Jeppe High School for Girls

A HISTORIC DAY FOR JEPPE GIRLS 11 DECEMBER 2021









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A HISTORIC DAY FOR JEPPE GIRLS

The Jeppe Pedestrian Bridge has long been a dream of the school. We are very grateful to the team of people who worked on it with such passion and dedication. From the parents, learners and staff who did the fundraising, to the team who got final approval for the bridge for all the relevant parties—the GDE, the JRA, the municipality etc. A special thank you to Mr Jarvis for the role he played in getting approval through.

Thank you to the design team, William Da Silva and Louis Pretorius who designed the beautiful bridge; Gianfranco Talacchino who was the engineer responsible for the structure of the bridge, making sure it met all the legal and physical specifications. Thank you to Redruth Transport for getting the assembled bridge to Jeppe and the installation team Gauteng Steel Erectors who welded the two sections of the bridge together and oversaw the complex operation of installing the bridge on 11 December.

There is still some work to be done - concreting the bridge floor and installing the clearvu fencing on the sides, as well building the access to the bridge from the upper and lower campuses. We are hoping that the bridge will be in full use by February 2022

The bridge was assembled offsite in Littleton, Centurion. It took two weeks to build, working from 07:00 to 19:00, 7 days a week. It took another week to paint—with coats of green, red and then white paint. Paul



Rebelo of Cadcon who was responsible for constructing the bridge said that they are extremely proud of it and will enter it into The South African Institute of Steel Construction competition next year.

The bridge was transported in two sections—the biggest section was 20m long and weighed 18 tonnes. The other section weighed 6 tonnes. The bridge left Centurion on the trucks at 09:00. They could not pass under bridges on the freeway because of the height of the load and so had to travel on the backroads. The truck had to turn across Roberts Avenue and reverse down Lancaster to get the bridge in the correct position for offloading. After off-loading the main section, we saw some amazing crane work to connect the two parts of the bridge.





Thank you to Paul Rebelo from Cadcon for the awesome aerial shots.





MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS



"It was the best of times, and it was the worst of times" is a phrase often quoted when we experience those radical opposites at the same time. This Dickens phrase is a very apt description for the way the teachers experienced 2021. Some teachers said their year was challenging, unpleasant, wretched, chaotic, tiring, crazy, overwhelming, disjointed, hectic, frustrating, a disaster, trying, stressful, fraught, complicated, long and hard work. Whereas others said that it was innovative, exciting, eventful, adventurous, productive, rewarding, invigorating, awesome and fun filled. Some were flexible and found ways to adapt to the new pandemic - normal, many stretched their resilience muscles and others just survived it all.

What word would you use to describe your 2021? Your descriptions of your year will be varied; however, I think we shared a similar word at the start of the year: HOPE. These 4 letters were carved into 2021, so we all began with HOPE etched in our hearts as we waited for the Covid vaccinations to begin. At times the wait hurt, nevertheless we hoped. At times we grew despondent, yet we hoped. At times we grew tired, still we hoped. That familiar 'best and worst' of times during the pandemic is captured in an excerpt from the poem 'The Hill we Climb' by Amanda Gorman.

"Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true: That even as we grieved, we grew. That even as we hurt, we hoped. That even as we tired, we tried."

The pandemic, now in its 2nd year, affected us in many ways. We would grieve the loss of so many loved ones, we would hurt during the confined lockdowns, and we would tire of wearing our masks every day. However, hope was like the light of Florence Nightingale's lamp. Hope lit our path and kept us growing in new ways, flexibly extrapolating what educational activities were possible and trying to find collaborative pursuits to keep holistic education as our main objective. My message this year is a tribute to honour and celebrate the hope, light and strength of the learners, the teachers, the staff and parents of our school community. Each day in 2021 was unpredictable and great courage was needed to overcome the challenges not only of the pandemic but also load-shedding schedules, water cuts, job losses and the unrest in July. I would like to thank all our teachers for your patience and understanding during a very difficult year and giving your all for the learners in your care. To all our teachers who will not continue their journey with us into 2022, I am most appreciative of your service and loyalty to the school, and we wish you well. (Please see page 10 and 11 for the farewell wishes)

A Season of Stillness

The Resilience Institute published advice by Dr Sven Hansen at the end of 2019 which is even more applicable at the end of 2021. Hansen advocated for a *Season of Stillness*. His words are worth noting:

"We tumble to the end of another warp-speed year. We spin through our tasks and grasp at floods of information. We press too hard, too fast and for too long. Reservoirs are sucked dry. Self-awareness fades. Self-regulation is impaired. Your health and your relationships are at risk. It is time to slow down, repair, rejuvenate and reconnect with what matters.

In a world of optimization, ambition, pride and duty, we push hard on multiple fronts. The rest, recovery and rejuvenation cycle are squeezed out between ever shorter bursts of dopamine. We are child-like in our impulsive tapping, swiping, checking, buying, rushing, feeding... compelled to chase the next hit.

As I come to the end of 2019, I feel battered. My mind is a little flat. Attention is fragile. Relationships are edgy. I know I need a good break. I am struggling to disconnect, calm my hypervigilance, and allow the natural cycle of recovery. I sense it in our family, friends and colleagues. Rest, recovery and rejuvenation (R3) is the next competitive edge. Ironic! My end of year message is to give rest, recovery and rejuvenation your full attention."

