



July 2019

SNIPPETS

PRETORIA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

M5'S NEW LOOK!



By Nash Bingh

Culture is an integral part of life at PHSG and so is development. There have been several requests to revamp M5, which is a room in the Music Centre that is used for ballet, orchestra, ensembles and the percussion students. Finally, their requests were recognised and a fundraising event was held to help the Parents' Association (PA) fund its refurbishment.

Ms Homveld was the teacher liaison of the PA and assisted

with the organising of the development. Mrs Schoombie is the Deputy Principal of Operations which includes the Gardens and Grounds and she oversaw the progress of the project.

An interview was conducted to gain greater insight into the inner workings of the project. The renovations improved the acoustics and appearance as well as made it more versatile so that ballet may be practised and music recitals will be a pleasure for the audiences. Staff and girls are well pleased!

PHSG'S PARTY OF HOPE – CUPCAKES FOR CANCER

By Filly Dilettante

With the guidance of Ms Dugmore and the staff of the hostels and the hostel kitchens, the boarders of School House and North Lodge spent Thursday afternoon icing 2100 donated cupcakes with bowls of donated frosting. By 19:30 that evening, covered in bright colours and glitter, the job was done and all that remained was to sell the sweet offerings.

Friday dawned and a host of ladies and gentlemen from the Party of Hope Foundation arrived at school to help with the

sales in the Consumer Quad and in the Formal Gardens. The Gr 11 Boarders were dressed in hastily assembled fairy gear and to the sound of happy, upbeat music, the selling commenced in earnest.

In no time the tables had been cleared of all the products and a whopping R 12 800.00 had been raised for Children with Cancer. It was clear that many people allowed also their change to fill up the coffers. What a wonderful effort with magnificent results!



WLDF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Megan Roux achieved her North Gauteng colours for level 9 acrobatic dancing in May 2019 and went on to compete at the South African National Acrobatic Dancing Championships in June.

She also took part in the World Lyrical Dance Federation Championships in June 2019, and her dance group achieved 1st place in both of their dances, qualifying them to dance at the WLDF championships in London next year.

Keep it up, Megan!



KINGSMEAD ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The young musicians of PHSG dazzled their audience at Kingsmead College's Annual Music Festival in Rosebank on Wednesday, 29 May 2019.

Particularly remarkable was Catherine Stiff's performance on the violin.

First, the Saxophone Ensemble, under direction of Mrs Deryn Dednam, performed an innovative arrangement of [Bicycle Race](#) by Queen. The Guitar Ensemble, under direction of Mr Conrad Pienaar, followed with a passionate rendition of the famous tango [La Cumparsita](#). The String and Guitar Ensembles then joined forces to perform the Largo movement from Antonio Vivaldi's [Winter](#). Finally, the string ensemble, under direction of Mrs Tessa Olivier, rendered an unforgettable performance of Antonio Vivaldi's [Storm](#), much to the delight of their audience.



PRETORIA EISTEDDFOD

Grade 10 pianists, Kele Reid, Kutlwano Legoabe, Ann Lee and Kayla Maree, participated in the Pretoria Eisteddfod. The piano quartet was invited to perform at the prize-winners gala concert on Friday, 31 May where they won the trophy for Best 8-Hand Ensemble! This is a huge honour and accomplishment. Well done, ladies!



"NOTE - 4 - NOTE" CONCERT

The PHSG String Ensemble, trained by Tessa Olivier, performed at St Alban's College *Note - 4 - Note* concert on 18 June. They performed 2 pieces with St Alban's String Ensemble: *Memory* and One Direction's *Drag Me Down*. Our ensemble ended the concert with Vivaldi's "Summer" with Catherine Stiff as soloist. It was an impressive end to the concert!



SELF-ESTEEM ASSEMBLY

By Ferne Dilettante

Ms. Marais hosted an assembly directed at the Grade 9's self-image. The learners were presented with surprising statistics about students' self-worth, for example that 4 out of 5 teenage girls struggle with low self-esteem.

The pupils had been asked to bring their cellphones to assembly, which had confused them greatly and had left

them anxiously awaiting the outcome. When they were asked to take-out their phones, open their Selfie cameras and then have to say, "Good Morning, Gorgeous! How did you sleep?" they were apprehensive but ended up enjoying it.

The assembly was concluded with a sing-along to *This Is Me* from the hit movie *The Greatest Showman*.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

By Neha Singh (Grade 9)

On 23 July Neha Singh and Emily Hawkes wrote the second round of the Science Olympiad at Sunnyside Primary School. Before the paper the students were informed that 3 learners with the highest scores will represent the district in the provincial competition of the Science Olympiad. The duration of the paper was thirty minutes.

After writing the learners were asked to leave the hall while teachers marked and moderated. The results were announced shortly after.

From PHSG, Emily Hawkes has successfully earned a spot in the top three of the district competition. She will be writing with two other learners from two other high schools on 24 August 2019. Well done, Emily.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

The third and final round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad (SAMO) was held on Thursday, 25 July, at a few central venues around the country. The top 100 juniors (Gr 8-9) and the top 100 seniors (Gr 10-12) in the country were selected from those who wrote the second round of SAMO.

Emily Hawkes (Gr 9) was selected to participate in the third round at Pretoria Boys High School. The junior paper consisted of 15 Olympiad-level mathematical questions, while the senior paper consisted of 6 even more challenging problems that kept the learners busy for four hours (and leave them wishing for more time!) SAMO provided an ideal opportunity for learners to test their mathematical abilities and to challenge themselves to improve their skills.

We are very proud of our very own genius for bringing home a bronze award.



GIS

2 Lecturers and 9 Students from the University of Pretoria came to speak to the Grade 9's in order to promote GIS (Geomatic Information Systems). GIS forms part of the Senior Geography syllabus. Learners had the opportunity to take part in several exercises that demonstrated the use for GIS.



