**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Jeppe High School for Girls**

**COUNCILLORS CHEER OUR SWIMMERS ON**

The 10th March dawned a dreary day but nothing could dampen the spirits of our Councillors (seen above) who posed in front of the school before going to Ellis Park to lead the Grade 8s in supporting our swimmers at this year’s Inter High Gala. (See page 5 for the full story).

**LEAPING INTO 2016 WITH RETRO JEPPE**

We celebrated the 2016 leap year with a Retro Jeppe Day and school uniforms were put aside for roaring twenties attire with black, white and beads being the order of the day. The Councillors held a Best Dressed Competition and each class put forward their “Best Dressed” to enter. The girls modelled their outfits on a ramp in the hall to the cheers of their classmates and those gathered to watch. Girls who participated in the day paid a donation of R10 each which will go towards the Bridge Fund.

**FLOWER SHOW**

Where plants and flowers fair, with perfume scent the air,”Engraved into our school’s tradition, the 88th flower show was a wonderful success. Many of the visitors to our school remarked on the beauty and elegance of the show. The juniors expressed their creativity in their edible monsters, wild carnivals and painting the town red. The Minions too were well loved! The seniors created delicate arrangements of beauty, spread their views on peace and paid tribute to the iconic Roald Dahl. Such tribute was also paid to Beatrix Potter with gardens of adventure. With our awareness of the water crisis – Senior Houses designed tables where “every drop counts”. A wonderful mix of abundance and resourcefulness – this show stands out as our main event. Each girl worked hard and was given a chance to express her individuality in her arrangements. We must agree that “a thing of beauty is a joy forever” – John Keats.

Councillors

**STOP PRESS**

Thank you to the Jeppe family for getting behind the blanket drive again and for assisting us to keep those less fortunate warmer this winter.

**Please note:**

Completed blankets can be delivered to Mrs Heming in Reception at the school on **31st March** and **1st April** from **09:00—12:00** and on **4th and 5th April** during school hours. (We have to complete quite a bit of admin on the blankets before they can be packed up for transporting to 67 blankets for the world record attempt at Drakenstein prison).

The school **Wool Shop** will close on Friday 18th March and reopen from **8:00am—9.00 am on 31st March and 1st April**.

Term 2 for Jeppe Girls resumes on 4th April and not 5th April 2016.
Our top performers were
8 distinctions—Mariam Diallo
7 distinctions—Ammaarah Akhalwaya, Azminah Jhetam and Kayley Reveley
6 distinctions—Caryn Marx, Micheala Mendes and Angelique Pereira
5 distinctions—Nolwazi Mamba, Meghan Jarvis, Dominique Pereira, Jodi Lailvaux and Izaria Hassim
4 distinctions—Ismatou Balde, Carina Da Costa, Kajal Deokali, Leila Leaf and Jo-Anne Pringle, 12 learners achieved 3 distinctions
12 learners achieved 2 distinctions
31 learners achieved 1 distinction.

A 100% pass rate was attained for the 22nd year in succession and the entire class achieved marks that allow them to progress to tertiary education: 152 girls qualified for entrance to a bachelor’s degree and 17 qualified for entrance to a diploma. A total of 183 distinctions were obtained overall.

“Congratulations to the class of 2015. Many of the girls did very well and we are very proud of the results which the 169 matriculants achieved this year” says Miss Gonçalves.

**2016 COUNCILLORS**

The following learners were inducted as councillors on 15 January 2016: Savannah Aysen, Susana De Abreu, Raquel De Oliveira, Christie Despotakis, Yonela Dishi, Jenna Franks, Claudia Gomes, Firdous Hamid, Sinéad Hovelmeier, Nella Kyungu, Maryam Laher, Tasmiyah Laher, Bevelina Ledwaba, Gugu Mabhena, Keynessia Martin, Katlego Matshwane, Woniso Mazonde, Ntsako Mhlanga, Sasha-Lee Morare, Tshepo Moroka, Khanyise Ndaba, Bongiwe Nkabinde, Jenna Orchard, Lizan Potgieter, Courtney Tully, Thirasha Waidyaratne, Erin Van Wyk and Angela Xia.