The Resilience Institute published 10 tips for Rest, Recovery and Rejuvenation.

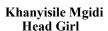
https://www.resilience-institute-europe.com/10-tips-for-rest-recovery-and-rejuvenation/

I commend and thank our school community for the tremendous effort you have put into 2021. Now it's time to do what you choose with your family and friends. We wish you a safe, restful and rejuvenating holiday break. To those who are celebrating Christmas, may it be a blessed time of spiritual renewal.

Best wishes Miss Gonçalves

COUNCILLORS FOR 2022







Shauna Craddock Deputy Head Girl



Nissi Mukuna Deputy Head Girl



Wanique Adams



Melissa Aitchison



Rebecca Batchelder



Bessem Besong



Abigail Dalrymple



Madison Dalrymple



Talia De Mello Koch



Precious Dubazana



Bokamoso Eric



Lucky Geluk



Daniella Goncalves



Hannah James



Sinenhlanhla Khokolo



Maroushka Maghoma



Siyambonga Magocoba



Taskia Mahri



Phumelele Makhoba



Jeena Marriott



Lesego Mashapa



Thembi Matsinhe



Lamees Matwadia



Chiamaka Obi



Andiphe Rode



Amanda Vanqa



Malaika Yirefu



Sihle Zenzile



Nandi Zulu

HOUSE OFFICIALS FOR 2022

	Crassula	Disa	Gerbera	Harveya	Nerine	Protea
Captain	Jeena Marriott	Phumelele Makhoba	Nissi Mukuna	Shauna Craddock	Nandi Zulu	Khanyisile Mgidi
Vice Captain	Bessem Besong	Thembi Matsinhe	Lucky Geluk	Hannah James	Siyambonga Magocoba	Amanda Vanqa
Secretary	Bokamoso Eric	Wanique Adams	Precious Dubazana	Andiphe Rode	Sinenhlanhla Khokolo	Rebecca Batchelder

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VALEDICTION

On Wednesday 20th October, the Jeppe High School for Girls Matric class of 2021 came together to celebrate their successes. The Valediction ceremony was quite different to normal, to accommodate social distancing and parents watched from a number of classrooms. Our esteemed guest speaker was Professor Helen Rees, the founder and Executive Director of the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute, the largest research Institute at Wits University. Prof Rees is internationally recognised as an award-winning global health practitioner who has dedicated her professional career to improving public health in Africa, with a focus on vaccine preventable diseases, HIV and sexual and reproductive health. She has extensive involvement in national, regional and global response efforts to COVID-19 including the development of COVID-19 vaccines, their potential rollout and utilization. She has won many national and international awards for her contribution to global health and to science. She obtained her Medical Degree and Masters in Social and Political Sciences from Cambridge University. Before becoming an academic, she was an anti-apartheid and women's health activist and clinician working in Alexandra Township, Johannesburg throughout the turbulent 1980s. Professor Rees reflected on her personal experience of a 40 year university reunion, and gave the learners some delightful insights into life ahead and what they make of themselves. She also spoke of the importance of being vaccinated. Her parting words were "Go out there and be fabulous!"

Jamie Ho was awarded the **Prize for Scholarship from Jeppe Quondam** as the top academic student. She was also awarded the **Graham Trophy for English**, the **Bilingualism Trophy**, the **Editor's Trophy** and the **Subject Prizes** for **Afrikaans**, **Visual Art and Advanced Programme English**.

As the runner-up academic student, **Kalista January** was awarded the **Prize for Scholarship in memory of Dr Ingles.** She was also awarded the **Mary McLarty Award** for exhibiting the qualities of integrity, diligence, selflessness, and courage and delivering excellence in all spheres, the **Subject Prizes** for **Mathematics, Physical Science** and **Advanced Programme Mathematics** and the **Sciences Trophy.** She was a joint winner of the **Cultural Award** for **Commitment to Dramatic Arts** and the **Games Award for Orienteering.**

Our 2021 Head Girl, **Tshaamano Mabuba**, was on the **Principal's Honour Roll for all-round performance in Academics, Leadership, Sport and Cultural participation.** She was awarded the **Edgars Club Trophy for Cultural Endeavour**, for participating in Debating and Drama all through high school. She won the **Ringer Trophy for Life Orientation** and shared the **Oakridge Trophy for Accounting** with **Nicola Teixeira**. She was also awarded the **Cultural Award for Commitment to Debating**.

Snamile Mthembu was awarded the **Margaret Theiler Award** for participating meaningfully in the sporting activities of the school and for contributing to the life of the school. She was awarded the **Thompson Trophy for Cricket** and was also a joint winner of the **Cultural Award** for **Commitment to Dramatic Arts**.

Nicola Teixeira was awarded the Ralph Metlitzky Trophy for exceptional service and dedication to the school. She shared the Oakridge Trophy for Accounting with the Tshaamano Mabuba, she was a joint winner of the Cultural Award for Commitment to Dramatic Arts and she was awarded the Cultural Award for Commitment to Dance.

The Harrowell Trophy is awarded to the pupil who throughout her schooling has shown exceptional qualities of diligence and perseverance and who is kind, thoughtful and compassionate. This year's recipient was **Kaylin Pop.** Kaylin was also joint winner of the **Subject Prize** for **Mathematical Literacy** with **Kristin van Wyk** and she won the **Games Award** for **First Aid.**

The Dinaledi Trophy for being the Grade 12 learner who best exemplified the ethos of Jeppe sport which is "to be the best that I can be" in spite of limitations and for service and fidelity to the school with regards to participation in sporting events, was awarded to **Oratile Mashiane**.

