs, Aaron Dyter, Klara van Jaarsveld

MIDDLE: Ray-Lynne Visagie, Elaih Morkel, Mateo Schoeman, Ongako Soloman, Emily Marais, Ahnaf Uddin, Kim-Lynn Finnis, Mrs K Kotze

FRONT: Uzai Fillis, Preston Owusu, Uyathandwa Tiyo, Lwandle Kubashe, Bonolo Raula, Reece Gibbons



GRADE 3M

BACK: Sintayu Kaitro, Emma Burger, Matthew Jacobs, Kate Scott, Harry Watson, Noah Greene, Grant Murray
MIDDLE: Daniel Davenport, Khanya Mtiya, Bthote Mussa, Michael Finlaison, Sibusiso Jantjies, Limyoli Tsibane, Kate Davis, Miss A Mey
FRONT: Raydon Hendricks, Sisipho Matolengwe, Carlie George, Chumasande Tsewu, Minentle Pink, Kiaan Beyers, Mphumzi Runeyi

Grade 3 Creative Writing

AFRIKAANS

-aai klank storie deur Mateo Schoeman
Grade 3K

Eendag het ons by die see gbraai. Toe sien ons iets blink by die kaai. Toe vat die haai dit. My oupa het gesien wat dit was en dit was 'n spyker. Die vleis is reg en die slaai is ook. Ons het 'n lekker dag gehad.

Alternatiewe ending vir die storie
'Seerowers' deur Ray-Lynne Visagie
Grade 3K

Die seerowers vat die kinders kombuis toe en sê, "Kan julle help kook asseblief?" Sê hulle. Ma wan hulle nie gekyk het nie toe vat hulle die kinders in 'n kamer toe. Hulle skree help help! Toe maak hulle die kinders vas aan 'n stoel. Hulle vra "hoekom doen julle dit" want ons wil julle eet want ons kan vir julle kos gee. Toe was hulle blei en die seerowers sê ek gaan nie weer mense eet nie.

Dinosaurusse deur Tiyanah Abader 3HJ
'n T-Rex is groen en het kluin arms. Hy eet vleis en mense. Daai Brachiosaurus het 'n baie lang nek en hy is groen. Sy stert is baie lang en hy eet plante. 'n Stegasaurus het spikes, hy eet plante en het kollejies. Al die dinosaurusse is baie mooi, maar my gunsteling is T-Rex.

DAGBOEKINSKRYWING: JY WAS OP 'N SAFARI TOER IN DIE WILDTUIN

deur Khanya Mtiya 3M
Liewe dagboek

Ek was op 'n mooi safari. Die hiëna val my eet ek is bang. Die grys groot olifant het die hiëna gestomp. Nou lag ek lekker. Ons het 'n baba sebra gesien. Die leeu wil die baba sebra geeet.
Khanya

deur Kate Scott 3M
Liewe dagboek

Vandag het ons op 'n safri gegaan. Dit was die beste safri ooit! Daar skrik ek boeglam, ek het gedink ek staan op 'n rots, maar ek staan op 'n seekoei. Daar lag pappa vir my ek vas baie kwaad vir hom. Daar sien ek 'n bruin aap op 'n boom. Ma se, "Daar klim Kate op die boom!" Daar sein ek 'n leeu op die berg die leeu was baie mooi.

Kate Scott

deur Isabel Hyldig 3HJ
Liewe Dagboek

Ek het baie verskillende diere gesien. Ek was bang vir 'n groot grys olifant. Daar was 'n luiperd. Dit het 'n bok in die lang groen gras gevang. Ek het 'n groot trop bokke gesien. Daar was 'n baie groot seekoei in die blou en bruin water. Daar was baie mooi blomme in die tuin.

Isabel

deur Emma Burger 3M
Liewe dagboek

Ons gaan wildtuin toe vandag. Ons gaan op 'n safari gaan. Op die safari het ons die grootste leeu gesien ek was baie bang. Tweede het ons 'n renoster gesien. Ek het myself boeglam geskrik. Hy woe my eet!! Ek het gesea ry ry! Ons het 'n sebra gesien, 'n slang, 'n kameelperd, 'n jagluiperd gesien. Ek was soo bang naa die sifari. Ek wil nooit weer op 'n safari gaan nie. Vat my huis toe now!!

Emma

deur Emma van den Heever 3HJ
Liewe Dagboek

Ek was by die Wildtuin in die eerste kwartaal. Dit was baie lekker. Ons het 'n grys olifant gesien en hy het hard gepoepe! 'n Kameelperd het bo-oor die mooi geel bakkie geloop. Daar was baie springbokke wat baie vinnig gehardloop het. Lara het twee suur lekkers in die bakkie gehad. 'n Aap het gekom en die lekkers gesteel! Ek hou baie van diere!

Emma

deur Yolo Vutula 3HJ
Beste Dagboek

Die wildtuin was leker. Ek het 'n leeu gesien. 'n Luiperd het in die boom ver weg geslaap. Die kameelperd eet bromme in die boom. Die volstruis het ons weg gejaag. Die olifant het water met sy slurp gedrink.

Yolo



Mrs Heunis-Jones:

My teacher's name is: **Mrs HJ**. She is **28** years old and lives in **Graff Rienet**. I love my teacher because: **She is loving and kind**. My teacher always tells us: **keep quited**. My teacher is really good at: **sport**. My teacher's favourite food is: **biskets**.

By - **Tiyanah**



Miss Mey:

My teacher's name is: **Miss Mey**. She is **35** years old and lives in **Graaff-Reinet**. I love my teacher because: **She helps us when we need help**. My teacher always tells us: **to do your best with whatever you do**. My teacher is really good at: **Afrikaans**. My teacher's favourite food is: **deliciose food**.

By - **Kate Scott**



Mrs Kotzé:

My teacher's name is: **Miss Kotzé**. She is **32** years old and lives in **Graffrenet**. I love my teacher because: **She is kind and funny**. My teacher always tells us: **go owt side if you are taking**. My teacher is really good at: **art**. My teacher's favourite food is: **lezanya**.

By - **Lisa**

ENGLISH

SHOULD WE WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORMS OR CIVVIES TO SCHOOL?

By Preston Owusu Grade 3K

I think uniforms are better than civvies because uniforms are neat. Uniforms are the neatest clothes in Earth and in Union they are so nice they will make you cry. Union's uniforms are easy to clean with bleach and easy to find in the shops. That is why we wear uniforms. Uniforms make your school neat and nice. Uniforms make you stand out to make you proud of yourself.

By Taylor Jacobs Grade 3K

I think that the children should wear school uniforms. School uniforms are neat and tidy also you respect your school. School uniform is easier to find at the shops. The school uniform can be bleached. In the school uniform you can concentrate more at school. Civvies are more expensive than school uniforms. When we wear school uniform we adhere to the rules. Where ever we go in school uniform we look smart.

By Allison Gillfillan Grade 3K

I think we should wear school uniform. I think school uniform is neater. School uniform makes you look proud and respectful. You can bleach school uniform. It is easy to get school shoes and school uniform. School uniform is comfortable. It is easier to get dressed in the morning. That is why I like school uniform.

By Harry Watson 3M

I think we should wear school uniform because it repersents our school. It is also good to wear school uniform because we all neat and tidy. I think when we wear school uniform we all look the same.

When we wear school uniform people don't get confused what school it is. When we play sport against a diffrent school the kids parents don't get confused what team their child is in. I think each school has a diffrent uniform. Thank you for listing to my story about why we should wear school uniform.

By Raydon Hendricks 3M

I think we must wear school uniform. So if you wear school uniform you don't need to choos which civvies you are going to wear. We all look great in school uniform. We keep our shoos cleen. We wear our skort for P.T and for practis and in summer. We keep our self nice and neat.

By Kate Davis 3M

I think that we must wear school uniform. I think if we all wear civvies the school would look silly. The girls hair would be in their faces when they write. If we do

wear school uniform our school wouldn't look unneat. Do you think the school would look silly? I think it would, if you could wear civvies every day. You could dress like a clown! I think the other schools would make fun of us. Do you think if we could wear civvies people would come to school in their pjamas? I would sit up all night to pick a outfit. I think we should be in our school uniform.

By Layla Ott 3HJ

I don't like school uniform, because every day you see the same thing over and over again. When you get home and take off your shoes you say OW!! At break the girls can't do tricks like cartwheels and handstands and other stuff. The jerseys are itchy and the socks shrink when you wash them! Another thing is I do not like dresses! The dress is uncomfortable and all the other uniform. Civvies are comfy!!

By Emma van den Heever 3HJ

I like school uniforms because it makes me feel happy when I see everyone looks neat and smart. Since the start of Spring the v-neck jersey has been very comfy. Everyones clothes look very nice when we are in shops but Unions people stand out if we are in our uniforms. Everytime we wear civvies everyone knows it is a special day for us! I don't like wearing civvies because it will be hard work to decide what we will wear. The school uniform is really pretty for me but it will only look neat if we fold our socks, fix our collars and tuck in our shirts, but I love doing it because it looks neat!

A LETTER TO GRANDMA FROM THE WOODCUTTER

By Ziyamo Tsutsu 3HJ

Dear Grandma

I'm the woodcutter. I roat this letter to warn you about the big bad wolf. He lurks in the woods at night. One time he killed the three little pigs. So you better be careful. I would buy some traps if I were you. Make sure you close your door and windows.

Your friend,

The woodcutter

By Tiyanah Abader 3HJ

Dear Grandma

I'm the woodcutter. I'm writing this letter to you, because there's some things about the wolf. He ate two pigs, six sheep and he blew down two houses. Here are some tips to stay safe from the wolf. When you go for a walk, take a walking stick so you can hit him on the head. Always lock your windows and doors when your asleep. I hope you stay safe.

Your friend,
Augustus



Grade 3 Market Day

Union Preparatory School, Graaff-Reinet's Grade 3 entrepreneurs had the opportunity to sell their goods and services to the rest of the school on Monday morning, 17 October, when the school hosted its annual Grade 3 Market Day. There was great excitement as the day dawned and the stalls were set up.

Many valuable skills were learnt, from working together as a team with a common goal, to not overpricing the goods they wanted to sell. Items on sale ranged from sweet treats, like fudge, cupcakes and condensed milk syringes to homemade stress balls, fidgets and toffee apples.

Fun activities included a 'Spin-the-Wheel' experience, a Pop-the-Balloon game and the opportunity to splash the teachers and coaches with a wet sponge.

Many other fun activities and interesting products were available to enthusiastic customers and we are pleased to announce that all of the Grade 3s walked away with impressive profits, already planning how they were going to spend their money.

The price of success is hard work and dedication! The well-organised Market Day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to all the Grade 3s and the parents who helped them!





GRADE 4D

BACK: Noël Shakane, Ryan Collett, Zuraicha Deyzel, Hermon Wolde, Cayden Thompson, Sinako Magwentshu, Olothando Desha

MIDDLE: Lilly Hunter, Abigail Loots, Matthew Christoffels, Joshua Kingwill, Sinovuyo Ndudula, Isiphile Galela, Mrs G van Deventer

FRONT: Emily Raath, Luphiwo Maloyi, Jayline Swartz, Ira Qureshi, Alzano Japhta



GRADE 4H

BACK: Jody Arends, Clark Labuschagne, Likhona Bulembu, Angelique Kyanda Kaboza, Nicola Scriven, Bubukho Jack, Nieke van Jaarsveld

MIDDLE: Mahruf Hawlader, Kari Stern, Eli-Zion Carolus, Keith Hudson, Ryonnuade, Kungawo Lisa, Mellissa Marais, Miss M Harris

FRONT: Owam Yaya, Caron Goliath, Lechem Lamont, Muhammad Abdullah, Hayley Krige, Nathanael Phillips, Gia Scheepers, Zanaib Akram



GRADE 4V

BACK: Mason Knoesen, Likhazi Qomfo, Robert Finlaison, Amelia King, Dante Mills, Leighton Malefo, Jordan Lamont

MIDDLE: Caren Bantom, Kwande Sobantu, Monalisa Jika Jika, Kendel Kruger, Iyapha Mazana, Siyolise Mateza, Lusizo Ngqoba, Mr M van Rooyen

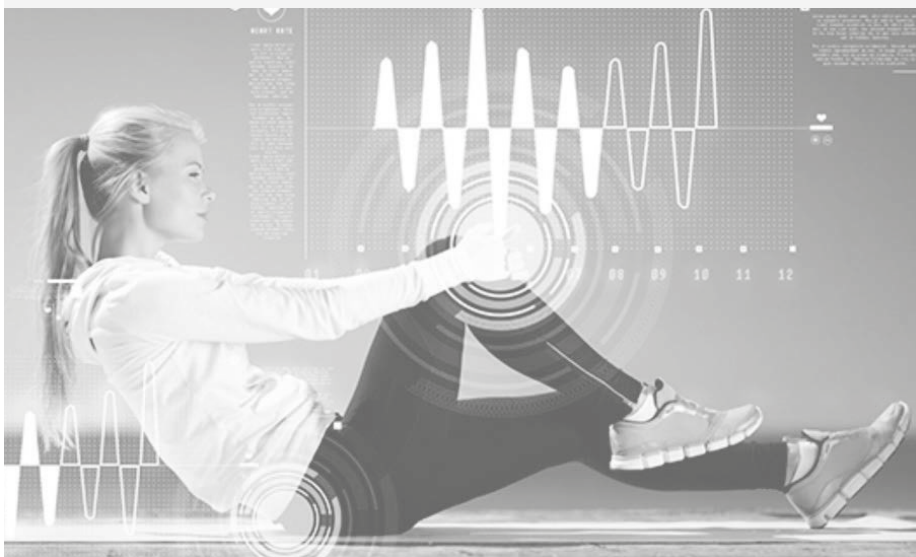
FRONT: Luchae Thomas, Luthando Tapi, Inam April, Shante Simpson, Chivargo Stoffels, Sarah Hampton, Matteo Arnolds



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Mrs van Deventer:

My teacher's name is: **Miss van Deventer**. She is **36** years old and lives in **Graaf-Reinet**. I love my teacher because: **She is fun and pretty**. My teacher always tells us: **to work faster**. My teacher is really good at: **English**. My teacher's favourite food is: **spagety ballinase**.