The Head Councillors are Thirasha Waidyaratne (Head Girl), Yonela Dishi (Deputy Head Girl) and Woniso Mazonde (Deputy Head Girl)

**HOUSE OFFICIALS 2016**

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It was smiles all round when Savannah Thevan, Zakhiya Dockrat, Jessica Evans, Mariam Diallo, Robynearle and Ismatou Balde collected their results.
PRIZE GIVING 2016

Prize giving for Grade 8 to Grade 11 of 2015 took place on Friday 22 January 2016. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Ms Bianca Lima (class of 2001) who is currently an African Development Strategist and Consultant at Bridge Capital Advisors. She presented the prizes and certificates after a very entertaining speech.

Merit Certificates

**Grade 11**

The Loveday Prize for the Highest Aggregate was awarded to Firdous Hamid. The runner up was Thirasha Waidyaratne. 2nd runner up: Tasmiyah Laher.

Certificates of Merit (75% and over) were awarded to: Sophie-Leigh Claassen, Erin Conroy, Caitlin Davies, Micaela Ferreire, Ivana Garvaniski, Dominique Goncalo, Tiffany Harzon, Sherry Jiang, Taskeen Laher, Alison Laidley, Tayana Magatti, Sumairaa Mahomed, Motshebe Manggal, Ntakisiki Ntseke, Lakshita Padiacuey, Carmen Parker, Nawaal Satos, Kgomotso Sekhukhune, Claudia Steincke & Tiffany Jane Wilton.

**Grade 8**

The highest aggregate was awarded to Kezia Reddy. Kimberley January was the runner up and Kirsten Dickenson the second runner up.

Certificates of Merit (75% and over) were awarded to: Marlene Angwafar, Tasneem Bharoochi, Jessica Bonthuys, Zoey Cuerden, Erin Devine, Abigail Hartley, Devyanji Kalia, Boitumelo Langa, Zainab Manack, Amanda Mashingaidze, Inelegglo Mope, Mandisa Mpinga, Mbalu Ncube, Melissa Nyalungu, Shannon Palmer and Jenna Searle.

**Subject Certificates Grade 11**

**English:** Tasmiyah Laher

**Afrikaans:** Tehillah Snyman

**Mathematics:** Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Maths Literacy:** Daniella De Freitas

**Physical Sciences:** Firdous Hamid

**Accounting:** Tasmiyah Laher

**History:** Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Life Orientation:** Firdous Hamid

**Consumer Studies:** Maryam Laher & Sumaiya Shaik

**Life Sciences:** Tasmiyah Laher & Firdous Hamid

**Visual Arts:** Tehillah Snyman

**Geography:** Fatima Hoosen & Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Music:** Angela Xia

**Design:** Tehillah Snyman

**Advanced Programme Mathematics:** Firdous Hamid

**Advanced Programme English:** Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Subject Certificates Grade 10**

**English:** Ruth Furcher

**Afrikaans:** Kefiole Tladi

**Life Orientation:** Ruth Furcher

**Mathematics:** Refilwe Mdluli

**Maths Literacy:** Bernelee Legodi

**Physical Sciences:** Ruth Furcher

**Accounting:** Alimatou Bah

**History:** Shafaa Shaijkee

**Consumer Studies:** Angelique Wöhrnitz

**Life Sciences:** Olea Kambula

**Visual Arts:** Shafaa Shaijkee

**Geography:** Mahima Vandayar

**Music:** Ruth Furcher

**Advanced Programme Mathematics:** Natasha Dodd

**Cultural Awards**

**LMJ Award for Dedication and Perseverance in First Aid:** Keynesia Martin

**Excellence in Public Speaking:** Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Commitment to Dramatic Arts:** Keynesia Martin

**Most Promising Debater:** Woniso Mazonde

**The Editor’s Trophy:** Jenna Orchard

**Beste Afrikaans Senior Redenaar:** Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Beste Afrikaans Junior Redenaar:** Marlene Angwafar

