



Mavis Stella **YEARBOOK** **2020**



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Principal's Report

by Joan Schmidt

The year 2020 will be one that we refer to for decades to come. It is, undoubtedly, a cornerstone year during which so many life-changing events occurred. It could be that all these major events happened to coincide by pure fate, but I believe it has been a culmination of factors that have caused us to all reach that 'line in the sand' moment where we decide, with conviction, what path we want to pursue as humanity.

I would like to extend my sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones, or who have had to witness unbearable heartache during the Covid-19 pandemic. The impact of this virus is far-reaching and long-lasting, and I truly hope that you all remain safe and well during this time.

The word 'unprecedented' has been used a lot this year. With the 1918 Spanish Flu being the last time humanity experienced a pandemic, it is safe to say that this is a first for us. And while it is not something we will want to remember, much has been learnt during this time.

From an educational perspective, we have been fortunate to have access to digital platforms that have allowed us to continue providing knowledge to our

pupils uninterrupted. Our teachers have performed admirably; pivoting from classroom-based learning one term to online learning the next and navigating the many technical and social challenges that come from such a switch. Our pupils and parents, too, have been superb in their adaptability; taking to this innovative media with minimal disruption.

The forced remote learning this year has shown us that such a method is entirely possible, and it has opened us up to the many advantages of online resources. These skills, for both our teachers and pupils, will prove incredibly useful in the coming years, with the fourth industrial revolution bringing technology further into our lives.

Another lesson learnt is the importance of social connection - of friends and family. For us, not being able to interact directly with the pupils of Maris Stella and with our colleagues daily was a real challenge and I know that many of you felt the same.

Returning to school, albeit with the necessary social distancing, has been such a welcome experience and I think we will all cherish our moments together much more than before.

A major event of 2020 was the re-emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement, which resonated with communities around the globe.

The Black Lives Matter movement originated in America 7 years ago, when a police officer was acquitted after shooting and killing a 17-year-old black teenager, Trayvon Martin, in February 2012. While there have been subsequent protests, the brutal murder of George Floyd at the hands of police officers highlighted racial injustice once again, with the video of his death prompting worldwide protests.

In South Africa, the history of racial injustice is well-documented, but the reality is that this history is still very much alive today.





I would like to acknowledge the incredible sacrifices which each of our parents have made, this year in particular. Your resilience and tenacity have been astounding – thank you for everything done at home to assist your girls. Thank you, for your ongoing support and for trusting us to care for your daughters.

The ongoing economic inequality and the conscious and unconscious racism continue to entrench the concept of 'the other'. Until we address this, no real change can ever take place. This was made abundantly clear with the recent publication of the TRESemmé advertisement by Clicks, which prompted nationwide protests and violence.

There is no doubt that these actions need to be addressed; whether it is a blatant advert, or subversive favouritism in a classroom setting, change needs to happen. But it is important that we engage in a productive and meaningful

manner. The frustration has, understandably, led to reactions that range from violent protests through to social media dissent and a 'cancel culture' that simply leaves no room for growth from lessons learnt. Addressing racism needs to become part of our daily culture, with issues addressed as soon as they emerge. Leaving them to simmer can only lead to tragic consequences.

I feel that this year has exposed the wounds, but it has also given us the opportunity to begin to finally heal. Let us see this as a start to a much healthier, more cohesive society going forward.



Another cornerstone moment of 2020, the acknowledgement, from our highest level of government, of the gross injustice of gender-based violence. In one of his Addresses to the Nation, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced:

“It is with the heaviest of hearts that I stand before the women and girls of South Africa this evening to talk about another pandemic that is raging in our country – the killing of women and children by the men of our country. As a man, as a husband and as a father, I am appalled at what is no less than a war being waged against the women and children of our country.”



As young women, you are dealing with the repercussions of gender-based violence, in all forms, on a daily basis. Whether it is inappropriate social media messaging, unwanted physical contact, or even being overlooked for a position or role because you are a woman, this is a reality we face. But it is a reality that is finally being acknowledged by those in positions of power. We still live in a male-dominated society, and may for some time, but our voices are finally being heard and our value, cherished.

You will make your mark in this world by succeeding; not despite being women, but because you are women.

You are now being called on to take your responsibility as a woman seriously.



Call out those who display toxic masculinity, support your fellow women in their endeavours, be the role model you know you are.

**Each time a woman stands up for herself,
*Without knowing it possibly,
without claiming it,*
she stands up for all women.**

Maya Angelou

Coming to the end of 2020, I think the biggest lesson learnt is that caring for the community is the best we can really do. Despite our hopes, we are most likely going to be living with Covid-19 for some time, certainly throughout 2021, but we know now what we are doing and what we need to do to overcome this.

As Professor Salim Abdool Karim – the South African clinical infectious diseases epidemiologist – explained, South Africa’s ‘**ubuntu**’ belief system is our best method of prevention. Where ubuntu states ‘I am because you are’, he took this a step further with ‘**I am safe because you are safe**’. Continue to wear your masks, to sanitise, and to social distance. We are all stronger when we look after each other.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to give special recognition to the Matric Class of 2020. Your entire high school career, if not longer, is focused on this final year. This is the year where you get to say goodbye to teachers and friends, where you enjoy so many final traditions reserved just for you. It is a year of cherished memories and, to a large extent, you have been robbed of this experience.

Despite this, you have all acted with the utmost maturity, realising that the circumstances were beyond anyone’s control, and that the memories made here over the past few years will still be cherished in the years to come. You are all entering a very different world next year from the one expected, but you are all so much stronger because of this year’s experiences. I know you will all do us proud. Remember our school motto: Suspense Confide – Look up and Trust

Joan Schmidt
PRINCIPAL



Religion

by Karen Bodley

Report

We, at Maris Stella, try to model ourselves on the person of Jesus Christ and look to Him as a role model to solve situations in our life. This past year, as we found ourselves navigating uncharted waters and overcoming unforeseen obstacles, it was a relief for many to turn to God in these times of trial and to find refuge in Him and His teachings.

We began our Academic year in our beautiful Chapel with our traditional Chapel Service, coming together as a Staff to ask a blessing upon our school, our staff and pupils and the greater Maris Stella family. We were filled with Hope and were looking forward to an exciting year.

Little did we know that in just a few months, God would challenge us in ways that none of us had dreamed of, but that would certainly require us to grow as people of faith.

OPENING MASS

Opening Mass is always a memorable occasion and an opportunity for the Matric class to open the Academic year in Praise and Worship. This year was no exception as we welcomed 2020 and the theme for the year:

"We have freedom to choose"

God has given us Free Will and He wants us to choose His ways over our own. We learnt that with every choice we make, we are also choosing the consequence of our choice. It is our every thought, word and deed that creates the life that we experience each day.

To supplement this theme, we made a promise to choose **Kindness**; choose **Integrity**; choose **Optimism** and choose **Simplicity**. These virtues help us to make the correct choices and reap the consequences of a peaceful and happy life throughout the year.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday, also known at Maris Stella as Pancake Tuesday, was celebrated in style with lots of pancakes being sold by an efficient group of Matrics led by the Chapel and Ethos Portfolio. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Traditionally, people use up all the delicious ingredients in the house, to engage in sincere fasting during Lent.

GRADE 8 RETREAT

Our Grade 8s went away on their retreat to Camp Noah in Eston. It was an opportunity for the girls to get to know one another and welcome the new

girls into the existing group, as well as getting to know God a little better. The Grade 8s were certainly fortunate in being able to have the opportunity to go away before restrictions were put in place.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

The Chapel and Ethos Portfolio organised and ran a very beautiful and special IMPACT Praise and Worship evening with a live band and guest speaker; old girl, Carryn Tennant, who gave a beautiful testimony and really touched the hearts of those who attended. Many of the girls commented on how inspirational and enjoyable the evening was.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

We began our Lenten journey with a beautiful and meaningful Ash Wednesday Mass, led by the Grade 9 classes. The theme was **"Return to God"** and highlighted the need to choose God in our lives and grow our relationship with Him.

During their Religion lessons over this period, the pupils learnt about the importance of Lent. They were also given the opportunity to attend Confession and weekly Stations of the Cross as a means to grow closer to God.

CANCELLED EVENTS

Sadly, the Paschal Meal was cancelled due to the pandemic. I know that many pupils and staff members were looking forward to this special evening. This was the same for both the Penitential Services, which sadly did not take place due to the early closure of schools.

Perhaps the saddest events to be cancelled, from a pastoral perspective, were the Grade 9 Touchstone and Grade 10, 11 and 12 Retreats that had been planned for the start of Term 2. Many weeks of planning and communicating with the various camps and planning the activities and speakers, were made redundant. However, this pales into insignificance when we think how much the girls lost by not being able to enjoy these wonderful events, especially the Matrics, who would have enjoyed their last retreat together as a grade and the Grade 9s who missed their much-anticipated Touchstone experience.

Sadly, for the rest of the year, we were unable to gather together and worship together as a school. Many commented on how much they missed the school masses and other opportunities to gather in the presence of God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ONLINE

We all found online learning to be challenging, but we rose to the occasion and managed to become proficient in teaching Religious Education online. This certainly has its challenges, as it is a subject that calls for intimacy and shared dialogue.

Many, if not most, of the girls mentioned that Religious Education was a subject that they enjoyed during this period because there was no academic pressure; just a relaxing way to spend nurturing their faith. This was done through guided Journal writing exercises, written and creative tasks as well as daily meditations. Many pupils created some beautiful work during this time and showed a desire to rely on their God during this time of crisis.

ZOOM PRAYER EVENING

A group of Matrics, together with the Chapel and Ethos Portfolio, held a short but meaningful prayer service using the platform Zoom. Later in the Lockdown period, the Grade 7 Chapel and Ethos Portfolio also hosted a Zoom prayer service. Both services were well attended and benefitted the larger Maris Stella Community as we reached out and connected to one another in fellowship.

daily meditations Each morning, a Meditation prepared on the Gospel reading of the day, which included a prayer, the reading, a short commentary, and a meditation was uploaded for the girls. This was a way to remain focused on God and deepen one's understanding of Christ's teachings. Once Level 5 Lockdown had been lifted, some written inspiration for the day, based on the Gospel was shared on the various platforms that were being used. This allowed for the girls to make their own time in their daily schedule.



✞ KNOW THAT I AM GOD

be still

Psalms 46:10

BACK AT SCHOOL

We were all eager to return to school to see one another in person. It was lovely to connect again with our Maris Stella family and share how our faith kept us filled with Hope during Lockdown. It was wonderful to hear that our pupils had made an effort to grow closer to their family during this time; many had learned a new hobby and many acknowledged the fact that they had had to offer their help with the household chores during this time. All in all, not a bad thing.

We also discovered that no matter what belief system we hold, we were all able to acknowledge the advice that Paul gave to the Romans:

**“Rejoice in Hope,
Be Patient in Tribulation,
Be Constant in Prayer”**

Fortunately we were able to facilitate retreats for the Junior Primary and Senior Primary pupils towards the end of the year. These were a highlight for our younger girls and it gave them an opportunity to express themselves and their love for God.

Staff were treated to a special online recorded retreat, which allowed them the opportunity to refuel and recharge so that they could remain optimistic amid the challenges of returning to school and adapting to the new systems in place. A potted succulent that can withstand harsh conditions was a small gift and reminder that when we are rooted in God, we are able to accomplish great things.

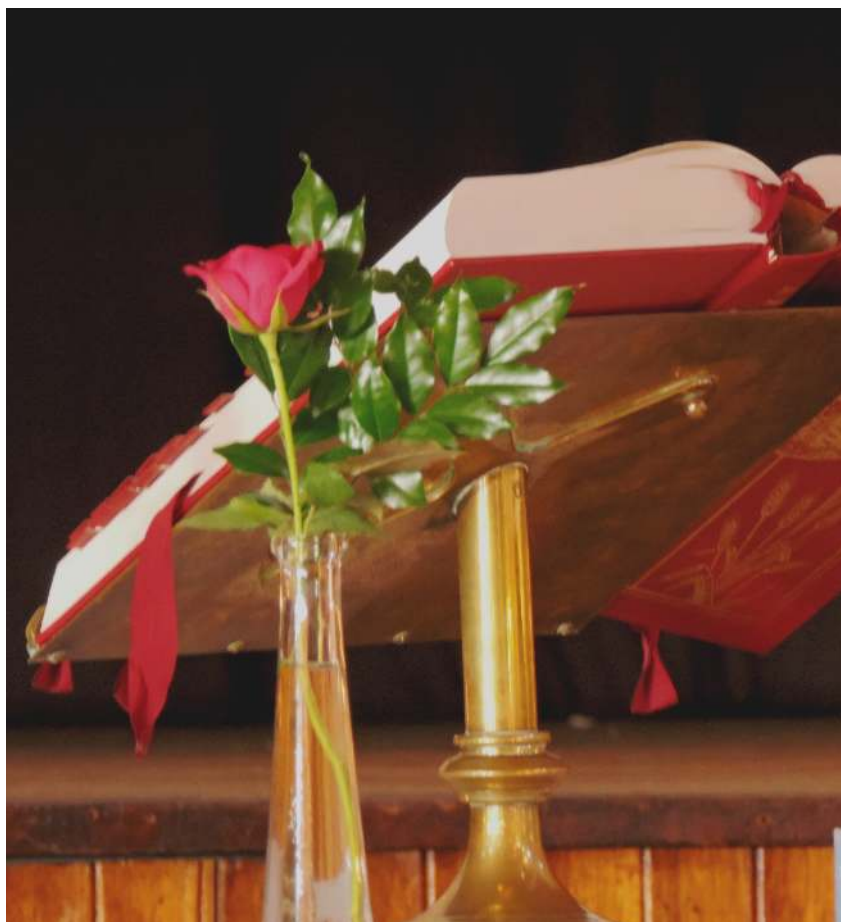
Our Maintenance Staff also enjoyed a short morning retreat, where they were reminded that God walks with them each and every day,

making their journey easier. A pair of new socks were a visual reminder and small treat to remind them of God's close presence and comfort.

MATRIC MASS

The Matric Mass was held in our Chapel, but sadly the pupils were not with us as they were all isolating to remain healthy for their final examinations. The theme of the Mass was **“Be the Light”**.

The girls and their families, who joined via Zoom, were reminded that they have each received the Light of Christ and that they are called to go out and Be the Light of Christ in their own individual worlds. Each pupil received a lantern, which was lit to represent them at this special celebration, and then given to them as a reminder to continue to ‘shine brightly’ in their new environments.



The end of the year came to an abrupt halt with the arrival of the second wave of Covid-19. Although we managed to celebrate our final mass in the Multi-Purpose Centre, as two separate events, it was with a reduced number of pupils and staff due to many being in isolation. The much-anticipated Carol Services, which had been relocated outside due to Covid-19 protocols, were sadly cancelled due to inclement weather.

We were able to conclude the year in a positive and hopeful manner, celebrating the Junior Primary Nativities and Praise and Worship celebration in the Chapel.

An invitation was extended to everyone to visit the Chapel and spend time with Christ, in front of the manger, to thank God for the blessings and protection, guidance and support that we had received from Him throughout this extraordinary year. As we ended 2020, our minds turned to Christmas and the hope that the Christ child brings with Him. May His birth bring new life and new hope into everyone's hearts and home today and always.

My gratitude to my team of dedicated Religious teachers, Angela Ehlers and Moya van der Linde who went above and beyond to nurture the



pupils with the Word of God in new and creative ways this past year. My thanks also to Wendy Plumbley and Joan Schmidt for their constant support and to Father Peter Lafferty, our beloved Chaplain, who quietly supports and advises us with his wisdom and love.

Karen Bodley

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

be the **LIGHT**



Head Girl's

by Shriyaa Sooklal

Report

It is difficult to conceive how fast this year has gone by. Not so long ago, we were just getting settled into the Matric House - it is there that harbours much of our memories of Matric, including the two-minute noodles every afternoon.

When we received our rings last year, we did not know what we would be in for. This year was centered around the loss of so many things. A loss of final events that we had been looking forward to our whole school career, a loss of the feeling of being the oldest girls in school, and the loss of opportunities to bond with each other and become closer to one another in our final year together. However, we have also had the chance to make unique memories and experience opportunities unknown to any Matrics before us.

We often hear older friends and family tell their "when I was in school" stories. After today, that will be part of our reality too. So, what will your school story be? Being part of Maris Stella means that no matter your individual experiences, your story will be one of pride, honour, and faith.

I stand here knowing that my story is part of a larger Maris Stella story; our stories are part of a larger Maris Stella story, each of which has helped write the 121st chapter in our school's legacy.

It is through this that I believe we are all connected as one sisterhood, where one girl's weakness is countered by another girl's strengths. This is how we have functioned as a Matric unit this year. And this is what has laid the foundation for the most amazing memories. I will never forget break times spent under the sun on the terrace, nor will I forget the proud feeling of putting on my red dress and blazer and wearing my black hat.

This is what makes saying goodbye so hard. How do you say goodbye to a place that you have grown in for 12 years? How do you leave behind the familiarity of its walls and of its people? The

hardest part about beginning a new chapter is closing the previous one.

What is important about these memories is that they show us that life consists of nothing but moments. Every win, every loss and everything in between is just a moment that passes with time. You may remember these moments, or you may not, but what you will remember is the people you spent them with and the way you felt. So, while we may not be able to come back to our school days, we can always





hold on to the memory of them and cherish their place in our hearts. We may find it hard to say goodbye, but we must remember how lucky we are to have something that is so hard to say goodbye to.

I feel honoured and privileged to have journeyed alongside many of you from 2009 to 2020 and to have formed part of this wonderful establishment, to have developed the values and morals that define me as a Maris Stella girl and shape my interactions with the world.

Our red dress and black hat days will forever influence our actions in life, inspiring us to venture along a path rooted in our **faith**, our **family**, and our **future**. Maris Stella transcends its function as a school and becomes a home that we will always be rooted in.

And so, as we part ways with our school, our teachers, and our friends, I hope we always remember that when in doubt, just **Look up and Trust**.

Shriyaa Sooklal
HEAD GIRL 2020



Parents' Association

by Carol Hollinshead

Report

The role of the Parents' Association (PA) is:

- Fundraising (for "luxury" items)
- Hosting functions (promoting the family)
- Providing a platform for parents to table suggestions / improvements

2020 started with a membership of 33, with all grades being represented. The PA works closely with the Class Moms to communicate events or network for resources.

Fundraising activities in 2020 included:

- Movie Night
- Raffle
- Hiring of movie screen
- Business Directory

In only two months of fundraising (before Covid-19) a total of R77 540 was raised. The money raised has been allocated as follows:

- Starting blocks for the swimming pool
- Balance of Tuck Shop upgrade
- Teacher appreciation day token gifts
- Zapper costs
- Storage containers for Covid-19 protocols

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the PA Committee (and their families) for their sacrificial service. Special note must be made of Uma Naidoo (Vice Chair), my right hand lady who makes my job so much easier. Thanks to Uma for her commitment and efficiency. Recognition must also be given to Natalie Conde who has served as our Secretary for the last 3 years. Sadly her family has relocated. In her absence I extend our thanks and appreciation for her diligence and support. She will be sorely missed.

The staff and teachers must also be acknowledged for their assistance. Special thanks to the Finance team who work closely with us.

Thanks to the parents for supporting the events arranged by the PA and especially to those who respond to our appeals for donations and who generously sponsor events, either personally or through their businesses.

This is my final AGM as Chairlady of the PA; our daughter is in matric. My successor will be confirmed in the near future and the PA is in the process of exploring what can be done to support Maris Stella this year.

We truly miss being together, and look forward to a time when we can all be together again.

Carol Hollinshead

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON





Board of Governors'

by Bridget Aves

Report

I take pleasure in presenting the 2020 Board of Governors' Report as we close yet another year at Maris Stella. A year that will be remembered for its numerous and unrelenting challenges.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our Maris Stella families who have lost loved ones during this time or been adversely financially affected through the loss of a business, unemployment, or financial hardship.

FINANCE, SUSTAINABILITY, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

While the financial position of Maris Stella remains well controlled, the uncertainty created by Covid-19 has meant that certain of our capital projects planned for roll out during 2020 needed to be placed on hold.

Most notable would be our air conditioning project. Phase 1 was completed in 2019, with phase 2 and 3 planned for 2020 and 2021, respectively. It is hoped that we can resume phase 2 during 2021.