By - **Hermion**



Miss Harris:

My teacher's name is: **Miss Harris**. She is **25** years old and lives in **Graaf-Reinet**. I love my teacher because: **I like the work we get**. My teacher always tells us: **to keep quiet**. My teacher is really good at: **Math**. My teacher's favourite food is: **steak**.

By - **Nieke**



Mr van Rooyen:

My teacher's name is: **Mr van Royen**. He is **40** years old and lives in **Graaff-Reinet**. I love my teacher because: **He does fun experiments in NST**. My teacher always tells me: **That I am the best behaved**. My teacher is really good at: **talking**. My teacher's favourite food is: **skaap chopie**.

By - **Adam**

Dear Santa...

Your are the best present person that I know so for my Christmas can I get a hover board for Christmas, because my old one has to many scratches please. I just hope I'm not on the naughty list

I wish for a huverboard or tent pleas.
I want a huverboard because I want to get around the house faster. Its not much to give but if you cant do that I will be fine with nothing. I also want a tent my dad and brother has one so please can I have one. Thanks

I wish you will have a lovely Christmas
I would like you to bring me some presents for my Christmas I would like a phone and a puppy. Those things that I ask you to bring for me is because I don't have them.

This Christmas I would please love a new bicycle. This January my bike was stolen out of our back yard. I know it was my falt but I think I deserve another chance.

Good buy Santa

I would like a Engcunto LEGO set, because I love the movey. It must be big, so I can bild it with my mom and dad, and I wont to see the Engcunto caricters in LEGO form. Thank You

For Christmas I would like:

Roller Blades, Frozen lego set, Encanto lego set, Top Model Books, Air Pods, Apple watch, Barbies.

I wish for a Big Barbie doll. I wish for a iphone 13. I wish for a bike.

I want a funny book. I also want a new friends. I want lots of sweets.

I want a byscirle. I want a phone. I want a doll.

I want a rimot control car. And I want a bike. And a iyumen toy.

I would like a playstation. Please give me one because that all I wanted. I was waiting so long.

I would like to see you one day. I also want to see your elvs. I would like a bicycal for crismas.

I want a lovely Christmas. Mabby a new wach. Mabby a new hocky stik.

I want a threedee prenter I also want a swimming gogels. I also want a tennis racet.

I always wanted a ipad for Christmas and a set of head phones. And I please want a big box of chocolate. I want to get my gramma what she want a car please santa.

I wish I wolde have a phone and wach. Happy Christamas Santa. Say hello to your randeer.

I wish that I have a iphone and a trip to PE. I want to stay in a hotel and spend time with my mom and dad.

I don't want eny toys. I would like a wolf that is real and I want powers to turn into a wolf.

I want rollerskates for Christmas. I would also like a blue bike. I also want a barbie

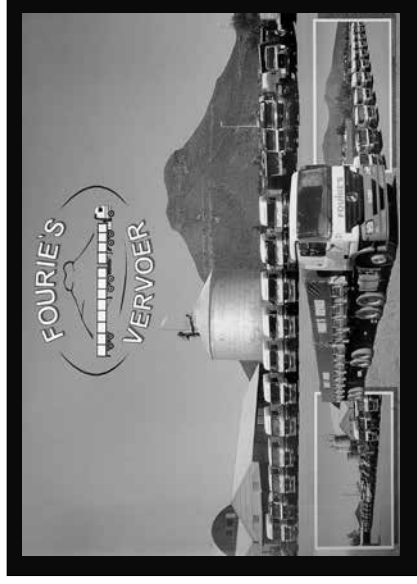
Can I please have a tennis raket. Dear Santa can I have a bebe gun. Dear Santa can I have a cricket bat.

I would like a new soccer ball or a new friend. And a A-plus in maths.



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Grade 4 Monitors



CONGRATULATIONS to Grade 4 learners Caron Goliath, Keith Hudson, Amelia King, Joshua Kingwill, Kungawo Lisa, Noël Shakane, Kwande Sobantu, Luchae Thomas, Hermon Wolde and Kari Stern on being selected as Grade 4 Monitors for 2022.

'Grade 4 Monitors' is a newly introduced concept at UPS, and one which will see the learners selected charged with being a representative of his or her classroom and a role model/leader to the younger grades.

The learners were officially announced and presented with their badges at the school's recent parents' evening.

We are so happy to have these compassionate and responsible learners as our inaugural monitors and wish them the best of luck as they tackle the rest of the year.

Grade 4 History Excursion

Union Preparatory School's Grade 4s recently enjoyed an **EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION** to the local museums.

This annual outing forms part of their Social Sciences curriculum and this year saw the learners treated to a tour through the - yet unopened - Sobukwe Museum & Learning Centre, after which they toured the buildings of the Graaff-Reinet Museum Complex.

As always, this was an **amazing adventure** for our youngsters who had a great time looking at the exhibits and spending the day with their teachers on a great outing.



Grade 4 Excursion

Day 1

On Monday the 21st of November all the Grade 4 learners got up very early to embark on their Excursion to Jeffreys Bay. After packing the buses and greeting the parents the buses left for the 1st activity which was held at the Volkswagen Factory and Museum in Uitenhage.

Here the learners were divided into different groups. The learners had the opportunity to visit the Volkswagen Museum and Auto Pavilion. The learners were also guided into the factory plant to see the production line of all the vehicles and how they are assembled. The learners were all amazed to see the assembly of all the vehicles by the robots and the working staff.

After the visit to The Volkswagen Museum the buses then left to Jeffreys Bay. Upon arrival the learners were given the opportunity to enjoy their lunch on the beach before heading off to the UCSA Campsite where we would be sleeping for 2 nights. After unpacking the learners were given another opportunity to go to the beach and have an ice-cream. We were fortunate enough to have four of the Freedom Church Youth accompanying our learners on the tour. They kept the kids busy with stimulating games and challenges on the beach.

Back at camp the learners enjoyed lots of food and were kept busy with more activities from Freedom Church and also enjoyed some "free time" before they went to bed.

Day 2

On Tuesday morning the learners woke up early to enjoy the sunrise at the beach. We also had our annual Solitaire on the beach.

The learners then got onto the buses to go to their second activity which was held at Bushpig Adventures near Gqeberha (PE). The learners took part in many team building activities and challenges where they were given mental and physical challenges. The kids thoroughly enjoyed this full day trip and were exhausted at the end of the day. We headed back to our Campsite and ended the day with a braai.

Day 3

On our last day, the learners got up early to enjoy a healthy breakfast before packing up and loading the buses.

Our last activity was at SANCCOB Penguin Sanctuary in Gqeberha. Here the learners took part in many activities where they were educated about the penguin species and other sea birds, about the health and safety of all sea animals and how to keep the environment clean and safe.

Before heading back home, the learners had an opportunity to buy their own lunch at the Boardwalk Mall.

All in all, the learners learned so much about themselves, made new friendships and gained new knowledge. This was definitely an excursion the learners will never forget.



Athletics Day

Union Preparatory School hosted its annual **interhouse athletics day** on Monday morning, 24 January.

Although temperatures started soaring early on, our athletes did their best on and off the field. All the learners ran, jumped and threw their hearts out, records were broken and there were many a stiff muscles the next day, but in true Union fashion everything was done with a sense of great joy and immense **SPiRiT**.

We would like to congratulate the winning house, Daly, who won with 335 points to Arnott's 307.



ATHLETICS

BACK: Allison Gilfillan, Zuraicha Deysel, Amelia King, Hermon Wolde, Angelique Kyanda Kaboza, Dante Mills

3RD ROW: Iyapha Mazana, Lusizo Ngqoba, Rynn Naude, Taylor Jacobs, Cayden Thompson, Keith Hudson, Robert Finlaison, Likhazi Qomfo, Kari Stern, Joshua Kingwill, Nathanael Phillips

2ND ROW: Caley Brunette, Zack Arends, Micela Stern, Ben Wormald, Matthew Christoffels, Shante Simpson, Michael Maritz, Jocelyn King, Edwin van Greunen, Mphumzi Runeyi, Iminathi Sididi, Miss N Nguza

1ST ROW: Keira Kingwill, Lihan van Jaarsveld, Mercy Chawana, Luchae Thomas, Frederick Maitland MC, Lunathi Wellman, Zoey Buys, Emily Raath, Jua van Jaarsveld

ABSENT: Muhammed Steele, Kim-Lynn Finnis, Carlie George, Raydon Hendricks

ABSENT: Ryan Collett



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U7 CRICKET

BACK: Mr S Koeberg, Connor Nel, Lihan van Jaarsveld, Liam Pienaar, Israel Linch, Alexis Dyasi, Jaqwan Ahmed, Luchumile Goliath, Mr L Rodgers

FRONT: Mark Copeman, Andrew McEwan, Taylor Bosman, Trenn Naude, Mandla Mahlaba



U8 CRICKET

BACK: Mr S Koeberg, Uziah Willemse, Thomas Short, Callum Juan Geel, Matthew Bosch, Frederick Maitland MC, Mr L Rodgers

FRONT: John Davis, Michael Maritz, Ben Wormald

U7 Cricket Report

We had a very eager group this year, same with the rugby where we only had a few kids who actually had some sort of coaching prior to their first practice at school. What I must say is that the boys thoroughly enjoyed the practices and the fact that they wanted to bat all the time which was not possible as they had to be taught every aspect of the game.

We did not manage to play any fixtures against other schools but we often let them play against each other in a game set up. A lot was learnt in these practice match sessions.

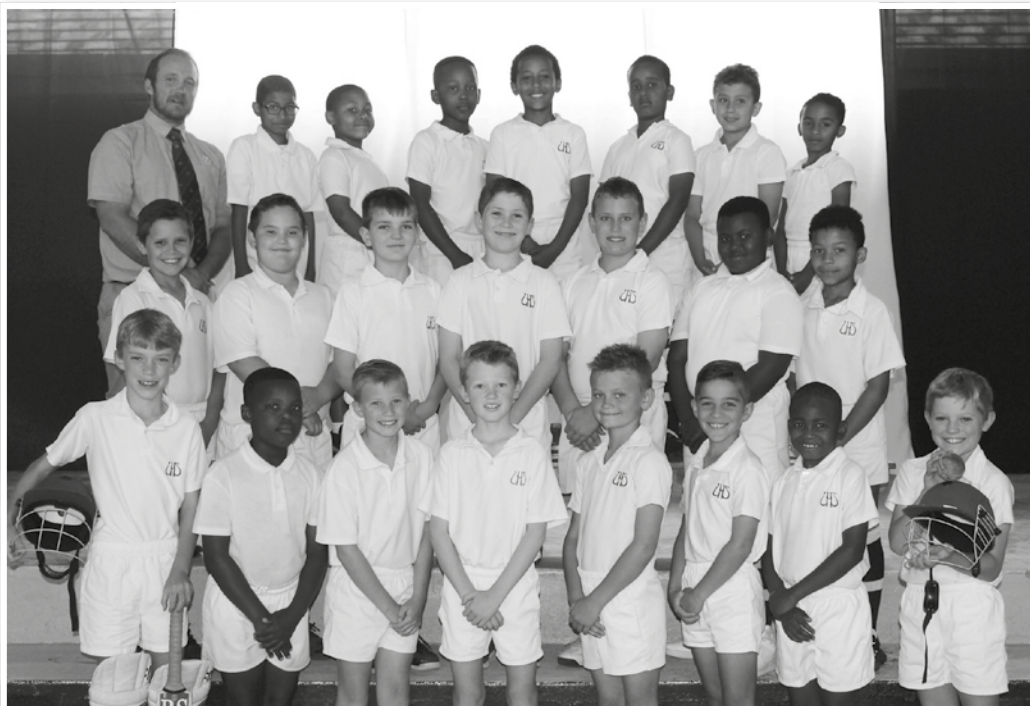
Im sure we going to see quite a few of these boys in the u9 team next year, playing hard ball cricket.

