

vg news

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To freely bloom – that is my definition of success ~ Gerry Spence: How to Argue and Win every time

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 a brand new granny and gramps, **Ali and Andy Bradfield** on the birth of their first grandson, **Joshua** to **Michelle and Sean Watson** in UK.

To the Afrikaans Beste Sprekerskompetisie winners:

Juniors: **Amy von Witt**
Seniors: **Simoné Haywood**

To **Zinathi Mahonga and Namso Nyamela** on being such gracious hostesses to Ms Wood. Proud of you, girls!

WELCOME

To the new Tuckshop lady, **Mrs Rielly** and her assistant. We hope the new venture will be a great success!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the **John Austin Memorial Educational Fund** for their scholarship to **Tracy Probert**.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AFRIKAANS BESTE SPREKERSKOMPETISIE

Mrs Retief

Die aand was 'n groot sukses! 'n Spesiale dankie aan ons beoordelaar, mnr Eugene Marais (ons vakadviseur). 'n Spesiale woordjie van dank aan ons deelnemers vir jul moed om deel te neem (en jammer dat ons 'n paar van julle moes stoomrol om nie kop uit te trek nie). Ons waardeer dit dat jul ten spyte van baie vol programme kom deelneem het.

Baie dankie aan juf. Du Preez wat die aand gereël het – bygestaan deur mev. Retief.

ACADEMICS

Cami Maths is available in the afternoons in the Computer Lab. Please make use of this great opportunity!

Did you know that there are TEN hours of Maths support and development per week at VG, no extra cost?

SPORT MATTERS

NETBALL

Ms Farquhar

Interhouse netball 13/8/8

1st Thursford 2nd Dorset,
3rd Ruthville 4th Graeme

TENNIS

Mrs Smuts

Tennis championships are in progress. Results will follow soon.

The Knight Shield will be taking place early in the fourth term.

ADMINISTRATION

NEW ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Ms Du Preez

My Story – Dave Pelzer

Spud, the Madness continues – John van de Ruit

The Go-between – L P Hartley*

Catherine and Arnewd – J Benzoni*

Boy meets girl – Meg Cabot

The Syringa Tree – Pamela Gien*

*Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine**

Foundation's Edge – Isaac Asimov*

Girl with Green eyes – Edna O'Brien*

Morality for Beautiful Girls – A McCall Smith

An Inconvenient Truth – Al Gore

*Kindly donated by Ms Hayes

WARNINGS

BOOK BAGS

Next week there will be a BIG, BAD BOOK BAG BLITZ! No writing on the outside, except your name. Books must be supported. (Use any cardboard to make your own supports).

All bags will be checked...

GADRA STUDENTS, AND OTHER VISITORS

Remember, me darling girls, that all visitors must report to the office. That means that before you may hand over your beloved's sandwiches or have a friendly tête-a-tête with anyone other than a VG staff member or learner, your visitor must report to the office. I (as in Mrs S) will then set up an appointment for you to have a meeting outside my office...

COMING UP

25/8 11:00 Photo Day
26/8 Start of matric prelims
27/8 – 29/8 Gr11 Camp

THINKING OF...

Mrs Esmé Pienaar and Mrs Naomi Hull, both Old Girls, and our external matric exam invigilators, whose mom passed away on Monday.

JUST DO IT!

UPLIFTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wanting to help someone in need? Buy a booklet of soup kitchen tickets

Ms Hayes

Just to let the parents and guardians know (and to remind the girls) that soup kitchen tickets are now available at school through Ms Strauss at the office. The Grahamstown feeding scheme sells tickets for soup kitchen meals. A booklet costs R5 and has 5 tickets. These tickets can be given to people asking for food. They can exchange the tickets for a cup of soup and 3 slices of bread at the city hall at lunch time (weekdays).

This is a very effective way of helping people in genuine need. If the person doesn't use the ticket you gave them, your R1 still goes to the feeding scheme and it solves the problem of giving people money that can be used for purposes other than buying food.

THE SEMI-FINAL

A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Thantaswa May

Study hard, Gr 12s, as the start of our exams next week is only the beginning. Enjoy your last 40 days at school.

...AND A WORD FROM ME...

At Prize-Giving last year I expressed our concern at the youth's standard of reading. The English Department and many others have gone out of their way to encourage reading – it's great to see the girls taking out a book whenever they have a gap.

Miss Dups came up with another suggestion to not only encourage reading, but also improve general knowledge. So, from now on the back page of the newsletter will be filled with 'proper' news. All Gr 8s and 9s will get their own copy (as well as any seniors who ask for one) and will participate in a regular quiz – with great prizes, of course! Staff are more than welcome to join in! Regards

Madeline Schoeman