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GRADE 12 ART EXHIBITION

By Ferne Dilettante

It is always sad that there is not enough time for everyone to see the matrics' exhibition down at the Art Centre!

This year was an especially poignant showcase. The girls dealt with very real and personal situations and the learners who did manage to make it there between breaks, were moved.

Phili Mamela portrayed a Missing Person poster in the open air and one could see the posters fading in the sunlight. She was trying to point out how quickly people forget something potentially very tragic. What an original way to present what we all secretly know!

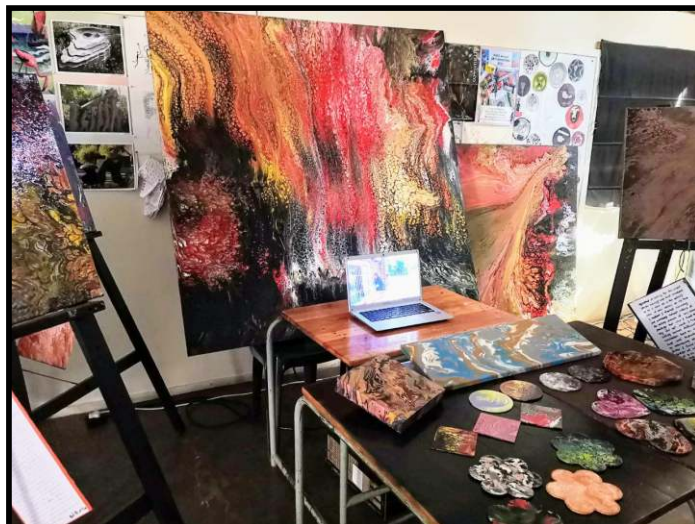
With her Ballot Papers, Lavanya Van Wyk forced the viewers to make decisions – sometimes with very interesting results. Both Mfusi Sonti and Najmah Kamedien dealt colourfully and forcefully with the pervasive rape 'culture' and their very individual situations.

Tinashe Kupakuwana created a barrier of red wool which had various objects seemingly caught in the web. Her

illustrated book at the foot of the work, explained her motivation for the most fascinating and touching creation.

Talking to the artists was a real privilege and it was a pity not all the artists were available for discussion, but it was a normal school day...

It was truly worth the long trip down to the Art Centre!



BASKETBALL



We are very proud of our Basketball girls who beat St Mary's Waverley 44 - 16 to secure 3rd place (out of 24 schools) at the Val Fowler Basketball competition.

GRAHAMSTOWN MAKHANDA ARTS FESTIVAL FOR SCHOOLS 2019

By Ferne Dilettante

Eleven eager girls set off with Mesdames Dugmore and Cÿrus during the July holidays to attend this ever-green festival for all the many arts. The first stop-over was at the remote Nieu Bethesda where the group visited the renown Owl House and the Kitching Fossil Institute which included a walk-about in the riverbed discovering their own fossils! (There are MANY to discover.)

This was followed by the sleep-over at the picturesque *Weltevreden* Farm, before an early breakfast the next morning. The next stop, at Ms Mjadu's hometown of Somerset East, where the girls were delighted to learn about *King Ferd the Third* (Prof Walter Battiss) at Battiss House. He was, of course a painter of note, and his wife,

Grace Battiss (née Anderson) was an art teacher at PHSG who helped with the design of our stylized Iris emblem.

Then the last stretch of the road was over the mountains to the bustling town which houses Rhodes University and hosts the annual arts festival. Five days of theatre in all its many guises followed and the girls were treated to three or four shows per day; workshops; lectures and many trips to Sisa with his outstanding coffee and the variety of intriguing stalls at the Village Green. Just before the return trip, the group also took in the windswept Port Alfred and wet their toes in the icy sea.

Here's hoping everyone will return to the glorious Eastern Cape to continue their discoveries in this fascinating part of South Africa in the very near future.



ART TOUR 2019

By Mrs Greenburg

Art tour 2019 was an experience that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. The lesson learned in Venice was definitely to "pack light"! There are no cars in Venice, only water taxis and we had to carry, or for some of us 'drag', our suitcases quite a distance to the hotel. Being able to experience the Venice Biennale was such a privilege. The exhibition takes place every two years and each participating country invites artists to represent them at this phenomenal exhibition that took us two days to explore. Eventually we felt a little like Alice in Wonderland popping in and out of holes, entering sublime worlds created by the worlds' top artists - it was a sensory overload. Of course, one cannot visit Venice without a Gondola ride! We were amazed at the skill of the Gondolier who steered through the very narrow canals and under the low bridges. The visit to St Marks Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs gave us much insight into the history of Venice.