U8/U9B Cricket Report

What made things difficult was the mixing of the two age groups, as the one age group had some form of coaching earlier in their prep school days and the other had to start from scratch. Well we seemed to make it work because towards the end of the season all the players who attended practice regularly could do the basics right

The same as the u7 group, we did not manage to get any fixtures for the group but often had a practice match against each other during practices.

I wish this group of boys all of the best as some of them move up to u11 which will be quite challenging but I know they will not stand back for the challenge.



U9 CRICKET

BACK: Mr M van Rooyen, Kiaan Beyers, Morgan Jacobs, Isiphile Galela, Sintayu Kaitro, Bthote Mussa, Matthew Bosch, Raydon Hendricks
MIDDLE: Michael Finlaison, Aaron Dyer, Jameson Houseman, Matthew Jacobs, Grant Murray, Sibusiso Jantjies, Muhammed Steele
FRONT: Harry Watson, Yolo Vutula, Daniel Davenport, Ben Wormald, Michael Maritz, Mateo Schoeman, Preston Owusu, Edwin van Greunen



U9A CRICKET

BACK: Mr M van Rooyen, Morgan Jacobs, Isiphile Galela, Grant Murray, Matthew Bosch, Raydon Hendricks
FRONT: Harry Watson, Daniel Davenport, Michael Maritz, Muhammed Steele, Mateo Schoeman, Edwin van Greunen

Cricket U9A

This year I had the honour to coach cricketers that were young and enthusiastic. Throughout the season the boys showed great dedication and commitment and should develop into fine cricketers. The boys were true cricketers on and off the field, with such good manners and sportsmanship. We changed things up this year where the A – Team was introduced to hardball cricket for their 1st time. The learners were scared but also very excited to make the transition from the soft tennis balls to the hardball. We also played a few mini – cricket fixtures against the local surrounding schools. The boys have developed a lot over the course of the year and I wish them all the best for next year's cricket season. Thank you to all the parents for coming to support our little ones next to the field.

~ Mr van Rooyen

U11 Cricket

For most of them it was a first to play hard ball cricket. To see how these boys developed from the beginning of the year up until now is a good sign for Union cricket. The game that stood out the most was the game against Queens Primary where the union side were victorious. Batting first and giving Queens a target of 155 in 40 overs. The union team bowled Queens out for 138.

Losses: 11, Wins: 4

Matches

Lorraine, Herbert Hurd, Muir College, Homeschoolers, Gill College, Nico Brummer, Cradock, Hangklip, Queens College, Kingswood, Graeme College, Westering College.



U11 CRICKET

BACK: Cayden Thompson, Dante Mills, Murray Hope, Ryan Collett, Joubert Vorster, Jordan Maritz, Robert Finlaison

MIDDLE: Ryonn Naude, Aidan Ferreira, Kari Stern, Clark Labuschagne, Khazimla Jantjies, Mr L. Rodgers

FRONT: Adam Clark, Joshua Kingwill, Noël Shakane, Muhammed Steele, Nathanael Phillips, Tyrique Baartman, Carlin Pieterse

Cross Country

The learners enjoyed their annual whole school cross-country meet on Friday, 16 September.

Learners from Grade 1 right through to Grade 4 competed and thoroughly enjoyed the summery weather as their parents and teachers supported from the side lines.

This year's race was a tightly contested event with the majority of learners putting in some excellent gutsy runs. But, while there was some serious competition, there was also a fair amount of fun and frivolity!

Overall, we were incredibly impressed

with the levels of enthusiasm, fitness and commitment to this event – all learners should be proud of their efforts.

Every learner who participated should be commended for the effort and willingness to push themselves and improve.

They did themselves and their school proud.

The winners in the respective groups are as follows:

Junior girls (Grade 1 & 2):

1. Gemma Murray
2. Antonique Adams

3. Keira Kingwill

Senior girls (Grade 3 & 4):

1. Taylor Jacobs
2. Hermon Wolde
3. Amelia King

Junior boys (Grade 1 & 2):

1. Ben Wormald
2. Michael Maritz
3. Trenn Naude

Senior boys (Grade 3 & 4):

1. Joshua Kingwill
2. Mateo Schoeman
3. Preston Owusu



After two years of little to no hockey, Union Preparatory School introduced a new division to hockey this year. Most Friday afternoons were filled with laughter, hockey balls hitting the back of the goal box, whistles and loved ones shouting from the sides. The internal six-a-side hockey tournaments were a great addition to UPS hockey, as it assisted the boys and girls in developing their personal skills as well as learning to play together in a team.

u7 Hockey

The u7 hockey girls rocked up in their masses this year which made coaching hockey an absolute pleasure. These girls were always eager to learn more about the game. These girls improved with every match they played - be it internal or against opponents from a far. These girls showed us that they are true Karoo-Girls and always played with smiles on their faces and fire in their bellies. We look forward to seeing where these girls can take their hockey careers.

~ Miss M van der Merwe & Miss S Barnard

u8 Hockey

The under 8 hockey girls had a fun filled season, learning loads of new skills, and having fun being back on the hockey field. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Friday afternoon internal matches where they got to play against the under 7's. With only 3 external hockey matches, these Friday internal matches allowed for all the girls to participate in a match.

Some of the girls had this to say about the season:

It was fun because we worked together. We enjoyed learning our war cry for interschools. We enjoyed playing in all the matches and riding in the bus. We liked playing the wolf and chicken game. We enjoyed playing against each other and it kept us busy and fit. It is a nice sport to play. And we learnt how to control the ball. We also learnt that sometimes we lose and that is okay and when we win we got to celebrate it nicely. We liked the team talks.

~ Miss Mey and Mrs Burger



u9 Hockey

The start of the u9 hockey season was cause for much excitement, as it was the first time since having started school, that these girls could take the field for competitive hockey fixtures.

Even though many of them were still unsure about themselves and their hockey abilities having just emerged from a 2-year COVID-19 hiatus, the girls certainly didn't disappoint, playing with enthusiasm and determination and showing tremendous grit on and off the field.

It was incredible to watch these girls grow and improve their skillset throughout the year - both as a team and as individual players.

The girls became fast friends very quickly - which can most likely be attributed to their mutual love of hockey and the camaraderie experienced on the many early-morning bus trips to our away fixtures. This resulted in an incredibly enjoyable season for all concerned.

Competitive weekend fixtures, educational internal hockey afternoons as well as a very successful tour to Bloemfontein for the u9As (which saw them beating some of the best schools in that area), all contributed to a set of great results upon conclusion of the season.

Even though we're incredibly proud of the fact that our u9A side enjoyed an unbeaten season, scoring a total of 101 goals with only 7 scored against them, we're even more proud of the incredible sportsmanship demonstrated by these girls and the fact that they all ended the season knowing what it means to be part of a team and valuing the fact that they get to be part of it.

We are so excited to see what they will achieve next season.

~ Mrs van Jaarsveld and Miss van Heerden

u10 Hockey

The u10 hockey girls had an exciting season that was filled with growth with every match that they played. The girls were filled with a fighting spirit and determined to never give up. Their season started off on a winning streak, which motivated the girls to develop their skills both on and off the field.



U7 HOCKEY

BACK: Mia Lategan, Casey Ferreira, Grace Kitching, Skye van Loggerenberg, Courtney Diza, Cara Murray, Zanke Bellingan

MIDDLE: Miss M van der Merwe, Nola Msutwana, Kiara Knoesen, Ghisela Lategan, Lèmarì Grobler, Khazimla Fundi, Mercy Chawana, Mia Herrington, Zahra Smith, Mijke van Aswegen, Martech Persensie, Miss S Barnard

FRONT: Hibbah Kazi, Linique Booysen, Keira Kingwill, Zanelle Botha, Isabelle Bester, Hannah Felix, Lilly-Ann Brunette, Jua van Jaarsveld, Jamie-Lee Minnies, Arsema Okbagerish, Katelynn Brunette, Scarlett May



U7A HOCKEY

BACK: Mercy Chawana, Mijke van Aswegen, Isabelle Bester, Keira Kingwill, Cara Murray

FRONT: Miss M van der Merwe, Jua van Jaarsveld, Miss S Barnard



U10A HOCKEY

TOP: Luchaé Thomas

MIDDLE: Hayley Krige,

Shanté Simpson

BOTTOM: Kari Stern,

Nieke van Jaarsveld, Amelia King



U8 HOCKEY

BACK: Othandwayo Dontsa, Cayley Brunette, Clashay Lamont, Bohlale Ralepelle, Mia Serfontein, Imboyethu Nondlazi,

Cathryn Davenport, Rosemary Brown, Kirsten Trollip, Nareece Wessels, Achuma Magwentshu, Ava Mafeking

MIDDLE: Gemma Murray, Leyanah Koeberg, Zoey Buys, Kelly van Rensburg, Liyanda Bodlani, Hannah van der Walt,

Nicaylin Pieterse, Angelique Fortuin, Jocelyn King, Leah Abader, Micela Stern, Antonique Adams

FRONT: Miss A Mey, Mrs N Burger



Bloemfontein Hockey Tour

Sixteen of our hockey girls (the u9A and u10A sides) were privileged enough to go on a hockey tour to Bloemfontein at the end of term 2. This was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to be exposed to bigger schools and challenged to push themselves. The girls challenged Jim Fouche, Eunice, and St. Michaels primary schools. The girls were lucky enough to have Mrs. Sulette Kotzee (Damons) shouting for them on the sideline against St. Michaels.

The girls improved in every match and managed to end the tour on a very high note. It was a great experience for the girls, and there were many valuable lessons learnt along the way.

Interschools Hockey

The u10B team took on the u9B team as LVS did not have a team for them to play against. Nonetheless, UPS made the most of the situation and both the u9s and u10s had a great time and fought with the interschools spirit to the very end.

The u10A hockey girls took all that they had learnt during the 2022 hockey season and put it to the test in an unbelievable match against LVS u10s. The girls played with heart, spirit, and grit. Each ball that was passed, was passed with precision and purpose to execute 11 spectacular goals! The whole of UPS and UHS was in awe of the amazing talent and passion that the girls displayed.

u10 Hockey Scores

UPS A vs Jim Fouché	1 – 1 (draw)
UPS A vs Eunice	0 – 7 (lost)
UPS A vs St. Michaels	5 – 0 (win)
UPS A vs Herbert Hurd	7 – 1 (win)
UPS B vs Herbert Hurd	3 – 1 (win)
UPS A vs DSG	0 – 8 (lost)
UPS A vs Clarendon Park	2 – 1 (win)
UPS B vs Clarendon Park	0 – 2 (lost)
UPS A vs Gill	8 – 0 (win)
UPS B vs Gill	2 – 2 (draw)
UPS A vs Priory B	4 – 0 (win)
UPS A vs Priory A	2 – 1 (win)
UPS B vs Priory A	1 – 1 (draw)
UPS B vs Priory B	5 – 0 (win)
UPS vs Laer Volkskool	11 – 0 (win)

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
UPS A	10	7	1	2	40	19
UPS B	5	2	2	1	11	6

~ Miss Harris and Mrs van Deventer



U9A HOCKEY

BACK: Emma van den Heever,
Taylor Jacobs, Allison Gilfillan,
Emma Burger, Lisa McEwan
FRONT: Mrs J van Jaarsveld,
Emily Marais, Layla Ott,
Klara van Jaarsveld



U9B HOCKEY

BACK: Sisipho Matolengwe,
Faith Hoffman, Kate Scott,
Tiyanah Abader, Carlie George
FRONT: Mrs J van Jaarsveld,
Kate Davis, Khanya Mtiya,
Uyatandwa Tiyo, Miss J van Heerden



U10 HOCKEY

BACK: Kari Stern, Nieke van Jaarsveld,
Hermon Wolde, Amelia King,
Mellissa Marais, Kungawo Lisa
MIDDLE: Mrs G van Deventer,
Jayline Swartz, Gia Scheepers,
Shanté Simpson, Siyolise Mateza,
Hayley Krige, Zanaib Akram,
Luthando Tapi, Sarah Hampton,
Miss M Harris
FRONT: Luchaé Thomas,
Luphiwo Maloyi, Abigail Loots,
Emily Raath



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U10 HOCKEY BLOEMFONTEIN TOUR SQUAD

BACK: Miss M Harris, Hayley Krige, Kari Stern, Amelia King, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Shanté Simpson
FRONT: Luchaé Thomas, Sarah Hampton, Luphiwo Maloyi



BOYS HOCKEY

BACK: Ryonn Naudé, Noah Green, Harry Watson, Matthew Jacobs, Jameson Houseman, Michael Finlaison
FRONT: Lechem Lamont, Muhammed Steele, Mateo Schoeman, Edwin van Greunen, Trenn Naudé



INTERSCHOOLS

Union Preparatory School held their traditional Interschools Assembly in the early morning of Friday, 5 August. The school's dome was packed with guests attending this very special event which produced **no shortage of heartfelt moments**. From the entrance made by the high school's 1st rugby and hockey teams, the presentation of the scarves, a welcoming address by Mrs Chanzelle Heunis-Jones and the special messages delivered by Matthew Basson and Kendall Krige, Union High School's Head Prefects, to the addresses made by the 1st team captains, Chloe Shires and Bubele Thibini, and the little teams' war cries, it could easily be seen why this is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

A highlight of the gathering was, most definitely, Mrs Katie Kotze's rendition of the song 'Union's Call' - truly a "goosebumps" moment.

