**CREATIVE:** Maris Stella's girls in Durban claimed first prize. Pupils hosted a fashion show WITH outfits made from topes.

**FUN TIMES:** Pupils from Forest Town School in Johannesburg wore their colourful topes in support of the Sunflower Day.

**IN HIGH SPIRITS:** Staff members of Waterkloof House Preparatory School also got involved in the initiative.

**SPREADING HOPE:** Forest Town School pupils' enthusiasm saw them claim third prize.

### STEM CELL FUND'S SCHOOL COMPETITION

# Pupils showcase Sunflower fashion

**Staff Writer**

PUPILS from across the country donned their tube of hope, topes, in aid of Sunflower Day last month to raise awareness of the need for people to register as stem cell donors and compete for R35 000 worth of prizes.

Almost 60 schools across the country participated in the Sunflower Fund's Schools Competition, wore their topes and posted pictures on social media. They were judged on team spirit, creativity and the number of topes purchased.

Girls' school Maris Stella in Durban claimed first prize, winning R20 000 worth of goods.

The school's Cindy Hudson said: "We chose to coincide these festivities with the official arrival of spring. Our prep and high school classes held their annual Sunflower Fund Fashion Show, organised by our Grade 11s.

"This year's theme was Back to the Future and we were fortunate to have Tanith King of the Sunflower Fund and well-known Durban fashion designer Greg Wallis as our judges."

**PLAYTIME:** Pupils from Waterkloof House Preparatory School in Pretoria snared second prize.

She said each class worked together to create an outfit made from topes.

Maris Stella's principal, Joan Schmidt, said: "We are so grateful to our Maris Stella family for embracing the Sunflower Fund Day with such love and generosity. The stylish and imaginative outfits created by our girls really showcased the beautiful topes and we are honoured to support the Sunflower Fund with their incredible work in our small way."

Waterkloof House Preparatory School in Pretoria claimed the second prize of R10 000 in goods.

The third-place prize went to Forest Town School in Johannesburg.

The school caters for pupils with a wide variety of special educational needs, assisting those with cerebral palsy, disability and difficulties caused by head injuries, learning difficulties ranging from mild to severe, attention deficit disorder and epilepsy.

The school's occupational therapist, Sharna Berelowitz, said the school had appealed in their newsletter for pupils to get involved.

"The kids were allowed to wear their topes with their uniforms. It was special for them to be supporting a cause like this."

The school was awarded R5 000 in goods. The judges were Lisa Isaacs of the Cape Times, Nushreen Coutts of ICPA pharmacies and Lindsay Palinode of the Protea Fire Ice Hotel group.

To register as a donor call the Sunflower Fund toll-free number 0800 121 082 or 021 701 0661 or visit www.sunflowerfund.org.za

## Racy wedding dress upstages

LONDON: New York Bridal Fashion Week played host to some of the biggest names in the business, from Marchesa to Vera Wang.

But it was one designer's penchant for showing some serious skin that has given a rather sexy wedding dress some nuptial notoriety.

Israeli designer Alon Livné debuted a super-revealing dress for his latest collection.

The creation featured a delicate skirt attached to the rear portion of a flesh-coloured bodysuit, which was covered in silver embellishment.

The bedazzled crotch was left exposed, creating a look more suited to the wedding night than the ceremony.

Called "Heaven", the dress was inspired by the idea of a Greek goddess, Livné told Cosmopolitan.

"I wanted to make something that is very show-stopper, very unique, but still feminine and soft." – The Independent


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