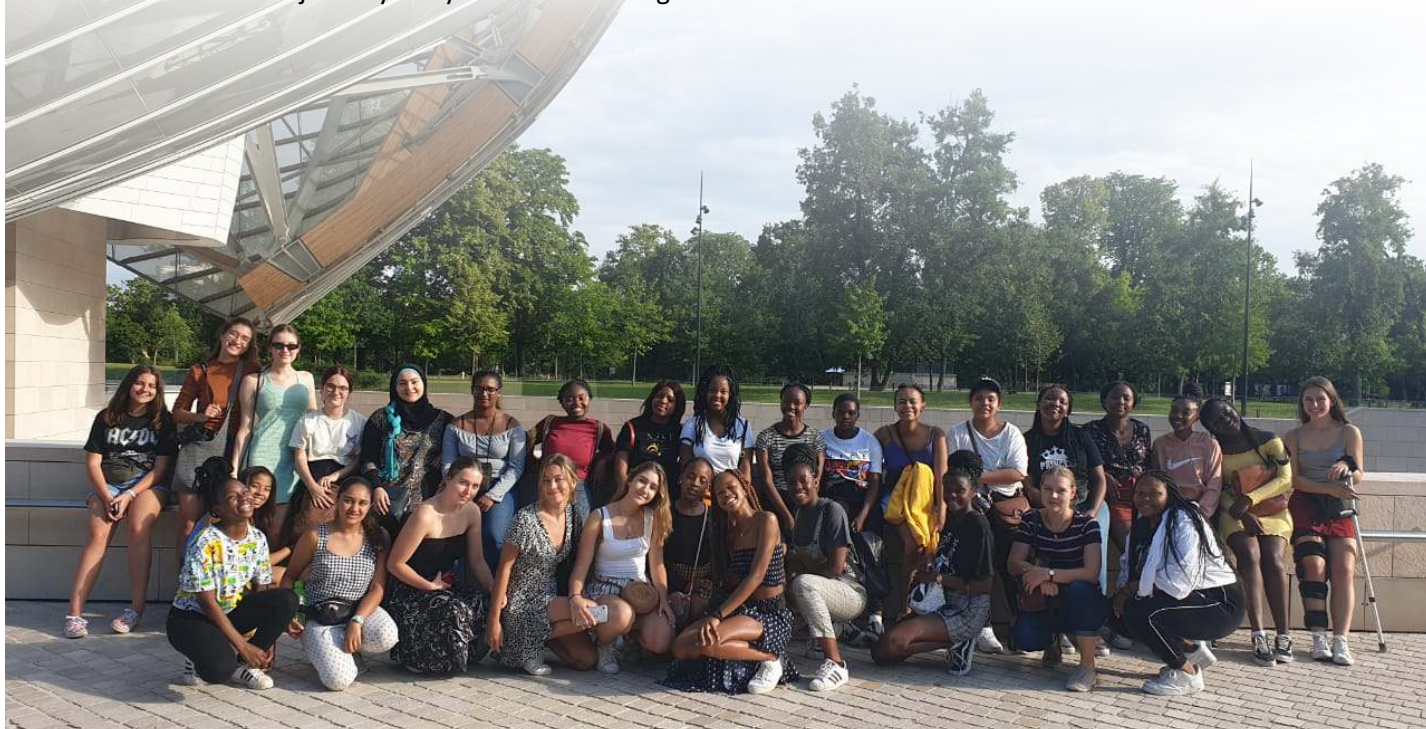
We travelled by coach to Florence with a quick stop over in Padua to visit the Scrovegni chapel where we saw some incredible, well preserved frescoes by Giotto from the early 1300s and saw the beautiful altar by Donatello in the Basilica of St Anthony. Our hotel in Florence was a stone's throw from the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, some of the rooms even had views of Giotto's bell tower. Florence became a whirlwind of shopping for exquisite luxury leather goods, climbing the endless stairs of the Duomo for a breath-taking view, Michelangelo's statue of David, Botticelli's Birth of Venus and lots of gelatos. At dinner time delicious pasta that was served as an entrée was quickly devoured, which was then, to our surprise, followed by an enormous, very yummy pizza and desert.

The next leg of our journey took us past the Leaning Tower of Pisa, where we climbed some more stairs for a great view. We based in the Art Deco style town of La Spezia from where we embarked on a train journey early the next morning to

An independent tour by Jenny Peddle

Cinque Terre, five tiny Italian towns that cling to the coastline, where we had a glorious swim on a private beach and a surprise picnic of local cuisine. Leaving early in the morning from La Spezia by coach we packed in a quick visit to the Royal Palace in the independent city state of Monaco en-route to Nice. We had arrived in Nice on the day of music, so we were treated to a night out on the town square where lots of local bands were playing and we had lots of fun dancing and singing along in true South African style.

For the last part of our tour we departed from Nice airport to Paris where, despite the heat wave, we shopped along the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, visited the Louvre to see, to name but a few, the infamous Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci and marble Hellenistic sculpture of Nike (the Greek goddess of victory), that was created in about the 2nd century. The Foundation Louis Vuitton modern art gallery was filled with artworks that involved many sensory and audience experiences which we thoroughly enjoyed. The building itself is an incredible architectural achievement by Frank Gehry. Montmartre was a true Parisian experience where many girls had their portraits drawn by one of the artists on the square. The evening concluded with a surprise visit to see the infamous windmill of the Moulin Rouge. The Eiffel tower was under heavy police surveillance, so unfortunately we were not able to ascend the tower itself, but we spent an enjoyable few hours in the gardens waiting for the tower to transform into a glittering delight of flickering lights at exactly 10.30pm. As far as the food goes in Paris, we were not disappointed by the Parisian cuisine. The tour concluded with a visit to the Pompidou Modern Art Museum where we saw some Mark Rothko's and Jackson Pollock's artworks. Sadly, the time came for us to depart Europe from the Charles de Gaulle airport. The tour gave everyone a different perspective of Europe and European culture, plans for future travel and a lifetime of memories that we will forever cherish.



A ONCE IN A LIFETIME TRIP: LA VIE EN FRANCE!

An independent tour by Jenny Peddle

By Ms Mabvadya

A few of the Grade 11 learners had the amazing opportunity to travel abroad to one of the most famous destinations in the world: France. The twelve-day trip was packed with numerous activities and shopping, shopping, shopping...

We spent the first four glorious days in the "City of lights". Our learners were more than keen to see sights they had only seen in a textbook prior to the trip. One of the highlights for most was a visit of the Tour Eiffel by night, where they took in the breath-taking view of Paris from the second floor of the tower. The second day got our young ladies practicing their French while either visiting L'Arc de Triomphe or shopping on the Champs-Elysees in small groups, as they rubbed shoulders with the rich and famous. We then visited the Louvre museum, of which not only the more artistic learners, but all gained an appreciation of the iconic paintings and sculptures in the world-famous glass museum. The Mona Lisa was certainly the one painting all were keen to see.

The second leg of the trip saw us in Antibes, in the South of

France. Mornings were reserved for classes on campus, of which most appreciated learning in a multi-cultural environment together with students from all over the world.

Nothamsanqa Stephens says, "The friendships made and joyful atmosphere experienced while learning a language we love was beyond anything I could put into words. We learnt the culture of France through the people of Antibes, and improved our speaking immensely through the classes we attended each morning."