All our Preppies played their hearts out on the sports field and win or loose managed to walk off the field with the biggest smiles on their faces. We are immensely proud of how all our Preppies participated and enjoyed Interschools.

Scores: (Union Scores First)

Chess:	2-8				
Hockey:	U7A 1-5	U8B 1-2	U8A 2-0	U9A 2-0	U10A 12-0
Rugby:	U7 0-30	U9B 10-15	U9A 26-7	U11B 12-22	U11A 0-22
Tennis:	U10 Girls 12-0	U10 Boys 0-12			



U7 Rugby Report

As one would expect that grade 1 or u7 rugby boys were very excited when the season finally got under way. For some of them it was their first time ever being involved in a rugby set up as they had not had any rugby during their pre-school days. Practices were well attended and it often made team selection difficult but I am pleased to say that every boy who was at a rugby practice this year, played in a match.

Our first encounter of the year was against Laer Volkskool, where they participated in the Hoër Volkskool Rugby day, this was still during the cricket season so the boys only had two sessions to prepare for it. When the season eventually got under way in the 2nd term, we had, had a few practice sessions under the belt and the boys looked far better than the first encounter. We may have only won one game but the experience they gained playing in a competitive match was, for me as a coach, the best.

I wish all the boys the best for the future and I am sure they will make the school proud in whatever team they play going forward.

Fixtures

Lost vs Volkskool

Lost vs Cradock

Lost vs Aliwal- North

Lost vs Hangklip

Lost vs Karel Theron

Won vs Gill

Lost vs Volkskool

U9A Rugby Report

This year I had the privilege to have coached a very vibrant and energetic team. The season started off a bit shakily and this was due to the effects of COVID-19. The learners had a lot to learn in the limited time we had to prepare for our upcoming games against very strong opponents. We lost the first couple of games against Queens College, Hangklip, Middelburg and Aliwal North.

After looking into our shortcomings and developing our own game plan and focusing on the basics the boys just started clicking. The turning point for us came at the Cradock Festival. We faced off against Middelburg and Cradock which we won both games. This was the confidence boost the boys needed taking them forward. The team played with loads of passion and a winning desire. This has set us on our winning spree in the next couple of games. The biggest Highlight of the season must be during interschool's week when we faced our arch rivals, Volkskool, on their home turf beating them 26/7.

Thank you to all the learners attending the practices. A special thanks must go out to all our parents for travelling so far and supporting the team throughout the season.

~ Coach Mr. M van Rooyen



U9B Rugby Report

This group is often the group that people forget or don't come and support, but this group of boys made sure that they were going to be known about by the end of the season. Having quite a number of u8s in the team sometimes made it difficult against the teams that we played against, as we played against the local schools A teams and they would get the better of us.

We managed to organise quite a few games, more than what they usually played in a season and that did wonders with their confidence as they just got better game to game.

I cannot wait to see these young boys mature into the rugby players they are meant to be.

All the best!

Fixtures

Lost vs Herbert Hurd

Lost vs Gill

Lost vs Clarendon Park

Lost vs Graeme College

Lost vs Cradock

Lost vs Hangklip

Lost vs Queens College

Lost vs Volkskool

U11 Rugby Report

After 2 years of COVID-19, the boys finally took to the field again. They had an up and down season. We will be watching these group of boys closely to see them in unions 1st team colors. They played with determination and a never give up attitude.

Matches:

Union score first:

St Andrews Bloem 5-15

Muir College 0-21

Herbert Hurd 5-5

Nico Brummer 27-17

Hangklip 0-55

Queens College 0-50

Greame College 0- 45

Claredon Park 0-38

Gill College 5-29

Narsingstraat 41-5

Graaff-Reinet Primary 30-0

Earlier in the season they attended the u11 rugby festival hosted by Clarendon Park Primary.

Westering 10-10

Grey 0-29

Herbert Hurd 5-0

St Andrews Grahamstown 5-10

Summerwood 0-15





U7 RUGBY

BACK: Alexis Dyasi, Israel Linch, Taylor Bosman, Iminathi Sididi, Trenn Naude

MIDDLE: Kemar Klasse, Mark Copeman, Liam Pienaar, Anthony Davids, Andrew McEwan, Owam Kotishini, Lihan van Jaarsveld, Mr L Rodgers

FRONT: Liam Raath, Connor Nel, Luchumile Goliath



U9A RUGBY

BACK: Sibusiso Jantjies, Sintayu Kaitro, Noah Greene, Harry Watson, Matthew Jacobs, Jameson Houseman, Grant Murray

MIDDLE: Mr M van Rooyen, Daniel Davenport, Sibabalwe Silimeni, Matthew Bosch, Michael Finlaison, Isiphile Galela, Muhammed Steele, Michael Maritz

FRONT: Raydon Hendricks, Edwin van Greunen, Yolo Vutula, Mateo Schoeman, Morgan Jacobs

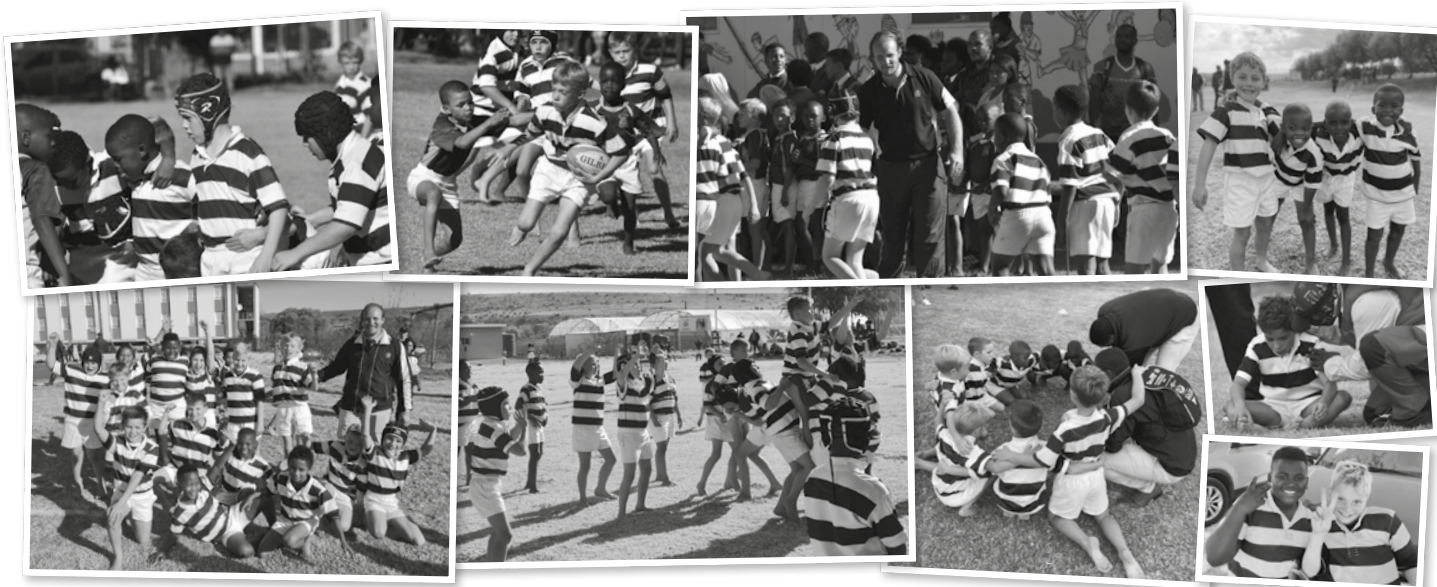


U9B RUGBY

BACK: Sibabalwe Silimeni, Aaron Dyer, Thomas Krige, Ben Wormald, Thomas Short, Nicolas Nelson

MIDDLE: Mr S Koeberg, Morgan Jacobs, Bthote Mussa, Kiaan Beyers, Ben Steynberg, Elaih Morkel, Oyintando Desha, Zack Arends, Daniel Davenport, Mr L Rodgers

FRONT: Zachary Mostert, Preston Owusu, Frederick Maitland MC, Diego Peterson, Matthew Bosch, Leandro Norman, Uziah Willemse, Lunathi Wellman, Uzai Fillis



U11A RUGBY

LEFT TO RIGHT: Joshua Kingwill, Noël Shakane, Muhammed Steele, Tyrique Baartman, Ryan Collett, Cayden Thompson, Joubert Vorster, Murray Hope, Jordan Maritz, Dante Mills, Caleb Reid, Aidan Ferreira, Khazimla Jantjies, Ryonn Naude, Adriaan van Jaarsveld, Carlin Pieterse, Mr L Rodgers



U11B RUGBY

LEFT TO RIGHT: Adam Clark, Matthew Christoffels, Lusizo Ngqoba, Likhazi Qomfo, Robert Finlaison, Lukhona Bulembu, Keith Hudson, Mbuso Tini, Clark Labuschagne, Mahruf Hawlader, Iyapha Mazana, Matteo Arnolds, Alzano Japhtha, Mr L Rodgers

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Swimming

The 2022 swimming season was filled with various activities. The swimmers took part in our annual Interhouse gala. Daly House were the proud winner of this year's event. Our swimmers made us proud and achieved great results at various galas. The swimmers took part in the Interschools gala. The girl's medley relay team (Taylor Jacobs, Klara van Jaarsveld, Allison Gilfillan and Haley Krige), Catie Davenport (girls under 8 Breaststroke) and Gemma Murray (girls under 8 Freestyle) broke records

at the gala. Twenty-three of our swimmers represented the school at the Karoo gala. Grant Murray (boys under 9 Freestyle) and Taylor Jacobs (girls under 9 Backstroke) broke records at the Karoo gala. Furthermore, eight of our swimmers will represent the school at the Inter-District gala on 1 November 2022. We are very excited about the renovations that took place at our pool. The pool was extended to 25m and is no longer 25yards.