Some upgrades and maintenance that was undertaken during the past financial year were:

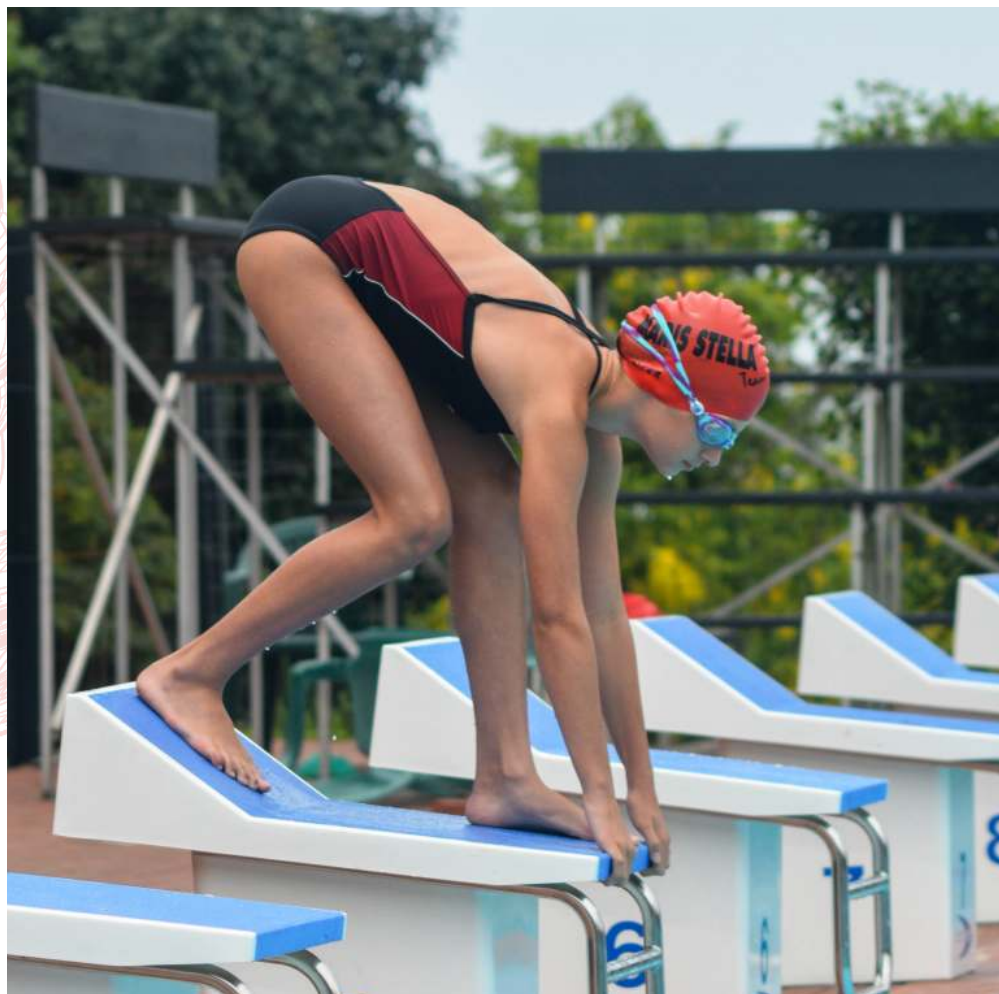
- Borer treatment and tenting
- CCTV system upgrade
- New diving board

This is proving to be extremely popular with the girls. The diving board, as well as having a competitive diving team are a differentiator that sets us apart from other schools in the area.

- New starting blocks
- Red brick building revamp
- Zulu classroom revamp
- Significant IT spend for online teaching
- PPE and sanitiser

Pupil numbers remain a concern at Maris Stella. Our strategic plan that commenced in 2019 focusing on pupil retention, pupil attraction and differentiation of the school by making it a sought-after destination school took somewhat of a back seat during 2020 with Covid-19. This will resume in 2021 as a priority.

During 2020, the Board took the difficult decision to freeze all staff salary increases.



The Board of Governors is a group of individuals who give freely of their time and skill to serve the school. I would like to record my thanks and appreciation to our Board members; 2020 was a particularly demanding year with many additional meetings held after hours or on weekends. Your ongoing commitment is enormously appreciated. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with all of you this past year. Furthermore, thank you for your ongoing support of Joan and her Management Team.

Salaries are one of our biggest input costs. This decision was taken to assist in balancing the expenses against lower fee income arising from the reduced pupil numbers, Covid-19 related fee discounts that were passed, and lastly the increased costs related to online teaching and COVID-19 protocol implementation. This was a very difficult decision since our staff were expected to give more of their time and effort when compared to prior years.

Staff numbers were also reduced as individuals retired or contracts ended, others simply assumed additional duties or responsibilities. Again, we thank the Maris Stella staff for their support and commitment through this difficult time.

May I take this opportunity to thank our Bursar, Carol Coubrough, and the Finance Committee, chaired by Rod Paulus for their continued good governance of the Maris Stella finances.

STAFF MATTERS

One thing that 2020 has shown us is that our staff can adapt to change and do so professionally and quickly.

This past year has been a difficult one for our teaching staff, simply because routine has not been something they have been fortunate enough to enjoy. They have had to adapt to online teaching, teach away from their normal home rooms, learn to find new ways to connect and communicate with the girls and put in many extra hours simply because of the new and unfamiliar way of teaching.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, may I take this opportunity to both acknowledge and commend the Maris Stella teaching staff for the way in which they coped and met their responsibilities during the past year.

It needs to be noted that despite the very disruptive academic year, Maris Stella was able to fully meet its commitment in terms of teaching days undertaken. That is a remarkable achievement. Well done to Joan and her very capable team.

In the sporting arena we are pleased to announce that we have secured the services of three South African representatives in their fields

- **Chad Ho**
Swimming Coach
- **Debbie Cummings**
Diving Coach
- **Eloise Walters**
Hockey Coach/Teaching Staff

MATRIC 2020

The Maris Stella Matric class of 2020 excelled, despite a very challenging and disrupted academic year. A 100% pass rate was achieved with a **100% Bachelor's Degree Entry** pass rate.

Many pupils achieved in the top 1% of candidates across numerous subjects. The Board recognises and commends the academic staff for their commitment and effort in assisting our girls to achieve these fantastic results. The Maris Stella family are extremely proud of what has been achieved under very difficult circumstances.



You do not need to know
precisely what is happening,
or exactly where it is all going.
What you need is to recognise
the possibilities and challenges
offered by the present moment,
and to embrace them with

courage, faith & hope

Thomas Merton





PUPIL MATTERS

Pupil numbers remains one of our primary concerns and focus areas. Aside from financial pressure and increasing competition from other independent schools, there is now the advent of online home schooling.

Of the pupils that left Maris Stella during 2020, the most notable reasons were:

- financial 29%
- relocation 15%
- emigration 4.5%

Racial tolerance and more specifically the Black Lives Matter (BLM) campaign will be a focus area again for Maris Stella in 2021 with both staff and pupils. What we have seen is that South African schools are beset with incidents of racial tension and misunderstanding.

Many young people have been harmed and many schools have suffered significant reputational damage in the process. Every traditionally or predominantly white school

has had to grapple with the considerable task of reimagining and restructuring itself into a multiracial and multicultural institution.

Our aim is to empower our teachers and pupils with the knowledge and skills to create environments where all our teachers and pupils feel welcome and at home, enabling them to thrive alongside each other.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would like to thank my Vice Chair, Sharalene Randelhoff. As usual you always manage to provide good advice and a sensible sounding board. Thank you for your ongoing commitment. We look forward to a successful 2021, and certainly hope it is a less disruptive year.

Bridget Aves

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' CHAIRPERSON

STRIVE to be STELLAR

Preparatory Prize Giving

GRADE 4

DILIGENCE

Zanda Gumede, Natalie Joseph,
Anele Mkhize, Thanrika Naicker,
Saiane Naicker, Naledi Nthedi,
Farah Seedat

PROGRESS

Zahra Aniff, Amahle Mkhize

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Zahra Akoojee, Taali'ah Ebrahim,
Kara Gibson, Leila Kalidin,
Nolinda Mqadi, Hannah Naicker,
Callie Paulus, Riley Weiderman

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Ariya Chandermun, Teyra Dukhi,
Nayyab Hamid, Shriya Harridaw,
Naluthando Mbelu,
Fanelwe Myeni, Thabsie Ndima,
Kriya Ragaven, Giselle Ramsamy,
Ravanika Reddy

3rd in Grade 4

Thabsie Ndima

2nd in Grade 4

Fanelwe Myeni

1st in Grade 4

Ariya Chandermun

GRADE 5

DILIGENCE

Damita Dreyer, Layla Dinsdale,
Ovayo Mdlongwa,
Mpilwenhle Ndlovu, Ava Peria,
Okuhle Shabalala

PROGRESS

Nikita Busby, Sanah Manilall

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sophia Canciani, Cameron Fraser,
Lareina Kiliswa, Anouk Maingard,
Riddhi Maharaj, Anya Sachdeva,
Ruhi Sooklal

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Amy Aaron, Azara Mark,
Yuvanka Pillay, Stacy Williams

3rd in Grade 5

Amy Aaron

2nd in Grade 5

Yuvanka Pillay

1st in Grade 5

Azara Mark

GRADE 6

DILIGENCE

Tehillah Adonis, Husna Desai,
Eden Joseph, Georgia King,
Olivia Poezyn, Shakira Rampiari,
Neha Saroop, Sejal Sewsanker,
Reese Weideman

PROGRESS

Erin Joseph, Beverly Maroane

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Paige Davies, Mia Erasmus,
Sangenkosi Mkhungo,
Anjali Ramkissoon, Ava Neal,
Erin Vermeulen

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Raegan Brouard, Anni Luo,
Naledi Moshoeshoe,
Julia Randelhoff, Lana Samuel

3rd in Grade 6

Lana Samuel

2nd in Grade 6

Naledi Moshoeshoe

1st in Grade 6

Raegan Brouard

diligence

Awarded to girls who are conscientious, hardworking and display a positive attitude towards their schoolwork. They have shown care and effort throughout the year in 3 or more subjects.

progress

Awarded to girls who have shown the largest improvement in aggregate from Term 2 to 4. Progress must have been made in 3 or more subjects.

academic achievement

Awarded to girls who have achieved a year aggregate of 80 - 84%.

academic excellence

Awarded to girls who have achieved a year aggregate of 85% and above.

AWARDS CRITERIA

SUBJECT PRIZES are awarded to the girls who achieved the highest mark in a subject, based on the year mark.

GRADE 7

DILIGENCE

Chelsea Haarhoff, Caitlin Louw,
Arya Manawer,
Nkambule Nkambule

PROGRESS

Babalwa Mkhize

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sophie Dixon, Hemara Govender,
Eden Jordan, Lunathi Mdletshe,
LA-Dhiya Moodley,
Shavishka Naidoo,
Madison Schoonberg,
Madison Stewart,
Hannah Swale, Krittika Varyani

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Mira Doorgapershad,
Ella-Rose Gass, Juwharah Khan,
Lenci Kiliswa, Shreeya Naidoo,
Samiksha Nunan, Caitlin Wylie

GRADE 7 SPECIAL AWARDS

1st in English

Sister Jacquie Dormehl
Memorial Trophy
Lenci Kiliswa

1st in Afrikaans

Afrikaans Trophy
Shreeya Naidoo

1st in IsiZulu

Joel Peterson Trophy
Mzuzu Mhlongo

1st in Mathematics

D.J. Drake Trophy
Shreeya Naidoo

1st in Social Sciences

Social Science Trophy
Ella-Rose Gass

1st in Natural Science

Bartholomew Trophy
Shreeya Naidoo

1st in EMS

EMS Trophy
Caitlin Wylie

1st in Life Orientation

Bezuidenhout Trophy
Ella-Rose Gass

1st in Art & Culture

Art and Culture Trophy
Ella-Rose Gass & Caitlin Wylie

Snoekie du Plessis Prep Choir Trophy

*A choir member who exudes
enthusiasm, displays a positive
attitude and a real passion for Choir.
She also understands the ethics of
Choir work.*

Camryn Linderboom

Rama Asary Trophy for Excellence in Languages

*First in Languages, with a combined
mark of 88.9%*

Lenci Kiliswa

The Holy Family Trophy for Christian Leadership

*Awarded to a pupil who has shown
Christian Leadership in the Prep School.
This pupil is committed to her faith and
to developing a closer relationship with
God through her activities. She lives
the faith that she professes by always
being kind and considerate towards
others and by setting an example of
humility and love for one another.*

Madison Schoonberg

Drake Best All-Rounder Trophy

*Donated by Bruce Powers in memory
of his grandmother, Francis Drake,
who attended Maris Stella in 1904.
For her talents both in and out of the
classroom, the Drake Best All-Rounder
Trophy for 2020*

Lenci Kiliswa

3rd Place in Grade 7

Ella-Rose Gass & Caitlin Wylie

Runner-up to Dux

Proxime Accessit
Lenci Kiliswa

Junior Dux

Shreeya Naidoo

Mike Beetar Memorial Trophy for Good Fellowship

*When the Great Scorer comes to
write against your name he writes
not whether you have won or lost but
how you played the game. This award
is determined from a vote by all the
Grade 7 girls. The recipient of this most
prestigious award received a majority
of her peers' votes.*

Lenci Kiliswa



High School Prize Giving

GRADE 8

DILIGENCE

Rebekah Fleischer, Kiara Narotam,
Saheli Reathlall

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Simran Chetty, Arianna John,
Sivuyile Kheswa, Vicky Kruse,
Julia McAlister, Geetali Moodley,
Hope Nightingale, Alley Westbrook

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Chloë du Plessis, Yanga Ndlovu,
Rachel Rabie, Tanith Tiltman,
Mia Vlotman, Nicole Williams

3rd in Grade 8

Rachel Rabie

2nd in Grade 8

Nicole Williams

1st in Grade 8

Chloë du Plessis

GRADE 9

DILIGENCE

Nyiko Mathe, Ella Neville,
Mia Permall

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Emma Cawcutt, Kwethu Dlamini,
Rachel Erasmus, Théa Naidoo,
Anathi Nene, Raeven Phillips,
Saskya Ramdas, Tori Stirling

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Robyn Aaron, Ella Briant,
Tatum Brouard, Alice Charlton,
Cassidy Harris, Jamie Le Roux

3rd in Grade 9

Robyn Aaron

2nd in Grade 9

Jamie Le Roux

1st in Grade 9

Alice Charlton

GRADE 10

DILIGENCE

Allegra Brouckaert

ACADEMIC MERIT

Sina Agbakwuru, Laila Brand,
Paige Cox, Kayla Dunn,
Casey-Anne Kesaris,
Maneo Mthethwa,
Holly Nightingale,
Thandiswa Nzimande,
Jivana Pillay,
Emily Rabie, Zenani Shabalala,
Megan Schroeder

ACADEMIC HALF-COLOURS

Nkazimulo Khumalo,
Chloe Morrow,
Yashna Padayachee,
Katelyn Sissing, Pia Sooklal

ACADEMIC FULL COLOURS

Alyssa Gass, Jemimah Gass,
Sophie Herman, Cara Message,
Bethany Moore, Wanga Ramenu,
Tyla Reen, Tatum Stewardson,
Olivia Tostée, Sian Trent,
Jannah Winter

ACADEMIC HONOURS

Arya Harribarran, Tyla Loots,
Sasthi Naidoo, Shasthi Naidoo,
Bhavika Parmar, Jasmine Wylie

3rd in Grade 10

Shasthi Naidoo

2nd in Grade 10

Bhavika Parmar

1st in Grade 10

Jasmine Wylie

STRIVE to be
STELLAR



GRADE 11

DILIGENCE

Holly Chelin

ACADEMIC MERIT

Hanna Coppola, Jessica Hollinshead, Sofia Maingard,
Siphokazi Mpungose, Grace Symington,
Kerry-Ann Uys

ACADEMIC HALF-COLOURS

Hannah Bullen, Lauren Dobeyn, Tayla Good,
Isabella Hislop, Yuvika Lutchman, Emma Osborne,
Sarah Proctor

ACADEMIC FULL COLOURS

Madison Briant, Sophia Brink, Pooja Magan,
Sarah Randelhoff, Kaitlynn Sitharam

ACADEMIC HONOURS

Kamishka Pather, Talia Persadh, Sonali Reathlall,
Julia Tostee, Shristi Sooklal, Isla Wilson,
Isabella Rowley

3rd in Grade 11

Shristi Sooklal

2nd in Grade 11

Isla Wilson

1st in Grade 11

Isabella Rowley



GRADE 12

ACADEMIC MERIT

Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen, Holly Davey,
Andiswa Gumbi, Bayanda Gumede, Erica Hair,
Yoliswa Mhlongo, Dayna Miller, Ufezile Mtolo,
Tia Munsamy, LéKayler Murugan, Alayna Naidu,
Oluhle Ndlovu, Thandolwenkosi Nomvungu,
Jenna O'Brien, Chloë Van den Berg, Noxolo Xolo,
Hayley Wasserman

ACADEMIC HALF-COLOURS

Kristen Folpini, Yeshni Gounden, Arya Maharaj,
Kyra Murray, Jemma Ross, Zinhle Sithole

ACADEMIC FULL COLOURS

Demi Coskey, Clio Gallo, Hanna Khan, Sinelihle Mncibi,
Kyla Stirling

ACADEMIC HONOURS

Jessica Cholwich, Jody Ribbink, Shriyaa Sooklal



academic excellence

Awarded to girls who achieved
an overall aggregate of 85% and
above.

academic merit

455 - 487 marks
70 - 74% aggregate

academic half-colours

488 - 519 marks
75 - 79% aggregate

academic full-colours

520 - 552 marks
80 - 84% aggregate

academic honours

more than 553 marks
85% and above

AWARDS CRITERIA

SUBJECT AWARDS

Holy Family South African
Centenary Trophy & Book Prize for
the top overall pupil in ENGLISH
Shriyaa Sooklal

ENGLISH Oral Trophy
Jody Ribbink

Certificate of Merit for AP ENGLISH
Kundanika Somasundram

Verhoef Trophy for the Most
Improved Student in AFRIKAANS
Andria van der Linde

AFRIKAANS Trophy & Book Prize
& AFRIKAANS Oral Trophy
Shriyaa Sooklal

Mkabayi Trophy for the most
improved non-mother tongue
speaker in ISIZULU
LéKayler Murugan

Nokubonga Mhlongo Memorial
Trophy & Book Prize for top pupil in
ISIZULU
Andiswa Gumbi

ISIZULU Oral Trophy
**Andiswa Gumbi
& Zinhle Sithole**

FRENCH Trophy & Book Prize
& Elaine de Rauville Memorial
Trophy for FRENCH Oral
Jody Ribbink

Trophy for the most improved in
MATHEMATICS
Kyla Stirling

Sister Gertrude Trophy & Book Prize
for MATHEMATICS & Top Student
in AP MATHEMATICS
Shriyaa Sooklal

Marina de Rauville Trophy &
Book Prize for the top pupil in
MATHEMATICAL LITERACY
**Thandolwenkosi Nomvungu
& Caitlyn Woods**

Michelle Mc Bean Memorial Trophy
& Book Prize for ACCOUNTING
Shriyaa Sooklal

Archbishop Hurly Trophy
& Book Prize for LIFE SCIENCES
Jessica Cholwich

PHYSICAL SCIENCES
Trophy & Book Prize
Shriyaa Sooklal

HISTORY Trophy & Book Prize
Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen

BUSINESS STUDIES
Trophy & Book Prize
Shriyaa Sooklal

GEOGRAPHY Trophy & Book Prize
& Carol Eichstadt Trophy for
Mapwork
Hanna Khan

CONSUMER STUDIES
Trophy & Book Prize
& CONSUMER STUDIES
Practical Prize
Demi Coskey

MUSIC Book Prize
& PRACTICAL MUSIC Trophy
Zinhle Sithole

Kenlyn Sutherland Drama Trophy
for passion & dedication to
DRAMA
Dayna Miller

Ashby-Sutherland Trophy for
Excellence in DRAMA performance
Oluhle Ndlovu

Torrie Van Jaarsveldt Memorial
Trophy for DRAMATIC ARTS
Jody Ribbink

International Sailors' Trophy for the
most Improved in VISUAL ARTS
Robyn Dunwoody

Brigitta Gaylard Trophy for the top
Student in VISUAL ARTS Practical
Sarah Saunders

Gaylard Trophy for VISUAL ARTS
Yeshni Gounden

LIFE ORIENTATION
Trophy & Book Prize
Shriyaa Sooklal

The Fortitude Award is traditionally presented to a pupil who has shown fortitude in the face of adversity or challenge. Given the year, it has been very difficult to choose a recipient for this award. All our Grade 12s have faced a year that none of them could have been expected to anticipate. There have been many challenges, both big and small, ranging from the anxieties experienced regarding the future, the disappointment of cancelled events, the frustrations and challenges of online learning. There have been so many events which have not been able to take place – not only the bigger more obvious rites of passage such as dances and overnight excursions but also other losses – Drama girls who missed out on Drama showcases, sports teams who never got to play matches, Choir girls who missed Choir festivals, portfolios who never got to arrange the events which they had been planning. And yet, despite it all, this grade has got up, shown up and will write the NSC examinations in the midst of a global pandemic. For that reason, the Rebecca Benn Award for Fortitude is awarded to the CLASS OF 2020.

*Rebecca Benn
Award for Fortitude*



SPECIAL AWARDS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Awarded to the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls for their contribution to the life of the school in this challenging year.