Caitlyn Reddy adds, "The skills learnt and the memories made were eye-opening, and will never be taken for granted."

The visits to Nice, Cannes, Grasse and Monaco were no less impressive, allowing our young ladies to explore further and dream while improving their communication and survival skills. The exposure under controlled conditions certainly opened the eyes of many to the advantages of learning a foreign language and the possibility to compete on a global platform.



DREAM TEAM SOCCER TOUR

Eight Pretoria High School for Girls' soccer players were selected to attend the African/American Dream Team Soccer Tour. Aimee Perfect, Havana Rix, Holly O'Connell, Moyahobayo Lentsoane, Tammy Morgan, Tamzin Van den Berg, Taryn Wathen and Tshowa Katumba travelled to the USA on 30 March where they played several matches and had the opportunity to visit schools and colleges in the USA. Well done, ladies. We are proud of you and cannot wait to see you in action in the soccer league this term!



INTER-HOUSE SOCCER

By Jasmine Beeforth (Grade 9)

On 10 and 11 July the Inter-House Soccer took place. In Junior Soccer, Athlone took gold, while Clarendon and Duncan received silver and bronze respectively. In Senior Soccer, Van Zyl gleefully accepted first place, with Clarendon in second place and Buxton in third. In Hostel Soccer School House won first place in Senior, Junior and mixed matches with a penalty shoot-out.

Both days were filled with energetic displays of house pride and all involved enjoyed it tremendously.



SOCCER RESULTS

Congratulations to the following teams on their victories:

Open won 7/1 vs Staatspresident Hoërskool

Under 15 won 5/0 vs Staatspresident Hoërskool

Under 17 won 2/1 vs Crawford College

POLAR BEAR SWIM

By Jasmine Beeforth (Grade 9)

On 23 July the Matrics, wearing quirky outfits, jumped into the freezing waters of the school pool for the famous Polar Bear Swim.

The event was kicked off by a Matric belly-flopping into the pool and leaving her golden crocs floating as she swam the length of the pool. Matrics, donning combinations of strange clothing, followed her into the pool to the cheers of the spectators.

It was enjoyed by all involved and hopefully the memory of the icy waters will keep them all cool during the upcoming warmer seasons.



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SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

By Ms A Cowan

The 2019 RCL put a fun twist on the Support Staff Appreciation Day this year. An appreciation lunch, in a beautifully decorated hall with a red carpet, welcomed the VIP's for the day! We were treated to amazing fruit platters, a lovely chicken curry and yummy cupcakes as the girls went out of their way to make us feel special. Much hilarity was also had at the photobooth and on the dancefloor. Thank you to all of those involved in making the day so enjoyable!



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EQUESTRIAN QUALIFIER 4

By Mrs Lubie

PHSG is exceptionally proud of the Equestrian team who participated in the 4th Equestrian Qualifier on 8 and 9 June 2019. The results are as follows:

Luca Bailey

In hand utility - 8th
Dressage Prelim Test 4 (A) - 18th
Dressage Prelim Test 4 (B) - 19th

Jordaan Venter

Prix Caprilli (A) - 1st
Prix Caprilli (B) - 2nd
Performance riding - 2nd
Dressage Prelim Test 4 (A) - 3rd
Dressage Prelim Test 4 (B) - 5th

Emma Van Schie

Dressage freestyle - 1st
Working riding - 2nd
Dressage Junior Novice Test 5 (A) - 6th
Dressage Junior Novice Test 5 (B) - 12th

Savannah Thomson

Equitation 70 cm - 12th

Nadia Pentz

Jumping 90cm normal - 2nd

A fun, new event, Handy Hunter, was entered into by Equestrian Captain, Savannah Thomson, and Courtney Robbeson. The teams had to dress up, and our two learners and their horses wore "onsies".



NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

The following girls have been chosen to represent Gauteng North at the National Equestrian Competition in August:

Jordaan Venter, Emma Van Schie, Madison Ferula, Nadia Pentz and Courtney Robbeson

This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of them!



Two of our Matrics, Emma Van Schie and Savannah Thompson, at their last qualifier for Pretoria High School for Girls.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

By Flasch Dilettante

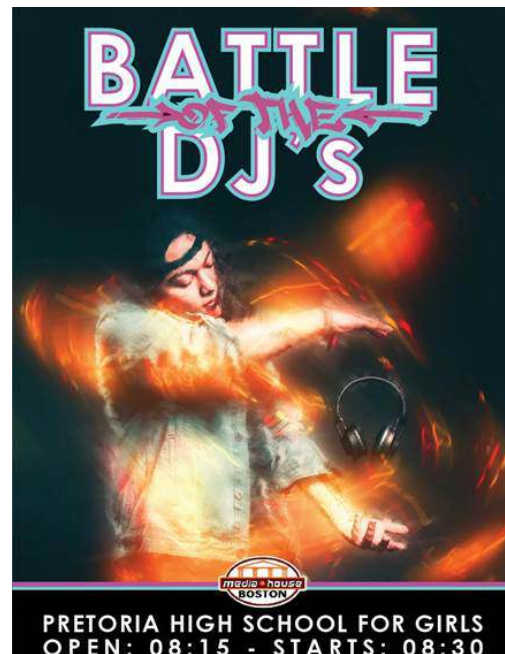
On 25 July, the Inter-House Athletics took place at Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (AHS). The Houses Cheerleaders kicked off the event with surprisingly energetic cheers. Throughout the day the DJ played upbeat, gleeful songs.

There was a multitude of heats, races and intense competition between the houses. The teachers' race provided well needed comic relief before the results were announced. Van Zyl once again took gold with Clarendon in second and Duncan in third place. McWilliam, as expected by all, won the Spirit trophy.

The day ended with a sensational feeling of joy. All involved walked back to school with proud smiles on their faces.

