

VG news

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What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight
– it's the size of the fight in the dog. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Danish Summer Camp

VGHS is fortunate to send the South African representative to a 6 week long summer camp for young people from all over the world. We are proud of **Kuhle Mxakaza** who has been selected from a very strong group of contenders.

Representative Council of Learners

The following Grade 8 girls have been elected: **Soyama Mati, Kholisa Sintwa, Nono Njoko, and Nanamhla Cezu.**

First Physical Youth Company

Nomphelo Qunto, Yanga Makaula and Sicelokazi Pango have been accepted as new members of this Rhodes University Dance Company after auditioning earlier this month.

Ryla Camp

Rotary is hosting a leadership development camp at Thomas Baines next weekend. **Hannah Smith and Noluvuyo Yantolo** have been selected to go.

Top Notch Awards

submitted by Megan Yendall

Congratulations to the following, er, girls on receiving Top Notch Awards: **Christopher Sewry** – the “Dude, where’s my car?” Award; **Noluvo Kulati and Nombali Siwa** – Being Friendly Award; **Jackie L’Ange** for helping the Notice Board Committee.

THANK YOU

To the **Department of Education**, Grahamstown office for their amazing donation to the school hostels in the form of two fridges / freezers, one freezer and one vacuum cleaner. The value of these items are R11 388.43!

To **Mrs Rademeyer** for compiling the newsletters.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

ENGLISH TEST DATES are on Ms McCrindle’s notice board. All girls to check!

CULTURAL NEWS

FILM SOCIETY

Mr Stoloff

This year’s film society got off to a great start with the screening of ‘Stardust’. Stardust is part of the new generation of fantasy movies, following in the footsteps of recent films such as the Lord of the Rings Trilogy, Narnia and The Golden Compass. The girls were definitely taken away to another world by some brilliant filming and even better acting - who could ever forget Robert De Niro playing a closet drag queen while captaining a Lightning Catcher Ship?

Film Society takes place twice termly and pupils are only charged R2 to cover the cost of the DVD Hire (and a little treat if Mr Stoloff is in a good mood). If the film is one of Mr Stoloff’s own, there is no charge. This is a great opportunity for the girls to see quality films on a big screen with exceptional sound quality. See you at the next film!

ROOTS & SHOOTS

Dr Hanton

Roots and Shoots is currently working on two awareness projects, namely one on animal cruelty and another on global warming. Both focus on raising awareness and on providing information on what we as individuals can do to alleviate problems. *We can all do something no matter how immense the issue might seem.*

DEBATING WORKSHOP FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2008

18:00 – 20:00

Ms L Dlukulu (EB Hostel)

Eight senior Debating girls attended a workshop run by the Rhodes University Debating Society. The workshop was put together in preparation for

COMING UP...

Friday, 22/4

13:00-15:00 – Gr 9-11 new girls’ function at 5 Selbourne

17:00 – Short course gala at KC

18:00 – Debating League against SAC

Tuesday, 26/3

14:30 – Current Affairs addressed by Black Sash. All welcome.

Wednesday, 27/2

14:30-15:30 – Clothing Exchange open

Thursday, 28/2

10:00 – January and February birthday tea with Mrs S

Friday, 29/2

Project Day: Day girls, if you do not hand in letters from your parents or guardians by Thursday Class Teachers’ time, you **MUST** be at school

THINKING OF...

Ms Mathie whose niece is very ill.

The following girls who have lost relatives: **Sihle Zondi, Babalwa Qaba and Sikelewa Yanta.**

Mrs Topsy Bawushana, one of the stalwarts in the hostel kitchen, has lost a cousin.

the Makana Schools debating league which begins this Friday at Rhodes University Zoology buildings.

The workshop was intended to cater for all the participating schools, namely VG, Graeme, PJ, SAC, DSG, Kingswood, Nombulelo, Ntsika, etc. (Most Grahamstown High schools) Only Graeme College and VG, however, attended the workshop.

The object of the workshop was to refine the argumentative skills of the debaters and thus to equip them for the purposes of preparing for debates. This is in respect of identifying issues, structuring arguments, identifying clashes and lacunae in opposition arguments.

The workshop was very constructive and enjoyed by all the girls.

MORE DEBATING NEWS...

Namhla Mzuku

You will be glad to know that not only have we been training our new members, but they have used their skills to win a debate against Graeme College on 19th February.

Thank you to **Bongolethu Mtshabe, Melissa Sangqu and Kuhle Mxakaza** for putting up a strong debate on a motion *The Scorpions should merge with the SAPS*. Thank you to the Graemians for being strong contenders.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Namhla Mzuku

Where have we been? No, not hiding, but busy in the sea of thought, trying to interact with our world, expressing views on issues which are making and breaking our communities and world at large...