**Sports Awards**

**Most Improved Swimmer:**

- Junior - Nicole Baxter
- Senior - Gina Warner

**Best Swimmer:**

- Junior - Caitlin Davis
- Senior - Christie Despotakis

**Most Improved Netball Player:**

- Junior - Chante Bishop
- Senior - Angelique Wöhrnitz

**Best Junior Netball Player:**

- Minenhle Makhubu

**Kirsten Brown Award for Performance in Senior Hockey:**

- Yonela Dishi

**Junior Hockey Player:**

- Talia Mc Pherson

**Most Improved Hockey Player:**

- Erin Mitchley

**Cricketer of the Year:**

- Samantha Schutte

**Most Improved Cricket Player:**

- Lindokuhle Sukazi

**All Round Player of the Year Cricket:**

- Sihle Tsoko

**Batswoman of the Year:**

- Jenna Searle

**Bowler of the Year:**

- Naseeela Laher

**Junior Cross Country:**

- Anastasia Geldenhuyws, Heather Holland & Talia McPherson

**Most Promising Junior Soccer Player:**

- Danica Mellors

**Most Valuable Soccer Player:**

- Naomi Govender

**Tennis:**

- Junior - Chané Botha
- Senior—Yonela Dishi

**Volleyball:**

- Junior— Rebekah Arnott
- Senior— Angelique Wührnitz

**The Burford Family Equestrian Cup:**

- Courtney Tully
TOP TEN IN ACADEMICS

Congratulations to the following girls for achieving Top Ten status at the end of 2015:

**Grade 8**
- Erin Devine, Kirsten Dickinson, Abigail Hartley, Kimberley January, Devyani Kalia, Mbali Ncube, Melissa Nyalungu, Shannon Palmer & Kezia Reddy

**Grade 9**
- Ruth Bowdler, Cailin Fourie, Ivana Garvanski, Tiffany Harzon, Sherry Jiang, Taskeen Laher, Alison Laidley, Lakshita Moodley and Louise Smit

**Grade 11**
- Congratulations to the following girls for achieving Top Ten status at the end of 2015:
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TEAM CAPTAINS

Wishing all the team captains a most successful year:

**Swimming**
- Captain: Christie Despotakis
  - Vice: Victoria Griffiths

**Cricket**
- Captain: Lindo Sukazi
  - Vice: Naseeha Laher

**Tennis**
- Captain: Yonela Dishy

**Hockey**
- Captain: Yonela Dishy

**Netball**
- Captain: Jenna Franks
  - Vice: Cailin Fourie

**Volleyball**
- Captain: Tasmiyah Laher
  - Vice: Anna-Elaine Hoosen

**Cross Country**
- Captain: Savannah Aysen

**Public Speaking**

This year the South African College of Speech and Drama’s High School Public Speaking competition saw over 100 schools participating and our girls have performed extremely well.

**Grade 9**
- Team 1: Abigail Hartley, Kirsten Dickinson, Jenna Searle and Jessica Bonthuys spoke on the topic “Supergirl” and were awarded a B+ symbol.
  - Team 2: Amanda Mashingaidze, Marlene Angwafor, Taseem Bharoochi and Safiyah Ayob spoke on the topic “Modern Family” and were awarded a B+ symbol.

**Grade 10**
- Team 1: Hlakaniphaline Mngomezulu, Ntsakisi Ntseke, Carmen Parker and Cailin Fourie spoke on the topic “Palindrome” and were awarded a B+ symbol.
  - Team 2: Sabeehah Hamid, Tiffany Harzon, Alexia Rei Wilton, Sherry Jiang and Kimia Khanyile (reserve) spoke on the topic “Are we not drawn on to a new era?” and were awarded an A+ symbol.

**Grade 11**
- Team 1: Sihle Nyalungu, Philille Nkabinde, Tablie Baholo and Risana Shitlha spoke on the topic “Desserts Stressed” and were awarded a B symbol.
  - Team 2: Yaseera Ayob, Kayla Teixeira, Sukaina Rossana Issufo and Ngalula Tsienie spoke on the topic “Evil Live” and were awarded an Asymbol.

**Grade 12**
- **OPEN TEAM:** Raeesah Ayob, Jenna Franks, Dominique Meysel and Michaela Giddion spoke on the topic “Aha” and were awarded a B+ symbol.