The Ruth Du Toit Trophy was awarded to **Chiara Cotumaccio** for overcoming adversity to achieve her goals. She also won the **Games Award** for **Chess.**

Kayla Auerswald and Kgomotso Magadla received awards for Diligence and Wholehearted Commitment to the school. Kayla Auerswald also received the Watt Trophy for Consumer Studies.

Forti Nihil Difficilius Awards for all round participation, dedication and service to the school were awarded to Ofentse Dhlamini, Jade Murray and Linky Nzuza.

Hannah Labuschagne was the winner of the Subject Prizes for Life Sciences and History.

Andrea Van Der Bank was awarded the Subject Prize for Portuguese and the Games Award for Soccer.

Ayabukwa Magocoba was the winner of the **Cultural Awards** for **Commitment to Performing Arts** and the **Most Promising Future in Public Speaking.**

Erin Brooke won the Subject Prize for Geography; Keisha Molloy won the Subject Prize for Music and Jordyn van Aswegan won the Subject Prize for Design.

The Dieu Donne Music Cultural Award was shared by Sasha Elske and Anita Muzorewa.

The Games Awards for Netball and Volleyball went to Chandra Orton.

The Games Awards for Athletics went to Swayde Lessing.

Unathi Dishi won the Games Award for Hockey.

Kerri-Lyn Claase won the **Games Award** for **Swimming** and **Cassidy Bagley** and **Sydney Bagley** won the **Swimming Perseverance Award** jointly.

The Macropolous Trophy for **Tennis** went to **Taylea Gray**.

Crassula House won the Inter-House Efficiency Trophy fo 2021.

COLOURS

The following girls were recognised for their involvement in cultural and sporting codes:

Athletics

Full Colours: Swayde Lessing, Bessem Besong, Nissi Half Colours: Chidera Ibeneche, Tiara Maphosa, Bongi Mlangeni, Gugulethu Ndlovu, Diana Eze Merit: Nsovo Kubayi, Victoria Baigent, Sheena Kunene, Shannon Adendorff, Nchongatakor Besong, Jenna Herbst, Stella Nyirenda, Alexandra Okove Team: Ofentse Dhlamini, Swayde Lessing, Esamisipho Matsitse, Masengo Tshiembi, Sinenjongo Xenza

Chess

Full Colours: Jacinta Gray, Kalista January, Nicole Saungweme, Amy Wallace Half Colours: Katlego Mokgatla, Nomcebo Mtshali, Naledi Radebe Merit: Maime Mankgara, Favor Ongekware, Lethabo Malatji, Sierra Mudangwe Team: Chiara Cotumaccio, Jacinta Gray, Kalista January, Nicole Saungweme

Choir

Full Colours: Talia Chetty, Erin Dodgen, Madeleine Martin-Young, Keisha Molloy, Anita Muzorewa, Andisa Nzimande, Kaylyn Pop, Lungile Sifumba, Wanique Adams, Melissa Aitchison, Freja Christensen, Talia De Mello Koch, Jeena Marriott, Lamees Matwadia Half Colours: Comfort Ihenaho, Tecla Dienga, Tiara Maphosa Merit: Michelle Dube, Alexandra Frey, Dhiya Garach, Ofentse Hlongwane, Raissa Kambale, Olivia Murray, Ndwe Sikwebu, Eunice Tamba, Tecla Dienga, Kaylene Du Plessis, Amea Hannie, Adanna Manda, Mukundi Mashitoa, Nokulunga Mathe, Priyal Moodley, Mbali Nhlapo, Esihle Nkwanyana, Lesego Nthangeni, Khanyisile Nxumalo, Stacey Onyeka,

Andile Thabete, Martha Tshambula, Gloria Tshipata, Ziyanda Zuma Team: Talia Chetty, Charis Dienga, Erin Dodgen, Michelle Dube, Alexandra Frey, Dhiya Garach, Ofentse Hlongwane, Raissa Kambale, Madeleine Martin-Young, Keisha Molloy, Olivia Murray, Anita Muzorewa, Andisa Nzimande, Kaylyn Pop, Lungile Sifumba, Ndwe Sikwebu, Eunice Tamba

Computer Centre

Full Colours: Kalista January, Angela Kapisa, Tshaamano Mabuba, Praise Bededa, Adaobi Nwobi

Half Colours: Tamia Dambula, Jacinta Gray, Nokuthula Gwamanda, Neo Ledwaba, Danielle Muthala, Amanda Ndlela, Linky Nzuza, Nicole Saungewne, Lungile Sifumba, Katlego Rapanyane, Welhemina Tladi, Osazemwaongil Eweka

Merit: Ayola Matiwana, Nelisile Mazibuko, Bokamoso Eric, Angela Masingi, Mbalenhle Sibanda, Nokukhanya Radebe, Sihle Zenzile

Team: Tamia Dambula, Jacinta Gray, Nokuthula Gwamanda, Kalista January, Angela Kapisa, Neo Ledwaba, Tshaamano Mabuba, Danielle Muthala, Linky Nzuza, Katlego Rapanyane, Nicole Saungewne, Lungile Sifumba, Welhemina Tladi