On the 20th February, we will be hosting a speaker from Black Sash, a women's movement who made a tremendous contribution during the struggle against apartheid and who still fight against social injustices. We encourage everyone to join us. Watch the posters!

mentors from throughout the PE Diocese are planning to attend this event, and our very own **Charmion Diedericks** is one of them!

INTERESTED IN STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA? See Mrs Retief who has the relevant brochures and info at hand.

Makana Brick and Tile

8 Kay Nite Race

5TH March 5:30 pm –

Albany Sports Club



MUSIC LOVERS

Sale at Music Department at Rhodes in Room 2, Music Dept from Monday, 25 – 27 February 2008

QUIZ QUESTIONS

Again, the prize has to stand over, but I saw some girls counting gables and paging through "True Valour"!

Let's see if anyone can win a Spur voucher...

1. The real meaning of 'Virtute et Opera'?
2. How many gables on the VGHS campus?
3. Where is the Centenary Statue and what does it symbolize?
4. What was a dance card/programme? (You'll see some examples in the display cabinet in the foyer. Ask a golden oldie...)
5. Which famous person has a Kenyan father, a white mother, grew up in Mauritius/Indonesia and is running for the American presidency?

Please hand in your answers to Mrs S by Tuesday next week.

SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS – VGHS vs UNION HIGH, Friday 22 February & Saturday, 23 February

Nicola Sewry

The following girls will be traveling to Graaff-Reinet on Friday and be returning on Saturday: **Gaylin Christian, Jessica Comley, Julie Dixon, Noleen Dixon, Hannah Godlonton, Cassie Lister, Yanga Makaula, Chantelle Menary, Carla Mostert, Nicola Sewry, Siviwe Stefane, Awongwa Tinta.**

Thanks to Mrs Smuts for her enthusiasm for tennis (and all of the best for getting that cold under control). Ms Farquhar will be traveling with.

GOLF SHIRTS FOR SALE AT OFFICE

A reminder that the school is selling plain white golf shirts at the office for R40. All sizes are available.

GRAB AN OPPORTUNITY!

WORLD YOUTH DAY

9 – 20 JULY 2008 IN AUSTRALIA

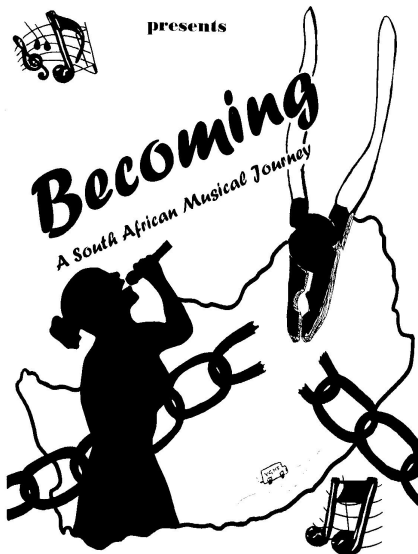
World Youth Day (WYD) is a gathering of young people, initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1984. The event is celebrated at a diocesan level annually and at a week-long international event every three years. The 2005 WYD was the first such gathering to occur after the death of John Paul II. Coincidentally, WYD 2005, which was held in Cologne, Germany, also marked the first apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI outside of Italy.

Approximately 60 young people and

...and THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE YEAR!

Victoria Girls' High School

presents



**6 and 7 March 2008 at 7pm
(Supper Theatre on 7 March)
Tickets available from VGHS office**

**Do not miss out! Please book your table/seats as soon as possible.
If the rehearsals are anything to go by,
you are in for a most entertaining evening.**

The Noticeboard and Displays Committee were so proud of themselves last week after putting up the staff photographs in the display cabinet, but unfortunately they left out some staff. To our incredibly experienced "unmissable" part time staff members, Mrs Moffat, Mrs Baart, Mr Breetzke; our two financial ladies and the new staff: our apologies.

OUR HOSTELS

Our boarders have been having a lot of fun, what with outings, special occasions, tea & biscuits and many caring staff members...

Watch this space next week for details!

"WIE DIE LAASTE LAG..."

A WORD FROM OUR HEADGIRL

Thantaswa May

"If you seek the beauty in all mankind, then you will have no choice but to see it in yourself." Unknown

We are all beautiful and must spread the love throughout the school and care about each other. Keep smiling.

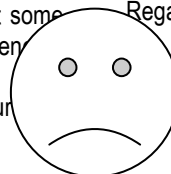
...AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE BRUNETTE IN THE NICE OFFICE...

Apropos the quote at the top of the VG News: one of our biggest challenges is waking up the fight in everyone: the drive to give of our best at all times and to work hard towards our vision.

Thank you to the VG staff members who inspire our girls and who work tirelessly to give them the very best opportunities.

Thank you to those girls who have a huge sized fight in them.

Regards



Madeline Schoeman