INTERSCHOOLS SWIMMING TEAM

BACK: Nieke van Jaarsveld, Dante Mills, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Amelia King, Robert Finlaison
2ND ROW: Emma van den Heever, Joshua Kingwill, Emma Burger, Kari Stern, Allison Gilfillan, Cayden Thompson, Keith Hudson, Grant Murray, Taylor Jacobs, Lisa McEwan, Hayley Krige, Miss A Mey
1ST ROW: Gemma Murray, Muhammed Steele, Klara van Jaarsveld, Michael Finlaison, Matthew Bosch, Jocelyn King, Kate Davis, Edwin van Greunen, Daniel Davenport
FRONT: Cathryn Davenport, Mateo Schoeman, Sarah Hampton, Michael Maritz, Frederick Maitland MC, John Davis



KAROO SWIMMING TEAM

BACK: Cayden Thompson, Amelia King, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Hayley Krige, Dante Mills, Grant Murray, Robert Finlaison
MIDDLE: Kari Stern, Michael Finlaison, Sarah Hampton, Kate Davis, Gemma Murray, Allison Gilfillan, Taylor Jacobs
FRONT: Miss A Mey, Daniel Davenport, John Davis, Mateo Schoeman
ABSENT: Klara van Jaarsveld, Muhammed Steele



A + B SWIMMING

BACK: Robert Finlaison, Dante Mills, Amelia King, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Allison Gilfillan

MIDDLE: Edwin van Greunen, Emma van den Heever, Daniel Davenport, Grant Murray, Lisa McEwan, Harry Watson, Taylor Jacobs, Keith Hudson, Kari Stern, Cayden Thompson, Emma Burger, Ryan Collett, Kendel Kruger, Matthew Bosch, Joshua Kingwill, Michael Maritz, Cathryn Davenport, Miss A Mey

FRONT: Uziah Willemse, John Davis, Sarah Hampton, Jocelyn King, Mateo Schoeman, Michael Finlaison, Hayley Krige, Klara van Jaarsveld, Kate Davis, Muhammed Steele, Gemma Murray, Layla Ott, Frederick Maitland MC



C + D SWIMMING

BACK: Mellissa Marais, Matthew Jacobs, Tiyanah Abader, Kate Scott, Clark Labuschagne, Thomas Krige, Noah Greene

2ND ROW: Miss M van der Merwe, Nicolas Nelson, Kirsten Trollip, Mia Labuschagne, Aaron Dyter, Mason Knoesen, Jameson Houseman, Ben Wormald, Abigail Loots, Skye van Loggerenberg, Ben Steynberg, Miss J van Heerden

1ST ROW: Lilly-Ann Brunette, Casey Ferreira, Mia Serfontein, Elcke-Lynn Blom, Cayley Brunette, Kim-Lynn Finnis, Harlee Palmer, Leah Abader

FRONT: Hannah van der Walt, Kiara Knoesen, Emily Raath, Reece Gibbons, Lèmari Grobler, Isabelle Bester, Lihan van Jaarsveld



Interschools Gala

Interhouse Gala

Tennis

The Union Preparatory School tennis team had a great year of development. For many of the players, it was the first time that they picked up their rackets in two years.

The aim for the 2022 tennis season, was to instil a passion for tennis. The players were encouraged to learn how to control the ball, have the correct stance and to play with dedication and grit while remaining humble in the beautiful game of tennis.

The girls and boys faced a couple of schools this season, namely Karel Theron, Gill, Laer Volksskool and The Diocesan School for Girls (DSG).

The MatchPoint tennis tournament commenced this year, where the UPS tennis team entered a girls' team in the A league and a mixed team in the B league. This was a great opportunity for the girls and boys to gain match practice and put their skills to the test.

The girls did well to finish third in the A league, while the mixed team did exceptionally well and won in the B league.

This season was a great way to start rebuilding tennis at Union.

~ Miss Harris





A + B TENNIS

BACK: Taylor Jacobs, Matthew Jacobs, Ryan Collett, Amelia King, Dante Mills, Clark Labuschagne, Emma Burger

MIDDLE: Miss M Harris, Jocelyn King, Kendel Kruger, Ryonn Naudé,

Jameson Houseman, Caren Bantom

FRONT: Edwin van Greunen, Michael Maritz, Klara van Jaarsveld, Emily Marais



C + D TENNIS

BACK: Mia Lategan, Carlie George, Ben Wormald, Kwande Sobantu, Angelique Kyanda Kaboza,

Micela Stern, Kim-Lynn Finnis

MIDDLE: Mrs. R Bellingan, Isabelle Bester, Mia Herrington,

Martech Persensie, Mia Serfontein,

Courtney Diza, Zanké Bellingan,

John Davis, Mijke van Aswegen,

Mia Labuschagne, Mr. A Rittels

FRONT: Liam Raath, Scarlett May,

Natanim Wolde, Zanell Botha,

Mercy Chawana, Keira Kingwill,

Trenn Naude, Mandla Mahlaba,

Hibbah Kazi



INTERSCHOOLS TENNIS TEAM

BACK: Taylor Jacobs, Emma Burger, Ryan Collett, Amelia King, Dante Mills, Clark Labuschagne, Ryonn Naudé

FRONT: Miss M Harris,

Michael Maritz, Jocelyn King,

Kendel Kruger, Klara van Jaarsveld,

Emily Marais

Aftercare

Aunty Marjorie du Preez provides a safe haven for our preppies from Monday to Friday. The children stay in the library and Aunty Marjorie assists them with their homework, sends them to their sport and oversees their afternoon activities, there is always a happy hum around the Aftercare. We are grateful to her for providing this little "home away from home" for our Preppies.



Aunty Marjorie: (Aftercare)
My teacher's name is: **Anty Marjy**. She is **50** years old and lives in **Graffraynet**. I love my teacher because: **She helps us**. My teacher always tells us: **storis**. My teacher is really good at: **halping with homwirk**. My teacher's favourite food is: **porish**
By - **Mijke**

AFTERCARE

BACK: Sintayu Kaitro, Sinako Magwentshu, Hermon Wolde, Mahruf Hawlader, Sinovuyo Ndudula
MIDDLE: Alexis Dyasi, Liyanda Bodlani, Bthote Mussa, Achuma Magwentshu, Zoey Buys, Mrs M du Preez
FRONT: Liam Pienaar, Mijke van Aswegen, Natanim Wolde

Arbor Day

"He who plants a tree, plants hope." – Lucy Larcom

What better way to celebrate Arbor Day than by PLANTING A TREE... or two?

Union Preparatory School, Graaff-Reinet marked the occasion by planting two trees next to the Puggy Munnik Field to benefit present and future generations of Unionites.

What made this year's ceremony all the more special, was that the trees – two beautiful evergreen stinkwood trees – were planted to honour the memory of the late Mr Dave Stern.

The ceremony was opened with scripture and prayer by Grade 4

learners Lusizo Ngqoba and Lutando Tapi, after which Mrs Karen Scott addressed the learners on the many benefits of trees and the importance of planting and looking after them.

Micela Stern and Grant and Gemma Murray then proceeded to assist Mrs Scott with the planting of the two trees. The ceremony was beautifully concluded with the reading of a poem by Amelia King.

May the steadfast and enduring presence of these trees serve as a living tribute to a truly wonderful individual, as they beautify our school campus and exist for everyone to enjoy for years to come.



Carols by Candlelight returns to rekindle the magic of Christmas

What a wonderful start to the festive season!

On Thursday evening, 17 November, Union Preparatory School was aglow during its annual CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT event.

The school's dome was just oozing Christmas spirit, as the learners took to the stage to sing their favourite carols and share the Christmas story 'Donkey for sale' with their avid audience.

And, the festive tunes didn't just warm the hearts of those in the audience, with all proceeds from the carols going to the Laszlo Maya Foundation for the Deaf – Not DEAFeted - helping make Christmas a little bit brighter for many others.





A-10 Dinner

Celebrating 12 years of togetherness.

In 2011, a group of 25 Grade 1s walked through the Prep school gates and started their school careers at Union Preparatory School. For the following twelve years – as they went from prep school to middle school to high school – they learned together, laughed together, played sport together and had a lot of fun together, sharing life's ups and downs as they went along.

To celebrate this memorable 12-year journey, the UPS Grade 4 class hosted the annual A to 10 Dinner on Thursday evening, 13 October. The A to 10 Dinner, held especially in honour of learners who have been at Union their entire school Career, is one of the great traditions at Union Preparatory School and always a very special occasion.

To start the evening, the Grade 4 learners welcomed the matrics and their parents and escorted them to the field, after which all were entertained with song and dance, with the main event certainly being the different versions of the dosi-do dance.

As always, the A to 10 Dinner was filled with fun, lots of laughter and to end the evening, a beautifully prepared dinner in the UPS Dome.



Family Camp

As the sun went down on Thursday evening the fires and tents went up on the Puggy Munnik field behind the Prep School. Eager Preppies showed their skills in pitching tents, building fires, braaing meat and marshmallows. All families had the opportunity to bond with their own and other families. There was a happy hum over the campsite against the beautiful backdrop of the Valley of Desolation.

After an early rise and a quick coffee, rusk and brekkie-bun made by our SGB and fundraising team the kids were all back at school, having once again made beautiful memories.



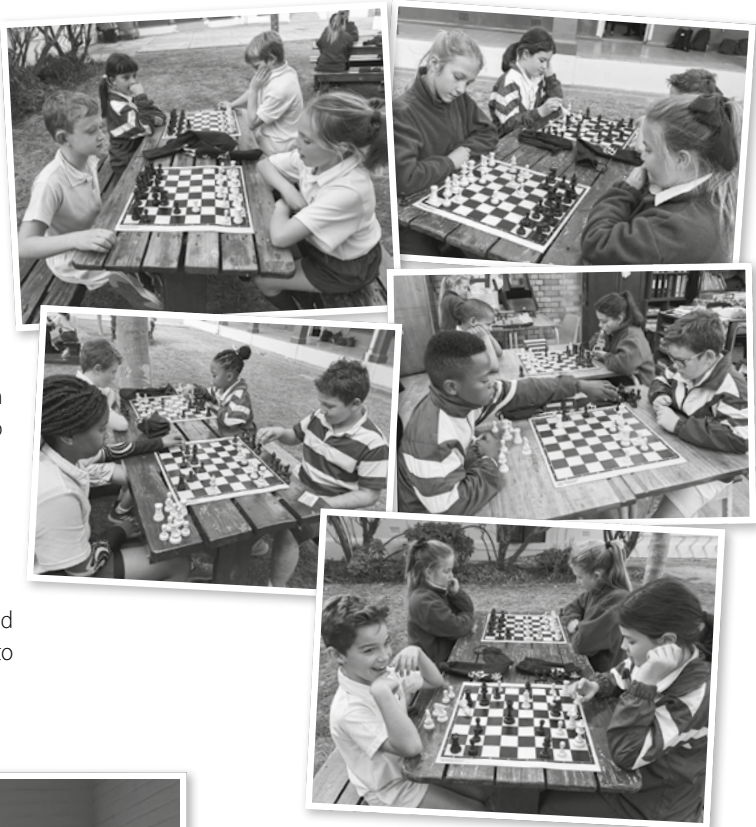
Chess Grade 3 & 4

After two years of no chess, it has finally found its groove again. Chess is considered a sport of the mind, a logical game by which the intellect of the people who practice it develops. Chess, in many respects, is a true school of life. It develops a fighting spirit and a sense of responsibility. It shows us just how decisive one must be. Learning chess has many benefits, such as critical thinking, increasing attention and concentration, stimulating creativity, developing patience, and improving memory and self-confidence.

The grade 3 and 4 learners have learnt many skills and strategies throughout the year. They challenged each other individually and in groups. The learners enjoyed playing against the educators from time to time. Many learners and their parents joined the chess and soup evening, which was hosted by the High School. They thoroughly enjoyed the evening and had opportunities to play against different players.

Our Interschools chess players had a daunting, but exciting, experience for Interschools against Volkskool, as the primary and senior departments played on the same evening. They tried their best and made us proud as they showed great sportsmanship. We cannot wait to build on what they have learnt this year.

~ Mrs Heunis-Jones and Mrs Burger



◀ INTERSCHOOLS CHESS

BACK: Mrs N Burger, Mason Knoesen, Kari Stern, Dante Mills, Emma Burger, Matthew Jacobs, Mrs C Heunis-Jones
FRONT: Noël Shakane, Mateo Schoeman

▼ SENIOR CHESS

BACK: Mrs N Burger, Emma van den Heever, Emma Burger, Shanté Simpson, Noël Shakane, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Mason Knoesen, Dante Mills, Taylor Jacobs, Kari Stern, Michael Finlaison, Matthew Jacobs, Mrs C Heunis-Jones
FRONT: Clark Labuschagne, Mia Labuschagne, Sarah Hampton, Edwin van Greunen, Mateo Schoeman, Jameson Houseman



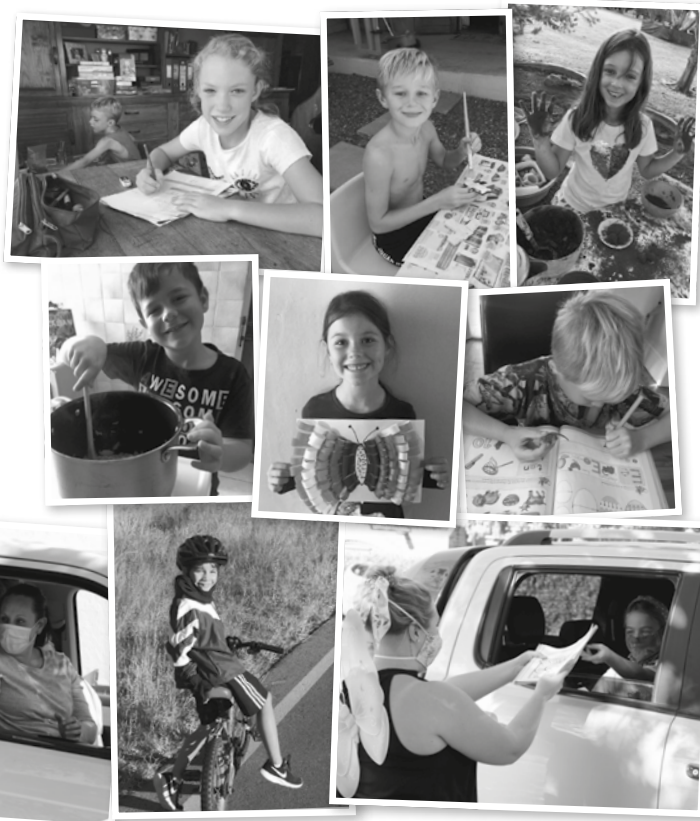
COVID-19 Chronicles

At first thought when we received instructions from the Minister of Education that schools were to close early at the end of the first term, was that we were to have a slightly extended holiday, after which we would return to the normal academic year. Normal? What normal?

