

vg news

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The manner in which one endures what must be endured is more important than the thing that must be endured ~ Dean Acheson

VG Vision: At VGHS we support and respect one another in a safe and happy environment. Our broad spectrum of activities and facilities enriches all, as we **strive for excellence.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Top 10 girls in each grade for Term 3!
Well done!

GRADE 12

- 1 Megan Yendall
- 2 Julie Dixon
- 3 Nicola Sewry
- 4 Laura Wentworth
- 5 Nathalia von Witt
- 6 Gemma Garman
- 7 Megan Riddin
- 8 Roxanne Higgitt
- 9 Rosa Brandt + Tafadzwa Mafuma
- 10 Sungeni Chithambo + Aviwe Matyholweni

GRADE 11

- 1 Nina Rae Solomon
- 2 Hannah Kirkaldy
- 3 Rebecca Manning
- 4 Jessica Comley
- 5 Aluta Mleni
- 6 Kelsey Smailes
- 7 Danica Coetzee
- 8 Mieke Strooberg
- 9 Tracy Probert
- 10 Carla Mostert

GRADE 9

- 1 Nolene Dixon
- 2 Amy von Witt
- 3 Faith du Plessis
- 4 Marryam Tariq
- 5 Hannah Godlonten
- 6 Luvuyo Hlatshaneni
- 7 Jessica Wentworth
- 8 Sinesipho Kwatsha
- 9 Ayabulela Gobe
- 10 Ayanda Twani

GRADE 10

- 1 Alisa Lochner
- 2 Anitha Babu
- 3 Danielle Wiblin
- 4 Kuhle Mxakaza
- 5 Ashleigh Allner
- 6 Nicola v d Merwe
- 7 Keri Werth
- 8 Leletu Ndabeni
- 9 Kimberley Chifadzwa
- 10 Nicole Upfold

GRADE 8

- 1 Asemahle Mdingi
- 2 Katherine James
- 3 Tayla Solomon
- 4 Amy Jackson-Moss
- 5 Unathi Klaas
- 6 Babalwa Qaba
- 7 Olwethu Mvelo
- 8 Busisiwe Sandi
- 9 Ajowa Atombo
- 10 Nanamhla Ceza

To the following hostel prefects on their appointment:

Zintle Hoho, Thembela Lawana, Nandise Mantanga, Nkabakazi Matikinca, Sinalo Matyala, Avongiwe Mazwi, Aluta Mleni, Siyavuya Mqalo, Amahle Mtshabe, Bongo Mtshabe, Hlumela Ngaba, Zola Nombona, Melissa Sangcu,

Andulela Suka.

To the following learners and staff who received their Level 1 First Aid Course certificates:

Anitha Babu, Carlyn Coetzee, Stacey Conroy, Melissa Davies, Julie Dixon, Dr Hanton, Jade Jasson, Neliswa Mamani, Siphokazi Mato, Aluta Mleni, Lillian Mollel, Amahle Mtshabe, Natasha Nel, Babalwa Qaba, Mrs Rademeyer, Nangamo Siyila, Lisa-Claire Solomon, Mrs Strauss, Nando Stuurman, Asekho Toni, Cachendra Vlotman, Shanette Waldick, Lutho Williams

To the following learners who received their National Science Olympiad Certificates:

Tracy Probert, Sinalo Matyala, Bunny Bala, Rebecca Manning, Jessica Comley, Vitima Jere, Kelsey Smailes, Hannah Kirkaldy, Laura Wentworth, Julie Dixon, Nicola Sewry

THANK YOU

To Mrs **Rose Probert** for the lovely roses in the foyer.

GOOD BYE

Ms Dups is leaving VG at the end of the year to teach at Riebeek College in Uitenhage. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best of luck in her new environment..

ACADEMIC ACTION

ESKOM YOUNG SCIENTISTS NATIONALS Kelsey Smailes

On Wednesday last week I left on an Atlas bus with the rest of the Grahamstown, PE and Border finalists to go to the Eskom Young Scientist Nationals. The trip was very long (15 hours), but it passed quickly with making new friends, singing, eating and trying to sleep. We stayed at the Manhattan Hotel and had bacon and eggs for breakfast every morning!

The first day was spent setting up our projects and looking at other people's projects. This was the best time I had of the entire trip. It was

COMING UP

- 10/10 15:00 Knight Shield vs KC (@KC&VG)
13/10 Gr12 CASS moderation
Graeme College Prize Giving
- 17:30 RCL
- 14/10 October, November, December birthday tea
- 15/10 10:00 Prize winners walk to monument for practice, choir to join later
- 12:00 Sports & Cultural Awards Assembly, followed by tea
- 14:00 Gr12 Design & Visual Arts Final Prac exam
- 15:00 Tennis: Stayers Mixed GC/VG vs KC @ KC &VG
- 18:30 Prize Giving
- 17/10 Grade 8 Stay Awake 8pm – 7am
- 18/10 VG Social
- 24/10 Normal school day until 12:00
- 12:30 Valedictory Service, which includes

- announcing the School Captain, Heads of Hostels, the House Executive, etc.
- Gr 12 Farewell Song to the school
- Handing over of the Gr 12 gift to the school
- Our farewell to the Gr 12s.

- 24/10 14:00 Beaufort House Garden Tea for all Gr 12s and their parents, Gr 11 boarders, Staff

THINKING OF...

Mrs Smuts whose father is ill
Graeme College and our girls on the death of Bantu Botlloe

amazing to see the immense variety of projects and creative ideas that children as young as Grade 5 had come up with! The second and third day was filled with judging and explaining our projects to the public.

