

## Jeppe High School for Girls

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

*I am encouraged by the spirit with which the girls have tackled the academic, sporting and cultural activities this term. Your commitment is recognised through your dedicated participation, your fierce preparation and your passion in the delivery of your tasks.*

*The school has been a hive of activity as we have attended to the basic skills in education, that of getting through the curricular content. Building on the basic skills we have also attended to the cognitive demand by looking for alternatives, being creative and innovative. Equipping our girls with the basic skills for life also means that they need to be self aware and community-minded and to that end we have equipped the girls to make their own decisions in their own best interests and those around them.*

*This newsletter showcases snippets of the girls' achievements in all the arenas of school life. We are all justifiably proud of everyone who has participated to the best of their ability.*

*"There comes that mysterious meeting in life when someone acknowledges who we are and what we can be, igniting the circuits of our highest potential." – Rusty Berkus*

*It is with gratitude that I thank everyone who has provided guidance and counsel to our girls and who have "ignited their circuits of highest potential": the staff and parents who tirelessly give of their time to our girls so that they will in turn become citizens who sparkle in this world.*

*I wish everyone a most wonderful holiday .*

Ms Gonçalves

## FLOWER SHOW

The 86th Flower Show took place on 21 & 22 February and was as inspiring as ever, with the standard of entries being extremely high.

Each girl in the school took part and although there was no formal training, over 1 700 arrangements and 455 individual blooms were submitted this year. Each and every arrangement was judged and the girls were awarded points for their houses.

Crassula was the overall

winner with 3840 points, Protea was second with 3679 points and Harveya third with 3612 points.

The individual results for the flower show were as follows:

Diandra Yorke (11A) took first place in the seniors category with Meghan Branford (10C) in second place and Micheala Mendes (11A) third.

Natasha Dodd (9C) took first place in the junior section, Shafaa Shaikjee

(9T) came second and Dominique Goncalo (8E) third.

Diandra Yorke was the overall winner.

Flowers donated by the girls after the flower show, were taken to St Giles, Arbor Village, Avalon, Edenvale Hospital, Kensington Clinic, Millennium Sentrum, the Anglican Children's Home, St Georges Retirement Village, Bedford Gardens Hospital and Linksfield Clinic.

Fruit and vegetables used in the Magnificent Monsters

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category were donated to the Strathyre Girls Home.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MATRIC CLASS OF 2013

"Congratulations to the 180 matriculants in the class of 2013 on their superb results" says Miss Gonçalves. "The results are a tribute to the hard work put in by the learners, the support they received from their parents, and also most importantly, the grounding provided by dedicated educators from primary school right through to Grade 12."

A 100% pass rate was attained for the 20th year in succession. The entire class

achieved marks that allow them to progress to tertiary education: 157 girls qualified for entrance to a bachelor's degree and 23 qualified for entrance to a diploma.

A total of 236 distinctions were obtained overall after remarks and 59 girls achieved an average of above 70%.

The top performers were Amy Lee Spencer who achieved 8 distinctions and

Skye Worster and Kirsty Ann Marais who got 7 distinctions each.

### Results at a Glance

#### 8 distinctions

Amy Lee Spencer

#### 7 distinctions

Skye Worster and Kirsty Ann Marais

#### 6 distinctions

Candice Jacobs, Alex Sillman and Ella Topham

#### 5 distinctions

Shelly Bosman, Ishana Brijnath, Eliana Delfini, Bibi

Hamid, Ayesha Karodia, Taryn Laughton, Ntombi Mohale, Eva Ostoja, Nadine Pereira and Mae-lyn Savenije

#### 4 distinctions

Zainab Abdulla, Tanielle Baron, Amy-Leigh Braaf, Sampa Nakamba, Keitumetse Seakgoe, Lerato Sithole, Kennedy Stoneham

#### 3 distinctions

Daniela De Abreu, Jacqueline Farinha, Michaela Grobelaar, Kelsi Holz, Tshogofatso Masunga, Rianka Naicker, Simone Pearson, Wezi Sibiya, Karisha Singh and Sharika Singh

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## PRIZE GIVING 2013

Prize giving for Grade 8 to Grade 11 of 2013 took place on Friday 24 January 2014. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Ms Helen Wilsenach, a director at Bowman & Gillfillan who was Head Girl in 1995

**Merit Certificates****Grade 11**

**The Loveday Prize for Highest Aggregate** was awarded to **Savannah Bennett**. **The runners up** were **Tia Pillay** and **Nadine Shaikjee**.

