



# MARIS STELLA WEEKLY BULLETIN

15 October 2019

WEEK ONE			
Tues 15 Oct	18:00	Matric Mass	Chapel
Thurs 17 Oct	18:30	Prep Water Polo Tour departs Speech Day and Grade 12 Prize Giving	Johannesburg Centenary Hall
Fri 18 Oct	07:45 – 14:30 09:00 10:30	Grade 10 Life Sciences Excursion to uShaka Matric Breakfast Matrics leave school	uShaka Marine World Small Hall
Sat 19 Oct	08:00 – 14:00	U13 Hockey Festival	MPC
Sun 20 Oct		Prep Water Polo Tour returns	
WEEK TWO			
Mon 21 Oct	08:30 – 12:30 17:30	Grade 6 Excursion to uShaka Board Meeting	uShaka Marine World Boardroom
Tues 22 Oct	08:00 16:00 18:00	JP and Prep Orientation High School Orientation Senior Primary Choir Evening	Centenary Hall Centenary Hall Durban Girls' College
Wed 23 Oct	18:00 – 19:00 18:00	<b>Grade 12 IEB Examinations begin</b> Welcome Cocktail Party for new Pre-School parents PA Barnyard Evening	Small Hall Suncoast
Thurs 24 Oct	17:00 – 18:00	Grade 4 Market Day Grade 4 2020 Parents' Talk	Centenary Hall
Sun 27 Oct		<b>Diwali</b>	

## MARIS STELLA BARNYARD EVENING, WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

Please don't forget to purchase your tickets for our Suncoast Barnyard Theatre evening on Wednesday 23 October, in support of the Parents' Association end of year function fundraiser. The evening promises to be a grand show stopper with the highly entertaining performance, *Live in Vegas*. With our exclusive use of this venue, we have plenty of seating for you to book a table for your year-end work function, book club party or get together with family and friends. Food is on sale at the venue and there is a cash bar available. If you pre-order your meal from the venue, we receive a further 15% from the proceeds. Please visit the D6 to access the menu, or visit [www.barnyardtheatre.co.za](http://www.barnyardtheatre.co.za).

The doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 7pm. Tickets are available from the Bursar's office at R180-00 each, or book a table of ten and receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

## ALLAN GRAY ENTREPRENEURIAL SCHOOLS' INITIATIVE

The Allan Gray Orbis Foundation recently invited Mrs van Blerk and Ms Dewar to the Circle of Excellence Conference, part of their Entrepreneurial Schools' Initiative, as honoured guests. This conference is grounded in entrepreneurial learning and aims to empower, inspire and equip South African educators.

Educators were tasked with challenges faced in education and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution. Prizes were awarded to educators who used innovative and value-based ideas to create solutions for the education industry. “Team Leadership” lead by Mrs van Blerk was one of the 8 teams that took part in this year’s gamified challenge and were the overall winners of the competition. Team Leadership’s most notable idea was the ability to improve the nationwide problem associated with choosing between subjects Mathematics vs Maths Literacy at schools.

## HOUSE PLAYS

Congratulations to the casts of our House Plays for all the incredible effort that went into your excellent performances last week. Special congratulations to Ambrose for winning Best Play and Best Directors, to Patrician for winning Best Script and to **Thandolwethu Dlamini** and **Shasthi Naidoo** for winning Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress respectively. The full results are as follows:

Plays and Directors:

AMBROSE (The Witch of Oz), written by **Dayna Miller** and **Mpho Sigcau**

MARIAN (The Burn Book), written by **Tia Munsamy** and **Andiswa Gumbi**

PATRICIAN (The Candlestick), written by **Holly Davey** and **Alayna Naidu**

<b>ADJUDICATORS’ SPECIAL AWARD</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>CHARACTER</b>
Best Entrance	<b>Malaika Ahiwe</b>	11	Ambrose	Taxi Driver
Best Actor (Male Character)	<b>Raeven Phillips</b>	8	Marian	Q
Best Comic Duo	<b>Cassidy Harris</b> <b>Rachel Hudson</b>	8 9	Patrician	Detective Peanut Detective Raisin
Best Ensemble Work	Patrician (“The Candlestick”)			
Best Junior Performer	<b>Nizole Mzileni</b>	9	Patrician	Mrs Toucan
<b>ANNUAL FORMAL AWARDS</b>				
Best Cameo Performance	<b>Hannah Bullen</b>	10	Ambrose	Scarecrow
Best Design	Ambrose			
Best Supporting Actress	<b>Shasthi Naidoo</b>	9	Marian	Boss Lady
Best Actress	<b>Thandolwethu Dlamini</b>	10	Ambrose	Wicked Witch of the West
Best Script	Patrician (“The Candlestick”)			
Best Directors	<b>Dayna Miller</b> <b>Mpho Sigcau</b>		Ambrose	
Best Play	Ambrose (“Witch of Oz”)			

## DANCE

Congratulations to **Georgia Caro**, Grade 7, who successfully auditioned for the KZN Dance Academy last weekend. Georgia will also be dancing in the Cechetti Gala Performance at the Natal Playhouse in November, as she achieved over 70% for her ballet exam at Intermediate Foundation level. Well done Georgia!

## MUSIC

In September, nineteen Maris Stella girls played external music examinations. We congratulate the following girls on their achievements and we thank their teachers, Mrs Nassi Hadjiev, Ms Lisa Thom, Mrs du Plessis and Mrs van Blerk for their hard work and meticulous preparation of these girls.

Pass

<b>Jamie Livingstone</b>	Grade 7 Piano
<b>Shreya Sewsanker</b>	Grade 4 Violin
<b>Casey-Anne Kesaris</b>	Grade 5 Violin
<b>Shaowen Chen</b>	Grade 3 Piano

<b>Tehillah Adonis</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>Tanishtha Vaid</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>Layla Dinsdale</b>	Prep Test Piano
<b>Sahara Felix</b>	Prep Test Piano
<b>Divina Naicker</b>	Prep Test Piano

Merit

<b>Chloé Robertson</b>	Grade 6 Voice
<b>Camryn Linderboom</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>O'Hara de Jager</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>Caitlin Wylie</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>Amara Motala</b>	Initial Piano

Distinction

<b>Anya Sachdeva</b>	Initial Piano
<b>Anvi Sachdeva</b>	Initial Piano
<b>Sophie Dixon</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>Tasmé Komal</b>	Grade 1 Piano
<b>Ariana Naidoo</b>	Grade 1 Flute

**LIFE SAVING**

During the recent International Surf Rescue Challenge held over the past holidays, **Tatum Botha**, Grade 9, formed part of the South African Team, helping to bring home a Bronze Medal for her country. Tatum's results for each of the three tests were exceptional, as follows:

Test 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> in the Swim and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady in Team Swim

Test 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> in the Swim

Test 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Surf Swim, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Iron Lady

Tatum's team also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Team Board for all 3 Tests. Congratulations Tatum!

**SWIMMING**

Congratulations to **Lenci Kiliswa**, 6K and **Leia Braithwaite**, 4T, who participated in the KZN Junior Swimming Championships at Kings Park Swimming Pool over the weekend and achieved excellent results. Lenci was a finalist in the 50m Butterfly where she won a Bronze Medal and Leia made 2 finals, the 50m Butterfly where she won a Bronze Medal, and the 100m Butterfly where she won Gold. Well done Lenci and Leia!

**ATHLETICS**

On Saturday 12 October, **Alyssa Gass**, Grade 9, and **Ella-Rose Gass**, Grade 6, took part in the KZN Athletics Track and Field Championships and ran exceptionally well, with Ella-Rose placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U13 1500m and Alyssa placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U15 3000. Congratulations girls!

**JOY QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with.”

Mark Twain