Cricket

Full Colours: Snamile Mthembu, Savannah Myburgh Team: Snamile Mthembu, Savannah Myburgh

Cross Country

Merit: Sheena Kunene, Shannon Adendorff

Debating

Full Colours: Tshaamano Mabuba Half Colours: Nisara Ashraf Merit: Nia Khambule, Jade Murray, Mbali Ngwane, Jessica Khokolo, Andy Mac Donald, Maroushka Maghoma, Chiamaka Obi,

Sahitya Naidu Team: Nisara Ashraf, Tshaamano Mabuba, Jade Murray, Mbali Ngwane

Drama

Full Colours: Nicola Teixeira Half Colours: Kalista January, Naledi Lephuting, Tshaamano Mabuba, Ayabukwa Magocoba, Phumelele Makhoba, Snamile Mthembu, Jade Murray, Linky Nzuza Merit: Sayeedah Sayed, Lamees Matwadia, Noa Les-Team: Ofentse Dhlamini, Charis Dienga, Kalista January, Lelethu Kona, Naledi Lephuting, Tshaamano Mabuba, Ayabukwa Magocoba, Lerato Matobako, Snamile Mthembu.

Drama Team: Jade Murray, Buhlebenkhosi Mungwe, Unathi Nkolongwane, Linky Nzuza, Sayeedah Sayed, Ndwe Sikwebu, Nicola Teixeira

Equestrian

Half Colours: Anastasia Judge Merit: Eryn Preston, Kwhezi Magagula

First Aid

Full Colours: Maravilla Ngando, Kaylyn Pop Half Colours: Yolanda Banjwe, Jacinta Gray, Jamie Ho, Angela Kapisa, Swayde Lessing, Masabata Mphou, Chloe Slaughter, Michaela Green, Lamees Matwadia, Hope Udoka Merit: Rayaan Mwela, Khanyisile Nkuna, Mbali Sibanda, Taybah Petersen, Cassidy Ulrich, Adoabi Nwobi, Amanda Vanga, Sihle Zenzile, Tegan Adams, Chelsey De Kock, Tebello Jokazi, Kamogelo Malatjie, Nomcebo Mtshali, Katlego Mogatla, Naledi Radebe, Omeyda Taiwon Team: Yolanda Banjwa, Jacinta Gray, Jamie Ho, Angela Kapisa, Swayde Lessing, Masabata Mphou, Rayaan Mwela, Maravilla Ngando, Khanyisile Nkuna, Kaylyn Pop, Chloe Slaugh-

Hockey

Full Colours: Unathi Dishi Half Colours: Snamile

Mthembu, Thembi Matsinhe Merit: Kelsey Mark, Jade Murray Team: Kayla Auerswald, Unathi Dishi, Kelsey Mark, Snamile Mthembu, Jade Murray, Kwanele Nkosi

Media Centre

Full Colours: Jade Murray, Kwanele Nkosi Half Colours: Jacinta Gray, Masabata Mpou, Danielle Muthala Merit: Maroushka Maghoma, Lesego Mashape, Sihle Zenzile Team: Ayanda Kwamba, Mankgara Maime, Nandipa Mfundisi, Botshelo Modise, Katlego Mokgatla, Stacey Onyeka, Naledi Radebe, Sbahle Sithole

Full Colours: Tshaamano

Netball

Mabuba Half Colours: Oratile Mashiane, Chandra Orton, Abigail Dalrymple, Nissi Mukuna Merit: Kerri-Lvn Claase, Taylea Gray, Swayde Lessing, Esami Matsitse, Jeena Marriott, Rorisang Kabane, Isabella Archibald, Keabetswe Masilo, Alexandra Okoye, Unobukhosi Mtshizana Team: Kerri-Lyn Claase, Katja Clausen, Taylea Gray, Rebecca Haydock, Tshaamano Mabuba, Taylor Marx, Oratile Mashiane, Esami Matsitse, Chandra Orton

Orienteering

Full Colours: Kalista January Half Colours: Linky Nzuza Team: Kalista January, Linky Nzuza

Pipe Band

Merit: Sbusisiwe Zikalala Team: Sbusisiwe Zikalala

Public Speaking

Full Colours: Tshaamano Mabuba, Ayabukwa Magocoba Half Colours: Azraa Adam, Enyonam Moshikaro,

Buhlenenkosi Mungwe, Jade Murray, Freja Christensen, Lucky Geluk, Favour Oluwaleye

COLOURS (CONT)

Merit: Kayla Auerswald, Sinenhlanhla Khokolo Team: Azra Adam, Kayla Auerswald, Tshaamano Mabuba, Ayabukwa Magocoba, Enyanam Moshikaro, Buhlebenkosi Mungwe, Jade Murray

Soccer

Full Colours: Kelsey Mark, Andrea Van Der Bank
Half Colours: Oratile Mashiane,
Hannah James, Thembi
Matsinhe
Merit: Hope Udoka, Hazel
Mhlanga, Michel Matsinhe,
Sinqobile Mbatha
Team: Kelsey Mark, Oratile Mashiane, Andrea Van Der Bank