Shriyaa Sooklal
Sinelihle Mncibi
Oluhle Ndlovu

ELEANOR HOUGH TROPHY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Keisha Moonasar

HOLY FAMILY TROPHY FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Jessica Cholwich

MARIS STELLA OLD GIRLS' ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Zinhle Sithole

CHRISTINE SCRIBANTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCEPTIONAL DILIGENCE

Clio Gallo

ESPRIT DE CORPS TROPHY

Mpho Sigcau

EMILE SCOTT MACNAB TROPHY FOR GRACIOUSNESS

Jessica Cholwich

GOOD FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Jessica Cholwich

COMPLETE MARIS STELLA GIRL

Zinhle Sithole

PROXIME ACCESSIT

Runner-up to Dux

Jody Ribbink

DUX 2020

Shriyaa Sooklal

Sports Awards

The various sporting codes are played in different terms throughout the year. This year, we experienced a successful first term, in that all opportunities were available for girls to attend practices, matches, and various trials. In the second term, however, these opportunities were

not available due to the national lockdown. This meant that girls who played sports in the remaining school terms this year, were not afforded the same opportunities for matches or trials. Some sports have seen the easing of restrictions in the latter half of the year, and further opportunities have become available, but this has not been the case for every sporting code. Therefore, we have made the decision not to award any cumulative sporting awards or age group trophies this year given the unfortunate disparity in access to sports.

STRIVE to be STELLAR



ATHLETICS

Athlete of the Year **Caitlyn Gooding**

INDOOR HOCKEY

Anchor Award **Brooklyn Chislett**

Player of the Year **Zinhle Sithole**

NETBALL

Anchor Award **Zinhle Sithole**

Player of the Year **Malaika Ahiwe**

OUTDOOR HOCKEY

Anchor Award **Hayley Wasserman**

Player of the Year **Caitlyn Gooding**

SOCCER

1st Team Player of the Year **Yoliswa Mhlongo**

SWIMMING (HIGH SCHOOL)

Swimmer of Year **Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen**

WATER POLO

Anchor Award **Leah Kerr**

Player of Year **Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen**



Prestige Sports Award

FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AT MARIS STELLA

Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen, Caitlyn Gooding, Zinhle Sithole

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

KZN ACTION NETBALL

Kwethu Dlamini, Nasipha Dlamini, Nyiko Mathe,
Tsakani Mathe, Mia Vlotman

KZN ATHLETICS

Ella-Rose Gass, Caitlyn Gooding

KZN DIVING

Raegan Brouard, Olivia Coppola, Arabella King,
Megan King, Mzuzu Mhlongo, Addison Miskey,
Madison Stewart

Non-Travelling Reserves
Sophie Dixon, Skyla Klompas

KZN EQUESTRIAN

Clara Millard, Shreya Ramouthar

KZN DRUM MAJORETTES

Mawande Mtongana

KZN KARATE

Aimee Dunn, Nyska Jagasur

KZN LIFE SAVING

Tatum Botha, Julia McAlister, Madison Stewart

KZN SOFTBALL

Caitlyn Gooding, Jenna O'Brien

KZN SWIMMING

Robyn Aaron, Tatum Botha, Cara Message

KZN TENNIS

Sophia Solodovnicova Singh

KZN TRIATHLON

Alyssa Gass, Ella-Rose Gass, Jemimah Gass

KZN WATER POLO

Madison Stewart Non-Travelling Reserve

BEST ALL-ROUNDER GRADE 12 TROPHY

Caitlyn Gooding

SPORTS WOMAN OF THE YEAR & OVERALL VICTRIX LUDORUM

Caitlyn Gooding



Cultural

STRIVE to be STELLAR

Awards

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

ART

Most Promising Artist

Hanna Coppola, Jamie Le Roux,
Holly Nightingale, Tara Thompson

Anchor Award

Robyn Dunwoody, Yeshni Gounden,
Kyra Murray, Isabella Pearsall,
Hayley Wasserman

Senior Artist of the Year

Sarah Saunders

DANCE

Certificate of Recognition

Cassandra Esterhuizen, Jody Ribbink

Scroll for Dance

Megan Gordon, Jasmine Wylie

Half Colours

Grace Symington

Dancer of the Year

Jody Ribbink

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Most Promising Public Speaker

Moloko Bele

Anchor Award

Paige de Bruin, Thasmeera Govender,
Arya Maharaj, Samaira Maharajh,
Kaela-Shane Manikam, Yanga Ndlovu,
Raeven Phillips, Shristi Sooklal, Shriyaa Sooklal,
Tanith Tiltman

Senior Speaker of the Year

Kamishka Pather

DRAMA

Certificate of Recognition

Akhona Mkhize, Limakatso Ramokoena,
Grace Symington

Anchor Award

Holly Chelin, Megan Cholwich, Holly Davey,
Rachel Erasmus, Andiswa Gumbi,
Grace Harwood, Jessica Hollinshead,
Dayna Miller, Tsidi Motta, Siphokazi Mpungose,
Nokuphila Mthembu, Tia Munsamy,
Alayna Naidu, Yanga Ndlovu, Kaycie Nunes,
Jenna O'Brien, Emma Osborne,
Isabella Pearsall, Limakatso Ramokoena,
Mpho Sigcau, Charnei Suryapal, Julia Tostee,
Sian Trent, Isla Wilson

Scroll for Drama

Sophia Brink, Hannah Bullen,
Jessica Hollinshead, Dayna Miller,
Akhona Mkhize, Tsidi Motta,
Nokuphila Mthembu, Luthando Mtshali,
Fezeka Ngidi, Kaycie Nunes, Jenna O'Brien,
Emma Osborne, Limakatso Ramokoena,
Lwandile Shezi, Kundanika Somasundram,
Andria van der Linde

Most Promising Junior

Yamkelani Nhlumayo, Raeven Phillips

Most Promising Senior

Shasthi Naidoo

Junior Performer of the Year

Cassidy Harris

Senior Performer of the Year

Hannah Bullen, Sophia Brink

MUSIC

Most Promising Performer

Vicky Kruse, Zinhle Sithole

Anchor Award

Bayanda Gumede, Sinelihle Mncibi,
Tiana Moorogasen, Ufezile Mtolo,
Oluhle Ndlovu, Jemma Ross, Zinhle Sithole,
Langelihle Zama

Scroll for Music

Bayanda Gumede, Sinelihle Mncibi,
Oluhle Ndlovu, Jemma Ross, Zinhle Sithole

Performer of the Year

Zinhle Sithole

Prestige Cultural Award
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO
PERFORMING ARTS AT MARIS STELLA
Dayna Miller



PREPARATORY AWARDS

ART

Most Promising Artist
Amy Aaron, Raegan Brouard,
Ravanika Reddy

Anchor Award
Lana Samuel

Artist of the Year
Juwharah Khan

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Most Promising Public Speaker
Arya Dasrath

Anchor Award
Nyska Jagasur

Speaker of the Year
Shreeya Naidoo





IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS LIST

Shriyaa Sooklal

100%
PASS RATE

Matric Results

63
CANDIDATES

100%
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PASS RATE

CONSISTENCY

*"I don't think it's about studying all the time
- 24/7 - it's just about having a **balance**;
knowing when to study and giving it your all
in that period. And then, for the next period,
you just completely take your mind off work
and allow yourself to relax."*

Shriyaa Sooklal



TOP 1% OF CANDIDATES NATIONALLY PER SUBJECT

ACCOUNTING

Shriyaa Sooklal

AFRIKAANS FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Shriyaa Sooklal

BUSINESS STUDIES

Shriyaa Sooklal

GEOGRAPHY

Hanna Khan

ISIZULU FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Andiswa Gumbi
Sinelihle Mncibi

LIFE ORIENTATION

Shriyaa Sooklal

MATHEMATICS

Shriyaa Sooklal

TOP ACHIEVERS

8 A SYMBOLS

Shriyaa Sooklal

7 A SYMBOLS

Jessica Cholwich
Sinelihle Mncibi
Jody Ribbink

6 A SYMBOLS

Hanna Khan

5 A SYMBOLS

LéKayler Murugan
Kyla Stirling

4 A SYMBOLS

Kaylin Asgeir-Nielsen, Holly Davey,
Kristen Folpini, Clio Gallo, Andiswa Gumbi,
Bayanda Gumede, Dayna Miller, Tia Munsamy,
Oluhle Ndlovu, Jemma Ross



Pre-School

2020 began like every other school year; there was a great sense of excitement and anticipation for the year ahead. When we broke up at the end of the first term, we thought we may have to 'do school' remotely for a few weeks at the beginning of Term 2, but we had no idea how long this was going to continue.

We were ALL (parents and teachers) suddenly confronted with online learning. The teachers very quickly adapted to new technology and adjusted our Programme so that learning could continue at home. Parents collaborated with the teachers and juggled their own demanding schedules to facilitate the Programme at home.

When we were finally allowed to have all the children back at school in the third term, school started to feel 'normal' again. In spite of all the Covid-19 protocols, the girls soon adapted to

the 'new normal' and surprised us all with their ability and willingness to comply.

Sadly, we weren't able to host our usual Grandparents' Day at school in Term 3. We thought we would have to forego our end-of-year Christmas Concert as well, but we managed to perform in a 'Covid compliant' way so that each little girl got to be a part of a concert experience. I am so proud of every single child in our Pre-School for rising to the challenges that presented themselves during the course of the year.

Maybe 2020 didn't go according to plan, but each of us has learned and grown through it all.

Anne Tucker

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT | PRE-SCHOOL





Family PICNIC



Grade 000 Blue Group

Mrs Moonsamy



BACK ROW Gabrielle Francis; Milai Msomi; Hannah Loots; Thando Msomi; Keyana Govender
MIDDLE ROW Kairo Malgas; Namile Gama; Wenzu Mathonsi; Létanya Lazarus; Stella Bezuidenhoudt; Zenina Valjee
FRONT ROW Eshile Mthembu; Isabella Heesen; Mrs Channell Moonsamy; Leia Dhanjee; Lubanzi Maphumulo
ABSENT Nivriti Govender; Thanika Naidoo



Grade 00 Red Group

Miss Edwards



BACK ROW Zenande Mafuna; Chloe Reid; Anele Gumede; Anna Fabian; Paige Candy; Mila Richards
MIDDLE ROW Ava Love Oakley; Angelee Adams; Harper Johnsen; Aimee Edeh; Ava Blom; Atarah Dwarika
FRONT ROW Aralyn Rodrigues; Zahara Moonsamy; Sloane Slack; Mrs Michelle Edwards; Sinalo Makaula; Ella Axon
Simdumise Mthembu
ABSENT Meredith Coetzee; Melo Ncube; Aarya Sabapathy; Avani Sabapathy; Kristen Thurtell



ART IS *Messy*

Grade R Green Group

Mrs Trick



BACK ROW Hannah Draai; Lubanzi Luthuli; Sinothile Phakathi; Zara Mkhize; Blair Hogg
 MIDDLE ROW Jenna Noordman; Olive Jackie Joseph; Caitlyn Lowe; Saskia Moodley
 FRONT ROW Adila Akoo; Yara Jassat; Mrs Gerry Crick; Eliyanah Naidoo; Samara Chathuri
 ABSENT Zoé Karrim; Isabella Napier; Liyana Seedat; Azariya Singh



Grade R Yellow Group

Mrs Tucker



BACK ROW Swazi Masinga; Amarachi Chukwu; Kaylee Ferreira; Okufanele Dlamini; Aneme Maphumulo; Mckenna Boyles; Taeya Ragaven

MIDDLE ROW Hannah Lathleiff; Denali Naidu; Elianna Gates; Hariahna Chetty; Carina Sam; Alushka Harripursad

FRONT ROW Tasmiyah Khan; Natalia Nadasen; Mrs Anne Tucker; Katelyn Gokul; Mackenzie Schoonberg

ABSENT Lâle Algir



ART IS *Life*

Pyjama DAY





*“All the
world
is my
SCHOOL”*
George Whitman



Safari DAY

Junior Primary

Expectant and excited faces greeted teachers on the first day back to school in 2020. The girls arrived fresh, ready to learn and make 2020 a year to remember. Little did they know that their learning experience would involve many 'firsts' and memories, the development of new skills and a growth in resilience for teachers and learners alike!

The girls became 'experts' at Zoom and learnt to embrace a new way of learning. There were challenging moments but nothing held our girls back! Parents are to be commended for their amazing juggling of lockdown, remote-learning and remote-working.

Coming back to the classroom involved sanitising, wearing masks and separate desks; however, the girls rose to this 'new normal' and were real everyday 'superheroes' as they

sought to protect themselves and others from the pandemic. Back in the classroom the girls settled down to socially distanced learning, re-connecting with friends and pushing through when the going got tough!

2020 is not a year that we wish to repeat, but it is a year that has surely built character, resilience and strength in us all; our prayer is that our girls take this strength of character forward into their future learning and continue to grow through this experience.

Junior Primary Department





Grade 1 P

Mrs Pearce



BACK ROW Zaynah Aniff; Arrabella Purnell; Elorah Kalonji; Singe Maphumulo; Tuduetso Masilo; Thingo Mhlongo
 MIDDLE ROW Kenzie Morgan; Lisa Msomi; Iminathi Mtshali; Jiah Naidoo; Saira Naidoo; Lexi Neal
 FRONT ROW Mamira Ojo; Abbey Gradidge; Mrs Lianne Pearce; Mahi Ramdutt; Abigail Surtees
 ABSENT Meghna Doorasamy



Grandparents' DAY

Grade 1 S

Miss Soper



BACK ROW Amanda Mfeka; Linesihe Ngubane; Yamihle Mdlalose; Ayamaah Mazibuko; Eyama Dyariwe; Grace Rohan; Layla Thurtell

MIDDLE ROW Kenya Malgas; Kirsha Naidu; Ava Bezuidenhoudt; Mahi Ramkissoo; Nur'aan Rasool; Saphnah Naidoo

FRONT ROW Sibusisiwe Nene; Sienna Naidoo; Miss Samantha Soper; Ava Harpur; Zanemvula Khanyile



Guide Dogs VISIT

On Saturday my sister slept over at my aunty's house and I slept over at my mom's friend's house. We had dinner and a few hours later we went to the shops and bought chocolates. We came back home and we watched a movie. The next day we left and I went to bath and we picked up my sister. We went back to my mom's friend's house then we watched the rest of the movie. My mom went to Gateway with her friend to buy us an outfit for her birthday party. When they went we stayed with my mom's friend's mother. When they came back we went home.

Kenzie Morgan

On Sunday I made some dress designs. It was fun. On Saturday I had a cupcake and some tea for breakfast. For lunch I had pancakes. Everything I did was fun.

Lisa Msomi

I went to P.E. in the car. I went to my granny's house. I had so much fun.

Jiah Naidoo

We went to a beach house. My cousins were there. There was a pool. We played in the pool.

Abigail Surtees

On Sunday we had food at the beach. I had a bacon sandwich and my sisters had egg and bacon. Then we went for a drink. I had a strawberry milkshake. After that we went to uShaka.

Eliorah Kalonji

I went to a nursery to buy plants and my mom made a herb garden. I played on my iPad.

Saira Naidoo

It was my grandpa's birthday. We had a party at my aunty's house.

Meghna Doorasamy

On the weekend I watched Wild Earth. Then I was playing golf and I had some ice-cream. That was my weekend.

Tudu Masilo

I went to Zinkwazi to a beach cottage. We stayed there because it was my granny's birthday. I had a braai and cake. I went to bed. On Sunday I went to my friend's birthday party, I played in the pool.

Arrabella Purnell

I had a fun in the sun party with my sister. We rode our bikes. We went on the trampoline together. We jumped and jumped.

Abbey Gradidge

After school I went to my mom's work. I was asking and asking for popcorn and finally my mom gave me some popcorn.

Thingo Mhlongo

On the weekend I went to the farm. I saw my cousins Layla and Sloan. We also went on a bike ride. After that we found a chameleon. I named him Basil. We had fun.

Lexi Neal

On Friday I went to my sister's house to sleep over. We played with the dogs. We also played on the trampoline. Then we went to bed.

Mamira Ojo

I went to the beach. We played and had some pizza. Then we went home and watched Netflix.

Iminathi Mtshali

We went on the promenade to ride our bikes. We went fast. My sister won the race.

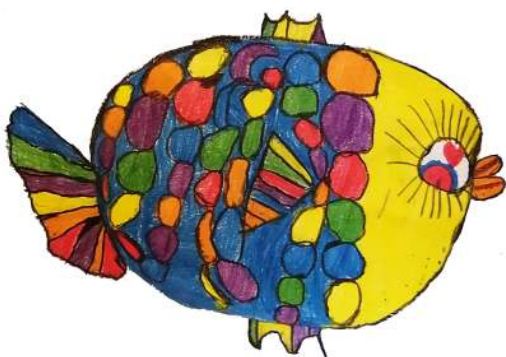
Singe Maphumulo

My dad bought me a unicorn cup from Woolworths. It has glitter in it.

Mahi Ramdutt

My cousin came over. We played and played. We jumped on the trampoline. We had cookies.

Zaynah Aniff



Our BUSY LIVES GRADE 1 P

My WEEKEND NEWS GRADE 1 S

I went to my cousin's house to swim. It was my brother's birthday. He had a farm cake. I went to go out to eat.

Nur'aan Rasool

Me and my sister played with Lego. We can make houses and we can make ships and my Dad can make trucks.

Kenya Malgas

In the morning I planted the mini plants from Checkers. Later my Mum and I baked a cake. In the afternoon we played Bingo when my Dad was gone to Margate.

Mahi Ramkissoo

Me and my Mom did our hair and had ice cream. I bought shoes and goggles and my Dad fixed the TV and played cards.

Zanemvula Khanyile

On Saturday I went to get my bicycle fixed so I can ride it. On Sunday I went to the pool with my Dad.

Eyama Dyariwe

This weekend me and my family went into the garden. We cut the grass down. On Saturday we went to church. Later on my granny and grandpa came over for lunch. Me and my grandfather played 'Ticket to Ride'.

Ava Bezuidenhoudt

I went to gran and grandpas house. Gran made me a pancake. It was really nice of her to make me that.

Sapnah Naidoo

I went to the shops and I had ice cream. I went to my grandparents and I played a game and it was fun. I relaxed at home and played with my toy.

Kirsha Naidu

I went to the beach with Mum. I went to church and I saw Grace. We played at church. I watched a movie with Mum. I drew pictures with Mum.

Yamihle Mdlalose

I went to my friend's birthday party. My friends name was Sarah. We swam in a very green pool. We couldn't see anything.

Layla Thurtell

Me and my Mom were baking donuts at home. Me and Maddi and Dilon went to the park. Me and my Mom and Dad went to buy a burger.

Amanda Mfeka

I went to my granny's house. I went to church and I saw Yamihle. I went to the beach with Mia and we swam in the water.

Grace Rohan

I went to camp. On my way to camp I saw a springbok with a baby. I saw some cows and I went to the playground. I saw lots of frogs. We had fun.

Sienna Naidoo

I went to Kruger. I saw lots of animals. I had a braai and got an ice cream. I got a new toy zebra and a penguin.

Ava Harpur

Me and my brother went to the shop and brought blankets and teddy bears for homeless people. My mom got her hair done. I got mine done too. I had a braai.

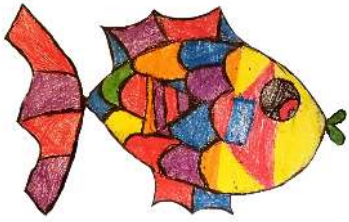
Ayamaah Mazibuko

I went to the salon and got braids. I went to the shops and got cupcakes and went to the zoo. Me and my Mom baked pizza.

Linesihe Ngubane

On Saturday I did ballet. Then I played games with my Mom and I made a chair. Me and my Mom went to the shop to buy food. We payed cash. Then we had a ride on the taxi. On Sunday we watched TV and Mom gave me a ride on a special chair.

Sibu Nene



Grade 2 M *Miss Morris*



BACK ROW Alexa Engelbrecht; Aurya Rodrigues; Azraa Asmal; Brooklyn Chite; Ifeoma Edeh

THIRD ROW Isabella Van Staden; Jumeirah Chandermun; Kahra Sheoprosad; Katriellah Kalonji; Khanya Mkize;
Leah LeCourt de Billot

SECOND ROW Lethabo Maringa; Mackenzie Payne; Madison Cole; Mikayla Naidoo; Raelynne Gwala; Sabelwe Gumede

FRONT ROW Siddhi Maharaj; Slowen Gates; Miss Nicola Morris; Uminathi Ngidi; Zenande Nxumalo



Grade 2 O Mrs Orchard



BACK ROW Alexis Boyers; Anele Ndlovu; Ava Morrow; Ayakha Hlabisa; Azande Mavuso; Cara Paulus; Danika Naicker
THIRD ROW Drew Gild; Ella Luo; Emma Conde; Humaira Seedat; Jordan Francis; Kristen Persadh
SECOND ROW Mulo Mthembu; Nandi Madlala; Savannah Werner; Sianna Govinden; Taylor Peters; Thandolwenkosi Mseleku
FRONT ROW Tori Morgan; Unam Mukendi; Mrs Sarah Orchard; Zekhethelo Mtshali; Zikora Nwude
ABSENT Emma Chetty



Our Grade 2 girls embraced all kinds of super powers on **Superhero Day**, including kindness, bravery, confidence and caring for our environment.

If I was THE PRINCIPAL...