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Battle Of The CHEFS

KEANU REEVES ACKNOWLEDGES INNOVATIVE OLD GIRL

PHSG is exceptionally proud of Old Girl and former Headgirl, Terry Annecke. Terry took the unique South African technology of carbon fibre to world markets when they were only a relatively new material.

Hollywood movie star, Keanu Reeves, rides his self-built motorbikes in the latest John Wick film series, using these carbon fibre wheels made for him by Joburg-based BlackStone Tek (BST), founded by Terry and her business partner Gary Turner.

Terry started BST in the spare room of their home and today their carbon fibre wheels are exported all over the world including the US and Japan. According to Terry, BST was the first company in the world to manufacture such wheels in a "repeatable and handmade industrialised process".

Terry, PHSG wishes you all the success in your business and we hope that this will be an inspiration to all our young PHSG ladies.

For more on this story, click [here](#).



Terry Annecke

OLD GIRL LIVES ON IN ARTWORKS

PHSG would like to shed some light on Old Girl, Judith Mason, a talented artist whose body of work is rich in symbolism and shows a range of representational and starkly symbolic images. Judith matriculated from PHSG in 1960 and went on to earn her BA Degree in Fine Arts. Her

artistry involved working with oil, pencil and printmaking, displaying a very rare technical virtuosity. For more information about the life and artwork of this phenomenal artist, you can look her up on [Wikipedia](#) or click [here](#) to read more.

Judith Mason and squirrel monkey October 1980



OLD GIRL TAKES 1ST IN SURFSKI CHALLENGE

Old Girl, Bridgitte Hartley cemented her place on top of the women's standings (with a second win in the series) when she participated in the Bay Union Open Ocean Surfski Challenge on her birthday.

While participating in the women's race, Bridgitte led the top three of the

series opener women's podium in the rolling swells. "It was a tough race and I decided to go out hard from the start again and stay on some of the men's waves," said Hartley.

Well done, Bridgitte, PHSG is proud of you! To read more on the story, click [here](#).



Bridgitte Hartley

OLD GIRL FIGHTS FOR PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Old Girl, Dr Michelle Meiring, matriculated in 1988 and attended medical school at the University of Pretoria with a focus on paediatrics. Michelle started at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto in 1999. With the growing amount of sick children coming into the hospital, Michelle's mandate started when other doctors said: "there's nothing more to be done".

Michelle's noticed there had been a huge gap in doctors training on palliative care. "We are not taught how to look after people who are not going to survive: how to prevent pain, how to manage distress, how to counsel the family." Michelle states.

In 2003 she opened a five-bed paediatric ward at the Houghton Hospice and in 2007 a ten-bed ward at a hospice in Soweto. That same year she started hospital consultation

services at Baragwanath, then at Coronation Hospital and at Charlotte Maxeke Hospital.

In 2002 Michelle co-founded the Children's Homes Outreach Medical Program (CHOMP) as well as Big Shoes in 2006 and over the years, she has continued to drive paediatric palliative care NGO's across the country.

After twenty years in her field, Michelle's accomplishments speak for themselves, yet there remains a lot to be done, such as fighting for the Department of Health to implement a national paediatric palliative care policy.

For more on this story click [here](#).



Dr Michelle Meiring

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs van der Walt (Physical Science) for becoming a grandmother yesterday.

Congratulations to Mrs Carstens (Business Studies) for obtaining her Honours Degree in Psycho-educational Support. Well done!

Congratulations to Mrs Pieterse (CAT) who got married during the holidays and is now Mrs Brits.

Congratulations to Miss Mulder (LO) who got engaged.

Farewell

We bid farewell to Cheryl Alton who has been assisting in the Finance Department for the last few months. Thank you so much for everything. We also bid farewell to Mrs Greyling (Maths) and Mrs de Bruyn (Art). We wish them all the best for the future. Thank you for the impact you have made here.

Sr Charnene goes on maternity leave 12th of August. We wish her all the best with the birth of her son, Alex.

Welcome

Welcome to the following teachers for stepping in to assist: Miss Godfrey for Maths, Ms Potgieter with Social Sciences, Mrs Djamba in the Art Department. Mrs Boustead for English, Mr Jelley for English and Mr Greenwood for Maths while Mrs Koster is on Maternity leave.

We also welcome Sr Scholes who will be assisting while Sr

Zietsman is on Maternity leave.

Condolences

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mrs Agnes Sindane on Saturday, 13 July 2019. In May this year she suffered a stroke and was hospitalised. Mrs Sindane worked for PHSG for 16 years and served the school with great love. She will be sorely missed by all and remembered fondly for her friendly and humble disposition. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.



Mrs Agnes Sindane

Birthdays

August

- 1 Mrs Mtsweni (Procurement Officer)
- 8 Ms Cÿrus (English)
- 11 Miss Bosua (Mathematics)
- 11 Mrs A. van Niekerk (Life Sciences)
- 14 Mrs Lubie (Consumer Studies)
- 15 Mrs Lamb (Geography)
- 16 Ms Dorlas (Life Sciences)
- 29 Mrs Koster (Mathematics and Life Sciences)
- 30 Mrs van Tonder (Physical Sciences)

AUGUST 2019

	Boarding	Sport	Culture	General	Parent's Association		
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31	29 Jul 2019	30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4
	Day 6 7:35 Assembly (Gr 9 Gym) 14:00 Interhouse Model UN	7:25 Day 7 (Test) 17:00 Hockey PHSG u/16 A 18:00 Hockey PHSG 1st vs	Day 8 7:25 Long Form 14:00 Cross Country @ Pre 14:15 HO			SACEE Debating Senior & Gr 12 Maths Revision Clas 14:00 Waterpolo Clinic (Tin 14:00 Tennis: PHSG 1st Tes	
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D6 CONNECT



D6 Connect has replaced the D6 Communicator. It has all the same functionality with additional two-way communication between parents and the school. Some of the features include learner-specific information such as marks, disciplinary record and absenteeism, all available to parents in real-time.