Swimming

Full Colours: Kerri-Lyn Claase, Megan Briggs, Emily Roelofsz Half Colours: Jessica Lazarou Merit: Rebecca Batchelder, Victoria Baigent, Caitlin de Beer, Shauna Craddock, Erin Kisten, Chiara Como, Julia Davies, Sheena Kunene, Yamahlubi Radebe, Dana Clemitson, Madison Emerton, Aimee Jordan, Amy Lazarou Team: Cassidy Bagley, Sydney

Tennis

Full Colours: Taylea Gray
Half Colours: Jesse Platt, Birklyn
Skipp, Andrea Van Der Bank
Merit: Zara Honeywell, Temangwane Jili, Jami Meintjies,
Lucy Msimang, Courtney Postma, Erin Towert
Team: Morgan Alder, Almeerah
Losper, Chloe Slaughter

Bagley, Kerri-Lyn Claase

Volleyball

Full Colours: Chandra Orton, Katja Clausen Half Colours: Kiara Johnston. Chelsea Kutama, Brooke Porter, Andrea Van Der Bank, Logan van der Walt Merit: Angelina Mendonca, Keanno Naidoo, Diva Narotam, Angelique De Sousa, Rorisang Kabane, Raphaella Mouvis, Tatum Murphy, Naledi Radebe, Cassidy Singh Team: Katja Clausen, Kiara Johnston, Chelsea Kutama, Chandra Orton, Brooke Porter, Andrea van der Bank, Logan van der Walt

Performing Arts

Full Colours: Mbali Ngwane Half Colours: Jeena Marriott

CHESS



Congratulations to Amy Wallace who has been selected to represent the U18 Ekurhuleni Chess Association Team at Provincial level at the South African Junior Chess Championships to be held in January 2022. Amy has been instrumental in organising online chess at the school this year.

GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to Sahitya Naidu (grade 9) who came second in the country in the SANGO Junior Olympiad held on 21 September 2021. 1533 learners from 79 different schools took part.

Thank you to Mrs Labuschagne for organising the Olympiad and to Mr Clinton from SANGO for coming to the school to present Sahitya with her prizes.



Sahitya Naidu with Mr Clinton

CAPTAINS FOR 2022

Wishing the newly appointed team captains and leaders a most successful year:

Athletics

Captain: Nissi Mukuna Vice-Captain: Bessem Besong Vice-Captain: Nsovo Kubayi

Mamela

Captain: Sinentlantla Gqoloma Vice-Captain: Khanyisile Mgidi

Marimba Beat

Captain: Mbali Ngwane Vice-Captain: Jeena Marriott

Hlabelela

Head: Phumelele Makhoba Deputy Head: Jeena Marriott Secretary: Mukundi Mashitoa

CODING

The Grade 10 and 11 Coding Academy was run on a Friday after school by Pelonomi Moila (class of 2010) during term 3. The girls explored various aspects of coding using Python.

Congratulations to our "Star Coders" who showed exceptional performance at the Coding Academy. They were awarded certificates at the final assembly in term 3: Athena Papoutsis, Lamees Matwadia, Diya Narotam, Farzana Ahmed and Morgan McLaren-Lyall.

The following learners were awarded "Budding Coders Certificates" for showing great potential at the Coding Academy: Carol Hu, Tiana-Leigh Pillay, Bophelo Moeletsane, Katlego Mokgatla, Bukho Njeje, Dana Ho, Karolo Makgale, Botshelo Modise, Jada de Kocks, Qaylah Harrison and Caitlin Pretorius.

The Grade 10s and 11s spent 8 hours competing passionately in our first Hackathon (see p8). We look forward to putting their great ideas to use.

LIFE SCIENCES OLYMPIAD

A number of our girls wrote the South African Natural, Life and Physical Sciences Olympiads this year.



Special congratulations to Botshelo Modise (left) who achieved 3rd place nationally in the grade 10 Life Sciences Olympiad. She received a Silver certificate.

Congratulations to the following learners who also achieved Silver certificates (60% +) in the Life Sciences Olympiad: Caitlin de Beer, Emma Hyde, Nomagugu Khumalo, Jessica Lazarou, Karolo Makgale, Bukho Njeje, Taybah Petersen, Tyla Templeton and Erin Towert.

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JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Many requests were made throughout the year for volley-ball to resume, and once level 1 Covid restrictions came into place, our junior volleyball players were able to get some game time in a tournament format. Eight teams competed in round robin qualification games to progress to the trophy and plate section knockout games over 6 afternoons. The girls played with high energy and enthusiasm. The overall placing of the teams

Dauntless Spikers All Stars Bulldogz Barbs Wildcats The Aces Cerulean

was as follows:

Team Dauntless defeated Team Spikers in the Trophy final 26-24 and 25-13.



The tournament winners Team Dauntless



Runners Up—Spikers

NETBALL

Alex Okoye (8a) has been selected to represent Gauteng schools at the National School Games tournament in December. She will be playing netball.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM Congratulations to our Equestr

Congratulations to our Equestrian girls—Anastasia Judge, Eryn Preston, Jada de Kocks and Madison Rae Heystek were awarded their Ekurhuleni Team badges for representing Jeppe in the Ekurhuleni A team this year. Khwezi Magagula is currently representing Gauteng for Barrel category for Equestrian.

CLASS DANCES



For class dances in LO, the Grade 10 learners were divided into groups and had to come up with a series of movements that told a story. "We had to name our groups and come up with a

theme. My group decided on the name "Transformers" as our story was about robots transforming into humans. We also had to make our own props and costumes using recyclable materials.