GRADE 2 M & GRADE 2 O

... I would teach everyone how to be kind. I would plan outings, and at the end of the year we would have a party or go camping. We would also have a market day, an animal shelter and a class guinea pig. **Sabelwe Gumede**

...I would tell the teacher that she is good, and whoever is good I would give them a treat. **Jumeirah Chandermun**

...I would give outings every months, visit the animal shelter, give out ice-cream on Fridays, give gold stars to the children, and at the end of the year we would have a party. **Madison Cole**

...I would send the teachers a message and say on Friday the children can wear civvies. **Azraa Asmal**

...I would give stars and badges. I would plan road trips to the farm. **Mikayla Naidoo**

...I would plant nice flowers. At the end of every month I would let the teacher take the children to the farm. **Mackenzie Payne**

... I would end the year with a party. I would visit the classes and do a road trip to the animal farm. **Kahra Sheoprosad**

... I would let the children bring candy to school and wear civvies. There would be no homework on Fridays. **Zenande Nxumalo**

... I would let the whole school have a party at the end of the year. Every Monday and Friday a class has a treat with me. **Lethabo Maringa**

... I would give kind hugs and also lovely notes to the children. I would give very good stars and a well done badge to children who did something good. **Isabella Van Staden**

... I would end the year with a party and extra break. There would be ice-cream on Fridays, civvies on birthdays and an outing every month to the movies. **Khanya Mkize**

... I would give ice-cream to the children on Friday. On birthdays we would wear civvies and eat ice-cream. **Brooklyn Chite**

... I would let the children wear civvies. We would have end of year parties with a lot of treats. **Aurya Rodrigues**

... give stars and badges to those who did neat, beautiful work and who try their best. I would check on the classes to see what is going on. **Siddhi Maharaj**

... let the girls who are sick go home and give them a lollipop. I would run the school properly. **Slowen Gates**

... make extra break time and in November we would have a Christmas party. We would have civvies on birthdays and road trips to fun places. **Raelynn Gwala**

... take the children on an outing every month. On Friday I would let the children have ice-cream if they are good. **Ifeoma Edeh**

...I would teach if the teacher was sick and go on outings every months. I would visit the classes and have extra break times. **Leah LeCourt de Billot**



“CREATIVITY IS *intelligence*
HAVING *fun*”
Albert Einstein

... I would take everyone on a school trip to the movies. We would drink hot chocolate and eat brownies. We would get free tuck every day and we would relax in the pool while we ate it. **Thandolwenkosi Mseleku**

... I would make sure everyone just worked, worked, worked! No food allowed! **Jordan Francis**

... I would let everyone wear civvies, every single day! I would get the teachers to do all my work for me. I would let all the children bring phones to school and we would watch movies instead of working. **Azande Mavuso**

... Everything in the tuck shop would be absolutely free! The sweets, the ice-creams and the chips. **Ella Luo**



... I would change Maris Stella to a toy school. Everyone would eat candy and open new toys for their homework. **Unam Mukendi**

... I would make everyday art day. We would watch so many movies. **Emma Conde**

... I would let all the teachers go to the beach and I would make all the students do the teachers work. **Zikora Nwude**

... The school would be made out of chocolates and sweets and you could go swimming all day and relax in the pool. **Alexis Boyers**

... I wouldn't do any work. I would tell the teachers to do it for me. I would give the students sweets every second. **Anele Ndlovu**

... I would eat ice-creams, relax and be kind. **Taylor Peters**

... Tuck would be free and we would watch movies and play on lap tops all day long! **Mulo Mthembu**

... I would make the teachers do all my work and then I would go to the beach and open new toys. **Drew Gild**

... I would love to organise a charity to help the poor people. I would take them on educational trips and help them learn. I would also let boys come to our school. **Ava Morrow**

... I would make the school into a toy shop and we would unbox toys every day. **Kristen Persadh**

... I would go to the Tuck Shop and ask for all the chocolate...for free! **Humaira Seedat**

... I would let the children do whatever they wanted to all day long. For homework I would make them go to the movies. **Tori Morgan**

... I would make our school into a school that does loads of art, dancing, baking, shows and singing. We would do so much Drama on stage. I would have so much fun. **Zekhethelo Mtshali**

... I would turn the school into a giant theatre. Tuck would be free and there would be lots of chocolate ice-cream. All the girls' would be allowed to wear civvies every day. **Danika Naicker**

... I would sit with my feet on my desk eating cake. I would also buy a glass house because I would be very rich. **Ayakha Hlabisa**

... I would build a giant slide so we could slide into the swimming pool. I would make 'smores' for everyone and we would go camping. **Nandi Madlala**

... I would chat, have coffee and relax with my best friends. There would be lots of art and no work. **Sianna Govinden**

... I would bring my dogs to school and I would say they have to give me free coffee every morning. I would give most of it to the teachers. There would also be 3 breaks. **Cara Paulus**

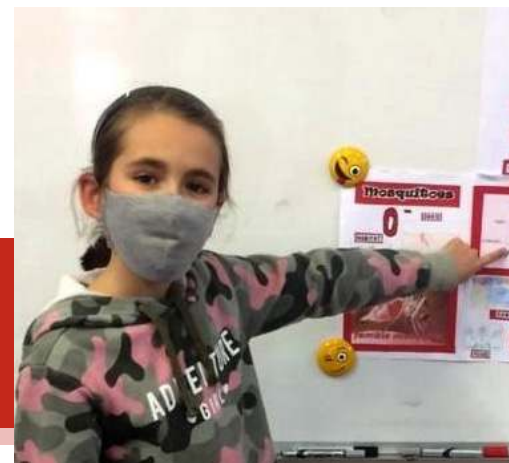
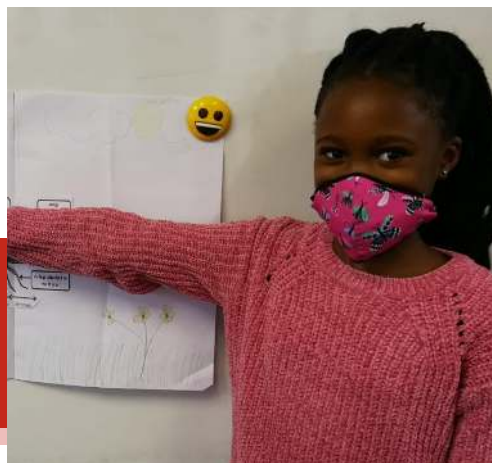
... I would eat one hundred chocolates and wear civvies every day. **Savannah Werner**



Grade 3 H Mrs Handley



BACK ROW Megan Haarhoff; Anele Dlamini; Emily Nevette; Rhea Mark; Peyton Gannon; Daniella Van Wyk; Sarah Conde
 THIRD ROW Yayah Ntshangase; Kanimambo Mathe; Tariro Chipungu; Lulu Sehole; Ella Vermeulen; Jiya Govender
 SECOND ROW Sophia King; Tanvi Komal; Jessica Buckley; Abigail Ewing; Whitney Goldstone; Hlelolwenkosi Gumede; Athlegang Mafoko
 FRONT ROW Addison Wilson; Neo Mokoena; Mrs Belinda Handley; Ava Dreyer; Aliyah Pillay



Grade 3 R Mrs van Rensburg



BACK ROW Joelle Masumbuko; Hayshalia Moodley; Vrishti Badree; Alana Jewan; Sahra Clelland; Jessica Savage

THIRD ROW Mila Harris; Jecholiah Chetty; Emihle Mavuso; Hlelolwenkosi Mthembu; Mnotho Nzimande; Deborah Adegunloye; Milla Arbizu

SECOND ROW Kayden Coffin-Grey; Zahra Patel; Taliyah Chetty; Uminathi Makhathini; Inés Canciani; Jyotsna Sahadeo

FRONT ROW Shiloh Nicholson; Grace Campbell Barnard; Mrs Jenna Jones-Bate; Sophia Patinios; Keona Naicker



Baking GINGERBREAD MEN

Grandparents' Day

BOWLS & ACROSTIC POEMS

Good, special
Reliable
Amarzing
Never mad or sad
Dependable
Precious
Always happy
Risky
Excciting
Neighbourly
Terrific
Kani

Gran and **G**ramp you are
Rad, **G**ran you cook
And **G**ramp you're never sad
Nothing can stop your
Daring fun games
Playing, talking, going
Artistic, you're all I need
Ruler of fun and games. I could go on with
Enchanting words but
Now is time to say
Thanks for all you do
Sarah

Grateful
Reliable
Awsome
Nice
Dependable
Perfect
Awsome
Reliable
Excciting
Nice
Terrific
Ava



Drama

PUPPETS

Our Junior Primary girls loved making their own puppets for their Drama lessons! They discovered that the world of puppets is very adventurous and that there are many different kinds of puppets to make. Every girl made her own puppet and got the chance to perform for her friends, whether she was at school or learning remotely.





Junior Primary NATIVITY

The Junior Primary Nativity was a little different this year. To allow our precious angels the opportunity to perform for their families, each Grade pre-recorded a concert, which was shared with parents to be watched at home. We know that our girls enjoyed the special opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with their loved ones.



Senior Primary

We made it!! This has truly been a year for the record books. In some ways, it has been the most memorable year of our lives and in others it has been one of the most challenging. We know how hard this year has been for the girls, teachers, and our families.

It is sad that we have not been able to do the many exciting things we normally do within the year such as the overnight excursions or annual production. Furthermore, not to get to say goodbye to our Grade 7's with their year-end celebrations.

However, Maris Stella is a special place because of our community that can lean on each other in times like this. It is a community of hope that was founded upon the motto of 'Look up and Trust' and that is what we did.

I am proud to have been part of the true spirit and resilience shown by our girls and teachers.

Caron Nesbit

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT | SENIOR PRIMARY





Grade 4 K

Mrs Kopke



BACK ROW Lily-Bean Mc Mahon; Naledi Madende; Callie Paulus; Hannah Naicker; Natalie Joseph; Leila Kalidin; Anele Mkhize
 MIDDLE ROW Thabsie Ndima; Teagan Govindsamy; Amahle Mkhize; Ariana Mullah; Vaeda Fae Harverson; Kriya Ragaven; Saiane Naicker
 FRONT ROW Fanelwe Myeni; Zahra Akoojee; Riley Weideman; Mrs Jessica Kopke; Nolinda Mqadi; Lesya Pather; Keira Emmanuel
 ABSENT Ava Breytenbach; Zahraa Cassim; Farah Seedat

ESTHER MAHLANGU

Art inspired by "Ndebele Pattern"



Grade 4 W

Mrs Wheal



BACK ROW Zahra Aniff; Emihle Zondi; Ravanika Reddy; Anita Moonsamy; Thanrika Naicker; Ami Phiri; Giselle Ramsamy
MIDDLE ROW Shriya Harridaw; Kara Gibson; Zanda Gumede; Naluthando Mbelu; Nayyab Hamid; Taali'ah Ebrahim
FRONT ROW Olivia Candy; Hannah-May Hillman; Naledi Nthedi; Mrs Aimee Wheal; Thando Shabalala; Ariya Chandermun;
Zinathi Sabelo
ABSENT Teyra Dukhi, O'Hara de Jager, Madison Pearce



Happiness POEMS

Happiness is wonderful
Happiness is lovely
Happiness is the world love
Happiness is a gift from god
Happiness is laughter
between family and friends
Happiness is forever!!!

Amahle Mkhize

Happiness is having fun,
Happiness is having no care in the world but Happiness.
Happiness is finding yourself,
Happiness is heart-warming in a way you won't understand.
Happiness is enjoyable with no words,
Happiness is the way to be.

Naluthando Mbelu

Happiness is when I am happy.
Happiness is beautiful.
Happiness is what makes me rejoice.
Happiness is like a sun shining into your heart.
Happiness is sweet like your friend who is sweet.
Happiness is when you laugh with your friends.
Happiness is like the world loves you.
Happiness makes you want to run and play with your friends.
Happiness is the key to make your life musical and give you laughter.
Happiness is like a potion that gives you the power to dance, laugh and play.

Naledi Madende

Roald Dahl DAY

"'You seemed so far away,' Miss Honey whispered, awestruck. 'Oh, I was. I was flying past the stars on silver wings,' Matilda said. 'It was wonderful.'"

MATILDA

by Roald Dahl



Happiness is a blessing from above which always makes you feel very loved.
Happiness automatically turns that frown upside down.
Happiness is what makes each day bright so you know everything will be alright.
Happiness is being healthy and that makes you wealthy.
Happiness is what helps the world go round.
Happiness is fun like dancing in the sun.
Happiness is what makes you do your best so there's absolutely no need to stress.

Kriya Ragaven

Happiness means helping others
Happiness is enjoying nature's beauty
Happiness is making others smile and laugh
Happiness is being with my friends and family
Happiness is being at school
Happiness is free

Zahra Aniff

Happiness is listening to music
Happiness is sleeping
Happiness is going on adventures
Happiness is being with friends and family
Happiness is loving one another
Happiness is to work hard and achieve your goals
Happiness is to love yourself

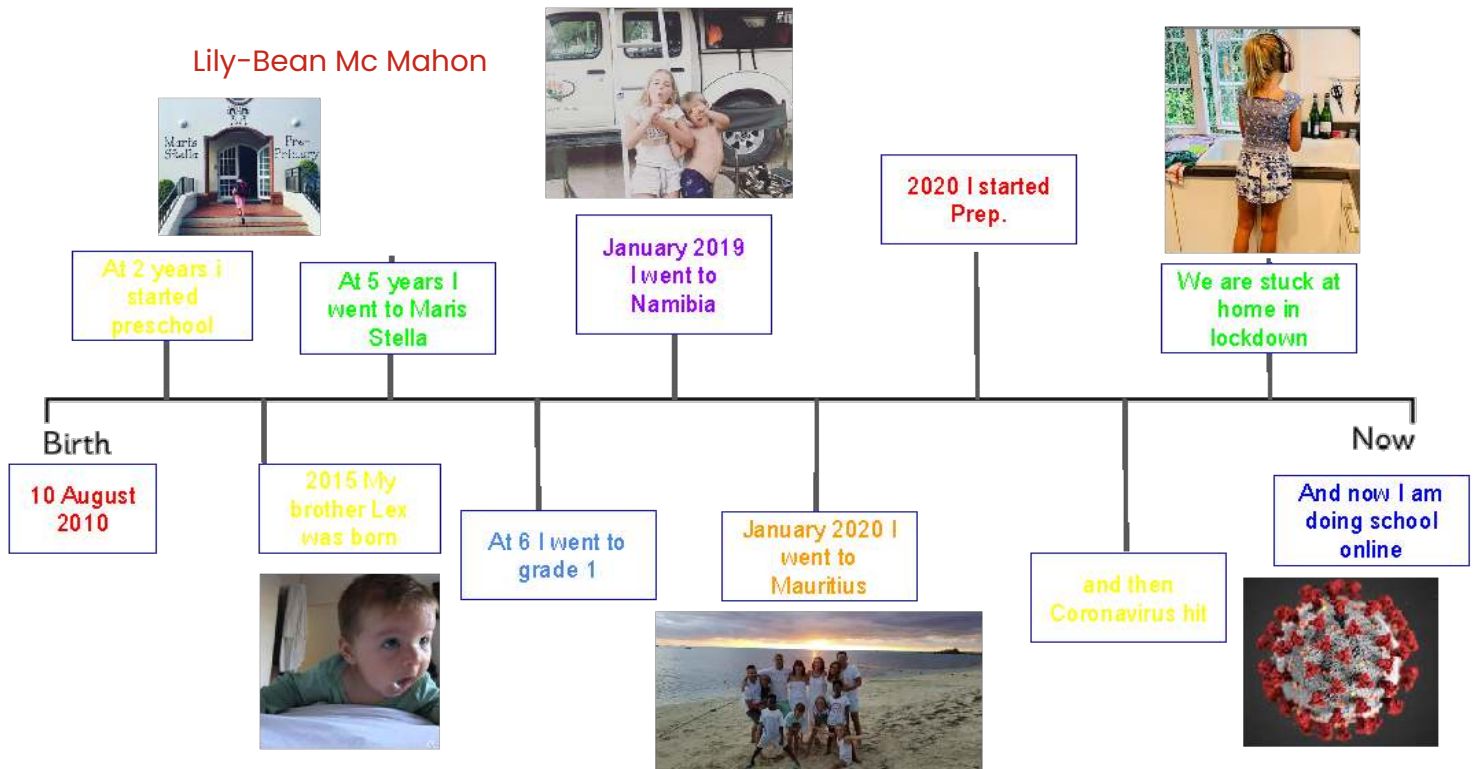
Teagan Govindsamy

Happiness is when your heart is full of happy songs.
Happiness is when you are full of love from head to toe.
Happiness is the feeling of love and happy thoughts.
Happiness is when you laugh and smile, it is not when you cry.
Happiness is a great feeling which everyone should have.

Shriya Harridaw



Timeline TASKS



Happiness is being home again,
Happiness is walking in the rain,
Happiness is walking with no pain,
Happiness is to sit and not roam,
Happiness is family to me,
Happiness is winning a teddy bear,
Happiness is a smile on a dreary day,
Happiness is an ice cream with lots and lots of sprinkles,
Happiness is helping someone,
Happiness is splashing in the waves.

Nayyab Hamid

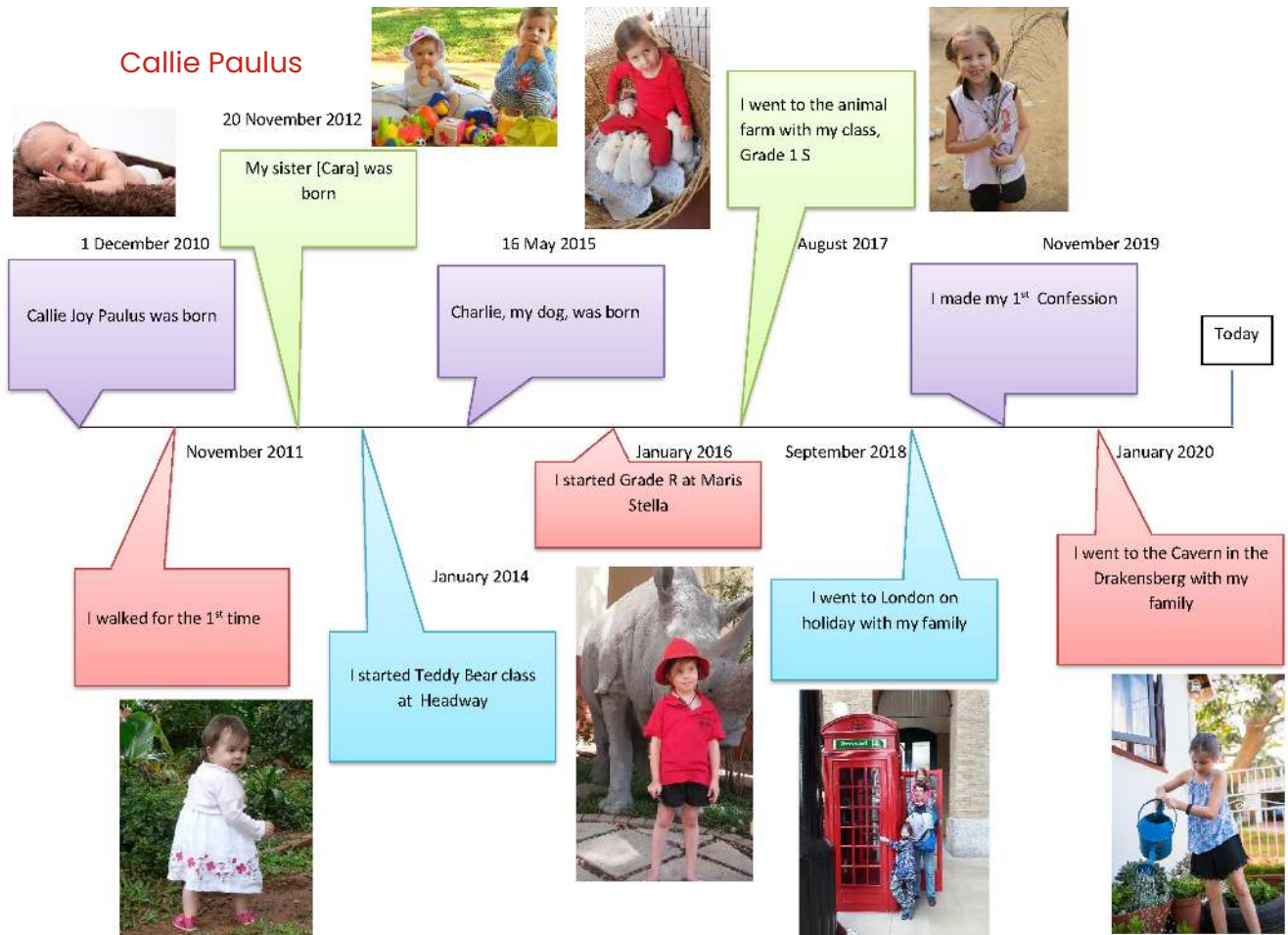
Happiness is spending time with my family.
Happiness is playing with my cousins.
Happiness is when i play my piano, making beautiful music.
Happiness is swimming in my pool.
Happiness is when i smell my beautiful flowers blooming.
Happiness is when reading my favourite books.
Happiness is baking delicious cakes with my mum.
Happiness is being with my friends in school.
Happiness is playing swingball with my dad.
Happiness is just me being happy.

Ravanika Reddy

Happiness is spending time with my family.
Happiness is playing with friends.
Happiness is watching a beautiful sunset.
Happiness is seeing a full moon.
Happiness is eating a chocolate cake.
Happiness is cuddling with my mum.
Happiness is helping people.
Happiness is eating pizza.
Happiness is being at school
and learning new things.
Happiness is knowing my family
and friends are safe during lockdown.