**Certificates of Merit (70% and over)** were awarded to: Theodora Alexandrakis-El Desouky, Balia Balde, Chloé Benjamin, Nikita Boshoff, Morag Brown, Nicolle De Sousa, Natalia Delgado, Sisekelo Gininda, Monique Gosai, Kelly Ho, Amira Khatibi, Savannah King, Melissa Maclachlan, Tamiraa Naidoo, Robyn Pinkney-Atkinson, Sarah Price, Basetsana Shoke, Sarisha Singh, Katrina Sutcliffe, Nirese Vardarajulu, Thishala Waidyaratne, Jodie Williams and Wanzi Zulu

**Grade 10**

**The A J Grant Prize for Highest Aggregate** was awarded to **Nolwazi Mambo**. **Mariam Diallo** was **the runner up**.

**Certificates of Merit (70% and over)** were awarded to: Ammaarah Akhalwaya, Ismatou Balde, Rafeeah Bismilla, Carina Da Costa, Kajal Deokali, Zakiyah Dockrat, Uvanie Govender, Tamlyn Harker, Izaria Hassim, Meghan Jarvis, Azminah Jhetam, Jodi Lailvaux, Zenadene Lazarus, Zoliswa Makhetha, Caryn Marx, Bianca Mayne, Micheala Mendes, Nikita Ostoja, Angelique Pereira, Dominique Pereira, Liza Pistolesi, Jo – Anne Pringle, Megan Pringle, Kayley Reveley and Raheel Walljee

**Grade 9**

The **highest aggregate** was achieved by **Firdose Hamid**. **Thirasha Waidyaratne** was **the runner up**.

**Certificates of Merit (75% and over)** were awarded to: Zakiyyah Abdulla, Zuhaira Ali, Savannah Aysen, Lily

Bing, Caitlin Da Silva, Vaishnavi Harrichund, Fatima Hoosen, Prianka Kara, Gugulethu Khoza, Maryam Laher, Naseeha Laher, Tasmiyah Laher, Woniso Mazonde, Kiara Meysel, Nicole Mychajluk, Jenna Orchard, Jolisa Pillay, Kamogelo Radebe, Sumaiya Shaik, Shezaan Shaikjee, Tehillah Snyman and Erin Van Wyk

**Grade 8**

The **highest aggregate** was awarded to **Sihle Nyalungu**. **Olea Khambula** was **the runner up**.

**Certificates of Merit (75% and over)** were awarded to: Tracey Adams, Natasha Dodd, Ruth Furrer, Tafadzwa Makhuza, Megan Miller and Mahima Vandayar

**Cultural Awards**

**LMJ Award for Dedication and Perseverance in First Aid**—Dahlia Pieczara and Thishala Waidyaratne  
**Excellence in Public Speaking**—Nikita Boshoff and Morag Brown  
**Commitment to Dramatic Arts**: Tess Petersen  
**Most Promising Debater**: Sisekelo Gininda and Jo-Anne Pringle

