

VG NEWS

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The secret of a good life is to have the right loyalties and hold them in the right scale of values ~ Norman Thomas (1884 – 1968)

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 **Andulela Suka** (in grade 11) received her certificate from the Hermes Academy for her participation in the National Bible Olympiad.

To **Nicola Sewry** who is through to the special selection camp for the prestigious Alan Gray Orbis Foundation bursary. The camp will be held in September. **Nicola** was informed of her selection after a very successful interview in PE during August.

To the following girls who had their poems and articles published in the Grocott's Mail: **Tayla Solomon, Sibabalwe Quma, Joanne Gough, Audrey Hoeane, Nolene Dixon, Amy von Witt, Katherine James, Zahra Daffala**

To Merit Stars:

L Makinana 290; **A Atombo** 290; **A Gqomo** 290; **O Mvelo** 320; **Z Daffala** 300; **B Blom** 315; **U Chinyavanhu** 305; **T Mdeleleni** 290; **R Nohashe** 280; **S Matyala** 300; **N Solomon** 280.

THANK YOU

Mrs Irene Solomon for the fresh homemade treats for the staff. It was delicious!

To **Mrs Mostert** for the lovely arrangement of flowers in the foyer.

A heartfelt thanks to **Noluvuyo Yantolo** for her initiative and spunk in serving the parents and adults at the Tuckshop during the House Plays.

Thank you to **Mrs Julia Fetman** for the flowers in Mrs S's office.

ACADEMIC ACTION

ISIXHOSA BEST SPEAKERS COMPETITION

Ms Zamani

Our girls worked very hard for this event. There were 22 participants all together. They all shared thought-provoking topics with us. The audience learnt a thing or two especially about the importance of mother tongue and culture. They also showed us how rich isiXhosa is as a language. The standard was very high and because of that it was not easy for our adjudicators to make a decision. A big thank you to all our girls who participated, the audience and especially to the adjudicators, Ms Cewu and Mrs Mngatu.

OUR HOSTELS

RENFREW HOSTEL

Mrs Heathcote

A variety concert was held at Renfrew and all the girls took part. Great fun was had by everybody. Poetry, song, dance, roosterkoek was braaiied until the late hours of the night. On Saturday evening the girls were taken for a long stroll up a strenuous hill and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

PRESTIGE ARTS CONCERT & INTERHOUSE PLAYS

Watch the final newsletter of the term!

PRESIDENT'S AWARD REPORT BACK

Kelsey Smalles

On Friday, the 5th September, 5 VG girls, Kelsey, Vitima, Sibabalwe, Rebecca, Alisa and two exceptionally brave Graeme boys travelled to Assegaaai Trails for the Bronze and Silver President's Award Hike.

After setting up camp and cooking a rather interesting supper, we had an early night in preparation of the remaining 24km which needed to be hiked.

Saturday proved tiring, but interesting as our guide, Jeanette, led us through the beautiful veld. That evening after some games saw Alisa and Kelsey (the only Silver Participants) waving goodbye to the Bronze girls. After braaiing a packet of marshmallows and feeding the ducks with some peanuts, they were ready for the last push of 12 km the next day. Finishing at 12pm the next day the two smelly, dirty and rather tired girls were grateful to be going home.

Congratulations to all the girls who finished the hike and may you all start feeling as though your legs are normal again very soon.

FIRST AID

Mrs Babu

Dr Hanton, two of our office staff (Mrs Rademeyer and Ms Strauss) and twenty girls spent the whole weekend (5-7 September) attending the Level 1 First Aid Course at St Johns Ambulance Foundation. These newly trained First Aiders will be able to apply their skills and knowledge in any emergency situation in our school as well as our community. Well done, participants!

STUPENDOUS STAFF

Our staff and the student teachers have given their utmost during the past term. They gave our girls an excellent education by opening doors, by show casing, by being passionate about what they do. On top of that they have been planning for 2009. They need to gather their strength for the final push. A game drive, time out on a sand dune or next to a river (or a shopping mall for Ms Goli) will do the trick but a sincere thank you will have to suffice. Thank you for giving hope.

NATIONAL TEACHERS' AWARD

Mrs Cherry

Upon prompting, Ms Cherry supplied the following exciting information: Ms Haarhoff, Ms Hayes and Mrs Cherry participated in the National Teachers' Award Competition. The interviews were recently held at the regional office of the Department of Education and Ms Hayes was elected to go to East London to attend the District interviews.

The teachers had to supply the Competition organizers with

COMING UP...

- 12/9 Johan Carinus banquet and auction
- 13/9 19:00 Gr10 Formal Social
- 15/9 13:00 Special Assembly. Guest speaker Ms Mathie
- 16/9 17:30 SGB Budget 2009 Meeting
- 17/9 10:00 August & September Birthday tea in the boardroom
- Carinus Art Exhibition
- 20/9 1988 Reunion
- 22/9 Science Road Show visits VG

- 13:00 AGM for parents and staff. Please attend as this meeting is held by the SGB to receive your permission for the 2009 school and hostel budget. Venue: AV room
- 17:00 COMPULSORY subject option meeting for Gr 9s and their parents – MG Richardson Hall. Gr 9s boarders whose parents attend the meeting may go home with their parents.
- 19:30 Matric Banquet at the Monument.
- 26/9 10:00 Reports available

THINKING OF...

Zintle Hoho whose grandparent passed

a complete portfolio of their classwork. Teaching quality was assessed. We thank our teachers for their enthusiastic participation and for keeping VG's name high!

FAMOUS LAST WORDS...

FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Thantaswa May

Remember your roots! Think positively! Persevere with the last tests and projects to be completed. The holiday is close...

...AND FINALLY

No newsletter next week... We promise you a bumper end of term newsletter! Hang in there, join us at the activities coming up.

Regards

Madeline Schoeman