Giselle Ramsamy

Happiness



Happiness is when you relax your mind.

Happiness is seeing a rainbow in the sky after the rain.

Happiness is when you are having fun with your family.

Happiness is when you laugh with family and friends.

Happiness is when you can go to the beach again.

Happiness is when you can go back to school
and see your teachers and friends.

Ariya Chandermun

Happiness is a flowery meadow.

Happiness is the colour yellow.

Happiness is the smell of a book.

Happiness is taking a look.

Happiness is all the animals around you.

Happiness is the sound of them calling you.

Fanelwe Myeni

Happiness is watching your favourite show

Happiness is looking over the green meadow

Happiness is dreaming over the sun

Happiness is running around and having fun

Happiness is that to me

and same here with the bumble bee

Nolinda Mqadi

Happiness is my dogs; they make me laugh.

Happiness is my dad. He exercises with me.

Happiness is sunshine and it helps me grow.

Happiness is laughter, it is good to have a laugh.

Happiness is my family. They love me a lot.

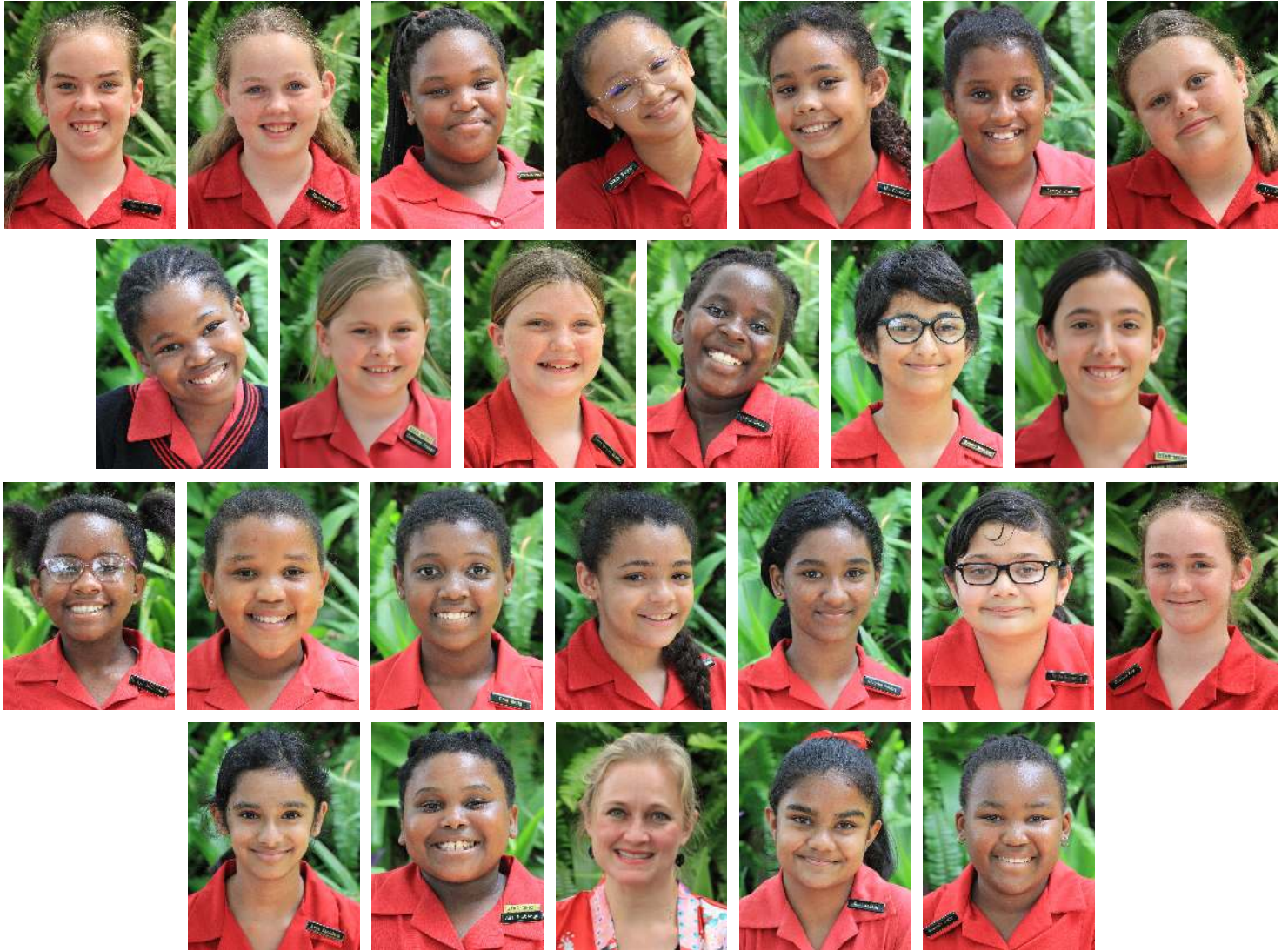
Happiness is flowers. They smell really nice.

Happiness is love. Love is the best thing you could ever have.

Vaeda Fae Harverson

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Grade 5 N *Mrs Neal*



BACK ROW Amy Aaron; Madison Bell; Gabriella Blose; Nikita Busby; Mia Crawford; Camryn Crick; Layla Dinsdale
THIRD ROW Amahle Dlamini; Cameron Fraser; Emma Houston McMillan; Lareina Kiliswa; Riddhi Maharaj; Anouk Maingard
SECOND ROW Ovayo Mdlongwa; S'bahle Mkhwanazi; Tumi Motta; Peyton-Rae Nicholson; Claudia Peters; Srida Ramdutt; Rebecca Raw
FRONT ROW Anya Sachdeva; Asa Shabangu; Mrs Kati Neal; Ruhi Sooklal; Mawande Tembe
ABSENT Farin Gild



Grade 5 S Miss Schweegmann



BACK ROW Gabriella Larsen; Ava Peria; Elizabeth Laurenz; Kate Fobo; Mpilwenhle Ndlovu

THIRD ROW Rachael Dean; Anvi Sachdeva; Azara Mark; Renata Elahi; Leia Braithwaite; Stacy Williams

SECOND ROW Sonal Harribarran; Basetsana Ramokoena; Akhona Dlamini; Yuvanka Pillay; Ria Naidoo; Sanah Manilall

FRONT ROW Sophia Canciani; Samantha Coleman; Miss Lara Schweegmann; Tara Rampono; Damita Dreyer

ABSENT Morgan Bolt; Faye Bullen; Meher Maharaj; Okuhle Shabalala





Never Poem

I would never eat crunchy carrot crêpes.
 I would never wear a colourful cassock tied with a complex cord.
 I would never buy cracked concrete cutlery from Canada.
 I would never call Cardi B and complain about her completely crazy concerts.
 I would never go to California and eat crispy crayfish.
 I would always like to think about being part of a calm community in the Caribbean,
 complete with carnivals and no complaining.
 I promise I will never create a colossal crocodile called Carrot that can conquer all countries.

Amy Aaron

China DAY



What a cat!

I have always wanted a cat since I was small
 I'd buy it a bed, scratching post and a ball;
 It will be mine all clean and fluffy
 My cat might be a little scruffy;
 She'd be beautiful, kind and sweet
 I'll always make sure she's definitely neat;
 She will be no ordinary cat – Oh no, oh no
 She'd have special powers you see with fur as white as snow;
 She would love to fly by, by and by
 Always confident and never shy;
 With her powers of love she was sent from above
 My precious beauty that sleeps on my mat.
 Wow! What a cat!

Yuvanka Pillay



Maths DAY



Never Poem

I would never eat a barbecued badger
braaied in Brio Street.

I would never wear bacteria-infected,
brown, buckled boots in my backyard.

I would never buy a bad boy's buttered
brie barrow.

I would never wear a balaclava while
using baking powder on a balcony at a
bodacious ball.

I would never go to a bulldozed,
Bulgarian battle site with bulging
baggage and a bagel.

I would always like to think about
beautiful ballerinas bedazzling the Bat
Mitzvah.

I promise I will never forget to tell Barbra
not to squeeze the blister on your
barbarian bicep while
baking brioche for brunch.

Ruhi Sooklal

Safari DAY





Mother's DAY



You gave me Love
and watched me grow
You taught me things
I'd need to know
You comforted me and
dried my tears, You taught
me to care, to be under-
standing, I know there were
times, I was demanding.
Your wisdom and strength,
guided me through without
your Love. I don't know
what I'd do That Const-
ant faith you'd had in me
Has given me wings and set
me free. Thank you so
much for just being
you. All the Love, the
Laughter. You're THE BEST
It's True.....

Never Poem

I would never eat Lion's livers with living locusts and long-lasting lacy limpets.
I would never wear lemon long sleeves from Louis Vuitton with lime leggings.
I would never buy a long-lasting love letter from Lance Laurence-field at Levi's.
I would never have Lara's Lazer hair treatment for long legs and lashes on Libra Lane.
I would never go to London for lunch and eat lettuce and lemongrass with Leia.
I would always like to think about luxurious lounges with lavender cushions and L.E.D. lights.
And I promise to never let Lareina lie to Layla,
then go to a locksmith.

Layla Dinsdale

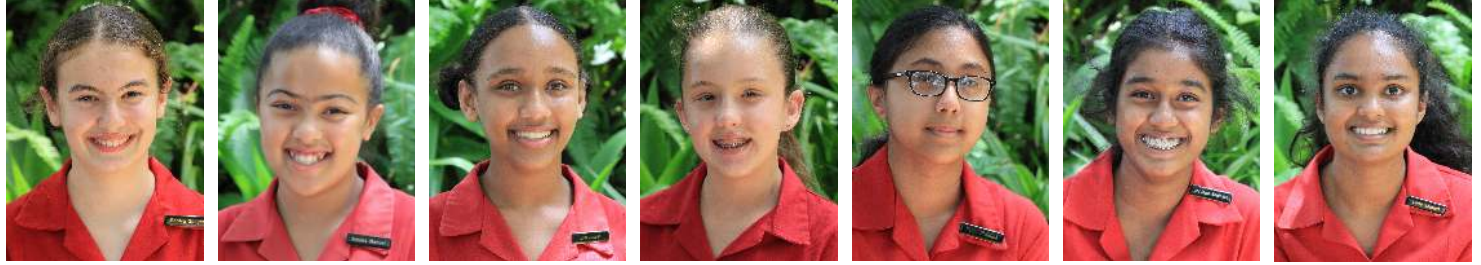
Grade 6 C Mrs Coffin-Grey



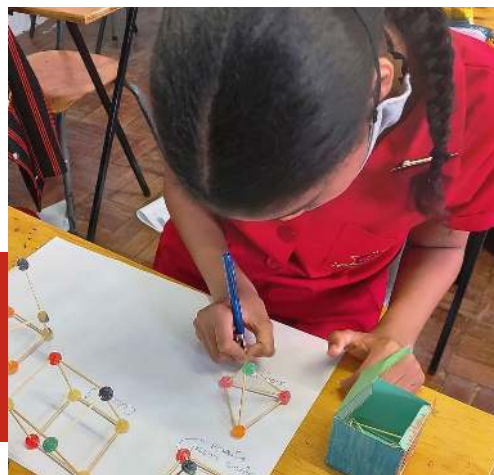
BACK ROW Leah Laurénz; Tlotlo Motsosi; Alaiza Theophilus; Georgia King; Husna Desai; Anni Luo; Eden Joseph
 MIDDLE ROW Mia Erasmus; Sahara Felix; Ioanna Mattheos; Alitash Kalonji; Tiasha Govender; Naledi Moshoeshe; Londeka Sibiya
 FRONT ROW Mishka Kassie; Shakira Rampiari; Demia Pather; Mrs Kerri Coffin-Grey; Chloe Simpson; Erin Vermeulen; Raegan Brouard
 ABSENT Beverly Maroane; Ava Neal; Hannah Wilkie



Grade 6 T Mrs Thurtell

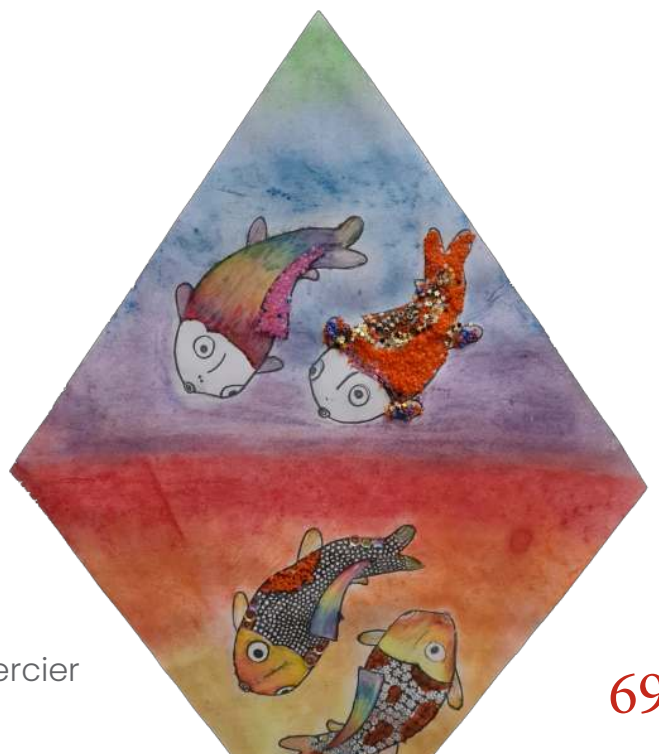


BACK ROW Tehillah Adonis; Olivia Coppola; Isabella Coyle-Dowling; Paige Davies; Anjali Ramkissoon
 THIRD ROW Monica Slinger; Amelia Manuel; Erin Joseph; Madison Pelser; Priya Pramjee; Jordana Sewnath; Lana Samuel
 SECOND ROW Sadie McCormack; Grace Laurenz; Tsakani Mathe; Neha Saroop; Sejal Sewsanker; Ndalo Nkabinde
 FRONT ROW Reese Weideman; Sangenkosi Mkhungo; Mrs Terri Thurtell; Julia Randelhoff; Olivia Poezyn
 ABSENT Nompilo Mwandla





“What we learn
with pleasure”



WE NEVER FORGET” Alfred Mercier



Mia die Hipnotiseur

by Mia Erasmus



Mia die Hipnotiseur

by Raegan Brouard



Afrikaans CARTOONS



Mia Hipnotiseer Gogga

by Ava Neal



Grade 7 B Mrs Bezuidenhout



BACK ROW Arya Dasrath; Taschké Naidoo; Hemara Govender; Arabella King; Lunathi Mdletshe; Samiksha Nunan
 THIRD ROW Nyska Jagasur; Chelsea Haarhoff; Sarah Harker; Clara Millard; Shay-Lea Geustyn; Mzuzu Mhlongo
 SECOND ROW Nkambule Nkambule; LA-Dhiya Moodley; Babalwa Mkhize; Sophia Singh; Zaveri Valjee; Caitlin Wylie; Hannah Swale
 FRONT ROW Ella-Rose Gass; Madison Schoonberg; Kate Simpson; Mrs Anke Bezuidenhout; Shreya Ramouthar; Zara Khan; Sophie Dixon



Grade 7 W Mrs Watkins



BACK ROW Lenci Kiliswa; Eden Jordan; Juwharah Khan; Arya Manawer; Siphokazi Gumedede
THIRD ROW Krittika Varyani; Madison Stewart; Rebecca Munro; Mira Doorgapershad; Kayla Martin; Emily Killian; Shreeya Naidoo
SECOND ROW Brooke Martin; Skyla Klompas; Holly Rivalland; Addison Miskey; Caitlin Louw; Wandisa Msomi
FRONT ROW Shavishka Naidoo; Megan King; Mrs Samantha Watkins; Camryn Linderboom; Ruslyn July
ABSENT Kaylah George; Hayley Govindsamy; Kendall Watson



Art inspired by
IRMA STERN

“Still life with fruit & flowers”



Saved from Sadness Today started off like any other day; nothing could have prepared me for what happened next. "Weather creates mood," someone had said, "because we can't avoid it and it's everywhere. The effect it has on us is greater than the one we have on ourselves." It's no wonder the world feels wounded and empty; it's dark, it's cloudy, there's rain. Depressed people slowly drag themselves across abandoned streets and even the buildings are in mourning. It's hard to be happy in a world full of chaos, but that's why I'm here. To make others happy. I think that was when I decided to take a trip to the sky.

"The sky is the limit," someone had said, "because there's nothing beyond it. Even the sky can't go beyond itself and it's the sky." I kept thinking about that as I slowly walked up the chilling stairs and into the sky's gigantic palace, which seemed to swallow me as I cautiously stepped through the wall-sized doors. The sky was sitting on his throne as if waiting for me. His pale blue skin was now an aggressive shade of dark grey; his long and fluffy beard was the colour of soot, but his eyes remained the clear, grey-blue colour they always were, if not a bit sad. He missed the sun is what he told me when I asked what was wrong. He was upset and he wanted her to return, but no matter how many times I told him he was depressing the world, he turned away and asked me to bring her back. So, that's what I did.

"The sun is a star," someone had said, "but even the brightest star can eventually burn out." It

felt like a million and one degrees on that steep hill, the one the sun gracefully rises from like a bird leaving its nest. It had been days since I last saw the sun, so today I was amazed to see her sitting by the foot of the hill, laughing and smiling like nothing in the world mattered. I called out to her, and she turned towards me. Her long, blonde hair blew with the wind, her smooth skin radiating energy and happiness, her golden robes sat on her comfortably and her blinding smile made me feel warm... Literally. I asked where she had been while she apologised. She said she had gone to visit Betelgeuse and must have lost track of time. She then agreed to go back to her position and make the sky happy again.

"You don't need a cape," someone had said, "to be a hero." As I excitedly skipped back home, the sun rose, and the sky finally turned a beautiful and bright blue again. Everyone opened their windows to witness the sun return to the sky. They smiled, they laughed, they sang and danced and celebrated. I had never seen the world so joyful and optimistic, and knowing that everyone was happy made me happy. I might not have heroically saved the world from space meteors or invading aliens, but I did save them from something more dangerous. I saved them from sadness.

Lenci Kiliswa





Mini Matric DAY

Our Grade 7s loved spending some time with the Matrics during their Mini Matric day, where they enjoyed privileges usually reserved for the Matrics, including using the Matric stairs!



Liewe Dagboek

20 Mei 2020 Vanoggend het ek n 3km gaan loop. Dan ek het gaan huis toe en eet my ontbyt. Ek eet n Omelet met ham en kaas. Ek het n stort gehad. Dan ek was reg vir my skooldag.

21 Mei 2020 Vandag was soortgelyk aan gister. Ek het wakker geword en saam met my ma gaan loop. Ons het teruggekeer huis toe en ek het n stort gehad. Vir ontbyt ek n smoothie bak met aarbeie en piesangs gehad. Dan ek sit my rekenaar aan en was gereed vir skool.

Megan King

Leadership COURSE

The Ventures Group joined us to guide our Grade 7 girls through an exciting leadership course.



Lion

Roars as loud as thunder
Mane as thick as a bush
Yellow like dusted gold
Tough, proud, ferocious
LION

Nkambule Nkambule





Liewe Dagboek

27 Mei 2020 Vandag was baie koud. Ek het wakker geword, en ek het dadelik iets lekker gaan drink. Ek het redelik vroeg wakker geword, so ek het 'n bietjie YouTube gekyk. Toe gaan speel ek met my honde, maar ek moes ek gereed maak vir skool. Noudat ek gereed is, is dit tyd om skool toe te gaan.

26 Mei 2020 Vanoggend was ek baie moeg, maar ek moes opstaan. Ek het 'n koppie tee gaan maak en gaan sit en TV kyk. Daarna het ek my honde wakker gemaak en hulle gevoed. Nou is dit my beurt om eers klaar te maak, ek was my gesig en borsel my tande, dan maak ek my hare klaar. Ek het 'n paar minute voordat ek skool toe gaan, so ek gaan 'n bietjie kitaar speel.

Holly Rivalland



Senior Primary

Arts and Culture



“CREATIVITY is *contagious...* pass it on.”

Albert Einstein



“every child
is an *Artist*”
Pablo Picasso



Ecokids

Kindness Challenge

Spreading kindness one SMILE at a time



Knitting squares for baby blankets



Recycling plastics



Used teabags...



...used as compost

Random Acts of Kindness

Give a sibling or parent a hug

Call a family member you haven't spoken to in a while

Message a friend and tell them why you are grateful for them

You are just as important {spend ten minutes doing something you love}



bloom

Bloom where you are.
Bloom despite the weeds
and grow tall and beautiful
anyways. Bloom where you
are even if you wish you
were elsewhere. Take in all
of the light when the sun is
shining and know that the
rain is necessary when it's
not. Know that everything
you need to bloom is right
inside of you - you already
have the strength and
capability to grow. Nourish
your body and take care of
your mind. Keep learning
and growing. Let your true
colours shine. Bloom.

Nikki Banas



Thank you to our dedicated Ecokids for making such a beautiful contribution to our environment and community in your own way. It is so appreciated.

High School

We have been astounded by the incredible resilience of our pupils throughout this year. Many traditional celebrations were required to be cancelled or postponed and yet our girls have adapted and accepted, and kept moving forward. We hope that this will remind us to value what is important to us so much more in the future.