I would encourage all the girls to enter their projects in Expo. It is an amazing experience and lots of fun and you make so many different and interesting friends.

NEW ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Ms Du Preez

- Die Onsigbares – EKM Dido
Love in the present tense – Catherine R Hyde
Miss Potter – Richard maltby Jr.
Charity – Lesley Pearse

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

GOING NOWHERE SLOWLY, AGAIN

Tracy Probert

Early Sunday morning, the VGHS school bus trailer was packed full, everyone piled into the bus, seatbelts on, and we were off into the Karoo, a magnificent place indeed.

Our first stopover was the Kouga Wildernis, where we were spoilt with luxury, a spring for a pool, indoor braai area and the coolest swing ever. From there, we made our way to the Gamkasberg Nature Reserve just outside Oudtshoorn. A very dry and desolate place

indeed, this campsite was the "most dreaded" one by far. We literally had to take a long walk to the loo.

While at the Gamskasberg Nature Reserve, we made our way to the Wildlife Ranch where VG has their very own bronze plaque pinned to the tree. "Wallaby's adopted by Victoria Girls' High School." Our next stop was an Olive farm in Prince Albert, a quaint town where we got to do some exploring of the town itself.

From there, we made our way to the Makkebaats caves where we believed we were to be sleeping in a cave. This, however, was not true and Mr Stoloff had only told a few "fibs". We stayed in a cabin, which had been built into the cave, with real beds (this felt like heaven to us as we had been in tents all the other nights). The place was spectacular and a definite must see for all.

Our last stopover before we were to head home was the Karoo National Park in Beaufort West. The tour was an unforgettable experience with magnificent scenery, fantastic food (Mr Stoloff's bread ... yum! and great company. Thank you to Mr Stoloff, Ms Hastie, and Ms Porri for affording us this opportunity and for keeping your patience with us. I will leave you with a couple of things that we will never forget, "AHOY!" being "Stollie's favorite word, "the hot water is boiling, girls" as Mr Stoloff reminded us every morning at the crack of dawn, and the excitement of missing the turn-off six times.

Watch the leave-out newsletter for photographs!

HOUSE RULES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

Mrs L'Ange

DRESS CODES

- Prize Giving formal uniform + BLACK, non-shiny, not opaque pantyhose
- Sports and Cultural Assembly – Summer uniform & blazer
- Valedictory Service – Summer uniform and blazer
- Beaufort House Tea – summer uniform and blazer

We know that all learners will look very neat at all times

CO-CURRICULARS, 15 OCTOBER 2008

Due to the Prize Giving, except for those under COMING UP.

MORE PRIZE-GIVING RULES

- All learners to be seated by 18:25
- If a learner is not collected soon after the function, she will be taken to EB Hostel
- Compulsory for all learners. Any valid concerns in writing to Mrs L'Ange. Roll call will be taken.
- Photos will be taken at the Prize Giving. The cost will be confirmed by Mrs L'Ange.
- All parents are invited to attend!

SPORTS & CULTURAL ASSEMBLY AND TEA

Please join us in celebrating the co-curricular achievements of our girls. Tea afterwards.

GR12 BADGES

All Grade 12s to return or pay for badges on 24th October 2008.

THE SEMI-FINAL

A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Thantaswa May

The last quarter, girls! I hope we make the best of it. The next few weeks are going to be hectic and we will have to pull through. Don't worry about what went wrong in the last term. Just do your best in this one, and keep smiling!

...AND A WORD FROM ME...

Whatever we do, we do with a bang! We have had an exciting start to the term and the next two weeks promises to be jam-packed with highlights. Do not miss out!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Madeleine Schoeman

QUIZ READING PASSAGES coming up, but first two puzzles by James Fixx. First one to bring me the correct answers, gets a

"Two men are talking. One says to the other, 'I have three sons whose ages I want you to ascertain from the following clues. Stop me when you know their ages.

1. The sum of their ages is thirteen.
2. The product of their ages is the same as your age.
3. My oldest son weighs sixty-one pounds.'

'Stop,' says the second man. 'I know their ages.'

What are they?"

"There is three errors in this sentence. Can you find them?"

Reading passages on the right hand side from the Sunday Times Magazine, 5 October 2008:

No VG News next Friday!

SCIENCE & LOVE

Maria Curie traveled to Paris in 1891 because she could not continue her studies in Poland as the Polish universities did not admit women. Marie, as she was known, caught the eye of Pierre Curie, director of one of the laboratories where she worked.

He wooed her and they were finally married in 1895 and began their famous partnership. The Curies and scientist Becquerel won a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903 for discovering radioactivity.

When her husband died in 1904, Marie pledged to carry on their word. She took his place at the Sorbonne, possibly the most famous university in France, and became the first female teacher. In 1911 she became the first person to win a second Nobel Prize, this time for chemistry.

LITERARY LOVE

Romeo and Juliet are probably the most famous lovers. The play, set in Italy, and written by William Shakespeare, is about two teenagers from feuding families falling in love at first sight. In a tragic misunderstanding they both die, but their untimely deaths unite the fighting families.

MONUMENTAL LOVE

In 1612, a teenage girl, Arjumand Banu, married 15 year old Shah Jahan, ruler of the Mughal Empire. Renamed Mumtaz Mahal, she had 14 children with Shah Jahan and became his favourite wife. When Mumtaz died in 1629, the grieving emperor was determined to create a fitting monument. It took 20 000 workers and 1 000 elephants nearly 20 years to complete this monument – the Taj Mahal. It is built of white marble and sits on a sandstone platform.