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# Arthur Kingwill House Newsletter

## Term 4



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- Primrose Mutapati



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These words ended a heart-warming speech made by Arthur Kingwill House's outgoing Head Prefect, Primrose Mutapati, at the boarding house's annual house dinner on Monday evening, 11 October. \* Read all about it on page 2.

## DEAR PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

And just like that 2021 school year has come to an end!

The hard work is over and we have survived the year! We wish our learners and staff a wonderful and well-deserved holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Please remain vigilant and remember the importance of wearing a mask and following all the appropriate Covid-19 health protocols over the holiday period. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Sincerely,

Mr Donald Kingwill

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Arthur Kingwill House

### Contact details in case of an emergency:

PLEASE NOTE: Mr Donald Kingwill is available 24/7 in case of an emergency. Please phone him at 082 77 57 302 or 082 578 3415 for any urgent matters.



## The fourth term in review:

Right at the very start of the 4th term, on Monday evening, 11 October, the Grade 8 to 12 boarders at Union's Arthur Kingwill House enjoyed their annual house dinner, themed 'A Night Under The Stars' and awards evening on the fields in front of the Tony Burrell Union.

The weather played along beautifully for this auspicious event, themed 'Under the Stars', with fairy lights and great camaraderie creating a wonderful ambiance.

The event was an opportunity for the boarding house's staff and learners to reflect back on the year, to celebrate and recognize the immense growth each boarder experienced in this time, as well as to say farewell to the matric group.

It was a delight to see the learners dressed in their finery - they represented themselves very well and enjoyed a truly memorable evening.

To start the evening, Mr Donald Kingwill, Superintendent of Arthur Kingwill House, welcomed the guests and thanked all those who had contributed to the success and happiness of the past year, particularly the 2021 Grade 12s and prefect body.

They have led the boarding house with quiet dignity and a passion for the school which doesn't go unnoticed.





The evening's highlight, as always, was the awards ceremony. The following awards were presented:

- Tennis Award: Jarrod Naude and Gemma Naude.
- Basketball Award: Primrose Mutapati and Thando Matotie.
- Grade 8 and 9 General Knowledge Champions: 1st Oyama Tukwayo, 2nd Megan Nortje and 3rd Angus McLaggan.
- Grade 10 to 12 General Knowledge Champions: 1st Kendall Krige, 2nd Simamkele Soyana and 3rd Jarrod Naude.
- Top Academic (Grade 8 and 9): Joy Merifield.
- Top Academic (Grade 10 to 12): Grace Merifield.
- Service Awards: Martin van der Berg, Primrose Mutapati, James Pienaar, Soyama Mbetshu, Jarrod Naude, Hannah Watermeyer, Thando Matotie, Kaydn Retief, Rogan Odendaal, Litha Mngoma, Michael-Joe Newton, Kelly-Page Scott.
- The Fidelitas Award for the boarder who contributed most to hostel life by being punctual, neat, courteous and well-behaved: Rogan Odendaal.
- The Bridget Stander Memorial Trophy for the learner who, by his or her character, conduct, spiritedness and qualities of leadership, has contributed most to the boarding life at Arthur Kingwill House: Primrose Mutapati.



**In loving memory of Bridget**

The Bridget Stander Memorial Trophy for the boarder who, by his or her character, conduct, spiritedness and qualities of leadership, has contributed most to the boarding life at Arthur Kingwill House, was this year awarded to Grade 12 learner Primrose Mutapati.

Congratulations and well-deserved Primrose!

[This award, which was presented for the first time ever during Arthur Kingwill House's recent awards ceremony, was initiated in loving memory of Old Unionite Bridget Stander, Class of 2019, who passed away at the age of 19 on 2 January this year, following a short hospitalization after she was diagnosed with Covid-19 pneumonia.]



At the recent Arthur Kingwill House awards ceremony, held during the annual House Supper, Grade 12 learner Rogan Odendaal was awarded the **FIDELITAS AWARD** for the boarder who contributed most to hostel life by being punctual, neat, courteous and well-behaved.

This award celebrates learners with outstanding character who are changing their school for the better.

Well done, Rogan!



## New common room for girls

A lounge area with a flat-screen television, recreational tables, indoor games, puzzles and reading materials to suit various needs are some of the facilities Union's Grade 8 to 11 female boarders will be able to access at the new 'girls common room' at Arthur Kingwill House. Located in what was once the Prue Murray Sick Bay, the room was recently converted into a recreational space for exclusive use by the boarding establishment's girls and opened to learners at the start of the 4th term.

This new room offers the perfect platform for learners to interact with one another and relax with a movie or a game or two.

**This is the first of many exciting new developments planned for Arthur Kingwill House over the next couple of years. Watch this space!**

[ We are always looking for new books, board games and puzzles for the recreational spaces in our boarding houses. Please contact the school at 049 891 0262 or Mrs Mariette Burger at 061 3108343 if there are any of these items cluttering your home that you would consider donating to the school. ]



## Meet our new leaders

Union High School's boarding house prefects for 2021/22 were announced during Arthur Kingwill House's recent hostel supper.

These learners were elected by their fellow boarders to provide them with leadership and guidance during the upcoming year.

Being a house prefect is the ultimate honour given in any school boarding establishment and means a great deal to all who are chosen.

With the honour of being a boarding house prefect comes great responsibility, but the badge presented to them is a symbol in the faith bestowed upon them by the school community and we are sure they will all do an excellent job!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to (back) Bubele Thibini, Siya Badiwe, Kendall Krige, (middle) Tamsin James, Kathryn Odendaal, Simamkele Soyana, Chloe Shires, (front) Thembelihle Mxhunyelwa, Asa Matross and Lonwabo Sishuba. They will be led by Asa Matross and Bubele Thibini as Heads of Hostel and Kendall Krige and Lonwabo Sishuba as Deputy Heads.



### The Changing of The Guard

PHOTOS LEFT AND BELOW: The priceless moment that is added to the history of Union High School each year. Arthur Kingwill House's Head Prefects for 2021, Martin van der Berg and Primrose Mutapati, is seen here officially handing over the Head Prefect honours to Bubele Thibini and Asa Matross, who will lead this boarding establishment in 2022.