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Congratulations to the following girls who completed the ABRSM piano and theory exams:

**Grade 2 piano, passed**
- Anastasia Goldenhuyse

**Grade 5 Music Theory, passed**
- Nontsikelelo Tshefu, Angela Xia
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**DEBATING**
- Captain—Woniso Mazonde
  - Vice Captains—Sumaiya Shaik & Maryam Laher

**Media Centre:**
- Head: Nella Kyungu
  - Deputy Team Leaders – Olea Kambula, Karjol Maharaj, Molotsi Mankwe, Sihle Nyalungu and Jolisa Pillay
  - Deputy: Erin van Wyk

**VOLLEYBALL**
- Captain—Woniso Mazonde
  - Vice: Naseeha Laher
  - Secretary: Nontsikelelo Tshefu

**CRICKET**
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**Hlabelela**
- Head: Gugu Mbahne
  - Deputy Head: Bongiwe Nkabinde
  - Secretary: Nontsikelelo Tshefu

**First Aid**
- Captain: Tasmiyah Laher
  - Vice: Raquel De Oliveira
  - Secretary: Juahara Seethal

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**BEST INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER—THIRASHA WAIKYARATNE**
- Thirasha Waidyaratne spoke on the topic “The Fighter” for her prepared speech and “Imagination is the highest kite one can fly” for her unprepared speech. She was awarded an A symbol.

**JEPPE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**
- Were awarded a certificate and trophy for WINNING the Allen Miller Award for Consistent Endeavour at the Finals Evening on 16 March 2016. Yaseera Mayet and Kayla Teixeira were also awarded certificates for excellence in the performance of the duties of a Master of Ceremonies.
SWIMMING SEASON

MIDMAR MILE

The Midmar mile is the world’s largest open water swim. It took place the weekend of the 13th and 14th of February and Jeppe Girls had 3 teams participating in the Non-Company event on Saturday.

Our girls swam very well.

Our first swimmer out of the water was Victoria Griffiths followed by Caitlin Davies and Gina Warner. All three of these girls were in the top 80 out of 867 swimmers in this event.

On Sunday Victoria, Caitlin, Nicole, Sydney and Daniella took to the water again to swim the individual event.

Caitlin also swam in the family event on Saturday morning making it three miles in one weekend for her!

Well done to our swimmers.

We are looking forward to more girls swimming for Jeppe Girls next year

NERINE SURPRISES ALL

This year’s Inter house gala was a very eventful day, with some unexpected results. The matrics looked amazing in their inspired costumes – Harveya were in flames, Disa were Frogs, Nerine, Caution Signs, Protea American Indians, Crassula Super Mario and Gerbera Ninjas.

Thanks to these vibrant and enthusiastic cheerleaders, the day was a guaranteed success. After the matrics danced around the school singing war cries, the girls headed to the pool for the actual event.

Results
Junior Swimmers—Nerine were the winners, Crassula came second and Disa third.

Senior Swimmers—Gerbera came first, Harveya second and Nerine third.

Combined Teams Results
Nerine moved from 6th place in 2015 to 1st place this year! Gerbera took 2nd place, Crassula 3rd, Disa and Harveya 4th and Protea 6th.

No individual swimming records were made on the day, but Harveya broke the record for the Senior Freestyle Relay with a time of 1 min 5.48 secs.

The Disa Frogs won the cheerleading section with Nerine’s Caution Signs and Protea’s American Indians coming in second and third place respectively.

The Spirit Award went to Harveya. Gerbera and Disa came in second and third place respectively.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

In December 2015, Farryn Behenna competed in the National Synchronised Swimming Age Group Championships in Durban. Farryn has only been doing Synchronised swimming for one year and this was her first National competition.

She competed against 33 girls in her age group and placed 17th for the Figures Event and 12th for her Solo Event.

INTER HIGH GALA

Thursday 10th March marked the end of the swimming season for 2016 with the Inter-High gala.

The day began with a delicious breakfast, prepared for the team in Mrs Watt’s kitchen.

The excitement at Ellis Park was electric before the gala even began. The grade 8’s cheered with enthusiasm for hours and never seemed to tire. We came 8th overall out of 10 schools.

Congratulations to the following swimmers –

Nicolette Baxter who came third in the u14 50m backstroke; Victoria Griffiths who came 4th in Open 100m backstroke; Christie Despotakis who came 4th in Open Freestyle 100m and the Open Freestyle Relay team (Caitlin Davies, Courtney Tully, Victoria Griffiths and Christie Despotakis) who came 3rd in their race.

Well done to all of our swimmers who took part in the gala and thank you to the Grade 8s and the Matric cheer-leaders for their awesome Support of the team.

JEPPE PIPE BAND

3 of our girl participated in the Geddes Solo Cup competition at Jeppe Boys last year. The competition was set up to encourage and help pipe band members to stand up on their own and play in front of a judge and an audience.