We thank our parents for their co-operation and assistance in adhering to the Covid-19 protocols set in place at school and for

adapting to the variety of plans that have been rescheduled over the course of the year.

We are indeed fortunate to have the resources and platforms to have been able to continue with educating your daughters and communicating so frequently with you this year.

Bridget Aaron & Debbie Sutcliffe
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Grade 8 Miss Webb



BACK ROW Allegra Jones; Alley Westbrook; Arianna John; Catherine Ndhlovu; Chloë du Plessis; Geetali Moodley
 THIRD ROW Hope Nightingale; Isabella Frates; Julia McAlister; Lufuno Chili; Mia Vlotman; Naledi Ramokoena
 SECOND ROW Nicole Williams; Rachel Rabie; Rebekah Fleischer; Samaira Maharajh; Tanith Tiltman; Tapiwa Xaba
 FRONT ROW Thasmeera Govender; Tiana Coleman; Miss Tracy Webb; Yanga Ndlovu; Zandile Mkhize



The annual **Grade 8 Family Braai** concludes the Orientation Programme, bringing our girls and their families together for a fun-filled and relaxing evening on the school field.

Grade 8 *Miss Tjasink*



BACK ROW Azile Ngubane; Chazal Naidoo; Emily Robertson; Gabriella Langlois; Gianna King
 THIRD ROW Jessica Balfour; Kajal Shah; Kiara Narotam; Kiera Bruton; Lisah Ngcobo; Mackenzie van Niekerk
 SECOND ROW Mareeya Habib; Meg McCormack; Onke Nzimande; Paige De Bruin; Saheli Reathall; Sanaa Khan
 FRONT ROW Simran Chetty; Sithandile Dlamini; Miss Tess Tjasink; Trinity Fisher; Vicky Kruse
 ABSENT Julianna Harbilas



Grade 8 Miss Gerber



BACK ROW Abundant Adegunloye; Ella McVean; Eyethu Shabangu; Gabriella Freddy; Hannah Houston McMillan; Kayla Beckx
 MIDDLE ROW Kelly Moore; Lindelwa Tembe; Madi Aling; Natasha Kawalya; Ntsako Mngoma; Rebecca Naudé; Sienna Swan
 FRONT ROW Sivuyile Kheswa; Tara Thompson; Miss Liesl Gerber; Tasmé Komal; Zahra Pather
 ABSENT Abigail Perumal; Deepa Sewdayal; Dhiya Sewchuran; Kayci Petzer; Luhle Gumede



Our Grade 8 girls using a triple beam balance to determine the mass of various solid objects.





Grade 8 RETREAT

Our Grade 8s so enjoyed their retreat at Camp Noah.
The theme of the retreat was

"We are on a journey to a wonderful destination."

Camp Noah was a beautiful destination with staff who welcomed us with open arms. The girls had the opportunity to really reflect and understand that Jesus walks with us, as our friend, on our life journey. Stronger bonds were forged and they so loved the time spent together as a grade.





narrative essays

Ghosts Shivers travel down my spine and the fear clawed at my throat. There it was again, a loud THUMP. It sounded as if someone was stamping their feet on our school's old, wooden flooring. I sit up in my bed, pulling on my black socks which had my name, Avery Biermann, stitched onto the soles – standard school socks. Shuffling across my dorm room, I wince as my roommate rolls over, groaning. Thank goodness she's not a light sleeper; I'm constantly making trips to the loo at 1 a.m. The door creaks open and I slip out without waking her up. My dorm room is on the top floor of a two hundred and twenty-year-old school and its midnight right now, making the school seem a lot creepier than it usually would.

I hate this place! The school is haunted and it's in the middle of nowhere. When I tried to tell my mum this, she said that Wales is hardly the middle of nowhere and that the stories about the school being haunted are a load of nonsense. I personally disagree with her because if the sounds like these ones can be heard at midnight, the school is definitely haunted.

Now, I could hear scratching along with the thumping. As I am about to step forward, I stop dead in my tracks, the realisation hitting me like a truck. I'm being stupid! I'm doing exactly what the dumb, blonde protagonist always does in horror movies: I'm walking towards the danger! And, from what I can tell from the few horror movies I have seen, the protagonist always dies or is traumatised and scarred for life. Now that I think about it, I regret leaving my room.

I mean, I need my face. I can't become ugly! I might end up looking like that weird girl from my Welsh class. The horror! I'd never be able to get a boyfriend.

Suddenly, my blood runs cold as I hear the thumping get louder, Somebody's definitely there. Is this the part where I get murdered? I take a few cautious steps towards the dining hall, where the noise seems to be coming from. Suddenly I hear...giggling? Surely spirits don't giggle?

I step closer to the doorway of the dining hall, my dark hair swaying at my shoulders. 'Ok, Biermann, calm down, what's the worst that could happen?' I could be killed or disfigured or injured or...nothing. Nothing could happen because standing in front of me are a group of grade fives squealing about their friend, Jenna's, birthday cake? Luckily, they haven't noticed me, so I take the opportunity to sneak back to my room.

My roommate groans.

"Avery? What's wrong? Is it time to wake up already?"

"No, no. It's nothing, Liv, go back to sleep," I whisper. My 'adventures' have made me a lot more tired than I thought and I fall asleep as soon as my head hits the pillow.

Thasmeera Govender



Inside these four walls Olivia sat, waiting and worrying. She knew what was coming. Nervously twirling her ginger hair, she looked around. The room felt small and dark. The walls were covered in old posters, which were torn and peeling off. The monotonous ticking of the clock heightened the tension and set her nerves on edge. Olivia looked at April, hoping to receive some words of encouragement, but she had none. Letting out a sigh, she turned her attention towards the calendar. After serving time together for nearly twelve years, both Olivia and April were ready to be freed from these four walls. She thought about what she would do with the freedom she so longed for. Perhaps she would buy a cat, or, maybe, rent a room? For now, however, she was stuck in this prison.

The click-clacking of high heels on the wooden floors interrupted her thoughts, as the plump figure entered the room. She was the strictest of wardens. Olivia studied her face. The wrinkles told stories from long ago, of past inmates and her hair was grey and as wiry as steel wool. Suddenly, a grim pair of eyes locked with Olivia's. "What are you looking at?" the warden scowled. "Nothing, ma'am," she assured her. "Apparently, you've ignored my lectures on courtesy," the warden said. Olivia looked at the floor, embarrassed.

The warden then traversed around the room, glaring at the inmates and observing their every move, before taking a seat at her desk, which stood at the front of the room. She instructed them to sit quietly. The inmates were all aware that anyone who were bold enough to make

a sound would suffer dire consequences. April, who noticed Olivia's nervous fidgeting, nudged her and mimicked the solemn facial expression of the warden, hoping that it would cheer her up, but it made no difference. Olivia felt the sinking feeling in her stomach worsen. "Form a line," the warden's loud voice echoed. In an instant, a stampede reported to her desk. "I have your papers," she said. Olivia stood silently at the back of the line, biting her nails. When she was finally handed her paper Olivia nodded politely and returned to her seat. Shivers travelled down her spine and the fear clawed at her throat. The information written on this paper would determine her future. Olivia's shaking hand reached for her paper, and turned it over. "Sixty percent?" she accidentally revealed to her class. This couldn't be happening. The thought of not getting into medical school terrified her. It was everything she had been working towards.

Olivia frantically waved her hand in the air, trying to catch the attention of Mrs Haines. "Yes, Olivia?" She explained to her teacher that there must have been some mistake. Mrs Haines snatched the paper from her hands. It felt like an eternity before she answered. "This is not your exam," she said with a gruff laugh, pointing to the name with a short, stubby finger. "It's April's exam." Olivia let out a sigh of relief. She would get into medical school after all. Although she felt bad for her best friend. "Sorry, April," she told her. "It's okay," April replied with a smile. "I was a bit confused myself. I've never gotten close to eighty percent, never mind ninety percent!" They swapped papers just as the bell rang. One less day to survive in this prison she called "school".

Chloë du Plessis

A Midsummer Night's Dream

ENGLISH PHOTO TASK

artworks while they isolate at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Grade 8 girls were challenged to recreate their own masterpieces at home, inspired by *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The Getty Museum sent out a Tweet accompanied

by an Instagram post, challenging people everywhere to recreate some of their favourite



descriptive essays

Treasures The warm, summer night breeze feels comforting against my face and bare arms. I can hear the distant screams of children playing on the beach, but I'm too far away to be able to see them. The sound of waves violently crashing onto the sand puts me into some sort of daze, pulling me away from reality; the reality that I'll have to leave this place soon.

The sand presses into my back, still warm from the blazing hot sunshine that beat down on it for hours today. I think of all the people who've walked on this sand today, people carrying surfboards, beach towels, umbrellas, buckets and spades, laden like camels carrying treasures across the dry, harsh desert. A soft breeze rustles the leaves of the plants growing on the sand dunes, and carries the smell of smoke from the beach bonfires to my nostrils.

I look up at the sky and I'm overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of what I see. The sight takes my breath away and makes shivers run down my spine, like ants scurrying on an anthill. A

whole galaxy of stars is gazing down on me; a galaxy large enough to light a whole city with the light illuminating from the billions of stars. You can't see stars like this in the city, the street lamps block them out. But here, in this tiny town on a dark beach, you can see a whole palette of colours, each one more brilliant than the one preceding it, and the stars shine brighter than any I've ever seen before. The way that they shine makes it seem as if they're so close, almost like you could reach out and touch them.

I lie still, relishing all that I can feel. It's these moments that I live for, moments that are pure and sweeter than anything else, and they make you feel like you're on top of the world. All your worries are forgotten and, for a blissful moment, you're living in a dream. They only happen once in a while, but they're worth waiting for. They are little treasures hidden in our everyday lives, and you can find them; but only if you search hard enough.

Nicole Williams



#amidsunneightsdream



#photoshootatshome #online school



#howquarantineisgoing



#thiswasquintomake #Englishrocks

Silence She sits on the wispy, dry Savannah grass. The sky above her is slightly overcast; it envelops her like a fuzzy warm blanket. The silence, although not complete silence, is natural and beautiful. She hears the birds singing their wondrous melodies, the trees rustling in the nippy breeze which greets her skin with little goosebumps and a cold nick on the nose. The mountains stand tall around her, each rock face with its little crevices like a scar, a story to tell. Little birds glide and swoop around her head, her own personal airshow. A herd of zebras grazes not far from her line of sight, the occasional huff and puff comes from their direction. Eyebrows furrowed, staring intensely and curiously, she marvels at the scene before her.

She sits down with the fragrance of the sweet dry grass and the few flowers surrounding her. The grass feels like hay and the ground feels

solid and uncomfortable beneath her, but the hardness of the ground doesn't bother her nor do the little granules of sand sticking to her legs. The taste of salty crisps dances on her taste buds; she savours them and the view engraving them to memory.

She feels on top of the world: light, happy and truly amazed that something could be so beautiful, the air so fresh, the birds so full of life. She sits in silence and it envelops her. She hears all the stories the mountains, wind, ground and all of nature have to share. In the audible nothingness, she hears. All she does is listen with her heart; nothing is ever truly silent only peaceful. Her face is drawn into a soft smile and she realises that in the chaos this is the closest she'll ever get to silence. The beautiful symphony you hear with only your heart – peace.

Yanga Ndlovu

Grade 9 L

De Langlois



BACK ROW Alice Charlton; Anathi Nene; Cassidy Harris; Ella Briant; Jamie Le Roux; Kwethu Dlamini
MIDDLE ROW Madison Enslin; Njabulo Hlongwa; Nozipho Zikhali; Onke Msomi; Rachael Shorey; Rachel Erasmus
FRONT ROW Raeven Phillips; Robyn Aaron; Saskya Ramdas; Dr Angela Langlois; Tatum Brouard; Théa Naidoo; Tori Stirling
ABSENT Louise Lee



Grade 9 S

Mrs Samuels



BACK ROW Alwande Khanyile; Amukelwa Nxumalo; Brooklyn Maggott; Chloe Loumeau; Hayley Crowsen; Katelyn Kitchin
MIDDLE ROW Lea Cerfontyne; Lea-Shane Manikam; Maya Moggee; Nandile Dingani; Nqobile Vumase; Paige Haarhoff
FRONT ROW Phoebe Rivalland; Sharndre Nicholson; Mrs Natalie Samuels; Zenala Mbonambi; Ziphozonke Hlatshwayo
ABSENT Apeksha Singh; Grace Harwood



Grade 9 TS

Mrs Savage



BACK ROW Aimee Dunn; Aphile Xaba; Ariana Naidoo; Azara Mdhluli; Elisha Singh; Emily Charlton; Emma Cawcutt
MIDDLE ROW Erin Munsamy; Georgia Caro; Jessica Loubser; Kaela-Shane Manikam; Kaylee Walker; Megan Cholwich; Mikaela Davies
FRONT ROW Nontokozo Mkhwanazi; Olwethu Mkize; Samafuze Ngcobo; Mrs Tracey Savage; Shreya Chetty; Shreya Sewsanker; Yamkelani Nhlumayo



Grade 9 W

Mrs Wylie



BACK ROW Anelisa Manyoni; Angel Brown; Christina Zvinterikos; Dhiya Panday; Ella Neville; Holly Caro
 MIDDLE ROW Kayla Christie; Kgothatso Phahla; Khanyisa Vena; Mawande Mtongana; Mia King; Mia Permall
 FRONT ROW Nasipha Dlamini; Nyiko Mathe; Ocean Mthembu; Mrs Zaan Wylie; Ryleigh Joubert; Sophie Bellengère; Tia Laudenberg
 ABSENT Amy Lourens



“The CAPACITY to learn is a
gift;
 the ABILITY to learn is a
skill;
 the WILLINGNESS to learn is a
choice.”

Brian Herbert

Grade 10 E Mrs Erasmus



BACK ROW Alyssa Gass; Arya Harribarran; Bethany Moore; Bhavika Parmar; Cara Message; Emily Rabie
 THIRD ROW Holly Nightingale; Jannah Winter; Jasmine Wylie; Jemimah Gass; Micaéla Clayton; Olivia Tostée
 SECOND ROW Pia Sooklal; Sasthi Naidoo; Shasthi Naidoo; Sian Trent; Sophie Herman; Tatum Stewardson
 FRONT ROW Tyla Loots; Tyla Reen; Mrs Sonja Erasmus; Wanga Ramenu; Yashna Padayachee



Consumer Studies

Let them eat crêpes! And they did!

Our Grade 10 French girls used a traditional French crêpe recipe and, under the watchful eye of teacher Miss Gerber, they produced some of the most delicious crêpes this side of Paris. Educational AND delicious.

Grade 10 *M* Mrs van der Merwe



BACK ROW Alayna Theophilus; Amahle Phiri; Andiswa Dladla; Ashleigh Prinsloo; Casey-Anne Kesaris; Chelsea Huang
MIDDLE ROW Chloë Coyle-Dowling; Fabiana Meloni; Isabella Conti; Kayla Dunn; Luthando Ncube; Maneo Mthethwa
FRONT ROW Moloko Bele; Paula Singh; Mrs Bianca van der Merwe; Thandiswa Nzimande; Zenani Shabalala
ABSENT Asanda Mngomezulu; Quinn Massey-Hicks



Grade 10 V

Mrs Voigt



BACK ROW Allegra Brouckaert; Chloe Morrow; Eryn-Lee Fynn; Hayley Howitt; Isabella Wood; Jenna Martin; Jivana Pillay
MIDDLE ROW Katelyn Sissing; Laila Brand; Leah Naidoo; Megan Schroeder; Nkazimulo Khumalo; Paige Cox
FRONT ROW Rebecca Fouquereaux; Sage Kelly; Shreya Dhawrajh; Mrs Melanie Voigt; Sina Agbakwuru; Tatum Botha; Tejal Soodyall
ABSENT Emma Patinios





An exciting new addition to our High School subject offering this year:

Engineering Graphics & Design is a modern creative, scientific and technical subject that has evolved from the subject Technical Drawing. Now expanded to include architectural drawings, the subject's new scope has made it relevant to a much wider range of future careers from architecture, engineering and urban planning to interior design, 3D animation and virtual reality software creation.



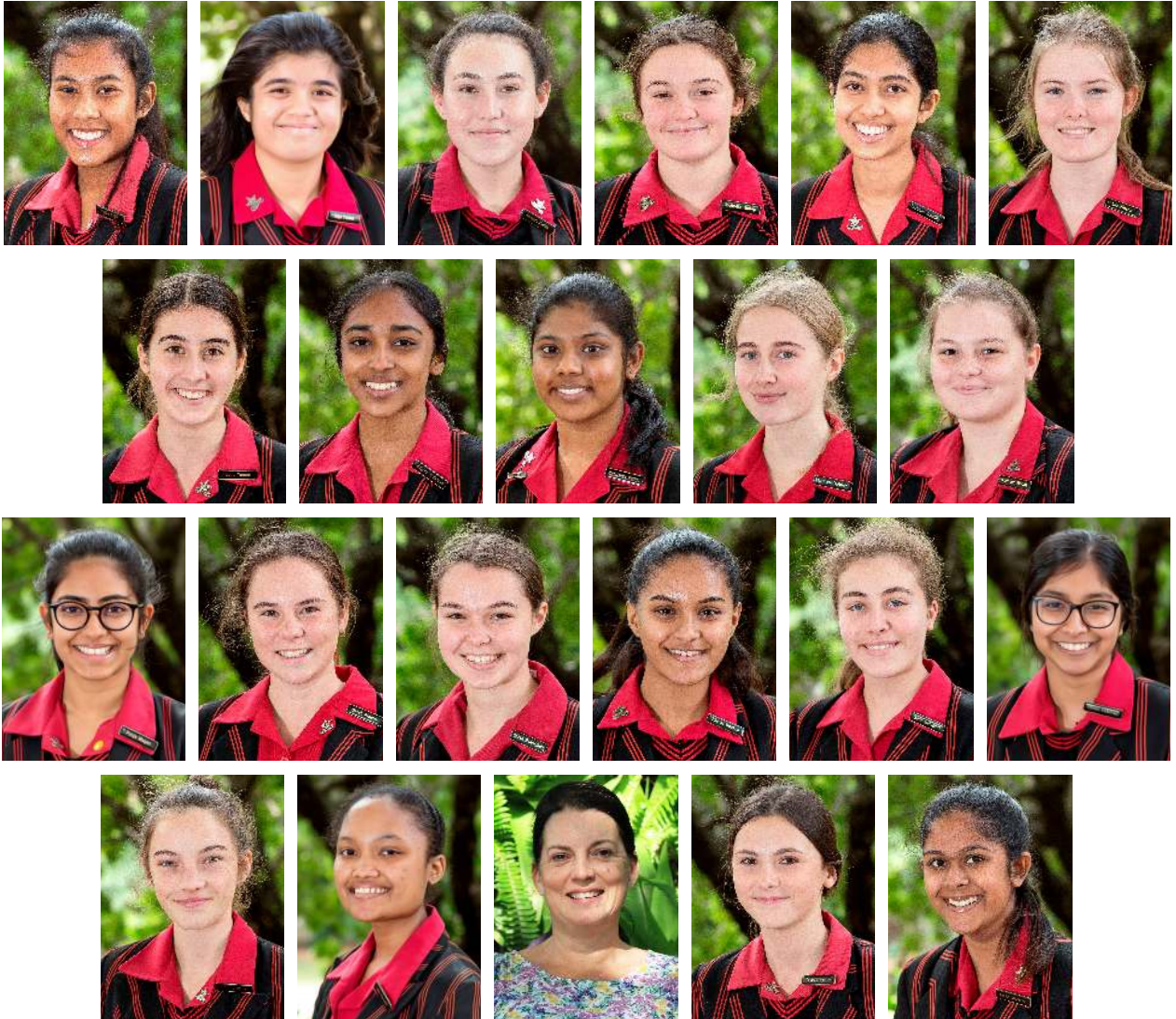
Business Studies Our **Grade 11 Business Studies** girls took part in the Vega Vibe Brand Challenge 2020. They were given a home grown brand and the key challenges faced by the Brand. Each team was then tasked with strategising solutions and creating a fully integrated marketing activation plan.



Our **Grade 10 & 11 Consumer Studies** girls screenprinted beautiful creations onto T-Shirts.



Grade 11 C Mrs Cholwich



BACK ROW Chloé Pillay; Diya Pather; Hannah Bullen; Isabella Hislop; Isabella Rowley; Isla Wilson
THIRD ROW Julia Tostee; Kaitlynn Sitharam; Kamishka Pather; Lauren Dobeyn; Madison Briant
SECOND ROW Pooja Magan; Sarah Proctor; Sarah Randelhoff; Shristi Sooklal; Sofia Maingard; Sonali Reathlall
FRONT ROW Sophia Brink; Talia Persadh; Mrs Clair Cholwich; Teagan Pearce; Yuvika Lutchman



Our **Grade 11 Consumer Studies** girls enjoyed a taste of Italy when they made their very own Butternut Ravioli from scratch, tossed in a burnt butter and Sage sauce.