As a dancer, I was quite excited to put my skills to the test but for the leaners who didn't have any dancing experience, it was rather challenging. We all learnt many new skills such as having patience with our group members, learning to listen to everyone's ideas, and of course we all learnt new dance moves. It took a lot of hard work and dedication but to see all the dances come together on the day made it all worth while. "

Tyla Templeton 10 U

Each of the Grade 11 classes performed a dance involving the entire class. It was a very challenging exercise, but they did well. 11D took first place, followed by 11C and then 11T.

ATHLETICS

Alex Okoye (grade 8) and Diana Eze (grade 9) took part in the Puma School of Speed in Pretoria on 6 November and at Ruimsig in Johannesburg on 13 November.

Alex competed in the 100m & 200m races in the Pretoria event. She came 2nd in her heat with the 100m achieving a time of 13.10. She qualified for the 200m finals and came 5th overall in her age group with a time of 26,5 seconds. In the Ruimsig event, Alex achieved a 4th place in her 100m heat with a time of 12,82. For the 200m finals, she came 6th overall in her age group with a time of 26.4

In the Pretoria event, Diana came 2nd in both the 100m & 200 meter races, with a time of 12,49 for the 100m and a time of 25,51 for the 200m.

In the Johannesburg event, she also came second in both the 100m and 200m races, with a time of 12,71 in the 100m final and a time of 25,36 in the 200m final.



Alex Okoye and Diana Eze

ACTION SPORTS HOCKEY



Between 24th and 26th September 2021, Ziyanda Zuma participated in the Action Sports Hockey Interprovincial Tournament (Gauteng Championships). She represented the Southern Gauteng u18 ladies team They played their final match on 26th September. They placed first in their age group and won gold for the u18 category. **TERM 4 2021** Page 9

SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE — HEALTH, SUSTAINABILITY AND GROWTH

Ms Sandy Roberts addressed the grade 8 and grade 9 learners in an outdoor assembly on 11 November about the Margaret Roberts Seedbank Legacy. The girls in both grades were required to write a letter to their future selves. The letters were placed with a packet of seeds in seed envelopes which are to be sealed and stored in the Jeppe seedbank. The envelopes will be reopened in the girls' matric year.

Ms Roberts explained that the initiative is all about sustainability - with particular regard to food and medicine. The seeds used in the initiative were simple seeds, such as basil, parsley and celery, selected for having the most impact on body, health and fitness, and were organic and not genetically modified. In the girls' matric year, when they open their envelopes, they will be able to keep half of the seeds to plant and grow with their families and the other half will be donated to the school.



A number of schools around the country have Margaret Roberts Seed Banks and our girls were invited to visit The Margaret Roberts Herbal Centre in De Wildt. The centre aims to provide students with a greater understanding of how the seedbank legacy connects to the bigger scheme of preserving seeds for future use as well as the importance of growing and sustaining our natural seeds. The seedbank is a repository of 1 500 seeds representing South Africa's indigenous food and medicinal plants. "Our seed dream is to link people into growing their own seed dreams, with the aim to feed a nation.' Sandy Roberts

Ms Roberts also presented the first Margaret Roberts Award for Environmental Care through Horticulture to the outgoing Head Girl, Tshaamano Mabuba. Tshaamano has a love of growing plants from seeds which she

inherited from her grandfather who worked on a sunflower farm. She gave each of the 2021 councillors sunflower seeds at the start of the year and asked them to plant them in their homes. She said that if the year got tough they could always look at the seeds they had nurtured to make them grow. It was also something they could do as a team even though they were far apart during lock down. She chose sunflowers because they are a symbol of hope, the colours are vibrant and each flower always follows the sun." It reminds us that we need to be directed by hope and look to the light, no matter what our circumstances," she said .The team of councillors for 2022 will also be gifted with sunflower seeds but they will be planting them at school.

Although the award could have been given to matric students in 10 schools, Tshaamano was the only person who fulfilled all the criteria for this humanitarian award this year. Congratulations Tshaamano!

CODING DAY

October 20th 2021 was a day set aside for coding - 28 grade 10 and 11 girls who had participated in the 7-week course in the third term were to take part in a hackathon and 60 grade 8s and grade 9s who were eager to start learning to code in Python. The 20th October arrived with no internet at the school. The team made a plan using mobile phone 4G hotspots, a 3G dongle, and a portable home LTE WiFi modem, so that internet could be distributed between the senior and junior venues.

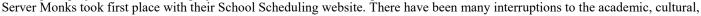
The day began at 8:40 with an inspiring talk by CEO Nyari Samushonga from WeThinkCode. She spoke of her journey from accounting into tech and encouraged the girls to explore the creative world of coding as fierce young women who would go on to solve the problems of the world.

The eager juniors (seen left) got straight into coding with Python. Their morning ended with a vibrant, loud, and high-energy group quiz via the online platform Kahootz.

help the school or its students? Did the

The grade 10s and 11s (right) were taken through a design thinking workshop which would provide them with the skills to conduct the cognitive, strategic, and practical processes by which design concepts are developed. The 6 groups produced 6 different projects. The senior teams graded each other's projects in terms of the following criteria: How creative/innovative was the project idea? Would the project

project use a base project we went through in class? Did the team get far implementing the project in code? Is the project well communicated in the poster?





and sporting schedules due to the covid pandemic that are difficult to communicate as they happen. The website would keep students, teachers, and parents up to date with the expected happenings of the school with relevant real-time updates.