You can rest assured that only persons who are registered as parents of the children in our administration system can access this information. This application also has a screen where you can view a list of all the people who can view your daughter's information. Access can be granted to other people such as an au pair, grandparents and/or other family members by you, as the parent. A person's access may be discontinued at any time by the parent.

Registration instructions:

1. Once you have installed the Application there are two ways to register:

> **Manual registration:** If you register manually, you will need to enter your Name,

Surname, ID Number, Country, Cell Phone Number, Password and Email Address

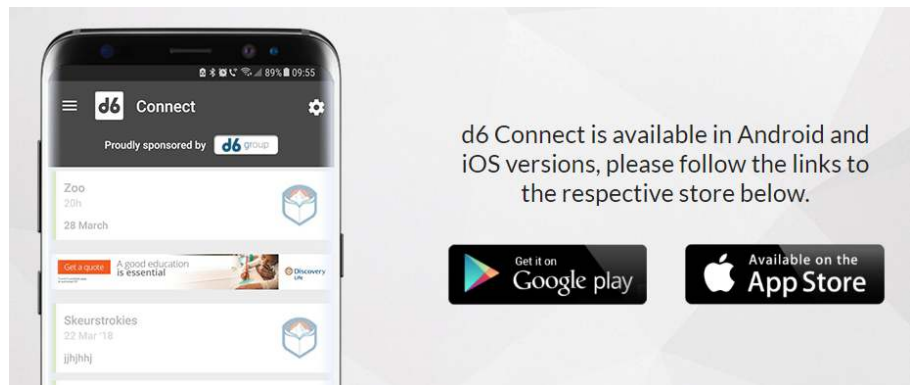
> **Token registration:** If you register using a token, you will need to enter your Token Number, ID Number and Password

2. Click '**Register**'

3. A message will appear stating that a **One Time Pin** (OTP) has been sent via SMS to the device being registered. Do not close the App (you may minimise the screen) - wait for the OTP to be received

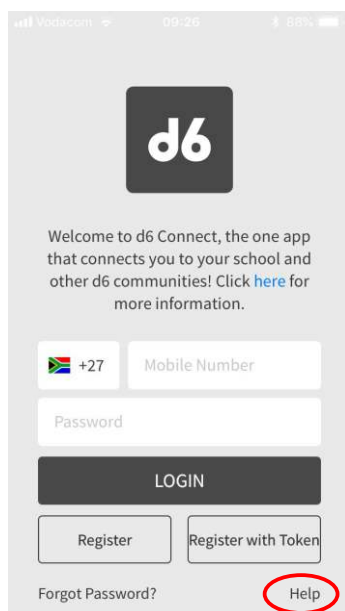
4. An **SMS** is sent to the phone being registered which contains an OTP. Enter the OTP and 'Submit'

There is also web-portal available. Parents can log in with their cell phone numbers and same password on connect.d6.co.za

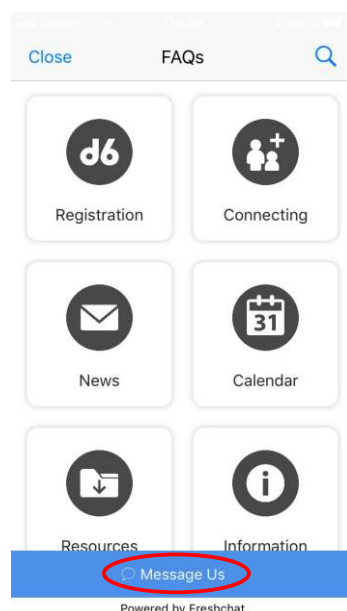


Problems logging in to D6 Connect?

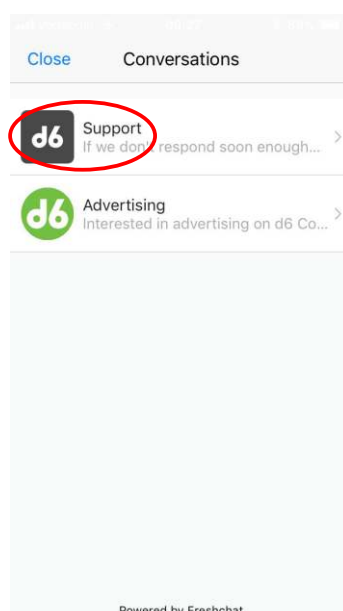
Once you have installed the App, please follow the steps below for assistance from the D6 team if you are having trouble connecting:



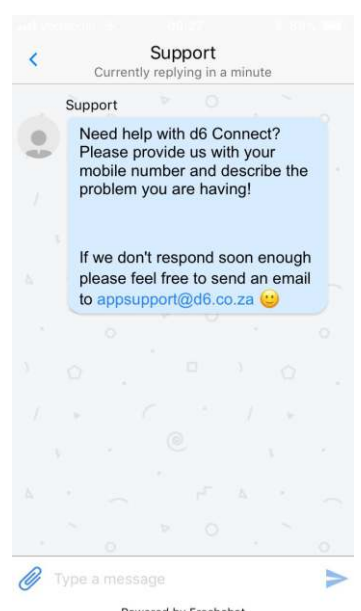
Click "Help" on the bottom right.



Click "Message Us".



Click "Support".



You can type here for live support. Alternatively, email appsupport@d6.co.za or give them a call on 087 820 0088.

Sexting occurs predominantly on, but is not exclusive to these apps...



Snapchat



Tinder



WhatsApp



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Did you know?
IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE,
MAKE OR SHARE AN
INDECENT IMAGE OR
VIDEO OF A CHILD UNDER
THE AGE OF 18 – EVEN IF
IT IS CONSENSUAL

Sexting involves sending and receiving explicit messages, images or videos of a sexual nature. This content is usually uploaded on a mobile device, which can then be uploaded onto social networking sites and shared further. They can be sent to or from a friend, boyfriend, girlfriend, or someone your child has met online. Sexting is often described as the new flirting for children – but it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18, with police forces in England and Wales recording 6,238 underage "sexting" offences in 2016-17, a rate of 17 a day.