What we knew as normal, soon changed to the preparation of planning at home lessons, no contact with our Preppies and experiencing the frustration of not knowing when we would see the inside of a classroom again.

Teachers, parents and learners all embraced the situation we were in and managed to make teaching possible during an unusual period.

Here are only a few photos of what our Preppies managed to get up to during the COVID-19 period:



Interhouse General Knowledge Quiz

"Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge and knowledge makes us great."

This past Friday morning, October 28, our Grade 4 general knowledge boffins represented their respective Houses in our annual Interhouse Quiz.

While **DALY HOUSE** was represented by Rhyno Homveld, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Adam Clark and Kari Stern; Gia Scheepers, Ryonn Naude, Noel Shakane and Angelique Kayanda Kaboza took the stage for **ARNOTT HOUSE**.

Well done to our winning team, Daly, who came out victorious with 74 points to Arnett's 56.

General Knowledge Quiz questions and answers:

What is LMK short for?

- Lat Mamy Kyk

What is the name of the lady who won the (Ladies Singles) Wimbledon Finals this year?

- Mary Poppins
- Miss Kotsa
- The Queen of England

Name the highest mountain in the world.

- Ask Google

What is the most common gas found in the air we breathe?

- Fart

Where in South Africa would you find THE BIG HOLE?

- There is no big hole
- The dam
- In the river

What is the English word for KOLWYNTJIE?

- Wine



INTERHOUSE QUIZ TEAM

BACK: Noël Shakane, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Mrs A. Kingwill, Nieke van Jaarsveld
FRONT: Gia Scheepers, Ryonn Naude, Rhyno Homveld, Kari Stern, Adam Clark



A Practically Perfect Grandparents' Tea

There were plenty of tea, delicious eats and love to go around at Union Preparatory School's annual GRANDPARENTS' TEA held on Wednesday morning, 24 August. This year, the school was delighted to welcome 210 grandparents to the event, themed "Mary Poppins".

In honour of the occasion, the Union High School Hall was transformed with beautiful London skylines and landmarks, which included a variety of props to set the scene. Many of the visiting grandparents also dressed accordingly.

After everyone had taken their seats, the learners performed little snippets inspired by the movie "Mary Poppins" which went down extremely well. The morning was greatly enjoyed by the grandparents as well as the learners and Union Preparatory School thanks everyone who attended this special occasion.



Mary Poppins lands on Union's stage

Our practically perfect 'Mary Poppins' stage production was the climax of a magical few weeks of rehearsals and teamwork at Union Preparatory School, Graaff-Reinet.

The show featured our Grade 1 to 4 girls and boys in a range of music and dance numbers, weaved around an inspired interpretation of the mystical nanny Mary Poppins, who takes up residency with the Banks family in Edwardian 1910 London.

Prior to production, there was a little magic in the air for the casting of the LEAD ROLES.

In addition to the role of the beloved nanny, played by Hayley Krige, Bert, the dancing chimney sweep, was played by Noël Shakane, Mr Banks by Matthew Christoffels, Mrs Banks by Luthando Tapi, Michael by Ryan Collett, Jane by Gia Scheepers, 'The Bird Lady' by Sarah Hampton, 'Cook' by Kari Stern, Martha by Lilly Hunter, Jack in the Box by Lusizo Ngqoba and the various nannies by Mellissa Marais, Jayline Swartz, Emily Raath, Kwande Sobantu, Zainab Akram and Luchae Thomas.

After two years of pandemic restrictions the young cast ensured that their performance – which was beautifully narrated by Nieke van Jaarsveld

and Adam Clark – was the spoonful of sugar that everyone needed, complete with high energy routines and choreographed song and dance numbers.

Miss Merisha van der Merwe – stage director extraordinaire – praised the enthusiasm and dedication of the learners and thanked the staff for their support in creating "a truly magical experience for all involved".

The school extends a special WORD OF THANKS to Mrs Katie Kotzé for transforming the stage into a supercalifragilistic-setting with her beautiful backdrop, Mrs Corrie Potgieter and Mrs Alet Kingwill for compiling the script, Mr JP Kruger and Mrs Sanette Brink for their assistance with the sound and lights, the UPS hospitality moms for creating a show-stopping entrance; Union High School for the use of their hall and the UHS Media Team members who ensured that every possible technical issue was in ship shape order.

Mrs Alet Kingwill, who, as usual, worked wonders as the production's music director, said: "This year's production has been a phenomenal team effort. The show was hugely enjoyed by everyone involved on stage and behind the scenes, and also by our audience of families and friends. It was a powerful evocation of our community spirit."



Learner Support

We have been blessed with being able to assist our preppies with a Learner Support Centre.

We have three fully equipped classrooms, with three very loved educators.

Mrs Valerie Lewack, Miss Nkuthy Nguza and Mr Aiden Rittels made up the mean team of educators enriching the minds of our Preppies.

Our Preppies love going to visit these special classrooms and their educators, because they learn while playing and making memories.

We look forward to see our Preppies go from strength to strength while walking hand in hand with our learner support educators.



Mrs Lewack:
(Learner Support)

My teacher's name is: Mrs **Lavak**. She is **87** years old and lives in **Gaaf-Rienet Donken St**. I love my teacher because: **She is the best at explaining**. My teacher always tells us: **read**. My teacher is really good at: **English**. My teacher's favourite food is: **chikin soop**
By - Keith



Miss Nguza:
(Learner Support & IsiXhosa)

My teacher's name is: Miss **Ngoozu**. She is **39** years old and lives in **Graaf-Raynet**. I love my teacher because: **She is my quiyir teacher**. My teacher always tells us: **to stop tocking**. My teacher is really good at: **teaching isixosu**. My teacher's favourite food is: **fish and chips**.
By - Leyanah

Music

Music at Union Preparatory School is well and alive as always. When you walk down the corridors, you will always hear little fingers tickling the ivories. It is always amazing to hear how they literally go from strength to strength. Little fingers get stretched, hand positions improve by the day, and their sight reading becomes part of playing the piano. What makes music lessons such an important part of a child's life, is that it develops the brain immensely. It improves maths, reading as well as writing. And whilst doing this, we have some fun too.

Union Preparatory School offers Recorder lessons to Grade 2, 3 and 4 pupils. The Junior Choir accommodates Grade 2 pupils, whereas the Senior Choir consists of pupils from Grade 3 and Grade 4. Piano Lessons

are offered to Grade 3 and Grade 4 pupils. All grades come to singing twice per week. This is where our pupils are exposed to some dancing, singing and general music appreciation.

We have an annual Music Hour when we host a formal Black Tie evening where parents and musicians can enjoy an evening filled with the most beautiful music. Piano repertoires, duets, recorder recitals, poetry, guitar and ukulele strums and the most angelic voices get show cased on stage.

We are very proud of our music department as we truly believe that what the pupils do and achieve in this field is a very important part in any child's life and development.



Mrs Alet Kingwill:
My teacher's name is: **Mrs Alet**. She is **56** years old and lives in **Graaff-Reinet**. I love my teacher because: **She tells the best jokes**. My teacher always tells us: **to bring our singing files to school**. My teacher is really good at: **playing piano and organizing a lot of things**. My teacher's favourite food is: **She loves a skaap tjopie**.
By - Kari



GRADE 2 RECORDER ►

LEFT TO RIGHT: Kirsten Trollip, Leyanah Koeberg, Mrs A Kingwill, Thomas Krige



GRADE 3 + 4 PIANISTS

BACK: Emma Burger, Harry Watson, Keith Hudson, Mrs A Kingwill, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Allison Gilfillan
MIDDLE: Michael Finlaison, Kwande Sobantu, Mellissa Marais, Kari Stern, Tiyanah Abader, Joshua Kingwil (Guitar)
FRONT: Emily Raath, Emma van den Heever, Emily Marais, Abigail Loots, Sarah Hampton, Klara van Jaarsveld, Mia Labuschagne



JUNIOR CHOIR

BACK: Imboyethu Nondlazi, Ayat Qaiser, Achuma Magwentshu, Thomas Krige, Ben Wormald, Micela Stern, Gemma Murray, Othandwayo Dontsa
MIDDLE: Miss N Nguza, Leah Abader, Mia Serfontein, Leandro Norman, Michael Maritz, El-Rico van der Merwe, John Davis, Frederick Maitland MC, Mrs A Kingwill
FRONT: Rosemary Brown, Zoey Buys, Leyanah Koeberg, Nicaylin Pieterse, Antonique Adams, Elizabeth Fourie, Nareece Wessels, Taymor Davids, Humera Shoaib, Willca Visagie



SENIOR CHOIR

BACK: Mrs K Kotzé, Clark Labuschagne, Kate Scott, Robert Finlaison, Hermon Wolde, Keith Hudson, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Ryan Collett
2ND ROW: Kate Davis, Kwande Sobantu, Kari Stern, Emma Burger, Mellissa Marais, Taylor Jacobs, Shanté Simpson, Mrs A Kingwill
1ST ROW: Jayline Swartz, Klara van Jaarsveld, Adam Clark, Hayley Krige, Khanya Mtiya, Abigail Loots, Ongako Solomon
FRONT: Reece Gibbons, Emily Raath, Layla Ott, Carlie George, Lwandle Kubashe

Union Preparatory School learners showcase their musical talents at the annual Music Hour. From large inclusive choirs to individual musicians, all the learners of Union Preparatory School, Graaff-Reinet are encouraged to explore and respond to music. In one of the school's most anticipated functions of the year, the learners were able to showcase the pieces they have been working so hard on all year.

On Wednesday evening, 28 September, the annual MUSIC HOUR was held at the John Rupert Theatre. The evening's entertainment included a guitar ensemble, recorder ensembles, piano duets, individual piano pieces and performances by both the senior and junior choirs.

What was evident among these Grade 1 to 4 learners, was the rapt attention, discipline and absolute love of music that each of them displayed.

The school extends its grateful thanks to the amazing performers as well as to our music instructors, Mrs Alet Kingwill, Mrs Katie Kotze and Ms Nkuthy Nguza for their expert tutelage and commitment throughout the year in preparation for this event. The evening, however, wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the learners' families who consistently support them in their musical endeavours – Union extends its heartfelt gratitude to them in this respect.



UPS is alive with the sound of music from the senior choir

Written by Katie Kotzé (senior choir conductor)

It was with great excitement that we were able to reintroduce choir after two long and unmelodic COVID-19 years. The sounds of children singing in school again set off an infectious enthusiasm amongst the new choir members, as well as the choir teachers, Mrs. Alet Kingwill and Mrs. Katie Kotzé, who had no shortage of song ideas for 2022!

In term one we hit the ground running, as we prepared to perform at the official opening of the newly built grade four classrooms. Singing outdoors is always a challenge, and the children gave a sweet performance of *Blue Shadows on the Trail*. We also challenged them with a two-part rendition of *The Lord is my Shepherd*, for which they had to learn to sing opposing parts in a round. As the choir members basked in the praise they received for their impressive delivery, their passion for singing and performance was well and truly ignited!

We decided to focus on some contemporary pieces in term two, and expose the young singers to singing with a pre-recorded backing track. Each child connected with their inner pop-star and loved learning to sing songs by some of their favourite artists. By the end of the term, the choir was ready to present their version of Bruno Mars' *Count on Me*.

As news of the compelling songs spread through the corridors, we found that our numbers had doubled as we entered the third term; just in time for the annual music hour. This was the performance highlight of the year for the senior choir. They had the opportunity to experience the acoustic excellence and smart atmosphere of the beautiful John Rupert Theatre, and have their parents dress up in formal attire to watch them. Did they rise to the occasion? They certainly did; wowing the audience with their rendition of Charlie Puth's *One Call Away*, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Alet Kingwill, and a goose-bump rendering recital of *Feed the Birds*, a tribute to this year's school production, Mary Poppins.