The Quadrilaterals were placed second. They developed a mental health support website for students. The website is meant to act as a framework that supplies tools and links for identifying and managing stress and anxiety.

The Rocket Fuel Quest team took third place. They developed a rocket fuel scratch game to assist with learning chemistry equations.

Thank you to Retro Rabbit, Rory Bennet for supervising the senior hackathon, Daniel Kalmer for supervising the junior coding workshops and Pelonomi Moiloa for organizing the hackathon and the content of the junior and senior programmes. A most special thanks to the

Jeppe Girls who participated in the coding day with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and to Miss Gonçalves and Mr Kutama.

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FAREWELL TO STAFF

Farewell to Mrs Watt



Today we say goodbye to a true legend of a teacher, Mrs Watt. She has truly been an inspiration to all, and especially to me. I will never forget the words of wisdom that she instilled in us during our consumers lessons as well as her quirky comments and sayings. She always ensured that we were learning the correct way and did things properly. I am honoured to be here on behalf of all Jeppe Old Girls to say thank you for everything you have done for all of us. You taught us life lessons that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. You were tough on us, but that helped shape us into the women we are today. On a personal note, I hope that one day I can be half the teacher you are. And I can confirm, Mrs Watt that I no longer stand and stir, but always use the microwave. We are going to miss you and wish you all the best for the future.

Courtney Smith (Class of 2020)

In all your five and a half decades you have been at Jeppe, not only did you give us an education you taught us great life lessons. I now know that if it doesn't move it is stuck and I should always remember to use the microwave. In your teaching you weren't always impressed with us, we made silly mistakes

almost all the time so thank you for not sending us to science. Your passion for Consumer Studies was astounding, you not only have been a pillar of our school but you kept the Jeppe tradition alive. Your benevolent nature always reflected in your teaching, your creativity and willingness to help everyone around the school from the uniform shop to your class. Thank you for all your hard work, we promise to always use our logic and to always keep that R10 note in between our legs. Jeppe will never forget you, Jeppe is your second home. May you be blessed abundantly and may you receive a new food processor this Christmas as you always say "food processors make the best Christmas presents".

Andiphe Rode (11U)

Farewell to Miss Jacobs



As soon as we found out that Ms Jacobs was leaving we knew that we have lost a great teacher. I started to recall all the memories I have experienced with her. From her being my hockey coach from 2019 to 2020, to her being my grade 10 bio teacher in 2020. Not only have I enjoyed my experience with you but I have also gained skills that are necessary to build a great future for myself. Thank you for the knowledge you have imparted to not only me but other learners as well. Thank you for being passionate about teaching future leaders everything they need to know. We appreciate you for making your classes engaging and fun. I am going to miss all the early morning practices I had with you. I wish you nothing but success and happiness at Germiston Afri-

Your chops will miss you! Thembi Matsinhe (11U)

kaans Hoërskool.

Farewell To Mrs Wilkins

From the mouldy bread project in grade 8 to building lytic cycle models in grade 11, Mrs Wilkins has been an amazing biology teacher. She is always patient with us even after 14 hundred questions about a topic that has nothing to do with the lesson. Also, you may not know this, but Mrs Wilkins is an excellent baker. Her chocolate brownies are to die for. She is a fantastic teacher who really puts time and effort into what she does. She always has her classes back and I couldn't ask for a better teacher. When I found out Mrs Wilkins was leaving I thought back to all the amazing lessons she has taught, I mean who else can make kidney dissection more fun than gross? We are going to miss you a lot but we wish you all the best in your next chapter at St Johns

Melissa Aitchison (11D)



Today we will also be Saying goodbye to two behind the

scenes stars, who without them many school activities would have not been possible.



Firstly, Mr Watt our Estate Manager since 2007. Mr Watt really ensured in many unseen ways that our school was always well maintained and running optimally From always being ready to assist the councillors when we needed tools and equipment, to also educating

us about the school trees and caring for our campus. Mr Watt was a person of integrity and always highly reliable. When you'd ask Mr Watt for help he would never say no, whether he had the answers or not he was always willing to solve your problem. We are very grateful for his commitment to the school for the past many years and all the ways he has bettered Jeppe and we wish him all the best.

Another legend we are saying goodbye to is Mrs Lottriet The Headmistress' Secretary. Mrs Lottriet has been a secretary to 3 headmistresses including Miss Goncalves. Her daily tasks ranged from administrative tasks like answering the schools phone and assisting parents to communicating with district and managing such matters. She would field questions from community and parents to also ensure the school was running at its best and her loyalty to the school



will be sorely missed. She handled her job with elegance, kindness and was a true professional at what she did. After being a part of the Jeppe family since 2000 we will have to say goodbye to her friendly familiar face and we also wish her nothing but the best.

Tshaamano Mabuba (12E)

We also bid farewell to Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill worked in the Wellness Centre, assisting in English and remedial learning. She helped me with techniques on how to respond to comprehensions and summaries. These techniques came in handy in my final exams. Thank you very much for that. I wish you the best in your new journey of rest and relaxation and spending special time with your grandchildren. Go well- Siyabonga.