Siobhan Naude, Sophie Claassen and Noncebo Khanyile competed along with 3 Jeppe boys in the tenor drumming contest. Siobhan was awarded 2nd place for her solo performance.

ROAD RUNNING

Ciara van Tonder participated in the Pick n Pay Marathon which took place on 14 February.

She ran in the 8km race with a time of 40 minutes and was the 6th woman to finish the race. She received a bronze medal for her achievement.
CRICKET NATIONALS

During the December school holidays, the first cricket team went to Pretoria to participate in the SA Schools Championships.

Naseeha Laher, who captained the side in the absence of Lindo Sukhazi who had other cricketing commitments, had this to say of the competition: “This amazing experience not only built our cricket skills but also gave us the chance to meet other young sporting talents from around the country and interact with people very different to us. As a team we experienced both highs and lows. It was great to beat Western Cape by 130 runs and to bowl Limpopo out for 35 runs, but disappointing when rain caused us to abandon two of our easier matches. A combination of good batting, bowling, fielding and a great Jeppe spirit took us to winning three of our first five matches and narrowly losing one. On the last day we walked onto the field not expecting any medals, but ready to play our best cricket and finish on a high. We won convincingly and were extremely happy and proud of ourselves to finish off as the third best school in the country. Thank you to Mr Bloem for accompanying us on the tour and to the teachers and parents who came to support our matches.”

FIRST AID

Congratulations to the following First Aiders who completed training with the South African School of First Aid Education (SASFAE) Training Academy last year:


We have streamlined our social media. Keep up to date with what is happening at the school by using the links below.

Like us! Follow us! View us!

EQUESTRIAN

Well done to our Equestrian team who competed in the first qualifier round. Jessica Macintyre on Anything but Ordinary received a 5th in her Working Hunter class and a 7th in her Equitation class. Sophie-Lee Claassen on Logan’s Run received a 3rd in her Working Riding, a 2nd in her Performance class and an 8th and a 6th in her Dressage class. Talia White on Dixy Dawn received a 2nd in Equitation and Courtney Tully on Azu She’s a Lady received a 1st in her Equitation, a 1st in her Working Hunter and a 9th and a 12th in her Show jumping.

ORIENTEERING

Tiffany Harzon (Gr10) took part in the Big Five O competition from 29th December 2015 – 3 January 2016. This is an international orienteering competition centred around the small town of Kaapsehoop, an old historical gold mining village famous for its wild horses, 30km south west of Nelspruit in Mpumalanga. Times and points were taken for five events but the best four were used to determine the overall result. Tiffany took part in the W16 category and ran all the races. Overall she came second in the category. Congratulations Tiffany!
An appeal was made to the girls and staff to assist Rene Du Plooy of “We Care” with tinned goods for elderly people she visits. 601 tins of fish, meat, vegetables and fruit were collected in a week. Seen here are 5 girls from 11U who assisted in packing up the tins for delivery.

The Jeppe family also responded to the call to assist those without water in drought-stricken areas and brought in litres and litres of sealed drinking water and tap and rain water. The water was collected by Water Shortage SA for distribution.

The Ruth First Jeppe Scholarship girls attended the Gauteng launch of the new documentary “Soft Vengeance” about the life of Justice Albie Sachs. Sachs who is the Patron of the Ruth First Jeppe Trust was present at the magnificent Soweto Theatre for the function. He answered questions posed by the learners of the four schools that attended the event. It was an awesome experience.

Help Jeppe High School for Girls win R100 000

Swipe your MySchool card between 11 April 2016 and 26 June 2016 and stand to win 1 of 12 R50 000 bursaries for your child and learners prizes for their class and classroom.

Wishing you a restful and crochet-filled holiday!

Contact Sara Schröder for other opportunities for sponsorship:

**Premier Package – R5 000.00 (includes Four ball)**
This prime position is at the entrance to the club house/course and would be perfect for company/product advertising.

**Prime Holes – R1 500.00 (no beverages or food permitted, excludes Four ball)**
1st, 10th, 9th and 18th – Exclusive advertising of your company/product at the holes respectively.

**Watering Holes – R1 100.00 (excludes Four ball)**
May be set-up at the 7th and 13th – all beverages must be purchased from the Modderfontein Golf Club with exception of shooters.

**Standard Holes – R1 000.00 (excludes Four ball)**
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th – Exclusive advertising of your company/product at the holes respectively.