It cannot go unmentioned that without the extremely talented Alet Kingwill, whose fingers create miracles when they touch the black and white keys, we would not have been able to achieve everything that we accomplished in 2022. This year we truly lived Ella Fitzgerald's words, "The only thing better than singing is more singing," and it has been a pleasure to watch every choir member's passion and confidence grow with each rehearsal and performance. How ever will we top this in 2023? You will have to watch this space!

Cupcakes for Cancer

This is the first year that we have been able to restart our Cupcakes for Cancer project after the pandemic and this year has been an absolute success! This project aims to raise awareness for children's cancer and the proceeds are donated towards the Cupcakes of Hope Foundation who assists children and their families during this difficult time. We had an amazing response from our Union community and had around 1060 cupcakes to bake – the biggest amount to date! With only 32 amazing moms that were up to the task-the cupcakes were baked, iced and ready for our learners to enjoy. A special thanks must be given to our baking angels, as without them, this project would never have been such an amazing success. With all the cupcakes sold and a Grade 3 learner donating her hard-earned profit from the Grade 3 Market Day, we managed to raise R13340 for the Cupcakes of Hope Foundation. What an achievement!



Flood Victims of KZN

On the 22nd of April 2022 UPS held a prayer service for the victims of the floods that occurred in KZN. The school learners donated many items such as, food, clothing, toiletries, and blankets and send it onwards with the help of Montego to the Gift of the Givers' collection point where they spread the items to the areas that required it most. The generosity of all who has sent donations to the school has been humbling and we are immensely grateful for the Union community for the support that they have shown.

Mandela Day

Mandela day was celebrated on the 18th of July 2022. UPS celebrated this day at school on the 22nd of July 2022.

In remembrance of Nelson Mandela and for his 67 years of service to the public, we wanted to supply those less fortunate than ourselves with delicious soup jars. Our aim was to fill at least 50 jars with rice, soup mix, lentils, stock cubes and soup powder. This 1 jar will be able to feed 4 people. With the help of all our learners and parents we were able to not only reach this target but surpassed it with by filling up 67 jars! The Kroonvale AGS church received these jars as they run various



soup kitchens all over Graaff-Reinet. We thank all the contributions that was able to make a huge difference in these families' lives.

"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return" – Nelson Mandela

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES– Prize Lists

PRIZE LIST – 1ST TERM 2022

ATHLETICS

GIRLS U/7		
Keira Kingwill	3rd 1st	60m 80m
Jua van Jaarsveld	1st 2nd	60m 80m
Mercy Chawna	1st 3rd	60m 80m
BOYS U/7		
Lihan van Jaarsveld	1st 1st	60m 80m
Richter de Wet	3rd 2nd	60m 80m
Iminathi Sididi	2nd 3rd	60m 80m
GIRLS U/8		
Jocelyn King - NR 10.80 NR 14.38	1st 1st	60m 80m
Micela Stern	2nd 2nd	60m 80m
Zoey Buys	3rd	60m
Cayley Brunette	3rd	80m
BOYS U/8		
Michael Maritz	1st 1st	60m 80m
Frederick Maitland MC	2nd 2nd	60m 80m
Zack Arends	3rd	80m
Lunathi Wellman	3rd	60m
Girls U/9		
Taylor Jacobs NR 13.25	1st 1st 2nd 1st 1st	80m 100m 400m Long Jump Shot put
Allison Gilfillan	2nd 2nd 1st 2nd 2nd	80m 100m 400m High jump Long jump

Kim-Lynn Finnis	3rd 1st 3rd	80m High jump Shot put
Carlie George	3rd	100m
Lisa McEwan	3rd 3rd	Long Jump High jump
Klara van Jaarsveld	1st	Shot Put
Uyathandwa Tiyo	3rd	400m
BOYS U/9		
Edwin van Greunen	1st 3rd 1st 3rd 3rd	80m 100m 400m Shot put Long jump
Muhammed Steele	2nd 1st 1st 3rd	80m 100m Long jump High jump
Raydon Hendricks	3rd 2nd 2nd	80m 100m High jump
Noah Greene	1st	Shot Put
Grant Murray	2nd	Shot put
Michael Finlaison	2nd	400m
Mateo Schoeman	3rd	400m
Harry Watson	2nd 1st	Long jump High jump
GIRLS U/10		
Amelia King	1st 1st 1st 1st	80m 100m Long jump High jump
Kari Stern	2nd 2nd 2nd 2nd 1st 2nd	80m 100m Long jump 1200m Shot put
Shante Simpson	3rd 3rd	80m 100m
Luchae Thomas	3rd	Long Jump
Hermon Wolde NR 5.5m	1st 2nd 3rd	Shot put 800m 1200m

Siyolise Mateza	1st	800m
Kungawo Lisa	3rd	800m
Emily Raath	2nd	1200m
Zuraicha Deyssel	2nd	High jump
Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza	3rd 3rd	High jump Shot put
BOYS U/10		
Ryan Collett	1st 2nd 2nd 3rd	80m 100m Long jump 800m
Matthew Christoffels	2nd	80m
Nathanael Phillips	1st	100m
Iyapha Mazana	3rd 3rd	80m 100m
Ryonn Naude	1st 1st	1200m 800m
Robert Finlaison	2nd 1st	1200m High jump
Lukhona Bulembu	3rd	1200m
Cayden Thompson	1st	Shot Put
Keith Hudson	2nd	Shot put
Dante Mills	3rd	Shot put
Lusizo Ngqoba	1st	Long jump
Alzano Japhta	3rd	Long jump
Joshua Kingwill	2nd 2nd	High jump 800m
Mphumzi Runeyi	3rd	High jump

TROPHIES INTERHOUSE

Barclays Insurance Brokers Trophy for Athletics-
Collected for DALY by:

Dante Mills
Hermon Wolde

ATHLETICS

Skietkuil Floating Trophy – Victrix Ludorum:

Amelia King

Neville Willows Floating Trophy –

Victor Ludorum:

Ryan Collett

PRIZE LIST – 1ST TERM 2022

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES 2022

Girls u8		
Cathryn Davenport	1st 1st 2nd	Backstroke (25m) Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (25m)
Gemma Murray	1st	Freestyle (25m)
Jocelyn King	2nd 3rd	Backstroke (25m) Freestyle (25m)
Boys u8		
John Davis	1st 1st 3rd	Backstroke (25m) Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (25m)

Michael Maritz	1st 2nd	Freestyle (25m) Backstroke (25m)
Frederick Maitland MC	3rd	Backstroke (25m)
Matthew Bosch	2nd	Freestyle (25m)
Girls u9		
Klara van Jaarsveld	1st 1st 1st 2nd 2nd 2nd	Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m) Breaststroke (50m) Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m)

open	1st	Individual Medley
open	1st	Butterfly (50m)
open	2nd	Butterfly (25m)
Taylor Jacobs	1st 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd	Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m) Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m) Breaststroke (50m)
OPEN	2nd	Individual Medley
OPEN	1st	Butterfly (25m)
OPEN	3rd	Butterfly (50m)

Kate Davis	3rd 3rd 3rd 3rd 3rd	Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m) Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m)
open	3rd	Individual Medley
open	3rd	Butterfly (25m)
open	2nd	Butterfly (50m)
Allison Gilfillan	1st 2nd	Breaststroke (25m) Breaststroke (50m)
Boys u9		
Mateo Schoeman	1st 1st	Backstroke (25m) Breaststroke (25m)
open	2nd	Butterfly (25m)
Daniel Davenport	2nd 3rd 3rd	Breaststroke (25m) Backstroke (25m) Freestyle (50m)
open	1st	Butterfly (25m)
open	1st	Butterfly (50m)
Michael Finlaison	1st 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd 2nd	Backstroke (50m) Breaststroke (50m) Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m) Breaststroke (25m) Backstroke (25m)
Muhammed Steele	3rd	Freestyle (25m)

Grant Murray	1st 1st	Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m)
Girls Open		
Sarah Hampton	1st 2nd	Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m)
Hayley Krige	1st 1st 2nd	Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m) Backstroke (25m)
Angelique Kyanda Kaboza	1st 1st 2nd 3rd	Breaststroke (25m) Breaststroke (50m) Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m)
Amelia King	1st 2nd 3rd 3rd	Backstroke (50m) Freestyle (50m) Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (25m)
Nieke van Jaarsveld	2nd 3rd	Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (50m)
Kari Stern	2nd	Freestyle (25m)
Boys Open		
Robert Finlaison	1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 2nd	Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m) Breaststroke (25m) Breaststroke (50m) Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m)

Dante Mills	2nd 2nd 2nd 3rd 3rd	Backstroke (25m) Backstroke (50m) Breaststroke (50m) Breaststroke (25m) Butterfly (25m)
Cayden Thompson	2nd 3rd 3rd	Breaststroke (25m) Freestyle (25m) Freestyle (50m)
Keith Hudson	3rd	Breaststroke (50m)
Joshua Kingwill	1st 2nd 3rd	Freestyle (50m) Freestyle (25m) Backstroke (25m)

Most improved Swimmer: **Edwin van Greunen**
 Perseverance in swimming: **Harlee Palmer**
 Inter-house: **Daly - collected by Robert Finlaison**
 Pearson Floating Trophy - Victor Ludorum: **Robert Finlaison**
 Pohl Brothers Floating Trophy - Victrix Ludorum: **Klara van Jaarsveld**

PRIZE LIST – 3RD TERM – SEPTEMBER 2022

HOCKEY

U/8

Carol Lee Floating Trophy – Most promising Junior Hockey Player:

Gemma Murray

Corrie Potgieter Floating Trophy – Most improved Junior Hockey Player/s:

Imboyethu Nondlazi

U/9

Certificate for most improved player/s:

Emily Marais

Certificate for showing positive sportsmanship:

Kate Davis

Sulette Damons Floating Trophy donated by the UHS 2005 First XI for

Klara van Jaarsveld

U9a hockey girls who played and were unbeaten – certificate of merit for exceptional performance:

Taylor Jacobs
Allison Gilfillan
Klara van Jaarsveld
Emma van den Heever
Lisa McEwan
Emma Burger
Layla Ott
Emily Marais

U/10

Certificate for Most Improved Player:

Shante Simpson

Certificate for showing positive sportsmanship Player:

Hayley Krige

Haloise Middleton Floating Trophy – Most Promising U/10 Player:

Amelia King

RUGBY

The Van Wyk Floating Trophy for most improved rugby player- Gr 1-4:

Matthew Bosch

U/9

Graaff-Reinet Hardware and Building Supplies Trophy – Most Promising U/9 Rugby Players:

Isiphile Galela

U/11

Certificate – Performed with merit:

Bennett Floating Trophy – Player of the Year:

Lusizo Ngqoba

Joshua King

CROSS COUNTRY:

Junior Cross Country – Girls

3rd Place:

Keira Kingwill

2nd Place:

Antonique Adams

1st Place and the Andrew Bates Floating Trophy – Junior Girls:

Gemma Murray

Junior Cross Country – Boys

3rd Place:

Trenn Naude

2nd Place:

Michael Maritz

1st Place and the André Naudé Floating Trophy – Junior Boys:

Ben Wormald

Senior Cross Country – Girls

3rd Place:

Amelia King

2nd Place:

Hermon Wolde

1st Place and the Lize Smit Floating Trophy – Senior Cross Country Girls:

Taylor Jacobs

Senior Cross Country – Boys

3rd Place:

Preston Owusu

2nd Place:

Mateo Schoeman

1st Place and the George Mundell Floating Trophy –

Senior Cross Country – Boys:

Joshua Kingwill

ACADEMIC AWARDS – GRADE 4 TOP TEN:

Amelia King

Nieke van Jaarsveld

Noël Shakane

Kari Stern

Danté Mills

Caron Goliath

Joshua Kingwill

Mason Knoesen

Ryonn Naude

Gia Scheepers

SPORTS AWARDS:

TENNIS:

Boys' Doubles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Joshua Kingwill & Michael Maritz**
 2nd Place: **Ryonn Naudé & Dante Mills**
 Robin Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Doubles: **Ryan Collett & Harry Watson**

Boys' Singles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Ryonn Naudé**
 2nd Place: **Dante Mills**
 Richard Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Singles: **Harry Watson**

Girls' Doubles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Emma Burger & Klara van Jaarsveld**
 2nd Place: **Jocelyn King & Emily Marais**
 Gary Sullivan Floating Trophy – Girls' Doubles: **Amelia King & Taylor Jacobs**

Girls' Singles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Jocelyn King**
 2nd Place: **Taylor Jacobs**
 B.P. Floating Trophy – Girls' Singles: **Amelia King**

Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships

3rd Place: **Dante Mills & Emily Marais**
 2nd Place: **Ryonn Naudé & Amelia King**
 Dassie Fontein Floating Trophy – Mixed Doubles: **Harry Watson & Taylor Jacobs**

Special award to Prep School boy/girl/both who achieved above his/her age group in tennis: **Jocelyn King, Harry Watson & Michael Maritz**

CRICKET

Lutho Pohlango Floating Trophy – Most Promising Junior Cricketer: **Harry Watson**

Brian Bands Floating Trophy – All Round Mini-Cricketer: **Raydon Hendricks**

Merit Certificate for batting U/9: **Harry Watson**

Merit Certificate for bowling U/9: **Edwin van Greunen**

Merit Certificate for Progress in cricket – U/9: **Morgan Jacobs**

Lee Joseph Floating Trophy - Most Promising U/11 B Cricketer: **Ryan Collett**

Quinton Family Floating Trophy – Achievement in Bowling: **Cayden Thompson**

Dennis McEwan Floating Trophy – Achievement in Batting: **Joshua Kingwill**

Donald Kingwill Floating Trophy for Cricket – Achievement in Fielding: **Nathanael Phillips**

Merit Certificate for batting U/11: **Joshua Kingwill**

Merit Certificate for bowling U/11: **Cayden Thompson**

Merit Certificate for Progress in cricket – U/11: **Dante Mills**

Belinda Botha Floating Trophy - Participation and Endurance in Sport: **Angelique Kyanda Kaboza**

SPORTSMAN

Stern family Floating Trophy – Sportswoman of the Year: **Amelia King**
 Carl Bezuidenhout Floating Trophy – Sportsman of the Year: **Joshua Kingwill**

CULTURAL AWARDS:

Recorder: Grade 2: **Leyanah Koeberg & Kirsten Trollip**
 Piano: **Piano**

Grade 3: Progress in Piano **Mia Labuschagne & Harry Watson**
 Merit Awards for Piano: **Emma Burger, Allison Gilfillan, Klara van Jaarsveld, Emily Marais**

Distinction Awards for Piano: **Tiyanah Abader, Michael Finlaison, Emma van den Heever**

Grade 4: Progress in Piano: **Keith Hudson, Sarah Hampton, Kwande Sobantu**

Merit Awards for Piano: **Abigail Loots, Emily Raath, Melissa Marais, Nieke van Jaarsveld Kari Stern**

Distinction Award for Piano: **Kari Stern**

Alet Kingwill Floating Trophy for the most outstanding Piano Pupil: **Kari Stern & Emma van den Heever**

Marlene Rubidge Floating Trophy for achievement and progress in Cultural Activities: **Kari Stern**

MERIT CERTIFICATES FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

Adam Clark, Rhyno Homveld, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Ryonn Naudé, Gia Scheepers, Noel Shakane, Angelique Kayanda Kaboza

HORACE STANTON Floating Trophy: General Knowledge Champion: **Kari Stern**

ACHIEVEMENT IN ACTING:

Hayley Krige, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Noel Shakane Adam Clark, Matthew Christoffels, Lilly Hunter, Luthando Tapi, Ryan Collett, Gia Scheepers, Kari Stern, Lusizo Ngqoba, Sarah Hampton

CHESS:

JP Kruger Floating Trophy for most improved Chess Player: **Mason Knoesen**

Cedric Hayward Floating Trophy for Individual Chess Champion: **Matthew Jacobs**

ACADEMIC AWARDS:

GRADE 1

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall ave over 80%		
1B	Mia Herrington	Callum Geel
Courtney Diza	Hibbah Kazi	Keira Kingwill
Casey Ferreira	Jamie-Lee Minnies	Grace Kitching
Khazimla Fundi	Cara Murray	Mia Lategan
Jua van Jaarsveld	Nicole Vermeulen	Mandla Mahlaba
Lihan van Jaarsveld	1K	Trenn Naudé
1E	Zanké Belligan	Martech Persensie
Zanelle Botha	Lilly-Ann Brunette	Liam Raath
Richter de Wet	Gia Du Preez	Mijke van Aswegen
Lèmarì Grobler	Hannah Felix	Natanim Wolde

1B Merit Certificate - over 80 %		1E Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Linique Booyesen	Maths	Isabelle Bester	Maths
Katelynn Brunette	Maths	Nixon Borlase	Maths
Mark Copeman	Maths	Mercy Chawana	Maths
Kamva Galada	Maths	Alexis Dyasi	Maths
Kiara Knoesen	Maths	Luchumile Goliath	Maths
Ghisela Lategan	Maths	Kemar Klasse	Maths
Scarlett May	Maths	Madison Klerk	Maths
Milani Mayekiso	Maths	Mihle Lange	Maths
Connor Nel	Maths	Israel Linch	Maths
Iminathi Sididi	Maths	1K Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Zahra Smith	Maths	Jaqwan Ahmed	Maths
		Taylor Bosman	Maths
		Liyasanelisa Kula	Maths
		Leah Scriven	Maths

Good PROGRESS	
1B	Elcke Lynne Blom - Outstanding Progress
Ngcwele Nofemele	Liam Pienaar - Outstanding Progress
Arsema Okbagergish	Oyintando Desh - Progress in reading
Lithalande Zono	1K
1E	Nathan Kiggundu
Anthony Davids - Progress	Skye van Loggernberg
Owam Kotishini - Good Progress	

PERSEVERANCE		
1B	1E	1K
Nola Msutwana	–	Skye van Loggernberg

GRADE 2

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%		
2B	2P	2R
Zoey Buys	Antonique Adams	Harlee Palmer
Cathryn Davenport	Rosemary Brown	Mia Serfontein
Leyanah Koeberg	John Davis	Hannah van der Walt
Gemma Murray	Elizabeth Fourie	Willca Visagie
Kirsten Trollip	Jocelyn King	
Uziah Willemse	Achuma Magwentshu	
	Frederick Maitland MC	
	Kelly van Rensburg	

2B Merit Certificate - over 80 %		2R Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Matthew Bosch	Maths	Othalive Daliwe	Maths
Imitha Memani	Afr	Michael Maritz	Maths
Zachary Mostert	Afr	Shiloh Plaatjies	Maths
Anthony Blom	Maths & Eng	Ben Wormald	Maths
Anqelique Fortuin	Maths & Afr	Othandwayo Dontsa	Afr
Ben Steynberg	Maths & Afr	Jianna Hardine	Maths & Eng
2P Merit Certificate - over 80 %		Ava Mafeking	Eng & Afr
Thomas Short	Maths	Leandro Norman	Eng & Afr
Chivandré Stoffels	Maths	Nareece Wessels	Eng & Afr
Miah De Bruin	Eng & Afr	El-Rico van der Merwe	Maths & Afr
Imboyethu Nondlazi	Maths & Afr	Taymor Davids	Maths & Afr
Nicaylin Pieterse	Maths & Afr		

OUTSTANDING PROGRESS		
2B	2P	2R
Leah Abader	Zack Arends	Thomas Krige
In English - Ayat Qaiser	Cayley Brunette	Amia Steenkamp

PERSEVERANCE		
2B	2P	2R
Liyanda Bodlani	Humera Shoaib	Clashay Lamont
Calum Deyssel	Lunathi Wellman	Taylor Liesing
Faith-Lynne Plaatjies		Diego Peterson
Bohlale Ralepelle		Micela Stern

GRADE 3

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall average over 80%		
3H	3K	3M
Tiyanah Abader	Aaron Dyter	Kate Davis
Isabel Hyldig	Reece Gibbons	Carlie George
Mia Labuschagne	Allison Gilfillan	Matthew Jacobs
Alexander Olivier	Taylor Jacobs	Kate Scott

3H	3K	3M
Layla Ott	Lisa McEwan	Harry Watson
Sibabalwe Silimeni	Mateo Schoeman	
Emma van den Heever	Ongako Solomon	
	Ray-Lynne Visagie	

3H Merit Certificate - over 80 %		3M Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Morgan Jacobs	Eng	Emma Burger	Maths
Jameson Houseman	Maths & Eng	Michael Finlaison	Maths
Nicolas Nelson	Maths & Afr	Noah Greene	Maths
Muhammed Steele	Maths & Afr	Sintayu Kaitro	Maths & Eng
3K Merit Certificate - over 80 %		Raydon Hendricks	Maths & Afr
Lwandle Kubashe	Eng		
Kim-Lynn Finnis	Eng & Afr		
Emily Marais	Eng & Afr		
Klara van Jaarsveld	Maths & Afr		

OUTSTANDING PROGRESS		
3H	3K	3M
Edwin van Greunen	Uyathandwa Tiyo	Mphumzi Runeyi
Yolo Vutula	Elaih Morkel	Limyoli Tsbane
	Preston Owusu	

PERSEVERANCE		
3H	3K	3M
Emihle Pietersen	Uzai Fillis	Kiaan Beyers
Ziyamo Tsutsu	Faith Hoffman	Daniel Davenport
	Zola Ngcaba	Sibusiso Jantjies
	Bonolo Raula	Khanya Mtiya
	Ahnaf Uddin	Grant Murray
		Bthote Mussa
		Minentle Pink
		Chumasande Tsewu
		Sisipho Matolengwe

GRADE 4

Top 10 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	
10	Gia Scheepers
7	Noël Skankane
7	Ryonn Naude
7	Ryan Collett
6	Mason Knoesen
5	Joshua Kingwill
4	Adam Clark
3	Kari Stern
2	Nieke van Jaarsveld
1	Amelia King

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS overall ave over 80%	
4D	
	Lilly Hunter
4H	
	Zainab Akram
	Angelique Kyanda Kaboza
4V	
	Dante Mills
	Luchae Thomas

4D Merit Certificate - over 80 %		4V Merit Certificate - over 80 %	
Hermon Wolde	Maths	Kendel Kruger	Maths & NS & Tech
Emily Raath	Afr	Chivargo Stoffels	Maths
Zuraicha Deyssel	NS & Tech	Caren Bantom	NS & Tech
		Monalisa Jika Jika	NS & Tech
4H Merit Certificate - over 80 %		Likhazi Qomfo	NS & Tech
Melissa Marais	Maths & NS & Tech	Kwande Sobanru	NS & Tech
Nathanael Phillips	Afr	Hayley Krige	NS & Tech

OUTSTANDING PROGRESS		
4D	4H	4V
Cayden Thompson	Clark Labuschagne	Robert Finlaison
Abigail Loots	Mahruf Hawladar	Sarah Hampton
Matthew Christoffels	Nicola Scriven	Jordan Lamont
		Lusizo Ngqoba
		Shante Simpson
		Luthando Tapi

PERSEVERANCE		
4D	4H	4V
Ira Qureshi	Muhammad Adullah	Inam April
Olothando Desha	Owam Yaya	Matteo Arnolds
Sinovuyo Ndudula	Bubukho Jack	Leighton Malefo
Sinako Magwentshu	Lechem Lamont	Siyolise Mateza
Isiphile Galela	Keith Hudson	Iyapha Mazana
Rhyno Homveld	Lukhona Bulembu	
Luphiwo Maloyi	Eli-Zion Carolus	
Jayline Swartz		

Caron Goliath	Outstanding problem solving skills
Jody Arends	Commendable Behaviour & Manners
Kungawo Lisa	Commendable Behaviour & Manners

Brendan Minnaar Memorial Trophy donated by the A-10 class of 2003 for Top Mathematician: **Adam Clark**

Old Unionite Floating Shield for Top Academic Achievement in Grade 4: **Amelia King**

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Trophy – for the Grade 3 pupil/s who demonstrates the most praiseworthy social skills:

Morgan Jacobs / Lisa McEwan / Sintayu Kaitro

The Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Bursary is awarded to a scholar in Grade 2 going to Grade 3 next year. Such a scholar is not necessary top in her/his grade, but all things considered has brought credit to herself/himself and her/his school in the following areas:

Academic - Cultural - Sport - Social

Such a child is deemed to be deserving of, and seen as one who would benefit by a bursary.

Rebecca Kingwill Bursary: **Leyanah Koeberg**

Harlin Lepotha Memorial Shield

donated by the 2007 A-10 class for the pupil who demonstrates strength of character and shows personal growth while maintaining a positive disposition:

Adam Clark & Kari Stern

Bruce Cumming Award:

This Honours Trophy is awarded to the pupil who is an all rounder. This pupil achieves as a scholar, participates in cultural activities and on the sports field. He/she displays leadership qualities and sportsmanship:

Nieke van Jaarsveld

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- Second language learners
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- Auditory processing assessment (CAPD testing)
- Hearing screening at schools



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