Kgomotso Magadla 12E

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Farewell to Ms Davey



Every person who has ever been taught by this extraordinary woman knows that it's a crime to sit in her lesson without a pen and a writing book. She tells you she doesn't understand how you're learning in class when you're not working on your "Woordeskat." I'm sure the whole of 11 E can say that they don't need to buy dictionaries because they've already got custom made ones. She's an inspiration to all teachers and students for her kindness, understanding, amazing fitness levels, motivation and passion. We'd like to thank you very much Mrs Davey for all your contributions to the school and for your memorable presence these past years. We thank you for bringing us joy and laughter and for being vibrant and energetic with us when we'd be dragging our feet to the first three lessons everyday half asleep. We are sad to say goodbye as you retire but we are grateful for having been graced with your presence. Thank you for being an uitstekende onnie. Goeie sterretjie vir jou. Maroushka Maghoma

Farewell to Ms Resane



Miss Resane - This is a big thank you for being someone who was always interested in hearing our opinions, someone who respected her students, and someone who never failed to go to tremendous lengths to fight for her students. At times, all we needed was someone to make us feel heard and you surpassed that expectation. Your genuine investment in our -being is something we will never forget. It takes a degree to be an educator, but it takes a special kind of person to be a teacher. Thank you for laughing at our corny jokes and making your geography lessons as entertaining and as fun as possible. We will miss hearing you say, "tomorrow, it's boot camp" or how you would get upset if no one noticed how pretty your slides were because of all the pretty diagrams and effort you had put in. As much as it is painful to see you go, the gift you have for teaching and understanding of people must be shared with more than one school. Ms Resane you will always have a special place with us here at Jeppe. You will never be forgotten, and we will all miss you so much and we wish you nothing but a life full of blessings, joy and kindness at your new school.

Micaela de Carvalho 11A



Farewell to Mr Ndlovu

We also bid farewell to Mr Ndlovu who took up a teaching post at Tshwane in November. He taught a wide variety of instruments from classical guitar to flute and violin.

Farewell to Mrs Conradie



Mrs Conradie, our talented organist, piano, teacher, voice teacher, theory teacher and music history teacher, on behalf of all your students; thank you for always being ready to greet us with an uplifting smile on the corridor and at the beginning of every lesson. You always taught with gentle patience, allowing us to grow in our musical abilities with confidence. Your lessons were always preceded with burning anticipation and were like juice for the rest of the day. I wish we didn't have to be saying goodbye to you Mrs Conradie, your absence will be felt but we wish you all the best as you begin a new chapter in the Cape. Talia De Mello Koch 11C

Farewell to Miss Van Der Ryst



Miss Van Der Ryst came to Jeppe in our centenary year. She was very quiet and shy but when it came to doing what she was most passionate about she was a whole new person.

Being her first reg class we told her to toughen up because Jeppe was going to push her to her limits and indeed she excelled in many ways as an Afrikaans and History teacher.

It's sad to say goodbye so soon but as the Jeppe family we'd like to say Goodluck Ms Van Der Ryst . You will be missed dearly. We wish you success in many ways and hope you find happiness in Queenstown. We love you ma'am. Farewell to Mr Kentridge



If you had to ask 11A who their most memorable teacher was this year, without a doubt the answer would be Mr Kentridge.

He made English alive for all of us and we could not thank him enough for that. Mr Kentridge loves English with his whole heart and this shows through each and every lesson we have had with him. From our poetry lessons outside, where we were hugging trees and admiring pinecones in a deeper sense to the Macbeth reading lessons where scenes were often acted out, English was a lesson everyone looked forward to.

Mr Kentridge was always very understanding of our class. He would give us advice when asked and when not, he would tell us fascinating stories to get our minds off things. And lastly but certainly not least he left a pleasant aura with his skipping and humming through the corridors. Mr Kentridge you will be missed and know that if there is anything you did this year it was making a positive impact on your very first grade 11 class.

Taskia Mahri 11A

UNIFORM SHOP EXTRA HOURS 2022

The uniform shop will be open on Saturday 8 Jan 8:00 to 12:00 Monday 10 Jan 8:00 to 17:00 Tuesday 11 Jan 14:00 to 17:00

As well as every Monday in the term from 14:00 to 15:00

MARIMBA BEAT



Marimba Beat took part in the Education Africa Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival which ran from 13-21 November 2021.

They were back to practicing as soon as they were allowed with covid restrictions and earned second place out of eighteen schools in the High School Small Ensemble category of the Battle of the Bands. St John's from Zimbabwe came first.

Congratulations ladies!

THE SCHOOL SHOWS THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE STAFF

The Councillors of 2022 arranged for each class to contribute to a hamper of groceries for the Christmas Season. The General Assistants were invited to final assembly and the Grade 11s thanked them on behalf of the entire school for their dedication and hard work in keeping the school in such good condition.

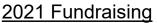
This was the first time that a collection of this nature has been taken for staff. Hampers were also given to each security guard as a small token of appreciation for what they do for our safety. We hope that it is a tradition that will continue in the future.



SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON 12 JANUARY FOR LEARNERS AND 10TH JANUARY FOR TEACHERS AND COUNCILLORS.

Any hockey players who are interested, please register on the GOOGLE form.





MySchool- Sept 2020 to Oct 2020 $\,$ vs Sept 2021 to Oct 2021



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100+ Club funds raised approximately from Sept 2021 to Oct 2021 = R8 450

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