

vg news

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"Everyone has a part of her body that she doesn't like, but I've stopped complaining about mine because I don't want to critique nature's handiwork. There's no such thing as imperfection."

~ Alfre Woodard, actress (September 2005)

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Laura Wentworth** on her archery achievements in the Eastern Province Indoor Championships who received gold in both the SANAA and SANIFAA rounds in her division. We are proud of you, Laura!

To **Hannah Kirkaldy** and **Keri Werth** on their Taikwon-do Gold medals! Keri also received 2 bronze medals.

ADMIN

BREVITY IS BETTER

We love getting articles from a number of girls and staff, but we need them short and sweet. Max 100 words, unless special permission in triplicate has been obtained...

PROJECT DAY

Planning on working at home on Friday, 15 August? Remember to bring in permission letters by next week Wednesday (to your class teacher).

THANK YOU

Thank you to the **parent** who brought the lovely orange flowers for the reception.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

CURRENT AFFAIRS

LOOKING FOR CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

INTERESTED? Then just submit your brilliant application for one of the following positions:

1. Chairperson
2. Secretary
3. Gr 8, 9, 10 and 11 representative

In your applications, you have to:

1. State the position for which you are applying, and your second choice
2. State your present grade (your name may NOT be on the application form)
3. Say whether you are currently a member of Current Affairs
4. Describe what you regard as the function of the position for which you are applying
5. Describe why you are the best person for this role
6. List the magazines and newspapers you read regularly
7. Describe how this society could play a pivotal role in marketing VGHS
8. Reflect on the following by writing 200 words on it: *Current Affairs does not only refer to the latest music video but also to environmental, humanitarian, economic, etc issues.* Applications must be typed.

Please submit your application to Mrs Heathcote no later than 14:00 on Thursday, 14 August 2008.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

MINTEK SCIENCE QUIZ

Ms Hayes

On the 24th and 25th July, the National Mintek Science Quiz (Minquiz) finals were held in Randburg, Johannesburg. The EP Platinum representatives (all of whom came from Grahamstown - Laura Wentworth of VG, Mathew Babu and Peter Small of Graeme College) represented the province well. Although the Western Province team won both the final oral quiz and the soap box derby; some consolation can be taken from the fact that the prize for the "Simplest Construction Materials" in the "egg-drop" competition was brought home by Laura Wentworth whose unboiled egg survived a three story drop in a construction made from a Nando's packet, some string and sticky tape. Strange, but true!

SPORT MATTERS

NETBALL

Ms Farquhar

Netball vs touring team from UK- 31 July 2008

U16A 31-9 lost

1st team 14-35 lost

VG vs Mary Waters - 6 August 2008

U14A 14-3 won

U16A 14-8 won

U19A 17-18 lost

HOCKEY

Mr Still

Hockey vs touring team from UK

1st team 5-0 lost

OUTREACH



NO? THEN DONATE BLOOD!

1 - 6 pm - Gym, VGHS - Tuesday, 12th August.

Donate teddies and toys for abused children

Buy Nando's on Tuesday, 12th August
% given to charity!

COMING UP

8/8	15:00	Hockey vs Riebeek - 1st
9/8	11:00	OGU Breakfast Induction of Grade 12s as Old Girls
09:00		Hockey vs Riebeek: U16A U14A (A) OGU Dance - cancelled
12/8		RCL Fundraiser Grade 12 CASS Moderation
16:30		Inter-house debating competition
17:00		SGB meeting
13/8	17:30	Afrikaans Beste Sprekerskompetisie in Library
14/8	17:30	Grahamstown Choir Festival Boarders may go home after all commitments have been met
15/8		Project Day Leave Out

THINKING OF...

Mrs Gilfillan who has been for an eye operation.

THE SEMI-FINAL

A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Thantaswa May

Celebrate Women's Day in your own special way and remember that you can make a difference too!

...AND A WORD FROM ME...

As we celebrate Women's Day, let us not only rejoice in being women, but let us also

- Honour the men in our lives: our grandfathers, fathers, brothers, husbands, partners, friends, the men on our staff. We acknowledge the roles they play in our lives: we are who we are not just because we are women or because of women, but because of all people who touch us in so many ways.
- Pay attention to the words of Anais Nin, from *A Woman Speaks*:

'My great hope is that at this marvelous moment for women, they should remember that one of the gifts they have is that they remained so very close to the personal life, and that the qualities that were discovered in the personal life, the value of human life, the value of tenderness, the attentiveness to others' moods, the need for compassion and pity and understanding, the things that women practise every day in their daily lives, in their small kingdoms, are enormously important'.

Regards

Madeline Schoeman