What parents need to know about

SEXTING

BREAKING THE LAW

Sexting is illegal if you share, make, take or distribute an indecent image or video of a child under the age of 18. It is an offence under the Protection of Children Act (1978), the Criminal Justice Act (1988), and under Section 67 of the Serious Crime Act (2015). Sexting or 'youth produced sexual imagery' between children is still illegal, even if they are in a relationship and any images are shared consensually.

CHILDREN THINK IT'S HARMLESS

Many young people see sexting as 'banter' or a joke, an easy way to show someone they like and trust them, or just a cool thing to do. But they may not realise the consequences of sharing personal information and how it can be potentially harmful to them in the future.

REGRETTING THEIR ACTIONS

Although some children are willingly exchanging images, many may regret sharing the messages, images and videos after they have sent or uploaded them. Once it's out there, there's no going back, and your child may feel ashamed, vulnerable, worried or anxious about imagery resurfacing later, especially if a relationship or friendship has broken down. 'Sexting' was the most viewed information and advice topic on the Childline website in 2017, showing the need for people to get help.

BULLYING, COERCION & BLACKMAIL

Your child may feel pressured into sexting, so they don't come across as boring, or think it's a way to show someone they care for them. They may feel under pressure to give in to repeated requests or feel obliged to share sexual messages and imagery. Sexting can also expose young adults to the risk of being exploited by paedophiles or sexual predators, who then use images to extort additional photos, sexual favours, and sometimes money from victims.

SHARING

Once a photo or video is out there, there's no way of knowing how many people have saved it, tagged it or shared it. Children like to show off to their peers and suddenly, an image has gone beyond its intended recipient, to classmates, friends, and even strangers. Once an image or video has been shared online, there's nothing to stop it being archived and repeatedly shared.

Top Tips for Parents

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Encourage open dialogue about appropriate information to share with others both online and offline, discuss the word 'sexting' and ensure that they know what it is and what it involves. Show that you understand that sexting can reflect natural adolescent curiosity about nudity, bodies and exploring their sexuality, but explain why it's important to think twice before sharing something. Show that you are approachable and understanding.

DISCUSS THE LEGALITIES

Children and young people may not realise that what they are doing is illegal. Ensure that your child understands that when they are aged under 18, it is against the law for anyone to take or have a sexual photo of them – even if it's a selfie, and even when the activity is consensual.

EXPLAIN THE REPERCUSSIONS

Let your children know that once they have sent a message, they are no longer in control of it, and the messages, images and videos that they may intend to share with one individual may end up where the whole world can have access to them. Even if they completely trust someone, other people using their phone might accidentally see it. And, later in life, it may affect their online reputation, especially if universities, employers or future partners access the imagery.

HOW TO REMOVE IMAGES

If an image has already been shared, either your child or yourself should speak to the person that the image was shared with and ask them to delete it. You can also use the report button on a website where the image was posted. Speak to your child's school, as they may be able to confiscate phones if they know that they have sexual imagery stored. If you believe the child was forced into sending the message, report this to the police. You or your child can also report the content to CEOP with one of their child protection advisors (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command).

BLOCKING AND STOPPING SEXTING

Show your child how to use the block button on their devices and favourite apps to stop people sending them unwanted messages. You can also set up parental controls with your internet service provider or on your child's phone to stop them from accessing harmful content.

HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED A SEXUAL IMAGE?

Firstly, reassure your child that they have done the right thing by speaking to you about the incident. Ask them if they requested the image or if they received it unwillingly. If the image has been sent to your child by an adult and you are concerned about sexual exploitation or grooming, contact CEOP immediately.