Grade 11 D *De du Plessis*



BACK ROW Asmaá Rajab; Brooke Jordaan; Cassandra Esterhuizen; Dakshina Chetty; Diallo Mdhuli; Grace Symington
MIDDLE ROW Holly Chelin; Isabella Pearsall; Kerry-Ann Uys; Leah Saib; Lesedi Matemane; Luthando Mtshali; Megan Gordon
FRONT ROW Melissa Theunissen; Savanah Kerdachi; Dr Donatella du Plessis; Shae Kavanagh; Sharvani Naicker



Grade 11 I Mrs Ireland



BACK ROW Akhona Mkhize; Charnei Suryapal; Chloé Robertson; Emma Osborne; Erin Jaftha; Hanna Coppola

THIRD ROW Jaime Theron; Jemma Perrins; Jessica Hollinshead; Kaycie Nunes; Khwezi Buthelezi

SECOND ROW Kiara Kassie; Limakatso Ramokoena; Londeka Manyoni; Nokuphila Mthembu; Scarlet Goodrich; Sibaya Nicholson

FRONT ROW Siphokazi Mpungose; Tayla Good; Mrs Karen Ireland; Tshiamo Gumedede; Tsidi Motta



Our **Grade 11 Life Sciences** girls learning about the long bones of a skeleton. They had the opportunity to dissect a cow's femur and study the parts that make up a typical long bone.

Grade 12 J *Mr Janse van Rensburg*



BACK ROW Danielle Chetty; Erica Hair; Fezeka Ngidi; Georgia du Plessis; Georgina Mercer; Hayley Wasserman
THIRD ROW Jade Pottinger; Jesse Smith; Kiara Naidoo; Kyra Murray; Langelihle Zama
SECOND ROW Lwandile Shezi; Malaika Ahiwe; Natasha Metcalfe; Oluhle Ndlovu; Robyn Dunwoody; Sarah Saunders
FRONT ROW Tayler Davie; Ufezile Mtolo; Mr Charles Janse van Rensburg; Yadhya Mohamed; Yoliswa Mhlongo



Grade 12 M Mrs Mkhize



BACK ROW Adrianné Sigamoney; Andria Van der Linde; Ashley Le Roux; Brooklyn Chislett; Caitlyn Gooding; Caitlyn Woods
MIDDLE ROW Carmel Moyo; Dayna Miller; Jade Abbott; Jenna O'Brien; Keara Graham; Kundanika Somasundram; Layla Pulvirenti
FRONT ROW Leah Kerr; Mpho Sigcau; Noxolo Xolo; Mrs Hazel Mkhize; Riya Shah; Tiana Moorogasen; Zilungile de Wet



Our Grade 12 Life Sciences girls testing the effectiveness of 'snake antivenom'

Grade 12 V *Mrs Vrey*



BACK ROW Alayna Naidu; Andiswa Gumbi; Arya Maharaj; Bayanda Gumede; Chloë Van den Berg; Clio Gallo
 THIRD ROW Demi Coskey; Hanna Khan; Holly Davey; Jemma Ross; Jessica Cholwich; Jody Ribbink; Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen
 SECOND ROW Keisha Moonasar; Kristen Folpini; Kyla Stirling; LéKayler Murugan; Shriyaa Sooklal; Sinelihle Mncibi
 FRONT ROW Thandolwenkosi Nomvungu; Tia Munsamy; Mrs Soné Vrey; Yeshni Gounden; Zinhle Sithole





creative writing

& VISUAL ARTS

spoken word youth competition

On 30 August 2020, the Durban representative of the International Youth Peace Group, Vuyelwa Dlamini, and the Deputy Mayor of Durban Youth Council 2020, Maris Stella pupil Kamishka Pather, hosted a spoken word competition in conjunction with Durban Youth Radio. Many people from across the country entered the competition and 3 girls from the Maris Stella Interact Club placed in the Top 5. The prompt was a quote by Kofi Annan:

“Education is, quite simply, peace-building by another name. It is the most effective form of defense spending there is.”

Kofi Annan

A gift: ignored by most
She decided to unwrap
And at once
Her life was forever changed

As she saw the prejudices and preconceptions
That molded her reality
A shift
Of her world occurred

For now she had the power to choose
The ability to decipher what was right or wrong
And question
How can I create a better tomorrow?

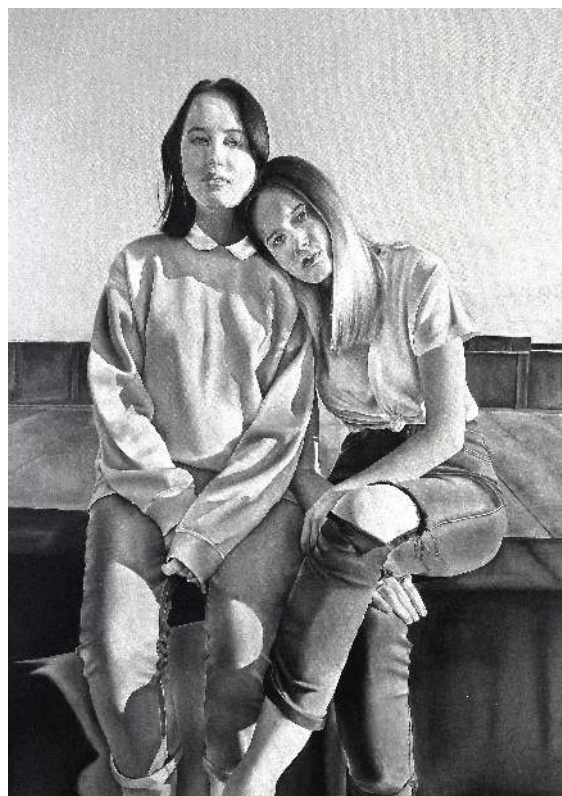
The movement from sunset to sunrise
And a spark of imagination ignited
Into a future of peace, understanding and equality
She understood.

The treasure chest of life's secrets.
From some it was stolen, forever lost
But for the most part, ignored
This was the problem.

Jasmine Wylie

Grade 10

2nd Place



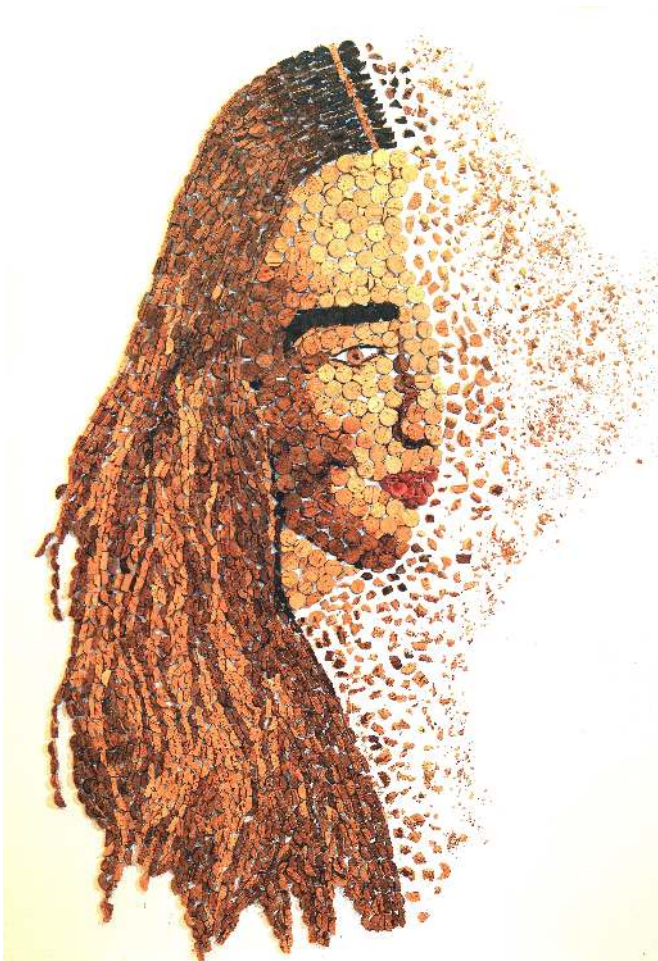
The power of education
Believe and understand
Can be the path to equality
Between woman and man

Appreciated by some
But taken for granted by many
The rewards you will reap
The pearls of wisdom are plenty

Silly are they
Who don't take advantage of the opportunity
For when the chance comes
Make proud, your community

It is better to try and fail
Then to not try at all
Each day we face
Presents a new obstacle wall

Sian Trent
Grade 10
3rd Place



The gateway to a series of paths which each
lead to their own destination.

The ability to create conscious thoughtful
decisions which take into consideration the
well being of others.

A staircase to a great height where an
individual can see that the world is dynamic
and continually changing.

A certificate at the end of twelve long years of
studying, a number in the newspaper at the
end of Matric.

Education is different for everyone but is
ultimately the link which keeps everyone
together.

It allows for individuals to see that the world is
a place that can not only be seen through one
dimension but many.

Talia Persadh
Grade 11
5th Place



descriptive essays

In the heart of the carousel We sit together on the leaf-covered forest floor, surrounding the pile of wood set before us. The sky above, slightly canopied by the branches of the pine trees, was once covered in an autumn sunset but is now shrouded by dark clouds, leaving us vulnerable to the dark. A soft croon followed by the flapping of feathers comes from somewhere in the forest reminding us, once again, that we are not alone. The tall pine trees of the forest surround us, their branches reaching out to us, almost like a helping hand. These trees create a barrier between us and the creatures within, who sit waiting and watching.

Suddenly the fire ignites in front of me, giving light to our haven in this forest. The flames of the fire cascade over each other, daring each other to rise higher like the horses one would see on a carousel. These horses are gentle, tame and perfect for any toddler or child. They gracefully circulate the carousel, not resisting their duties. The flames feed on the air around them only to be held back by the limited source of its existence, the firewood. The firewood tames them and keeps them in check.

A gust of wind blows past me and spirals around the fire, agitating it. The tame flames of the carousel, once a child's game turns into a more complex one. The flames begin to create a story, the first of war; the flames roar, the constant urge to live becomes apparent in how they try to overpower and conquer each

other. This endless war intertwines with a second story, a perfect tragedy, a story of romance; the flames gnaw at each other, the everlasting lust to be close to each other consumes them but then causes them to split apart only to come together again.

A second gust of wind attacks the fire again and smoke billows high into the atmosphere, merging with the clouds in the sky. The flames show their distress at the intrusion by erupting into much larger flames. The flames began to dance again, this time swirling around, creating shadows on the forest behind us, revealing the eyes of creatures which were encased by the haven of the darkness within the pine trees. The fire roars and spits out flames into the air, the once subdued carousel now uncontrollable and barbaric. The fire's tempo speeds up, the images created on the trees spin faster, and the once gentle horses of the carousel are now boisterous and wild, racing against each other and the carousel itself in a desperate attempt to break free from its bonds. The chaotic scene comes to a halt when the flames realise once again that they cannot break free; the fire is running out of fuel; the firewood is almost burnt out. The wild horses are tamed once again and finally peace is restored in the heart of the carousel.

Charnei Suryapal
Grade 11







Outside the window... They always say money can't buy happiness. When I look through my rustic, cedar wood-stained window frame, which borders the westward wall of my modern apartment as the radiance of the moon fills my room, I always seem to notice the impoverished streets in the city and the exuberant people they are filled with, which proves to me that the common phrase is true. The alleyway alongside my building is regarded as home to a family who sought shelter there in a dark, cold corner. The gold-encrusted railing that lines my balcony outside the window above the alleyway has a similar colour to that of the metal can the young son of the family plays with for entertainment, highlighting the difference in wealth in my neighbourhood. The glimmer in his eyes as he giggles, contrasts my blank, empty facial expression as I become aware of the privilege I hold, which I previously ignored.

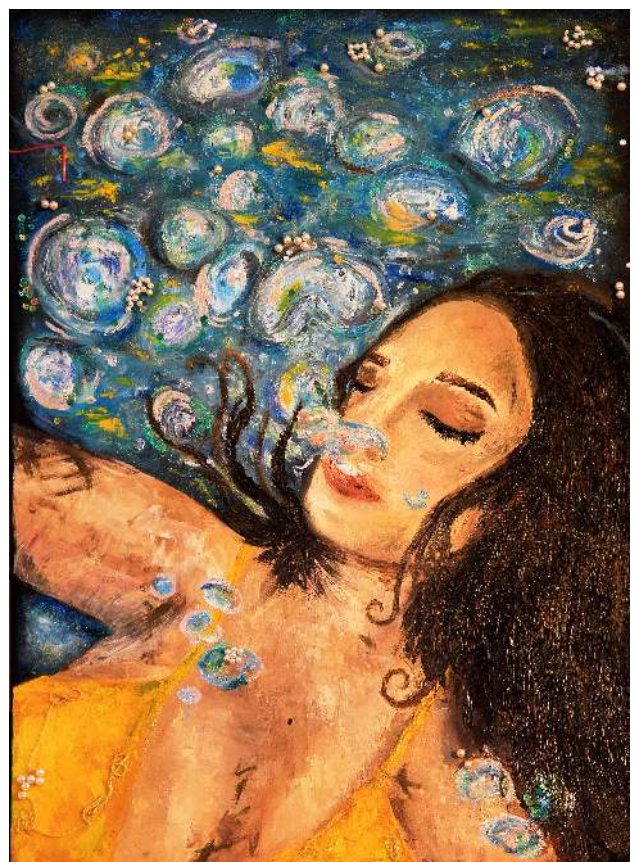
Dissatisfaction and discontent surrounds me as I recognise the correlation between the smell of smoke from my fireplace and the crackling fire the small family uses for warmth, yet my fireplace is solely for aesthetic purposes, while I use my soft, feather duvet for warmth instead. But their fire place is for survival. Without it, they are at risk of hypothermia. They have nothing else. Nothing they can use for comfort like my duvet. The small beams of light coming from my bedroom, along with the brightness of the moon, illuminate the faces of the necessitous family as they smile. The familiarity of being with each other, in each other's arms near that fire, is enough to let them feel that slight bit of hope; that maybe one day they would be living in an apartment building like mine.

Someone can have as little as them, but still be content, which proves to me how little of an impact material goods have on our happiness. The blank walls around me have nothing on them. They aren't filled with pictures of family or friends. They are empty, just like the hands of the family in the alley. While I'm alone in my house, they have each other. They don't need

designer clothes or fancy drapes, which I have always wanted because I thought they would make me happier; they only need love and each other. An object should not be able to define our happiness, no matter the price.

Wealth is something many people dream of, and the belief that with money we will be pleased and content with ourselves. But money alone isn't able to make someone truly happy and the emptiness inside me is proof of that. Happiness is found much deeper within, than through prosperity, and there are many things aside from wealth that provide fulfillment. When I look outside my window, I familiarise myself with the fact that happiness can be learnt and taught. That family have learnt to be grateful for all that they have, even if that is virtually nothing and they are far richer than they seem. They are rich in health, happiness and love. No matter my status, sometimes it seems as if I will never find riches like they have.

Tayla Good
Grade 11





Matric

BELL RINGING CEREMONY

When our hardworking Matrics put down their pens after their final examination, the farewell celebrations began. A few special words from the Principal, together with a Maris Stella journal as a final parting gift, was followed by the customary Grade 11 mashup song, as well as a few songs performed by the school's cleaning and maintenance staff. Our **Grade 12** girls were greeted outside the Centenary Hall by the entire school cheering, with a "guard of honour" from the sports field to the top terrace where, as per school tradition, our historic bell was ceremoniously rung by each girl. They then departed through the school gates for the last time, confidently headed for their next adventure.

Onwards and upwards, Class of 2020!





Matric DINNER

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and lockdown, the 2020 Matric Dance did not take place at the beginning of the second term as planned. Fortunately, we were able to hold a special Matric Dinner at the end of the year. The Centenary Hall was transformed into *An Enchanted Garden* for the event. All our girls looked absolutely beautiful and we know that they thoroughly enjoyed the magical evening!





"an enchanted garden"



Class of 2020

The best is yet to come...



Jade
ABBOTT

"To have survived
Matric, during the
PAINdemic!"



Malaika
AHIWE

The world is your
oyster.



Kaylyn
ASGEIR-NIELSEN

Do it for you.



Danielle
CHETTY

It's the pandemic for
me.



Booklyn
CHISLETT

In the end, we only
regret the chances
we didn't take.



Jessica
CHOLWICH

I even procrastinated
choosing a yearbook
quote.



Demi
COSKEY

"How lucky am I to
have something
that makes saying
goodbye so hard."
Winnie the Pooh



Holly
DAVEY

"I don't know where
I'm going from here,
but I promise it
won't be boring."
David Bowie



Tayler
DAVIE

Learnt more work at
4am than at 4pm.



Zilungile
DE WET

You are your own limit.



Georgia
DU PLESSIS

14 years later and I still barely passed Afrikaans, jammer Mevrour.



Robyn
DUNWOODY

No, I'm not a red head, I'm strawberry blonde.



Kristen
FOLPINI

Be a light for all to see.



Clio
GALLO

"A queen is never late. Everyone else is simply early."
The Princess Diaries



Caitlyn
GOODING

Never knew I would complete matric comfortably from my bed.



Yeshni
GOUNDEN

Life's a climb... but the view is great.



Keara
GRAHAM

You are the author of your future.



Andiswa
GUMBI

Life is too short to be ordinary, go be extraordinary.



Bayanda
GUMEDE

Just vibe it out and keep it moving.



Erica
HAIR

Unless you're a Covid test, stay positive, you'll get through it.



Leah
KERR

My skills include reading an entire page of an academic text without absorbing a single word.



Hanna
KHAN

I am studying engineering so I can build a lightsaber... not to increase mankind's understanding of the universe.



Ashley
LE ROUX

Everything you can imagine is real.
Pablo Picasso



Arya
MAHARAJ

"The only way you can conquer me is through love and there I am gladly conquered."
Bhagavad Gita



Georgina
MERCER

Whoever broke the ice tray, shall remain a mystery ;)



Natasha
METCALFE

"The world isn't perfect. But it's there for us, doing the best it can....that's what makes it so beautiful."
Roy Mustang



Yoliswa
MHLONGO

Never let your sparkle dim. Keep on smiling!



Dayna
MILLER

Always make a total effort when the odds are against you.



Sinelihle
MNCIBI

Life is a sandwich. No matter which way you flip it, the bread comes first.



Yadhya
MOHAMED

"Sending love to everyone healing from physics."
Yaja



Keisha
MOONASAR

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."
Albus Dumbledore



Tiana
MOOROOGASEN

We have our memories, now let's go make the future.



Carmel
MOYO

They told me this year would go by fast, but I never thought it would zoom.



Ufezile
MTOLO

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3



Tia
MUNSAMY

I wish someone told me... actually no. I still wouldn't have done anything differently.



Kyra
MURRAY

One day at a time.



LéKayler
MURUGAN

I'm 25% funny and 85% bad at Maths.



Kiara
NAIDOO

I live my life a quarter mile at a time.



Alayna
NAIDU

2020: very bad, would not recommend



Oluhle
NDLOVU

"The paradox of education is precisely this—that as one begins to become conscious, one begins to examine the society in which he is being educated." James Baldwin



Fezeka
NGIDI

A diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure.



Thandolwenkosi
NOMVUNGU

We did it Joe!



Fenna
O'BRIEN

Don't follow your dreams, follow my Instagram



Jade
POTTINGER

I passed Afrikaans!



Layla
PULVIRENTI

& I'll keep being the main character
XX



Jody
RIBBINK

Live life to the full!



Jemma
ROSS

Who'd have thought that my biggest worry in Matric would be the Zoom unmute button - nothing can prepare you for such anxiety.



Sarah
SAUNDERS

It takes skill to trip over flat surfaces.



Riya
SHAH

Your only limit is you.



Lwandile
SHEZI

"One of the advantages of being disorganised is that one is always having surprising discoveries"
Winnie the Pooh



Adrianné
SIGAMONEY

2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people.
Make the most of every moment.



Mpho
SIGCAU

I will miss the school but the school will miss me more! X



Zinhle
SITHOLE

"I haven't even begun to peak."
Dennis Reynolds



Jesse
SMITH

I look better blonde.



Kundanika
SOMASUNDRAM

I would like to thank coffee, fantasy books and Netflix for helping me get through my high school career.



Shriyaa
SOOKLAL

Forever a red dress and black hat girl.



Kyla
STIRLING

When's this due?



Chloë

VAN DEN BERG

And that's a wrap on another day where I acted like I knew what I was doing in Physics.

Andria

VAN DER LINDE

If you're reading this, future me, put down this book and do something more productive.



Hayley

WASSERMAN

Eat in class so you can sleep at break.

Caitlyn

WOODS

I'm not buying a 2021 planner until I see the trailer.

Noxolo

XOLO

I may not be certain about what my future entails but I know for sure that I will always be a Maris Stella girl.

Langelihle

ZAMA

There is a sense of mourning when you leave; mourning for the people you leave behind and the experiences, all forming this comfortable community, which in the moment you find are a mundane part of life. In the end however, they all become memories you're happy you lived through.



Our girls
and parents
responded very
enthusiastically to the launch of
Maris Stella's first Golf extramural.

Golf



Extramural *Activities*





Top 10 GALA

Our Top 10 Gala is an exciting opportunity for our top swimmers from Grades 1 to Matric to shine and this year was no exception! With 11 records broken, our swimmers treated us to some exciting racing, displaying their determination and skill. Special thanks to our guests of honour, Mr and Mrs Asgeir-Nielsen and Dr and Mrs Kiliswa.