**Sports Awards**

**Most Improved Junior Swimmer**: Christie Despotakis  
**Most Improved Senior Swimmer**: Tamlyn Harker  
**Most Improved Junior Netball Player**: Tshepo Moroka  
**Most Improved Senior Netball Player**: Okwethukwanele Zwane  
**Excellent Performance in Netball**: Brittney Nicholson & Robyn Searle  
**Kirsten Brown Award for Performance in Senior Hockey**: Savannah Bennett  
**Junior Hockey Player**: Yonela Dishi  
**Most Improved Hockey Goalkeeper**: Sharon Githinji & Thandokazi Sobekwa  
**Cricket**: Robyn Searle  
**Most Promising Junior Soccer Player**: Joice Msimuko  
**Most Valuable Soccer Player**: Kayla Vieira  
**Junior Cross Country**: Karabo Mokaba  
**Senior Cross Country**: Sinead De Jager  
**Junior Tennis**: Yonela Dishi  
**Senior Tennis**: Chanel Fookune  
**Junior Volleyball**: Claudia Gomes  
**Senior Volleyball**: Monique Gosai  
**The Burford Family Equestrian Cup**: Courtney Tully

## SUBJECT CERTIFICATES

Subject	Grade 11	Grade 10
English	Nikita Boshoff	Azminah Jhetam
Afrikaans	Jodie Williams	Micheala Mendes
Mathematics	Savannah Bennett	Caryn Marx & Angelique Pereira
Mathematical Literacy	Prenisha Naidoo	Nicole Thyse
Geography	Morag Brown	Lerato Niklaas
Accounting	Nadine Shaikjee	Nolwazi Mamba
Life Sciences	Tia Pillay & Nadine Shaikjee	Kayley Reveley
Consumer Studies	Buhlebenkosi Dubasi & Wanzi Zulu	Mariam Diallo
Life Orientation	Nadine Shaikjee	Ammaarah Akhalwaya & Ismatou
Design	Natalia Delgado	Ismatou Balde
Physical Sciences	Morag Brown	Ammaarah Akhalwaya
Music	Kelly Ho	Kayley Reveley
History	Nikita Boshoff	Megan Pringle
Visual Arts	Savannah Bennett	Leila Leaf & Emanuela Pereira
Advanced Programme Maths	Savannah Bennett	Ammaarah Akhalwaya
Advanced Programme English	Nikita Boshoff	Azminah Jhetam
Dramatic Arts		Hope Katongole

## INTER HOUSE GALA

The 2014 Inter-House Gala was postponed twice due to rain.

Miraculously, on Friday 7 February, the weather cleared and the sun shone brilliantly for the whole day.

The heavy rains must have been a blessing because the gala could not have been more spectacular. The spirit throughout the day was unbelievable. The houses cheered nonstop throughout the event. Many of the houses created new war cries and dance moves which heightened the excitement of the day. The matrices looked stunning in their creative costumes.

This year, Disa dressed up as "Poison Ivy", Crassula as "Fire Fighters", Gerbera as "Greek

Goddesses", Harveya as "Puss in Boots", Protea as "Baseball Players" and Nerine as "Pikachu".

As a Nerinelite, I was incredibly proud of Nerine winning the spirit cup and grateful to the house for all the hard work and spirit that went into making that day so special. Thank you to all the learners, matrices, teachers, ground staff, parents, Jeppe 'old girls' and spectators for creating such a wonderful and memorable gala.

Sarah Price Gr 12

The **Juniors section** was won by Harveya with 97 points, followed by **Disa** with 70 and **Gerbera** with 54. The **Seniors section** was won by **Harveya** with 87 points, followed by

**Protea** with 69 and **Crassula** with 50.

Congratulations to **Harveya**, who won the gala with a spectacular 184 points. **Disa** came second with 118 and **Protea** third with 111.

**Protea** took first place in the **Cheerleading** section, followed closely by **Harveya** and **Disa**.

**Nerine** were awarded the **spirit cup**, followed by **Harveya** and **Protea**.

### Result Summary

Two records were broken during the day - Disa broke the Junior Backstroke record and Harveya broke the Junior Freestyle record.

## CLEAN UP TIME

On 15th February 2014, the volunteers from Jeppe High School for Girls showed what the true meaning of community is. These ladies, along with some members of the I Love Kensington Association and Lions group, helped clean up Rhodes Park. The girls, led by Miss Wessels, met at the Library Gates at 10 am armed with rubbish bags and gloves and set out to remove all the unattractive elements invading the park. Although they had expected to be busy the whole day, the clean up team finished what they set out to do in two hours. The girls enjoyed giving back to the community and getting to know their co-workers at the same time.

## ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS-TOP TEN

Congratulations to the following girls for achieving Top Ten status at the end of 2013:

### Grade 11

Savannah Bennett  
Nikita Boshoff  
Morag Brown  
Monique Gosai  
Kelly Ho  
Tamiraa Naidoo  
Tia Pillay  
Sarah Price  
Nadine Shaikjee  
Thishala Waidyaratne  
Jodie Williams

### Grade 10

Ammaarah Akhalwaya  
Ismatou Balde  
Mariam Dlalio  
Zakiyah Dockrat  
Azminah Jhetam  
Nolwazi Mamba  
Caryn Marx  
Michaela Mendes  
Megan Pringle  
Kayley Reveley

### Grade 9

Zuhaira Ali  
Caitlin Da Silva  
Firdous Hamid  
Prianka Kara  
Maryam Laher  
Naseeha Laher  
Tasmiah Laher  
Woniso Mazonde  
Sumaiya Shaik

Tehillah Snyman  
Thirasha Waidyaratne

### Grade 8

Tracey Adams  
Zahraa Akhalwaya  
Aarifah Alli  
Ruth Furber  
Olea Khambula  
Megan Miller  
Daniella Nicho  
Sihle Nyalungu

## SPORTS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the girls who will lead their teams this year:

### Swimming

Captain: Nosipho Stigylmar  
Vice Captains: Sarah Price and Kendra Verbeek

### Cricket

Captain: Robyn Searle  
Vice Captain: Kiana Bachu

### Volleyball

Captain: Monique Gosai  
Vice Captain: Jodie Williams

### Tennis

Captain: Ann Gitau  
Vice Captain: Chanel Fookune

### Cross Country

Captain: Chantel Dos Santos  
Vice Captain: Sinead de Jager

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to our public speakers who received very positive adjudications and were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

The Grade 8 teams spoke at Jeppe on 12 March. Tayana Magatti, Jamie Moyce, Hlakaniphile Mngomezulu and Tiffany Wilton were awarded an A for their speeches on "Wake up - do what you have to do!" in which they explored villains and heroes. Minenhle Makhuba, Alexia Wilton, Sabeedah Hamid and Sdu Motaung were awarded a B+ for their speeches on "These Streets". They spoke about how our streets both divide and unite us. Kamohelo Khuele (8e) was a reserve.

The Grade 12 public speakers also did very well on 13 March. Nikita Boshoff was awarded an 'A' for Best Individual Speaker and both the Trophy and Open Teams received 'A's for their performance.

The Grade 9 teams received an A and a B+ on 19th March. On the same evening, Firdous Hamid, Jenna Franks, Dominique Meysel and Michaela Giddion of Grade 10 received a B+ and Sinead Hovelmeier; Maryam Laher, Woniso Mazonde and Thirasha

Waidyaratne received an A.

The Grade 11s spoke on 20th March about the nature of art, beauty and reality and both teams were awarded a B+.

## INTER HIGH GALA

**The Inter High Gala took place on a cold and wet 6 March. As always the Jeppe team spirit was fantastic and the Grade 8 supporters cheered our swimmers on with pride. We came 8th out of 10 schools. Congratulations to Victoria Griffiths who won the u16 50m butterfly.**

## STAFF UPDATE

The following staff joined the school in January: Miss Dodds (EMS), Mr Lincoln (Sports), Ms Conradie and Mr Rossouw (Music), Mrs Viveiros (English), Miss Naidoo (Geography) and Miss Wessels (Mathematics). Miss Deysel also joined us as an intern in Science.

We bid a sad farewell to Ms Rothbart who is going to Germany. A key member of the English Department, Ms Rothbart has also revitalised the school's passion for debating. We wish her well. Our condolences to Mrs Hellman who lost her husband in a tragic accident this term.