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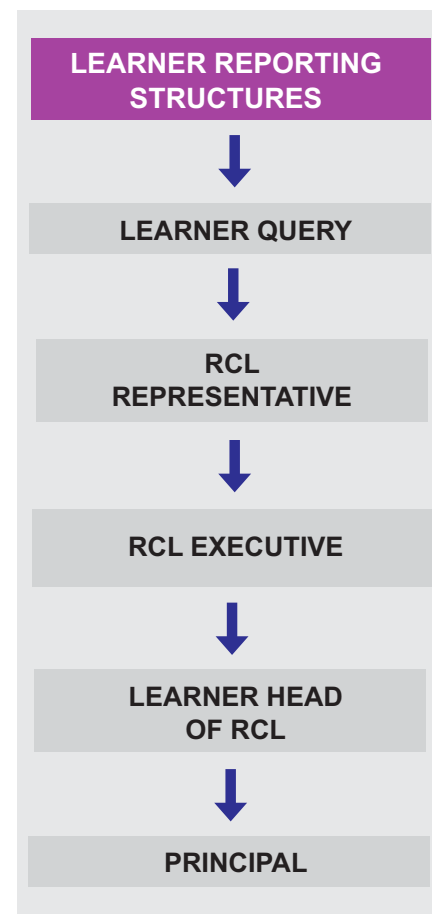
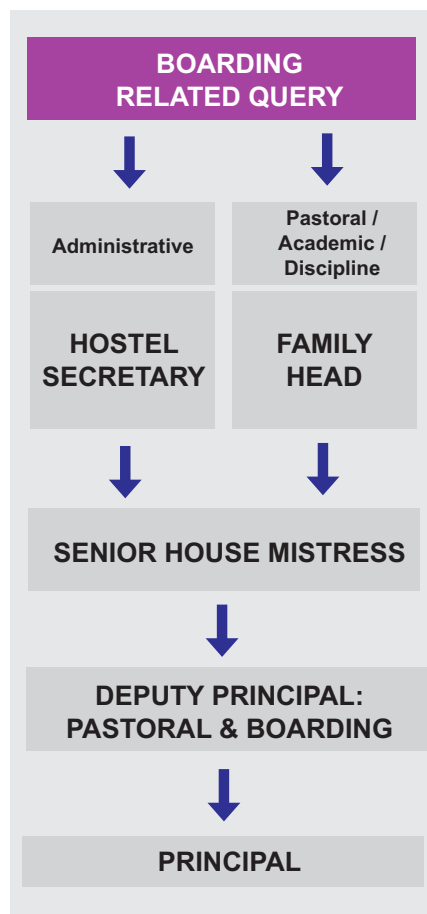
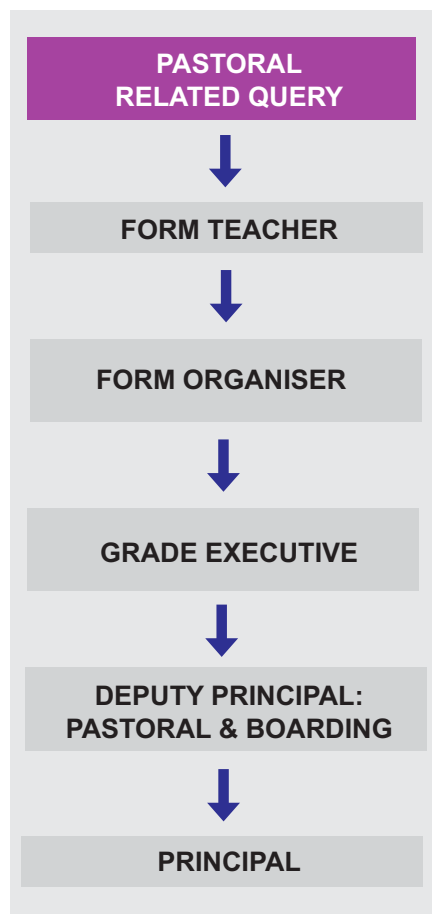
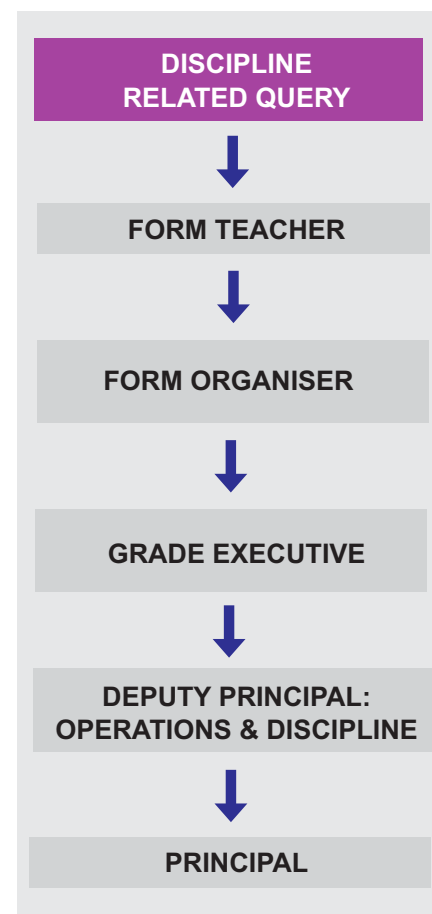
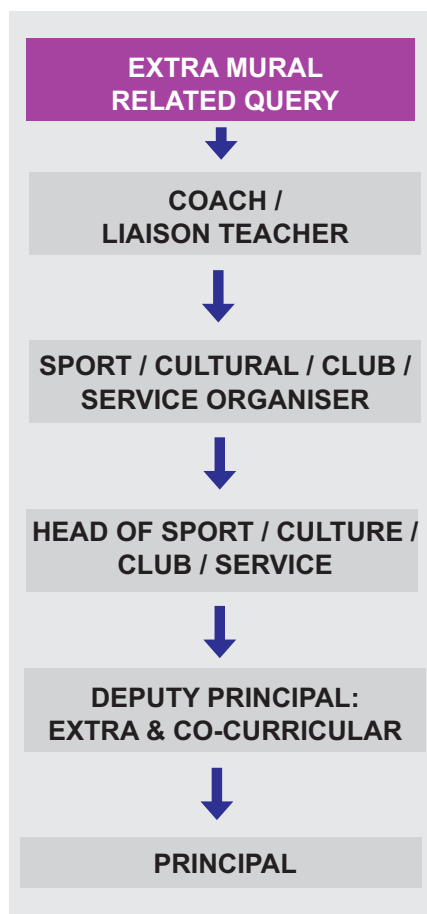
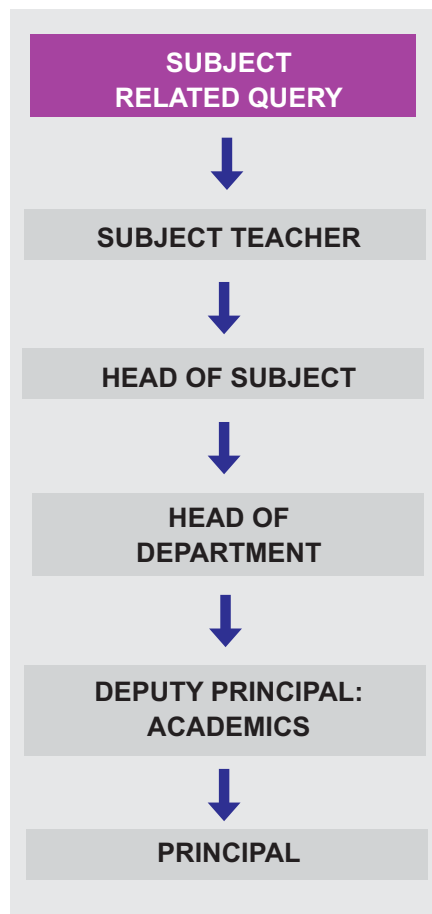


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REPORTING STRUCTURES FOR PARENTS AND LEARNERS



Note:

Please address all complaints in writing to info@phsg.org.za and they will be forwarded on to the relevant person or department.

Should all these avenues fail to address your concern, please contact the School Governing Body.