Senior Victrix Ludorum:

Junior Victrix Ludorum:

Junior Primary Victrix Ludorum:

Cara Message

Leia Braithwaite

Jessica Savage



An early morning wake up, beautiful sunrise, catching waves, and smiles... Another addition to our extramural programme this year, **Surfing** proved to be a firm favourite!



Interhouse Events



Interhouse RUN Maris Stella hosted a "virtual" Interhouse Run from 12 – 19 September. Points were awarded for participation and family members were included in the fun. Marian took first place, with 328 points.

#BeatTheBreeze

Our High School ran an Interhouse event called #BeatTheBreeze from 1 – 14 June, where each house was challenged to collect the most time spent exercising! The winning house was Marian, with an astounding 5412.8 minutes spent exercising!



PREP

Winning House - Marian
Spirit Trophy - Ambrose

JUNIOR PRIMARY

Winning House - Patrician
Spirit Trophy - Ambrose

Interhouse GALAS





Cultural Events



Women Playing Hamlet

Women Playing Hamlet follows the absurd journey of Jessica Bisset who gets cast as William Shakespeare's traditionally-male Hamlet. Along the way, she meets a quirky bunch of characters that try to talk her out of this role of a lifetime. Unfortunately, after weeks of preparation and rehearsals, the performance of the production was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Lockdown.

“TO BE *or* NOT TO BE”

Hamlet - William Shakespeare



In the innovative spirit of The Arts, we took our 2020 Cultural Showcase to Cyberspace, allowing our upcoming artists to safely share their talents with our home-based Maris Stella family.

Intsha ARTS FESTIVAL

The first annual Intsha Arts Festival (Youth Arts Festival) was held in October 2020. The objectives of this initiative are to promote and celebrate our students' expressions of self as they explore both their creative and illustrative abilities in an everchanging world and, also, to bring the school community together to support and appreciate the Arts. High School students and their teachers were invited to submit their top performance pieces, art works and writing in digital format and the virtual showcase was streamed on YouTube. Whilst we missed the excited buzz of a live audience and seeing their smiles of support, this pilot project allowed us to learn some new technical skills and reinforced the belief that where there's a will, there's a way to keep the Cultural life of the school alive and relevant.



Special Events



"I urge everyone to use this public holiday as family time, to reflect on the difficult journey we have all travelled, to remember those who have lost their lives, and to quietly rejoice in the remarkable and diverse heritage of our nation. And there can be no better celebration of our **South African-ness** than joining the global phenomenon that is the Jerusalema dance challenge."

President Cyril Ramaphosa





Heritage Day & Jerusalema DANCE CHALLENGE

The #JerusalemaDanceChallenge was inspired by Angolan dance troupe, Fenómenos do Semba, who recorded themselves dancing to homegrown hit Jerusalema, produced by Master KG and performed by Nomcebo Zikode. People around the world followed suit, sharing videos of themselves performing the dance, which quickly came to carry a message of hope during difficult times. When President Cyril Ramaphosa encouraged South Africans to join the challenge on Heritage Day, our girls responded in true Maris Stella style! Even our pre-schoolers were taught the dance, which was performed by the whole school and uploaded to our social media pages as part of our Heritage Day celebrations.



Valentine's DAY

We felt the love at Maris Stella on Valentine's Day! A group of dashing gentlemen from Clifton School joined us in the morning to wish our girls as they arrived for school. It was a wonderful day filled with love and joy.





Staff News

Welcome to the MARIS STELLA Family

ELOISE Walters Sports; Natural Sciences
TRACEY Aliphon Engineering, Graphics & Design
ANGELA Ehlers Religious Education
LESHANE Haarhoff Facilities Coordinator
VERNICE Hughes Creative Arts
NICOLA Morris Grade 2
NATALIE Samuels Natural Sciences
CELIWE Shabalala Pre-School
JESWEEN Teddy Aftercare
BIANCA van der Merwe Business Studies
SAMANTHA Watkins Grade 7
ZAAN Wylie Afrikaans



Nikita van Rensburg
and her husband, Justin,
on the birth of
Olivia Sage
07 | 11 | 2020



Long Service AWARDS

MKHANGEZI LUTHULI 40 YEARS
ZANDILE HLONGWA 20 YEARS
NOKUZOLA TSHICILA 20 YEARS
SAMUEL MABASO 10 YEARS
VENERANDE NIYOTUGIRA 10 YEARS
NELISIWE MAGUBANE 10 YEARS



Births

Congratulations to the following teachers on the arrival of their bundles of joy!



Filip Kormuth
and his wife, Olga,
on the birth of
Sverlana Filipovna
25 | 05 | 2020

Thank you

To the Management
& Staff of Maris Stella

It has been a difficult year and there is no way to determine what the future holds for us, but you have proven that we can overcome any challenge. Because you put our girls first, because you act with compassion, and because you are dedicated to empowering through education, we will emerge from this stronger than before. To each of you, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks. You have all gone above and beyond in your respective roles, and this has made all the difference. I am most grateful to our Management, Teaching Staff, Maintenance Staff, Support Staff and Administrative Staff.

Joan Schmidt | Principal

Farewells

We thank you for your part in our journey...

Anne TUCKER How blessed I have been to have had so many wonderful years of teaching at Maris Stella! I got to 'learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some' with all the special little girls who passed through the Pre-School during my tenure. I also got to know many of the families. One of the extraordinary privileges that came out of the Lockdown during 2020 is that I got to 'visit' each little girl in my class in her home, both during our Zoom lessons as well as individual video calls. I have had amazing opportunities for professional as well as personal growth. Some of the highlights for me include a teacher swap to Denmark in 2000, walking the Camino in Spain in 2012 with a group of Grade 11 girls, and being involved in Touchstone with the Grade 9 girls.

The staff of Maris Stella is comprised of an amazing group of diverse and talented people, and I am grateful for the impact of so many of them on my life. I will miss being a part of this school community dearly.



Belinda HANDLEY Belinda is an amazing teacher, great colleague and friend; she has touched all our lives during her 23 years at Maris Stella. Sadly, all great teachers need to retire one day and it is time to say goodbye. Belinda, you have left footprints on the hearts and minds of so many little children. Go well special lady!



Michele BAIRD As I write this farewell message, I remember the following: The beautiful children I have taught over the years and how much joy teaching them brought me. It has been an honour.

I remember all the staff members I have worked with and the many happy years of friendship and laughs we had together. Teaching in such a magnificent, beautiful building surrounded by so much history has been a privilege. I am grateful for the many years I spent at Maris Stella. May she continue to be on the hilltop shining bright.



Delphine WARD Delphine taught Afrikaans at Maris Stella for 13 years. She will be sorely missed by our staff and girls. She has always been warm, empathetic and nurturing, not only to her Afrikaans girls but to all the girls at Maris Stella. We will miss her fabulous sense of humour, positive attitude and unfailing kindness. Delphine has the wonderful gift of always including those around her; she is the epitome of a team player. We wish her good health, happiness and God's richest blessings.

Selina NAIDOO My journey at Maris Stella began working as a facilitator and I later moved on to work at Aftercare. Working at Maris Stella has been such an honour and it has helped me to grow as a person. During my time at Maris Stella, I worked with amazing staff; it exposed me to the world of teaching which I pursued and I hope to complete my PGCE (Foundation Phase) next year. I am grateful for the experience I have gained. I will miss Maris Stella's amazing environment and wonderful staff.



Lynn COURTOIS I have enjoyed 11 wonderful years working at Maris Stella. I have been blessed with happy and meaningful relationships with my admin colleagues, teachers and other staff alike for which I am very grateful. The highlight of my time at Maris Stella would no doubt be the many years I was privileged to attend Touchstone. Spending time with the students and teachers outside of the office environment was very special. Getting to know them better and being involved in the many activities and community services undertaken during our stay in the beautiful Drakensberg was amazing. Another highlight for me was the opportunity to attend and be involved in the beautiful Masses. I will treasure the memories and friendships and will always feel part of the Maris Stella family.



Filip KORMUTH I have really enjoyed working with my colleagues in the Maris Stella Music Department and I have enjoyed their professional as well as personal support and friendship. Over the years, I have noticed a tangible growth of serious interest in Music from the girls across all grades, and I believe that the school's Cultural Department and Music, will continue to grow over the years to come. While my presence at Maris Stella as a staff member has come to an end, I am looking forward to continue being part of the school, in teaching and inspiring it's young generation of artists.

Charles JANSE VAN RENSBURG

Staying relevant and fresh in teaching becomes difficult when one has been in a position for 20 years. The departure lounge seemed to be the place where I sat in the Staff Room and it was my time to move. I spent 11 happy years at Maris Stella. I loved the venue at 600 Essenwood Road with its stained glass windows, moulded ceilings and mosaic floors.

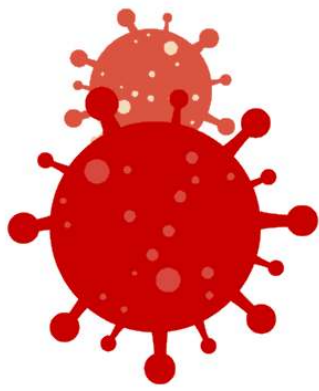
I have had the privilege of teaching some amazing, talented young women over the years who produced beautiful artworks and I have had some wonderful colleagues who accepted a male into their female dominated teaching staff. I wish the leaders of the school and staff all the very best as they continue teaching under difficult circumstances during Covid times. May they continue to be that light on the hill as they prepare young women in challenging times to take on the world.



Cindy HUDSON It has been a privilege and an honour to be a part of the Maris Stella family for these 4 exciting years. I feel blessed to have shared in the journey, albeit for a relatively short time, of this beautiful school so filled with warmth, compassion and love. My favourite memories are of all the magnificent shows I have watched at Maris Stella, from the Pre-School Nativity to the High School Production, and I will miss the daily hugs and little chats with all the girls who popped into my office to share their news with me.

Jenny REDDY I have had the privilege of working at Maris Stella for nearly 19 years, during which time I worked under three different Principals: Eleanor Hough, Pauline Rosseau and Joan Schmidt. I initially worked in the hurly-burly of the Photocopy Room and later moved to Reception where I interacted on a daily basis with the entire school community. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my time at this wonderful school and it is with great sadness that the time has now come for me to retire. Yet this sadness is tinged with great joy, for I leave having made many life-long friends both with the Staff and Members of the Parent Body. I leave enriched by these friendships and the abiding memories of having contributed to the life of this very special school.





Our Lockdown Journey

Even at this moment
when such great sacrifice is demanded of us,
we look to a better future with optimism.

Even as we find ourselves at a moment of great peril,
even as great sacrifices are demanded,
even as we dare not allow our vigilance to waver,
we look ahead to a better future.

I have faith in the strength and resilience
of ordinary South Africans,
who have proven time and time again
– throughout our history –
that they can rise to the challenge.

We shall recover.
We shall overcome.
We shall prosper.

President Cyril Ramaphosa
21 April 2020



Minister of Health,
Dr Zweli Mkhize,
announces first
confirmed case of
Covid-19 in South Africa
5 March

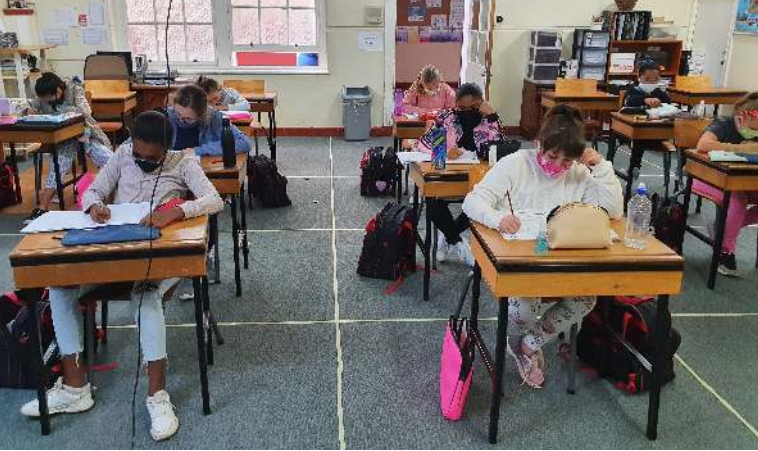
President
Cyril Ramaphosa
declares National
State of Disaster
15 March

National Coronavirus
Command Council
established
17 March

President Ramaphosa
announces National
21-Day Lockdown
(27 March to 16 April)
23 March

17 March

Maris Stella closed for the end of Term 1 on 17 March instead
of 20 March, in accordance with President Ramaphosa's
announcement that all schools close on 18 March



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER *for protection from Covid-19*

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst Covid-19 here and overseas.

We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.



We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts,

We gather now and pray

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

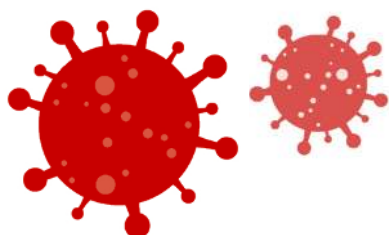
Covid-19 cases confirmed in all nine provinces
24 March

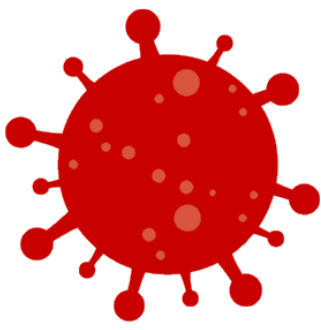
First Covid-19 death in South Africa
27 March

St Augustine's Hospital shut down following a localised outbreak of over 60 confirmed cases and 4 Covid-19 related deaths
9 April

Minister of Health recommends the wearing of cloth facemasks in public
10 April

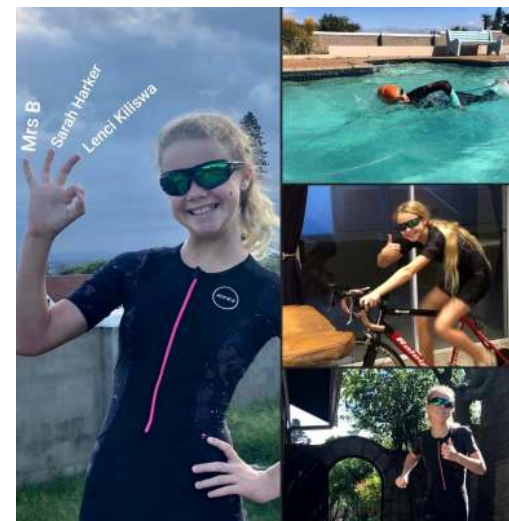
14 April
Term 2 begins with online learning





Thank You

HEALTHCARE & ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Chair of Ministerial
Advisory Committee,
Salim Abdool Karim,
announces 8-stage plan
to combat Covid-19
13 April

South Africa moves to
Level 4 Lockdown
1 May

South Africa moves to
Level 3 Lockdown
1 June

President Ramaphosa
announces surge in
Covid-19 cases. Alcohol
ban reintroduced. New
curfew: 21:00 – 04:00
12 July

1 June
Grades 7 & 12 return
to school full-time

9 June
Grade 11 returns
to school full-time
Grades R, 1, 2, 4 & 5 return
on alternating days

26 June
Term 2 ends

13 July
Term 3 begins
Grades 000 – R return to
school full-time

A message from *our* Chaplain

It is natural to see the Covid-19 pandemic as a bad experience. However, that really depends upon the perspective we wish to take on it.

Let us rather be grateful to the virus for showing us that we are dependent on someone much bigger than ourselves.

Let us be grateful to the virus for letting us appreciate all the good things we have available to ourselves.

Let us be grateful to the virus for getting us off the treadmill of modern living and slowing down to take more time to appreciate the things that really matter – family, friends and loved ones.

Let us be grateful to the virus during this time of lockdown for the opportunity to spend quality time with each other. May we grasp this opportunity and set aside the tablet, the cellphone and the TV and connect to members of our family.

Let us be grateful to the virus for doing so much for the environment. The earth has been in pain because our ways of living are polluting the air, the land and the sea. So thank you for bringing transport to a halt and allowing the planet to breathe easier.

Let us be grateful to the virus which has isolated many of us. It has given us the chance to share the experience of many elderly people who live isolated nearly every day. Maybe it will inspire us to keep visiting when the time of lockdown is over. Thank you for this opportunity to empathise with the elderly and the housebound.

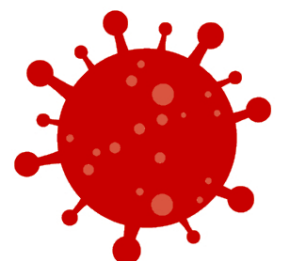
With a change of perspective, this time of crisis can be experienced not as a time of fear, but of a time of renewal, a time to re-examine our priorities and a time to re-evaluate our relationships with each other, with the planet and with God.

Father Peter Lafferty



3x3x3 CHALLENGE

3 different activities
3 minutes per activity
3 nominations



President Ramaphosa announces re-closure of all public schools for four weeks from 27 July to 24 August
23 July

President Ramaphosa addresses the nation. Lockdown Level 2 from 17 August
15 August

President Ramaphosa addresses the nation. Lockdown Level 1, from 21 September
16 September

20 July
Grade 6 returns to school full-time
Grades 3, 8, 9 & 10 return on alternating days

20 – 21 July
All Grade 11 girls taught remotely after a Grade 11 pupil tested positive for Covid-19

27 July – 7 August
Grade 11 taught remotely after parent survey conducted

10 – 14 August
Grade 12 taught remotely in the week before Trials

2020 Time Capsule

Popular Movies

To all the boys I've loved before

Divergent

After

Black Panther

Fast & Furious

Mamma Mia

FAMILY **TIME**
BOARD GAMES
MOVIES
BEACH
WALKING
COOKING

Friends
Outer Banks
Never Have I Ever
Greys Anatomy
Gossip Girl
Series

IN OUR PLAYLISTS

Levitating by Dua Lipa

Dynamite by BTS

Heat Waves by Glass Animals

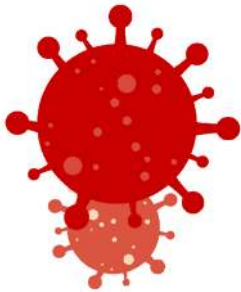
So Done by The Kid LAROI

The Adults Are Talking by The Strokes

Watermelon Sugar by Harry Styles

Where Them Girls At by David Guetta

brownies
muffins|cupcakes
cookies|biscuits
cake|carrot cake|chocolate cake
banana bread
TIME to bake...



President Ramaphosa addresses the nation. Relaxation of international travel, shop trading hours restrictions
11 November

President Ramaphosa addresses the nation. Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality identified as a hotspot; restrictions tightened for this area. National State of Disaster extended until
15 January 2021
3 December

End-of-school parties known as "rage parties" announced as super spreader events
7 December

Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, announces second wave of Covid-19
9 December

23 September
Term 3 ends

5 October
Term 4 begins
All Grades return to school full-time

14 - 26 November
Grade 12 Final
NSC Examinations

POPCORN CHIPS
CHOCOLATE ice-cream
OREO'S PRETZELS SWEETS
SNACK TIME

ON THE BOOKSHELF

The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Summer of Love by Lisa Mason

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Top Influencer **charli d'amelio**

Time Capsule information taken from survey conducted with Maris Stella High School pupils



President Cyril Ramaphosa addresses the nation and announces partial Level 3 Lockdown for 14 days to reduce the risk during the festive season. Curfew from 21:00 – 06:00. On sale and transport of alcohol banned. Public areas like beaches, lakes and dams closed. Masks in public now compulsory.
28 December

President Ramaphosa addresses the nation. Lockdown restrictions tightened to curb the second wave
14 December

Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize announces a new variant of coronavirus, 501.V2 discovered by scientists
18 December

Total confirmed cases of Covid-19 in South Africa reaches 1 million
27 December

27 November

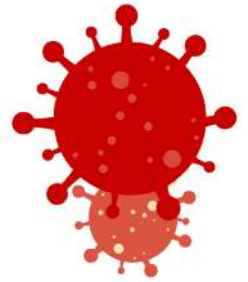
Due to the number of High School teachers and pupils in self-isolation, Grades 8 to 11 close early for the year

1 December
Term 4 ends

Things to remember...

WHAT HAS BEEN THE
BIGGEST CHANGE?

MY HOPE
for the Future



DAYS SPENT
INSIDE

How I felt...

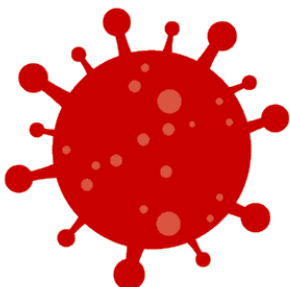
TOP 3
MOMENTS FROM THIS EXPERIENCE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

THINGS I WILL NOT TAKE
FOR GRANTED AFTER THIS

I AM MOST
thankful for...

I WILL NEVER FORGET...



Ave Maris Stella

On the hilltop shining bright,
Ave Maris Stella,

Thou dost give us joy and light,
Mater et puella.

In thy bosom without care,
Nihil triste unquam,

We in learning and in prayer,
Transagimus vitam.

When the wily tempter sings,
Regredere diffide,

Then our motto loudly rings,
Suspice Confide.

Days will come and we shall hear,
Vale O puella,

But our hearts abideth here
Ave Maris Stella





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