## VOLLEYBALL AT FOURWAYS



Congratulations to the 1st Team Volleyball who finished 3rd at the Fourways tournament on 8 March 2014. The team won the 3/4th playoff vs Fourways B, after losing to the Fourways A side in a closely fought semi-final. Having recently lost their previous game against Fourways B in three sets, this was a wonderful turn around.

There were 15 teams present at the tournament and the standard of play by the Jeppe Team improved as the tournament went on. The team included Monique Gosai, Meghan Jarvis, Natasha Coda, Jodie Williams, Okwethu Zwane, Masedi Ncamini and Kadiatou Diallo .

## NETBALL TOUR TO CAMP DISCOVERY

For the Love of the Game... People often say that adventures bring people closer together, even though they take you further from home.

On 20 March, every netball player ranging from under fourteens to the First team embarked on the much anticipated netball tour to Camp Discovery in Dinokeng.

We were given a hospitable welcome by the camp facilitators and an immediate sense of unity loomed in the air. The programme was run by a remarkable team of ladies and led by the inspirational TUKS Netball Head Coach, Mrs Jenny van Dyk. Many of our Jeppe ladies, including myself, were absolutely astounded by the sheer skill and commitment portrayed by each and every one of the

Tuks U21 players, and they managed to prove to us that the more you love the game, the harder you play.

Our daily routine was planned precisely and involved dynamic training sessions, matches against other schools from near and far, as well as team building activities that brought new thinking and perceptive skills to mind. Although many of the sessions were tricky and strenuous, with stiff muscles and even injuries, we learnt that there are no shortcuts to any place worth going. Defence and attack techniques, court formations and hydro sessions are just a few of the activities that taught us the aspects of team work that will leave a lasting impression on our future netball careers as well

as our lives.

Ken Doherty once said : "The five S's of sports are Stamina, Speed, Strength, Skill and the most important one is Spirit". I cannot resist mentioning the true Jeppe spirit that was exhibited on this tour. From the echoing war cries on the courts, to the teamwork being exercised, even the laughs, giggles and special team moments are always examples of the compassion and support that is always evident in a true Jeppe girl.

On behalf of the Jeppe Netball players I would like to thank Miss Gonçalves and all the coaches for giving up their time and providing us with the opportunity of seeing netball in a different light outside of the Jeppe grounds. Thank you for ultimately proving to us

that "Nothing is too difficult for the Brave" and that your team becomes your family.

Michaela Mendes Gr11A

In writing about the camp, Tafadzwa Makhuzza (Gr 9E) said that she will never forget the ostrich, horses and peacocks casually walking around the grounds of Camp Discovery. In addition to the whole experience of the camp, she appreciated Jenny van Dyk's 'take on life'. "Jenny described the moments in our lives (good or bad) as bubbles. We all have to learn from our mistakes and leave the 'popped mistake bubbles' in the past. She said that the important thing is to treasure the good moments, like winning a match, or slipping on slippery grass and laughing about it, as it is those moments and bubbles that will 'float' with us for many more years to come.

## NETBALL

The following girls have been selected to play netball for the district at the next round of trials.

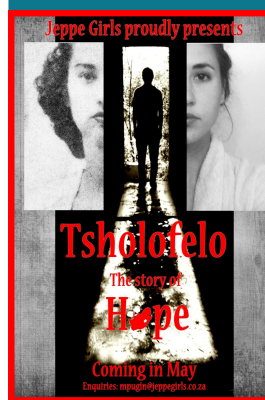
Trials on 17 March:

u18 Tembikile Sikupela  
U17 Okwethu Zwane, Tshegotatso Seleke and Masedi Ncamani

Trials on 16 April

U14 Sabrina Lemos, Lilian Ugochukwa and Tanika van der Berg

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Matinee shows  
6 & 8 May at  
15:00 Tickets R20  
Evening shows  
9 & 10 May  
Tickets R50

Tickets will be on sale next term.  
Don't miss it!